

Georgia Division of Family & Children Services

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Monthly Measures and Results for April 2017*

*(Reflects Safety Outcomes as of February 28, 2017 And Permanency Outcomes as of March 31, 2017) With Appendices

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

Outcome I: Child Protective Services Cases

Count of unique CPS Investigations and Family Preservation (Ongoing) stages open at any point during the month. Includes all cases active at some time during the month. Outcome is calculated 45 days prior to the date of report.

Outcome 1A: Family Support Cases Only: Count of unique Family Support stages open at any point during the month.

Outcome IB: Family Preservation Cases Only: Count of unique Family Preservation stages open at any point during the month.

Outcome IC: Investigation Cases Only: Count of unique Investigation stages open at any point during the month.

Sources: SHINES

Outcome II: Recurrence of Substantiated Child Maltreatment

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. Outcome is calculated 45 days prior to the date of report. Each month is calculated as a rolling calendar year. *National Standard: less than or equal to 5.40%*

Source: SHINES

Outcome III: Disposition of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports

Chart reflects the disposition of reports received in a particular month. Data includes count of Family Support, Substantiated Investigations, Unsubstantiated Investigations and Screen-outs. Outcome is calculated 45 days prior to the date of report.

Source: SHINES

Outcome IV: Subsequent Case-type of Investigations by Disposition

Chart reflects the disposition of investigations received in a particular month by the subsequent case type. Data includes count of Family Preservation (Substantiated and Unsubstantiated Open), Foster Care (Substantiated and Unsubstantiated Open), Substantiated and Unsubstantiated Closed. Outcome is calculated 45 days prior to the date of report.

Source: SHINES



PERMANENCY: Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.

Outcome V: Number of Child Placement Services Cases

Count of unique children who were involved in an open Foster Care or Adoption stage during the month. In placement services each child who is the principal (PC) is considered a case.

Source: SHINES

Outcome VI: Children in the Legal Custody of DFCS Under the Age of 18

Count of unique children who were in the legal custody of DFCS (17 years of age and under) at some point during the month

Outcome VI - A: Children in the Legal Custody of DFCS Under the Age of 18 (Regional)

Count of unique children who were in the legal custody of DFCS (17 years of age and under) at some point during the month.

Source: SHINES

Outcome VII: Comparison of Foster Care Entries & Exits

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

Outcome VIII: Foster Care Re-entries

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

Source: SHINES

Outcome IX: Foster Care Length of Stay

Percentage of children by number of months in foster care during each month.

Source: SHINES

PERMANENCY cont'd: Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.

Outcome X: Length of Time to Achieve Reunification

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

Outcome XI: Children Placed with Relatives

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

Outcome XII: Extended Youth Services

Number of children ages 18 – 21 who remained in the custody of DFCS beyond their birth month.

Source: SHINES

Outcome XIII: Adoptions Finalized

The number of children whose adoption was finalized within each month...

Source: SHINES

Outcome XIV: Stability Performance Coefficient (Number of Moves/Number of Days in Custody * 1000)

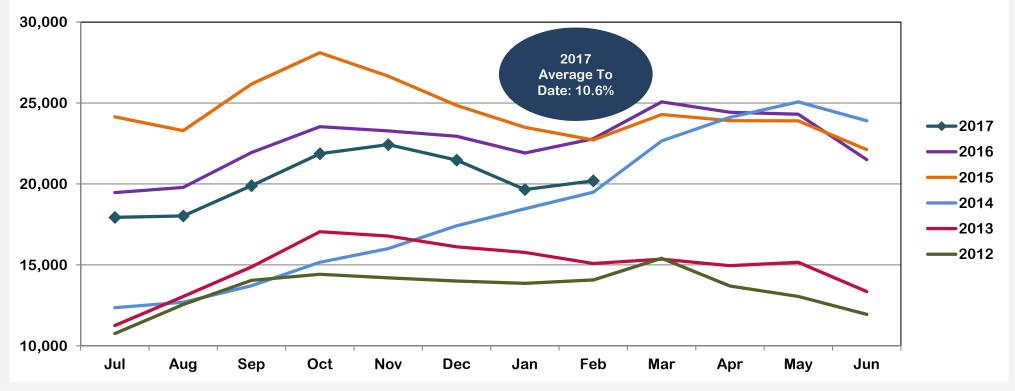
A calculated value based upon the ACF CFSR Round 3 which is part of Program Improvement. It is calculated from a rolling 12 month population of the entry cohort where the child remained in custody for over 8 days and was not 18 on the date of removal. The federal standard is 4.12.

Source: SHINES

^{**}Note: Data may vary from month to month due to 13 month data trends being re-run over the time span for the various outcomes in this report.

Outcome I: Child Protective Services Cases (State Fiscal Year 2017 to Date)

The total Child Protective Cases cases during the month of February 2017, there was a decrease of 2.7% from the prior month of January. The overall average was a 10.6% decrease since last state fiscal year. Comparatively, this marks a 11.4% decrease over last year at this time during the month of February 2016. The trends from SFY 2013 – 2017 reveal increases during the first half of their state fiscal year followed by a decrease around January to February.

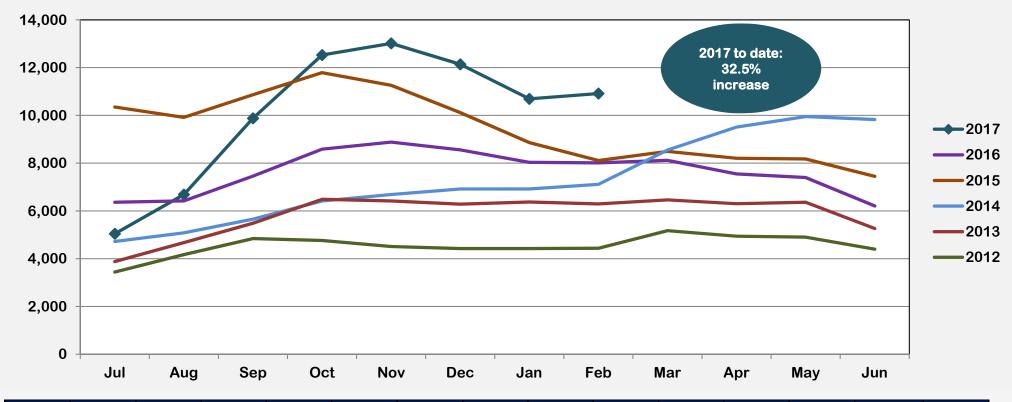


State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Average	% Increase
2017	17,937	18,024	19,897	21,872	22,433	21,475	19,656	20,193					20,186	-10.6%
2016	19,470	19,788	21,943	23,541	23,277	22,946	21,916	22,795	25,075	24,431	24,307	21,504	22,583	-7.7%
2015	24,151	23,295	26,176	28,108	26,664	24,857	23,497	22,721	24,293	23,911	23,896	22,124	22,747	32.5%
2014	12,363	12,693	13,715	15,162	16,008	17,416	18,470	19,491	22,662	24,120	25,071	23,905	17,161	23.4%
2013	11,256	13,050	14,878	17,050	16,783	16,119	15,773	15,088	15,355	14,951	15,157	13,355	13,910	10.2%
2012	10,761	12,556	14,045	14,422	14,202	14,002	13,860	14,070	15,411	13,697	13,055	11,944	12,618	5.4%



Outcome IA: Child Protective Services Cases Family Support Cases Only (State Fiscal Year To Date)

Family Support cases decreased during the prior two months to February 2017 which shows a slight increase in cases from January 2017 of 2%. During SFY 2016, there was a decrease over the SFY 2015 average caseload of 19.4%. The State Fiscal Year 2017 to date trend reveals that Family Support Cases are being implemented with a 32.5% increase over SFY 2016 average caseload.

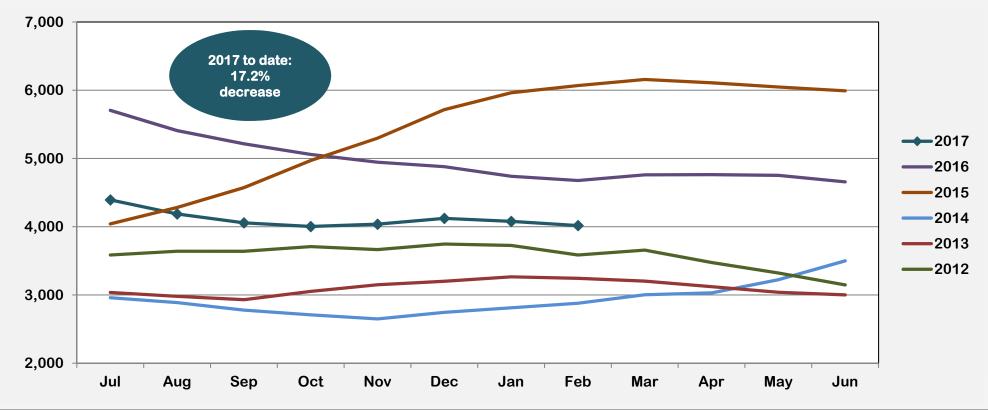


State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Average	% Increase
2017	5,045	6,688	9,879	12,530	13,016	12,141	10,694	10,916					10,114	32.5%
2016	6,363	6,419	7,460	8,588	8,881	8,558	8,036	8,013	8,118	7,549	7,398	6,211	7,633	-19.4%
2015	10,354	9,919	10,866	11,791	11,259	10,117	8,862	8,111	8,494	8,206	8,176	7,450	9,467	30.0%
2014	4,723	5,083	5,658	6,418	6,690	6,919	6,919	7,113	8,552	9,511	9,951	9,826	7,280	24.3%
2013	3,883	4,674	5,487	6,488	6,417	6,284	6,374	6,292	6,463	6,304	6,364	5,265	5,858	29.1%
2012	3,443	4,173	4,842	4,764	4,510	4,423	4,425	4,437	5,174	4,945	4,903	4,402	4,537	-14.7%



Outcome IB: Child Protective Services Cases Family Preservation Cases Only (State Fiscal Year 2017 To Date)

Family Preservation cases decreased from August 2016 – October 2016. Since the third quarter of SFY 2017, cases have continued to decrease. Currently, the SFY 2017 year to date average is 17.2% lower than SFY 2016's average.

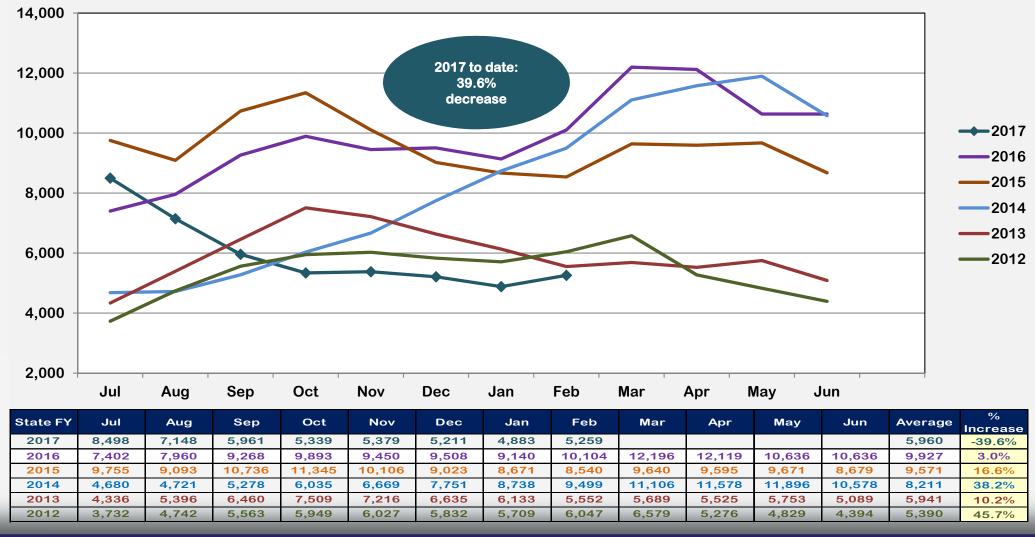


State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Average	% Increase
2017	4,394	4,188	4,057	4,003	4,038	4,123	4,079	4,018					4,113	-17.2%
2016	5,705	5,409	5,215	5,060	4,946	4,880	4,740	4,678	4,761	4,763	4,752	4,658	4,964	-8.7%
2015	4,042	4,282	4,573	4,971	5,298	5,716	5,963	6,069	6,158	6,109	6,048	5,992	5,435	85.4%
2014	2,960	2,889	2,779	2,709	2,649	2,746	2,813	2,879	3,004	3,031	3,224	3,501	2,932	-5.5%
2013	3,037	2,980	2,931	3,053	3,150	3,200	3,266	3,244	3,203	3,122	3,040	3,001	3,102	-13.2%
2012	3,586	3,641	3,640	3,709	3,665	3,747	3,726	3,586	3,658	3,476	3,323	3,148	3,575	-5.6%



Outcome IC: Child Protective Services Cases Investigation Cases Only (State Fiscal Year 2017 To Date)

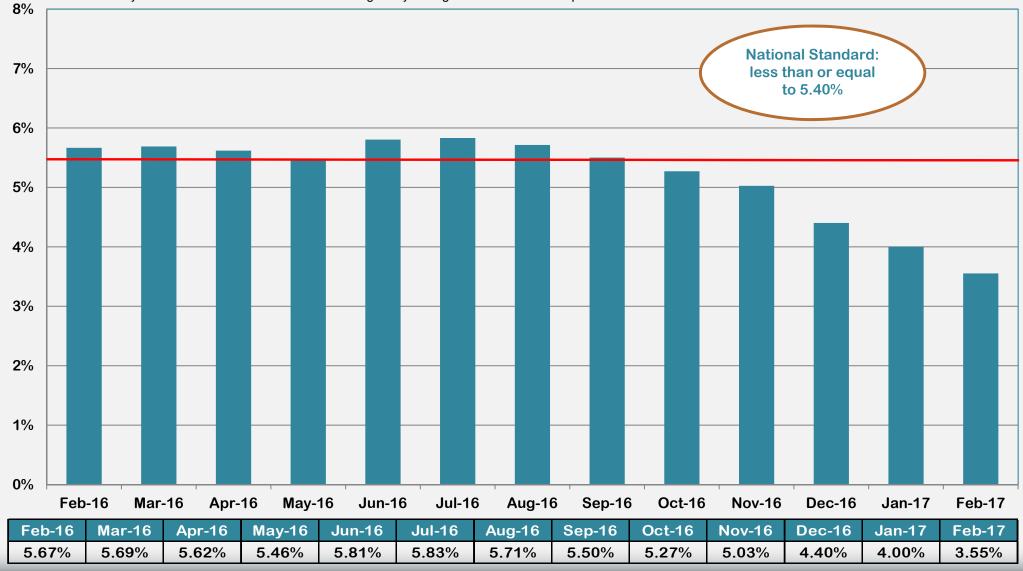
Investigation cases declined during the first half through the beginning of the second semester of SFY 2017 to date by 43%. There is an increase in the number of investigation cases in February of 8% since January 2017 during State Fiscal Year 2017 to date.





Outcome II: Recurrence of Substantiated Child Maltreatment (February 2016 – February 2017)

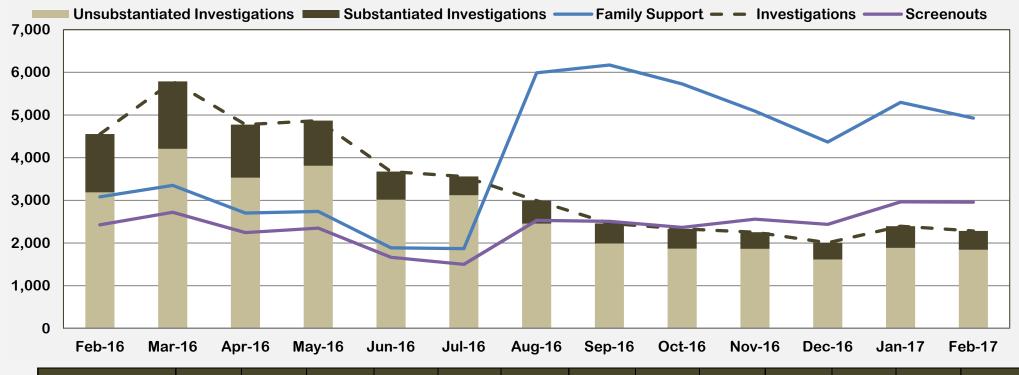
The trend below reveals a decrease in the number of substantiated incidents of child maltreatment. During February 2016, Georgia was above the national standard of 5.4%. One year later this value is 2% lower reflecting many changes that have been implemented in Child Protective Services.





Outcome III: Disposition of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (February 2016 – February 2017)

Of the CPS cases that had a disposition during the month of February 2017, 29.1% were screen outs, 48.4% were Family Support, and 22.5% were Investigations. Only 19% of the Investigations were substantiated. The overall yearly trend shows a jump in the number of cases in August 2016 that were family support as well as screened out cases. Conversely, total investigations declined during the first semester with a slight increase during the first month of the second semester.

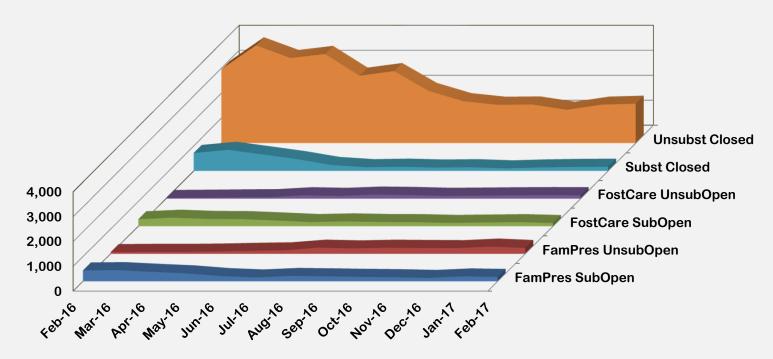


	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17
Family Support	3,084	3,352	2,703	2,740	1,887	1,869	5,990	6,174	5,729	5,092	4,368	5,297	4,928
Screenouts	2,428	2,722	2,245	2,350	1,666	1,502	2,530	2,508	2,368	2,560	2,439	2,965	2,959
Investigations	4,555	5,789	4,777	4,870	3,676	3,561	2,996	2,461	2,334	2,256	2,008	2,396	2,286
Substantiated Investigations	1,367	1,581	1,245	1,059	660	439	540	471	465	390	393	508	443
Unsubstantiated Investigations	3,188	4,208	3,532	3,811	3,016	3,122	2,456	1,990	1,869	1,866	1,615	1,888	1,843



Outcome IV: Subsequent Case-Types of Investigations (February 2016 – February 2017)

According to February's data, 17% of Investigations were subsequently opened as a Family Preservation case; 11% of Investigations were opened as a Foster Care case; and 72% of Investigations were closed.

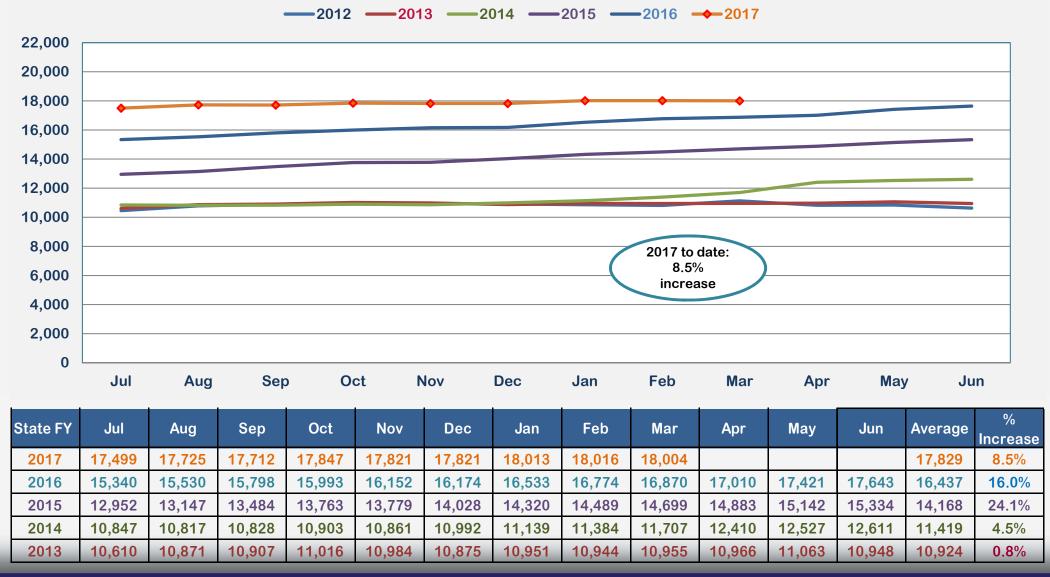


	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17
FamPres SubOpen	442	454	384	323	214	158	220	204	183	169	139	201	179
FamPres UnsubOpen	70	80	80	93	122	141	250	220	248	237	229	294	234
FostCare SubOpen	284	348	298	290	233	172	200	174	168	137	154	168	131
FostCare UnsubOpen	28	37	51	61	137	112	164	148	113	123	135	142	137
Subst Closed	717	843	660	469	236	147	169	134	148	101	140	159	167
Unsubst Closed	2,958	3,917	3,408	3,569	2,700	2,884	2,090	1,679	1,534	1,547	1,336	1,540	1,578



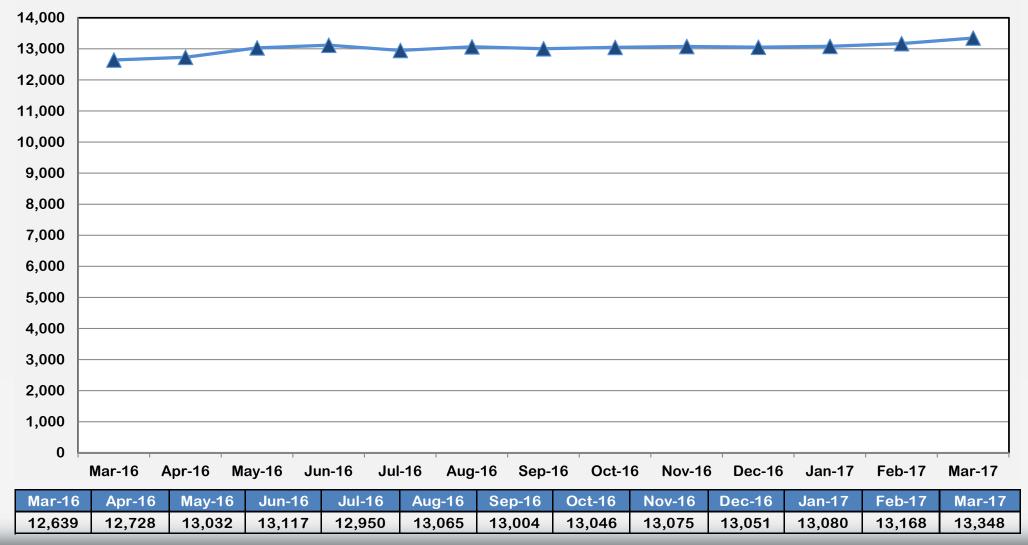
Outcome V: Number of Children in Placement Services (State Fiscal Year 2017 To Date)

There were no significant increases or decline in the number of placement services that were open during the month of March (18,004). The placement services includes continued collaboration with families after out of home care may have ended as well as those who are in out of home care with DFCS Age 0 - 21.



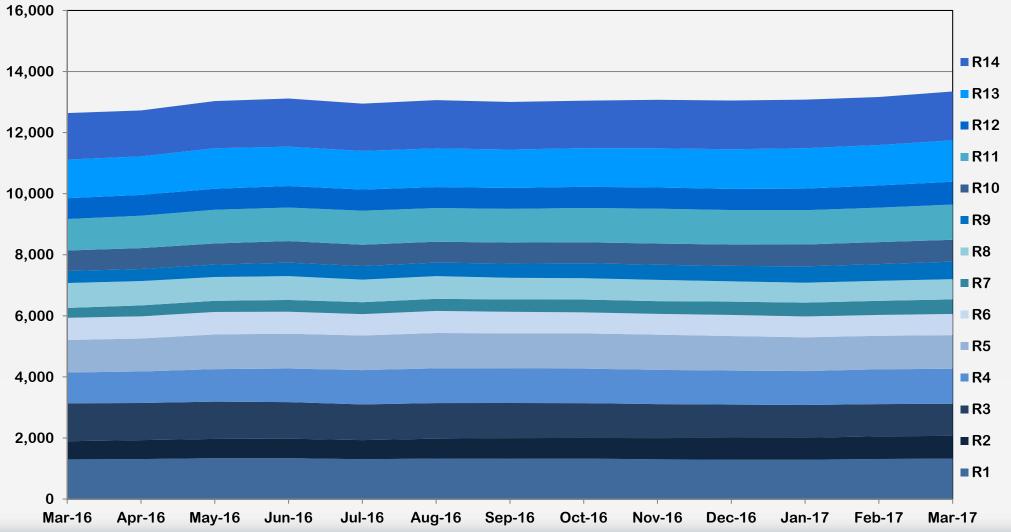


The number of children in foster care under the age of 18 increased by 1.3%. The following slides reveal that there were 712 entries and 643 exits. On the last day of March 2017, there were 12,705 children in custody from this population. Of those who entered custody during the month, only 30 children (4%) of them had a prior episode within 12 months.





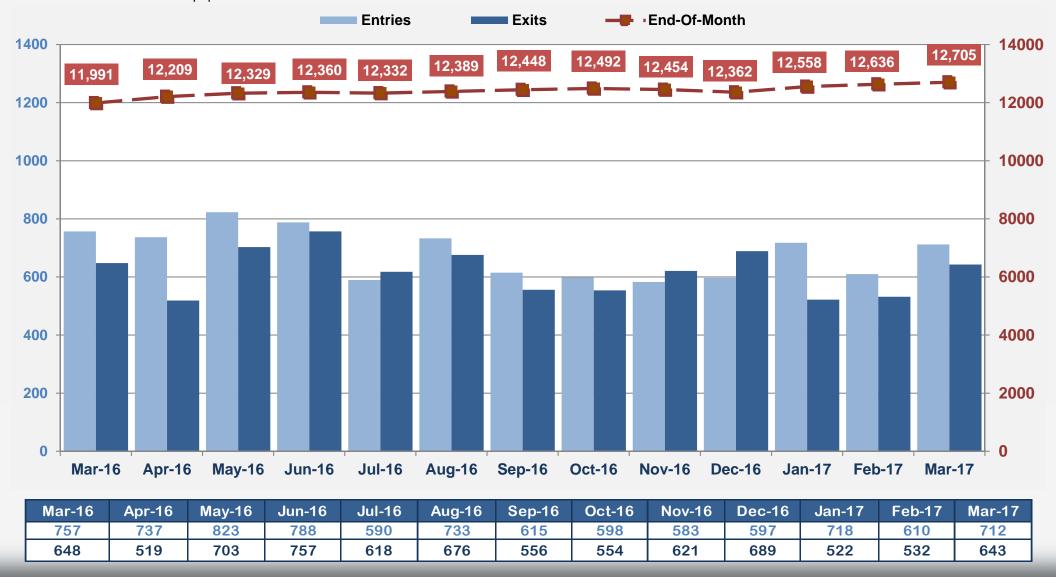
The number of children in Foster Care under the age of 18 during March 2017 was 13,348. Visually, you can see that Region 14 has the highest proportion of children in custody at any point in time. During March, Region 14 had 1598 children in DFCS custody followed by Region 13 with 1357 and Region 1 with 1328. (for regional trends, see appendix).





Outcome VII: Comparison of Foster Care Entries and Exits (March 2016 – March 2017)

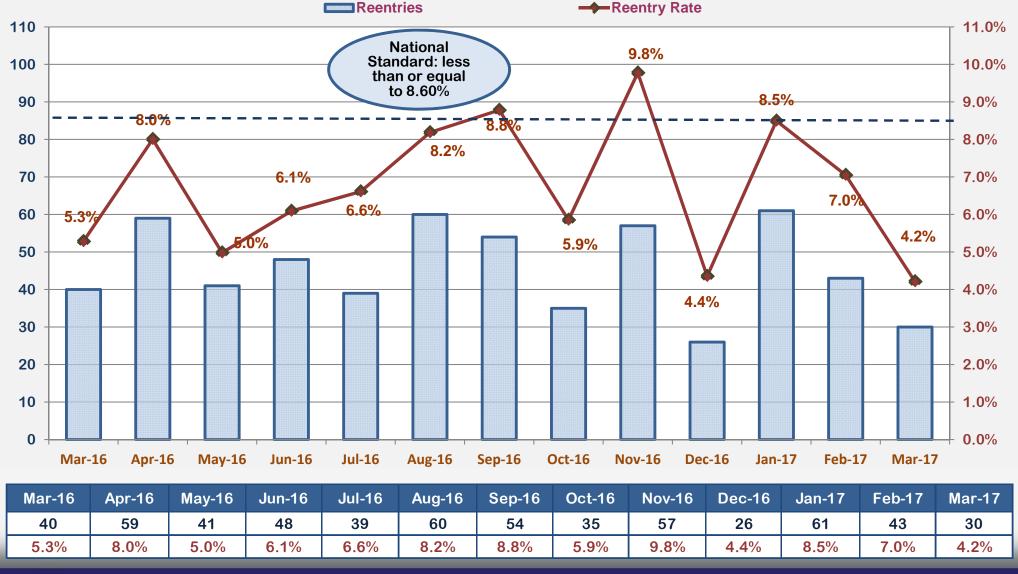
Multiple trends can be seen in this graph. Entries and exits increased in March. The ratio of entries to exits over the last 13 months is 1.1 which accounts for a slight increase in the end of month population trend from March 2016 to March 2017.





Outcome VII: Foster Care Re-Entries (March 2016 – March 2017)

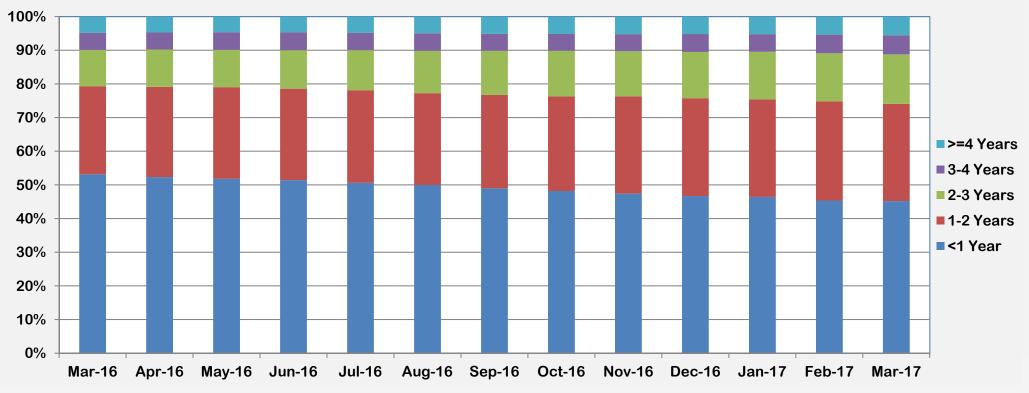
Reentries into foster care improved during December 2016 followed by a spike revealing that the number of re-entries doubled. There was a decrease in the number of entries during November causing the re-entry rate to rise suddenly. Because the number of entries increased in January, the re-entry rate remained below the national standard. The re-entry rate and number of reentries for March 2017 was lower than it has been in 12 months.





Outcome VIII: Foster Care Length of Stay (March 2016 – March 2017)

Examining the length of stay of children who were in Foster Care during the month, there was an increase of .4% from February 2017 to March 2017 of the number of children who were in custody from 24 months through less than 36 months. The increase over 13 months was 3.9%. The percentage of children who have been custody for less than a year has decreased to 45.2%. This chart also reveals that the number of children remaining in custody more than 48 months has increased by .7% over the last 13 months.

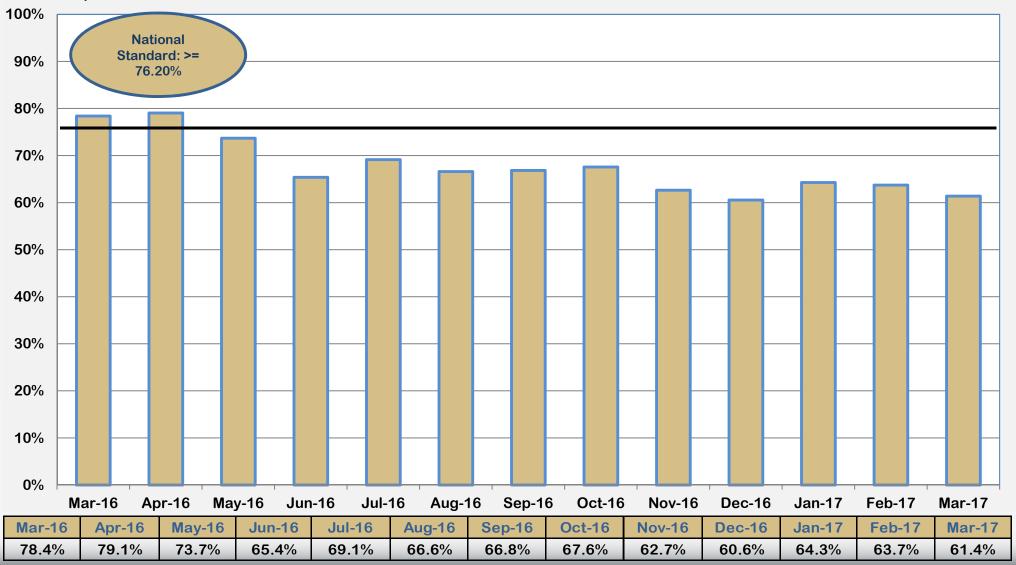


	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17
>=4 Years	4.8%	4.7%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.3%	5.5%
3 - <4 Years	5.1%	5.1%	5.3%	5.3%	5.1%	5.2%	5.0%	5.0%	5.1%	5.3%	5.3%	5.5%	5.7%
2 - <3 Years	10.8%	11.1%	11.1%	11.5%	11.9%	12.5%	13.1%	13.5%	13.4%	13.7%	14.1%	14.3%	14.7%
1 - <2 Years	26.2%	26.8%	27.2%	27.2%	27.5%	27.3%	27.8%	28.1%	28.9%	29.0%	29.0%	29.5%	28.9%
<1 Year	53.2%	52.3%	51.8%	51.4%	50.6%	50.0%	49.0%	48.2%	47.4%	46.7%	46.4%	45.4%	45.2%



Outcome IX: Length of Time to Reunification (March 2016 – March 2017)

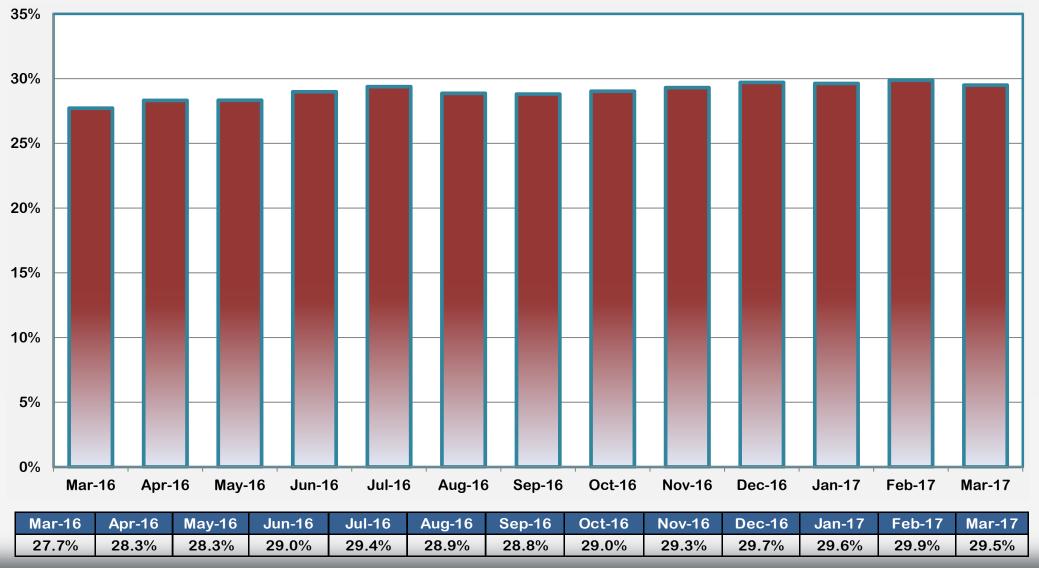
The number of children who reunified within 12 months decreased to 61.4% during the month of March. This proportion is significantly lower than last March's proportion of 78.4% by 17%.





Outcome X: Percent of Children Placed with Relatives (March 2016 – March 2017)

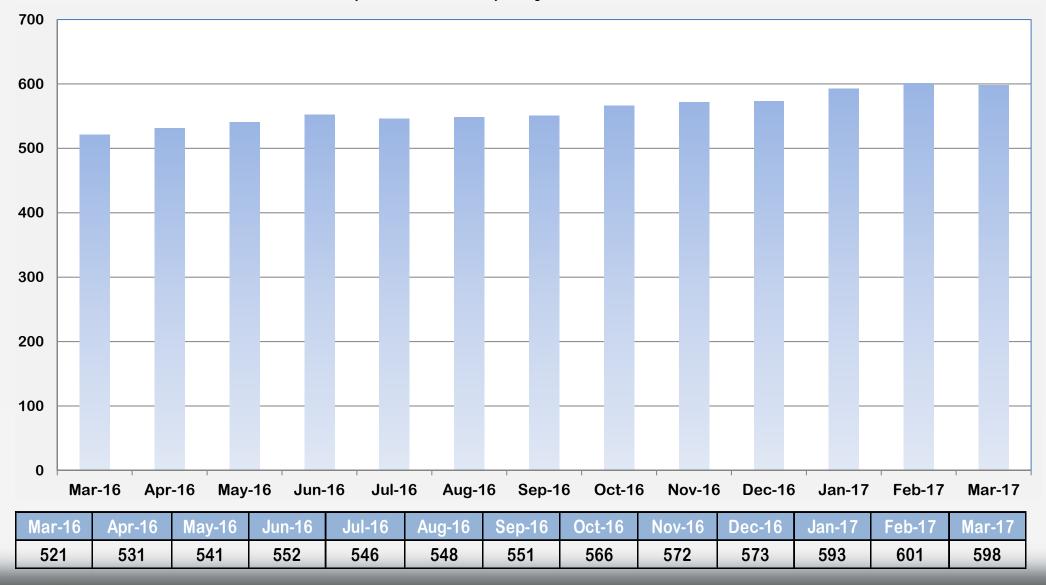
The number of children who were in Foster Care and were placed with Relatives remained constant at 29.5%.





Outcome XI: Extended Youth Services (March 2016 – March 2017)

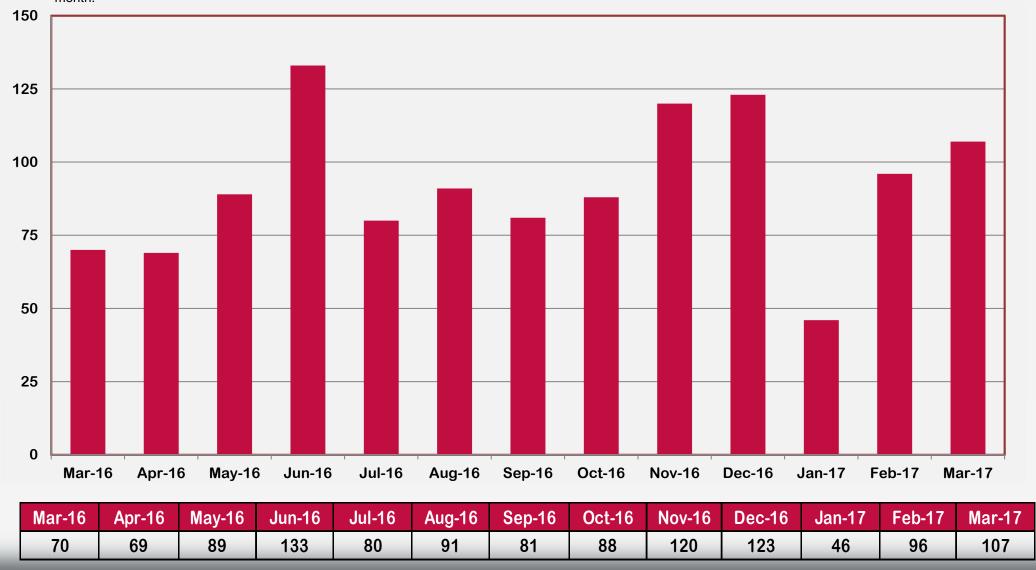
There were 598 children who remained in custody after their 18th birthday during March 2017.





Outcome XII: Number of Finalized Adoptions (March 2016 – March 2017)

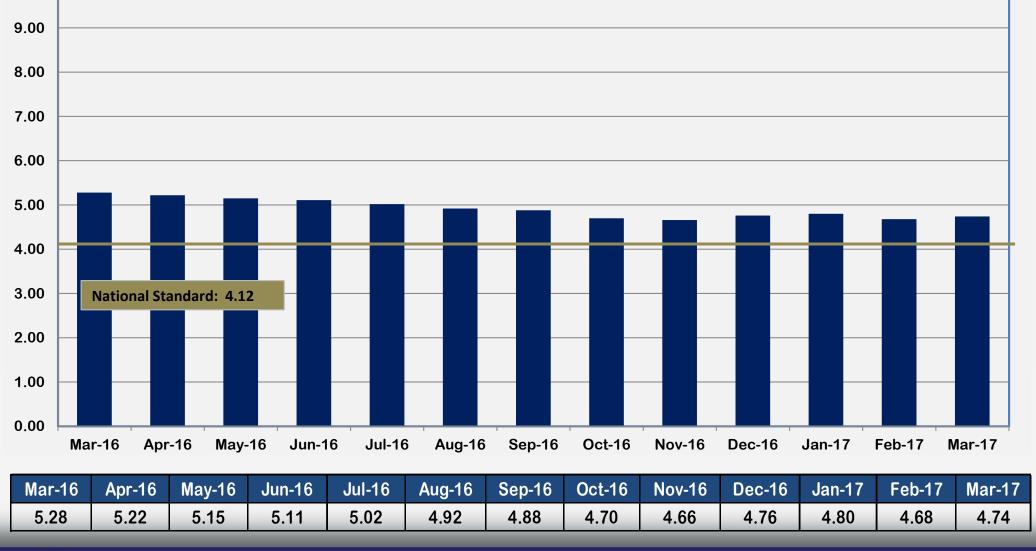
There were 107 foster children adopted during March 2017. This represents a 52% improvement over March 2016 as a comparison of last year during the same month.





Outcome XIII: Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (March 2016 - March 2017)

Over the last 13 months, the federal measure for stability which is the number of moves per number of days per thousand has decreased from 5.28 to 4.74 which is closer to the federal standard.





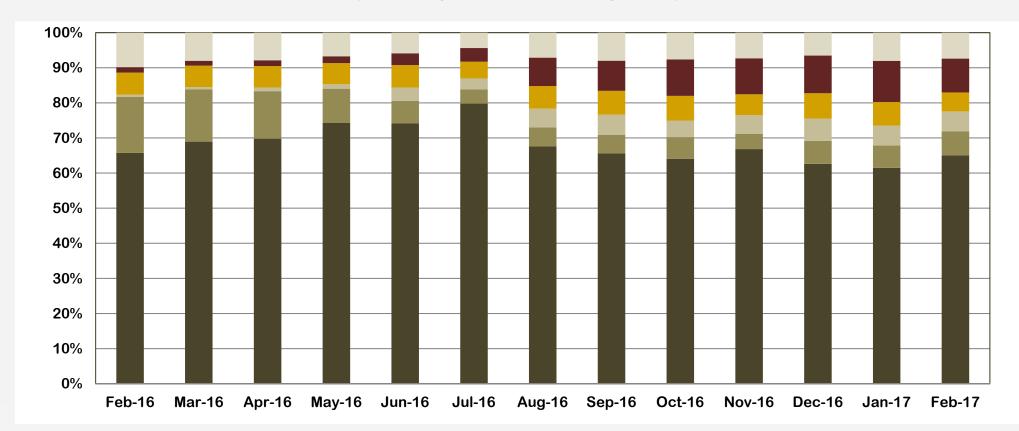
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Appendices



Appendix A

Outcome IV: Subsequent Case-Type of Investigations by Disposition (February 2016 – February 2017)



	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17
Fam. Pres SubOpen	9.8%	8.0%	7.9%	6.7%	5.9%	4.4%	7.1%	8.0%	7.6%	7.3%	6.5%	8.0%	7.4%
FamPres UnsubOpen	1.6%	1.4%	1.6%	1.9%	3.3%	3.9%	8.1%	8.6%	10.4%	10.2%	10.7%	11.7%	9.6%
FostCare SubOpen	6.3%	6.1%	6.1%	6.0%	6.4%	4.8%	6.5%	6.8%	7.0%	5.9%	7.2%	6.7%	5.4%
FostCare UnsubOpen	0.6%	0.7%	1.0%	1.3%	3.8%	3.1%	5.3%	5.8%	4.7%	5.3%	6.3%	5.7%	5.6%
Subst Closed	15.9%	14.8%	13.5%	9.8%	6.5%	4.1%	5.5%	5.2%	6.2%	4.4%	6.6%	6.3%	6.9%
Unsubst Closed	65.7%	69.0%	69.8%	74.3%	74.1%	79.8%	67.6%	65.6%	64.1%	66.9%	62.6%	61.5%	65.0%

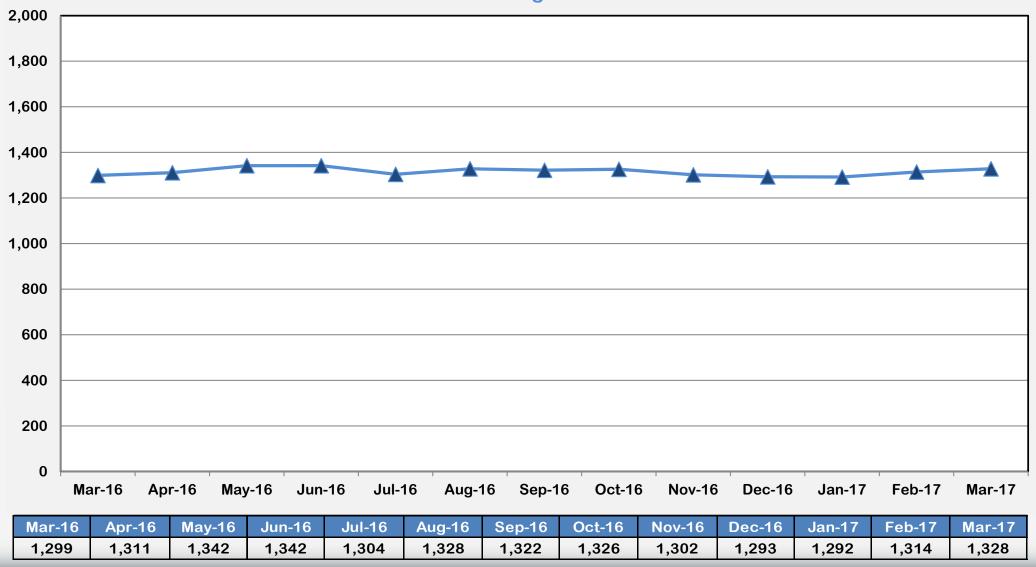


APPENDIX B

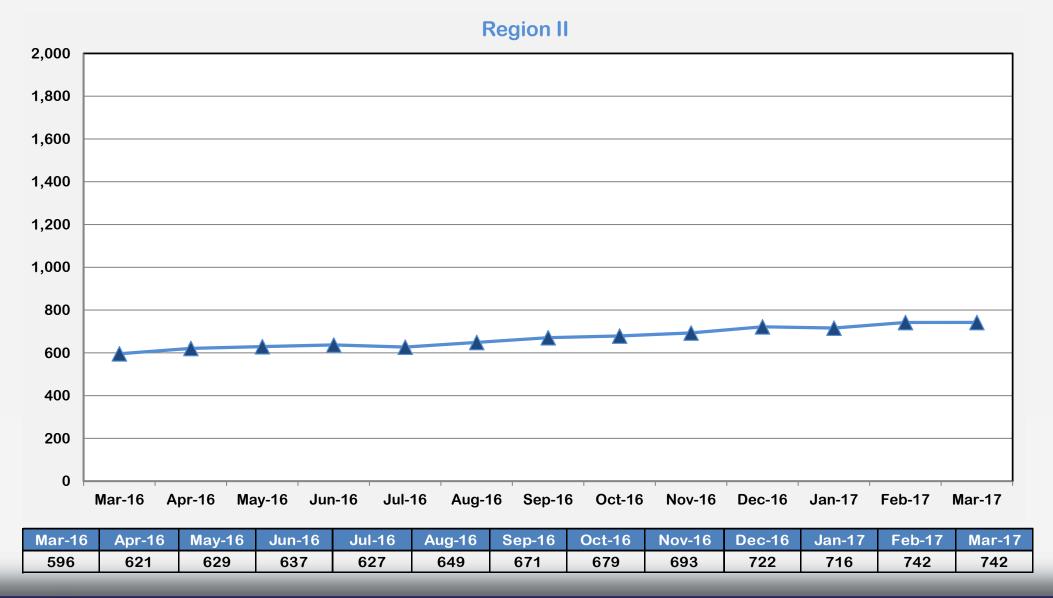
Regional Graphs of Outcome VI

Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (March 2016 – March 2017)

Region I

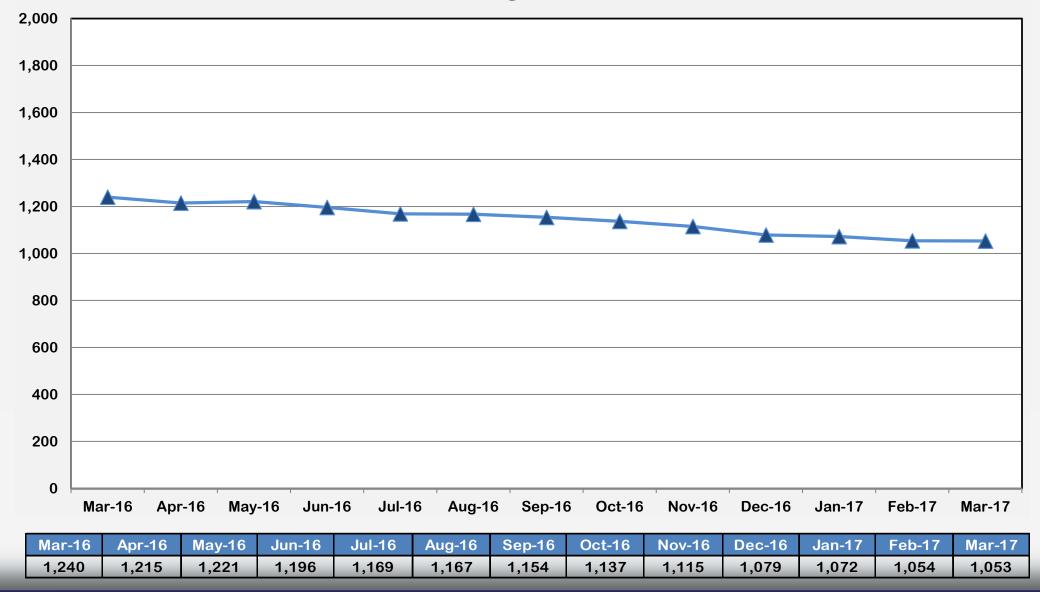






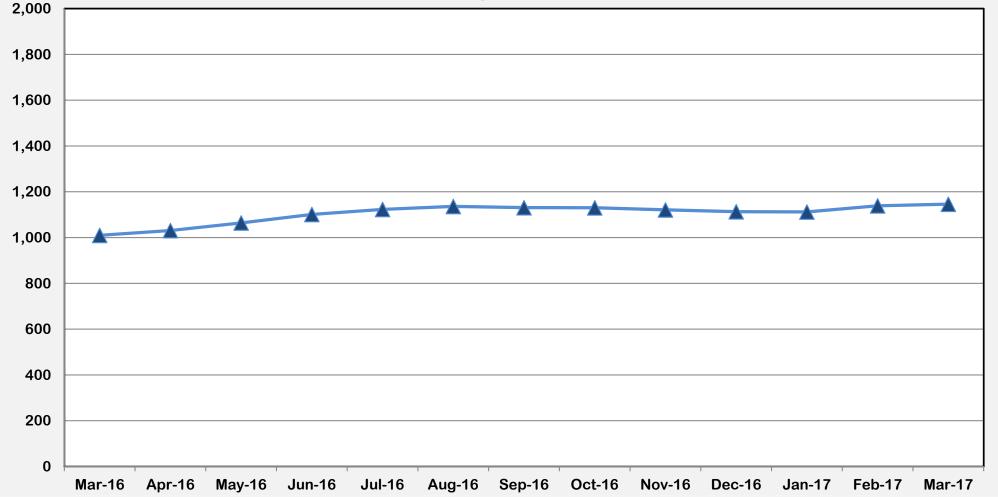


Region III



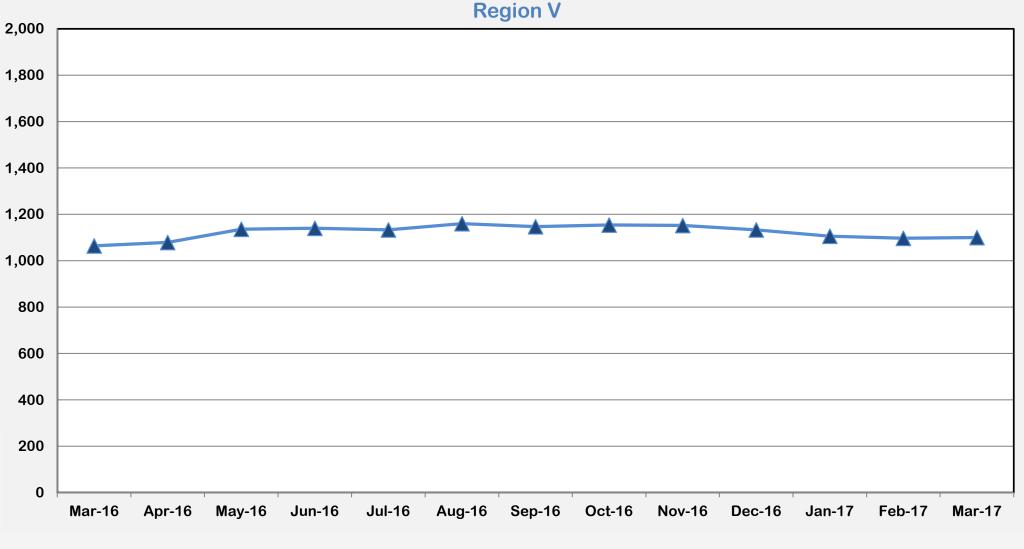






M	ar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17
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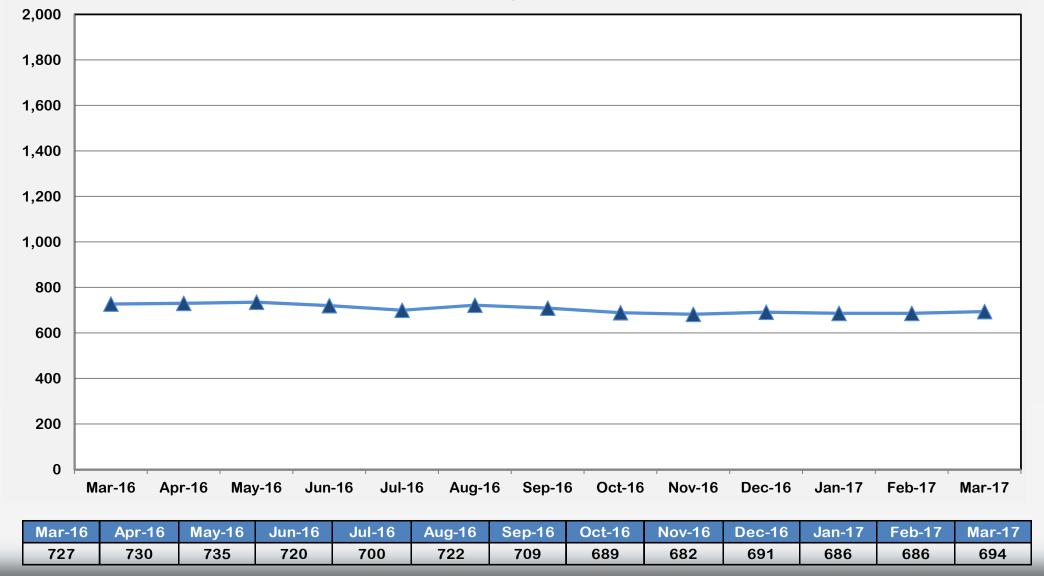






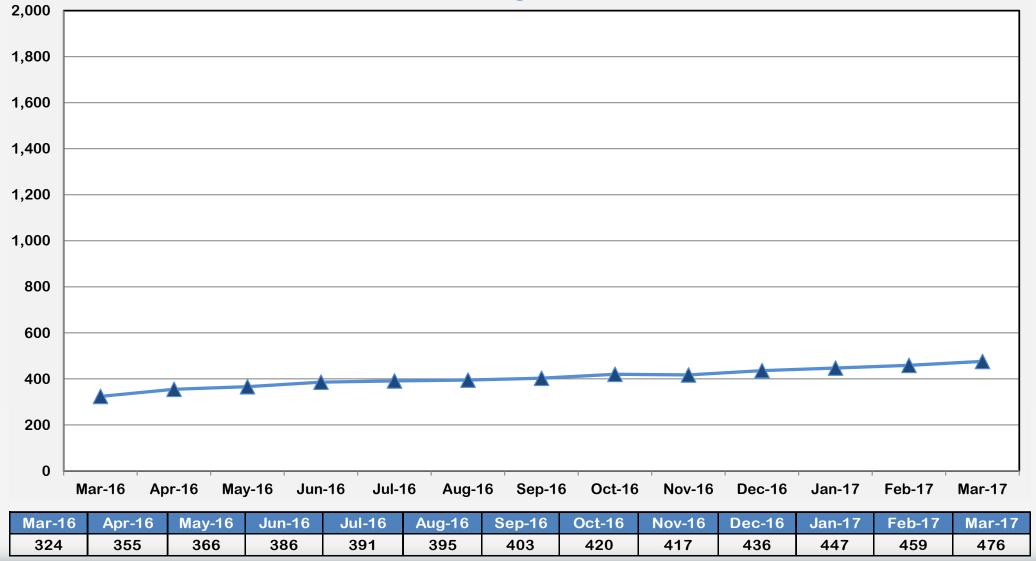


Region VI



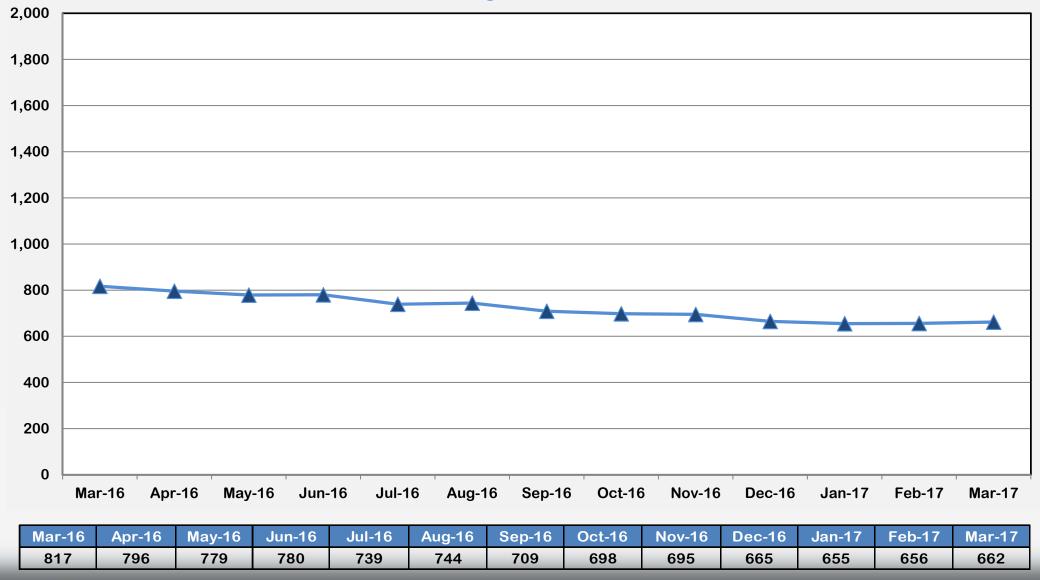


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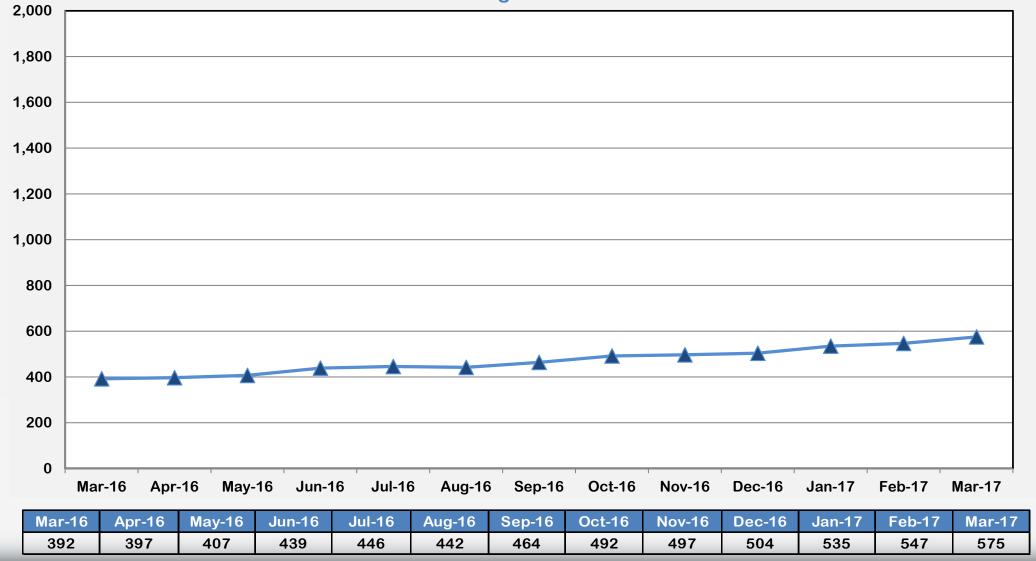


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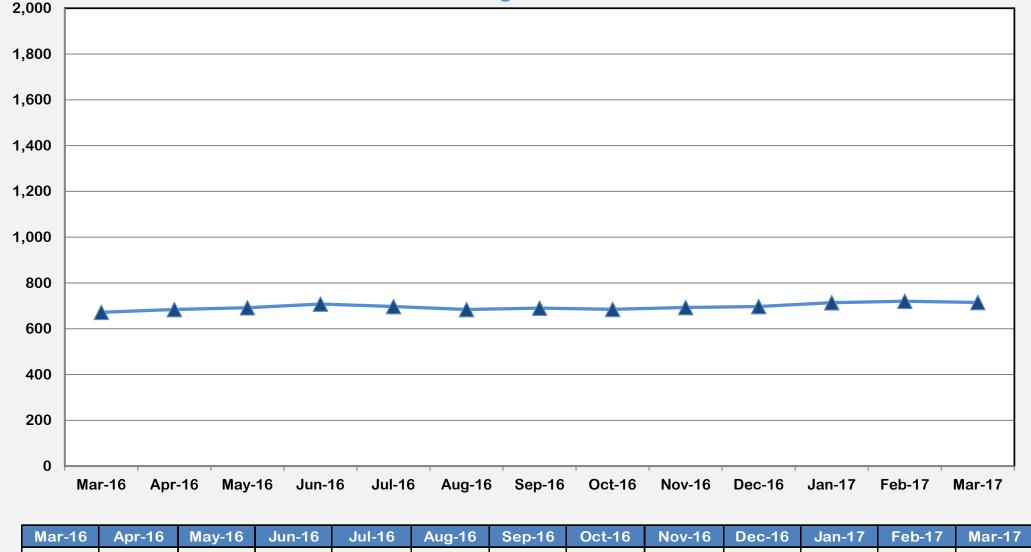






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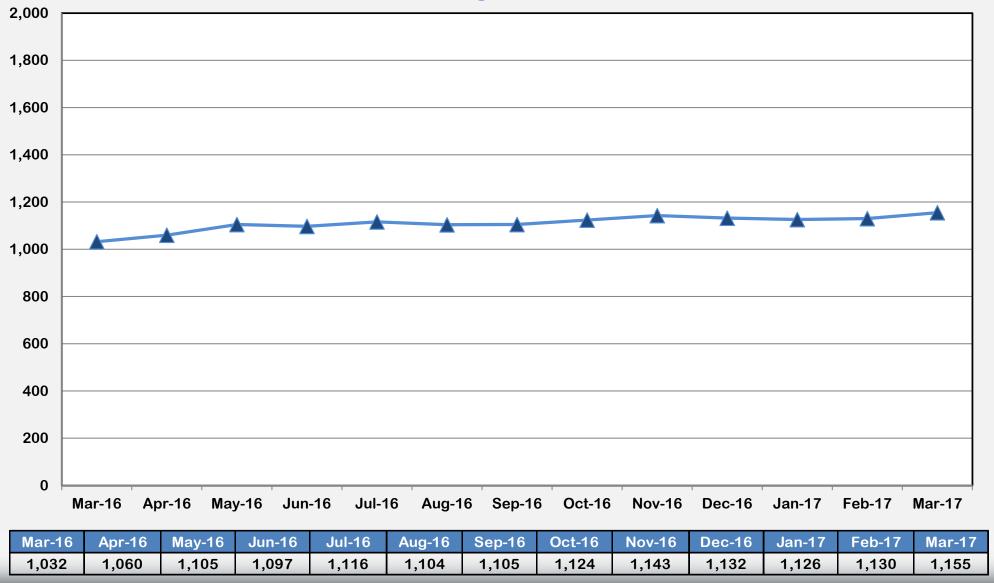


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672	684	692	708	697	684	690	685	693	697	714	720	715



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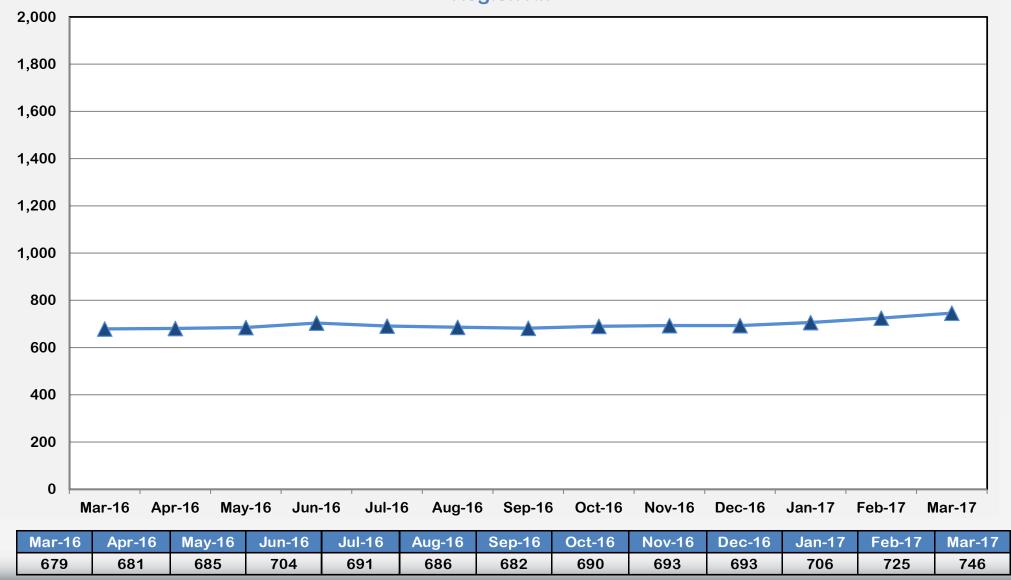
Region XI





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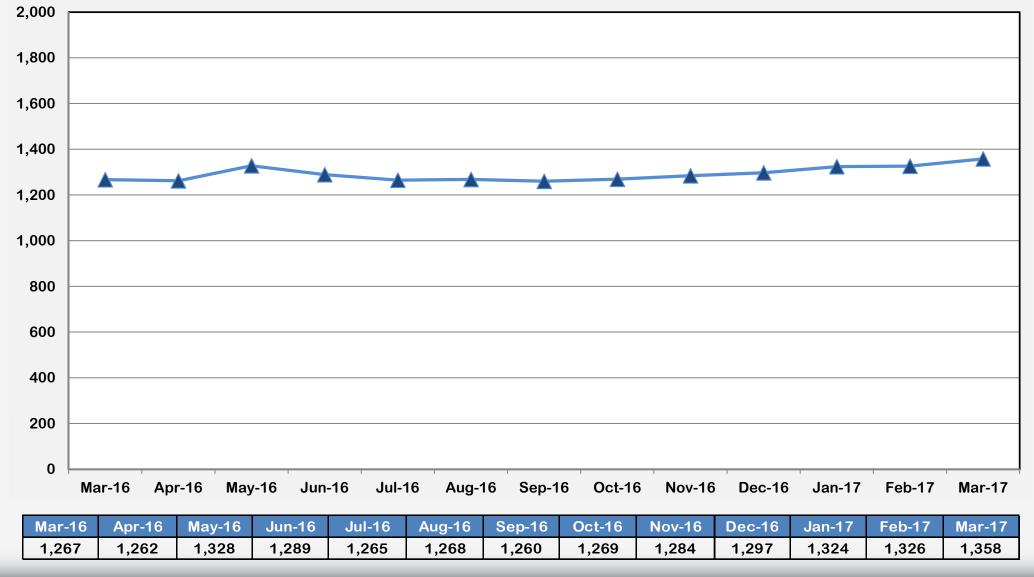
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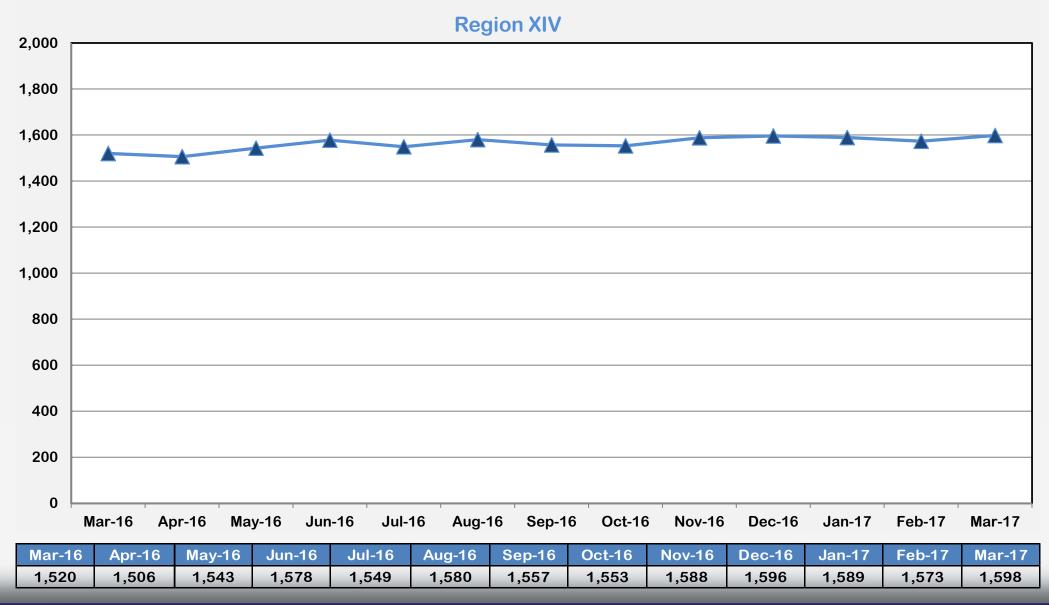
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Region XIII





Outcome VI: Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (March 2016 – March 2017)





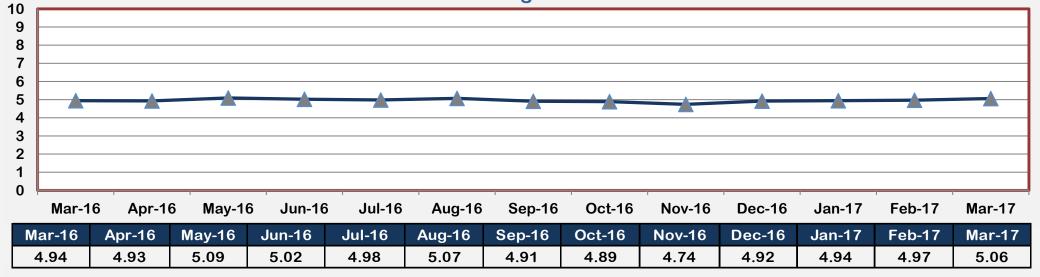
APPENDIX C

Regional Graphs of Outcome XIII

Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (March 2016 – March 2017)

National Standard = 4.12
Desired Goal to Meet the PIP = 6.01

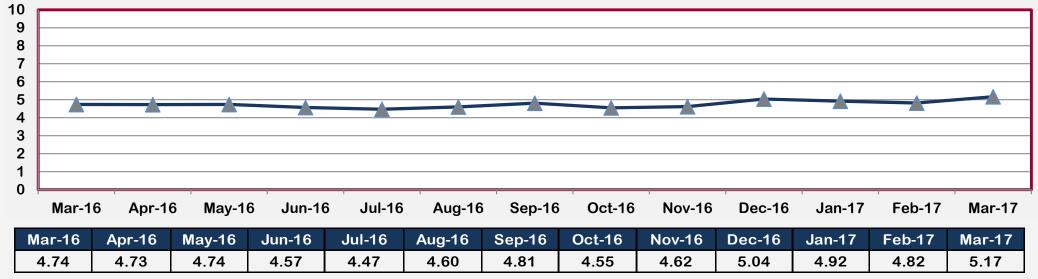
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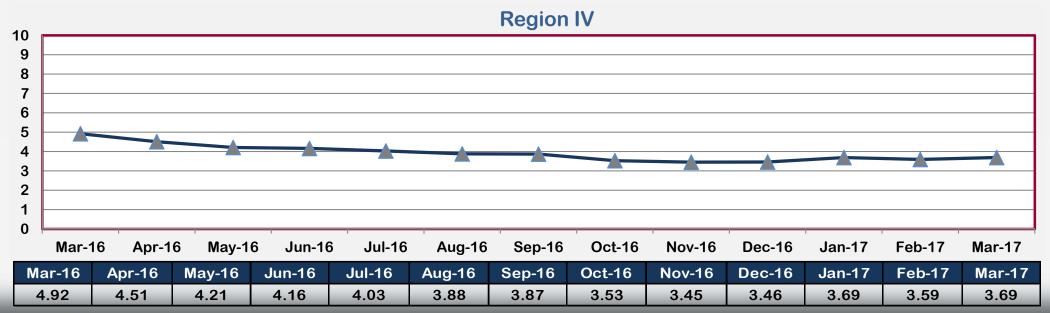


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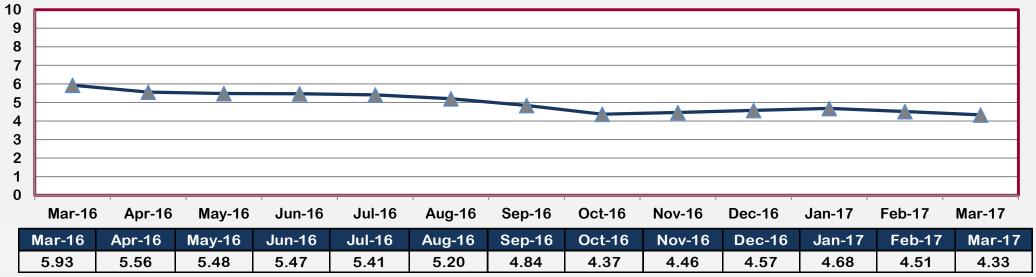




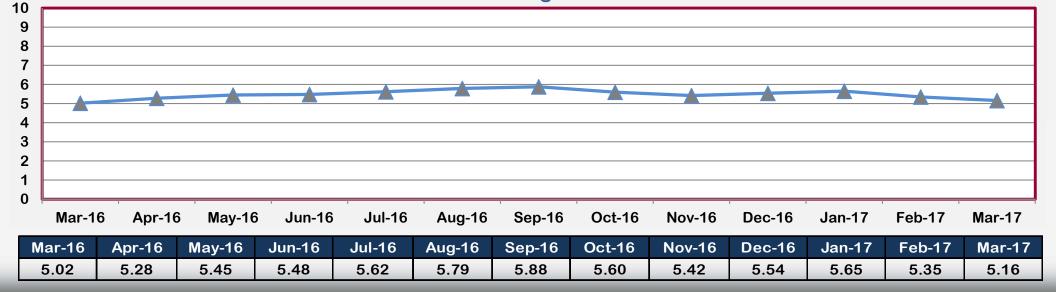




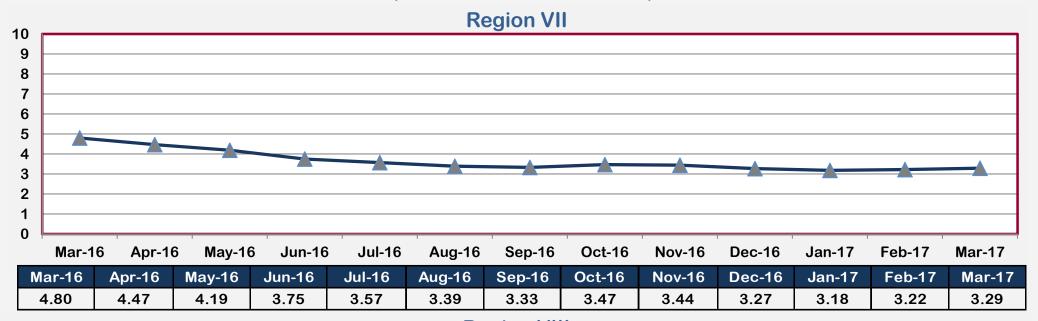
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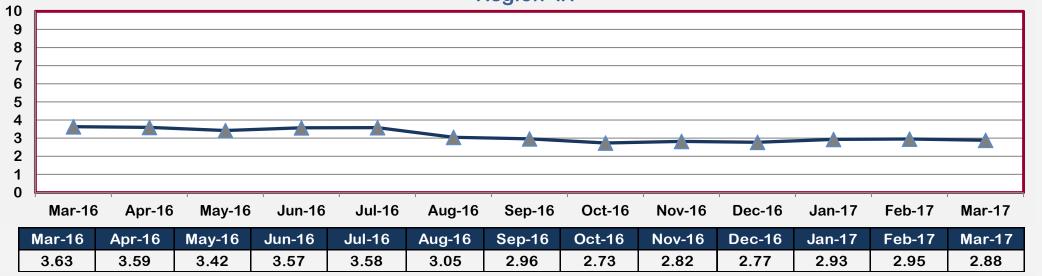




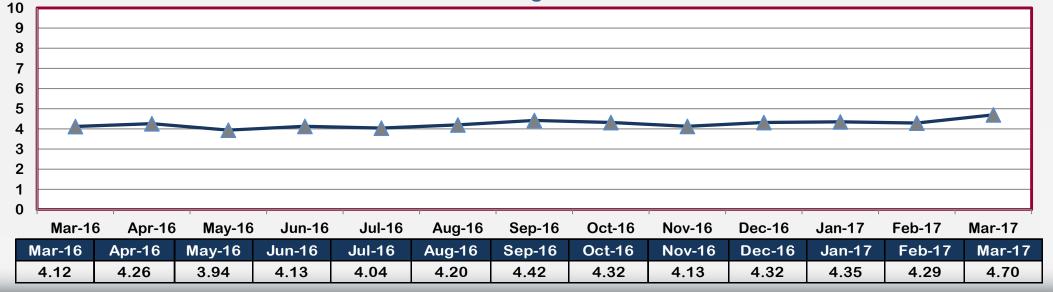


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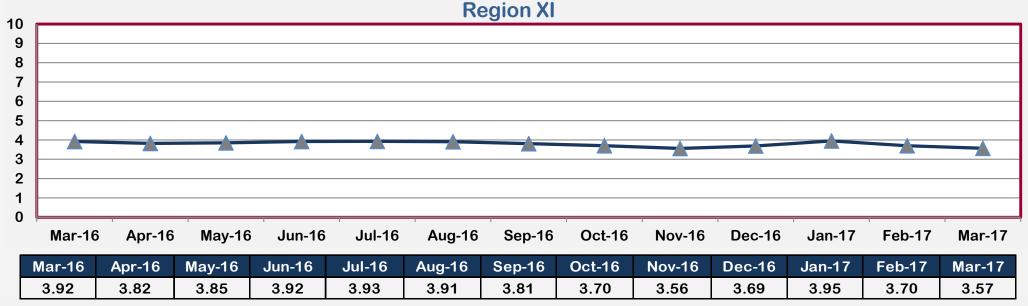




Region X







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Region XIII

