

Georgia Division of Family & Children Services

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Monthly Measures and Results for August 2017*

*(Reflects Safety Outcomes as of June 30, 2017 And Permanency Outcomes as of July 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)

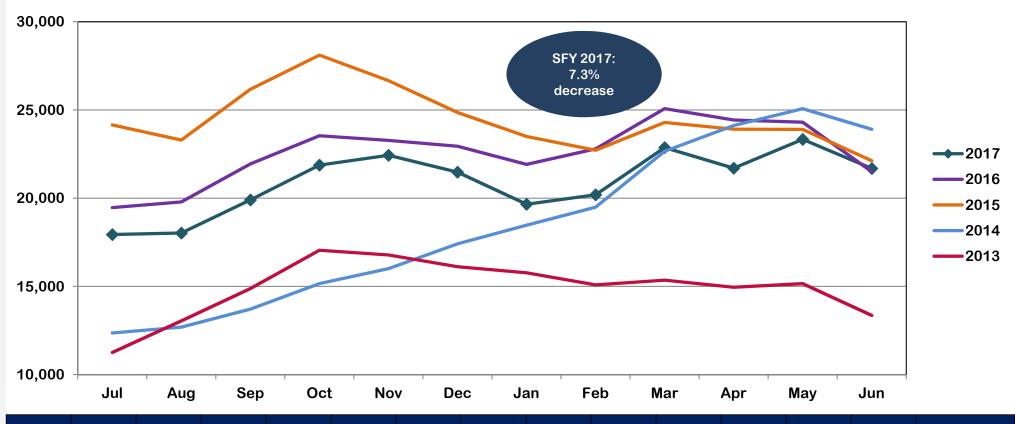
A calculated value based upon the ACF CFSR Round 3 which is part of Program Improvement. It is calculated from a rolling 12 month population of the entry cohort where the child remained in custody for over 8 days and was not 18 on the date of removal. The federal standard is 4.12.

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)

During the month of June 2017, there was a decrease in the total cases of 7.1% since May 2017. The average for the state fiscal year 2017 reveals a 7.3% decrease since last state fiscal year. Comparatively, Georgia had .8% less cases last year in June 2016 than June 2017.

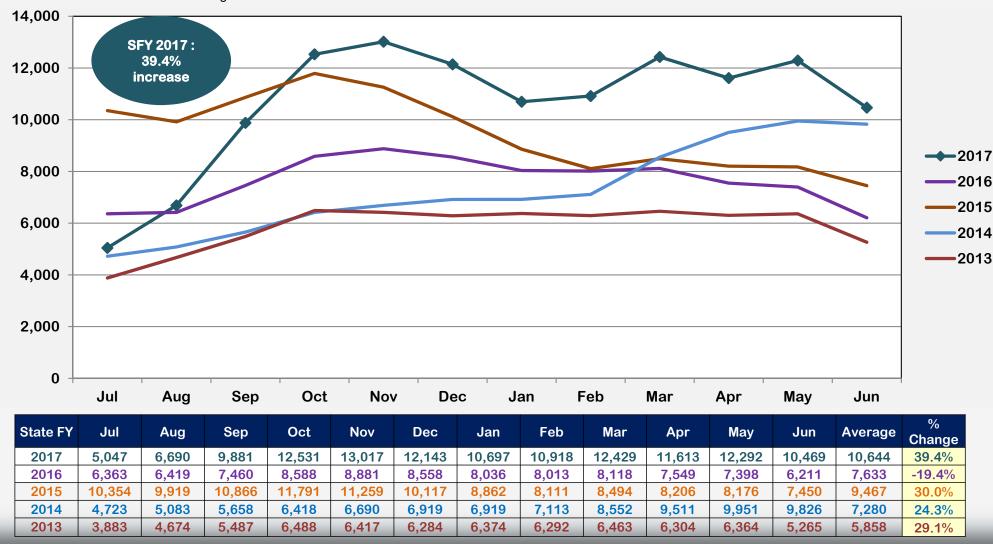


| State FY | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Average | % Change |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| 2017 | 17,940 | 18,027 | 19,901 | 21,875 | 22,435 | 21,478 | 19,659 | 20,195 | 22,870 | 21,701 | 23,334 | 21,683 | 20,925 | -7.3% |
| 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% |



Outcome IA: Child Protective Services Cases Family Support Cases Only (State Fiscal Year 2017)

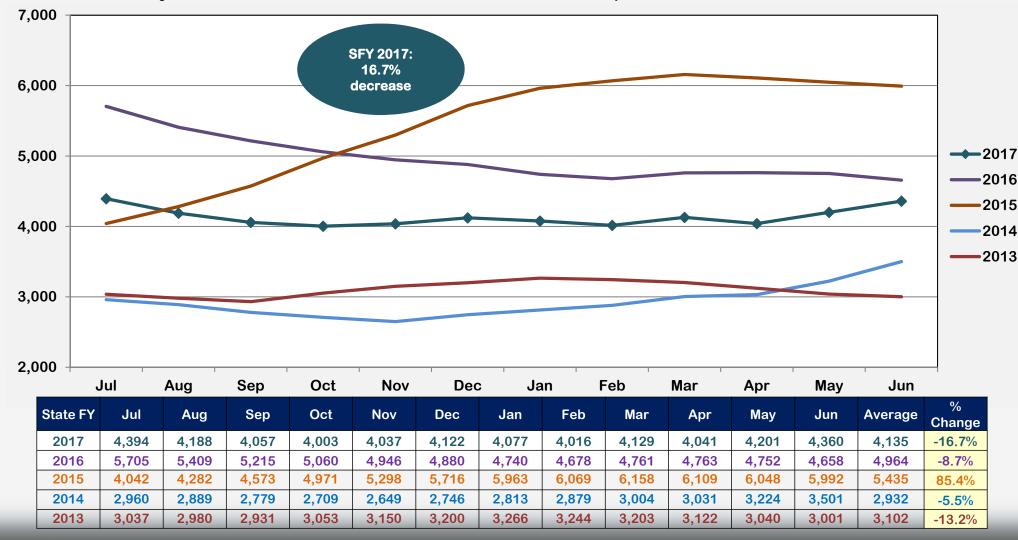
Family Support cases decreased during June 2017 by 14.8% since May 2017 closing out the SFY with a decrease in proximity to the beginning of the second semester. The chart reveals that there was an increase in SFY 2017's case average of 39.4% over the prior SFY. SFY 2016's case average revealed a decrease of 19.4% over SFY 2015.





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

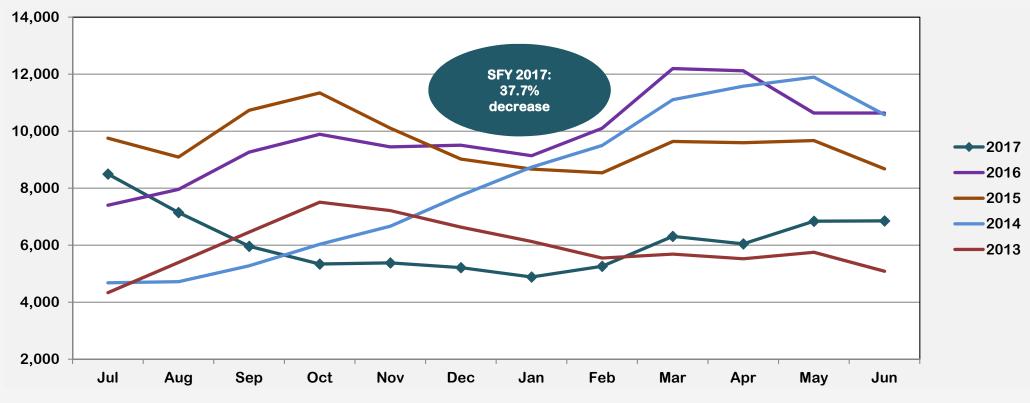
During June, there was a 3.8% increase in the number of Family Preservation cases since May 2017. Caseloads decreased from August 2016 – October 2016 with case counts remaining constant through April 2017. Currently, the SFY 2017 year to date average is 16.7% lower than SFY 2016's average. Both State Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 show a marked decrease in Family Preservation Cases since SFY 2015.





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

Investigation cases declined during the first half through the beginning of the second semester of SFY 2017 to date by 43%. A similar trend is seen from SFY 2013 – SFY 2017 of an increase from February – March. During June 2017, there was a .2% increase over May 2017 although the overall cases since SFY 2016 decreased by 37.7%



| State FY | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Average | % Change |
|----------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------------|
| 2017 | 8,499 | 7,149 | 5,963 | 5,341 | 5,381 | 5,213 | 4,885 | 5,261 | 6,312 | 6,047 | 6,841 | 6,854 | 6,146 | -37.7% |
| 2016 | 7,402 | 7,960 | 9,268 | 9,893 | 9,450 | 9,508 | 9,140 | 10,104 | 12,196 | 12,119 | 10,636 | 10,636 | 9,859 | 3.0% |
| 2015 | 9,755 | 9,093 | 10,736 | 11,345 | 10,106 | 9,023 | 8,671 | 8,540 | 9,640 | 9,595 | 9,671 | 8,679 | 9,571 | 16.6% |
| 2014 | 4,680 | 4,721 | 5,278 | 6,035 | 6,669 | 7,751 | 8,738 | 9,499 | 11,106 | 11,578 | 11,896 | 10,578 | 8,211 | 38.2% |
| 2013 | 4,336 | 5,396 | 6,460 | 7,509 | 7,216 | 6,635 | 6,133 | 5,552 | 5,689 | 5,525 | 5,753 | 5,089 | 5,941 | 10.2% |



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

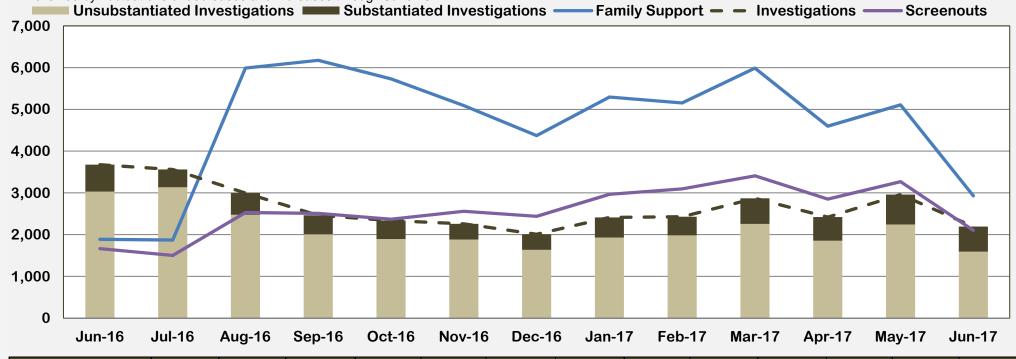
The trend below reveals a decrease in the number of repeated substantiated incidents of child maltreatment. During June 2016, Georgia was above the national standard of 5.4%. One year later this value is reduced by over 60% reflecting many effective changes that have been implemented in Child Protective Services.





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

Of the CPS cases that had a disposition during the month of June 2017, 29% were screen outs, 41% were Family Support, and 30% were Investigations. Only 27% of the Investigations were substantiated. The overall yearly trend shows a jump in the number of Family Support cases in August 2016 and Screened Out cases. Conversely, total investigations declined during the first semester through December 2016, During the second semester Investigations increased through March 2017, followed by fluctuations of decreases and increases through June 2017.

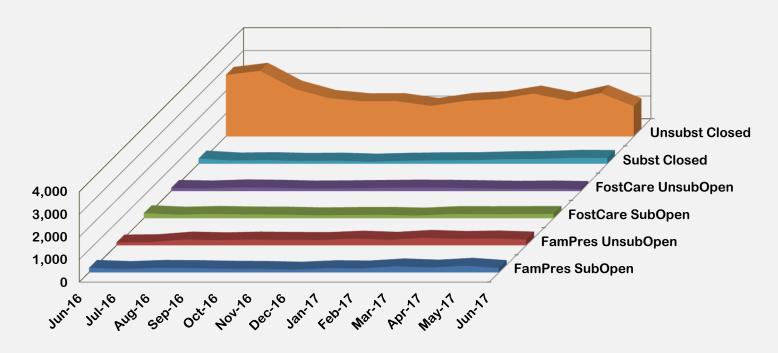


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|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Family Support | 1,887 | 1,869 | 5,990 | 6,175 | 5,731 | 5,092 | 4,373 | 5,297 | 5,155 | 5,988 | 4,598 | 5,108 | 2,929 |
| Screenouts | 1,665 | 1,502 | 2,529 | 2,508 | 2,369 | 2,560 | 2,438 | 2,965 | 3,096 | 3,408 | 2,850 | 3,268 | 2,104 |
| Investigations | 3,676 | 3,561 | 2,997 | 2,463 | 2,337 | 2,259 | 2,010 | 2,413 | 2,429 | 2,871 | 2,421 | 2,960 | 2,194 |
| Substantiated Investigations | 645 | 427 | 521 | 455 | 442 | 375 | 375 | 482 | 447 | 614 | 566 | 717 | 603 |
| Unsubstantiated Investigations | 3,031 | 3,134 | 2,476 | 2,008 | 1,895 | 1,884 | 1,635 | 1,931 | 1,982 | 2,257 | 1,855 | 2,243 | 1,591 |



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

According to May's data, 19.7% of Investigations were subsequently opened as a Family Preservation case; 12.5% of Investigations were opened as a Foster Care case; and 67.8% of Investigations were closed.

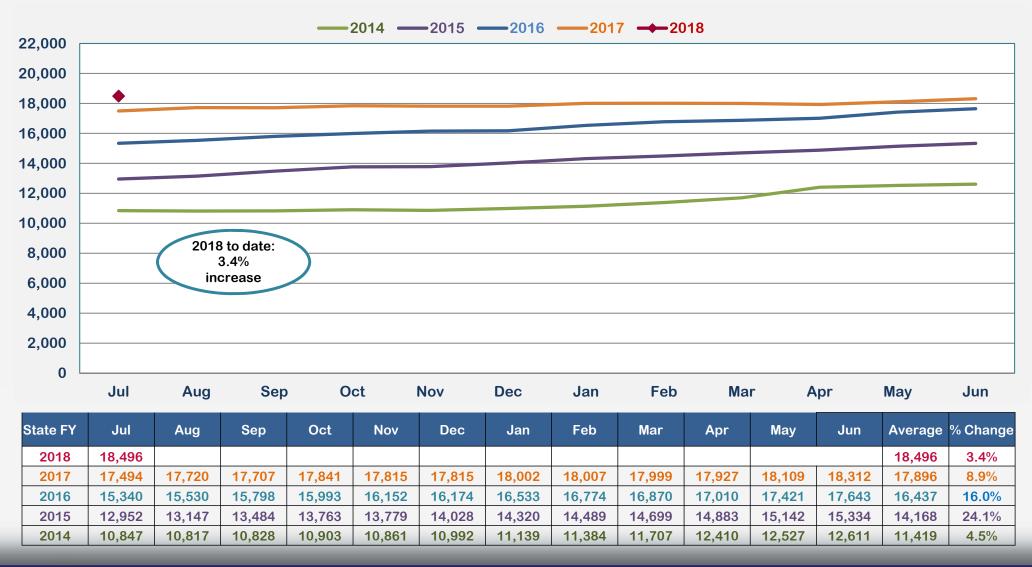


| | Jun-16 | Jul-16 | Aug-16 | Sep-16 | Oct-16 | Nov-16 | Dec-16 | Jan-17 | Feb-17 | Mar-17 | Apr-17 | May-17 | Jun-17 |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| FamPres SubOpen | 207 | 154 | 208 | 196 | 170 | 160 | 128 | 193 | 182 | 274 | 219 | 300 | 199 |
| FamPres UnsubOpen | 129 | 145 | 262 | 229 | 261 | 246 | 240 | 304 | 251 | 338 | 289 | 311 | 261 |
| FostCare SubOpen | 230 | 164 | 198 | 173 | 166 | 135 | 149 | 155 | 124 | 191 | 186 | 191 | 197 |
| FostCare UnsubOpen | 140 | 119 | 166 | 149 | 115 | 125 | 141 | 155 | 148 | 126 | 105 | 117 | 94 |
| Subst Closed | 232 | 145 | 163 | 127 | 140 | 97 | 136 | 156 | 162 | 201 | 217 | 264 | 253 |
| Unsubst Closed | 2,704 | 2,886 | 2,097 | 1,687 | 1,547 | 1,554 | 1,343 | 1,561 | 1,644 | 1,886 | 1,589 | 1,909 | 1,330 |



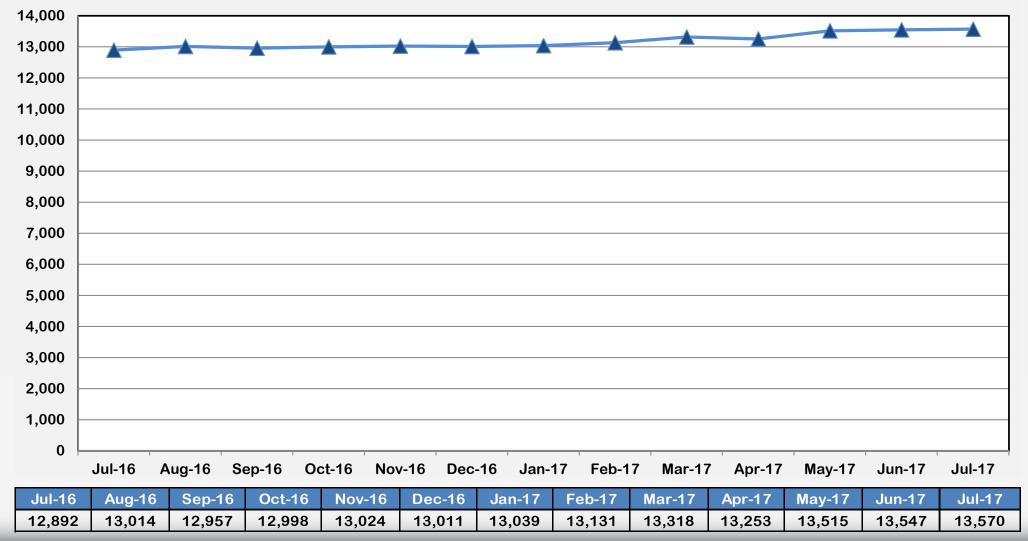
Outcome V: Number of Children in Placement Services (State Fiscal Year 2018 To Date)

There was an increase in the number of placement services that were open during the month of July 2017(18,496). 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.



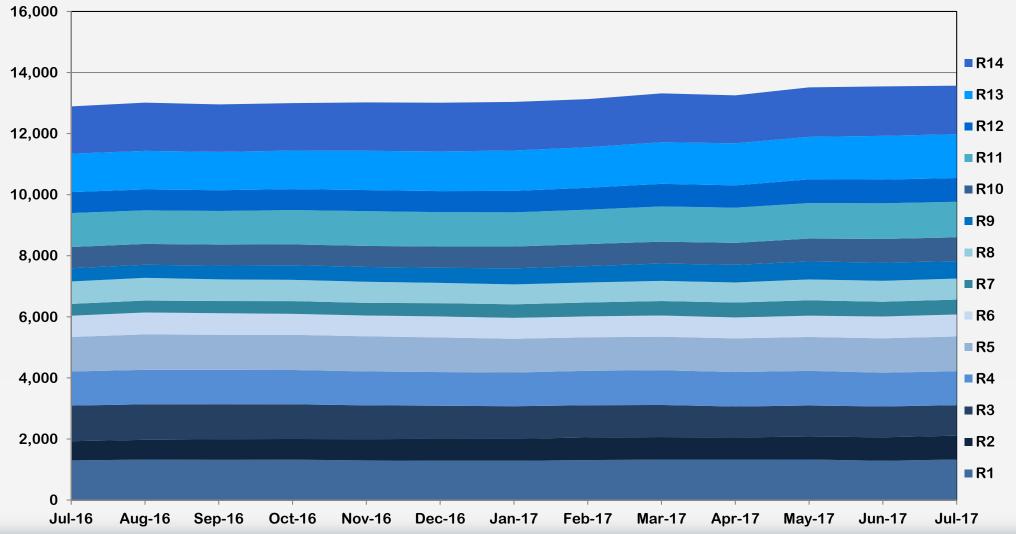


The number of children in foster care under the age of 18 increased to 13,570 during July 2017. The following slides reveal that there were 684 entries and 686 exits. On the last day of July 2017, there were 12,884 children in custody from this population. Of those who entered custody during the month, fifty-four children (7.9%) had a prior episode within 12 months.





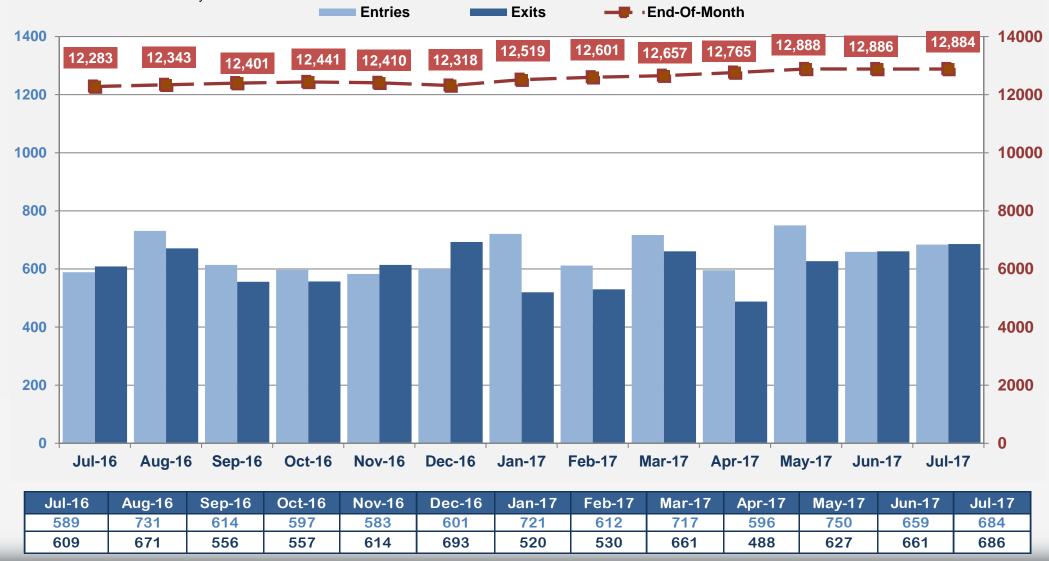
The number of children in Foster Care under the age of 18 during July 2017 was 13,570. Visually, you can see that Region 14 has the highest proportion of children in custody at any point in time. During July 2017, Region 14 had 1,586 children in DFCS custody followed by Region 13 with 1,437 children and Region 1 with 1,328 children. (for regional trends, see appendix).





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

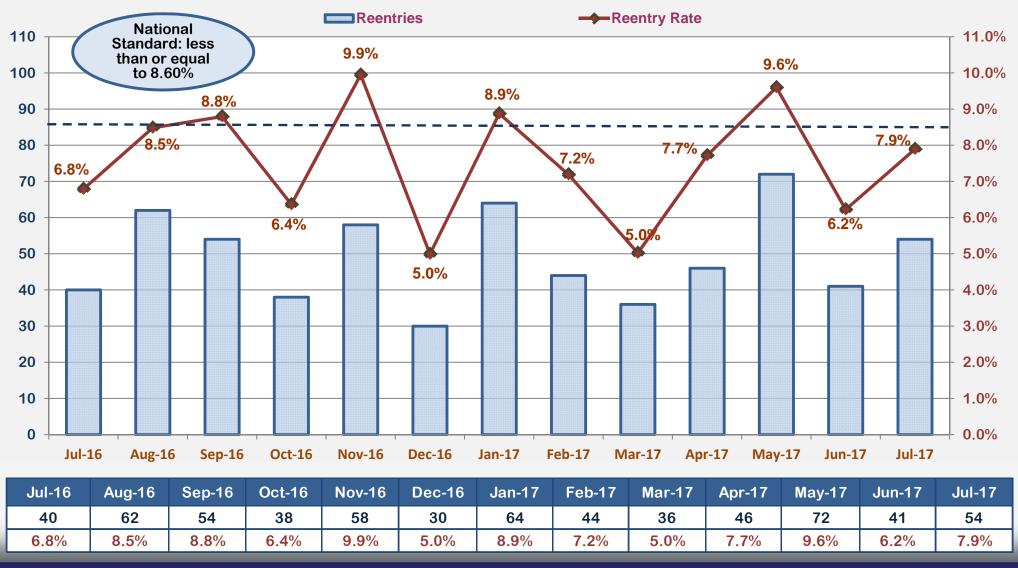
Multiple trends can be seen in this graph. There was a increase in the number of entries and exits in July 2017. There was a net gain of 2 children discharged from foster care in July 2017 versus those who were removed from their homes which resulted in the overall population as of the last day of the month having a slight decrease of 2 children from June 2017 to July 2017.





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

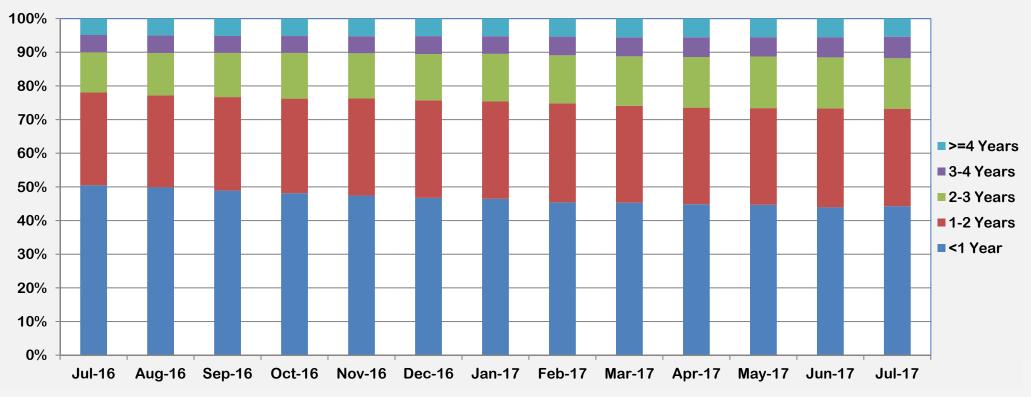
Reentries into foster care improved during December 2016 followed by a spike revealing that the number of re-entries increased over 100%. The re-entry rate and number of reentries for July2017 (7.9%) increased compared to June 2017's ratio of 6.2%. The number and proportion of re-entries to entries increased during July 2017 compared to July 2016.





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

During the month of July 2017, the length of stay among the foster care populations remained close to June 2017 with .4% increase in those children in custody from 36 months to less than 48 months. Comparison of the trend from last July 2016 reveals that there are higher proportion of children who are staying in care for longer than 12 months.

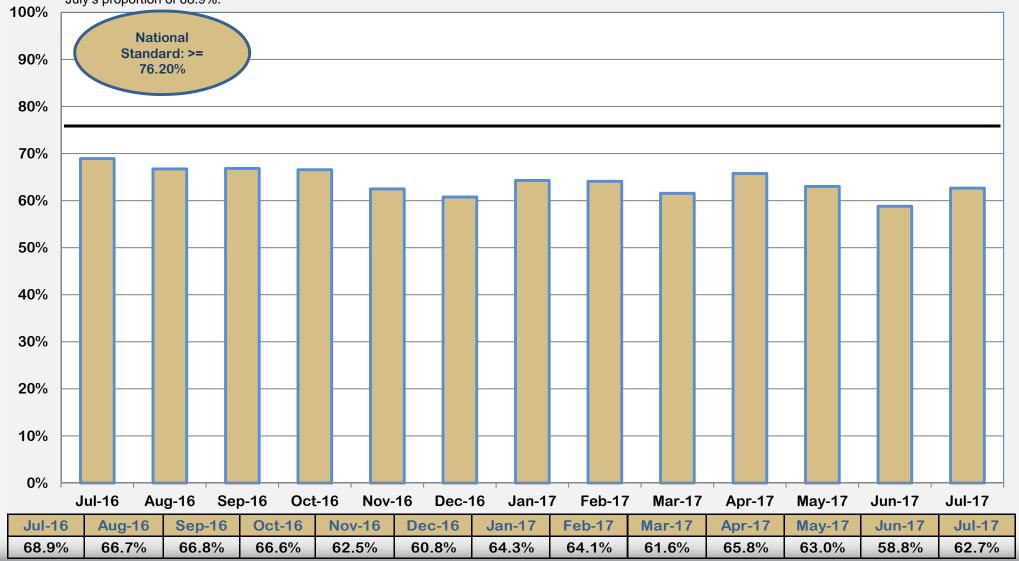


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|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| >=4 Years | 4.9% | 5.0% | 5.1% | 5.2% | 5.2% | 5.2% | 5.2% | 5.3% | 5.5% | 5.5% | 5.5% | 5.5% | 5.4% |
| 3 - <4 Years | 5.1% | 5.2% | 5.0% | 5.0% | 5.1% | 5.3% | 5.3% | 5.6% | 5.7% | 5.9% | 5.8% | 6.0% | 6.4% |
| 2 - <3 Years | 11.9% | 12.6% | 13.1% | 13.6% | 13.4% | 13.7% | 14.1% | 14.3% | 14.7% | 15.0% | 15.3% | 15.2% | 15.0% |
| 1 - <2 Years | 27.6% | 27.3% | 27.8% | 28.1% | 28.8% | 29.0% | 28.9% | 29.4% | 28.8% | 28.7% | 28.7% | 29.4% | 29.0% |
| <1 Year | 50.5% | 49.9% | 48.9% | 48.1% | 47.4% | 46.7% | 46.5% | 45.4% | 45.3% | 44.8% | 44.7% | 43.9% | 44.3% |



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

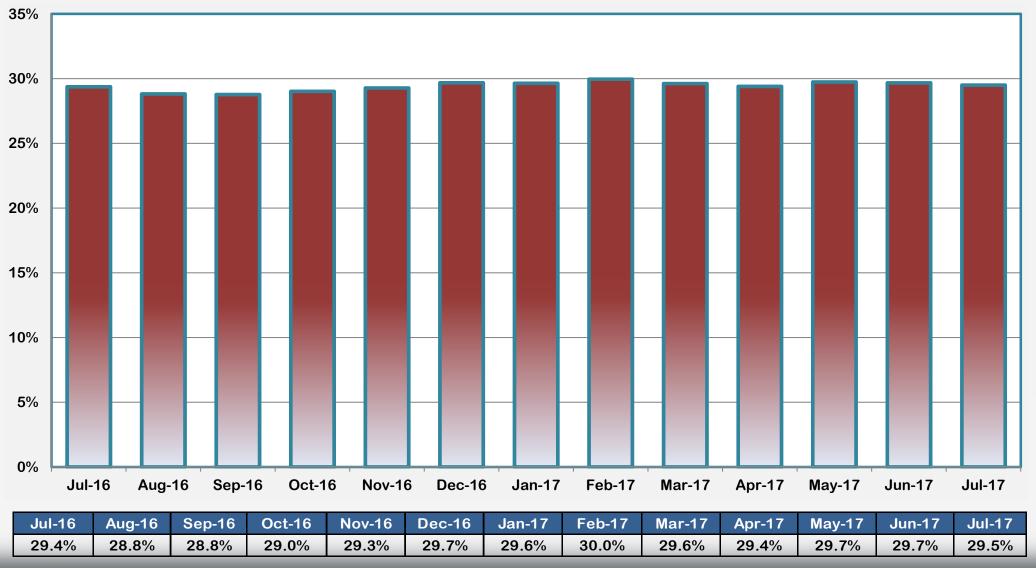
The number of children who reunified within 12 months increased to 62.7% during the month of July 2017. This proportion is significantly lower than last July's proportion of 68.9%.





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

The number of children who were in Foster Care that were placed with relatives during the month of July 2017 remained constant at 29.5%.





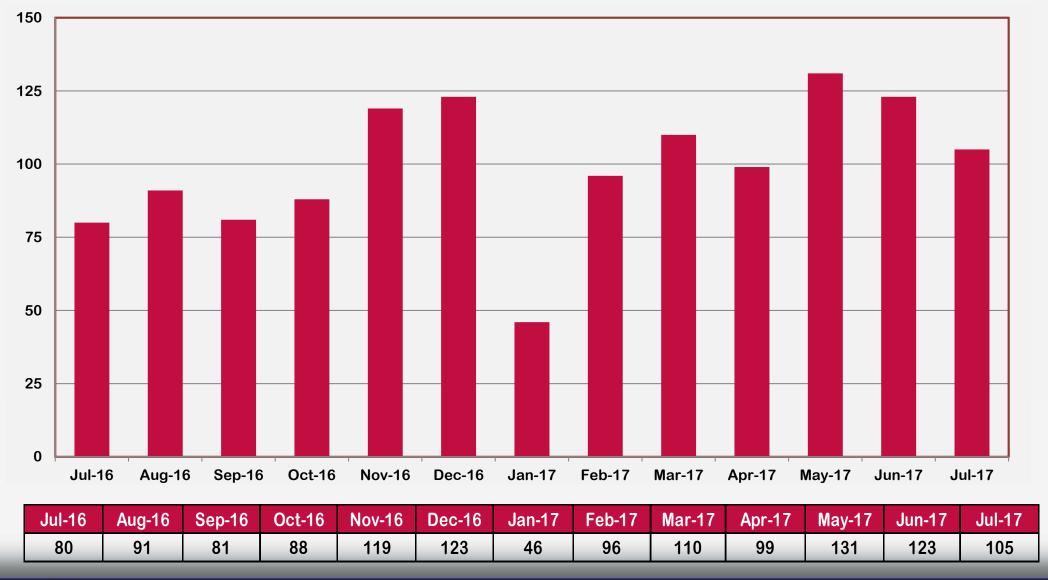
Outcome XI: Extended Youth Services (July 2016 – July 2017)

There were 605 children who remained in custody after their 18th birthday during July 2017. 700 600 500 400 300 200 100 0 Nov-16 Feb-17 Jul-16 Aug-16 Sep-16 Oct-16 Dec-16 Jan-17 Mar-17 Apr-17 May-17 Jun-17 Jul-17 Jul-16 Sep-16 Oct-16 Nov-16 Dec-16 Feb-17 **Jul-17** Aug-16 Jan-17 Mar-17 Apr-17 **May-17** Jun-17 546 548 563 569 570 589 598 594 598 606 613 605 545



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

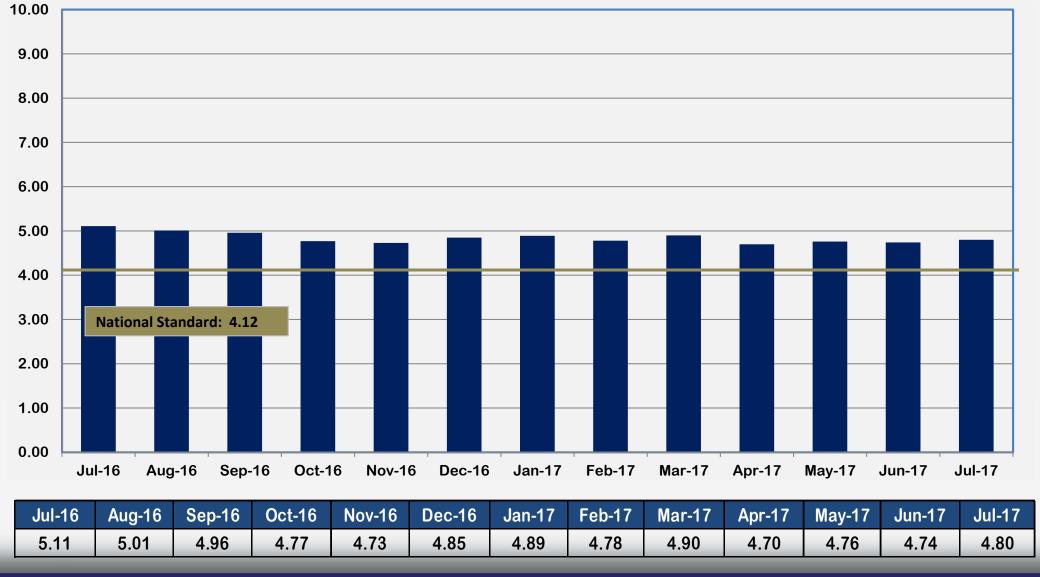
There were 105 foster children adopted during July 2017. This represents a 31% increase in finalizations compared to July 2016.





Outcome XIII: Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (July 2016 – July 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 5.11 to 4.80 which is closer to the federal standard.



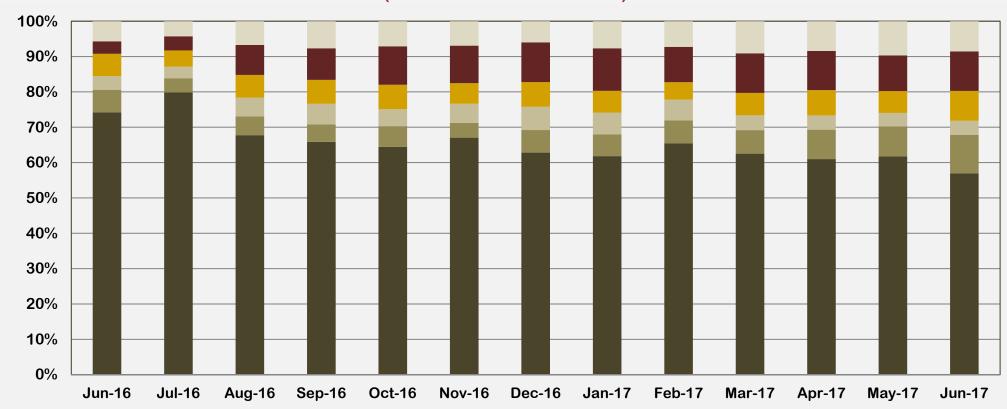


Appendices



Appendix A

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



| | Jun-16 | Jul-16 | Aug-16 | Sep-16 | Oct-16 | Nov-16 | Dec-16 | Jan-17 | Feb-17 | Mar-17 | Apr-17 | May-17 | Jun-17 |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Fam. Pres SubOpen | 5.7% | 4.3% | 6.7% | 7.7% | 7.1% | 6.9% | 6.0% | 7.6% | 7.2% | 9.1% | 8.4% | 9.7% | 8.5% |
| FamPres UnsubOpen | 3.5% | 4.0% | 8.5% | 8.9% | 10.9% | 10.6% | 11.2% | 12.0% | 10.0% | 11.2% | 11.1% | 10.1% | 11.2% |
| FostCare SubOpen | 6.3% | 4.5% | 6.4% | 6.8% | 6.9% | 5.8% | 7.0% | 6.1% | 4.9% | 6.3% | 7.1% | 6.2% | 8.4% |
| FostCare UnsubOpen | 3.8% | 3.3% | 5.4% | 5.8% | 4.8% | 5.4% | 6.6% | 6.1% | 5.9% | 4.2% | 4.0% | 3.8% | 4.0% |
| Subst Closed | 6.4% | 4.0% | 5.3% | 5.0% | 5.8% | 4.2% | 6.4% | 6.2% | 6.5% | 6.7% | 8.3% | 8.5% | 10.8% |
| Unsubst Closed | 74.2% | 79.9% | 67.8% | 65.9% | 64.5% | 67.1% | 62.8% | 61.8% | 65.5% | 62.5% | 61.0% | 61.7% | 57.0% |

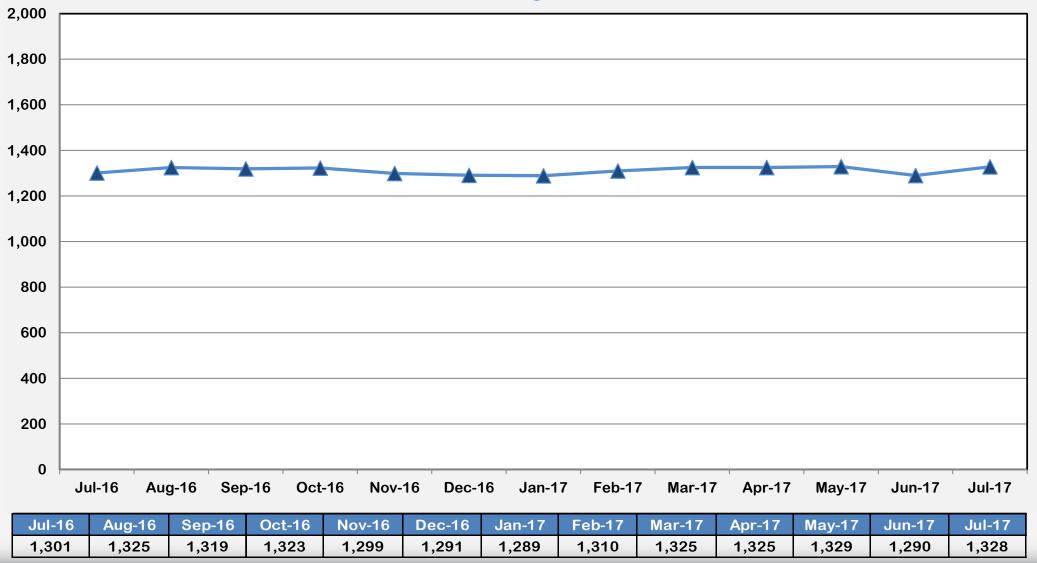


APPENDIX B

Regional Graphs of Outcome VI

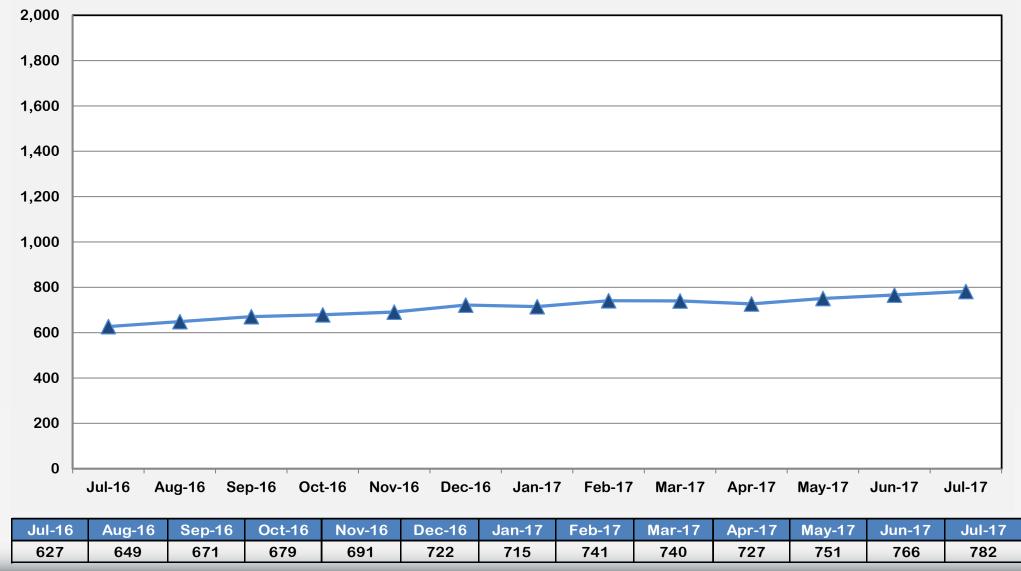
Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (July 2016 – July 2017)

Region I



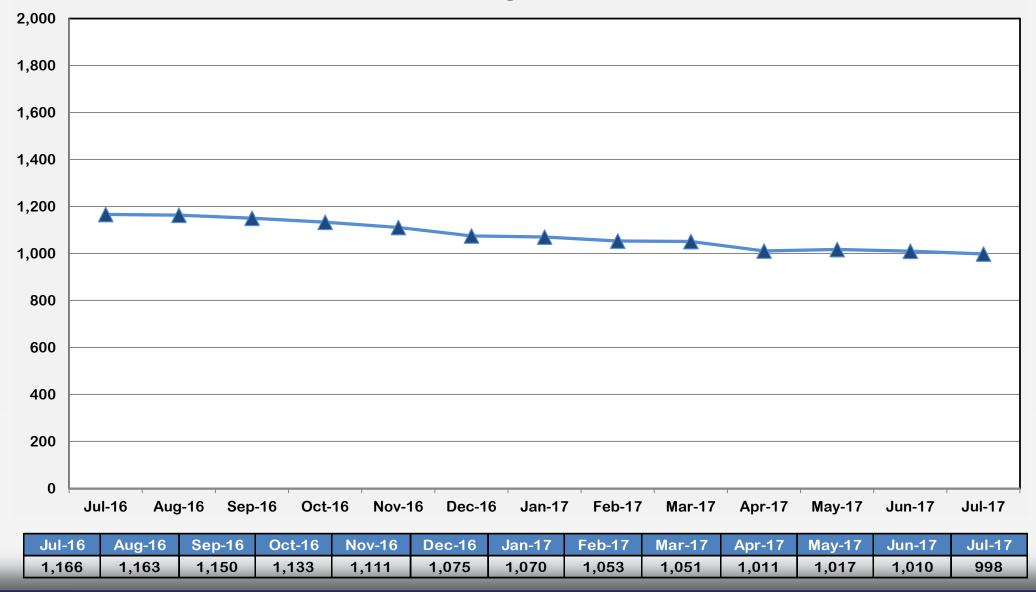


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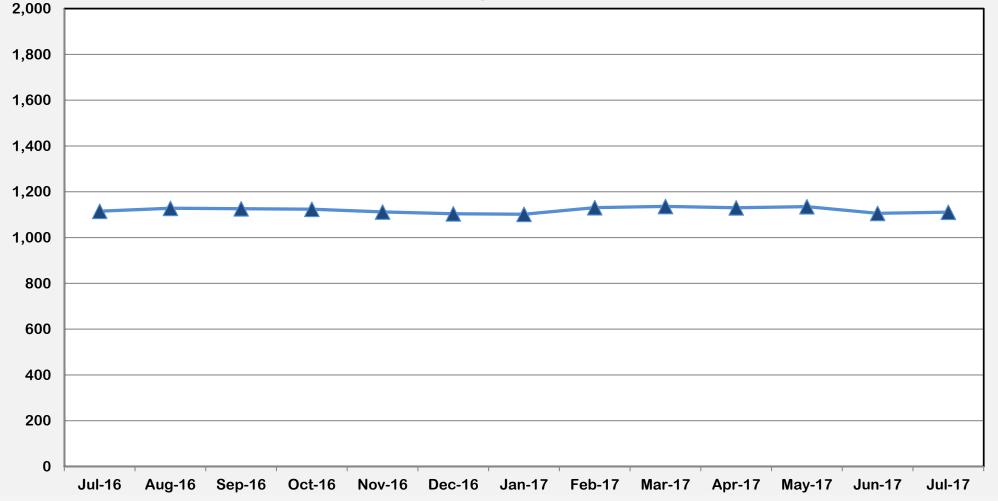


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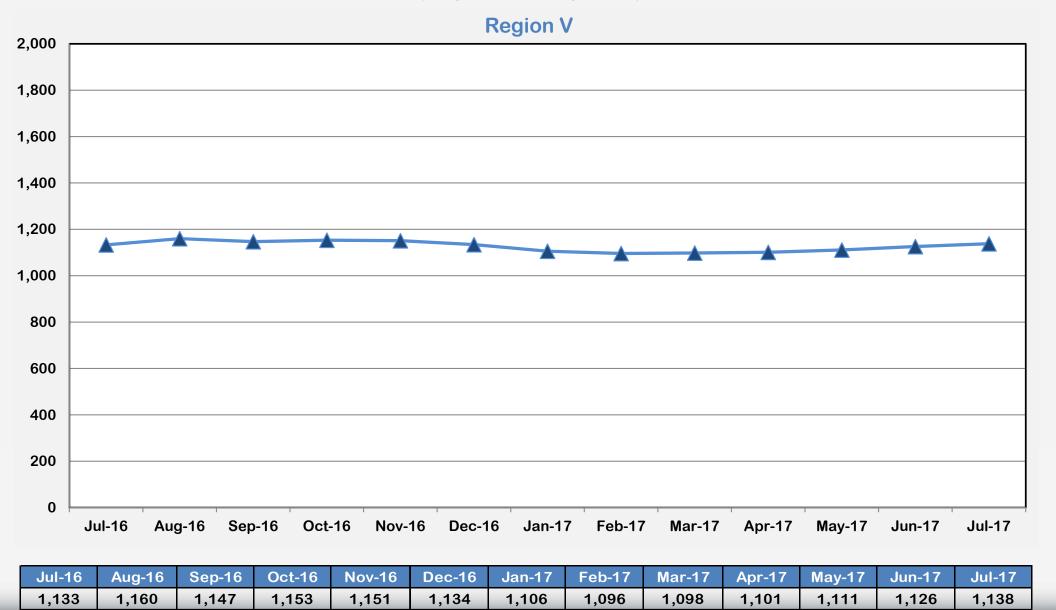






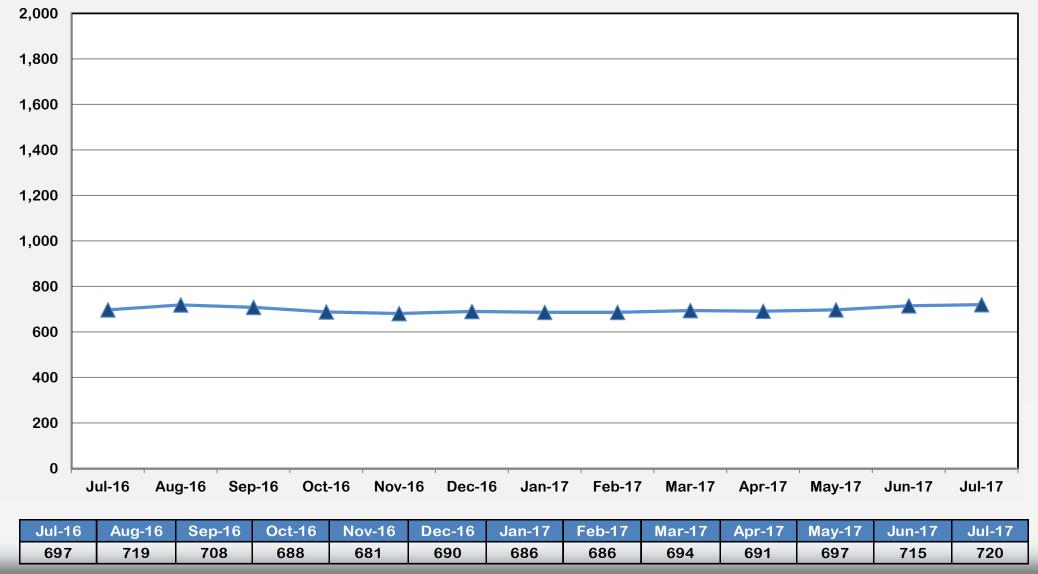
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| 1,115 | 1,128 | 1,126 | 1,124 | 1,112 | 1,104 | 1,102 | 1,131 | 1,136 | 1,130 | 1,135 | 1,106 | 1,111 |





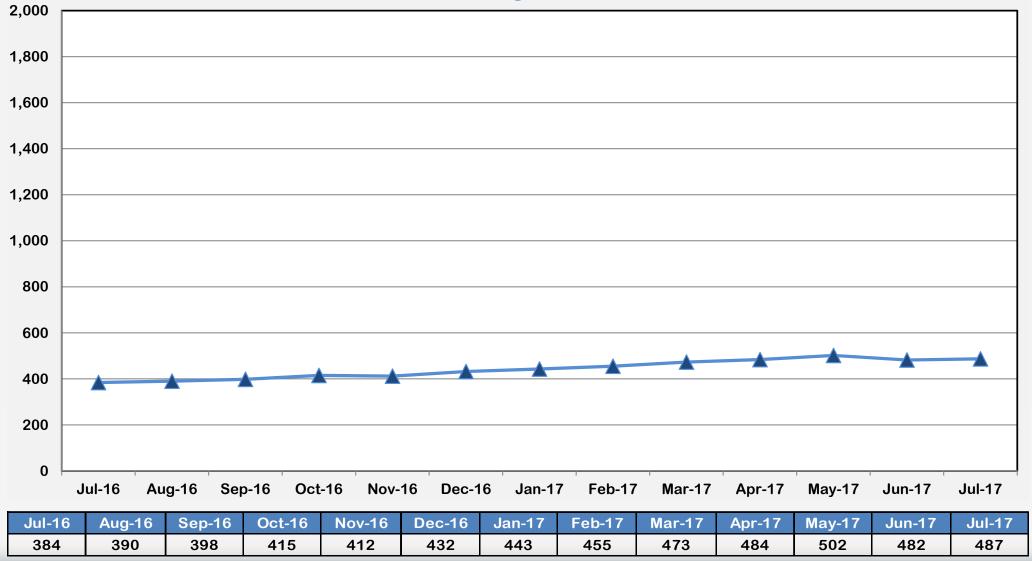


Region VI



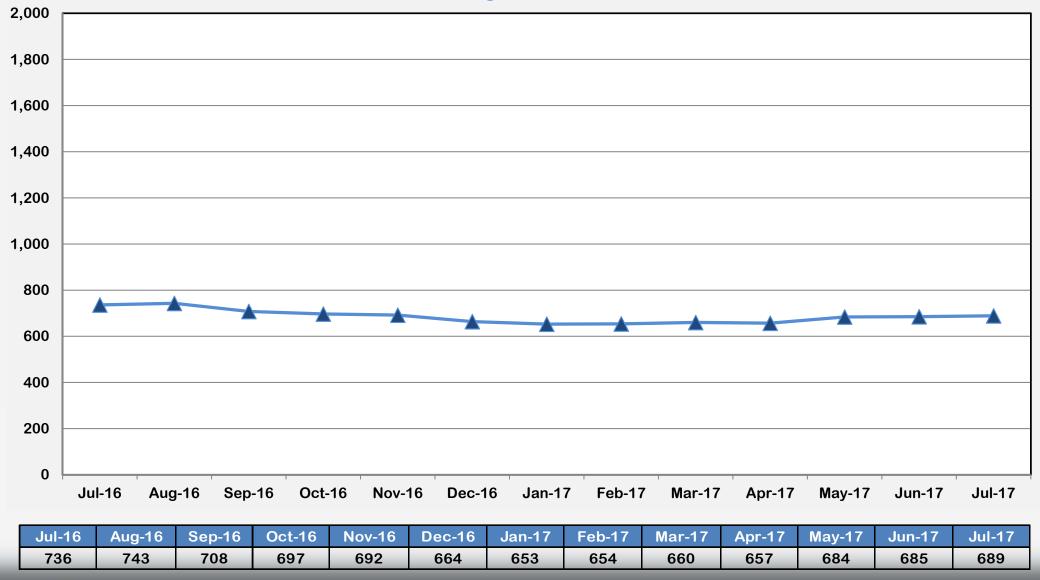


Region VII



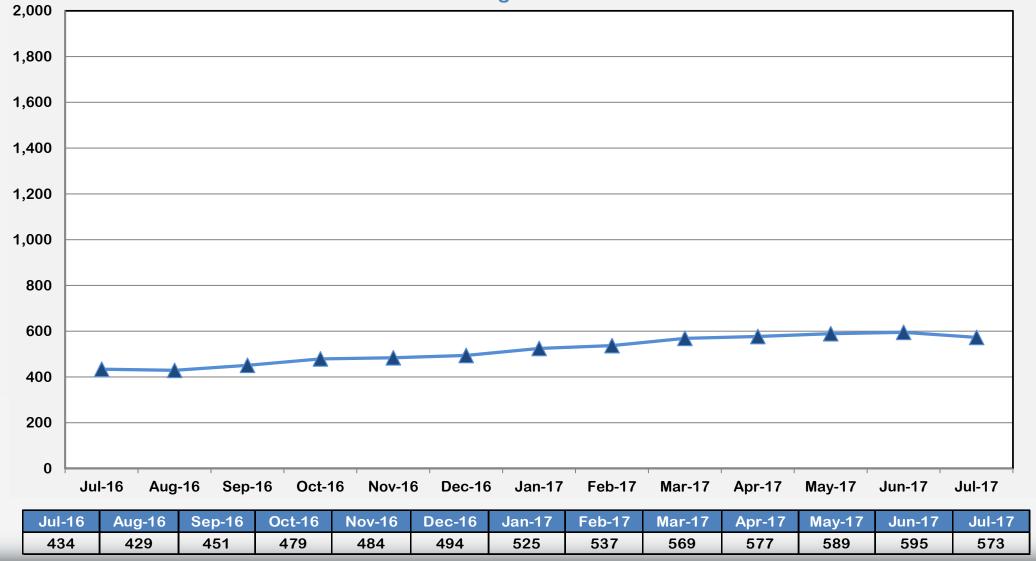


Region VIII



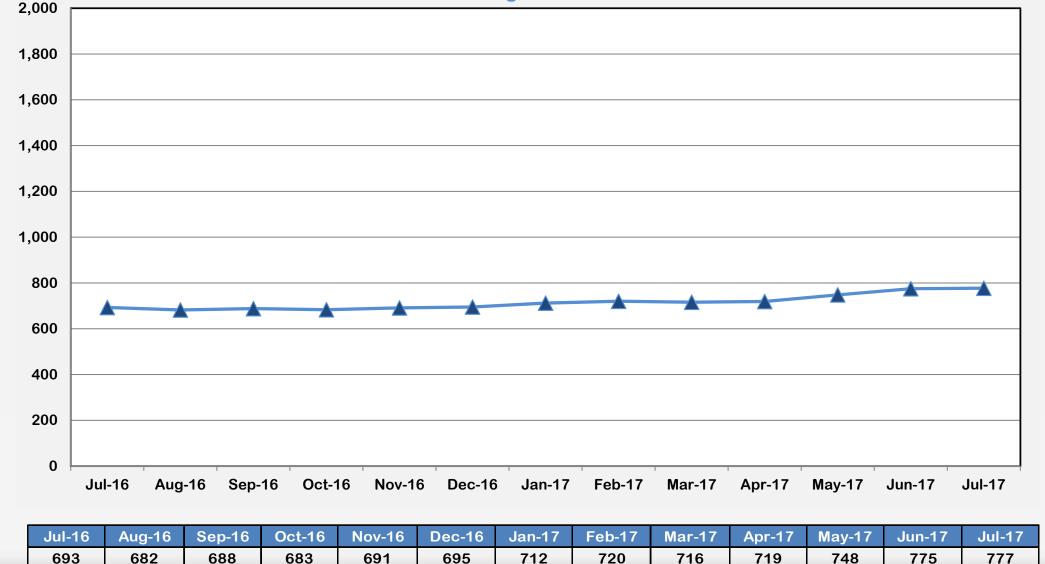






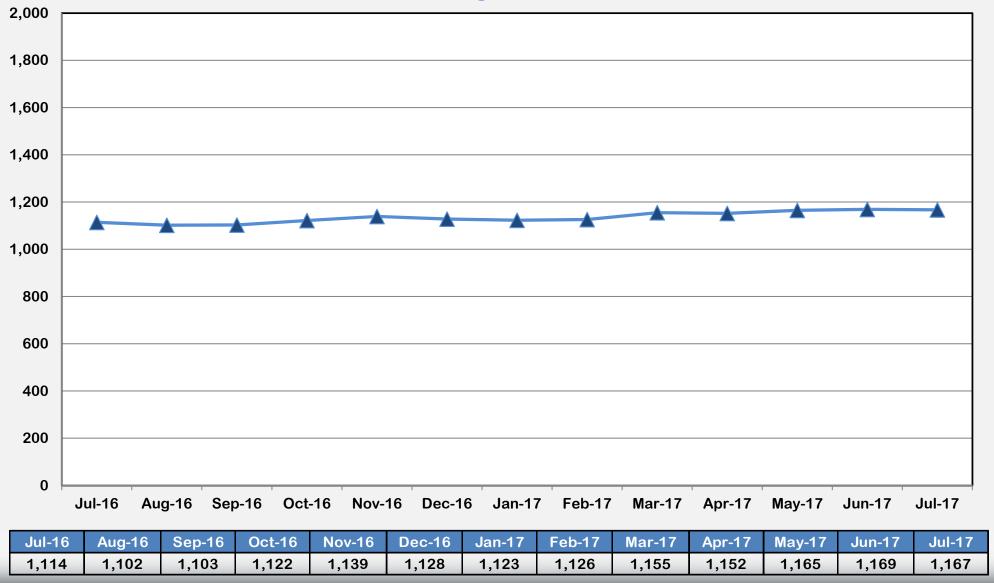






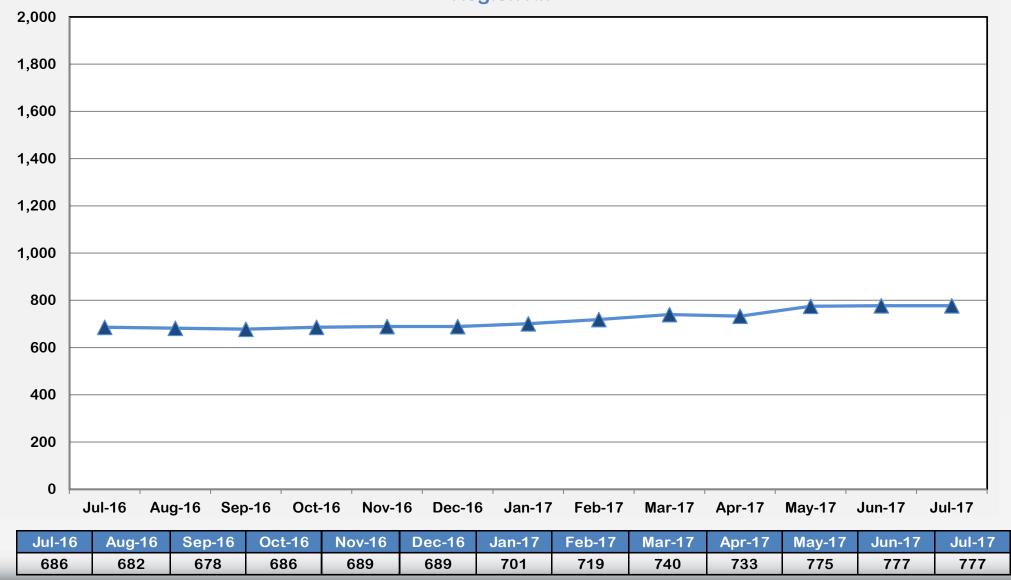


Region XI



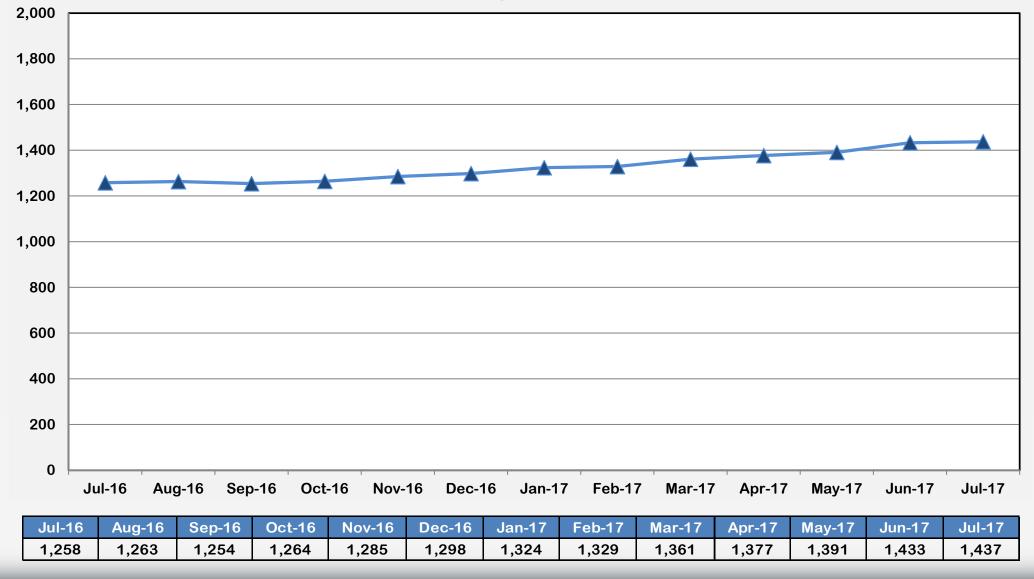


Region XII

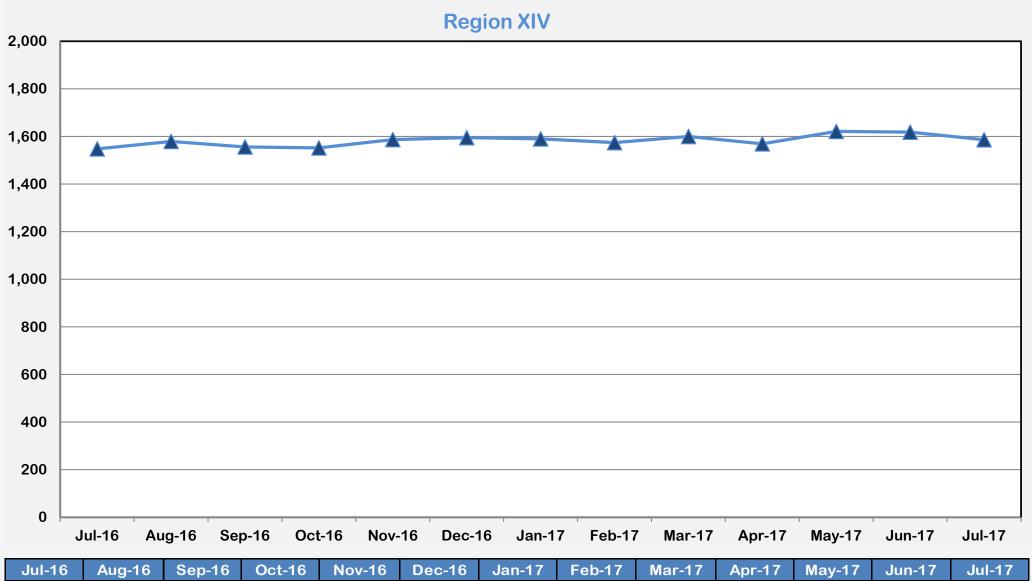




Region XIII







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Division of Family & Children Services

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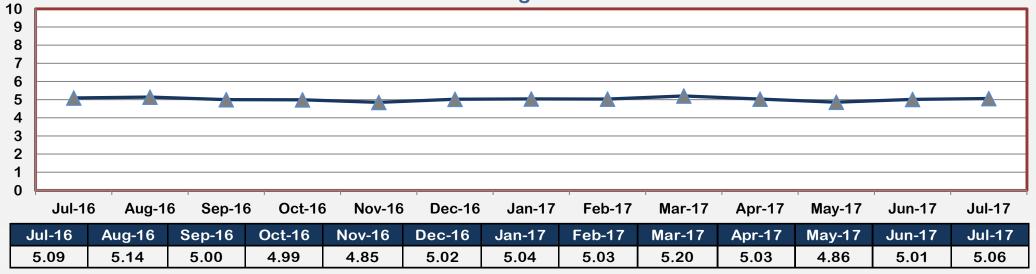
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Regional Graphs of Outcome XIII

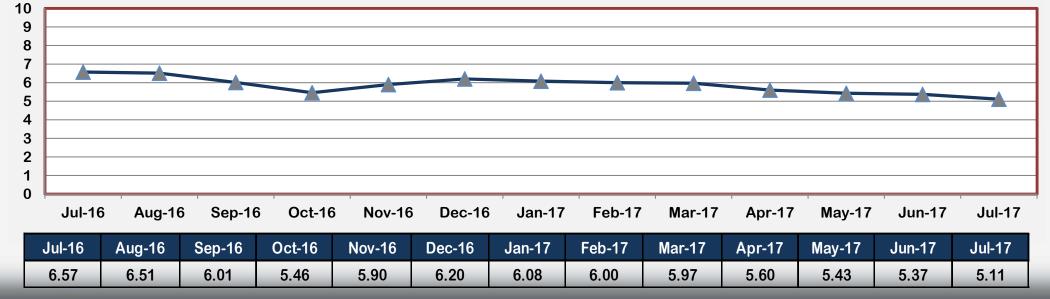
Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (July 2016 – July 2017)

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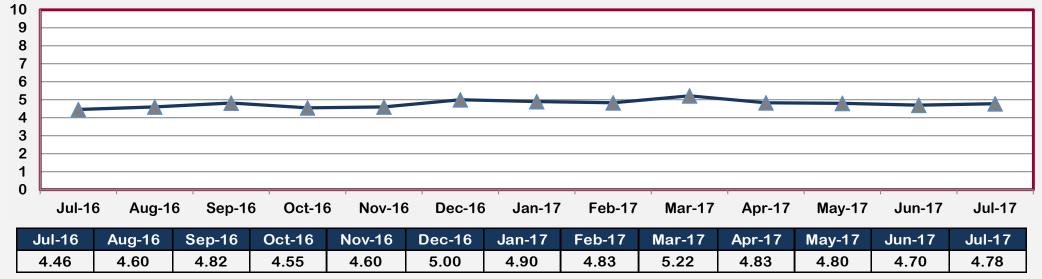


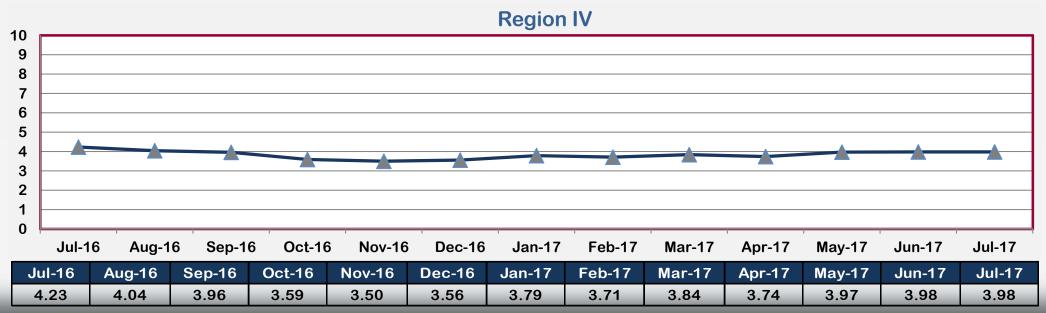
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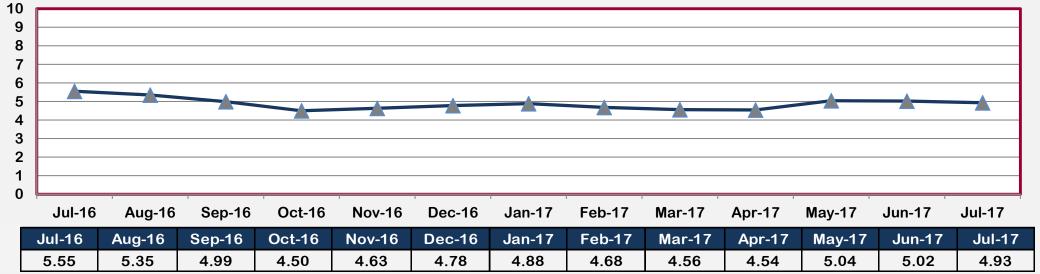
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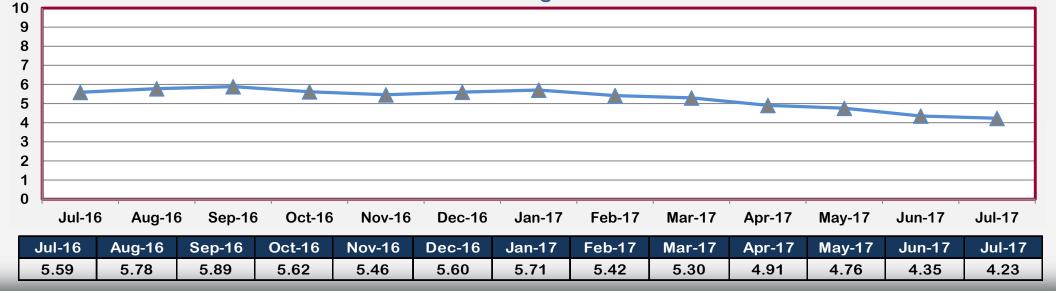




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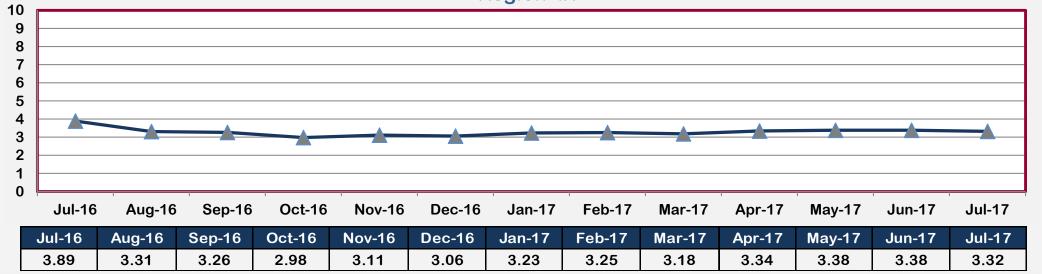






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Region X

