



Case Progression and Court Improvement Data 2008



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District 11 Team 1 – Dawson County

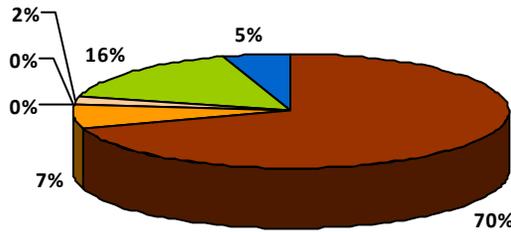
Information provided in this document is designed to help your team improve case progression, as this is one area the courts can control. Timeliness of hearings has a significant impact on time to case closure, which means that courts can make a difference in the lives of children in the system. Data 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 8 months in 2006, but removal rates are higher than state averages

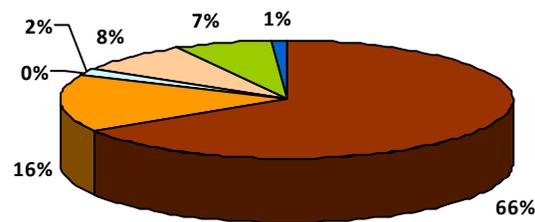
	District 11 T1 (2008)	Nebraska (2008)	Missouri (2008)	National (2003-2006)
Median days from report to removal	5 days	20	19	Not Available
Median length of stay	3 months	13 months	13 months	12 months
Median months to reunification	2 months	7 months	7 months	7 months
Median months to adoption	43 months	34 months	24 months	32 months

This is down from 6 months in 2006.

Type of discharge



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

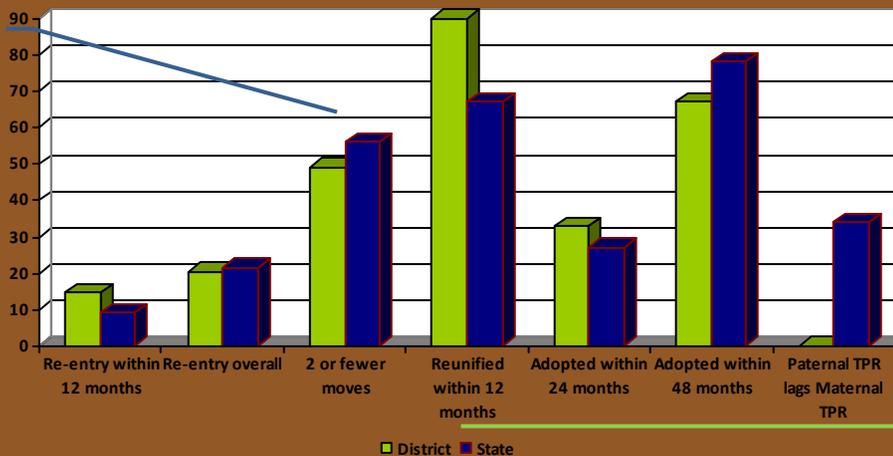


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Nebraska

Percentages for 2008 Fiscal Year

The number of children with 2 or fewer moves is down from 63% in 2006 to 50% in 2008.



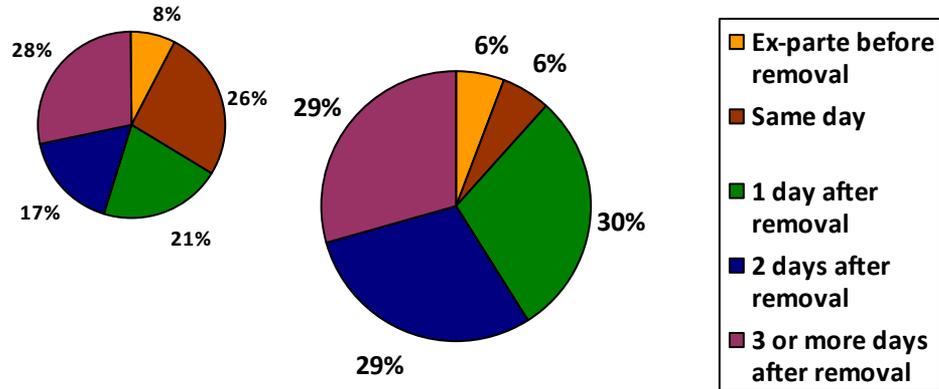
The percent of cases reunified within 12 months is up from 78% in 2006 to 90% in 2008.

Timeline progression: All ages

Removal to ex-parte

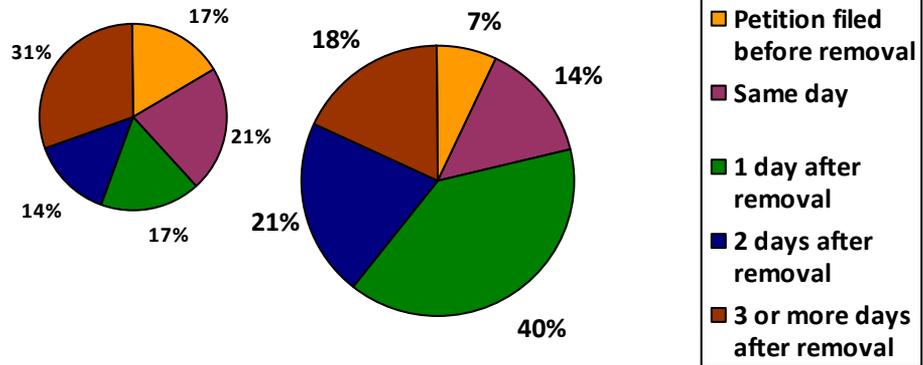
Nebraska (Median = 1 day)

District 11, Team 1 (Median = 2 days)



Removal to Petition Filing

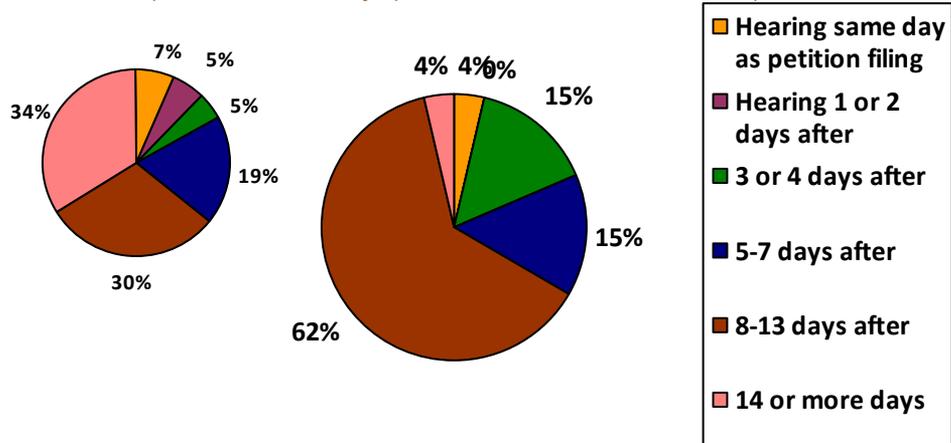
Nebraska (Median = 1 day) District 11, Team 1 (Median = 1 day)



Petition to First Appearance

Nebraska (Median = 9 days)

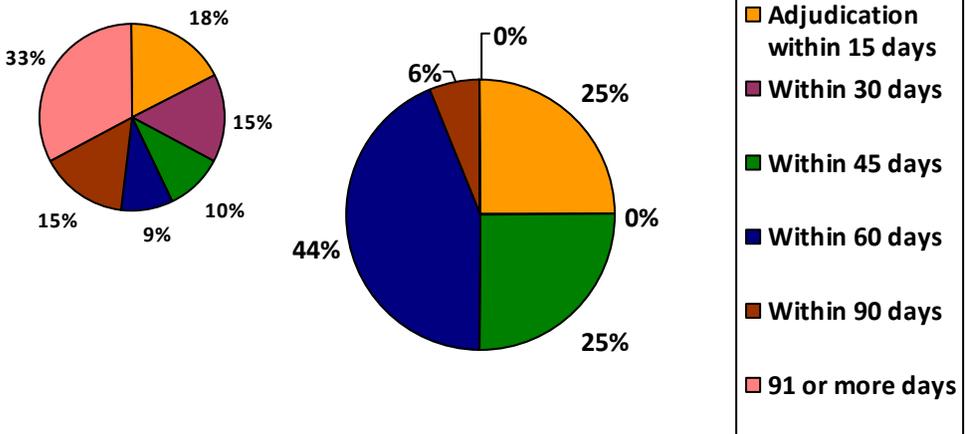
District 11, Team 1 (Median = 9 days)



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

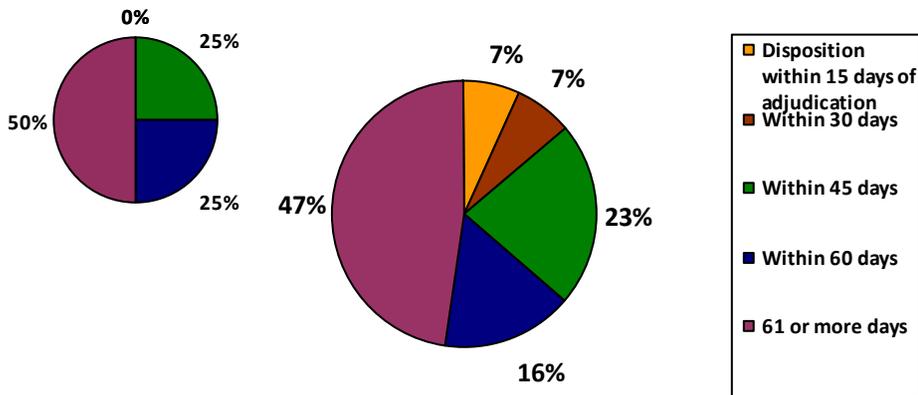
Removal to Adjudication

Nebraska (Median = 57 day) District 11, Team 1 (Median = 45 days)
 NOTE: This is the fastest median statewide



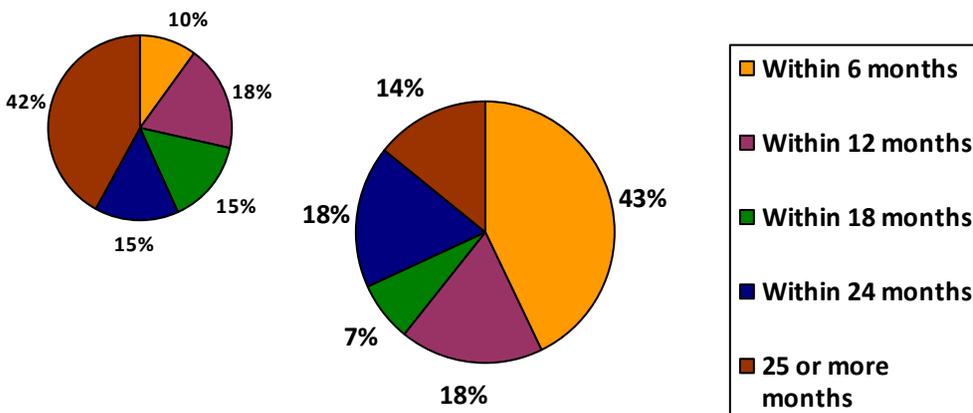
Adjudication to Disposition

Nebraska (Median = 56 days) District 11, Team 1 (Median = 63 days)



Removal to permanency

Nebraska (Median = 23 mo) District 11, Team 1 (Median = 8 mo)



Best practice recommendations

Removal to first hearing – 3 days

7.4% of 2008 District 11 cases held the first hearing within 3 days of removal

Removal to adjudication – 60 days

94% of 2008 District 11 cases adjudicated within 60 days.

Adjudication to disposition – 30 days

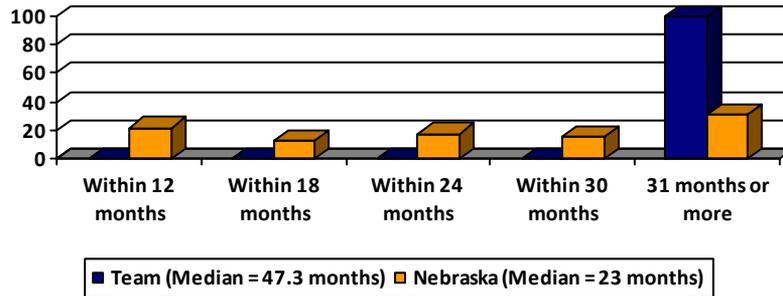
14% of 2008 District 11 cases held a disposition within 30 days of adjudication

Note: Only 1 TPR case occurred in 2008.

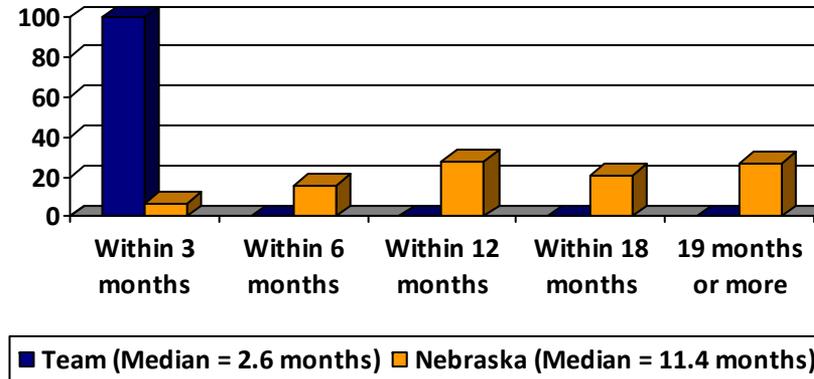
In other words, 22% of TPRs happen within 12 months statewide, compared to 0% for this team.

While progression to TPR is slower than the state, progression to adoption is faster than the state average.

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	2 days	1 day
3a petition to first appearance	9 days	9 days
Removal to adjudication	44 days	62 days
Permanency Stages		
Adjudication to disposition	77 days	58 days
Removal to permanency	19 months	21 months
TPR Stages		
Removal to TPR	None occurred in 2008	23 months
TPR to adoption		9 months

Case progression for Children ages 0-3