



Case Progression and Court Improvement Data 2008



District 10 Team West End – Franklin, Harlan, Kearney & Phelps Counties

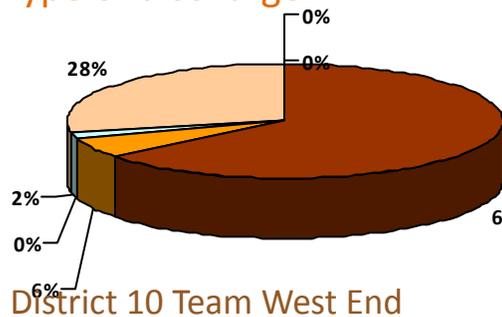
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Information provided in this document is designed to help your team improve case progression, as this is one area the courts can control. Timeliness of hearings has a significant impact on time to case closure, which means that courts can make a difference 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.

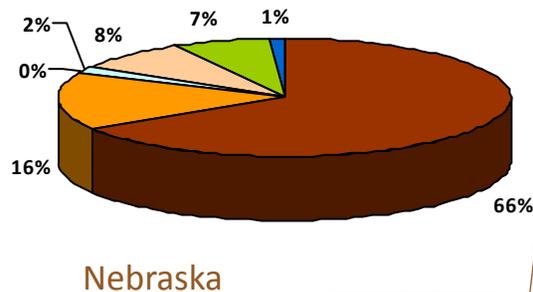
This is down from 11 months in 2006

	District 10 (2008)	Nebraska (2008)	Missouri (2008)	National (2003-2006)
Median days from report to removal	N/A	20	19	Not Available
Median length of stay	10 months	13 months	13 months	12 months
Median months to reunification	7 months	7 months	7 months	7 months
Median months to adoption	48 months	34 months	24 months	32 months

Type of discharge

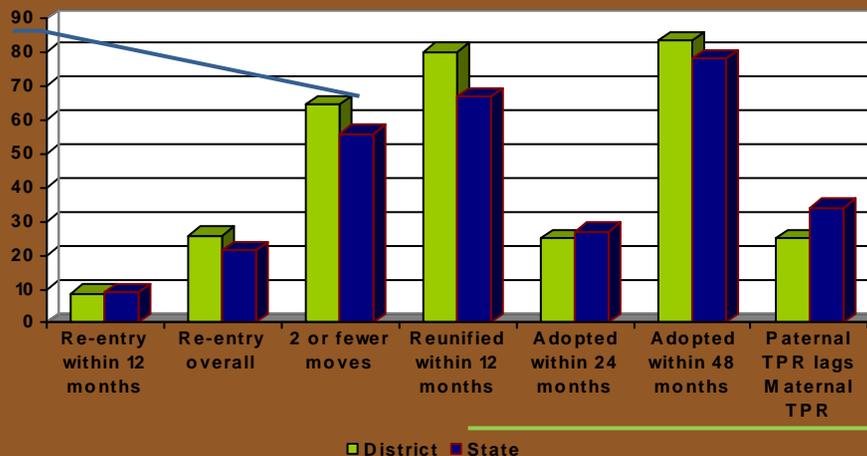


- Reunification
- Adoption
- Relative
- Transfer
- Emancipation
- Guardianship
- Other



Percentages for 2008 Fiscal Year

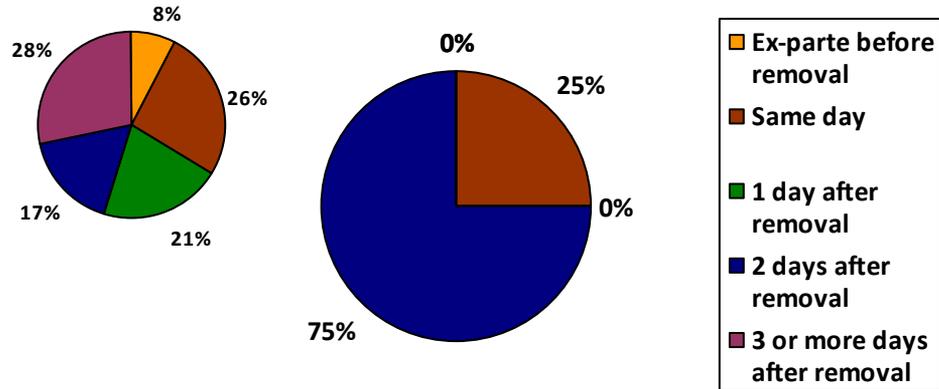
Number of children with 2 or fewer moves has increased from 44.8% in 2006 to 64% in 2008.



Rates of reunification within 12 months has dramatically increased from 69.8% in 2006 to 80% in 2008.

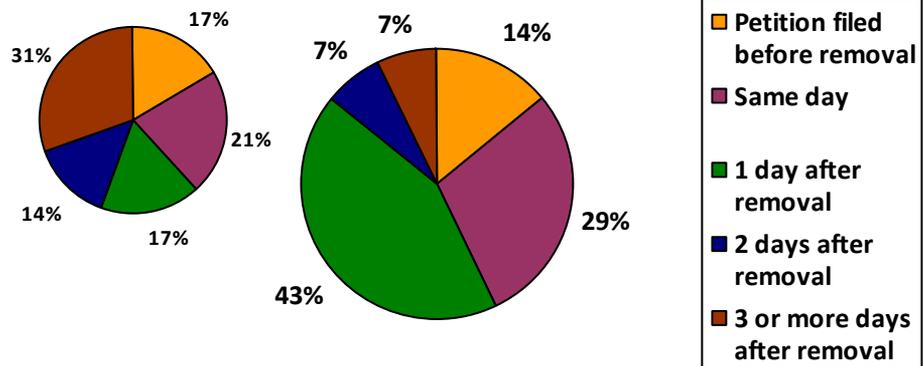
Timeline progression: All ages Removal to ex-parte

Nebraska (Median = 1 day) District 10, Team West End (Median = 2 days)



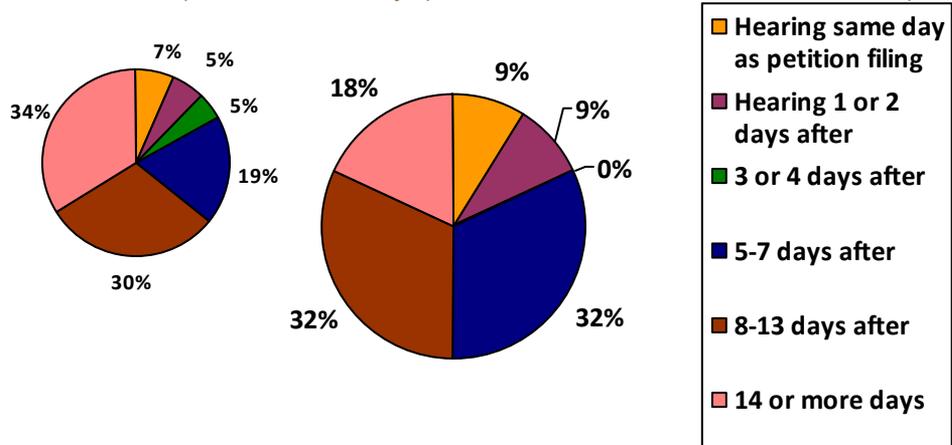
Removal to Petition Filing

Nebraska (Median = 1 day) District 10, Team West End (Median = 1 day)



Petition to First Hearing

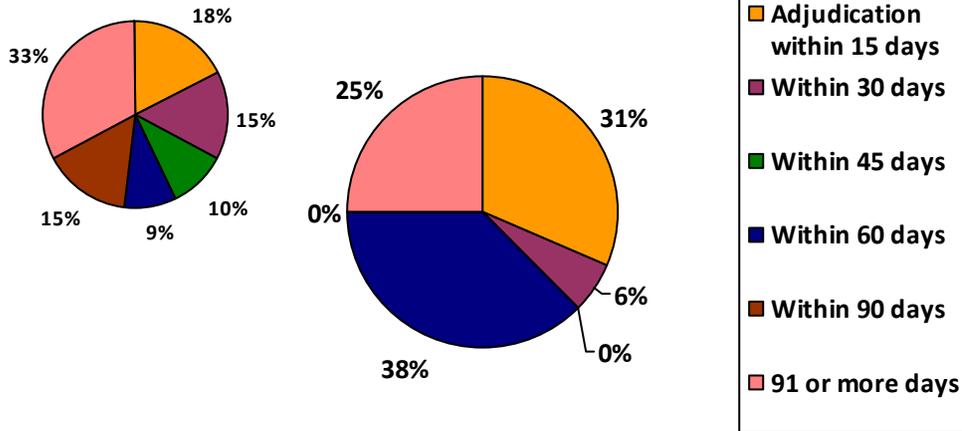
Nebraska (Median = 9 days) District 10, Team West End (Median = 7 days)



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

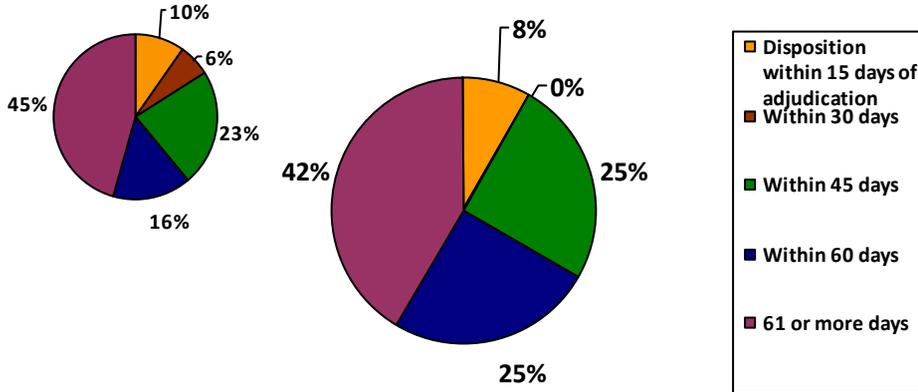
Removal to Adjudication

Nebraska (Median = 57 days) District 10, Team West End (Median = 54 days)



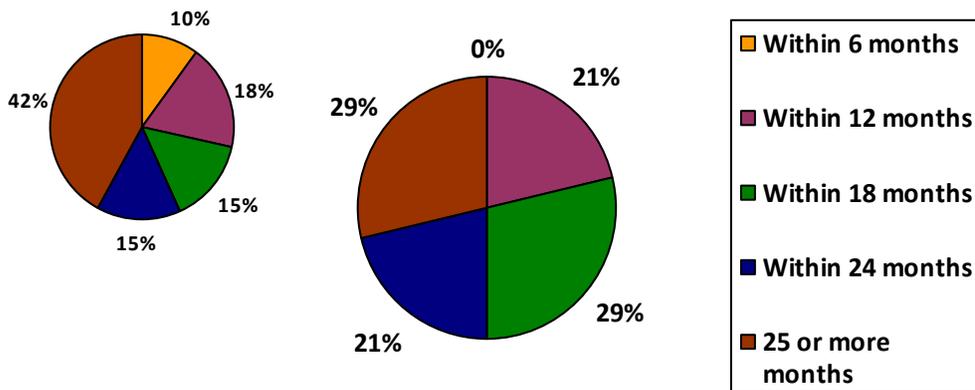
Adjudication to Disposition

Nebraska (Median = 56 days) District 10, Team West End (Median = 49 days)



Removal to permanency

Nebraska (Median = 23 mo) District 10, Team West End (Median = 19 mo)



Best practice recommendations

Removal to first hearing – 3 days

8% of 2008 District 10 cases held the first hearing within 3 days of removal

Removal to adjudication – 60 days

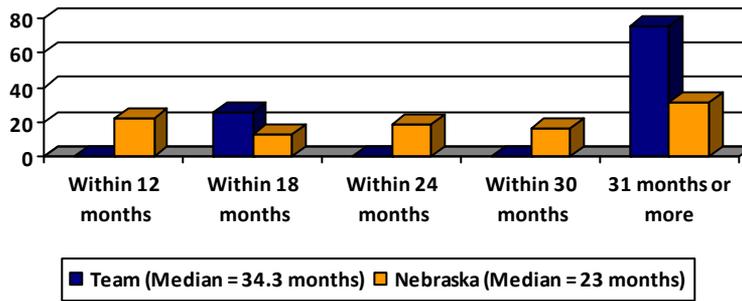
75% of 2008 District 10 cases adjudicated within 60 days.

Adjudication to disposition – 30 days

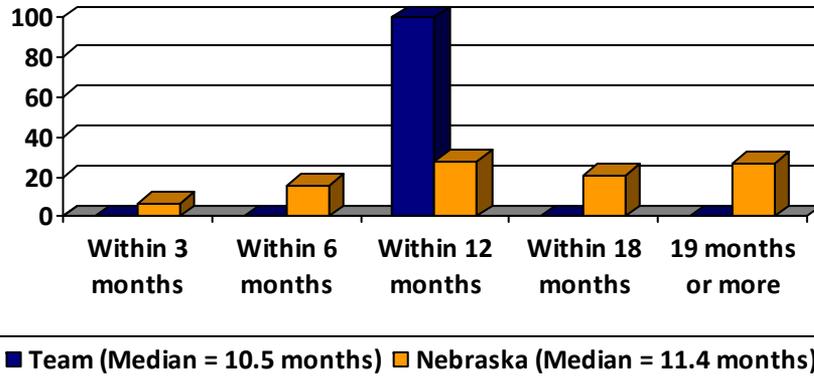
8.3% of 2008 District 10 cases held a disposition within 30 days of adjudication

22% of TPRs happen within 12 months statewide, compared to 0% for this team. Further, most TPRs are taking over 31 months in this team, adoption is within 12 months of TPR.

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	1 days	1 day
3a petition to first appearance	7 days	9 days
Removal to adjudication	55 days	62 days
Permanency Stages		
Adjudication to disposition	91 days	58 days
Removal to permanency	15 months	21 months
TPR Stages		
Removal to TPR	26 months	23 months
TPR to adoption	10 months	9 months

Case progression for Children ages 0-3