

**Parental Alcohol or Drug Abuse as an Identified Condition of Removal by State, 2021**

State	Percent Reason for Removal: Parents Alcohol or	Number Alcohol or Drug	total children
AK	67.2%	2,768	4,119
AL	46.8%	4,250	9,082
AR	50.3%	3,610	7,170
AZ	34.3%	7,640	22,269
CA	11.7%	8,379	71,668
CO	49.9%	4,063	8,147
CT	43.4%	2,189	5,041
DC	15.7%	127	810
DE	19.6%	142	724
FL	51.8%	18,745	36,161
GA	44.7%	7,161	16,032
HI	35.4%	855	2,414
IA	60.0%	4,448	7,413
ID	41.9%	1,130	2,698
IL	11.1%	3,033	27,281
IN	61.7%	13,504	21,877
KS	35.5%	3,654	10,284
KY	41.6%	5,678	13,647
LA	1.9%	109	5,852
MA	34.5%	4,685	13,594
MD	31.2%	1,715	5,493
ME	51.5%	1,638	3,181
MI	39.3%	5,693	14,474
MN	51.2%	6,187	12,084
MO	51.3%	9,924	19,333
MS	48.0%	2,668	5,554
MT	39.4%	1,984	5,036
NC	44.0%	6,745	15,345
ND	42.6%	1,053	2,470
NE	36.4%	2,003	5,506
NH	15.4%	260	1,688
NJ	43.6%	2,303	5,288
NM	43.6%	1,319	3,027
NV	15.9%	1,133	7,139
NY	30.9%	6,181	20,005
OH	30.9%	7,974	25,773
OK	52.9%	6,088	11,507
OR	57.3%	4,747	8,281
PA	36.8%	7,896	21,455
RI	38.6%	1,113	2,882
SC	17.3%	1,162	6,702
SD	57.9%	1,522	2,629
TN	40.1%	5,843	14,558
TX	65.7%	29,523	44,929
UT	61.3%	2,374	3,870
VA	33.8%	2,562	7,572
VT	31.6%	512	1,620
WA	44.5%	5,944	13,354
WI	38.2%	4,049	10,586

State	Percent Reason for Removal: Parents Alcohol or	Number Alcohol or Drug	total children
WV	55.2%	6,574	11,911
WY	50.8%	813	1,601
PR	17.5%	471	2,687
		236,143	603,823

**National Average 39.1%**

Nationally, 39.1% of children placed in out-of-home care had parental alcohol or other drug (AOD) abuse as an identified condition for removal in 2021. The map provides the percent by state.

States often anecdotally report that the percentage of child welfare removals involving parental AOD abuse is much higher in their state than indicated in the data. Possible explanations for these discrepancies may include 1) lack of child welfare protocols for screening and assessment regarding identification of substance use disorders; 2) inconsistent protocols regarding data entry for child welfare; 3) discrepancies in how AOD abuse is captured in the state child welfare's data systems; and 4) differences in the point at which the AOD abuse is identified and entered in the data system. Often, at the local level, multiple removal reasons are reported and sometimes only the primary reason for removal is reported by the federal system(s).

Source: Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) Data, 2020 v1