



Case Progression and Court Improvement Data 2008



District 10 Team 1 – Clay, Nuckolls, & Webster Counties

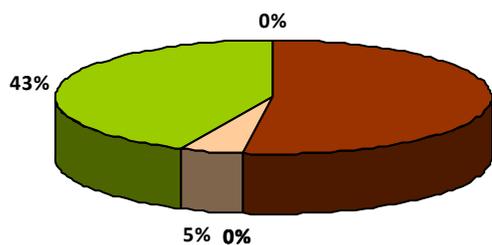
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Information provided in this document is designed to help your team improve case progression, as this is one area the courts can control. Timeliness of hearings has a significant impact on time to case closure, which means that courts can make a difference in the lives of children in the system. Data on page 1 comes from Fostering Court Improvement (fosteringcourtimprovement.org/ne) and data on pages 2-4 was collected through JUSTICE to track case progression timelines for all abuse/neglect cases that closed in 2008.

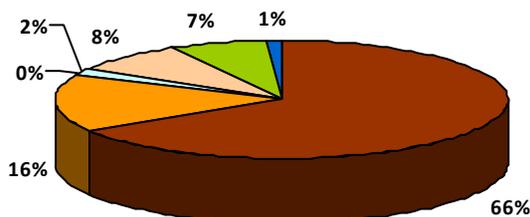
This is up from 9 months in 2006.

	District 10, T1 (2008)	Nebraska (2008)	Missouri (2008)	National (2003-2006)
Median days from report to removal	N/A	20	19	Not Available
Median length of stay	12 months	13 months	13 months	12 months
Median months to reunification	11 months	7 months	7 months	7 months
Median months to adoption	N/A	34 months	24 months	32 months

Type of discharge



- Reunification
- Adoption
- Relative
- Transfer
- Emancipation
- Guardianship
- Other

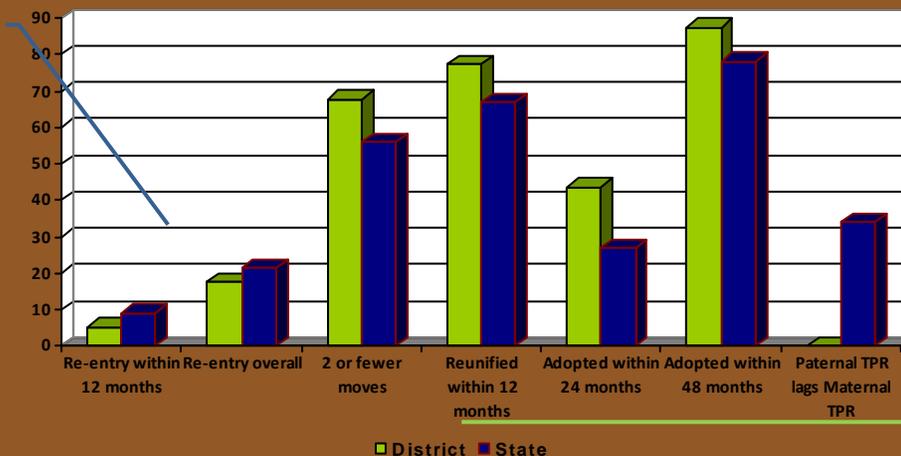


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Nebraska

Percentages for 2008 Fiscal Year

Reentries into care have increased slightly from 0% in 2006. However, rates are still lower than for the state overall.

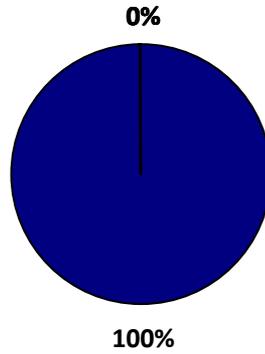
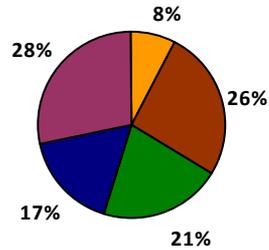


Reunification within 12 months has increased from 67.7% in 2006 to over 80% in 2008.

Timeline progression: All ages Removal to ex-parte

Nebraska (Median = 1 day)

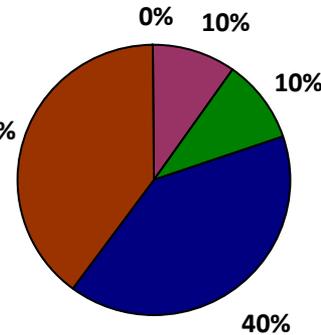
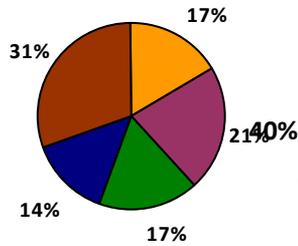
District 10, Team 1 (Median = 2 days)



Removal to Petition Filing

Nebraska (Median = 1 day)

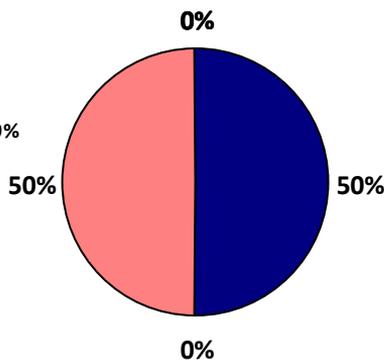
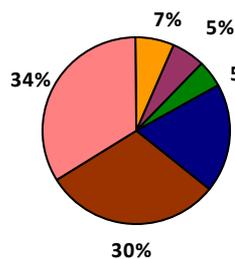
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Petition to First Hearing

Nebraska (Median = 9 days)

District 10, Team 1 (Median = 11 days)

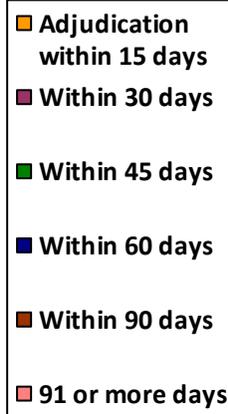
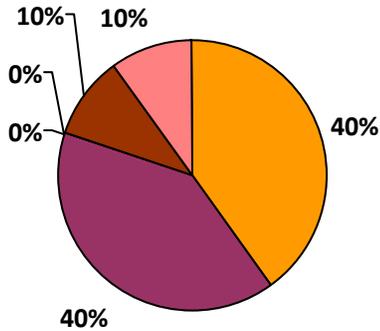
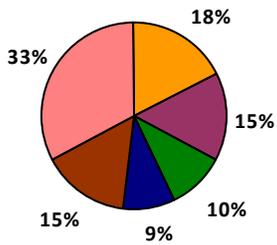


* Note: All data presented uses initial removal date to court closure date and may not match HHS reports

Removal to Adjudication

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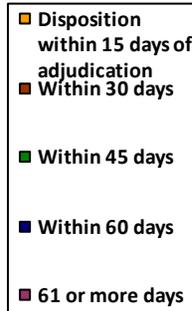
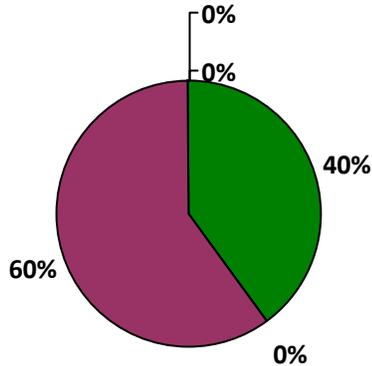
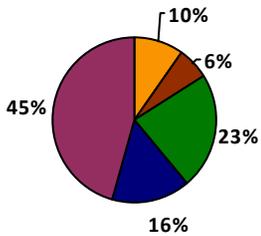
District 10, Team 1 (Median = 20 days)



Adjudication to Disposition

Nebraska (Median = 57 days)

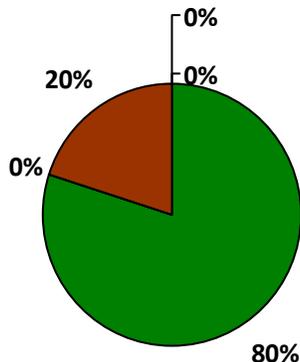
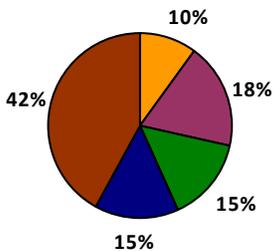
District 10, Team 1 (Median = 63 days)



Removal to permanency

Nebraska (Median = 23 mo)

District 10, Team 1 (Median = 15 mo)



Best practice recommendations

Removal to first hearing – 3 days

0% of 2008 District 10 cases held the first hearing within 3 days of removal

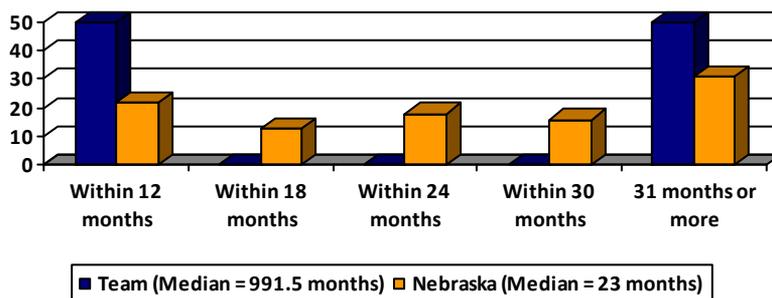
Removal to adjudication – 60 days

80% of 2008 District 10 cases adjudicated within 60 days.

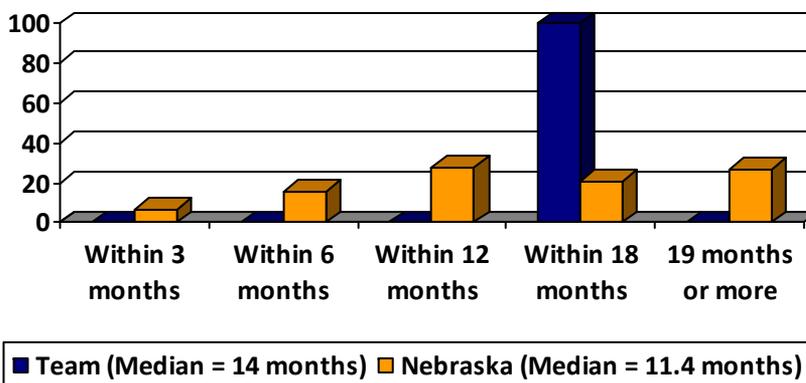
Adjudication to disposition – 30 days

0% of 2008 District 10 cases held a disposition within 30 days of adjudication

Percentages for time in months from removal to TPR



Percentages for time in months from TPR to adoption



Analysis of the case progression data for all Nebraska judges shows that judges who have more timely adjudications of their cases are also able to close their cases in a more timely fashion. Specifically, those judges who have a median time to adjudications in less than 30 days from removal, have a median time to case closure of 15.5 months. Those judges who have a median time to adjudication of 31-60 days, have a median time to case closure of 17.2 months. Judges with a median time to adjudication of 61-90 days have a median time to case closure of 18.4 months. Finally, judges who have a median time to adjudication of 91 or more days have a median time to case closure of 34.3 months.

Timeline	District	NE
Early Stages		
Removal to ex-parte	2 days	1 day
Removal to 3a petition	2 days	1 day
3a petition to first appearance	15 days	9 days
Removal to adjudication	20 days	62 days
Permanency Stages		
Adjudication to disposition	63 days	58 days
Removal to permanency	15 months	21 months
TPR Stages		
Removal to TPR	33 months	23 months
TPR to adoption	14 months	9 months

Case progression for Children ages 0-3