

Prevalence of Parental Alcohol or Drug Abuse as a Circumstance Reported at Removal in the United States, 2000 to 2025

Year	National
2000	18.5%
2001	19.6%
2002	21.9%
2003	23.0%
2004	23.9%
2005	24.7%
2006	25.9%
2007	26.5%
2008	26.0%
2009	26.2%
2010	28.5%
2011	29.6%
2012	30.7%
2013	31.3%
2014	32.2%
2015	34.5%
2016	35.7%
2017	37.8%
2018	38.8%
2019	38.9%
2020	38.9%
2021	38.3%
2022	38.4%
2023	39.0%
2024	38.2%
2025	38.0%

The percentage of children in out-of-home care with parental alcohol or other drug abuse as a circumstance reported at removal has steadily increased from 18.5% in 2000 to 38% in 2025.

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

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/>