

Prevalence of Parental Alcohol or Other Drug Use as a Contributing Factor for Reason for Removal in the United States, 2000 to 2016

Year	Percentage
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	29.5%
2012	30.7%
2013	31.3%
2014	32.2%
2015	34.4%
2016	35.3%

Child welfare workers report that most children in child welfare, and the overwhelming majority of children placed in out-of-home care, have a parent with an alcohol or other substance use disorder. Parental alcohol or other drug use as a contributing factor for reason for removal increased from 18% to over 35% in the last 16 years.

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

Source: AFCARS Data, 2000-2016