Child Welfare

Outcome Measures & Results
February 2014 (Reflects data as of December 31, 2013)

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SAFETY 1 – Children are first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.

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Sources: Internal Data System, SHINES

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Of all the children who were victims of substantiated maltreatment in the first 6 months of the year, the percentage that had substantiated maltreatment within the following 6 months.
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Sources: Protective Services Data System, SHINES

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Source: SHINES

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Source: SHINES

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PERMANENCY 1 – Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.

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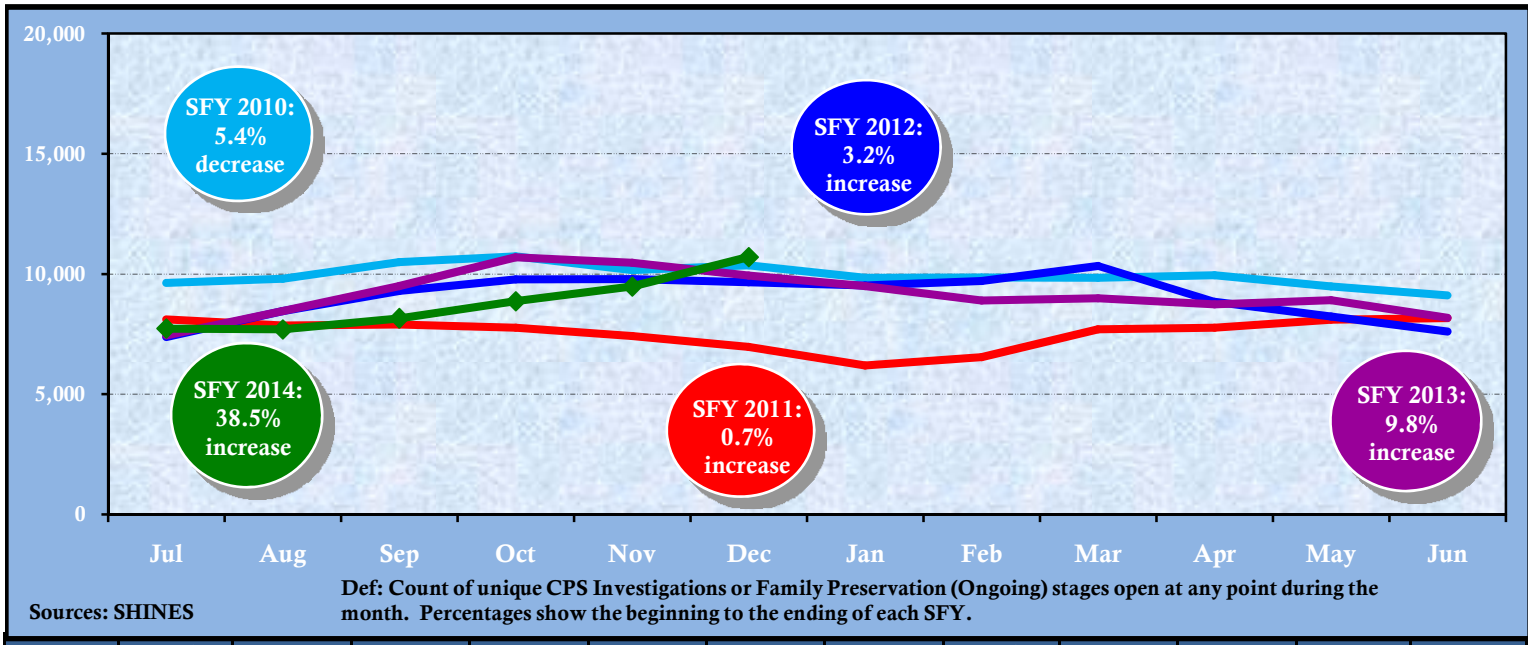
Source: SHINES

SAFETY-RELATED OUTCOMES

Number of Child Protective Services Cases (includes Investigations and Family Preservation cases)



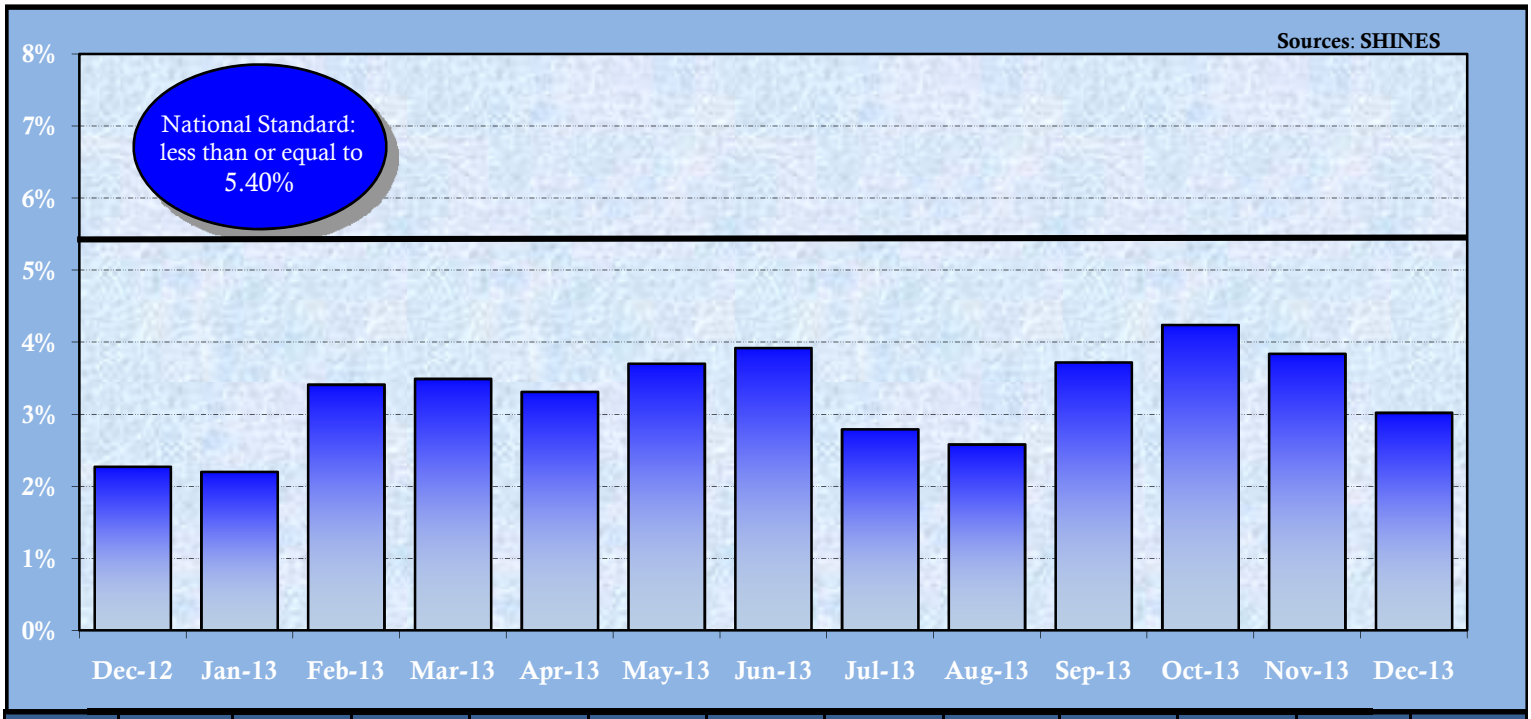
Sources: SHINES

Def: Count of unique CPS Investigations or Family Preservation (Ongoing) stages open at any point during the month. Percentages show the beginning to the ending of each SFY.

SFY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
SFY 14	7,729	7,693	8,153	8,865	9,479	10,701						
SFY 13	7,441	8,449	9,489	10,696	10,462	9,934	9,492	8,895	8,991	8,733	8,902	8,169
SFY 12	7,373	8,451	9,291	9,776	9,786	9,650	9,521	9,707	10,338	8,836	8,228	7,606
SFY 11	8,103	7,855	7,895	7,765	7,410	6,969	6,189	6,542	7,696	7,768	8,098	8,163
SFY 10	9,624	9,796	10,489	10,734	10,165	10,357	9,833	9,856	9,834	9,950	9,479	9,105

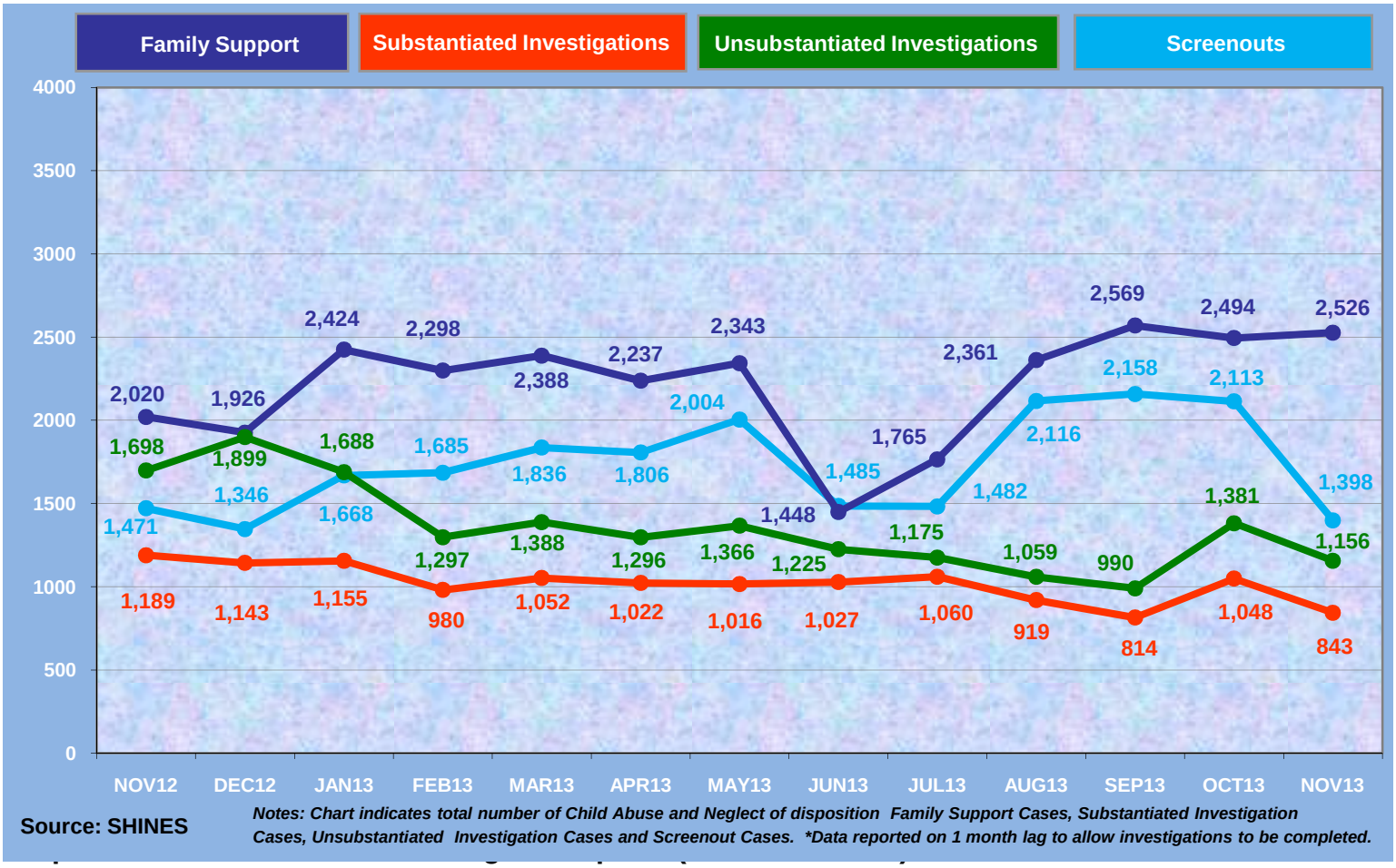
Recurrence of Substantiated Child Maltreatment (Dec 2012 – Dec 2013)

Def: Of all children who were victims of substantiated maltreatment in the first 6 months of the year, the percentage that had a substan. report of maltreatment within the following 6 months. This is calculated with a two-month lag.



Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13
2.27%	2.20%	3.41%	3.49%	3.31%	3.70%	3.92%	2.79%	2.58%	3.72%	4.24%	3.84%	3.02%

Disposition of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (December 2013)



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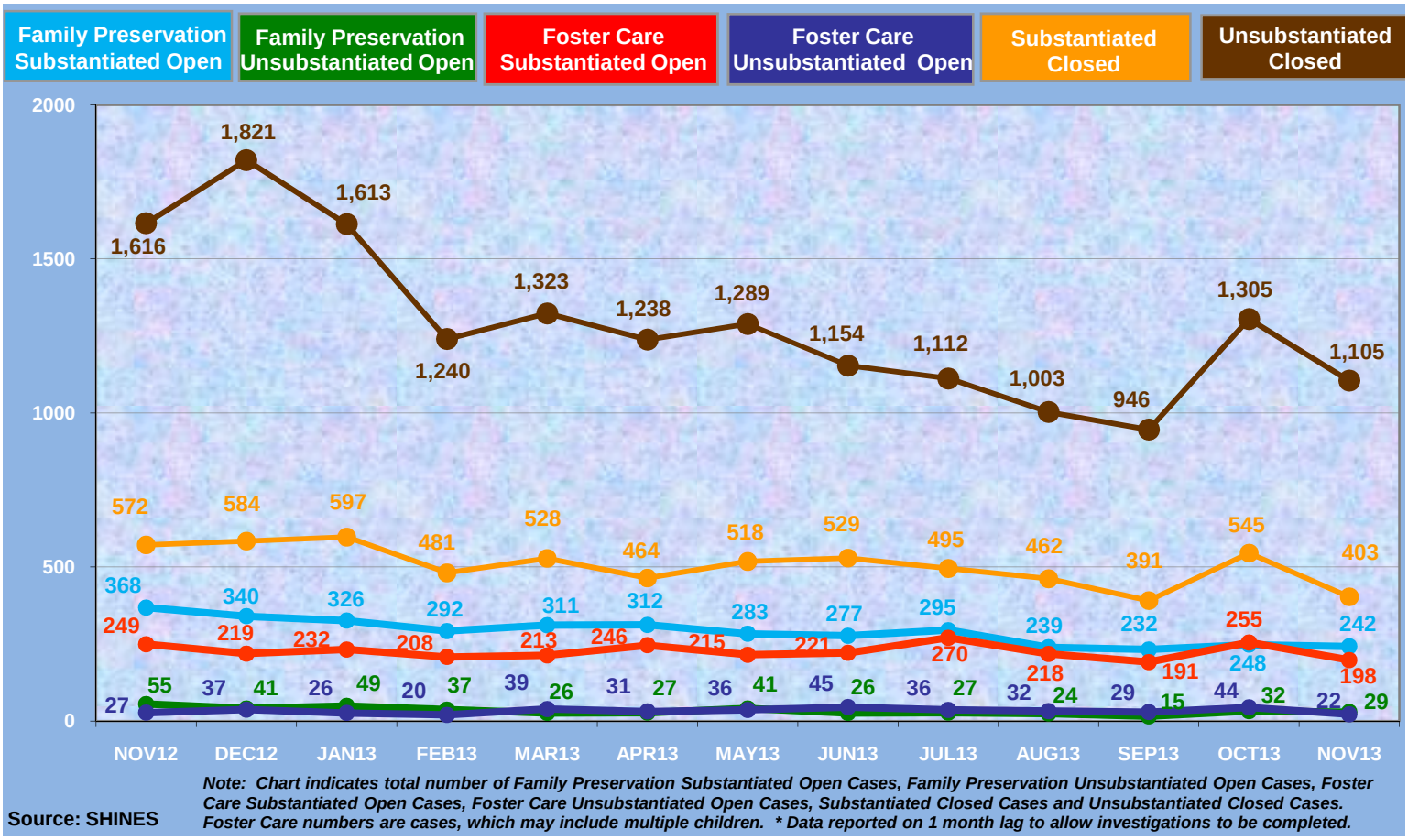
Notes: Chart indicates total number of Child Abuse and Neglect of disposition Family Support Cases, Substantiated Investigation Cases, Unsubstantiated Investigation Cases and Screenout Cases. *Data reported on 1 month lag to allow investigations to be completed.



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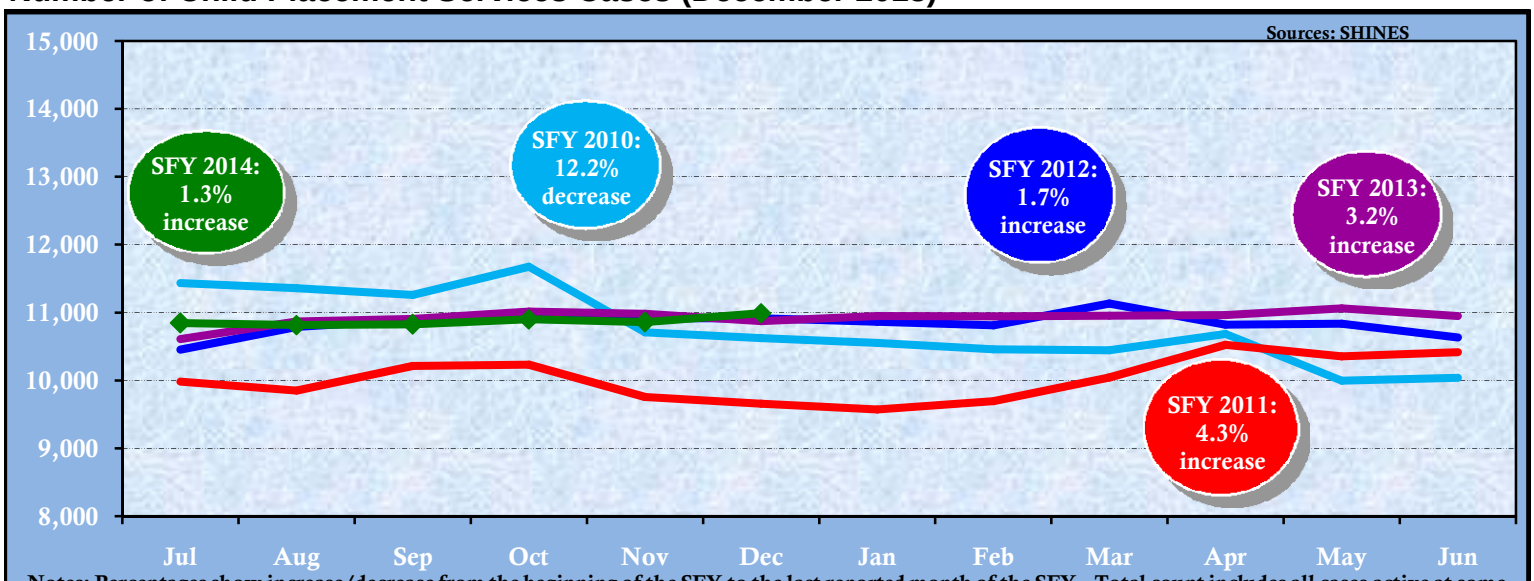
Note: Chart indicates total number of Family Preservation Substantiated Open Cases, Family Preservation Unsubstantiated Open Cases, Foster Care Substantiated Open Cases, Foster Care Unsubstantiated Open Cases, Substantiated Closed Cases and Unsubstantiated Closed Cases. Foster Care numbers are cases, which may include multiple children. * Data reported on 1 month lag to allow investigations to be completed.

PERMANENCY- RELATED OUTCOMES

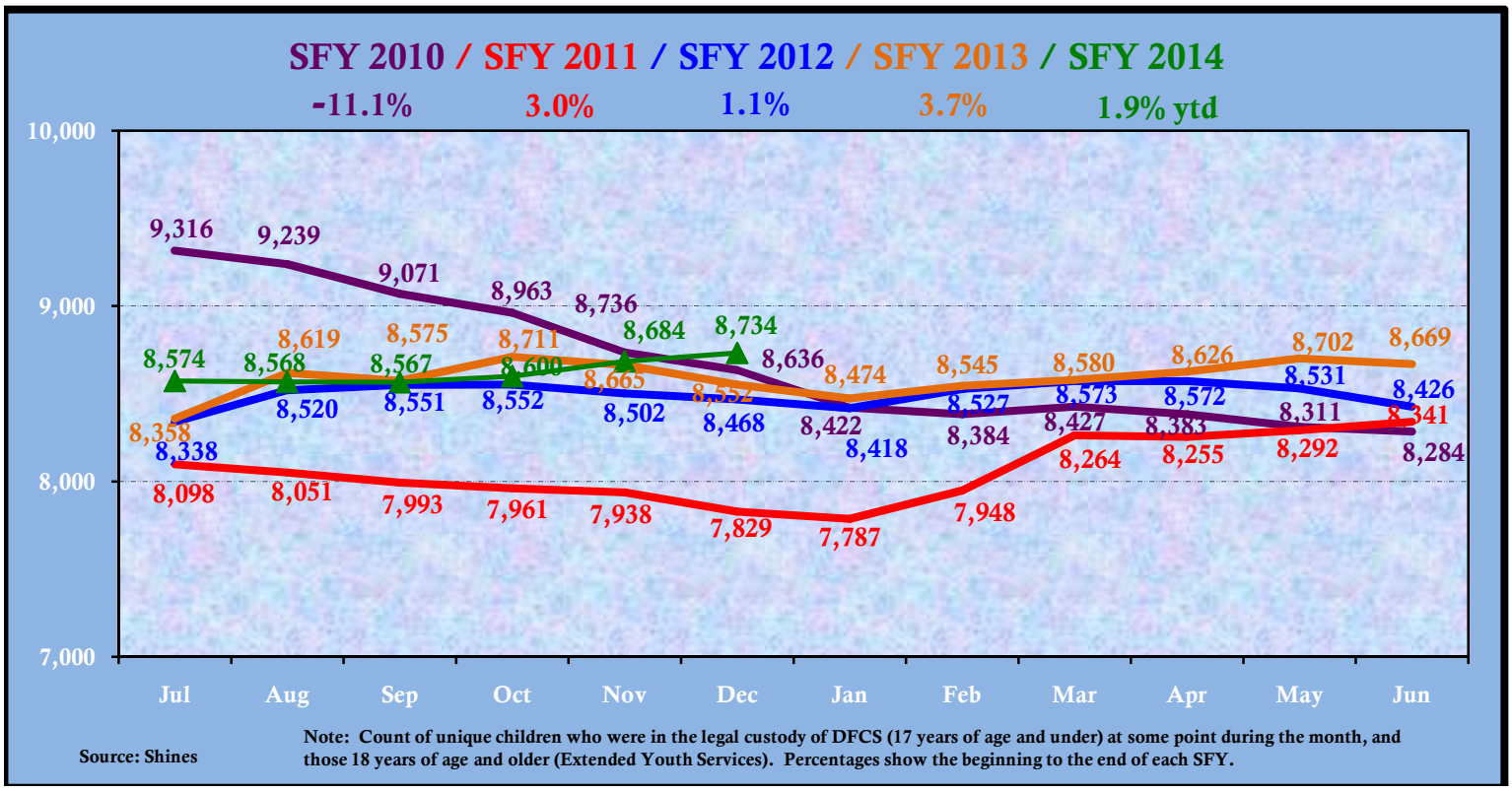
Number of Child Placement Services Cases (December 2013)



Notes: Percentages show increase/decrease from the beginning of the SFY to the last reported month of the SFY. Total count includes all cases active at some time during the month. For December 2013, the total number of placement cases: 8,304 children are in legal custody of DFCS under the age of 18; 441 children are in Extended Youth Services (youth in care age 18 and over); 2,247 were Relative Placements and ICPC Children in placement in Georgia at any point in time during the month.

SFY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
SFY 14	10,847	10,817	10,828	10,903	10,861	10,992						
SFY 13	10,610	10,871	10,907	11,016	10,984	10,875	10,951	10,944	10,955	10,966	11,063	10,948
SFY 12	10,457	10,788	10,893	10,908	10,917	10,919	10,863	10,813	11,135	10,823	10,839	10,634
SFY 11	9,985	9,853	10,215	10,234	9,758	9,660	9,572	9,698	10,047	10,526	10,355	10,419
SFY 10	11,437	11,362	11,260	11,676	10,708	10,625	10,552	10,462	10,446	10,687	9,997	10,041

Number of Children in the Custody and Care of DFCS (December 2013)



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Children in the Legal Custody of DFCS Under the Age of 18 (December 2012 - December 2013)

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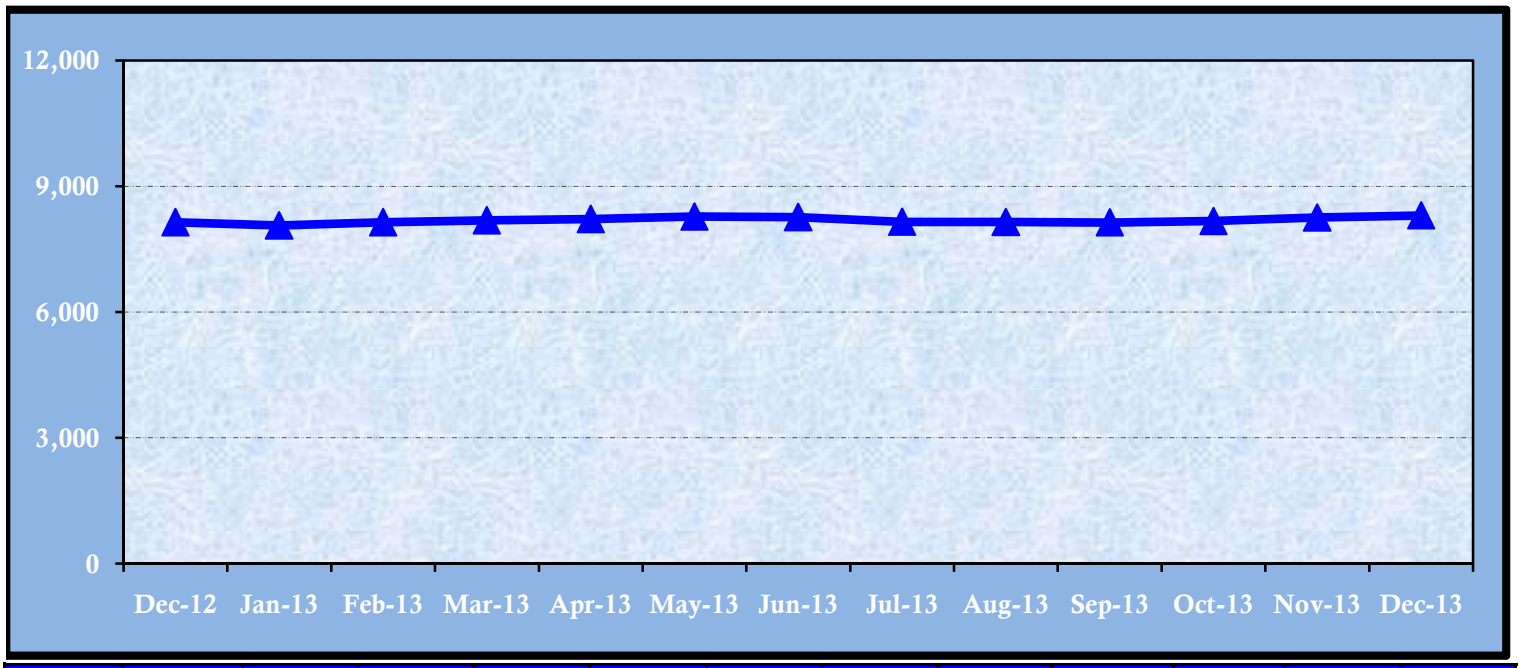
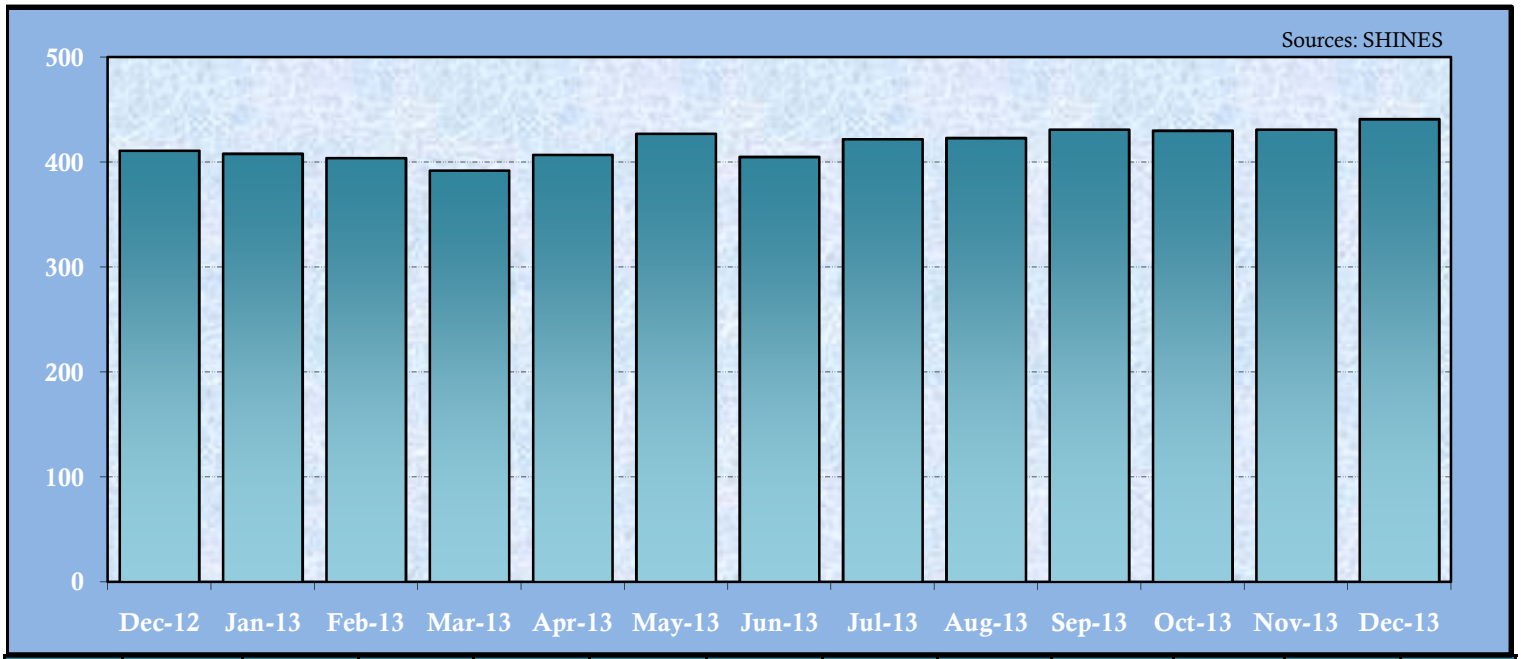


Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13
8,141	8,066	8,141	8,188	8,219	8,275	8,264	8,152	8,145	8,136	8,170	8,253	8,304

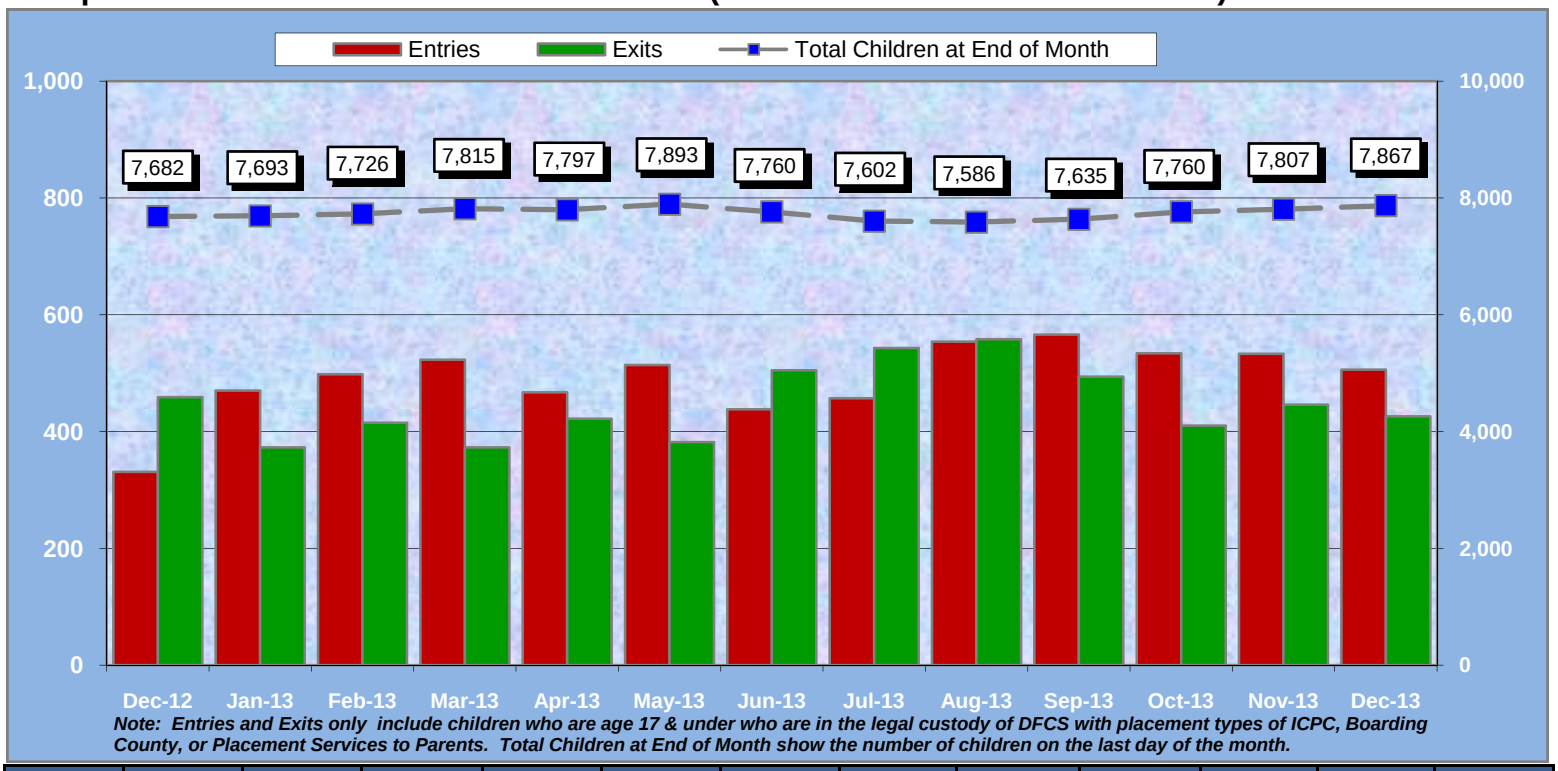
Extended Youth Services (December 2012 - December 2013)

Def: Number of children age 18 and over who have signed themselves back into care.



Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13
411	408	404	392	407	427	405	422	423	431	430	431	441

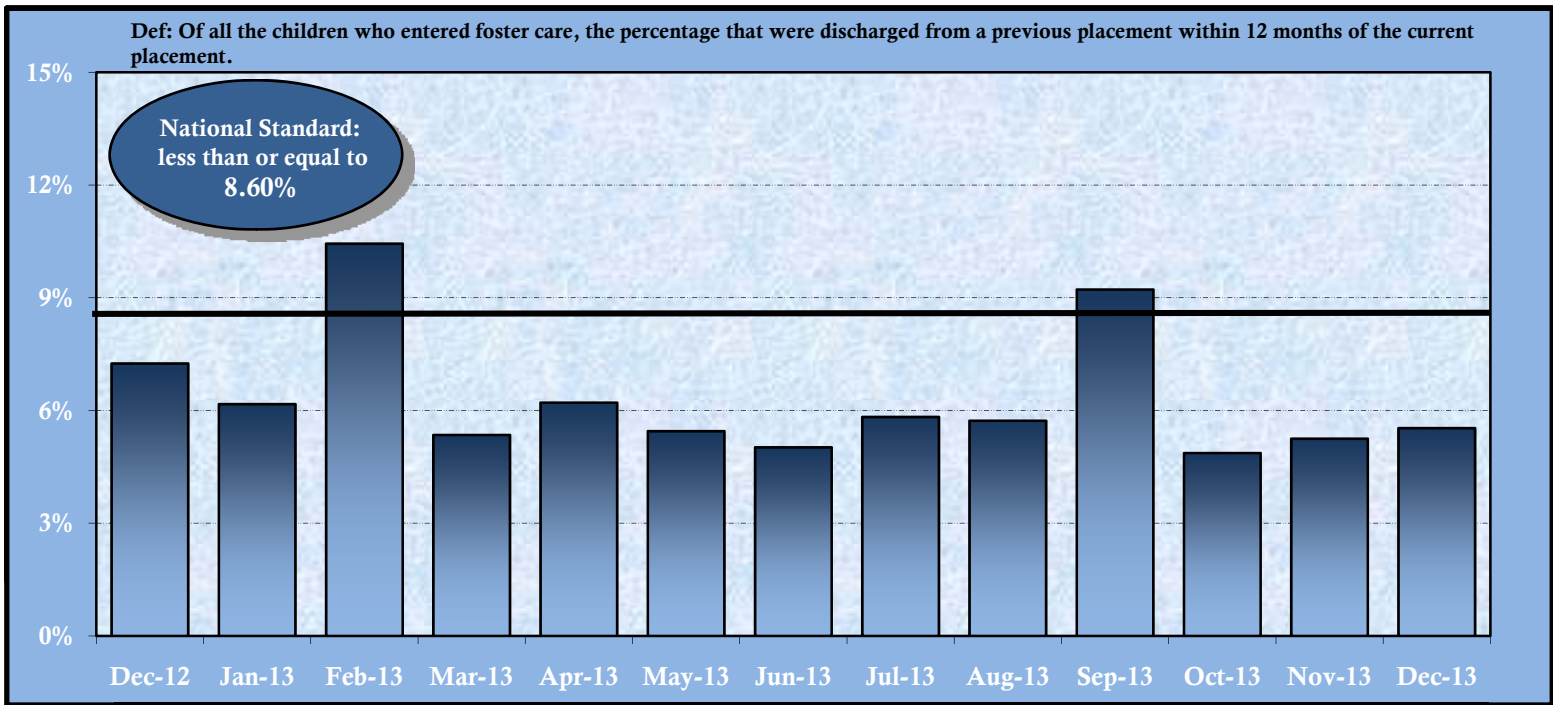
Comparison of Foster Care Entries and Exits (December 2012 - December 2013)



Note: Entries and Exits only include children who are age 17 & under who are in the legal custody of DFCS with placement types of ICPC, Boarding County, or Placement Services to Parents. Total Children at End of Month show the number of children on the last day of the month.

Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13
331	470	498	523	467	514	438	457	554	566	534	533	506
459	373	415	373	422	382	505	543	558	494	410	446	426

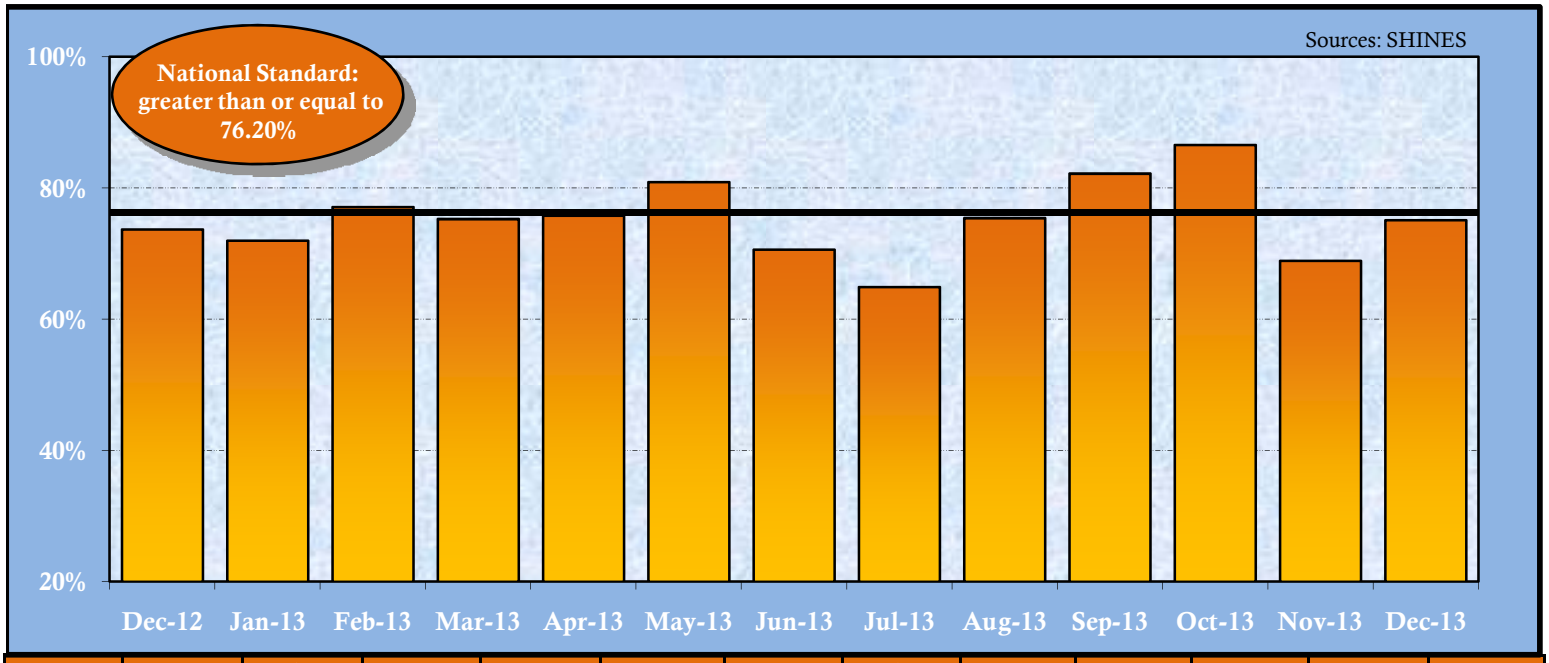
Foster Care Re-Entry Rate (December 2012 - December 2013)



Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13
7.25%	6.17%	10.44%	5.35%	6.21%	5.45%	5.02%	5.83%	5.73%	9.22%	4.87%	5.25%	5.53%

Length of Time to Reunification (December 2012 - December 2013)

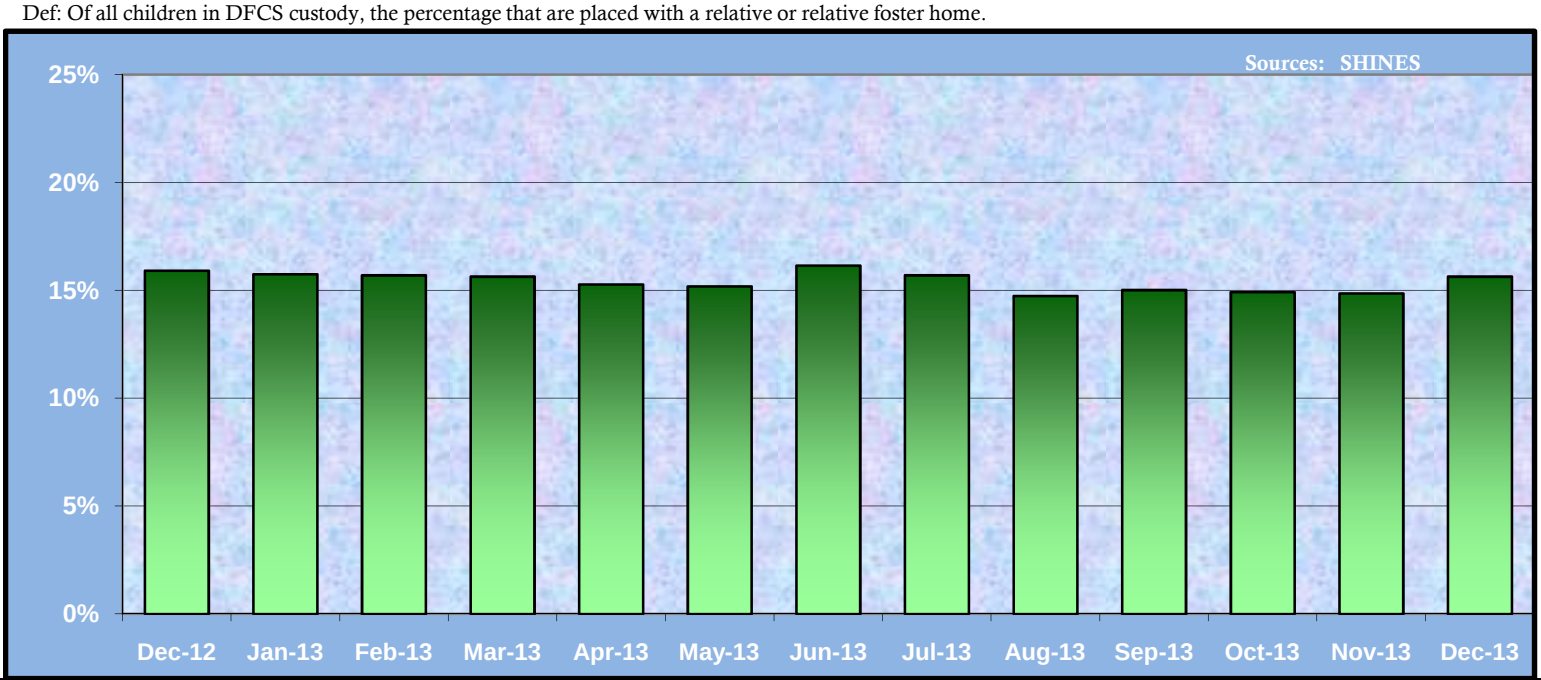
Def: Percentage of children who exited care during the month through reunification with their family that reunified in less than 12 months from the date of their last removal.



Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13
73.71%	71.98%	77.13%	75.29%	75.81%	80.93%	70.63%	64.93%	75.43%	82.22%	86.59%	68.91%	75.11%

Percent of Children Placed with Relatives (December 2012 – December 2013)

Def: Of all children in DFCS custody, the percentage that are placed with a relative or relative foster home.



Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13
15.92%	15.75%	15.70%	15.64%	15.28%	15.19%	16.15%	15.70%	14.74%	15.02%	14.92%	14.86%	15.64%