

Parental Alcohol or Drug Abuse as a Circumstance Reported at Removal by State, 2025

Total N with ANYAOD (numerator):			
State	Percent	Number	Total N
AK	65.10%	2,233	
AL	42.60%	3,784	
AR	37.90%	2,043	
AZ	37.60%	5,191	
CA	14.20%	7,933	
CO	48.90%	3,264	
CT	39.40%	1,904	
DC	15.70%	112	
DE	26.50%	198	
FL	45.70%	11,429	
GA	41.60%	6,553	
HI	20.50%	310	
*IA	51.30%	3,117	6,071
ID	31.30%	690	
IL	11.90%	2,771	
*IN	53.80%	10,353	19,256
*KS	25.80%	2,199	8,533
KY	34.50%	4,576	
LA	3.00%	230	
MA	33.70%	3,882	
MD	38.70%	1,958	
ME	48.00%	1,510	
MI	41.80%	5,495	
MN	46.20%	4,244	
MO	45.60%	7,566	
MS	41.90%	2,626	
MT	39.10%	1,297	
*NC	42.40%	6,811	16,072
ND	40.40%	757	
NE	28.60%	1,582	
NH	17.40%	292	
NJ	39.90%	1,715	
NM	44.00%	1,425	
NV	24.90%	1,627	
NY	29.70%	6,176	
OH	30.00%	7,218	

OK	55.00%	5,292	
OR	50.30%	3,385	
PA	33.60%	5,863	
RI	28.60%	656	
SC	17.10%	1,017	
SD	54.20%	1,433	
TN	34.40%	4,731	
TX	58.40%	15,645	
UT	59.60%	1,661	
VA	37.20%	2,924	
VT	41.30%	553	
WA	51.30%	4,525	
WI	40.00%	3,527	
WV	40.40%	4,292	
WY	44.90%	550	
PR	16.20%	495	
Total US	38.00%	181,620	

Nationally, 38% of children placed in out-of-home care had parental alcohol or other drug abuse as a circumstance reported at removal in 2025. The table 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).

*Note: Estimates based on **all children in out of home care at some point** during Fiscal Year;*

**Due to missing data for children without parental alcohol or drug risk factors, percentages were estimated using total number of entries for IA, IN, KS, and NC*

Source: Center for Children and Family Futures. (2026). *Analyses of the 2025 Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System from the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect* (file number 312) [Data set]. NDACAN. <https://www.ndacan.acf.hhs.gov/>