



# Case Progression and Court Improvement Data 2008



## District 11 Team 2 – Keith & Perkins Counties

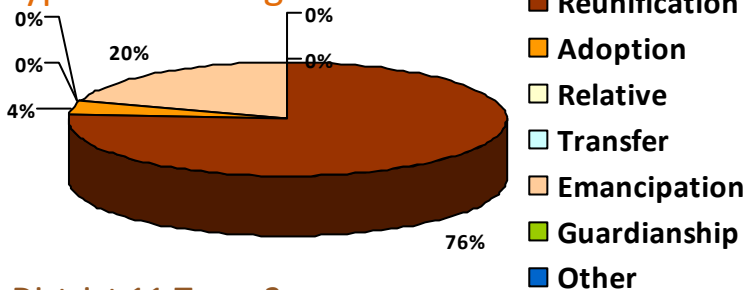
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Information provided in this document is designed to help your team improve case progression, as this is one area the courts can control. Timeliness of hearings has a significant impact on time to case closure, which means that courts can make a difference in the lives of children in the system. Data on page 1 comes from Fostering Court Improvement ([fosteringcourtimprovement.org/ne](http://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.

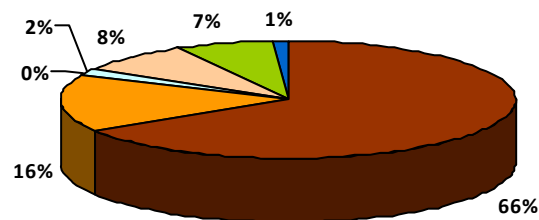
An increase from 7 months in 2006, but removal and re-entry rates have decreased

	District 11 T2 (2008)	Nebraska (2008)	Missouri (2008)	National (2003-2006)
Median days from report to removal	406 days	20	19	Not Available
Median length of stay	18 months	13 months	13 months	12 months
Median months to reunification	16 months	7 months	7 months	7 months
Median months to adoption	44 months	34 months	24 months	32 months

### Type of discharge



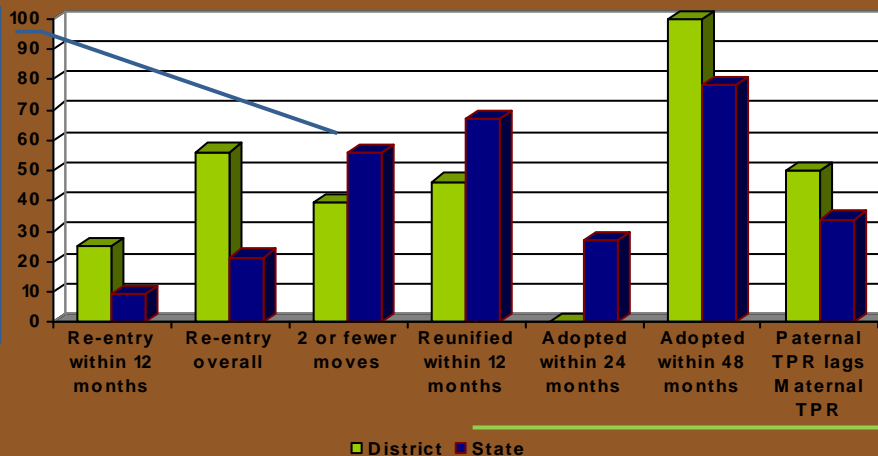
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Nebraska

### Percentages for 2008 Fiscal Year

The percent of cases with two or fewer moves has increased from 32% in 2006 to 40% in 2008.



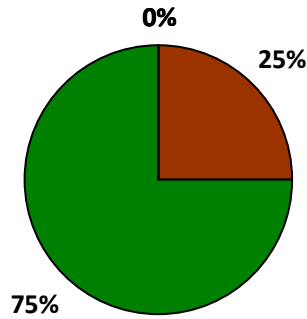
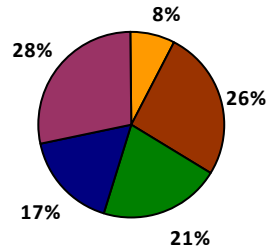
The percent of cases reunified within 12 months has decreased from 100% in 2006 to 45% in 2008.

Legend: District (Green), State (Blue)

## Timeline progression: All ages Removal to ex-parte

Nebraska (Median = 1 day)

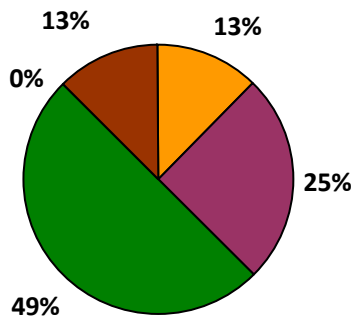
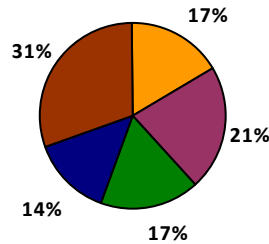
District 11, Team 2 (Median = 1 day)



## Removal to Petition Filing

Nebraska (Median = 1 day)

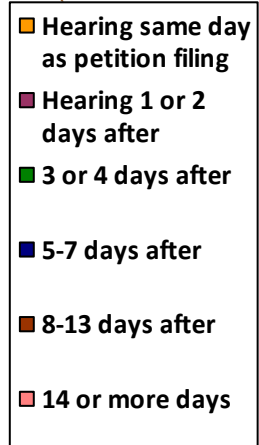
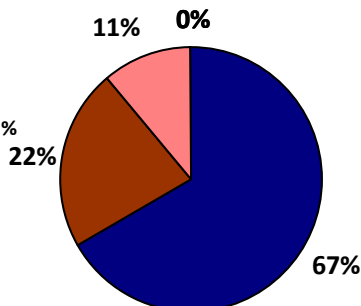
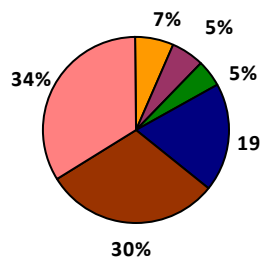
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## Petition to First Hearing

Nebraska (Median = 9 days)

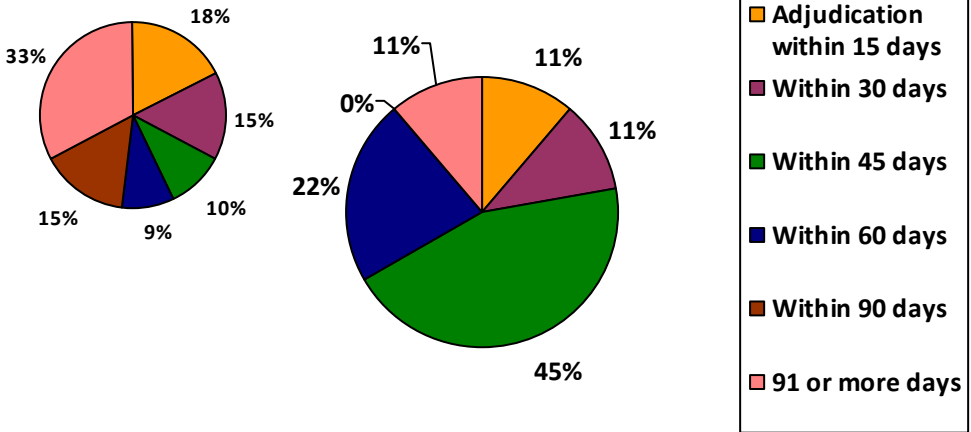
District 11, Team 2 (Median = 7 days)



\* 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 11, Team 2 (Median = 35 days)



### Best practice recommendations

Removal to first hearing – 3 days

0% of 2008 District 11 cases held the first hearing within 3 days of removal

Removal to adjudication – 60 days

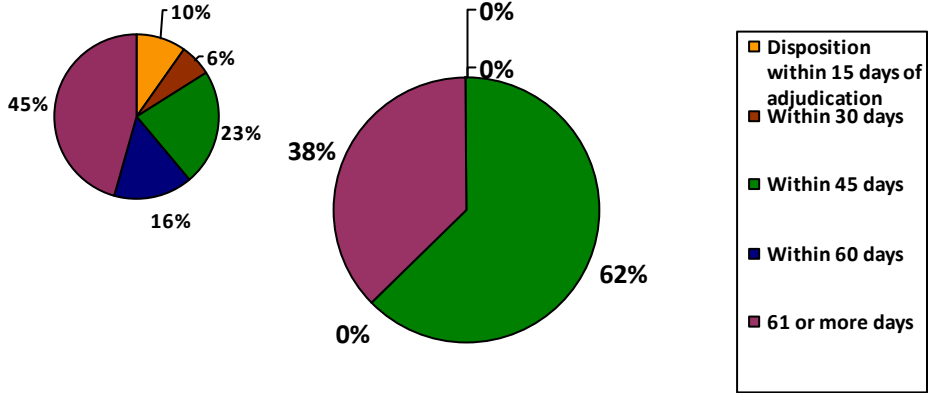
89% of 2008 District 11 cases adjudicated within 60 days.

Adjudication to disposition – 30 days

0% of 2008 District 11 cases held a disposition within 30 days of adjudication

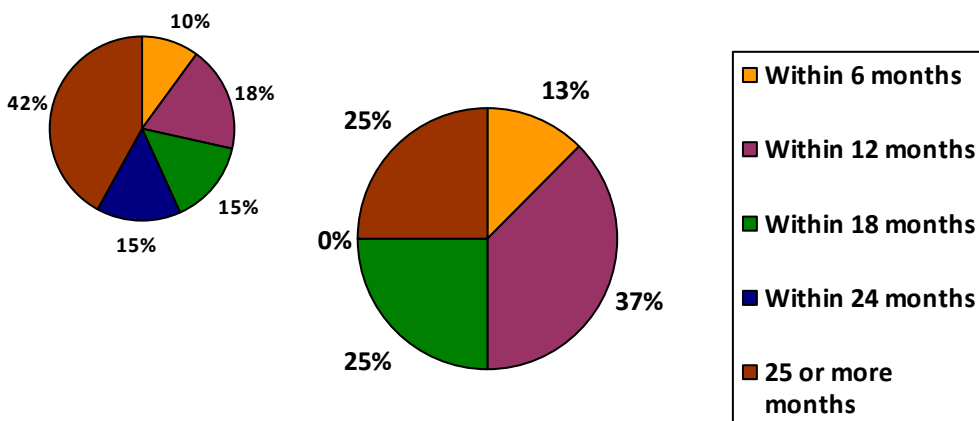
### Adjudication to Disposition

Nebraska (Median = 56 days) District 11, Team 2 (Median = 42 days)



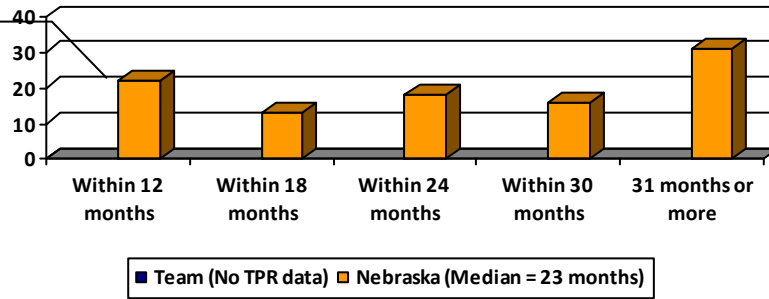
### Removal to permanency

Nebraska (Median = 23 mo) District 11, Team 2 (Median = 10 mo)

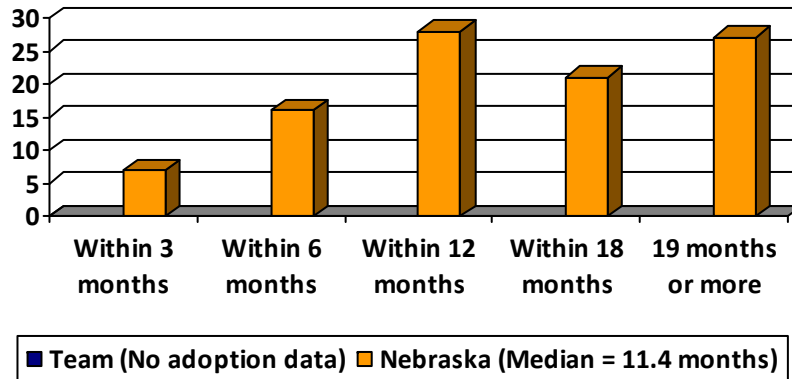


There were no cases resulting in TPR in 2008

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
<b>Early Stages</b>		
Removal to ex-parte	1 day	1 day
Removal to 3a petition	1 day	1 day
3a petition to first appearance	6 days	9 days
Removal to adjudication	35 days	62 days
<b>Permanency Stages</b>		
Adjudication to disposition	91 days	58 days
Removal to permanency	7 months	21 months
<b>TPR Stages</b>		
Removal to TPR	No cases in 2008	23 months
TPR to adoption		9 months

Case progression for Children ages 0-3