

Monthly Measures and Results for August 2018*

*(Reflects Safety Outcomes as of June 30, 2018 And
Permanency Outcomes as of July 31, 2018)
With Appendices

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***There are no revisions to this document to date.

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 vs. Average count of unique CPS Investigations, Family Preservation, and Family Support stages for the prior four state fiscal years. 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 vs average of four prior state fiscal years..

Outcome 1B: Family Preservation Cases Only: Count of unique Family Preservation stages open at any point during the month vs average of four prior state fiscal years..

Outcome 1C: Investigation Cases Only: Count of unique Investigation stages open at any point during the month vs average of four prior state fiscal years.

Outcome 1C_1: Comparison of Investigations that were open at anytime during the month vs investigations opened during the month vs the average of the prior state fiscal years at any point in time.

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, Investigations -- Substantiated Investigations and Unsubstantiated Investigations, and Screen-outs. Outcome is calculated 45 days prior to the date of report.

Source: SHINES

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

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. Charts are broken out by substantiated and unsubstantiated investigation and their subsequent track assignment or final disposition. Outcome is calculated 45 days prior to the date of report.

Source: SHINES

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. The chart also reveals the average of the last four state fiscal years to provide the viewer with a prior glimpse of the trend in placement cases.

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.

Source: SHINES

Outcome VI-A: Age Distribution of Children in Custody: Chart is a percentage of children in DFCS Custody by age group.

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

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

Outcome IX: Foster Care Length of Stay

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

Source: SHINES

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: Monthly Discharges

The number of children who were discharged during the month by permanency decision divided into two charts by positive permanency vs other types.

Source: SHINES

Outcome XIII - A: Average Number of Months to Achieve Positive Permanency

Of all children in Outcome XIII, the number of months from removal (entry into foster care) until exit due to reunification, relative, adoption or guardianship..

Source: SHINES

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

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

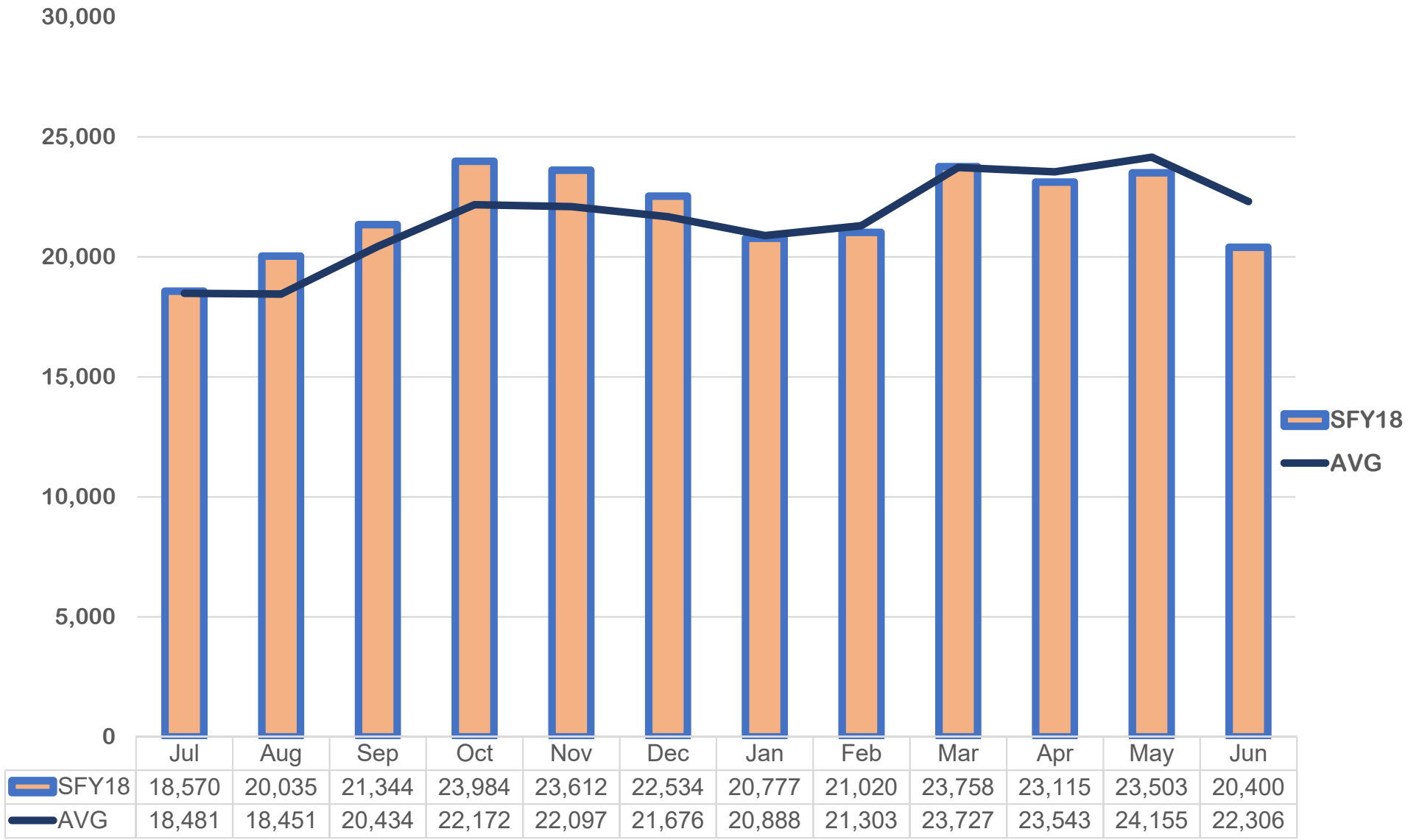
A calculated value based upon the ACF CFSS Round 3 which is part of Program Improvement. It is calculated from a rolling 12 month population of the entry cohort where the child remained in custody for over 8 days and was not 18 on the date of removal. The federal standard is 4.12.

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.*

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How many CPS Cases were open monthly during the State Fiscal Year 2018?

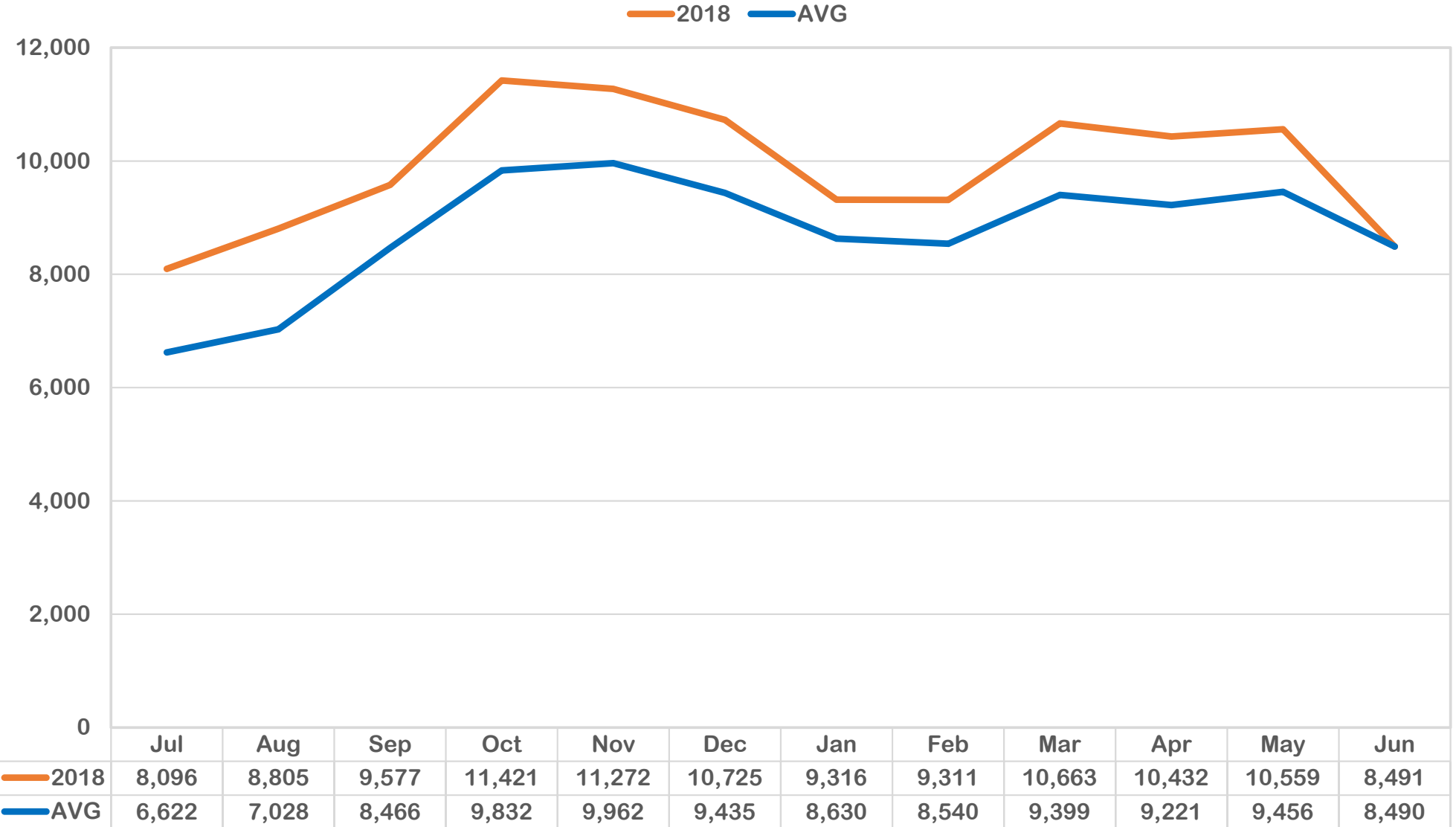


Average trend is calculated from prior SFYs from 2014-2017.

Outcome I: Child Protective Services Cases, (State Fiscal Year 2018 To Date)

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How many Family Support Cases were open per month during the State Fiscal Year 2018?

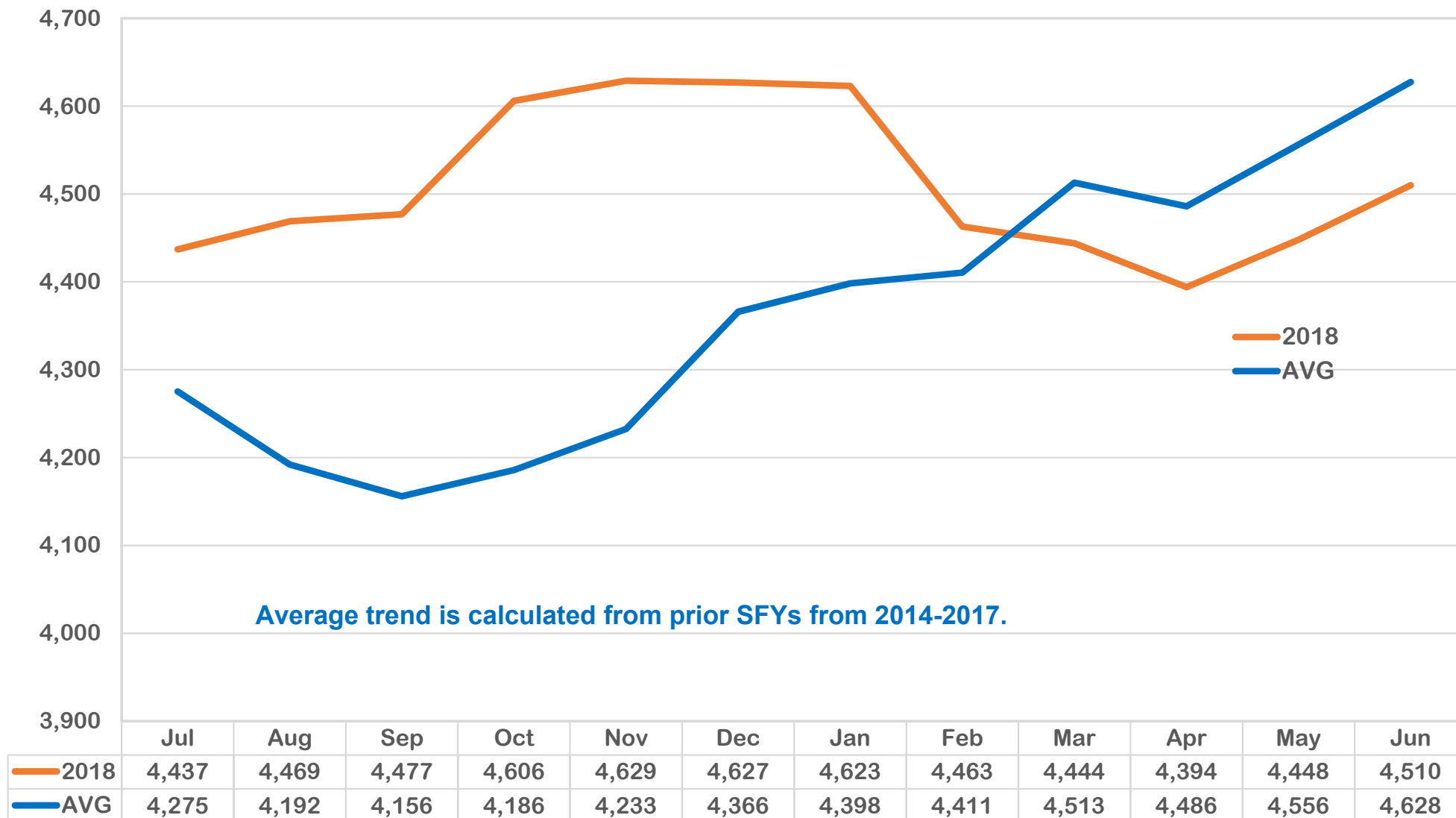


Average Family Support Cases decreased by 7.1% since SFY 2017. The graph above reveals a similar trend in the current SFY compared to the average of the prior four State Fiscal Years' average.

Outcome IA: Child Protective Services Cases Family Support Cases Only (SFY2018 To Date)

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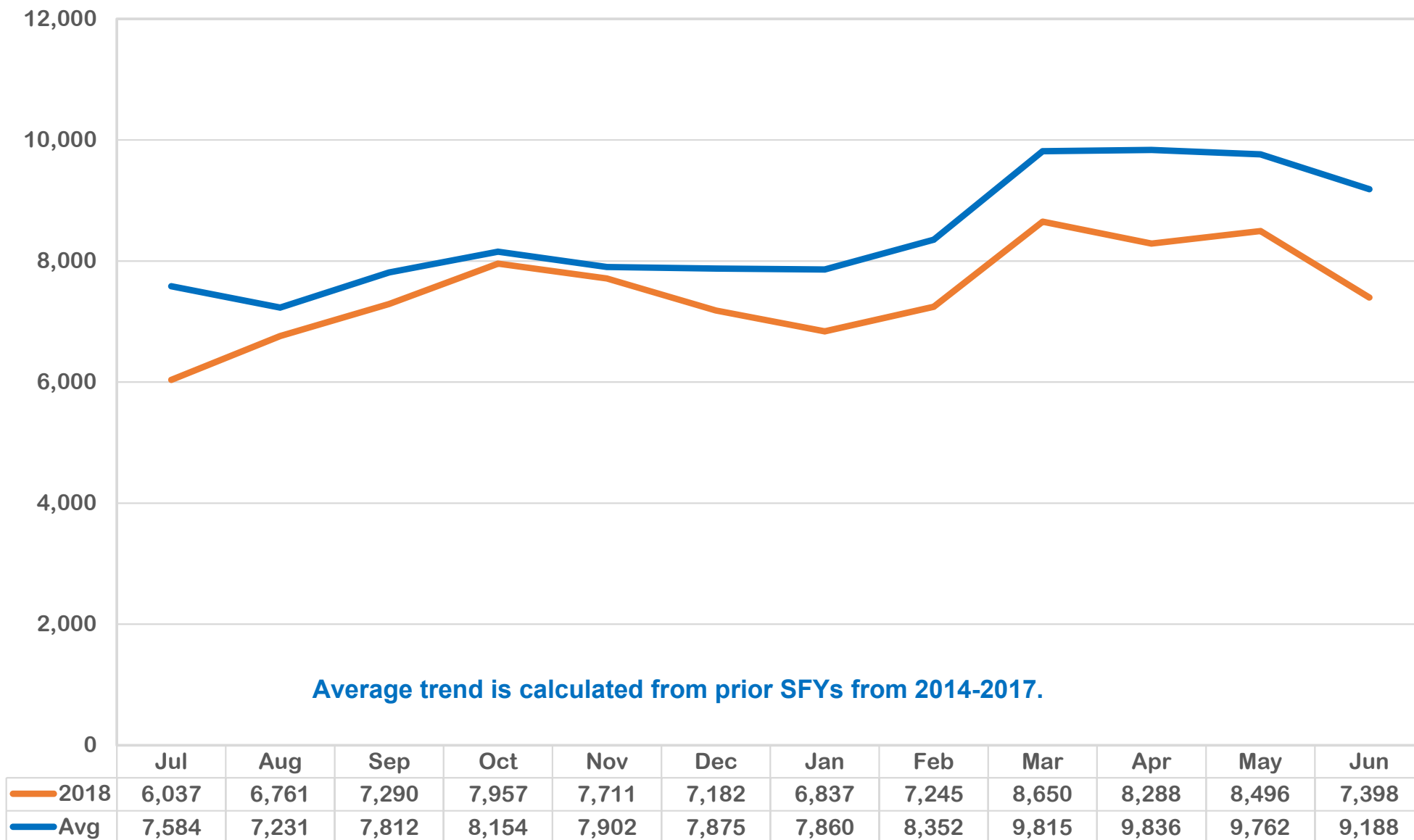
How many Family Preservation Cases were open per month during the State Fiscal Year 2018?



Family Preservation cases are higher than the average trend of the prior four SFY average trend during the first 8 months of SFY2018 revealing an inverse effect. In April 2018 Family Preservation cases were at their lowest during SFY 2018.

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How many Investigation Cases were open per month during the State Fiscal Year 2018?

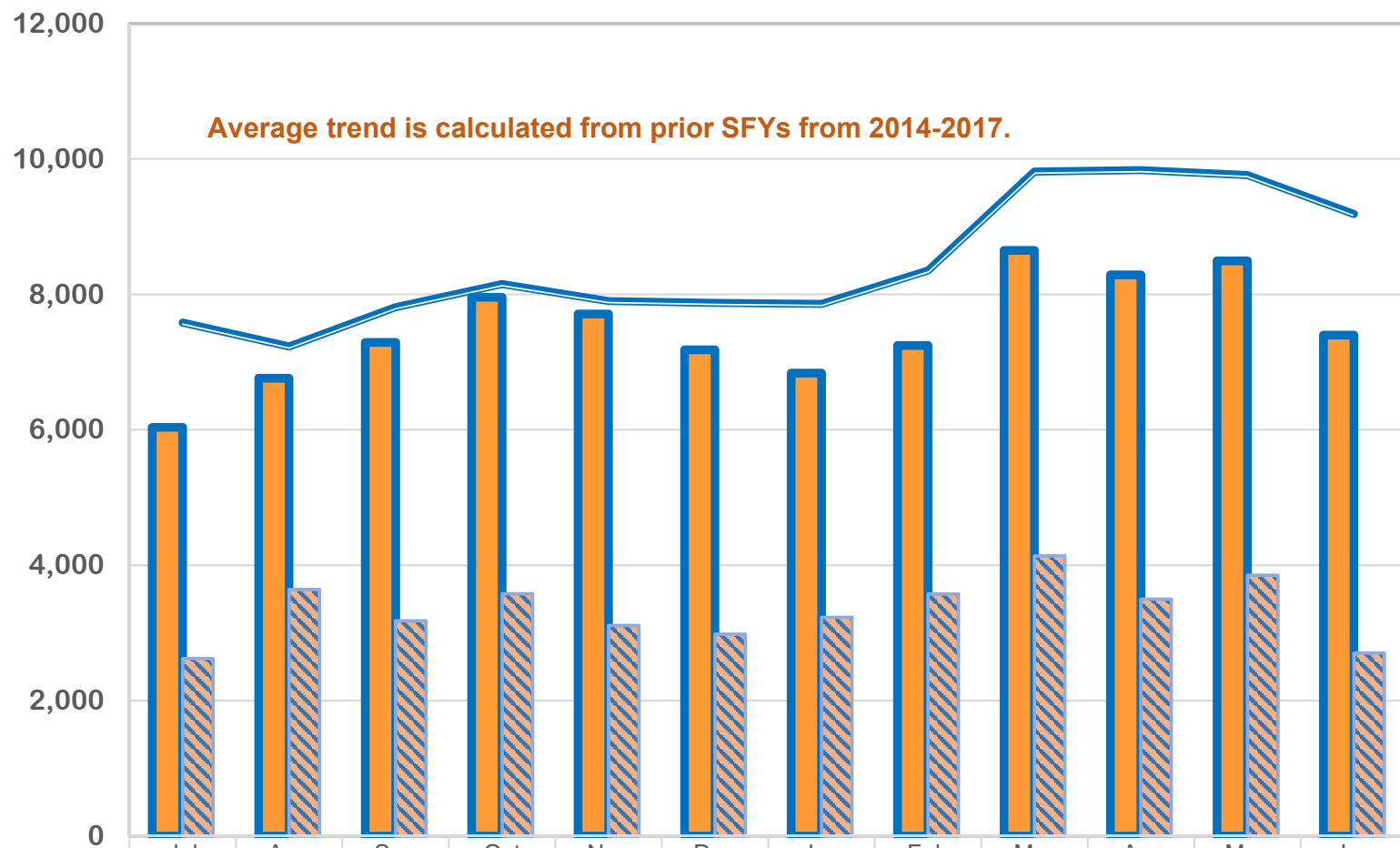


Although SFY 2018 has seen an increase in investigations of over 20% since SFY 2017 (not pictured), the current year's total investigations reveals an improvement in investigations as indicated in the lower case loads when compared to the average of the last four SFY's.

Outcome IC: Child Protective Services Cases Investigation Cases Only (State Fiscal Year 2018)

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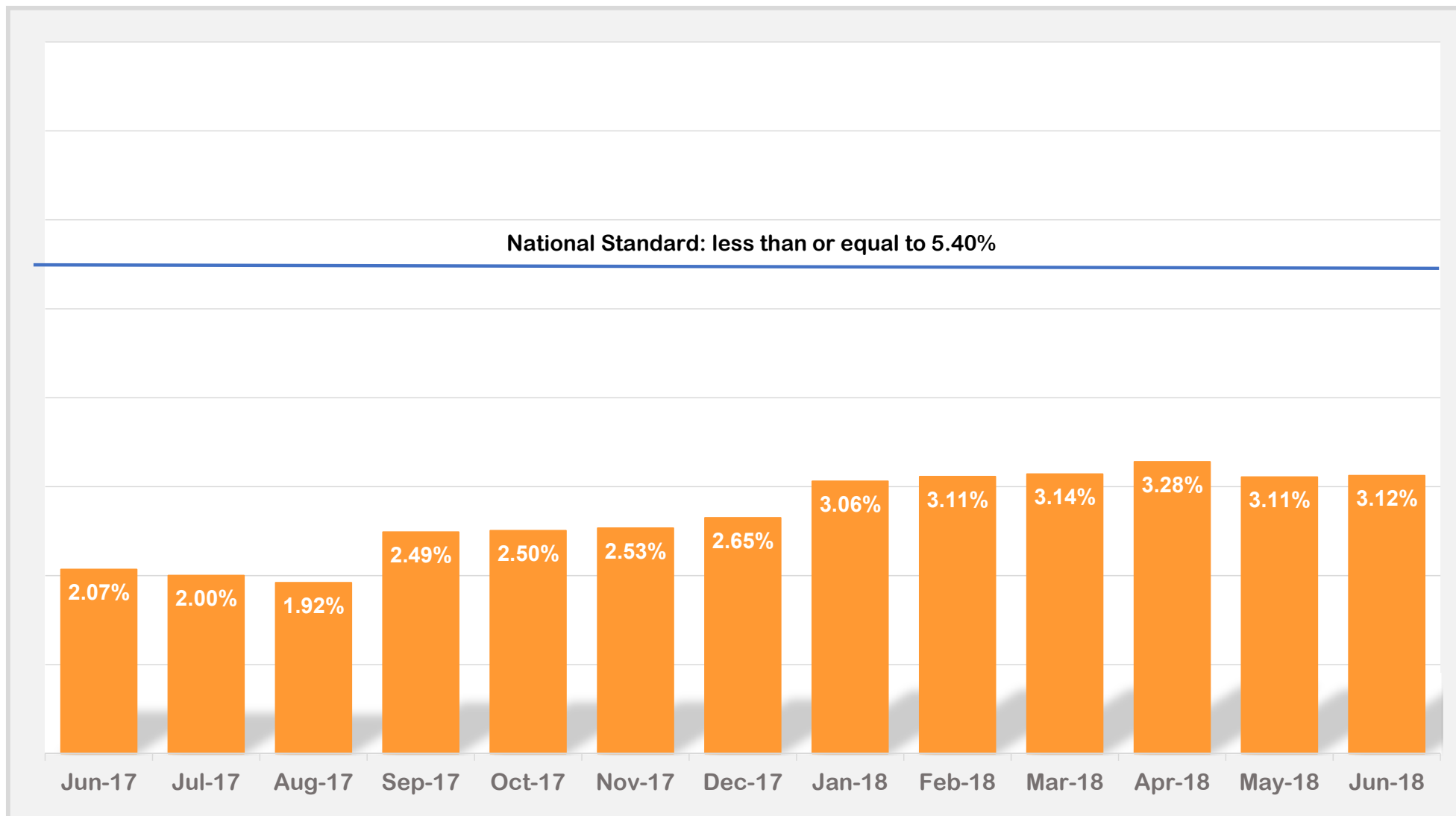
How many Investigation Cases were open per month during the State Fiscal Year 2018 Vs Those That were Initiated During each month of State Fiscal Year 2018?



	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2018	6,037	6,761	7,290	7,957	7,711	7,182	6,837	7,245	8,650	8,288	8,496	7,398
SFY18, Stage Initiated During Month	2,621	3,640	3,178	3,579	3,109	2,981	3,230	3,573	4,137	3,498	3,852	2,704
Avg	7,584	7,231	7,812	8,154	7,902	7,875	7,860	8,352	9,815	9,836	9,762	9,188

This chart indicates that during each month, the cases that are opened during the month are less than half of the overall open cases during the month.

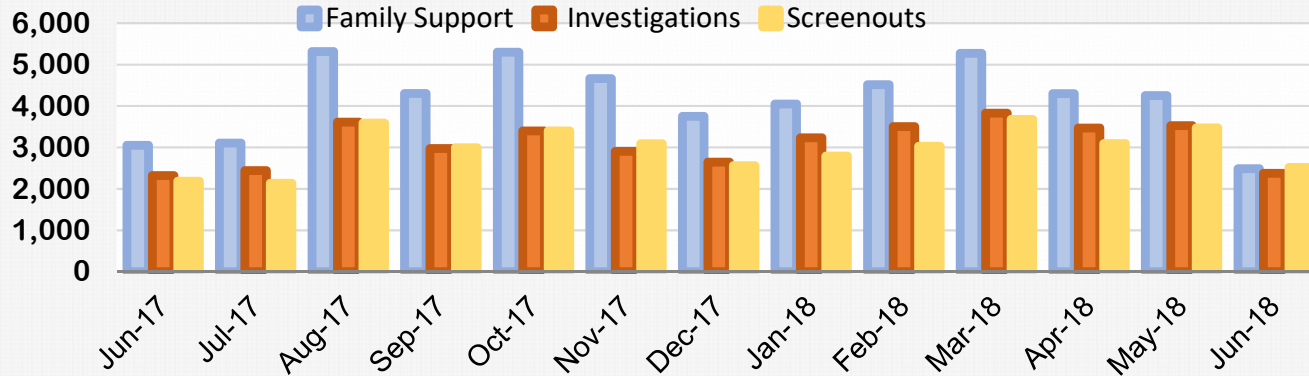
What percentage of children had a subsequent substantiated incident of maltreatment within 6 months?



The trend reveals that Georgia has consistently maintained a low recurrence rate below the national standard of 5.4%. However, increases can be seen from October 2017 – April 2018. Georgia has a higher percentage of maltreatment in June 2018 as compared to June 2017.

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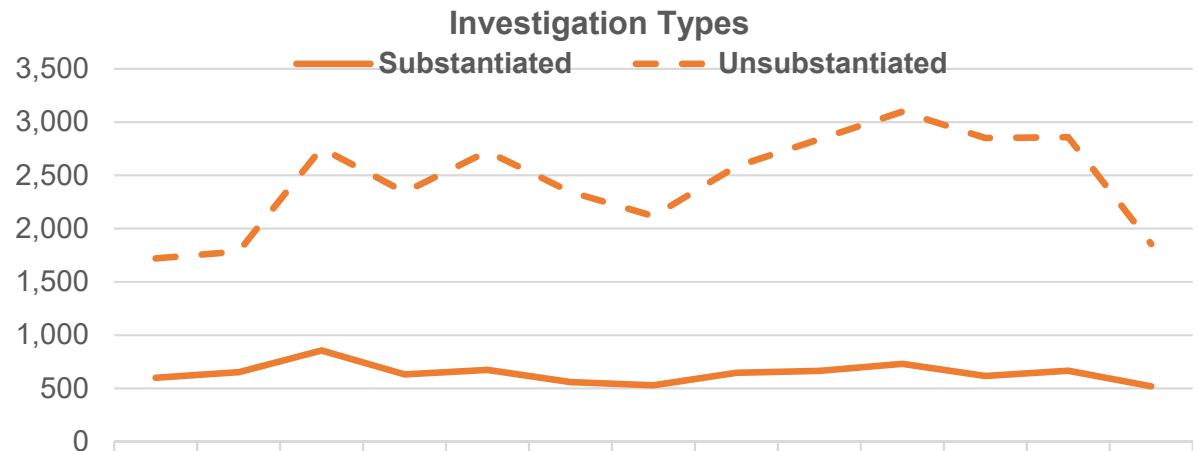
What was the disposition of all CPS reports received during the month?



This chart reveals the disposition of CPS reports that were received for service. In June 2018, 32% were investigations, 34% were Family Support, and 34% were Screen Outs.

The lower graph shows how many investigations were substantiated and unsubstantiated.

	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18
Family Support	3,052	3,107	5,316	4,304	5,299	4,662	3,752	4,050	4,514	5,274	4,301	4,254	2,486
Investigations	2,320	2,439	3,610	2,974	3,397	2,905	2,647	3,232	3,503	3,829	3,467	3,525	2,376
Screenouts	2,184	2,136	3,589	2,993	3,397	3,091	2,559	2,791	3,026	3,676	3,093	3,473	2,516



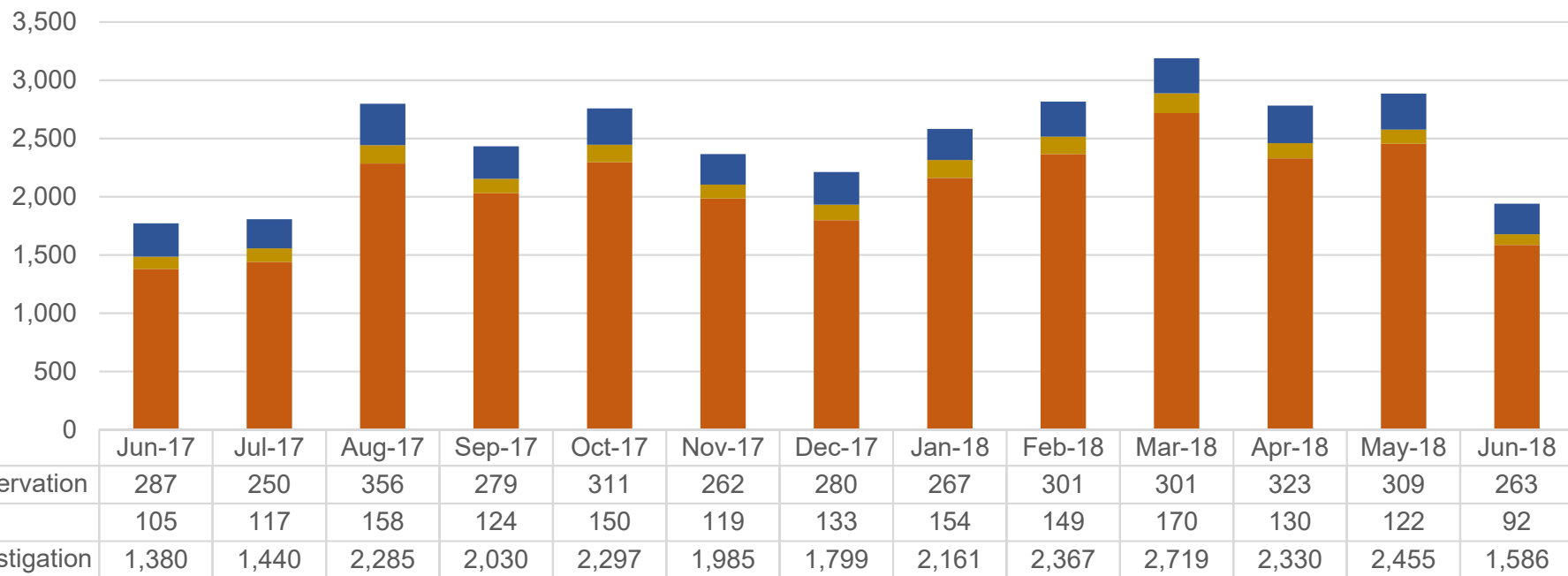
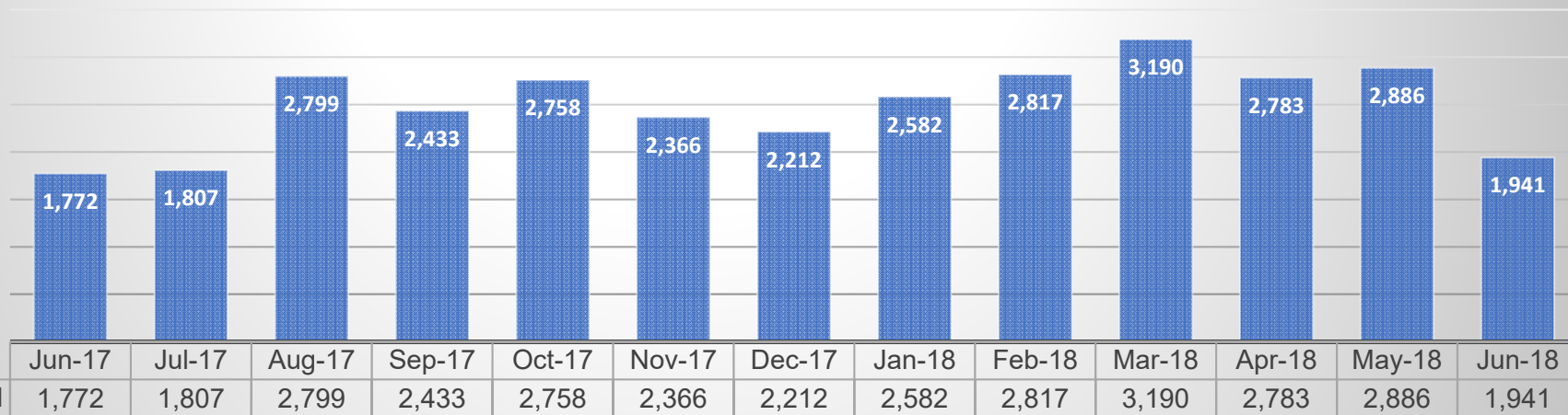
	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18
Substantiated	600	653	856	631	673	560	530	647	664	731	616	666	520
Unsubstantiated	1,720	1,786	2,754	2,343	2,724	2,345	2,117	2,585	2,839	3,098	2,851	2,859	1,856

Outcome III: Disposition of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (June 2017 – June 2018)

What was the final disposition of closed investigations during the month?

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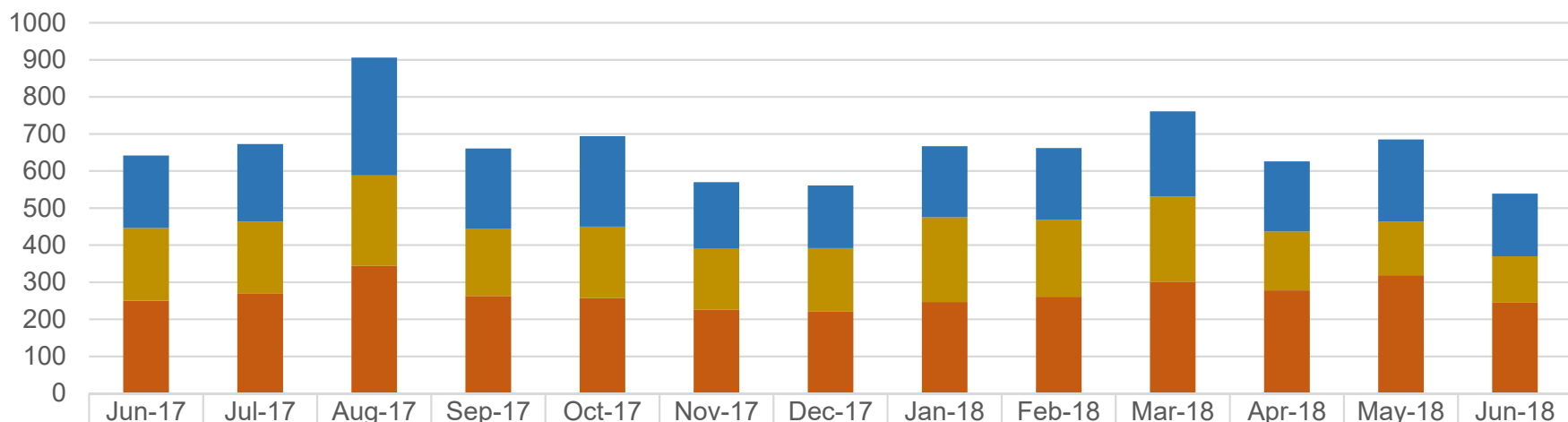
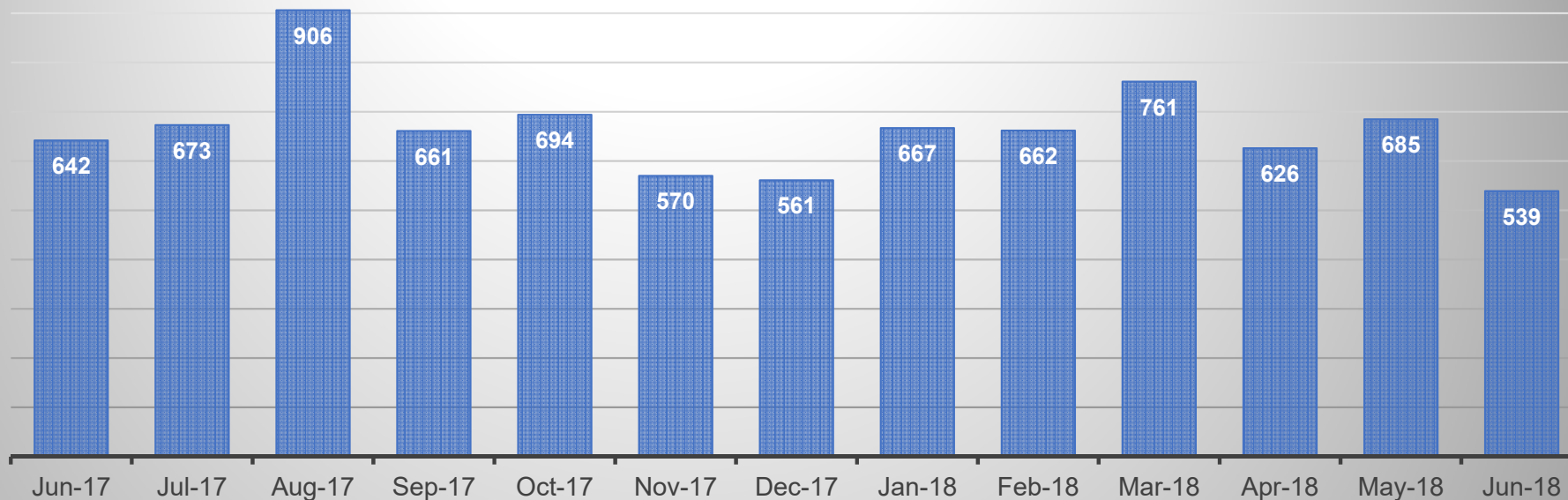
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Outcome IV: Subsequent Case-Types of Investigations (June 2017 – June 2018)

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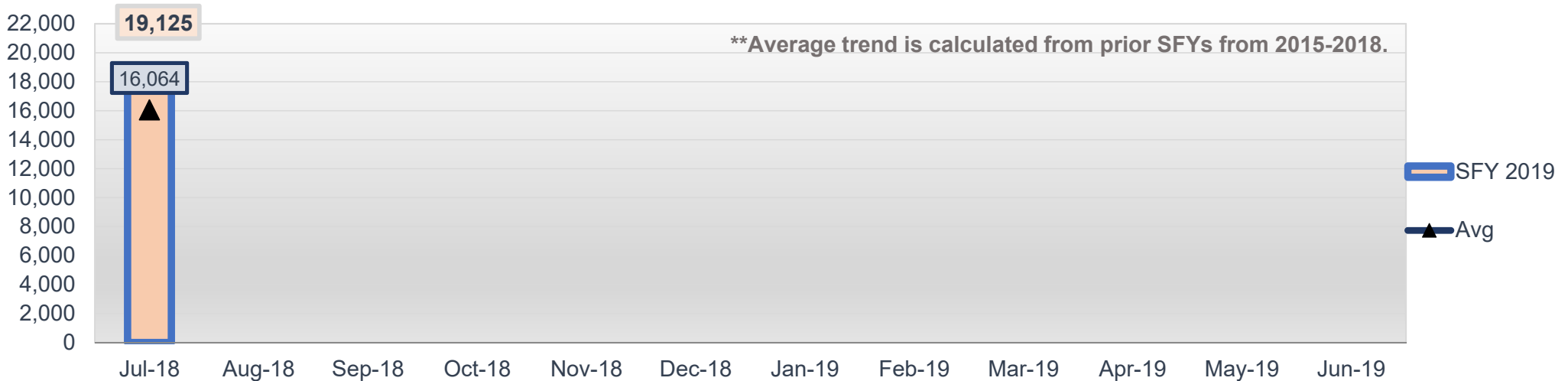
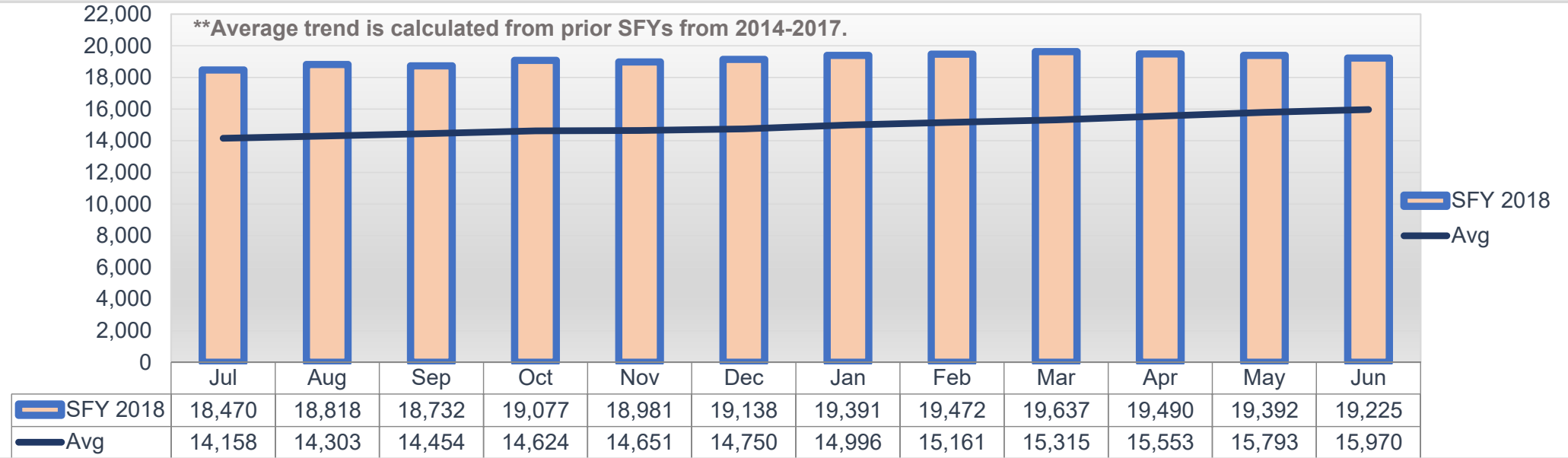
	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18
Family Preservation	196	210	318	216	244	180	169	192	194	230	189	221	169
Foster Care	196	193	244	182	193	164	171	228	207	230	159	145	125
Closed Investigation	250	270	344	263	257	226	221	247	261	301	278	319	245

Outcome IV: Subsequent Case-Types of Investigations (June 2017 – June 2018)

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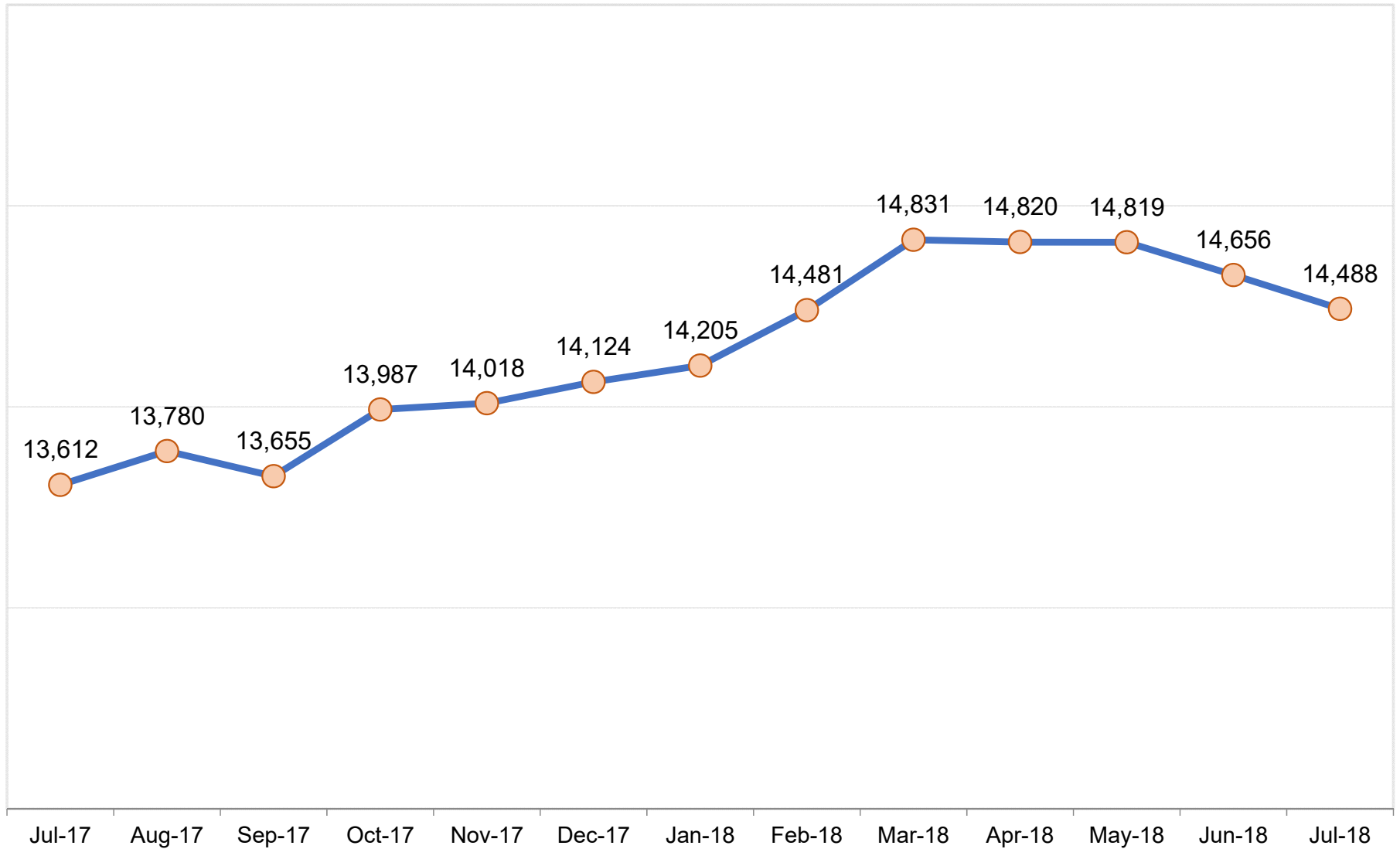
How many children were involved placement services for each month during the State Fiscal Year?

The average trend for the past four years shows a gradual increase (low slope) in cases. The placement services include 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.



Outcome V: Number of Children in Placement Services (State Fiscal Year 2019 To Date)

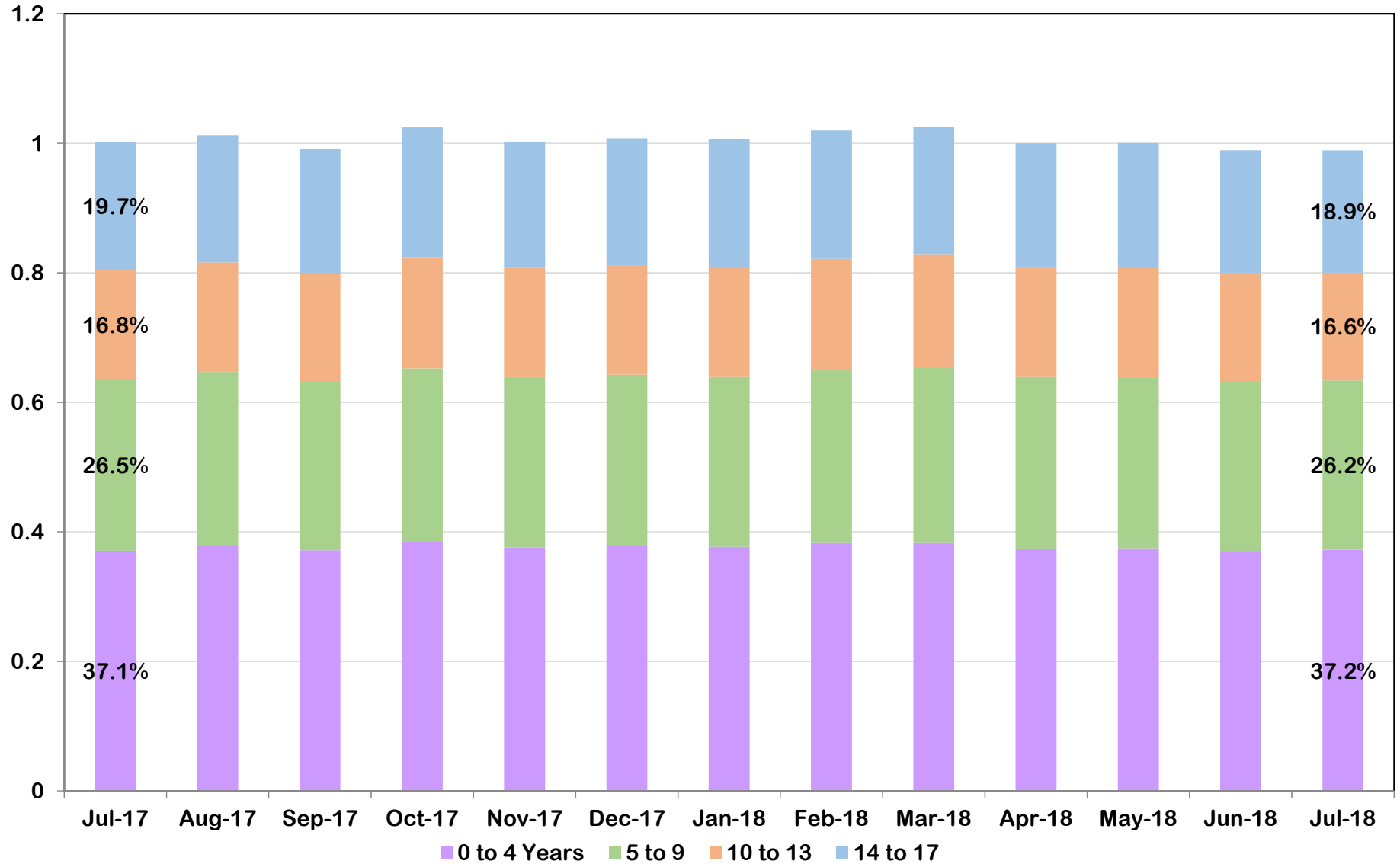
How many children were in Foster Care under the age of 18?



Outcome VI: Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (July 2017 – July 2018)

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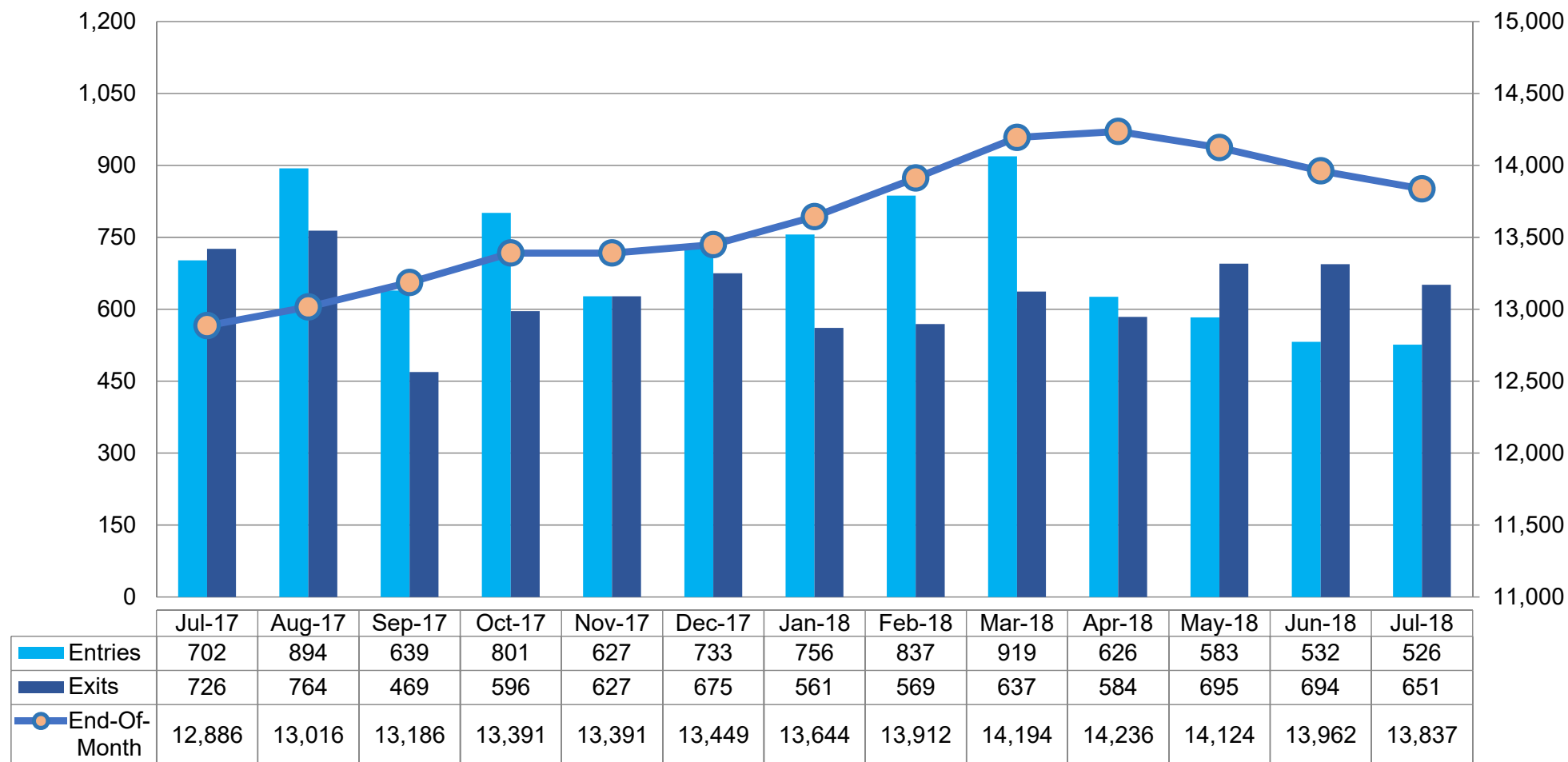
Has the age distribution of the foster population changed much over the last year?



Outcome VI-A: Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 by Age Group, (July 2017 – July 2018)

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How many children are moving in and out of Foster Care? How many remain in care on the last day?

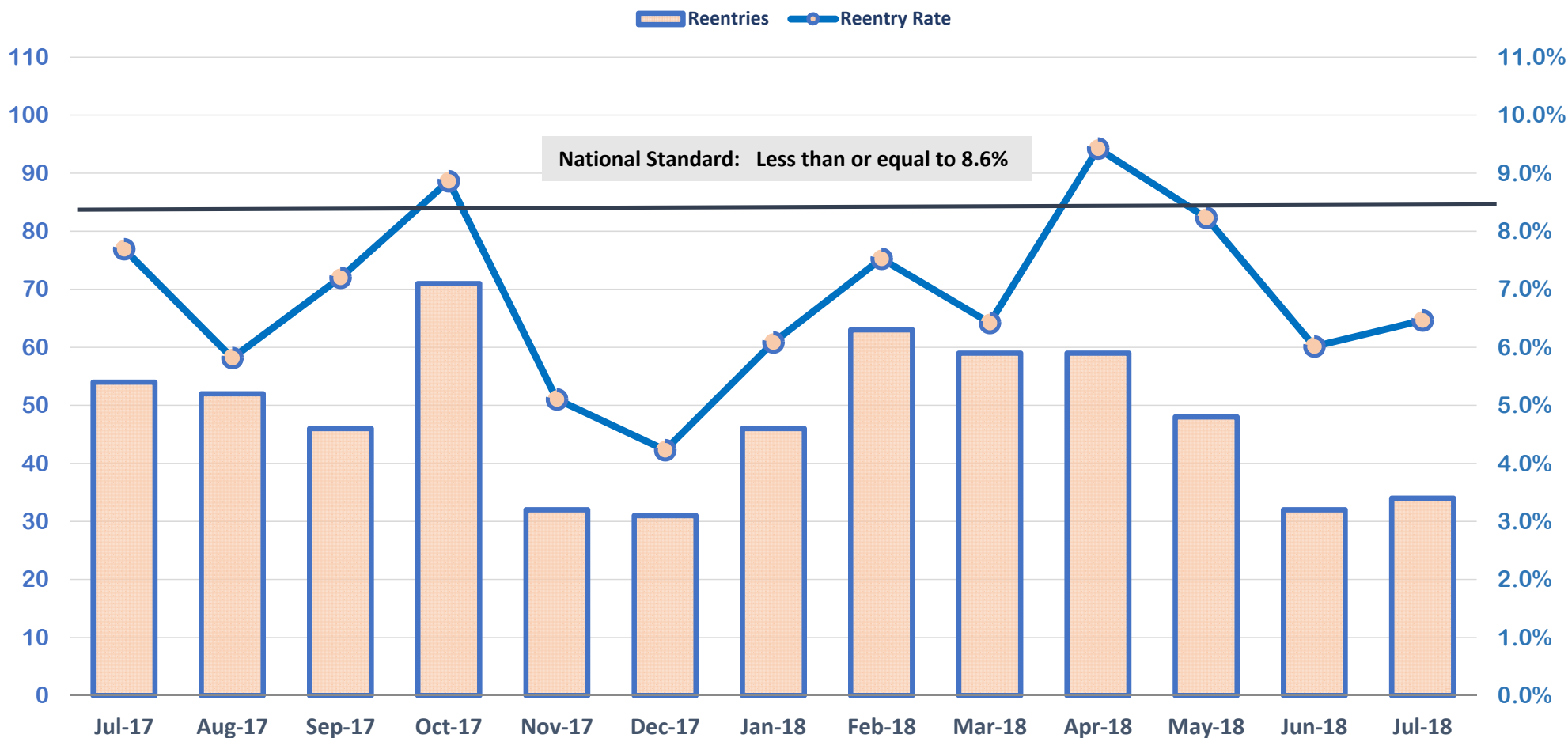


Outcome VII: Comparison of Foster Care Entries and Exits (July 2017 – July 2018)

**Reentries that occur within the same month are not double counted in the entries and exits on this chart. This chart represents unique population and movement into custody during the month.

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How many children were in a prior episode within twelve months of the current episode?

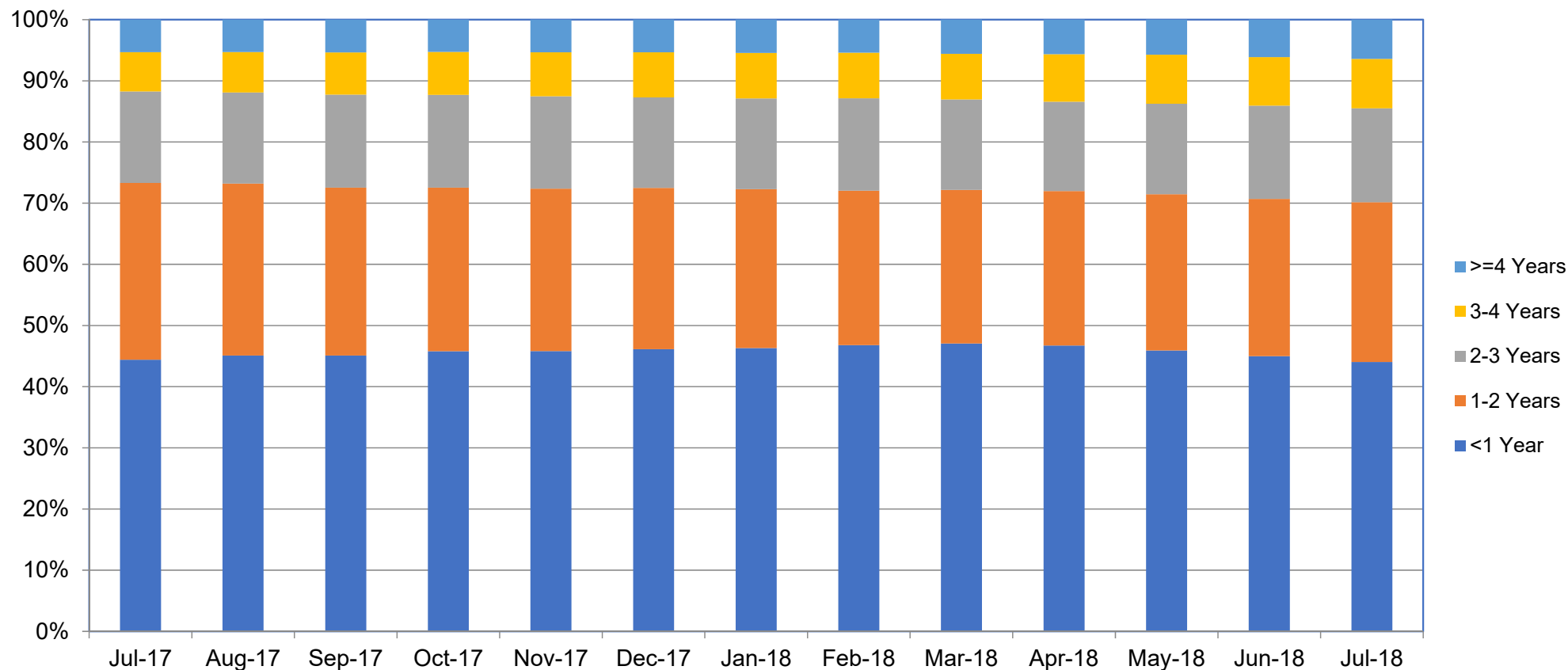


Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18
54	52	46	71	32	31	46	63	59	59	48	32	34
7.7%	5.8%	7.2%	8.9%	5.1%	4.2%	6.1%	7.5%	6.4%	9.4%	8.2%	6.0%	6.5%

Outcome VIII: Foster Care Re-Entries (July 2017 – July 2018)

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What percentage of foster children have been in care for less than a year, less than 2 years . . . each month?

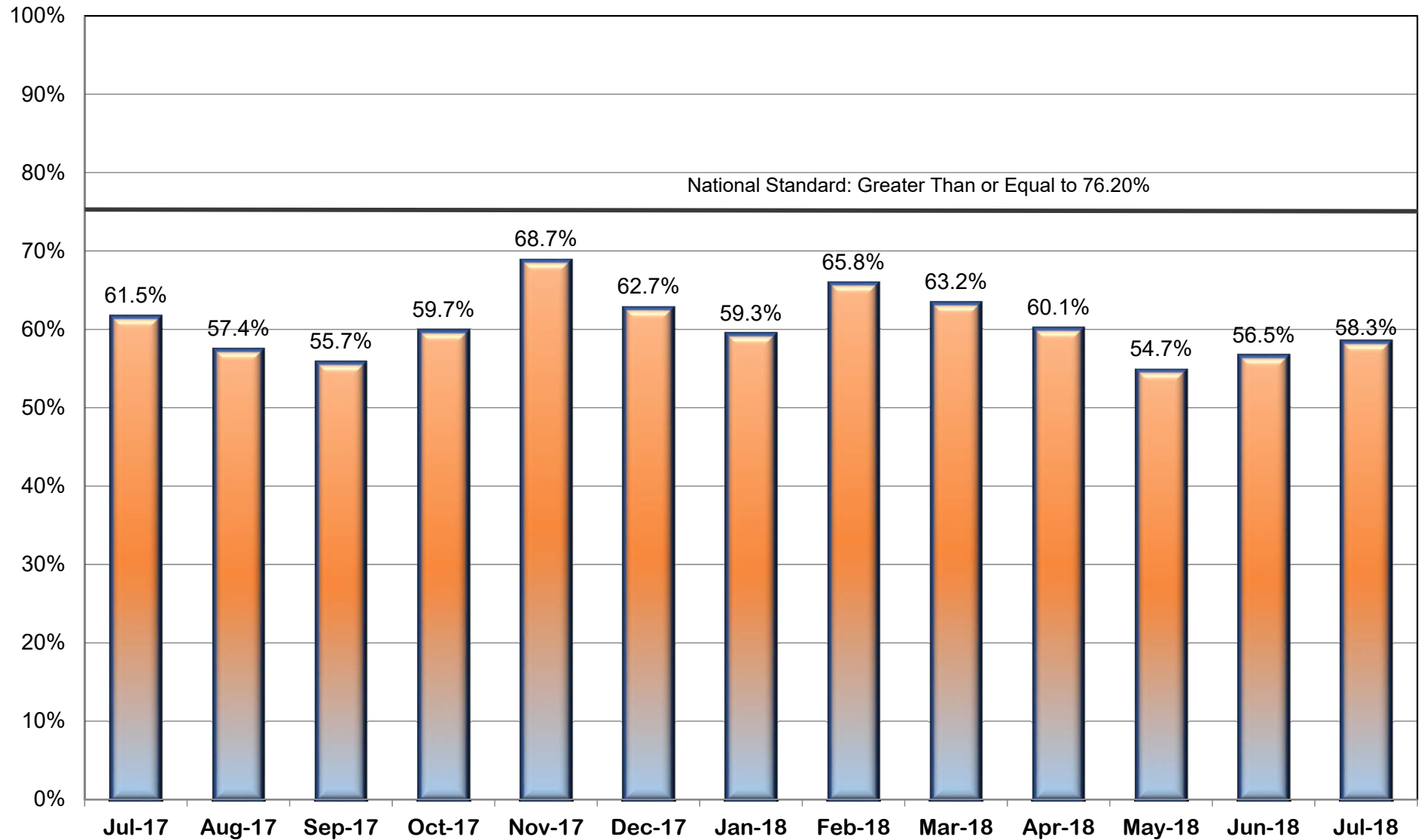


	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18
>=4 Years	5.3%	5.3%	5.4%	5.3%	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%	5.6%	5.7%	5.7%	6.1%	6.4%
3 - <4 Years	6.4%	6.6%	6.9%	7.0%	7.2%	7.3%	7.4%	7.5%	7.4%	7.8%	8.0%	7.9%	8.1%
2 - <3 Years	15.0%	14.9%	15.2%	15.1%	15.1%	14.8%	14.8%	15.1%	14.8%	14.6%	14.8%	15.3%	15.3%
1 - <2 Years	28.9%	28.1%	27.4%	26.8%	26.6%	26.4%	26.0%	25.3%	25.1%	25.3%	25.6%	25.7%	26.1%
<1 Year	44.4%	45.1%	45.1%	45.8%	45.8%	46.1%	46.3%	46.8%	47.1%	46.7%	45.9%	45.0%	44.0%

Outcome IX: Foster Care Length of Stay (July 2017 – July 2018)

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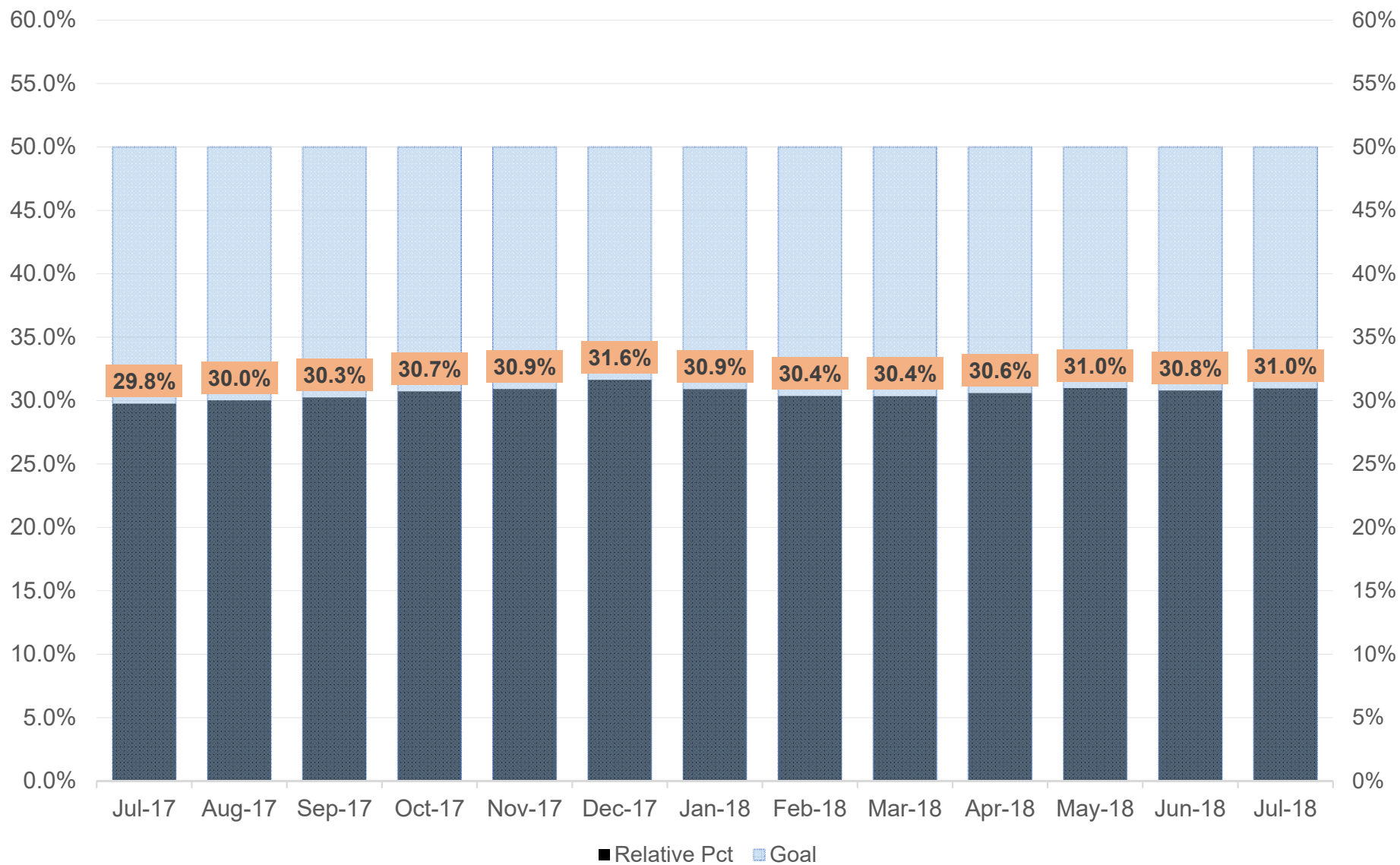
What percentage of reunifications occurred within twelve (12) months of the child entering foster care?



Outcome X: Length of Time to Reunification (July 2017 – July 2018)

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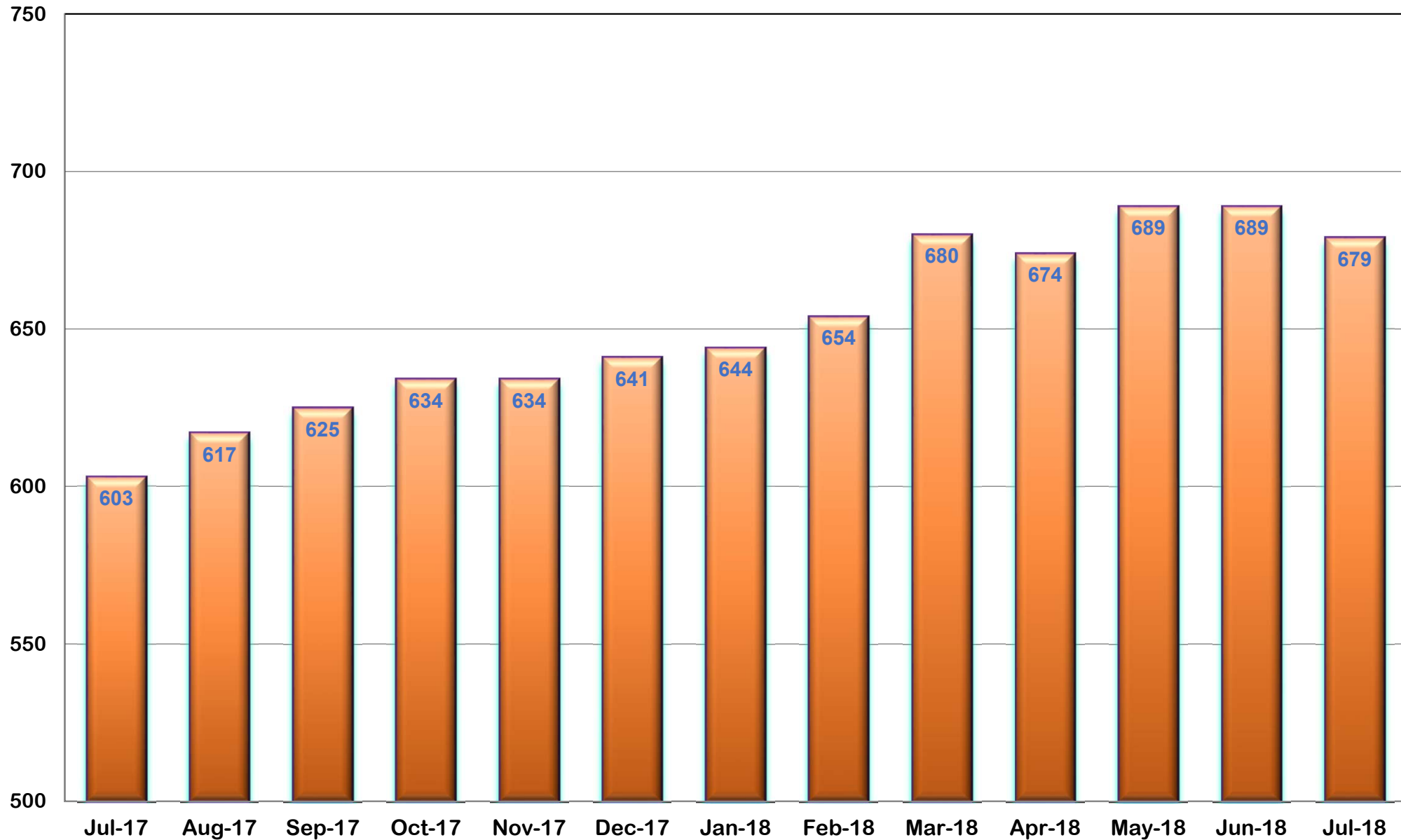
What percentage of children in Foster Care were placed with a relative during the month?



Outcome XI: Percent of Children Placed with Relatives (July 2017 – July 2018)

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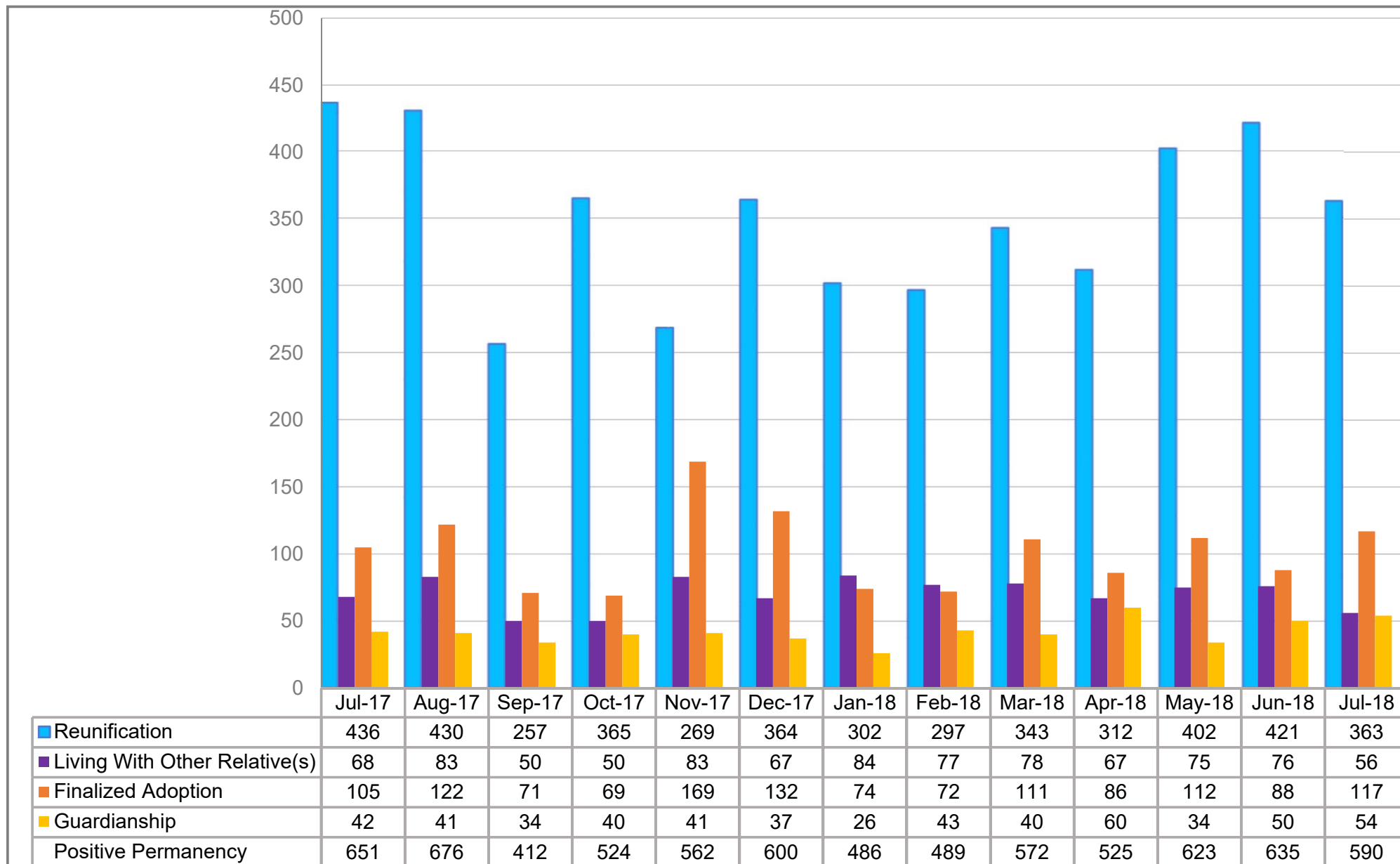
How many children remained in Foster Care after the age of 18?



Outcome XII: Extended Youth Services (July 2017 – July 2018)

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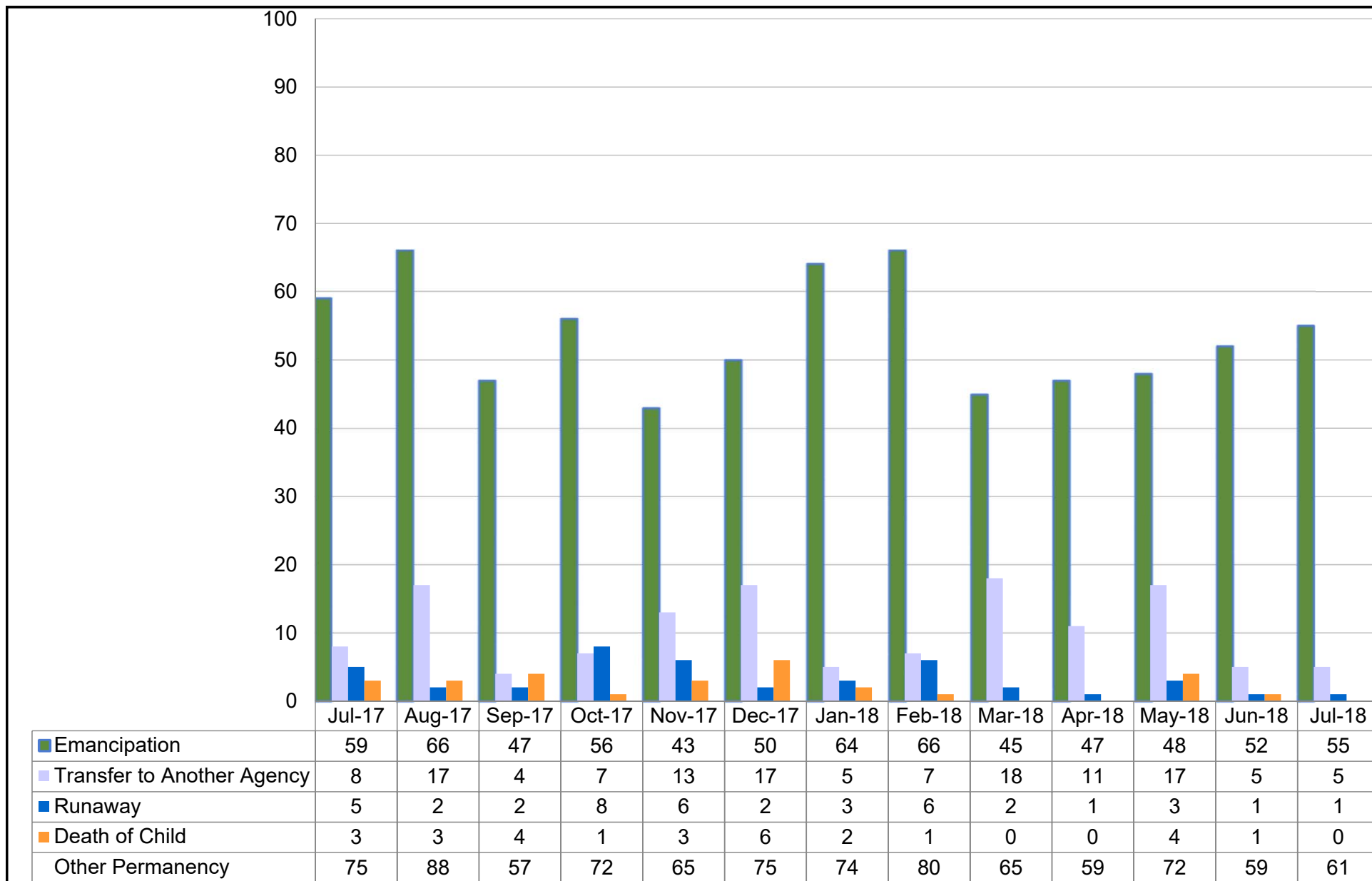
How many children in Foster Care were discharged to a positive permanency during the month?



Outcome XIII: Number of Discharges (July 2017 – July 2018)

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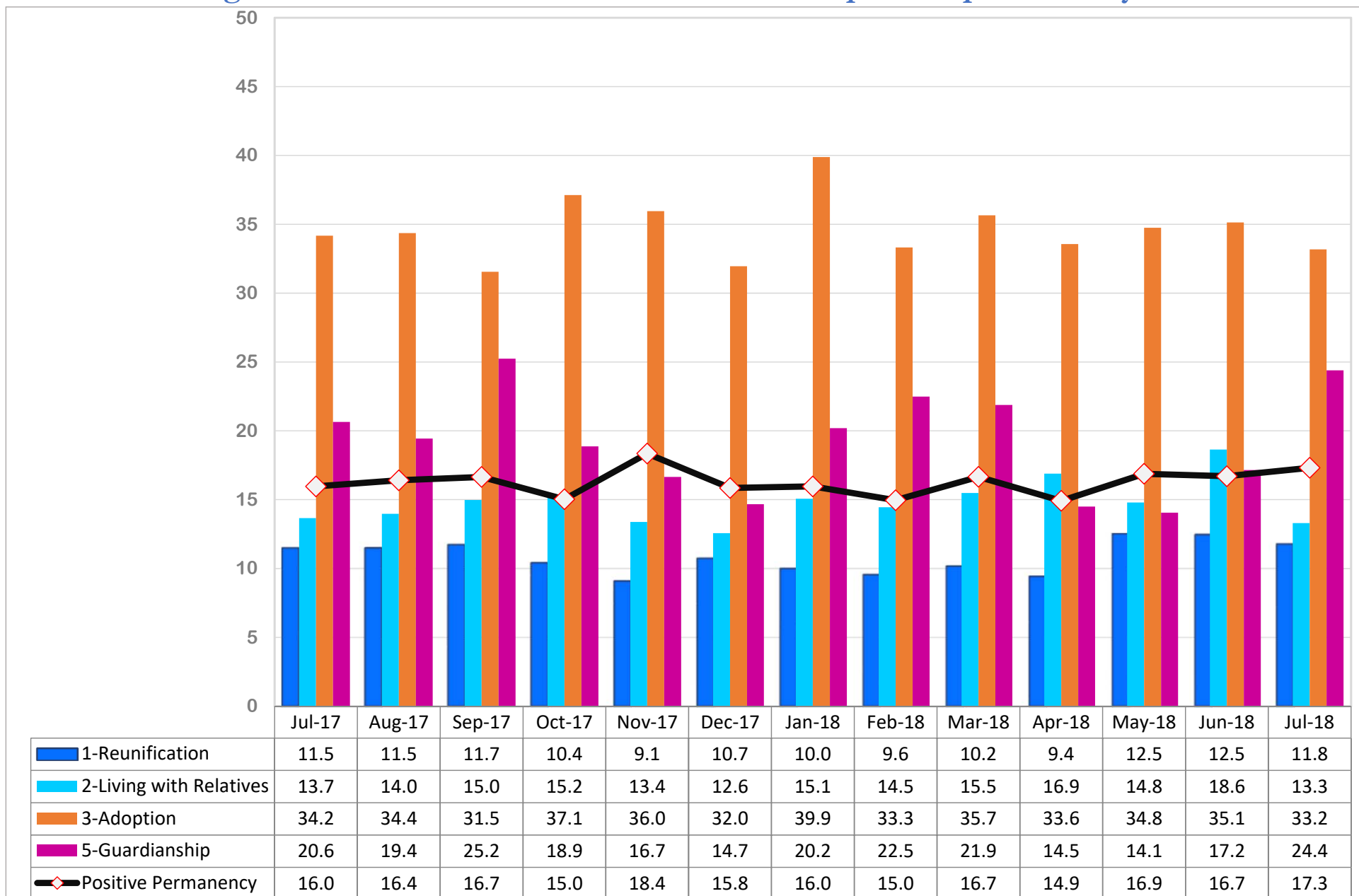
How many children in Foster Care were discharged to another permanency during the month?



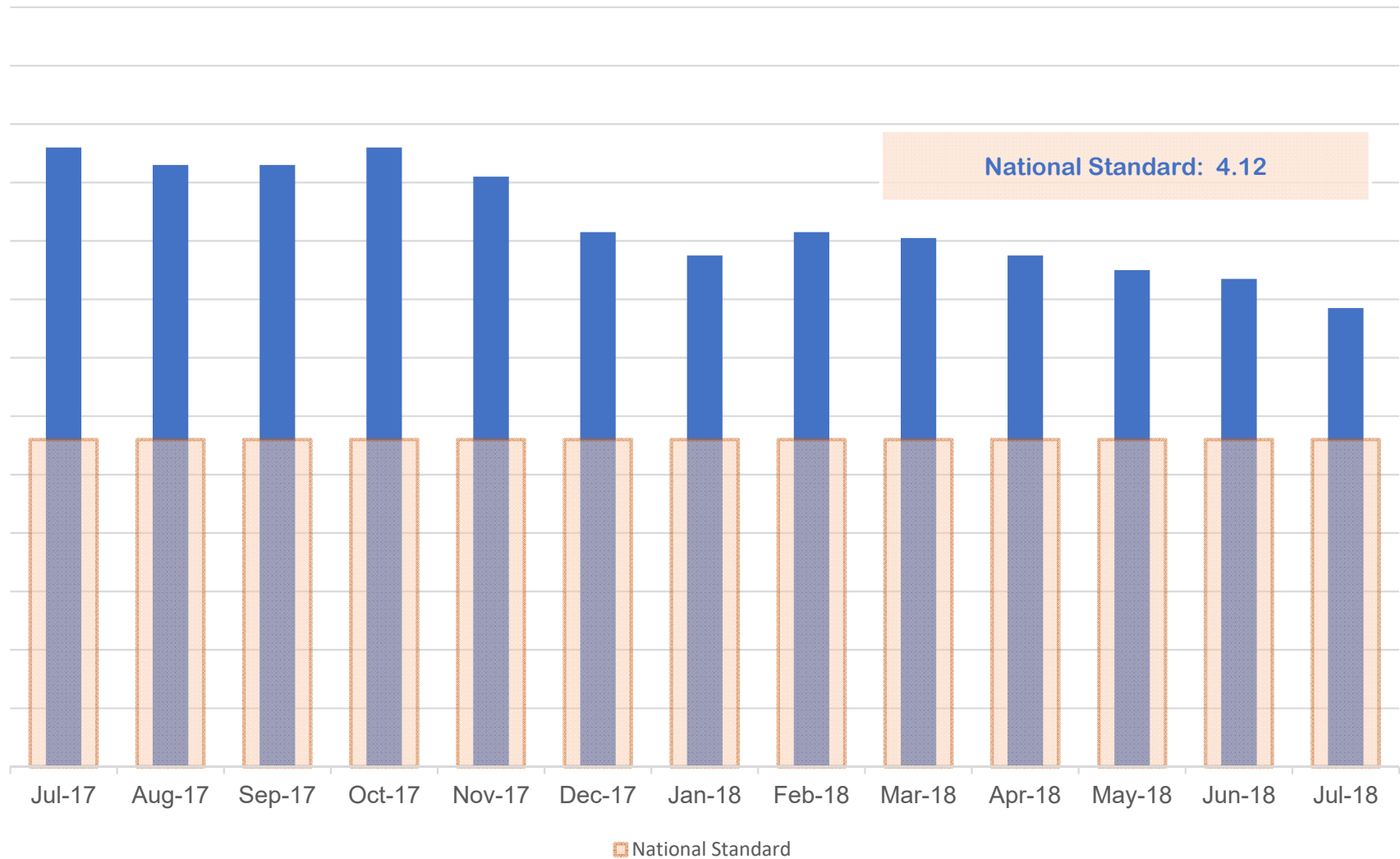
Outcome XIII: Number of Discharges (July 2017 – July 2018)

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What is the average time in months for a foster child to reach positive permanency?



How is the state of Georgia performing on the federal measure of Placement Stability?



Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18
5.12	5.06	5.06	5.12	5.02	4.83	4.75	4.83	4.81	4.75	4.70	4.67	4.57

Outcome XIV: Placement Stability Performance Measure (July 2017 – July 2018)

Appendices

APPENDIX A

Regional Chart of Outcome VI

**Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18
(July 2017 – July 2018)**

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Outcome VI: Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (By Region) (July 2017 – July 2018)

Region	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18
1	1,331	1,361	1,339	1,379	1,380	1,421	1,438	1,461	1,517	1,529	1,499	1,476	1,431
2	792	819	813	831	866	877	878	921	974	978	990	982	1,010
3	993	998	960	1,004	988	995	974	985	983	971	956	961	954
4	1,115	1,126	1,128	1,128	1,128	1,146	1,124	1,124	1,143	1,141	1,165	1,166	1,135
5	1,138	1,142	1,131	1,146	1,176	1,162	1,155	1,189	1,207	1,223	1,222	1,199	1,181
6	723	733	734	744	767	764	763	775	778	772	768	745	734
7	493	515	509	539	560	581	611	651	695	715	712	718	729
8	687	707	700	706	700	712	718	737	742	744	746	749	760
9	587	586	580	592	579	578	580	590	593	591	591	578	575
10	777	759	747	753	759	785	791	776	770	774	758	755	749
11	1,161	1,180	1,175	1,191	1,166	1,193	1,192	1,218	1,264	1,260	1,260	1,251	1,257
12	779	876	889	923	933	926	957	974	1,003	998	1,009	998	980
13	1,442	1,408	1,382	1,451	1,416	1,402	1,410	1,430	1,485	1,451	1,463	1,404	1,375
14	1,594	1,570	1,568	1,600	1,600	1,582	1,614	1,650	1,677	1,673	1,680	1,674	1,618
Statewide	13,612	13,780	13,655	13,987	14,018	14,124	14,205	14,481	14,831	14,820	14,819	14,656	14,488

APPENDIX B

Regional Chart of Outcome XIV

**Placement Stability Performance Coefficient
(July 2017 – July 2018)**

National Standard = 4.12

Desired Goal to Meet the PIP = 6.01

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Outcome VI: Placement Stability for Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (By Region) (July 2017 – July 2018)

Region	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18
1	5.28	5.2	5.39	5.67	5.73	5.63	5.51	5.69	5.53	5.54	5.45	5.32	5.12
2	5.65	5.62	6.03	5.78	5.49	5.1	5.26	5.47	5.64	5.54	5.39	5.31	5.13
3	5.1	4.81	4.61	4.85	4.77	4.57	4.7	4.83	4.8	4.94	4.94	4.7	4.9
4	4.16	4.19	4.36	4.38	4.66	4.44	4.15	4.12	4.18	3.69	3.59	3.42	3.35
5	5.21	5.32	5.23	5.46	5.28	5.3	5.17	5.08	5.12	5.07	5.31	5.23	5.13
6	4.42	4.16	4.44	4.12	3.96	3.63	3.74	3.71	3.76	3.82	3.56	3.76	3.67
7	3.85	3.76	3.53	3.36	3.43	3.15	2.81	3.04	3.01	3.15	3.22	3.16	3.08
8	4.42	4.09	3.39	3.54	3.55	3.37	3.08	2.97	2.96	2.73	2.96	3.15	3.1
9	3.25	3.52	3.54	3.47	3.26	3.35	3.44	3.71	3.55	3.34	2.92	3.33	3.48
10	4.95	4.74	4.25	4.08	3.95	3.98	3.9	4.03	3.73	3.36	3.29	2.97	2.94
11	4.04	4.05	3.99	4.11	3.86	3.71	3.51	3.74	4.06	4.1	4.06	4.11	4.02
12	4.1	4.47	4.33	4.72	4.87	4.87	4.98	4.94	4.85	4.51	4.45	4.43	4.37
13	7.79	7.53	7.32	7.35	7.12	6.68	6.59	6.65	6.38	6.37	6.35	6.33	6.09
14	5.89	5.81	6.06	6.16	5.95	5.74	5.75	5.78	5.92	6.18	6.2	6.3	6.1
Statewide	5.12	5.06	5.06	5.12	5.02	4.83	4.75	4.83	4.81	4.75	4.70	4.67	4.57