



A journey through  
Nebraska child  
protection system

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# Overarching | Nebraska

- **AFCARS: Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System**
  - AFCARS was established to provide data that would assist in policy development and program management. Data can be used by policymakers at the federal, Tribal, and state levels to assess how many children are in foster care, reasons why they enter, how they exit, and to develop strategies to prevent their unnecessary placement into foster care.
- **NCANDS: National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System**
  - Voluntary data collection system that gathers information from all 50 states, DC, and PR about reports of child abuse and neglect. NCANDS established in response to the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1988. The data are used to examine trends in child abuse and neglect across the country and findings are published in the Child Maltreatment Reports.
- **Juvenile Justice Children**
  - Nebraska AFCARS measures include children under the jurisdiction of the child welfare system and the juvenile justice system. AFCARS cannot distinguish legal jurisdiction of child.
- **Multi-Racial Children**
  - When reviewing race/ethnic disaggregated data slides, consideration of the racial make-up of multi-racial children can be helpful. In Nebraska, of the approximately 300 multi-racial children in care 50% are Black/African American and White, 20% are American Indian/Alaska Native and White and 10% are Black/African American and American Indian/Alaska Native.

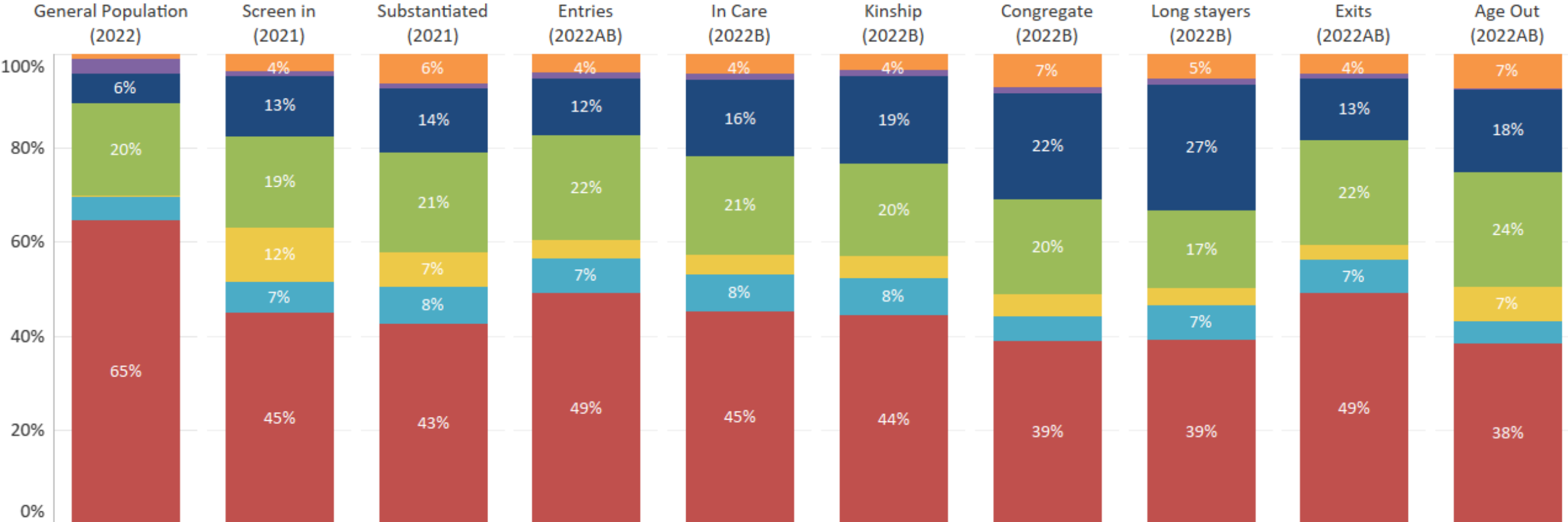
Key decision points

## DISPROPORTIONALITY

# Disproportionality in Child Welfare | Nebraska

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Missing/Unknown
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Multi-Racial
- Black/African American
- White
- Latinx

A decision point analysis can provide a helpful picture for understanding disparity by visually tuning-in to over- and under- represented groups relative to their proportion in the base population



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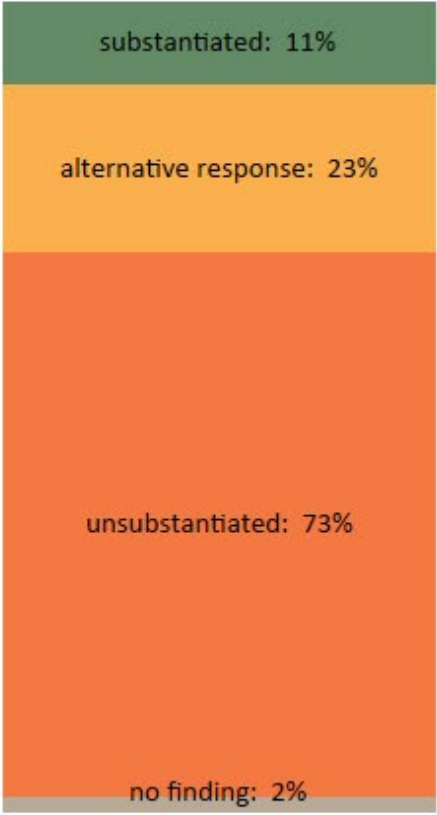
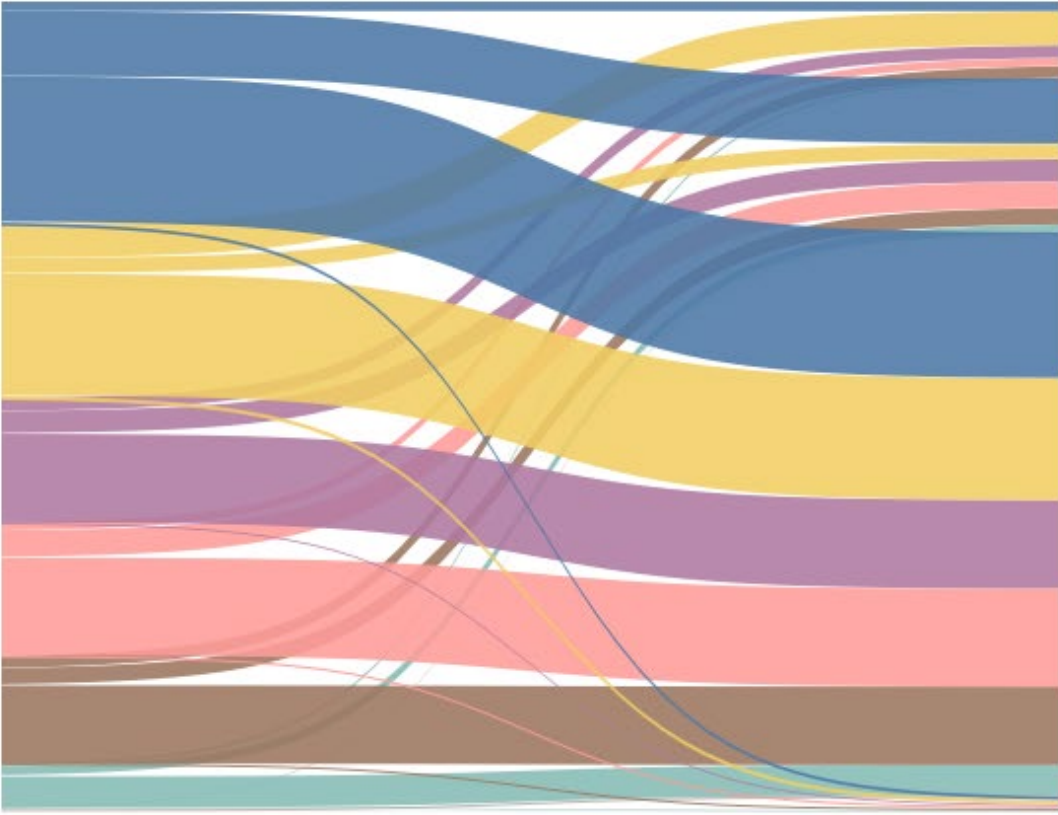
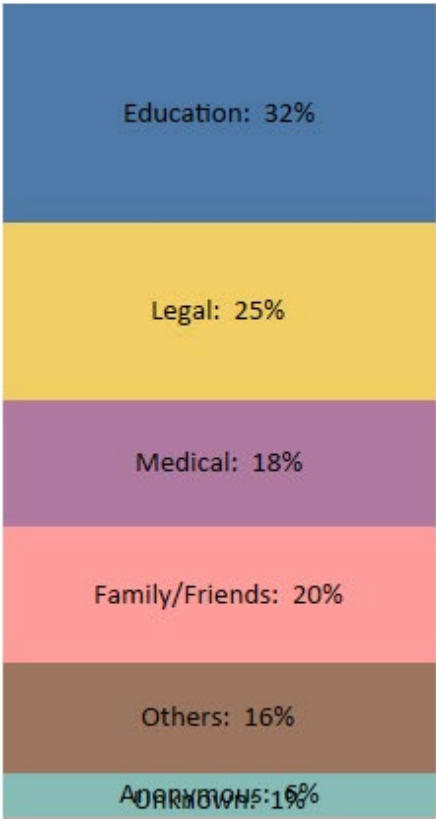
## Front End Measures

# HOW DO CHILDREN/YOUTH MOVE THROUGH THE INVESTIGATION PROCESS?

# Reporter to Disposition | Nebraska

Understanding who reports are accepted for investigation can help target prevention activities.

Educators report roughly 1 in 3 children yet only 4% are substantiated

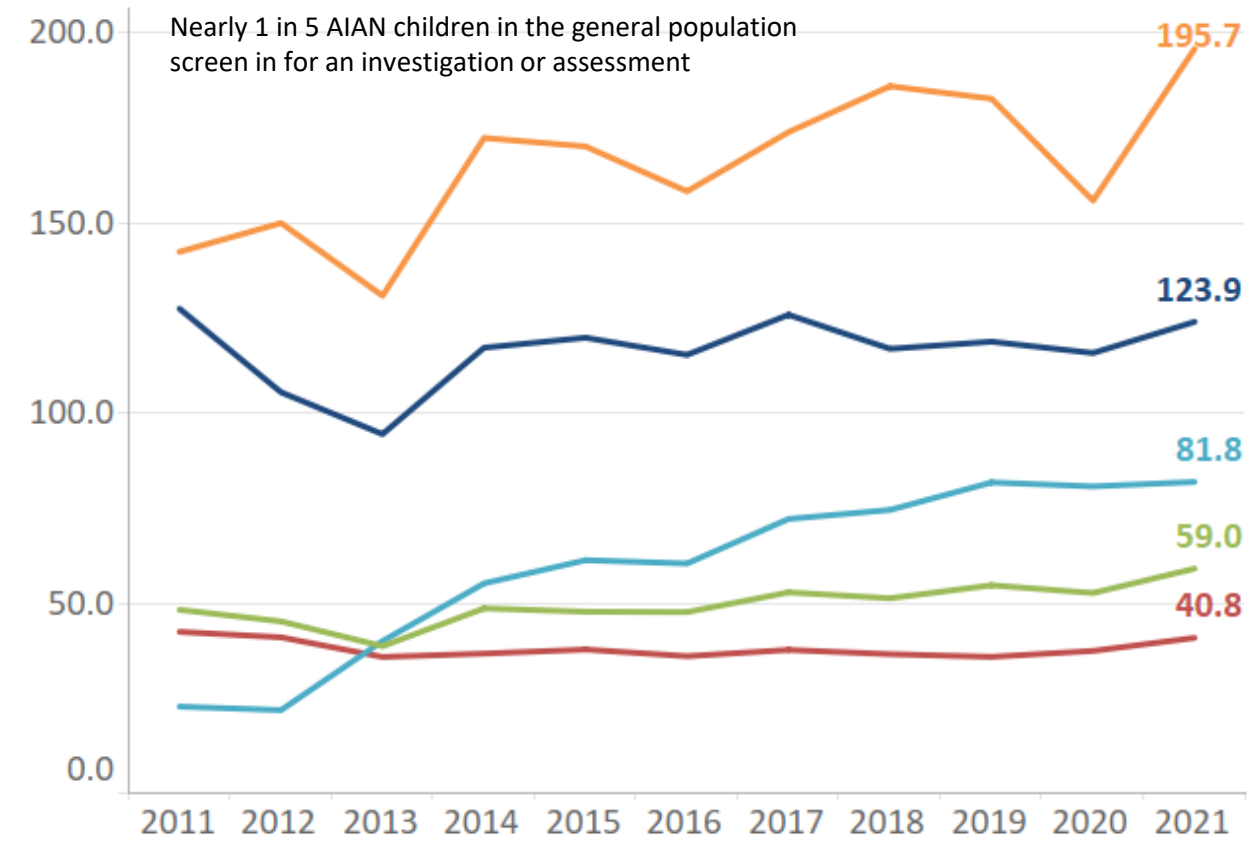
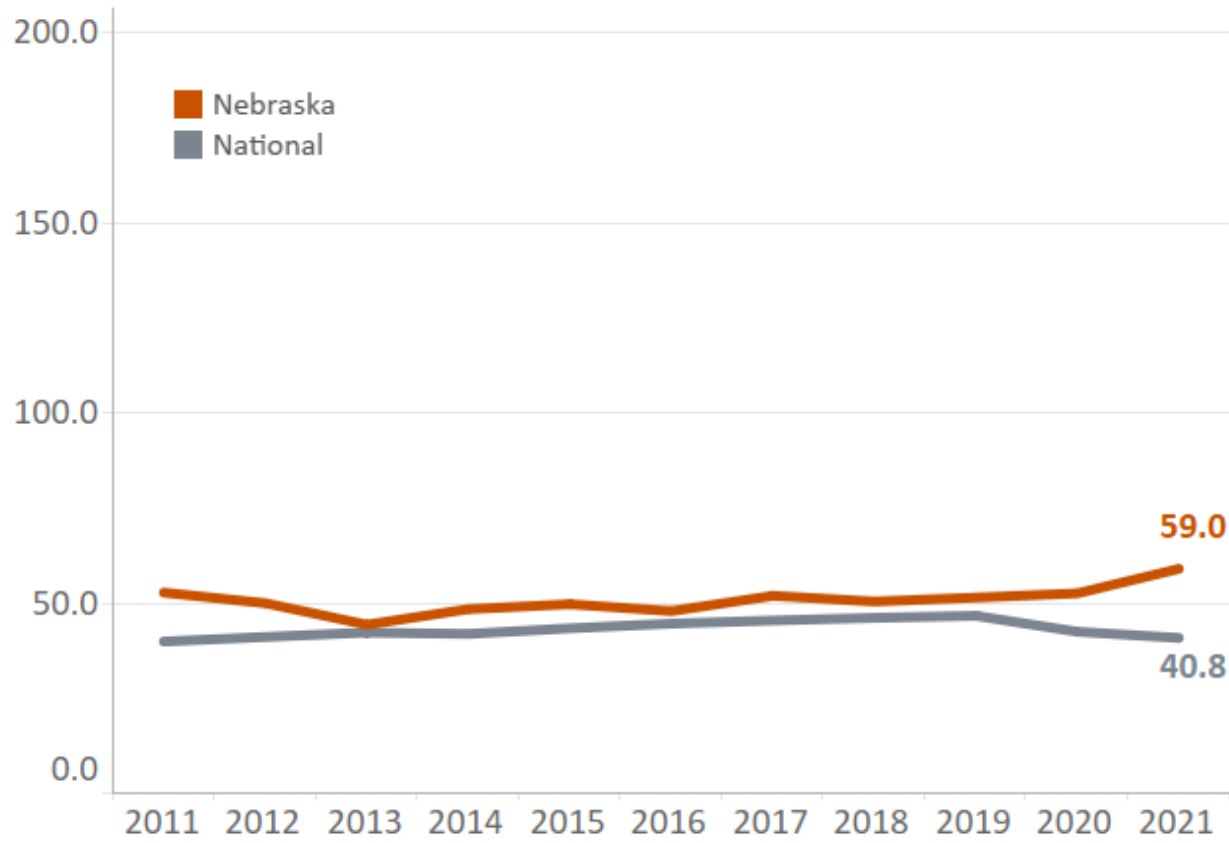


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# Screen In Rate | Nebraska

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Black/African American
- Latinx
- Multi-Racial
- White

At what rate are children being screened in for an investigation or assessment? (per 1,000 in the general population)



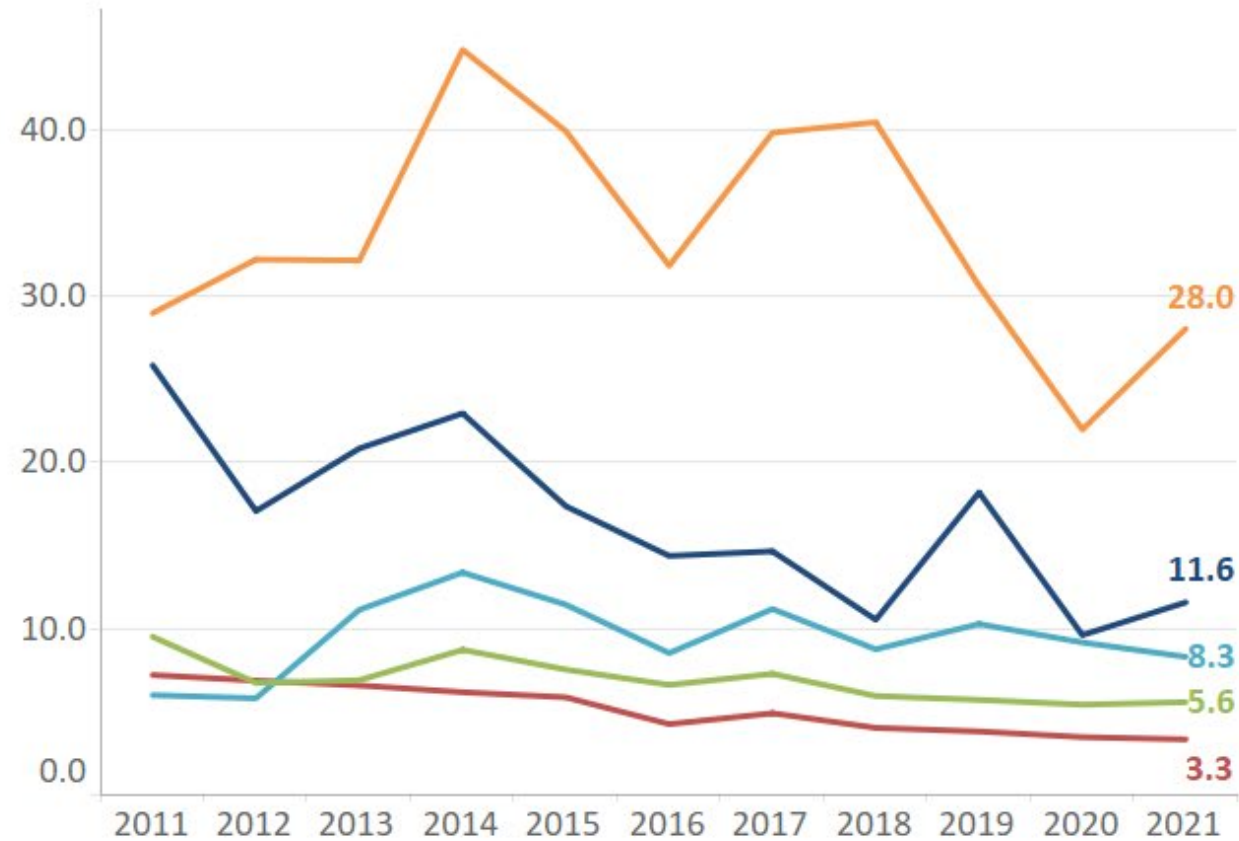
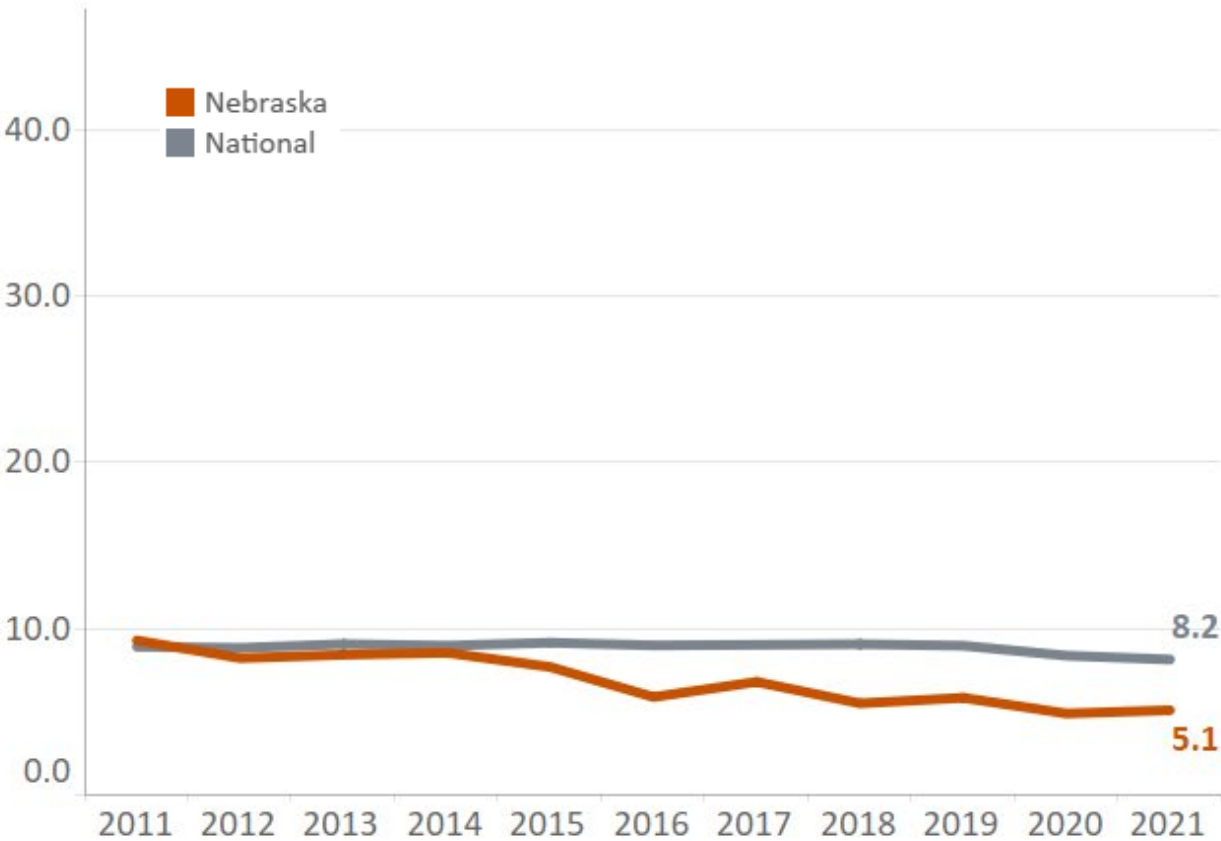
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# Substantiation Rate | Nebraska

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- Black/African American
- Latinx
- Multi-Racial
- White

At what rate are children substantiated in a child maltreatment investigation? (per 1,000 in the general population)



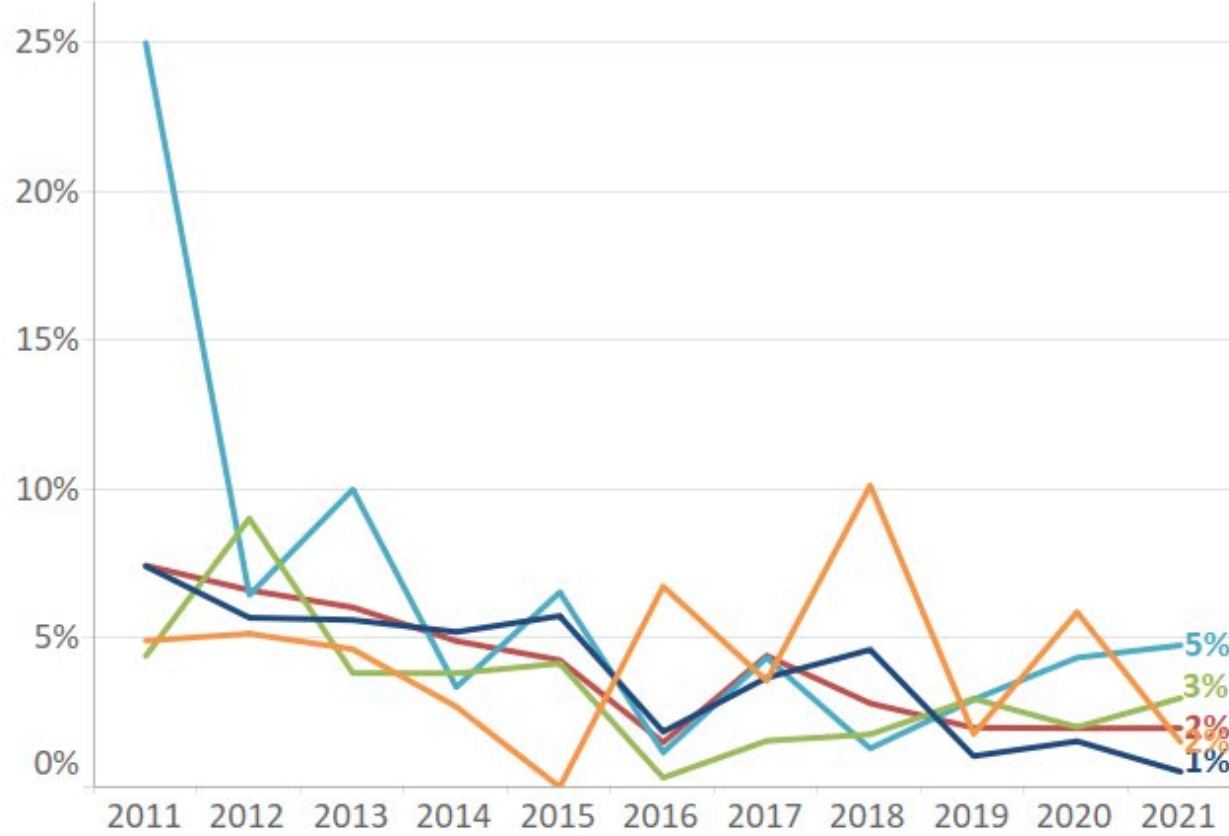
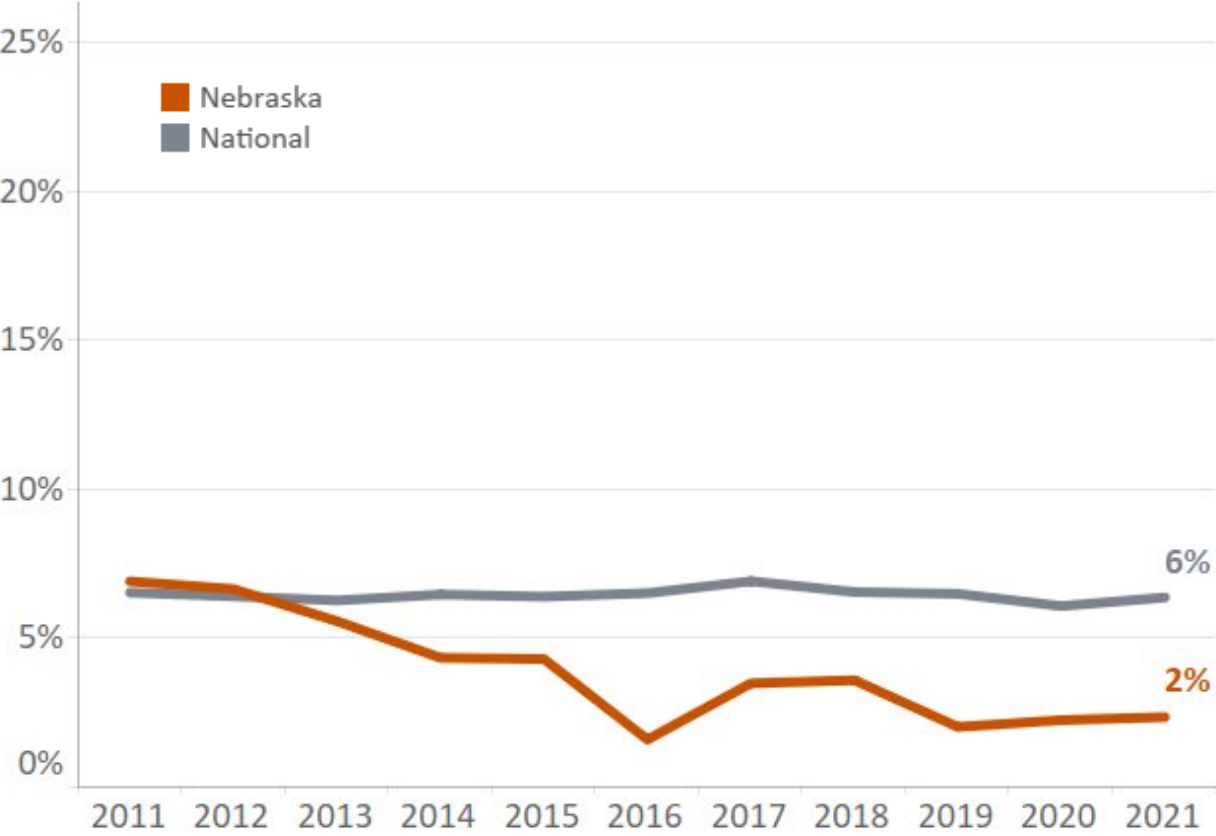
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# Recurrence of Maltreatment within 6 Months | Nebraska

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- Black/African American
- Latinx
- Multi-Racial
- White

What percent of children experiencing a substantiated report of maltreatment experience a second within 6 months of first?

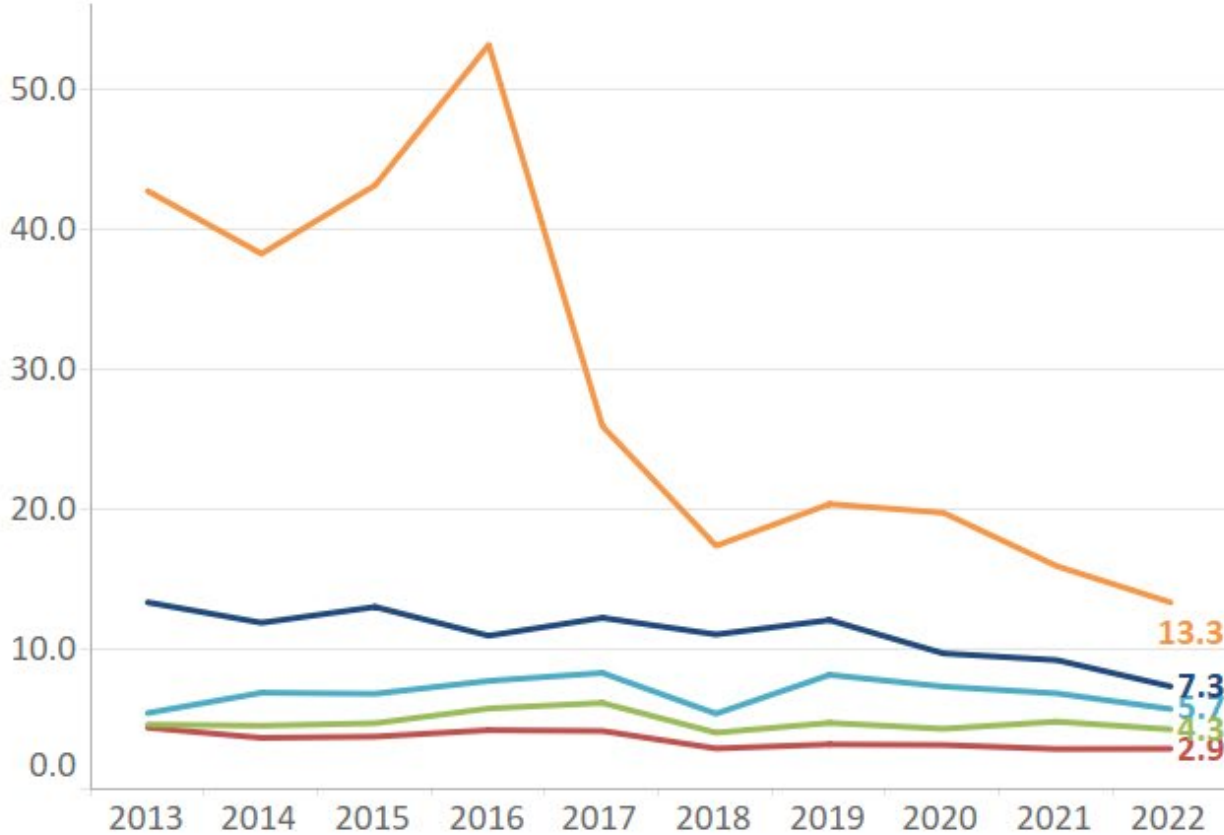
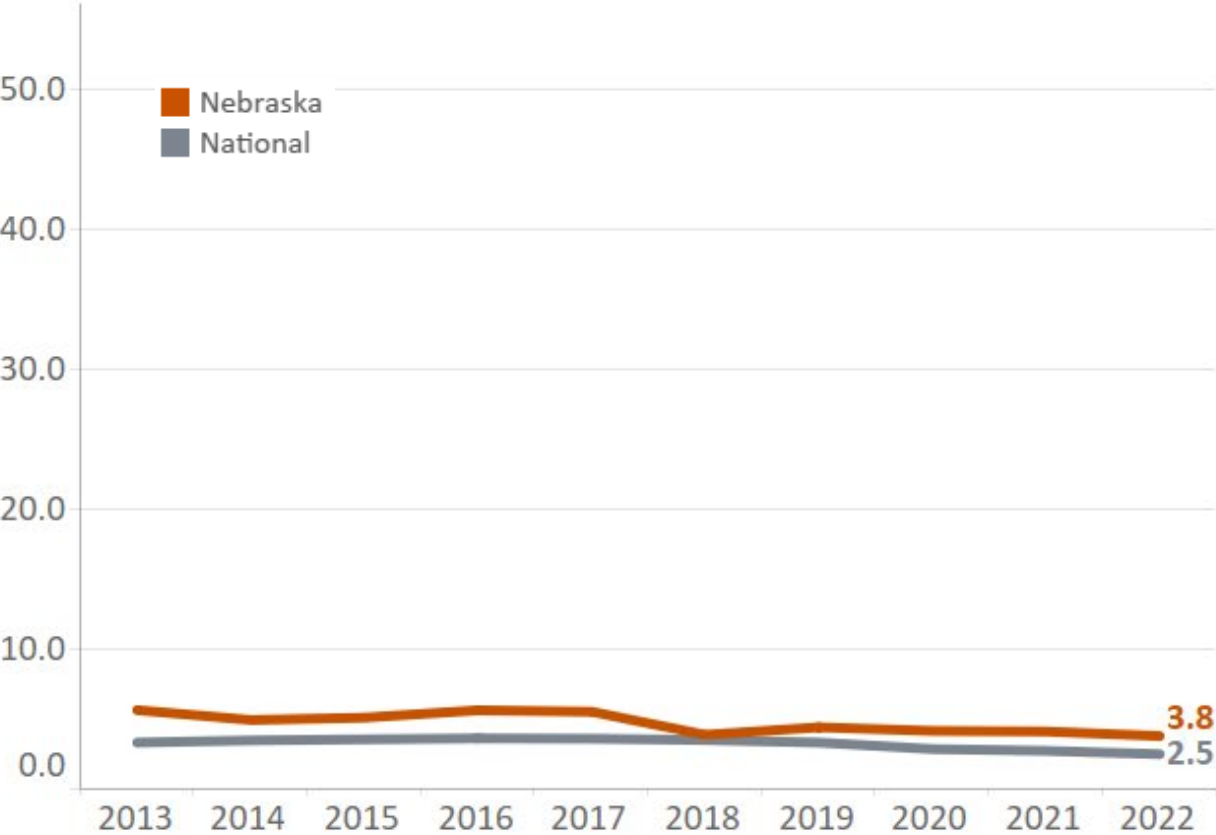


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# Entry Rate | Nebraska

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- Latinx
- Multi-Racial
- White

At what rate are children entering care? (per 1,000 in the general population)



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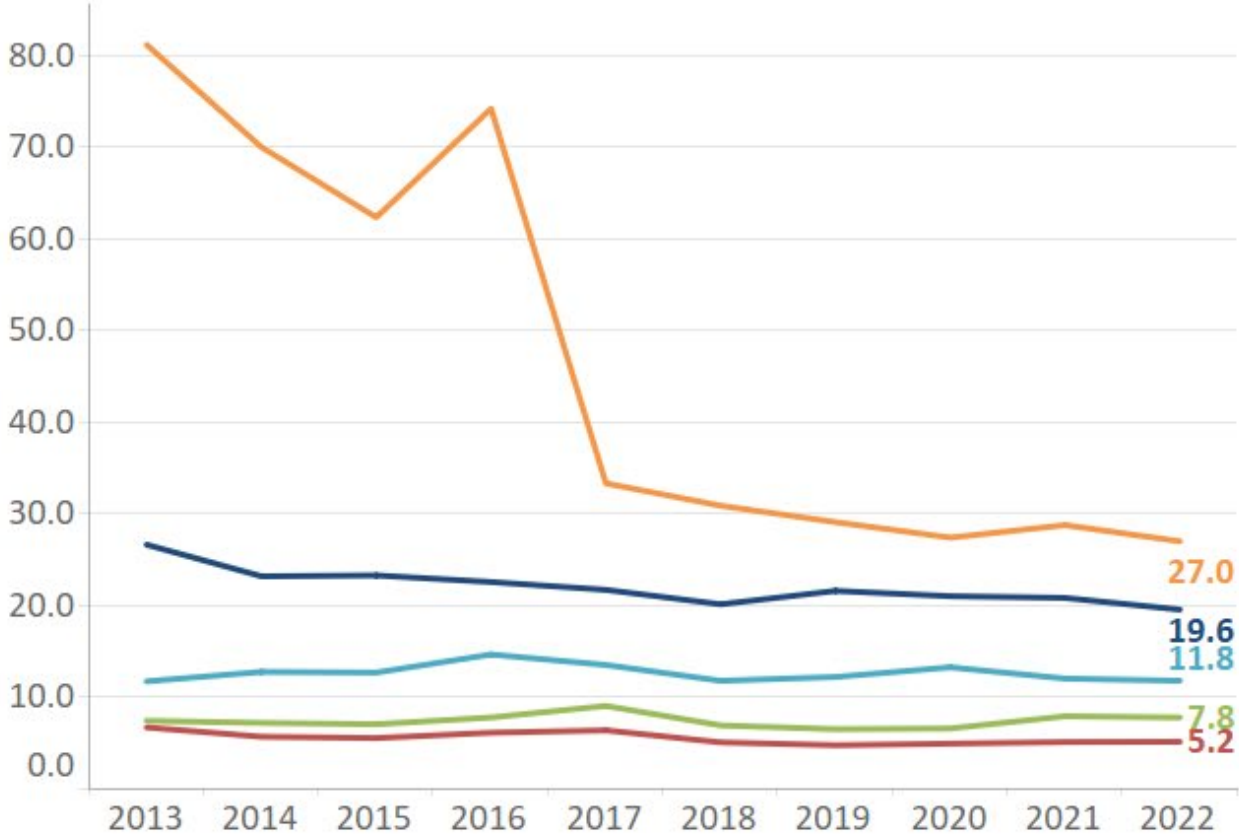
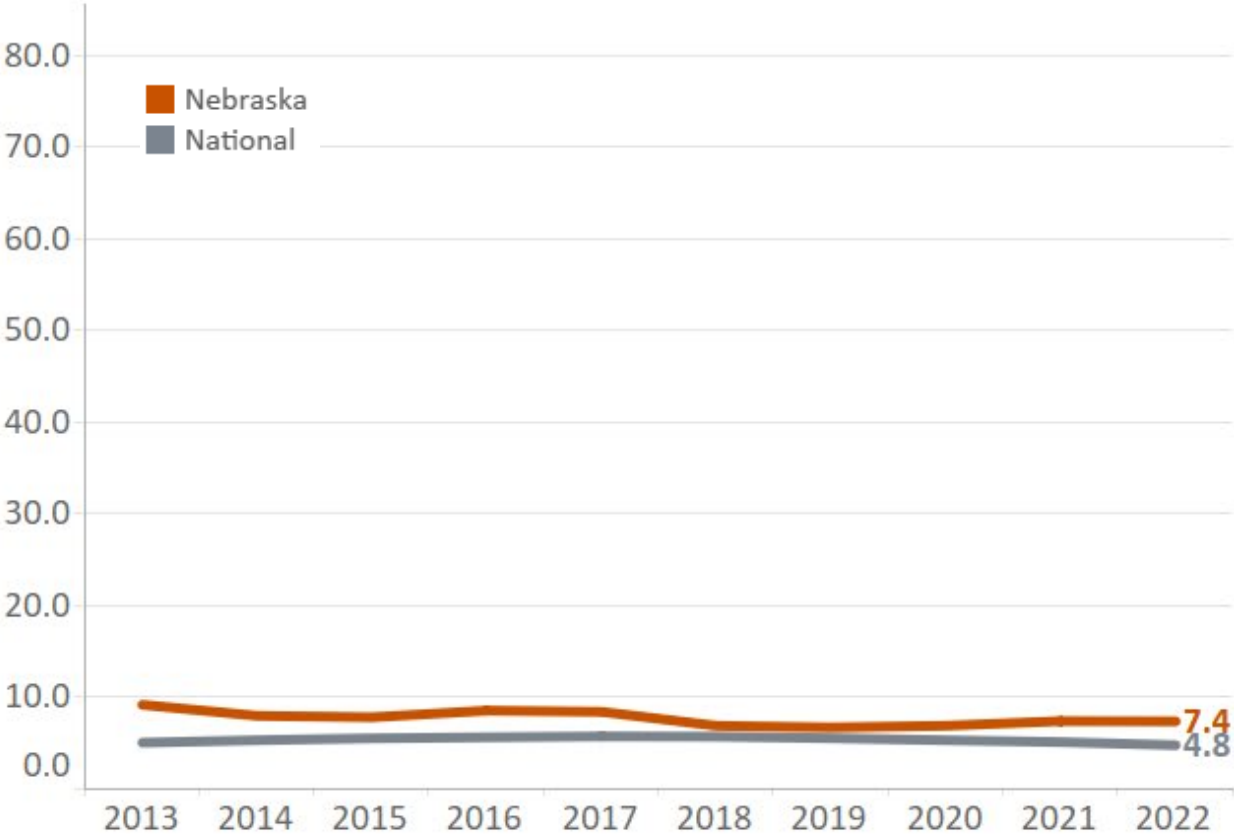
Children/Youth in Out-of-Home Care

**WHERE ARE CHILDREN PLACED?**

# In Care Rate | Nebraska

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- White

What is the rate of children in care? (per 1,000 in the general population)

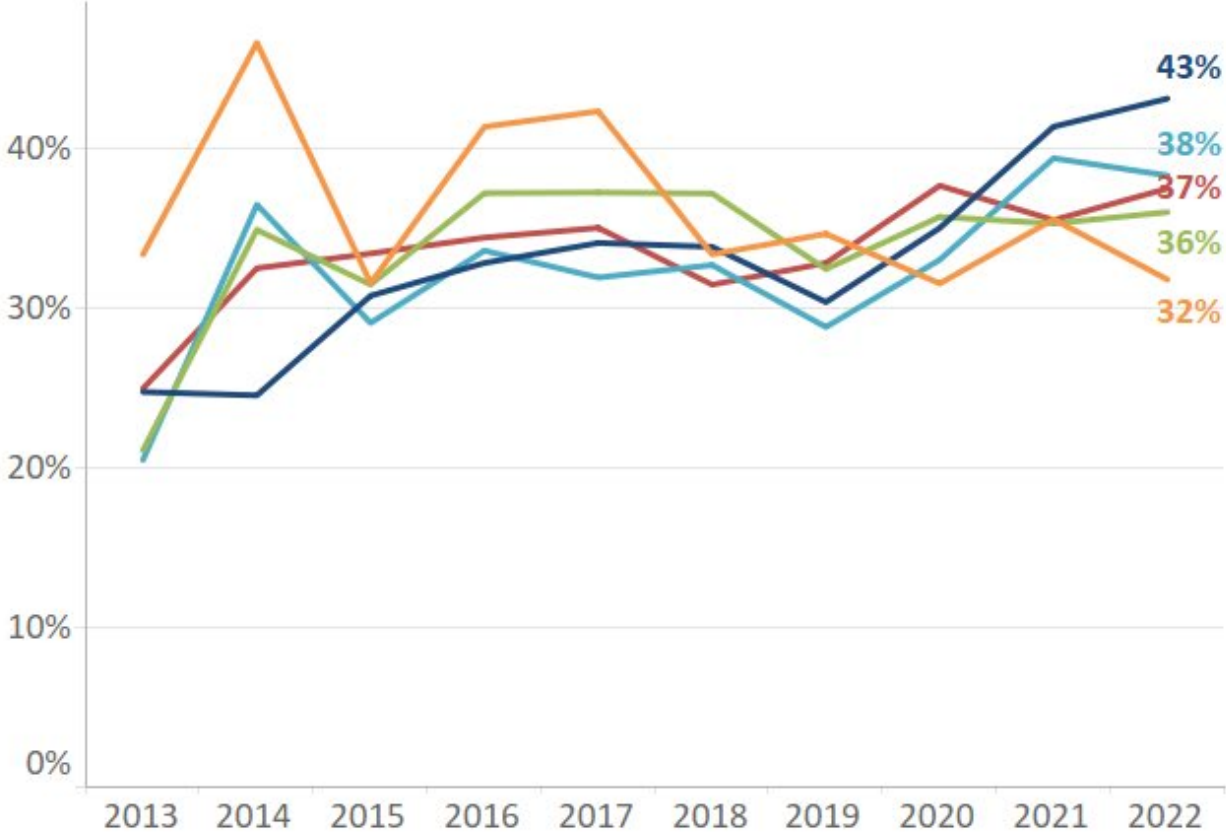
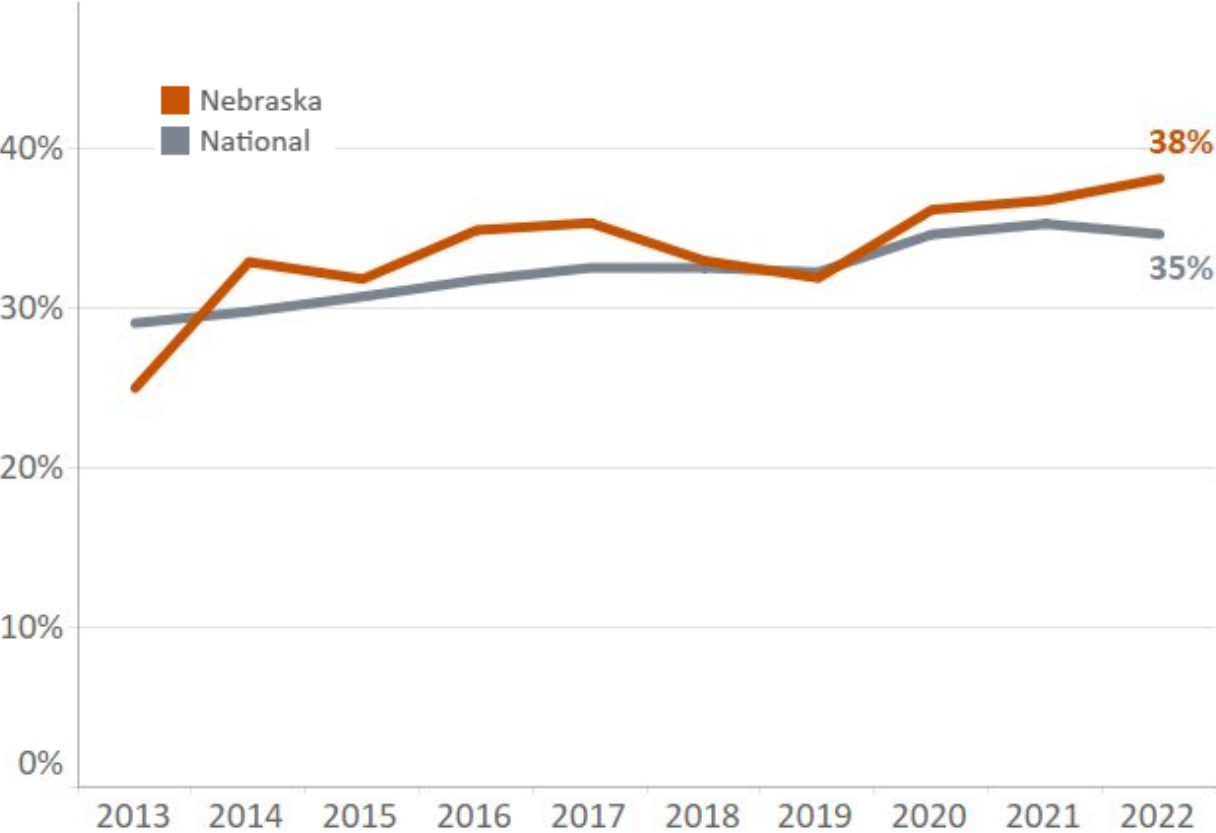


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# Kinship Placement | Nebraska

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- Latinx
- Multi-Racial
- White

What percent of children in care are placed in a kinship setting?

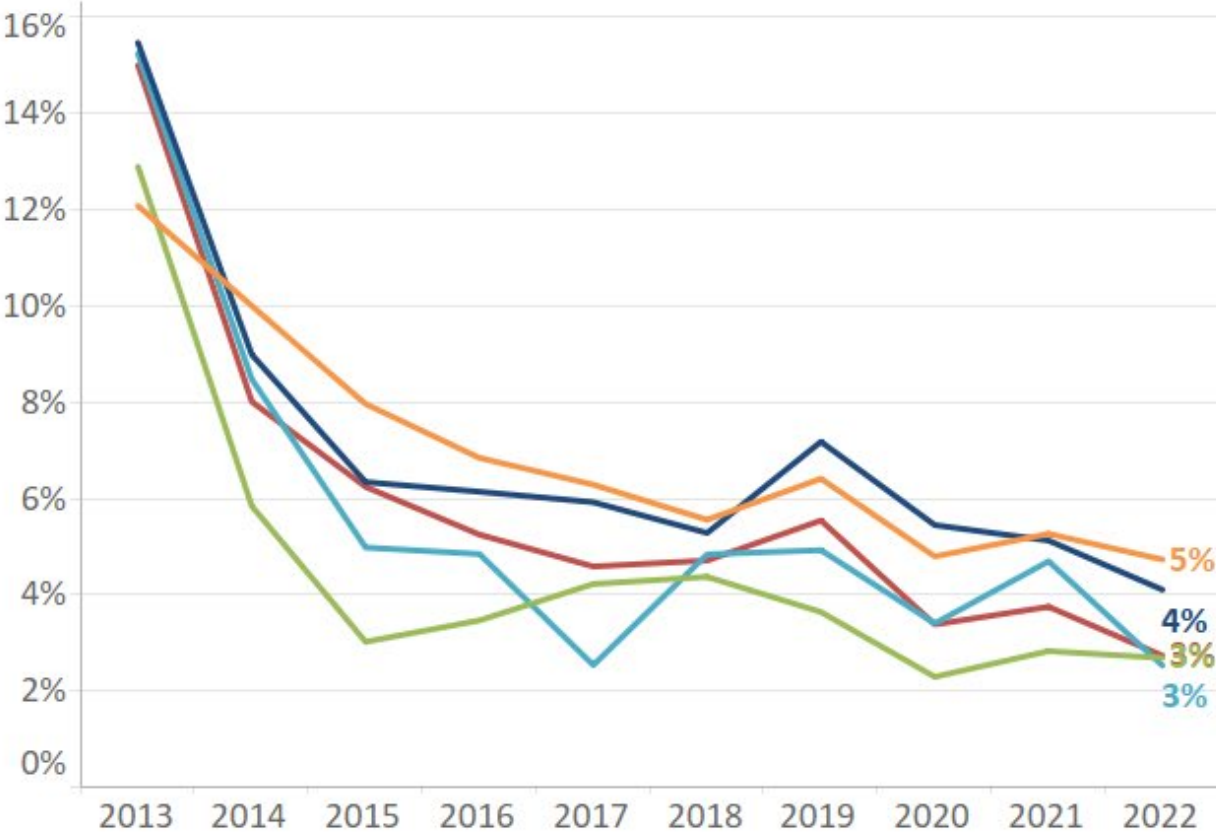
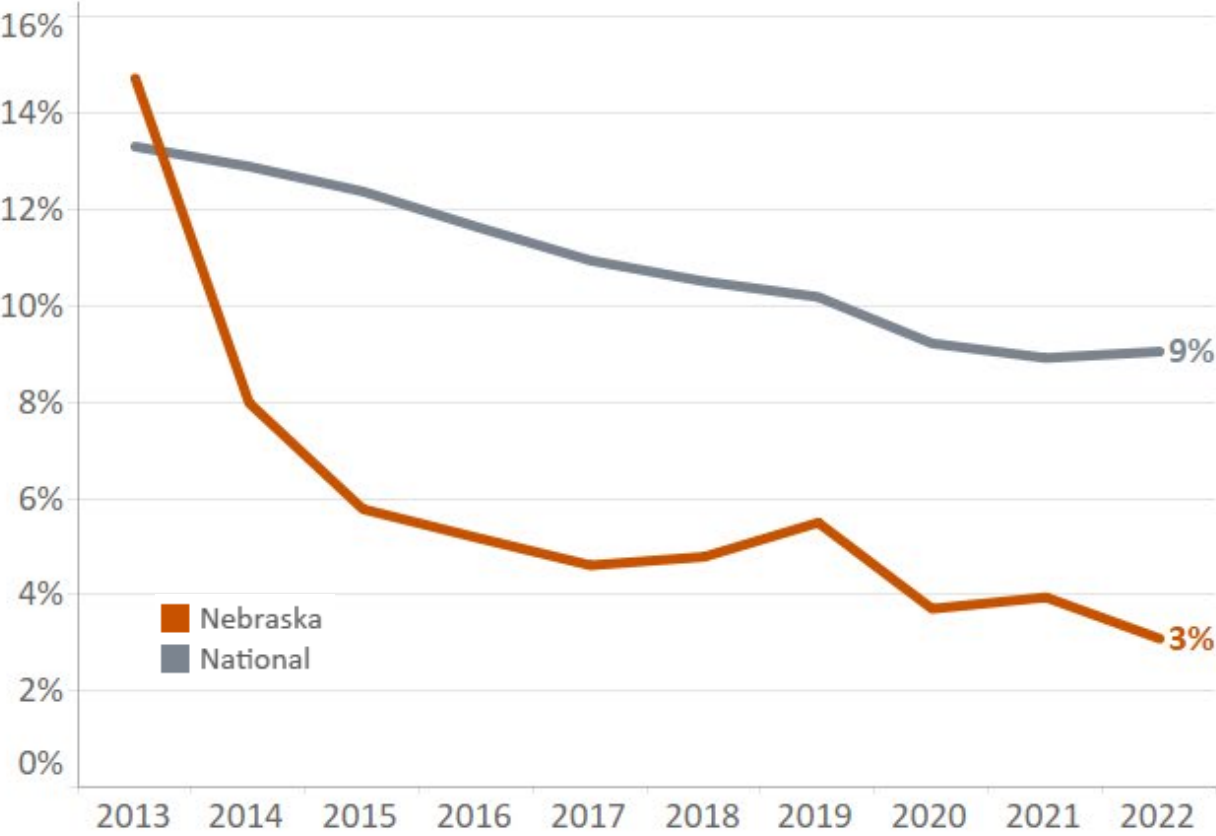


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# Group Placement | Nebraska

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Black/African American
- Latinx
- Multi-Racial
- White

What percent of children in care are placed in a group setting?



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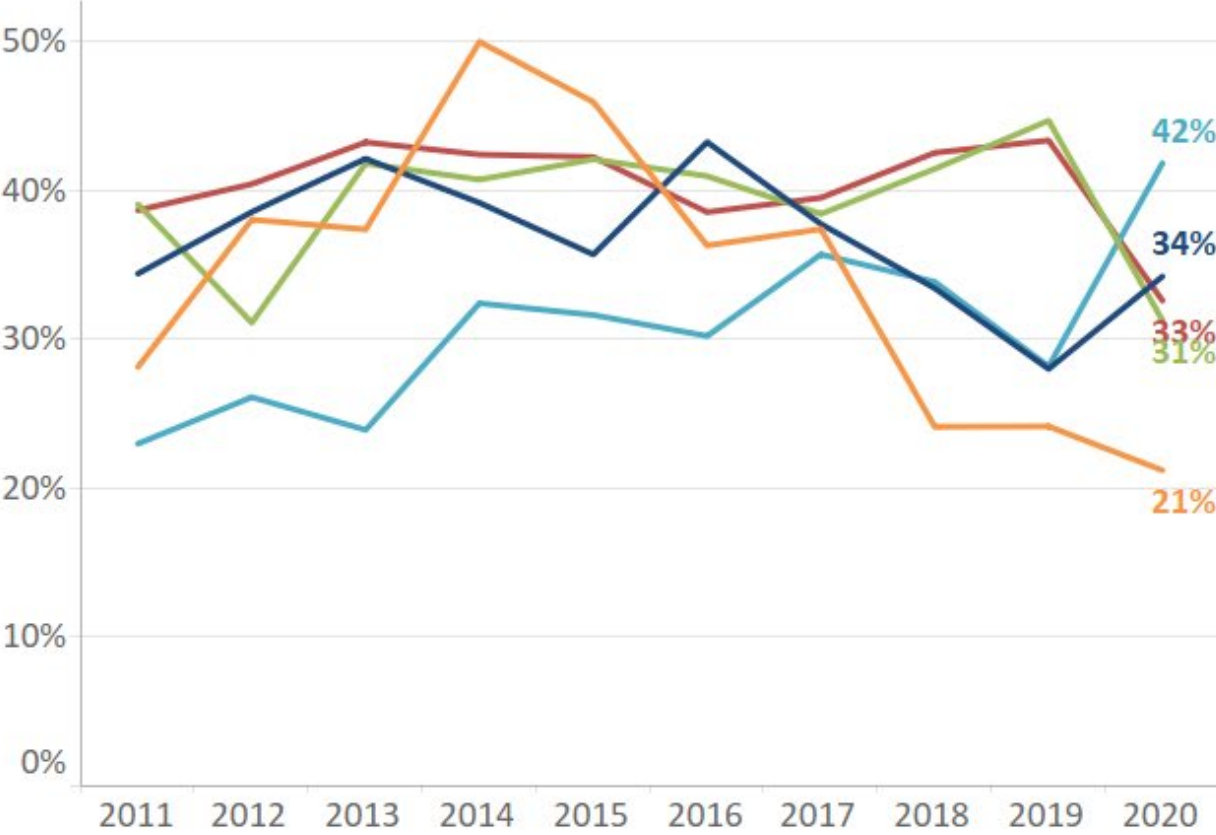
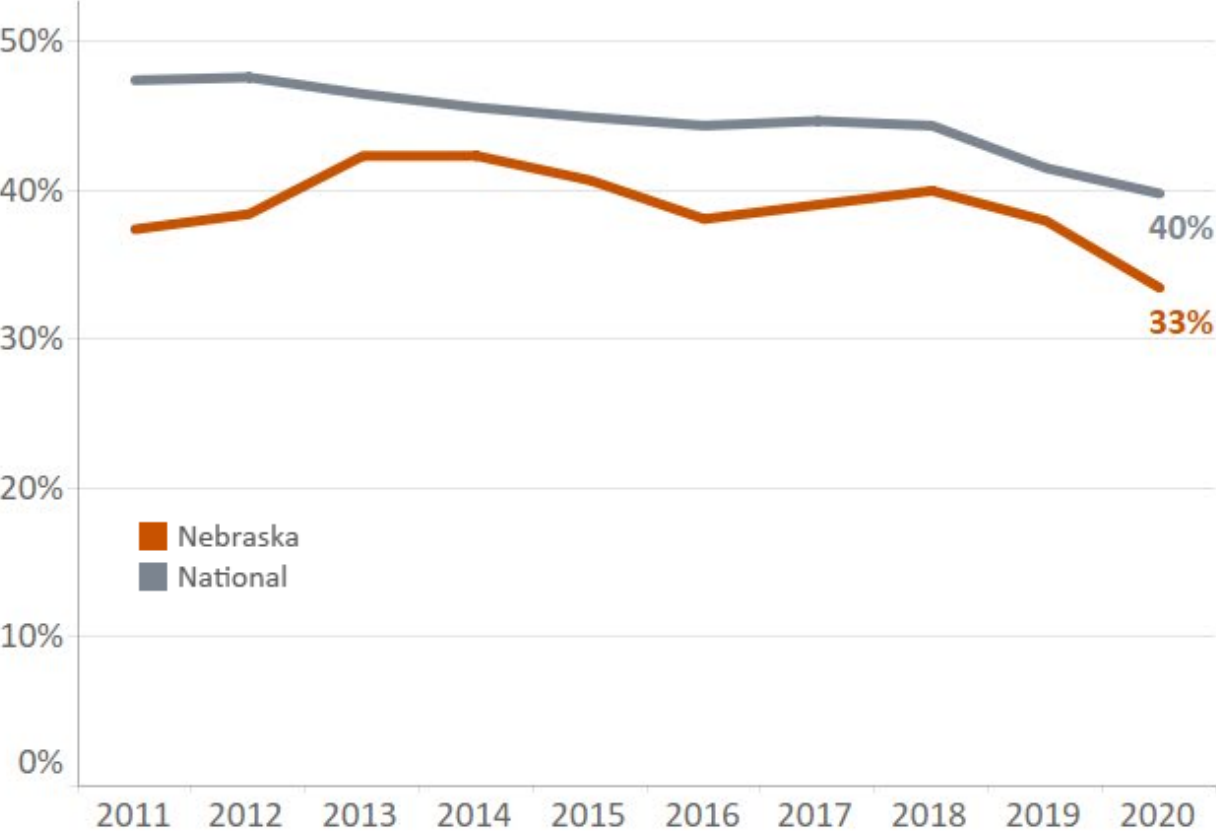
Exiting Care

# WHEN DO CHILDREN/YOUTH EXIT CARE?

# Permanency within 2 Years | Nebraska

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- Black/African American
- Latinx
- Multi-Racial
- White

What percent of children entering care achieve any permanency within 12 months plus children achieving adoption during months 12-24?

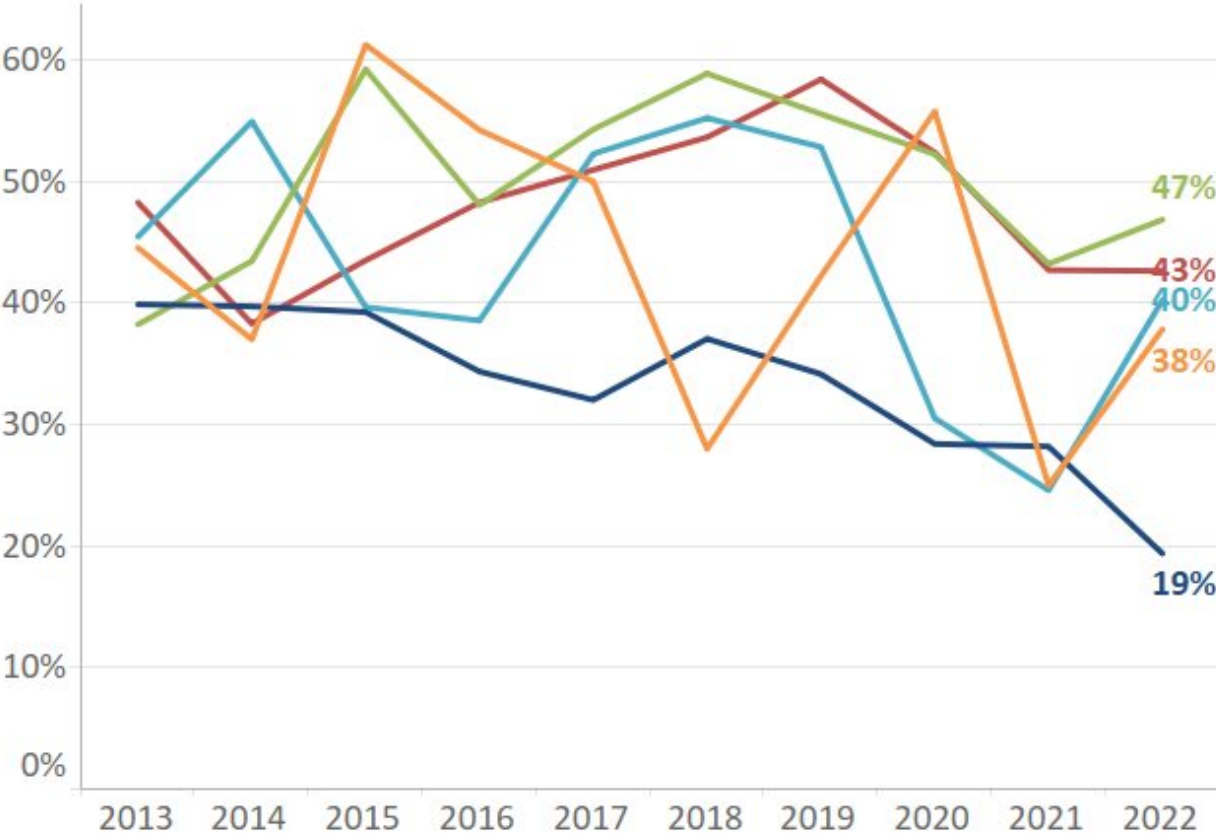
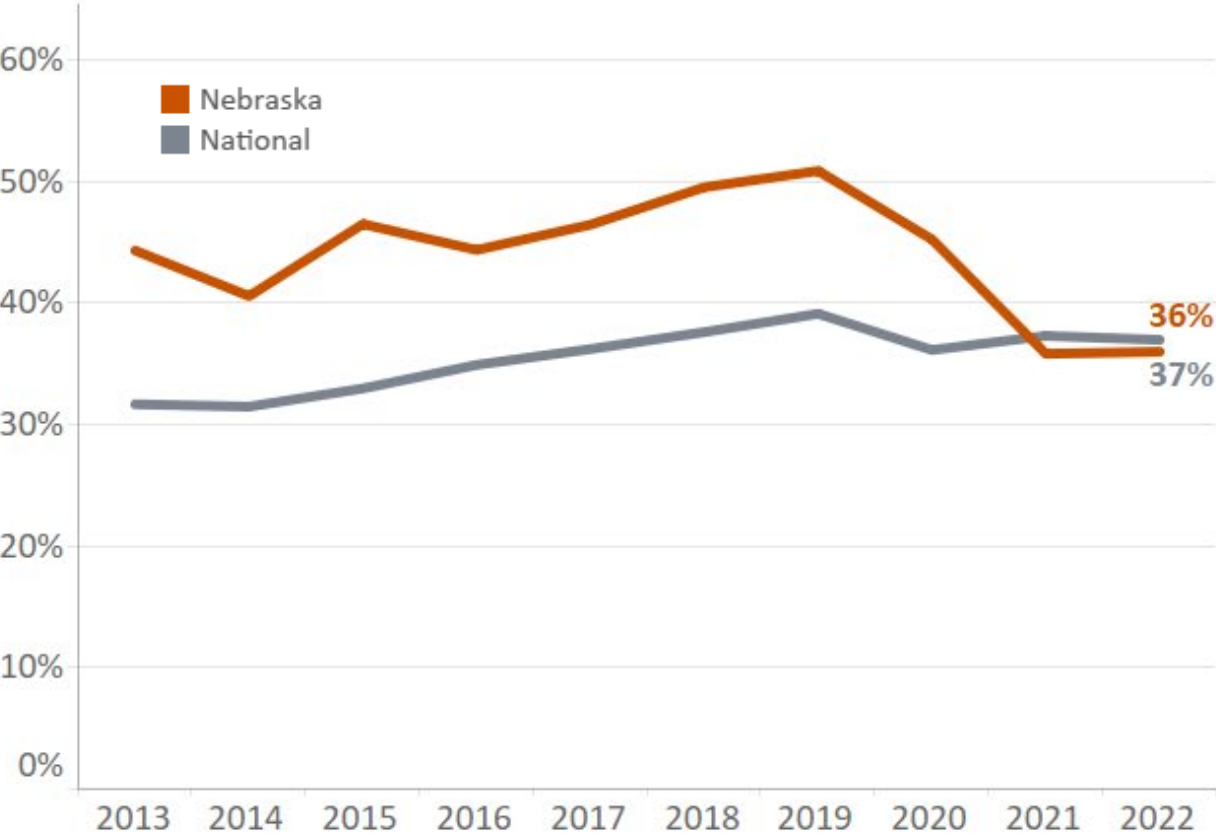


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# Permanency for Children in Care 2+ Years | Nebraska

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- Black/African American
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- Multi-Racial
- White

What percent of children that have been in care 2+ years at the start of the year achieve permanency within the subsequent 12 months?

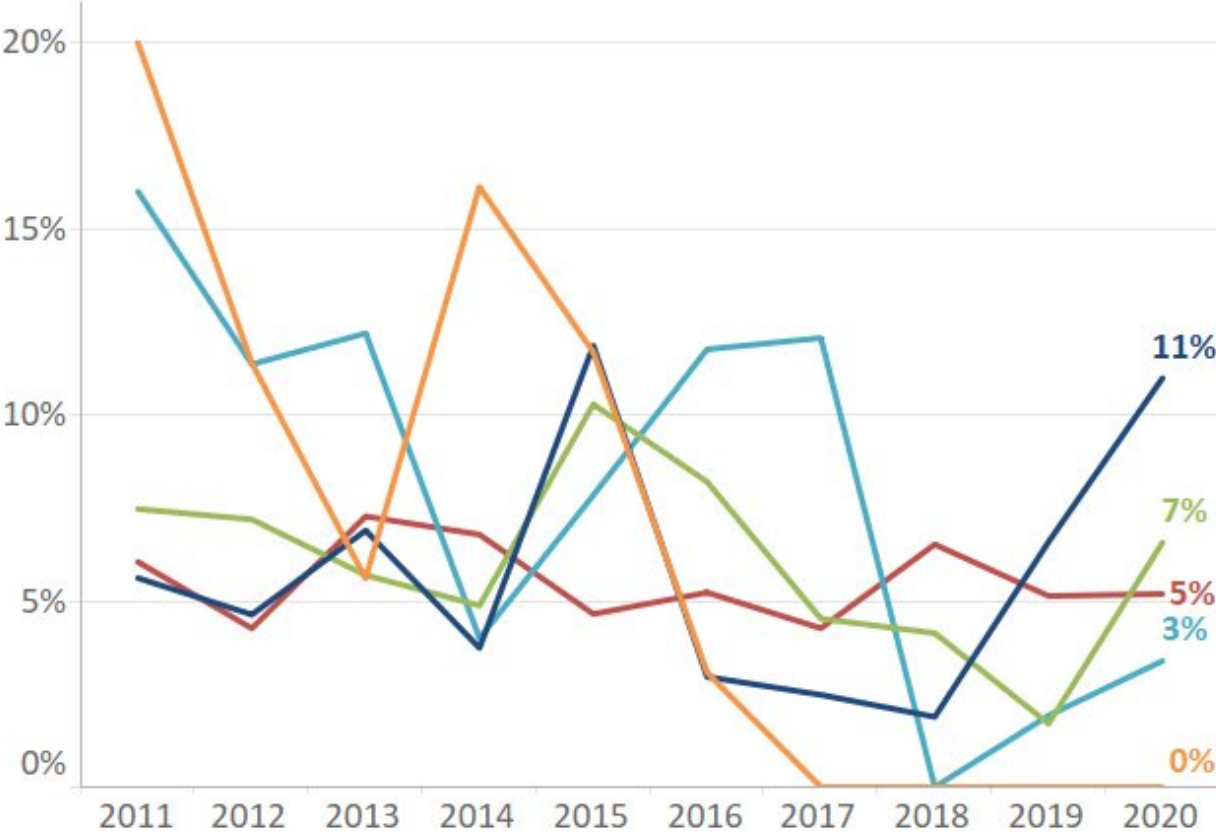
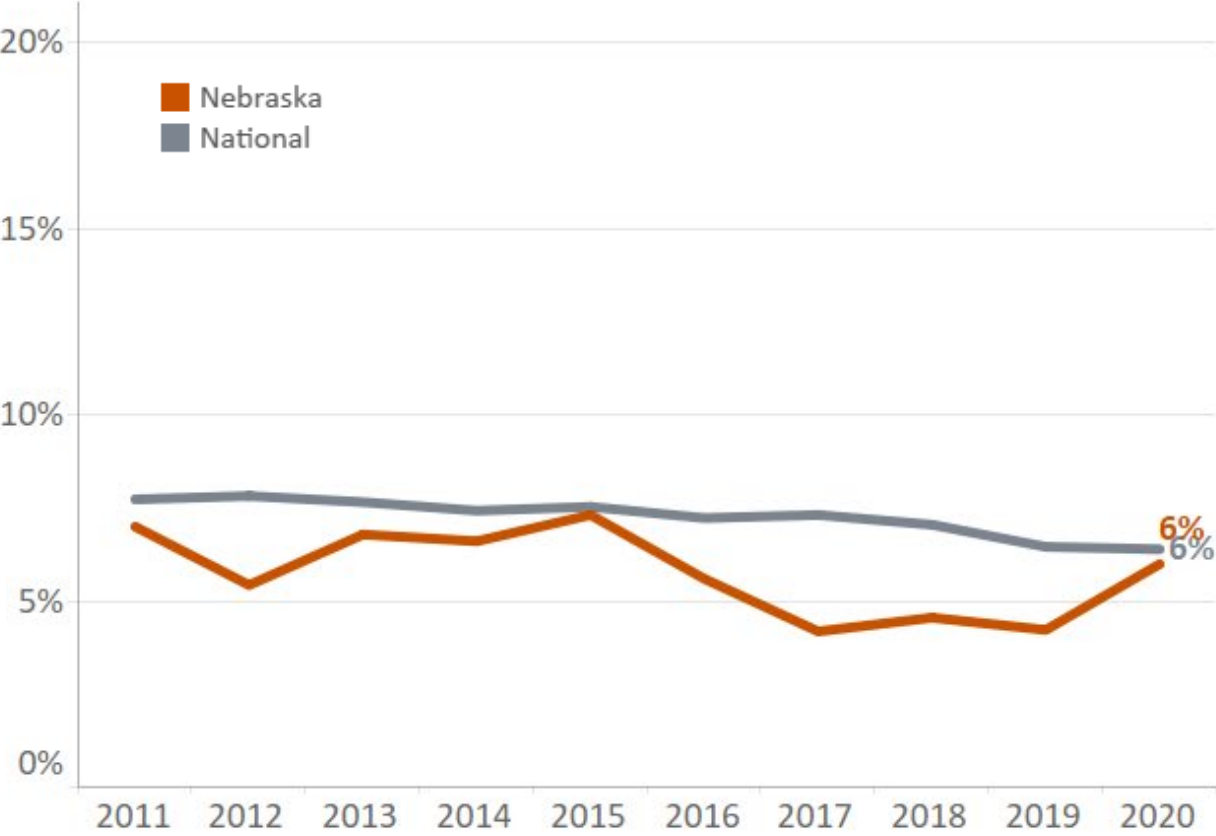


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# Re-Entry into Care | Nebraska

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- Black/African American
- Latinx
- Multi-Racial
- White

What percent of children that achieve permanency within 12 months of entry, re-enter care within the subsequent 12 months?

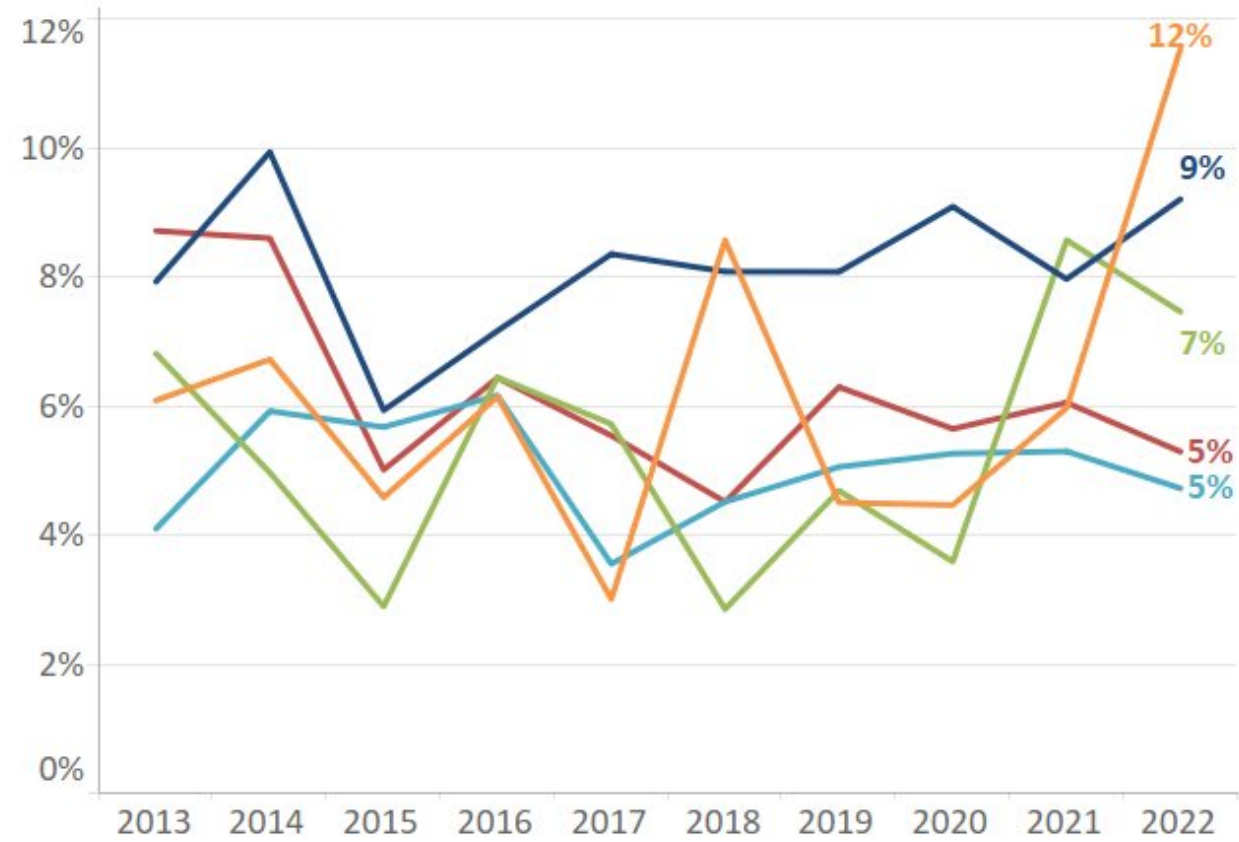
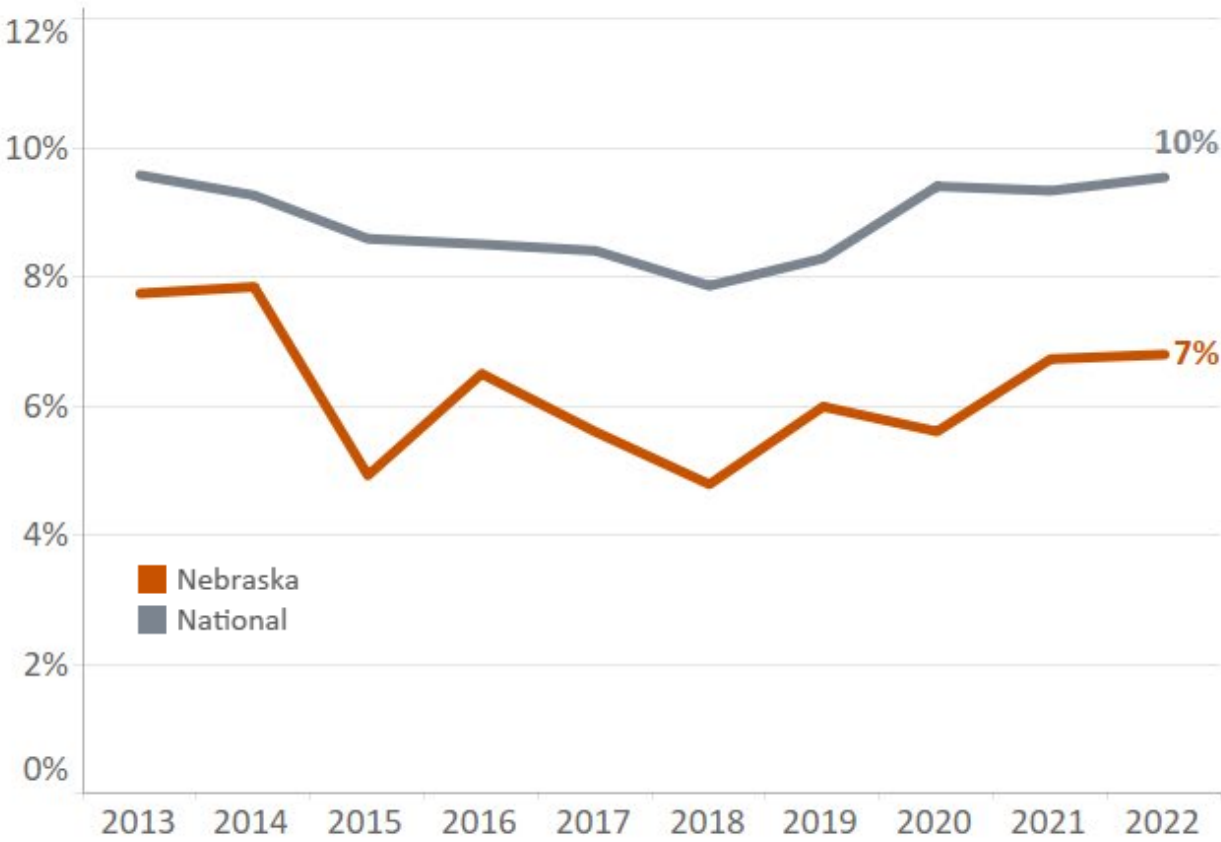


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# Aging Out of Care | Nebraska

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- Black/African American
- Latinx
- Multi-Racial
- White

What percent of children exiting care age out?



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