



Case Progression and Court Improvement Data 2008



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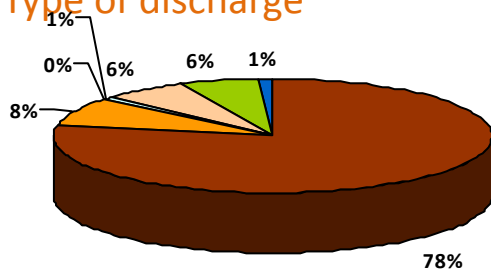
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Information provided in this document is designed to help your team improve case progression, as this is one area the courts can control. Timeliness of hearings has a significant impact on time to case closure, which means that courts can make a difference 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 a decrease from 8.4 months in 2006

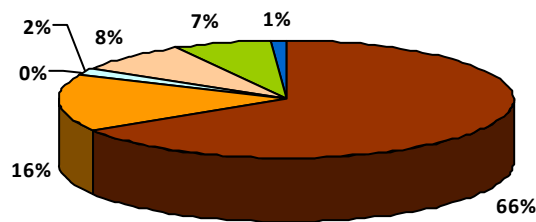
	District 2 S (2008)	Nebraska (2008)	Missouri (2008)	National (2003-2006)
Median days from report to removal	1 days	20	19	Not Available
Median length of stay	8 months	13 months	13 months	12 months
Median months to reunification	5 months	7 months	7 months	7 months
Median months to adoption	30 months	34 months	24 months	32 months

Type of discharge



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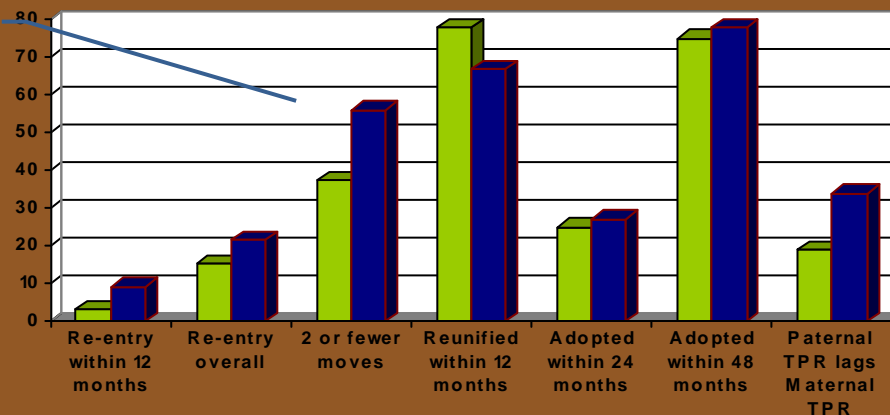
- Reunification
- Adoption
- Relative
- Transfer
- Emancipation
- Guardianship
- Other



Nebraska

Percentages for 2008 Fiscal Year

Rates of re-entry and number of moves are similar to those in 2006. There have been no changes in these areas since then.



The percent of children adopted within 48 months has increased from 71% in 2006 to 75% in 2008.

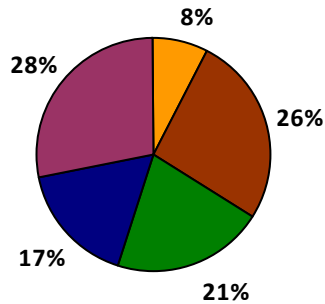
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Timeline progression: All ages

Removal to ex-parte

Nebraska (Median = 1 day)

District 2

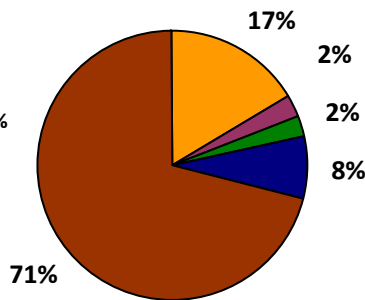
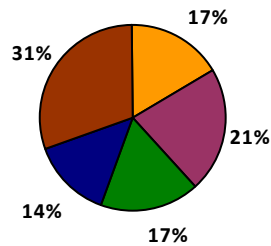


Not Reported - Data not included in JUSTICE Data System

Removal to Petition Filing

Nebraska (Median = 1 days)

District 2 (Median = 4 days)

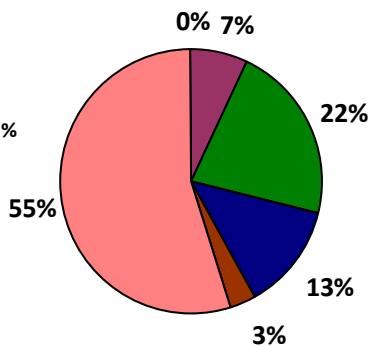
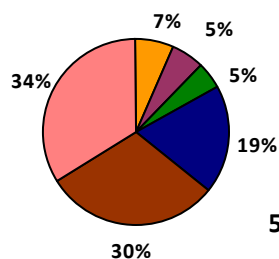


- Petition filed before removal
- Same day
- 1 day after removal
- 2 days after removal
- 3 or more days after removal

Petition to First Hearing

Nebraska (Median = 9 days)

District 2 (Median = 14 days)

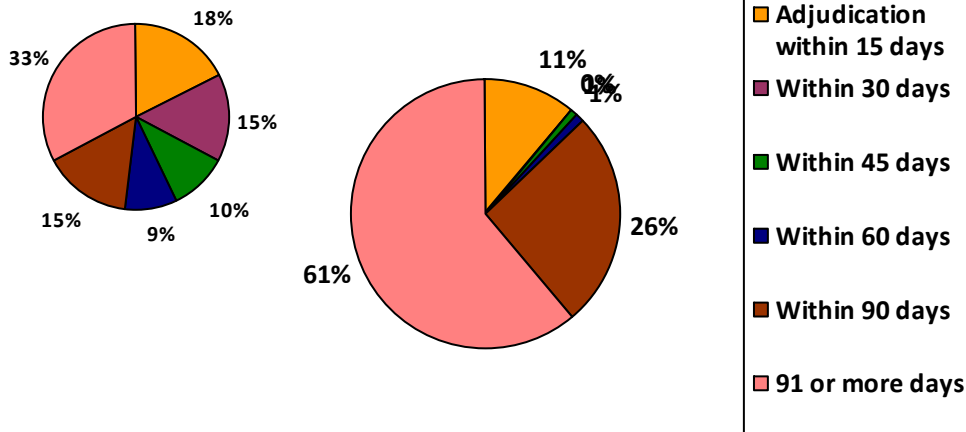


- Hearing same day as petition filing
- Hearing 1 or 2 days after
- 3 or 4 days after
- 5-7 days after
- 8-13 days after
- 14 or more days after

* 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 2 (Median = 118 days)
 Note: Over 2x state median



Best practice recommendations

Removal to first hearing – 3 days

4.4% of 2008 District 2 cases held the first hearing within 3 days of removal

Removal to adjudication – 60 days

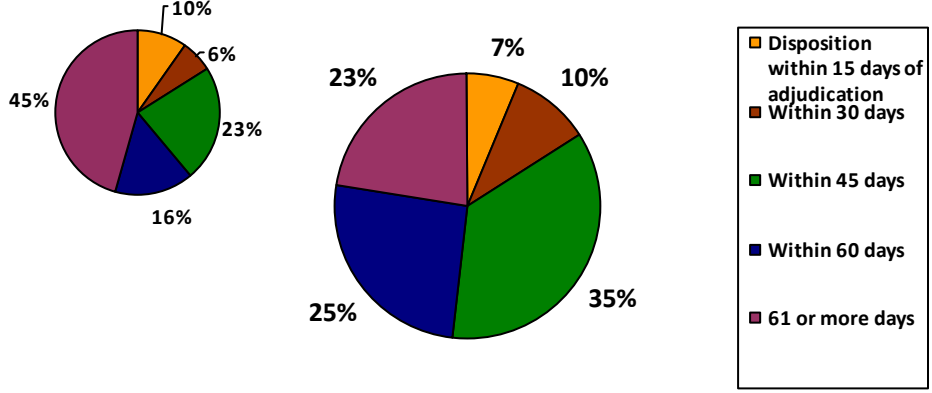
13% of 2008 District 2 cases adjudicated within 60 days.

Adjudication to disposition – 30 days

17% of 2008 District 2 cases held a disposition within 30 days of adjudication

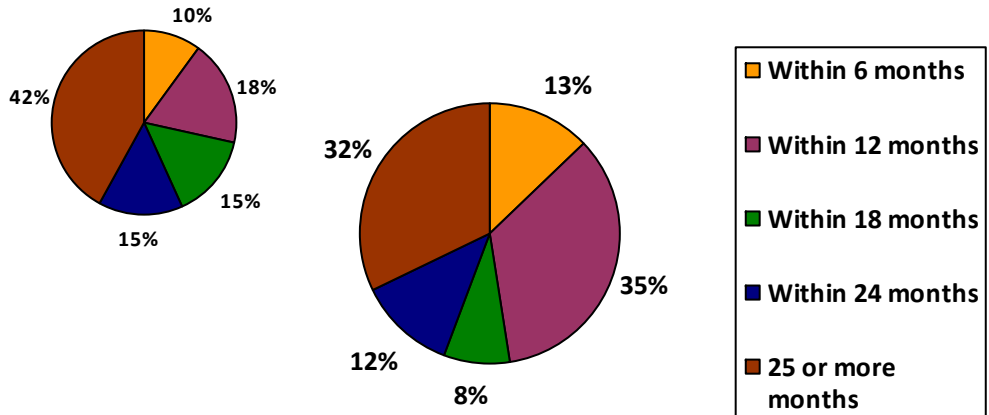
Adjudication to Disposition

Nebraska (Median = 56 days) District 2 (Median = 43 days)

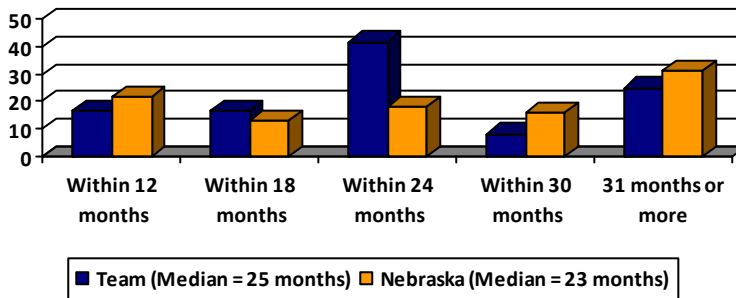


Removal to permanency

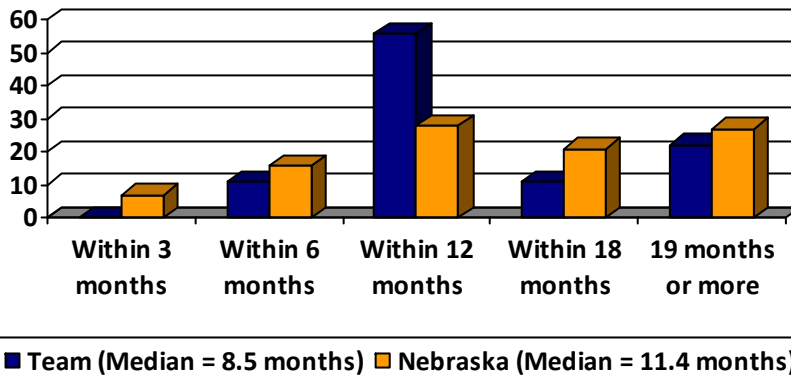
Nebraska (Median = 23 months) District 2 (Median = 13 months)



Percentages for time in months from removal to TPR



Percentages for time in months from TPR to adoption



In other words, 22% of TPRs happen within 12 months statewide, compared to 15% for this team.

The majority of cases with TPR and adoption are closing within 36 months. This is consistent with 2006 data.

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	Not Reported	1 day
Removal to 3a petition	4 days	1 day
3a petition to first appearance	7 days	9 days
Removal to adjudication	101 days	62 days
Permanency Stages		
Adjudication to disposition	40 days	58 days
Removal to permanency	8 months	21 months
TPR Stages		
Removal to TPR	25 months	23 months
TPR to adoption	6 months	9 months

Case progression for Children ages 0-3