# Child Welfare

## Outcome Measures & Results
January 2014 (Reflects data as of November 30, 2013)

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# Definitions and Data Sources

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

Count of unique CPS Investigations or Family Preservation (Ongoing) stages open at any point during the month.  Includes all cases active at some time during the month.
Sources:  Internal Data System, SHINES

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.
*National Standard: less than or equal to 5.40%*
Sources: Protective Services Data System, SHINES

Chart reflects the disposition of reports received in a particular month.  Data includes count of Family Support, Substantiated Investigations, Unsubstantiated Investigations and Screenouts.
Source:  SHINES

Chart reflects the disposition of reports received in a particular month.  Data includes count of Family Preservation (Substantiated and Unsubstantiated Open), Foster Care (Substantiated and Unsubstantiated Open), Substantiated and Unsubstantiated Closed.
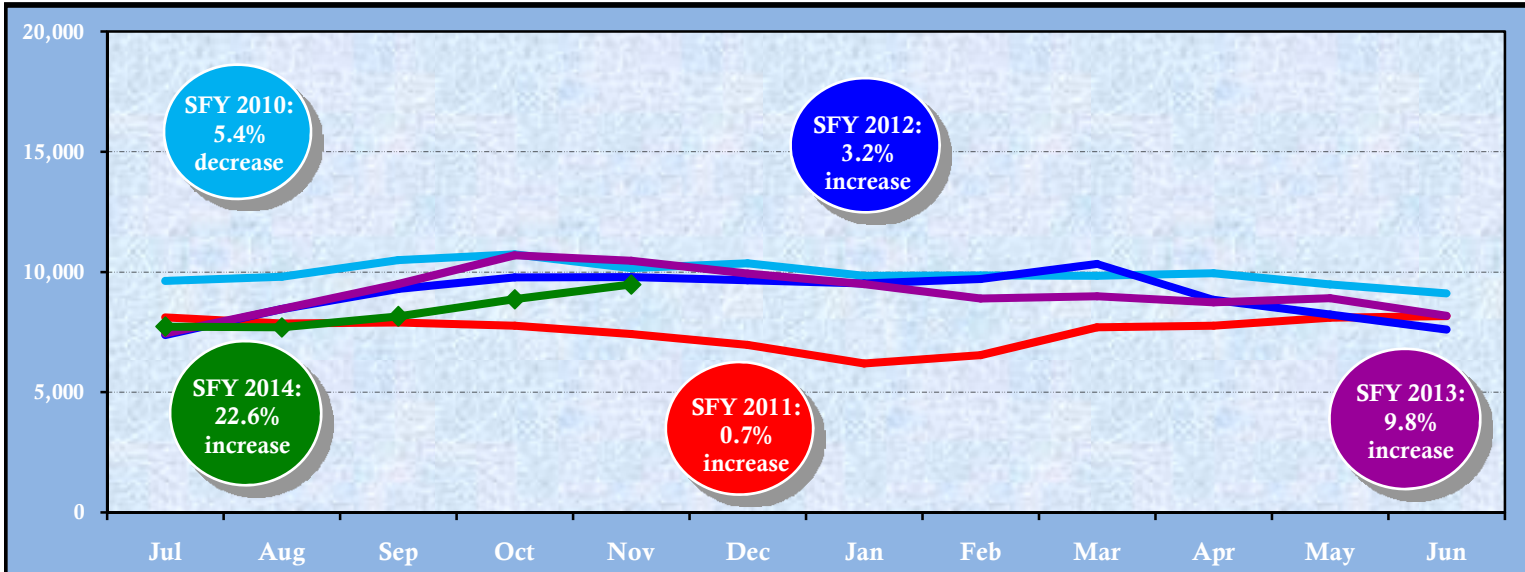Source:  SHINES

# Definitions and Data Sources cont…

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

  Count of unique children in foster care or adoptions stages open at any point during the month and cases active at some time during the month.  Population may include children not in DFCS custody.
  Sources:  Internal Data System, SHINES

  Count of unique children who were in the legal custody of DFCS (17 years of age and under) at some point during the month, and those 18 years of age and older (Extended Youth Services). Excludes Aftercare, ICPC, Placement services to parents, and Boarding County.
  Source: SHINES

  Count of unique children who were in the legal custody of DFCS at some point during the month under the age 18.  Excludes Aftercare, ICPC, Placement services to parents, and Boarding County.
  Source: SHINES

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

  Number of children who have entered foster care and number of children who have exited foster care during the month.  Total children at end of month show the number of children on the last day of the month.
  Source: SHINES

  Of all the children who entered foster care, the percentage that were discharged from a previous placement within 12 months of the current foster care placement.
  *National Standard: less than or equal to 8.60%*
  Source: SHINES

  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 removal.
  *National Standard: greater than or equal to 76.20%*
  Source: SHINES

  Of all children in DFCS custody, the percentage that are placed with a relative or a relative foster home.
  *State Target: greater than or equal to 30.00%*
  Source: SHINES

  The number of children whose adoption was finalized.
  Source: SHINES

# SAFETY-RELATED OUTCOMES

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



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.

Sources: SHINES

| 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 | | | | | | | |
| 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 (Nov 2012 – Nov 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.
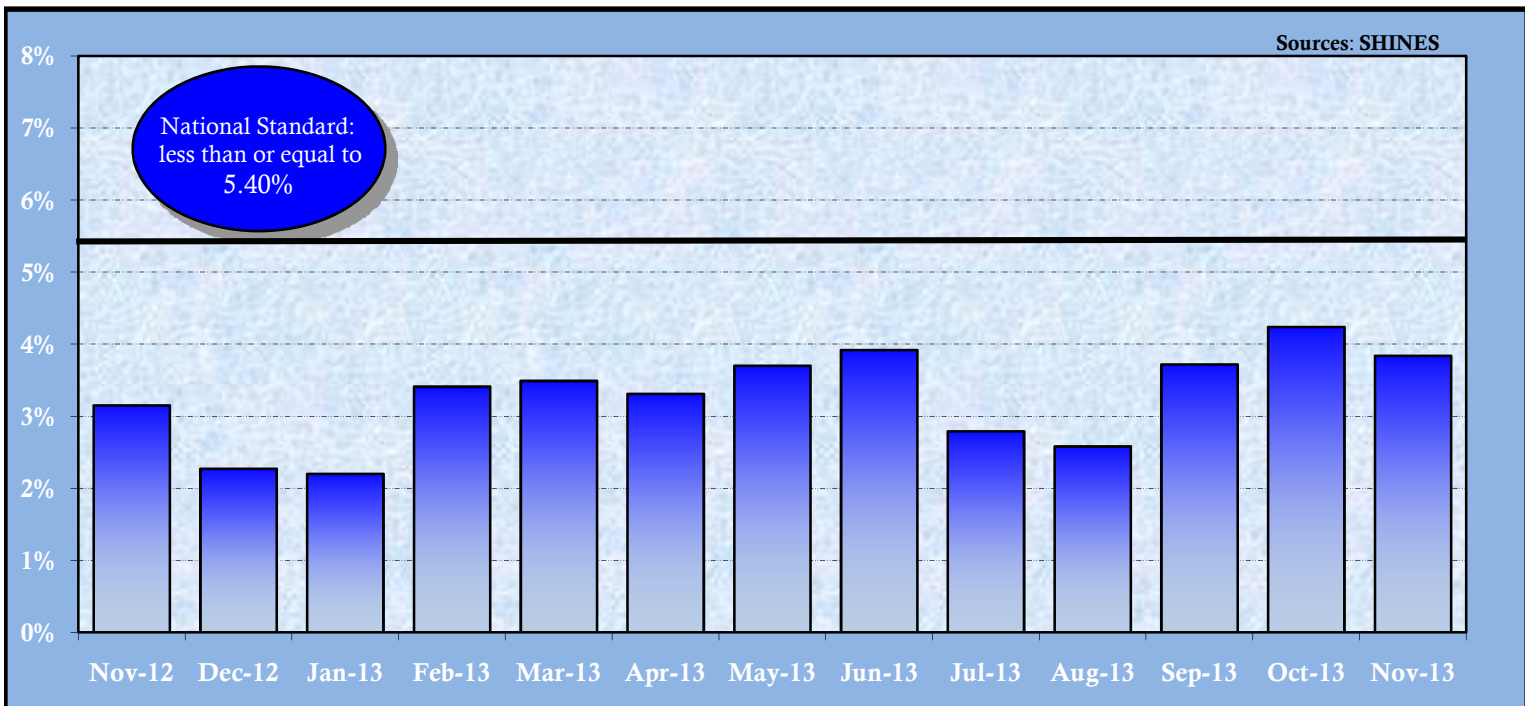


| Nov-12 | Dec-12 | Jan-13 | Feb-13 | Mar-13 | Apr-13 | May-13 | Jun-13 | Jul-13 | Aug-13 | Sep-13 | Oct-13 | Nov-13 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3.15% | 2.27% | 2.20% | 3.41% | 3.49% | 3.31% | 3.70% | 3.92% | 2.79% | 2.58% | 3.72% | 4.24% | 3.84% |

# Disposition of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (November 2013)



| | Family Support | Substantiated Investigations | Unsubstantiated Investigations | Screenouts |
|---|---|---|---|---|

Family Support: OCT12 2,684; NOV12 2,020; DEC12 1,926; JAN13 2,424; FEB13 2,298; MAR13 2,388; APR13 2,237; MAY13 2,343; JUN13 1,448; JUL13 1,765; AUG13 2,361; SEP13 2,569; OCT13 2,494

Screenouts: OCT12 1,721; NOV12 1,471; DEC12 1,346; JAN13 1,668; FEB13 1,685; MAR13 1,836; APR13 1,806; MAY13 2,004; JUN13 1,485; JUL13 1,482; AUG13 2,116; SEP13 2,158; OCT13 2,113

Unsubstantiated Investigations: OCT12 1,643; NOV12 1,698; DEC12 1,899; JAN13 1,688; FEB13 1,297; MAR13 1,388; APR13 1,296; MAY13 1,366; JUN13 1,225; JUL13 1,175; AUG13 1,059; SEP13 990; OCT13 1,381

Substantiated Investigations: OCT12 1,299; NOV12 1,189; DEC12 1,143; JAN13 1,155; FEB13 980; MAR13 1,052; APR13 1,022; MAY13 1,016; JUN13 1,027; JUL13 1,060; AUG13 919; SEP13 814; OCT13 1,048

*Source: SHINES*

*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.*

# Disposition of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (November 2013)



| Family Preservation Substantiated Open | Family Preservation Unsubstantiated Open | Foster Care Substantiated Open | Foster Care Unsubstantiated Open | Substantiated Closed | Unsubstantiated Closed |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|

Unsubstantiated Closed: OCT12 1,537; NOV12 1,616; DEC12 1,821; JAN13 1,613; FEB13 1,240; MAR13 1,323; APR13 1,238; MAY13 1,289; JUN13 1,154; JUL13 1,112; AUG13 1,003; SEP13 946; OCT13 1,305

Substantiated Closed: OCT12 558; NOV12 572; DEC12 584; JAN13 597; FEB13 481; MAR13 528; APR13 464; MAY13 518; JUN13 529; JUL13 495; AUG13 462; SEP13 391; OCT13 545

Family Preservation Substantiated Open: OCT12 433; NOV12 368; DEC12 340; JAN13 326; FEB13 292; MAR13 311; APR13 312; MAY13 283; JUN13 277; JUL13 295; AUG13 239; SEP13 232; OCT13 248

Foster Care Substantiated Open: OCT12 230; NOV12 249; DEC12 219; JAN13 232; FEB13 208; MAR13 213; APR13 246; MAY13 215; JUN13 224; JUL13 270; AUG13 218; SEP13 191; OCT13 255

Family Preservation Unsubstantiated Open: OCT12 58; NOV12 55; DEC12 41; JAN13 49; FEB13 37; MAR13 26; APR13 27; MAY13 41; JUN13 26; JUL13 27; AUG13 24; SEP13 15; OCT13 32
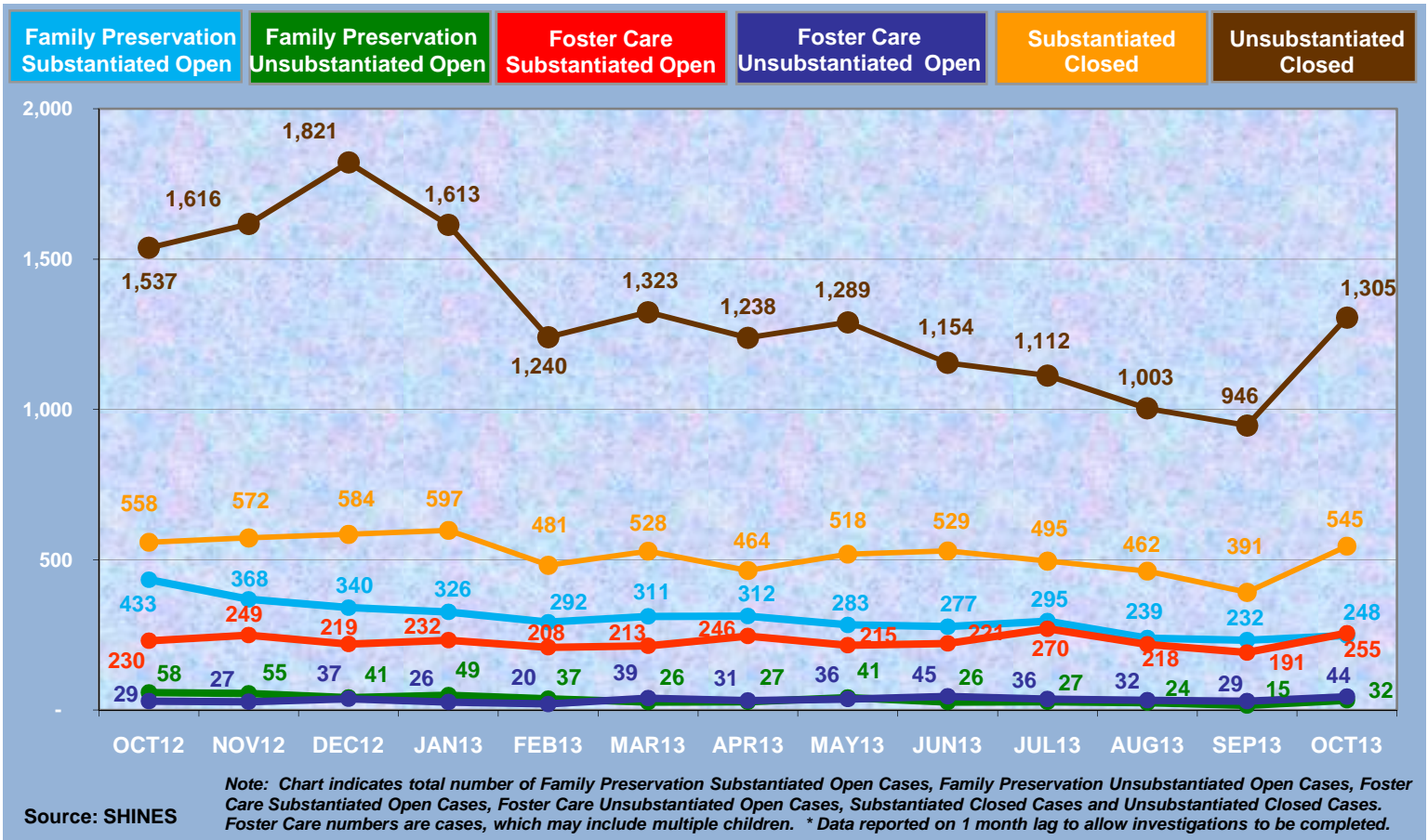
Foster Care Unsubstantiated Open: OCT12 29; NOV12 27; DEC12 37; JAN13 26; FEB13 20; MAR13 39; APR13 31; MAY13 36; JUN13 45; JUL13 36; AUG13 32; SEP13 29; OCT13 44

*Source: SHINES*

*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 (November 2013)



Sources: SHINES

SFY 2014: 0.1% increase

SFY 2010: 12.2% decrease

SFY 2012: 1.7% increase

SFY 2013: 3.2% increase

SFY 2011: 4.3% increase

**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 November 2013, the total number of placement cases: 8,253 children are in legal custody of DFCS under the age of 18; 431 children are in Extended Youth Services (youth in care age 18 and over); 2,177 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 | | | | | | | |
| 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 (November 2013)



SFY 2010 / SFY 2011 / SFY 2012 / SFY 2013 / SFY 2014
-11.1%      3.0%      1.1%      3.7%      1.3% ytd

Source: Shines

**Note:** Count of unique children who were in the legal custody of DFCS (17 years of age and under) at some point during the month, and those 18 years of age and older (Extended Youth Services). Percentages show the beginning to the end of each SFY.
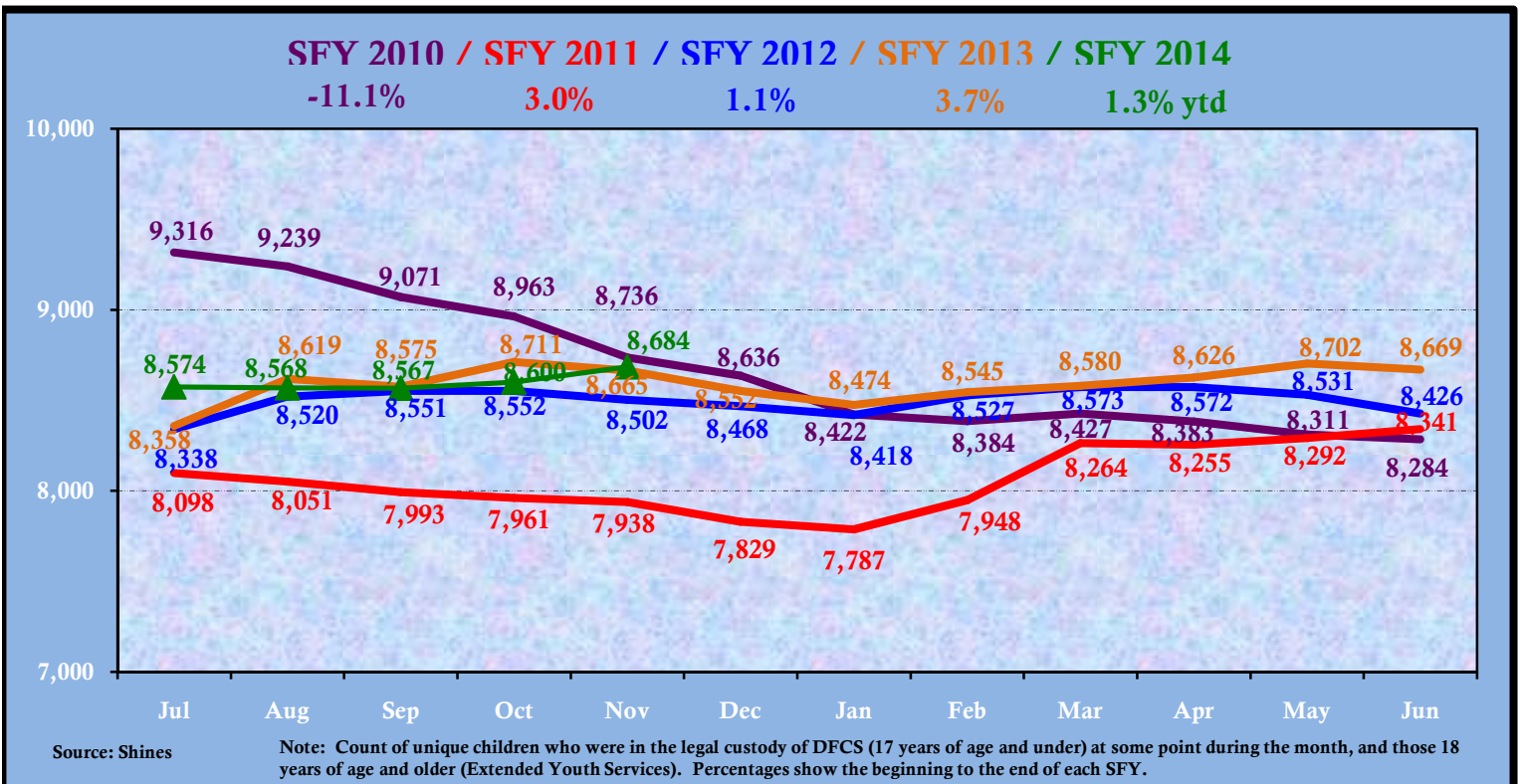
## Children in the Legal Custody of DFCS Under the Age of 18 (November 2012 - November 2013)

Def: Count of unique children who were in the legal custody of DFCS at some point during the month under the age 18. Excludes Aftercare, ICPC, Placement services to parents, and Boarding County.
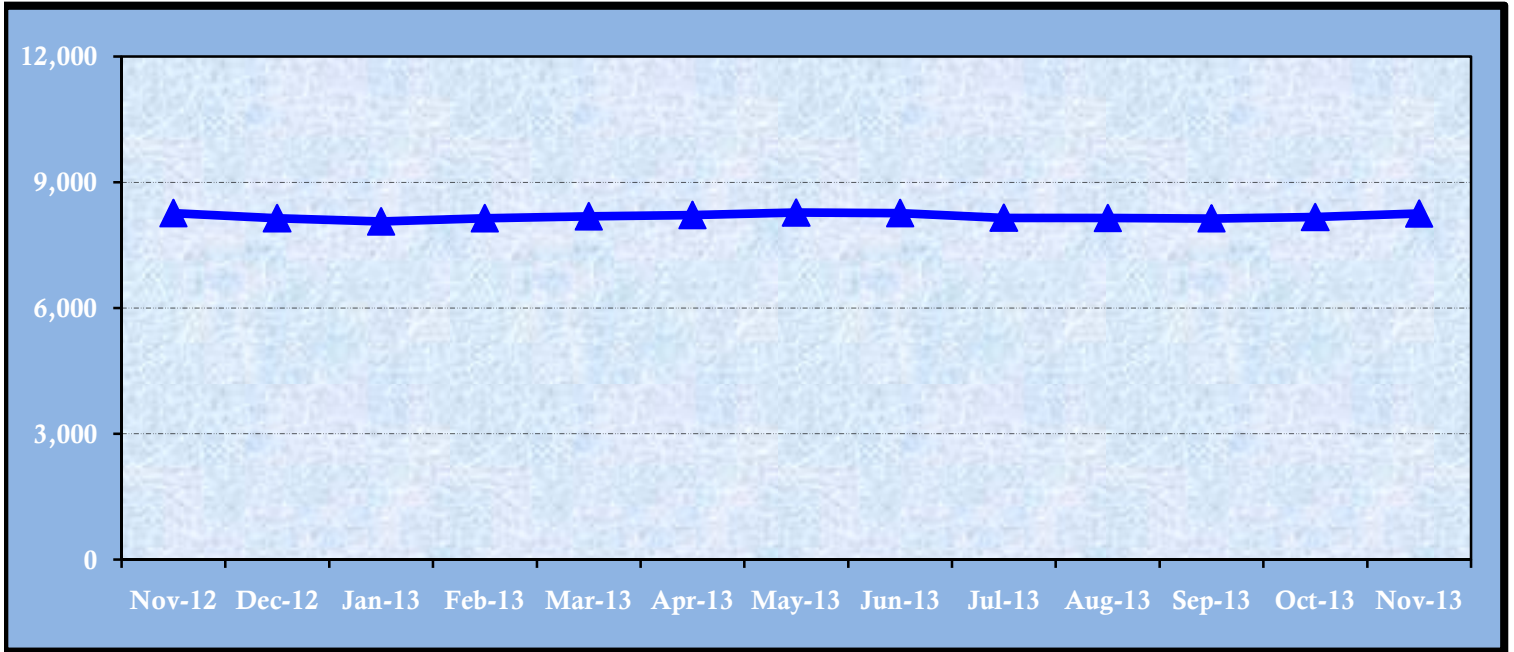


| Nov-12 | Dec-12 | Jan-13 | Feb-13 | Mar-13 | Apr-13 | May-13 | Jun-13 | Jul-13 | Aug-13 | Sep-13 | Oct-13 | Nov-13 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 8,263 | 8,141 | 8,066 | 8,141 | 8,188 | 8,219 | 8,275 | 8,264 | 8,152 | 8,145 | 8,136 | 8,170 | 8,253 |

## Extended Youth Services (November 2012 - November 2013)

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



Sources: SHINES
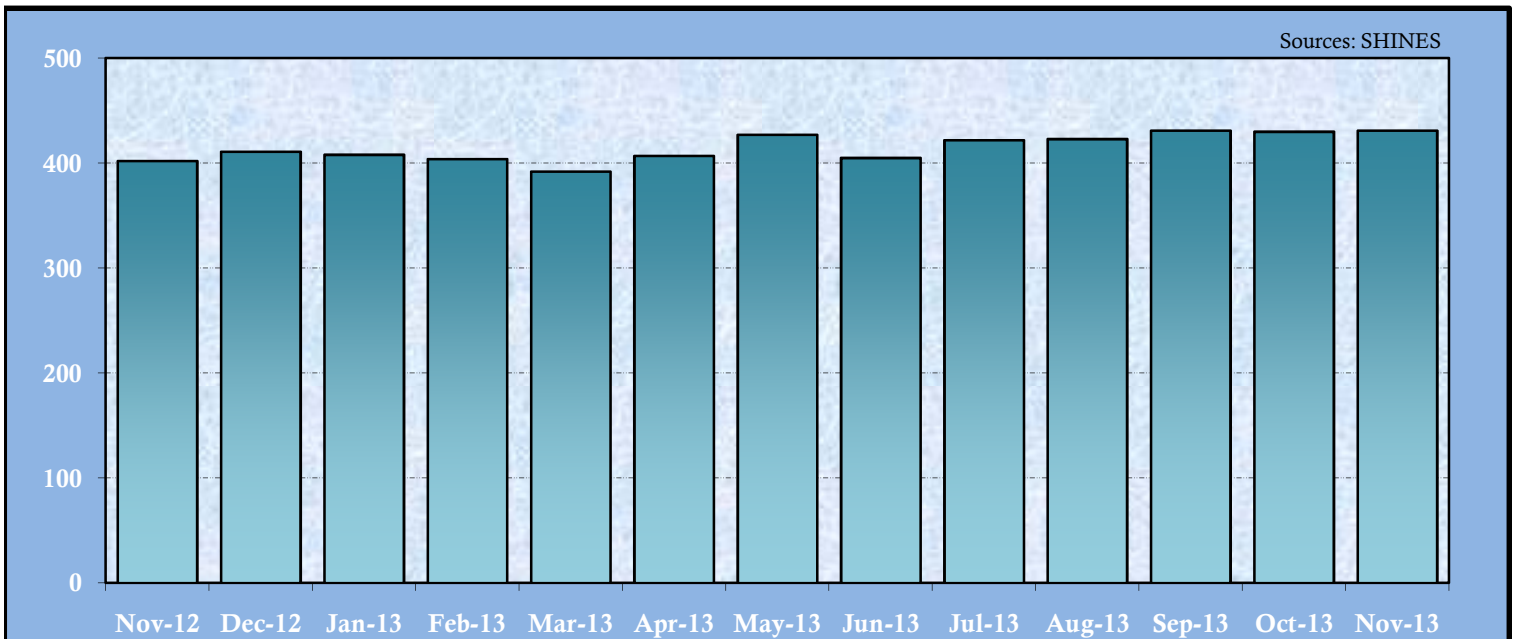
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| 402 | 411 | 408 | 404 | 392 | 407 | 427 | 405 | 422 | 423 | 431 | 430 | 431 |

## Comparison of Foster Care Entries and Exits  (November 2012 - November 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.
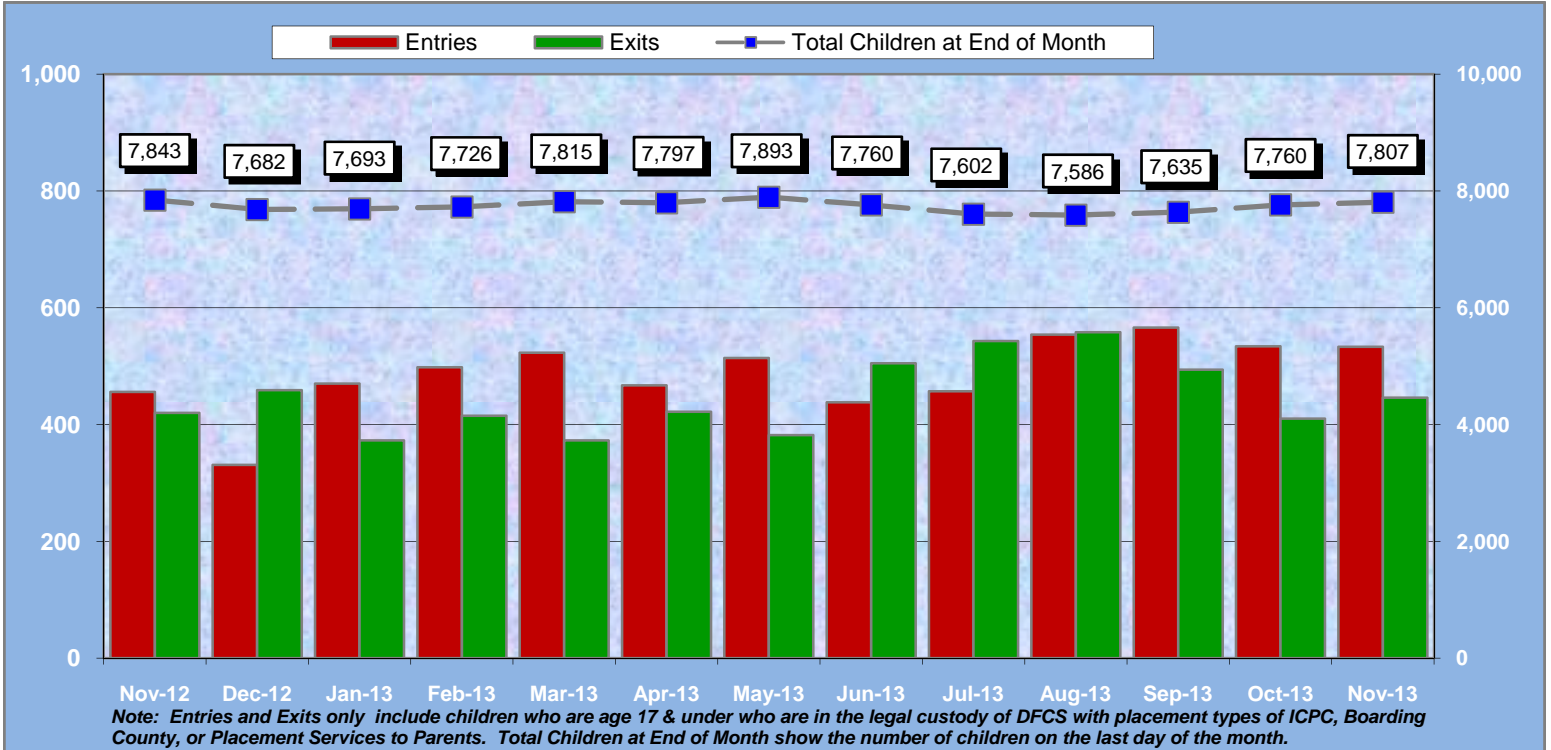
| Nov-12 | Dec-12 | Jan-13 | Feb-13 | Mar-13 | Apr-13 | May-13 | Jun-13 | Jul-13 | Aug-13 | Sep-13 | Oct-13 | Nov-13 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 456 | 331 | 470 | 498 | 523 | 467 | 514 | 438 | 457 | 554 | 566 | 534 | 533 |
| 420 | 459 | 373 | 415 | 373 | 422 | 382 | 505 | 543 | 558 | 494 | 410 | 446 |

## Foster Care Re-Entry Rate  (November 2012 - November 2013)



Def: Of all the children who entered foster care, the percentage that were discharged from a previous placement within 12 months of the current placement.

National Standard: less than or equal to 8.60%

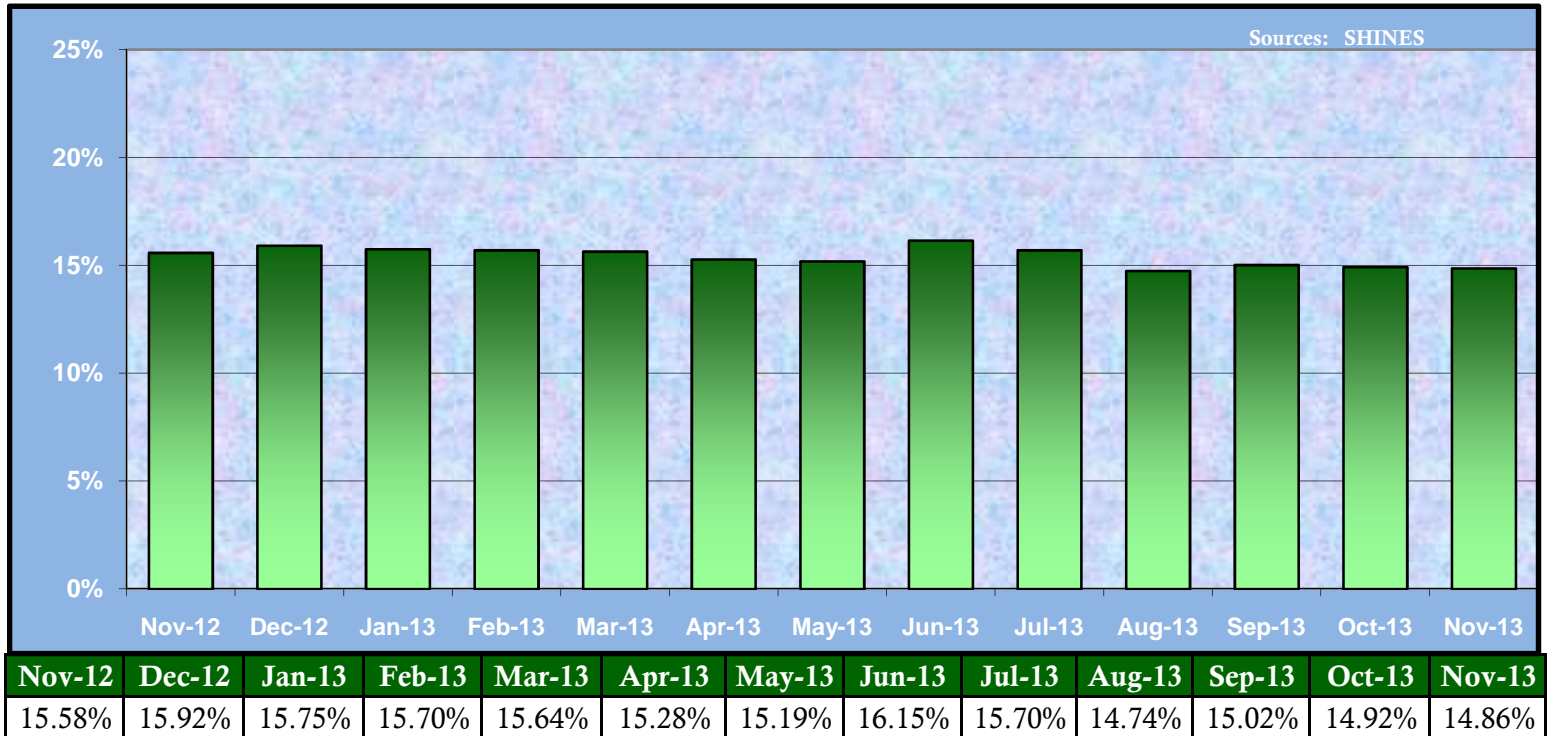| Nov-12 | Dec-12 | Jan-13 | Feb-13 | Mar-13 | Apr-13 | May-13 | Jun-13 | Jul-13 | Aug-13 | Sep-13 | Oct-13 | Nov-13 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 3.73% | 7.25% | 6.17% | 10.44% | 5.35% | 6.21% | 5.45% | 5.02% | 5.83% | 5.73% | 9.22% | 4.87% | 5.25% |
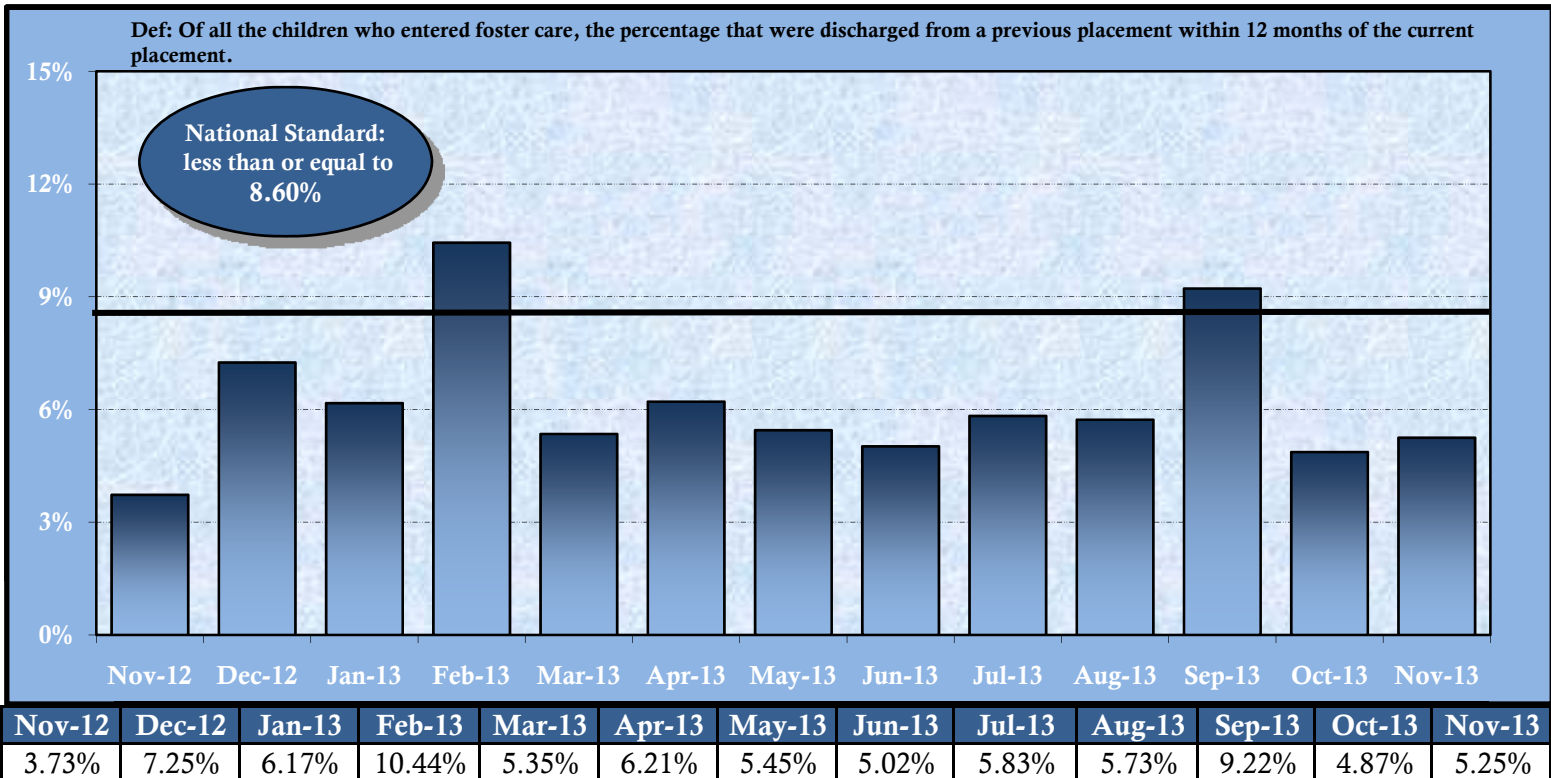
## Length of Time to Reunification (November 2012 - November 2013)

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.

Sources: SHINES

**National Standard: greater than or equal to 76.20%**



| Nov-12 | Dec-12 | Jan-13 | Feb-13 | Mar-13 | Apr-13 | May-13 | Jun-13 | Jul-13 | Aug-13 | Sep-13 | Oct-13 | Nov-13 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 72.96% | 73.71% | 71.98% | 77.13% | 75.29% | 75.81% | 80.93% | 70.63% | 64.93% | 75.43% | 82.22% | 86.59% | 68.91% |
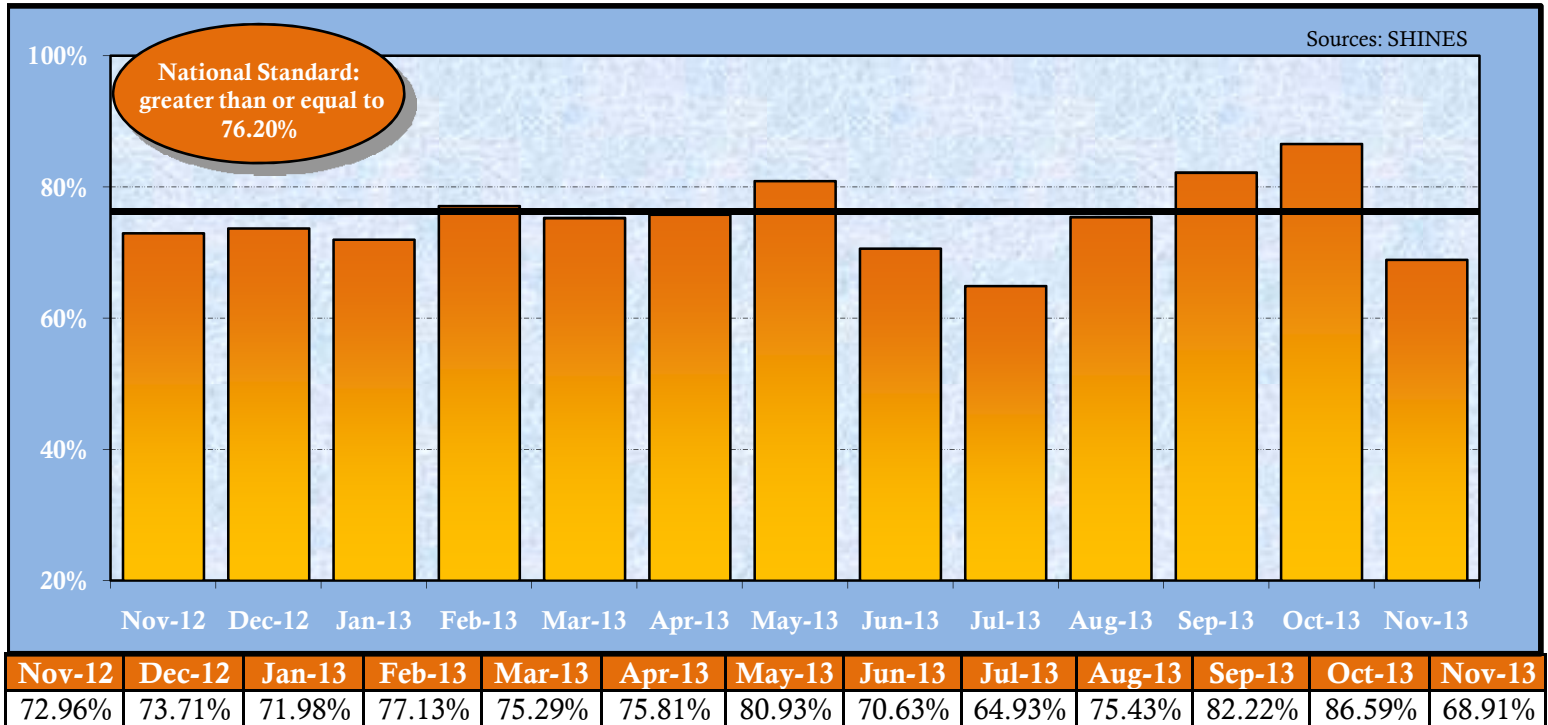
## Percent of Children Placed with Relatives   (November 2012 – November 2013)

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

Sources:  SHINES



| Nov-12 | Dec-12 | Jan-13 | Feb-13 | Mar-13 | Apr-13 | May-13 | Jun-13 | Jul-13 | Aug-13 | Sep-13 | Oct-13 | Nov-13 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 15.58% | 15.92% | 15.75% | 15.70% | 15.64% | 15.28% | 15.19% | 16.15% | 15.70% | 14.74% | 15.02% | 14.92% | 14.86% |

# Number of Finalized Adoptions   (November 2012 – November 2013)

Def: The number of children whose adoption was finalized.        Totals for all months are updated.

| Nov-12 | Dec-12 | Jan-13 | Feb-13 | Mar-13 | Apr-13 | May-13 | Jun-13 | Jul-13 | Aug-13 | Sep-13 | Oct-13 | Nov-13 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 89 | 151 | 28 | 67 | 84 | 68 | 82 | 90 | 78 | 86 | 77 | 73 | 103 |