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# Case Progression and Court Improvement Data Report for 2010



## District 5 Team Columbus:

Boone, Colfax, Hamilton,  
Merrick, Nance, and Platte Counties



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 pages 1 and 2 come from Fostering Court Improvement ([fosteringcourtimprovement.org/ne](http://fosteringcourtimprovement.org/ne)) and data on pages 3-8 were collected through JUSTICE to track case progression timelines for all abuse/neglect cases that closed in 2008, 2009, and 2010.

	2008	Team 2009	2010	2008	State 2009	2010	National 2009
<b>Poverty rate*</b>	13.4%	12.3%	n/a	13.7%	15.3%	n/a	20%
<b>Median length of stay</b>	20 months	15 months	11 months	13 months	12 months	14 months	14 months
<b>Median months to reunification</b>	7 months	9 months	8 months	7 months	7 months	11 months	n/a
<b>Median months to adoption</b>	34 months	29 months	32 months	34 months	29 months	29 months	n/a

\* Poverty data comes from the U.S. Census Bureau. For the Fostering Court Improvement measures, 2010 refers to data from April 2010 through March 2011.