



Case Progression and Court Improvement Data 2008

District 11 Team 4 – Frontier, Hooker
McPherson, Lincoln, Thomas & Logan Counties



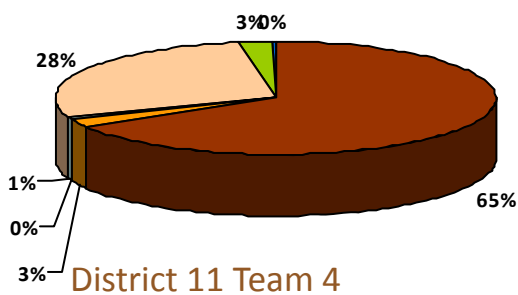
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Information provided in this document is designed to help your team improve case progression, as this is one area the courts can control. Timeliness of hearings has a significant impact on time to case closure, which means that courts can make a difference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

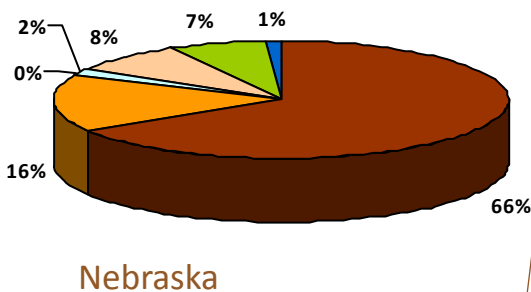
This is down from 40 days in 2006.

	District 11 T4 (2008)	Nebraska (2008)	Missouri (2008)	National (2003-2006)
Median days from report to removal	21 days	20	19	Not Available
Median length of stay	11 months	13 months	13 months	12 months
Median months to reunification	7 months	7 months	7 months	7 months
Median months to adoption	30 months	34 months	24 months	32 months

Type of discharge

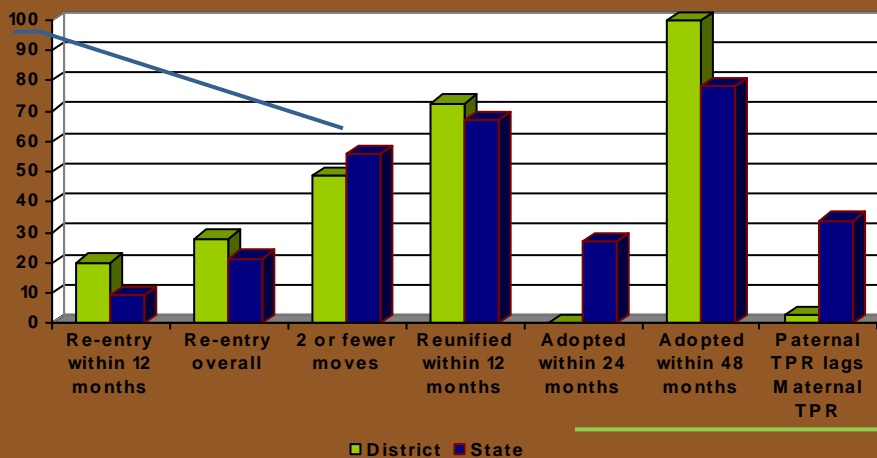


- Reunification
- Adoption
- Relative
- Transfer
- Emancipation
- Guardianship
- Other



Percentages for 2008 Fiscal Year

Frontier and Lincoln counties both had over 45% of cases with 2 or fewer moves in 2006.

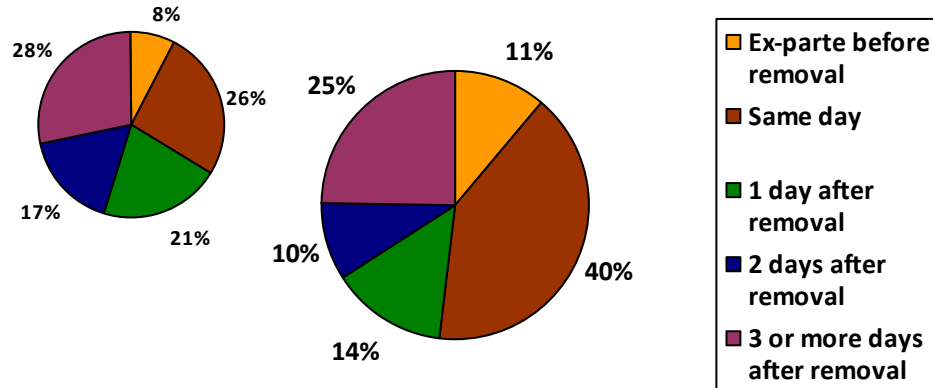


The percent of children adopted within 24 months is down from 14% in 2006 to 0% in 2008.

Timeline progression: All ages Removal to ex-parte

Nebraska (Median = 1 day)

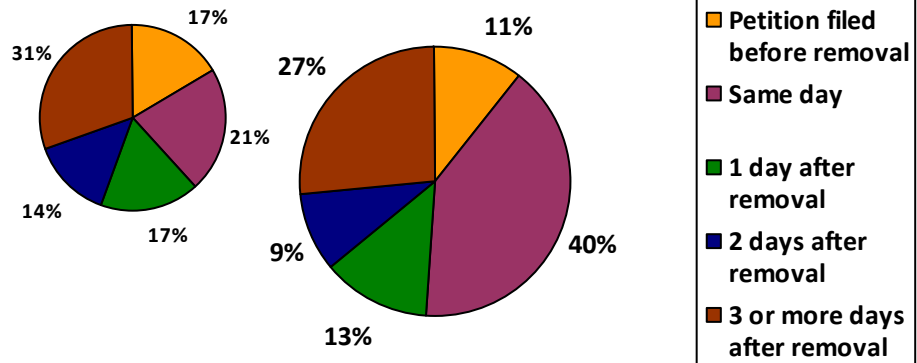
District 11, Team 4 (Median = 0 days)



Removal to Petition Filing

Nebraska (Median = 1 day)

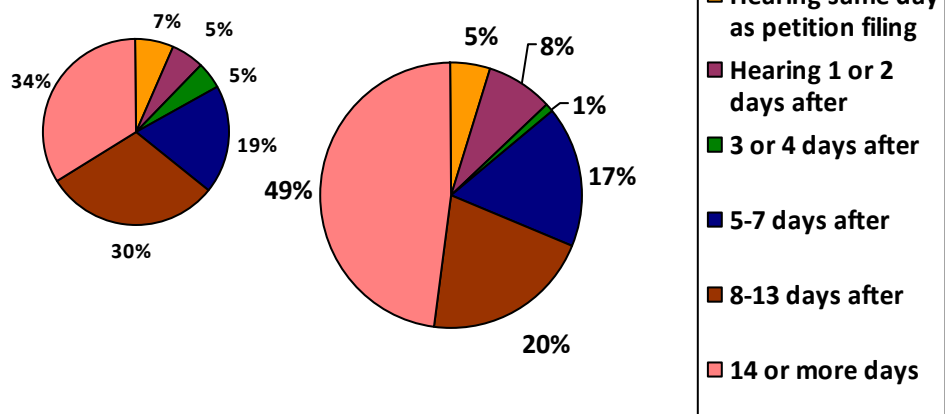
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Petition to First Hearing

Nebraska (Median = 9 days)

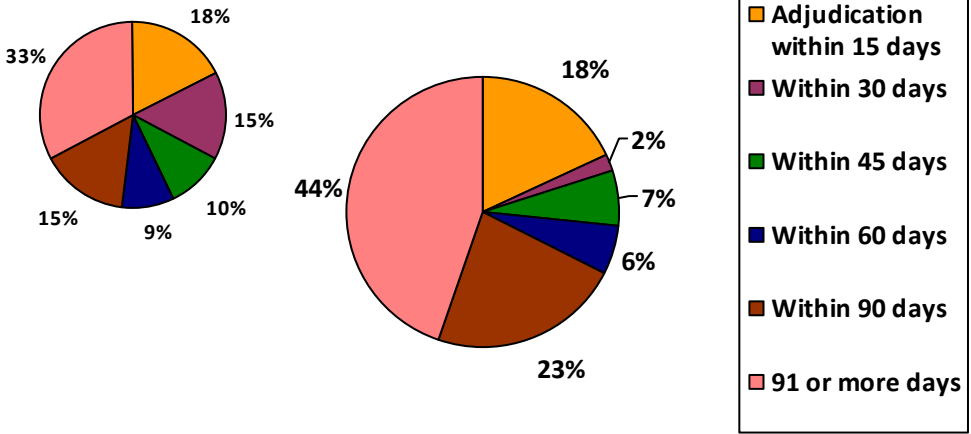
District 11, Team 4 (Median = 19 days)



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

Removal to Adjudication

Nebraska (Median = 57 day) District 11, Team 4 (Median = 96 days)



Best practice recommendations

Removal to first hearing – 3 days

4% of 2008 District 11 cases held the first hearing within 3 days of removal

Removal to adjudication – 60 days

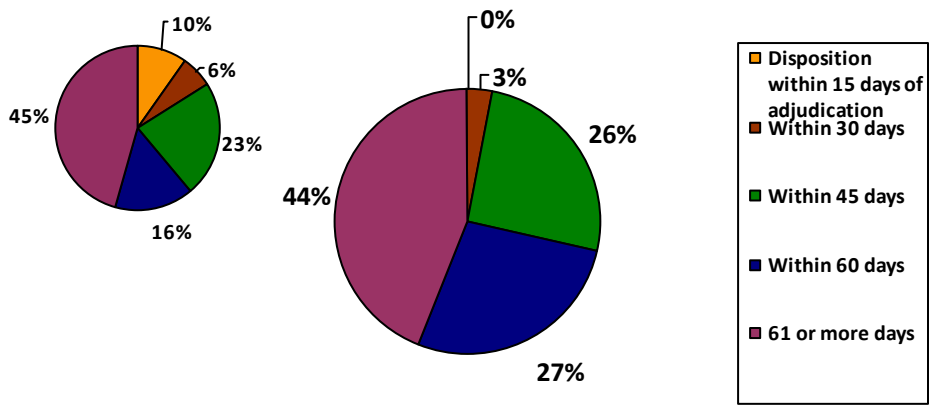
33% of 2008 District 11 cases adjudicated within 60 days.

Adjudication to disposition – 30 days

3.2% of 2008 District 11 cases held a disposition within 30 days of adjudication

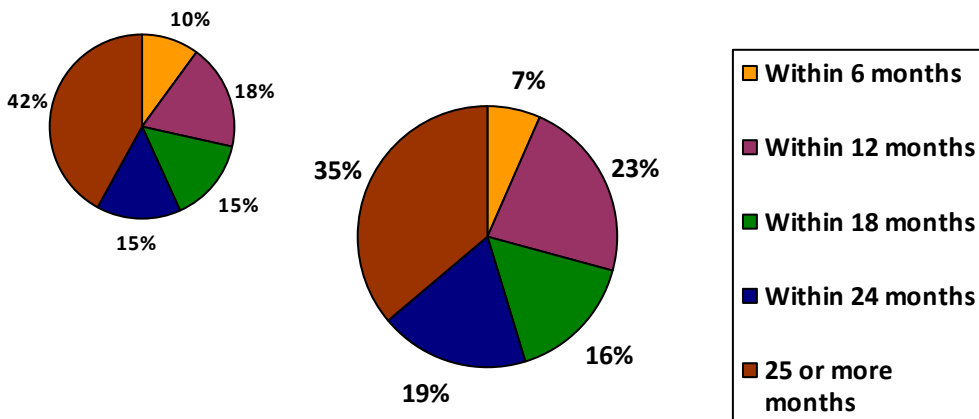
Adjudication to Disposition

Nebraska (Median = 56 days) District 11, Team 4 (Median = 56 days)



Removal to permanency

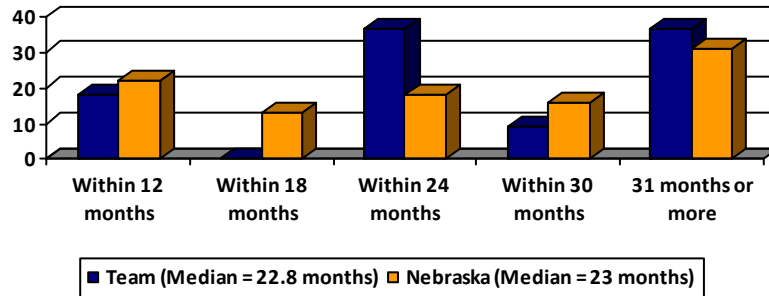
Nebraska (Median = 23 mo) District 11, Team 4 (Median = 18 mo)



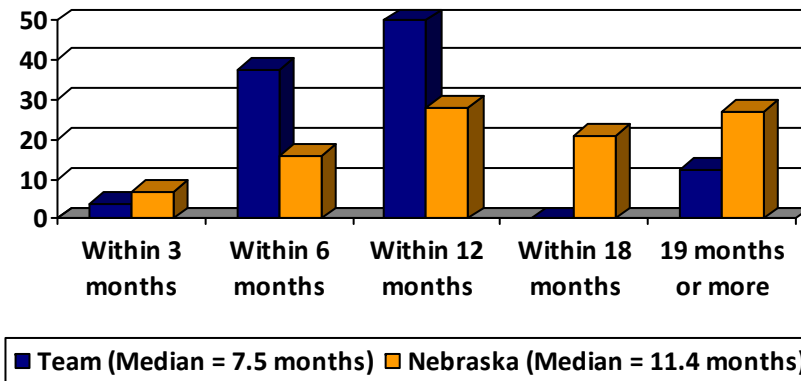
In other words, 22% of TPRs happen within 12 months statewide, compared to 17% for this team.

This team takes longer than state averages to TPR, but is shorter overall for time to adoption.

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	0 days	1 day
Removal to 3a petition	0 days	1 day
3a petition to first appearance	18 days	9 days
Removal to adjudication	77 days	62 days
Permanency Stages		
Adjudication to disposition	63 days	58 days
Removal to permanency	18 months	21 months
TPR Stages		
Removal to TPR	31 months	23 months
TPR to adoption	5 months	9 months

Case progression for Children ages 0-3