Monthly Measures and Results for December 2018*

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

***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 IB: 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 IC: 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

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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 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.

How many CPS Cases were open monthly during the last 13 months?

	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18
Current	23,986	23,614	22,536	20,779	21,022	23,760	23,117	23,506	20,402	16,636	17,854	20,215	22,770
AVG	22,172	22,097	21,676	20,888	21,303	23,727	23,543	24,155	22,306	20,035	20,287	22,342	24,378
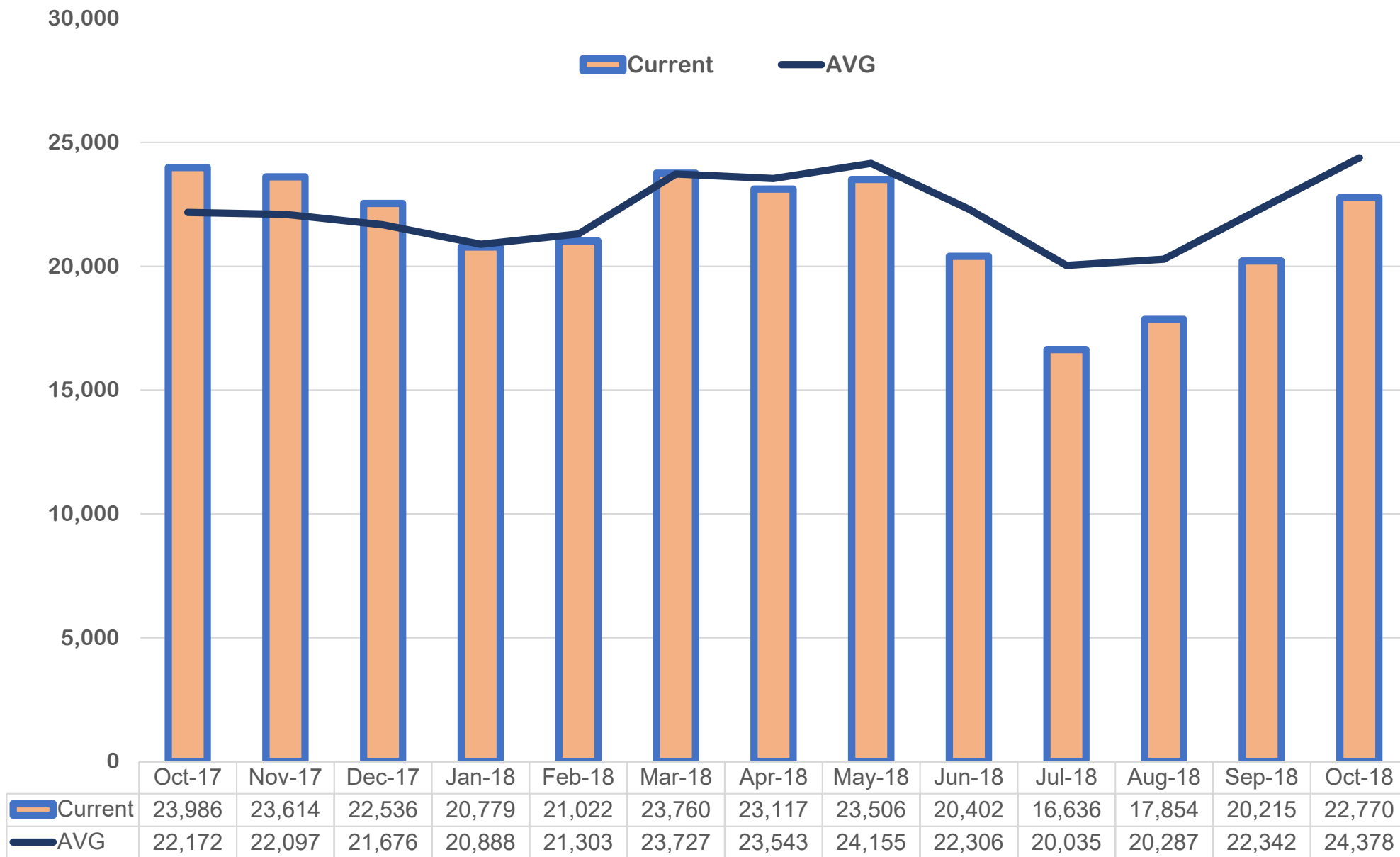
Average trend is calculated from prior four years.

Outcome I: Child Protective Services Cases, (October 2017 – October 2018)

How many Family Support Cases were open per month for the last 13 months?

Average trend is calculated from prior four years' data.

	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18
Current	11,423	11,274	10,727	9,319	9,314	10,666	10,435	10,562	8,495	6,274	6,893	8,339	9,791
AVG	9,832	9,962	9,435	8,630	8,540	9,399	9,221	9,456	8,490	7,465	7,959	9,447	11,084
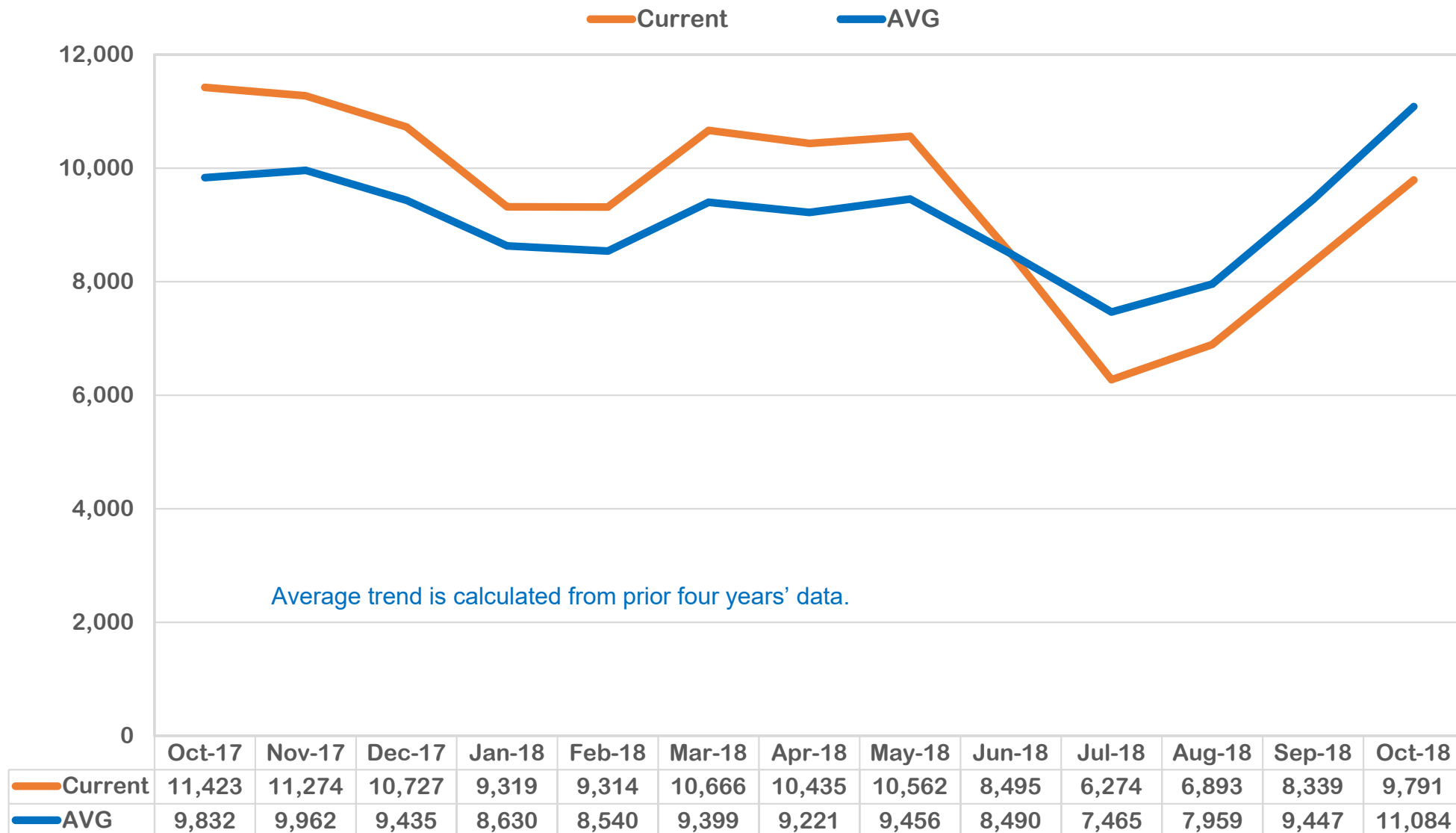
The graph above reveals a similar trend in the current 13-month trend compared to the average of the prior four years' average. During July 2018, there is a 16% decline in the number of cases when compared to the prior 4 year's averages. This was a 26% drop from the prior month of June 2018. The trend in October 2018 continues to increase since the drop in July 2018.

Outcome IA: Child Protective Services Cases Family Support Cases Only *(October 2017 – October 2018)*

How many Family Preservation Cases were open per month during for the last 13 months?

Average trend is calculated from prior four years' data.

	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18
Current	4,606	4,629	4,627	4,623	4,463	4,444	4,394	4,448	4,509	4,449	4,419	4,356	4,427
AVG	4,156	4,186	4,233	4,366	4,398	4,411	4,513	4,486	4,556	4,628	4,645	4,581	4,660
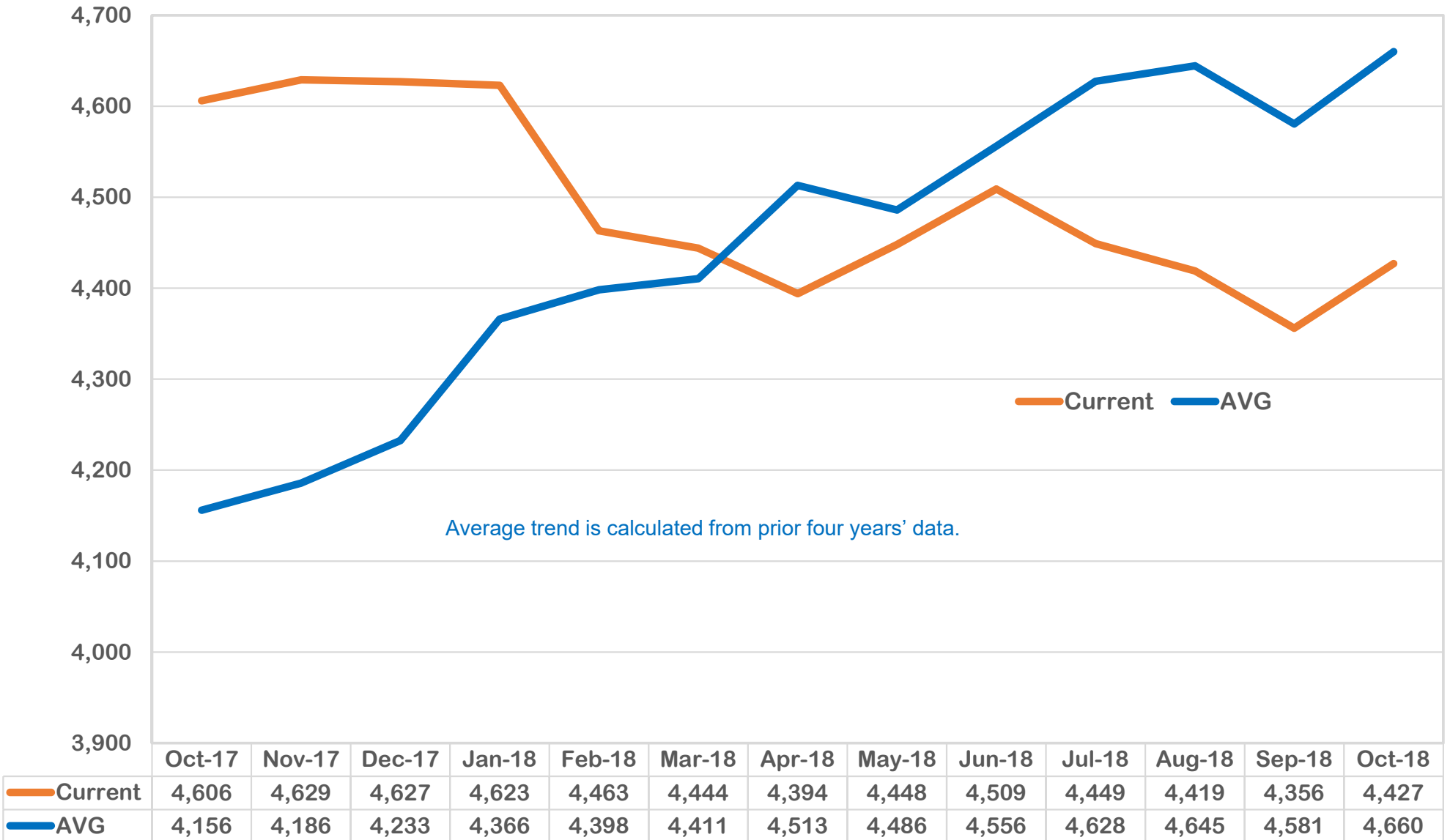
Family Preservation cases are higher than the average trend of the prior four years' average trend during the first 6 months of the trend followed by an inverse effect. In October 2018 Family Preservation cases were 5% lower than the average of the last 4 years.

Outcome IB: Child Protective Services Cases Family Preservation Cases Only *(October 2017 – October 2018)*

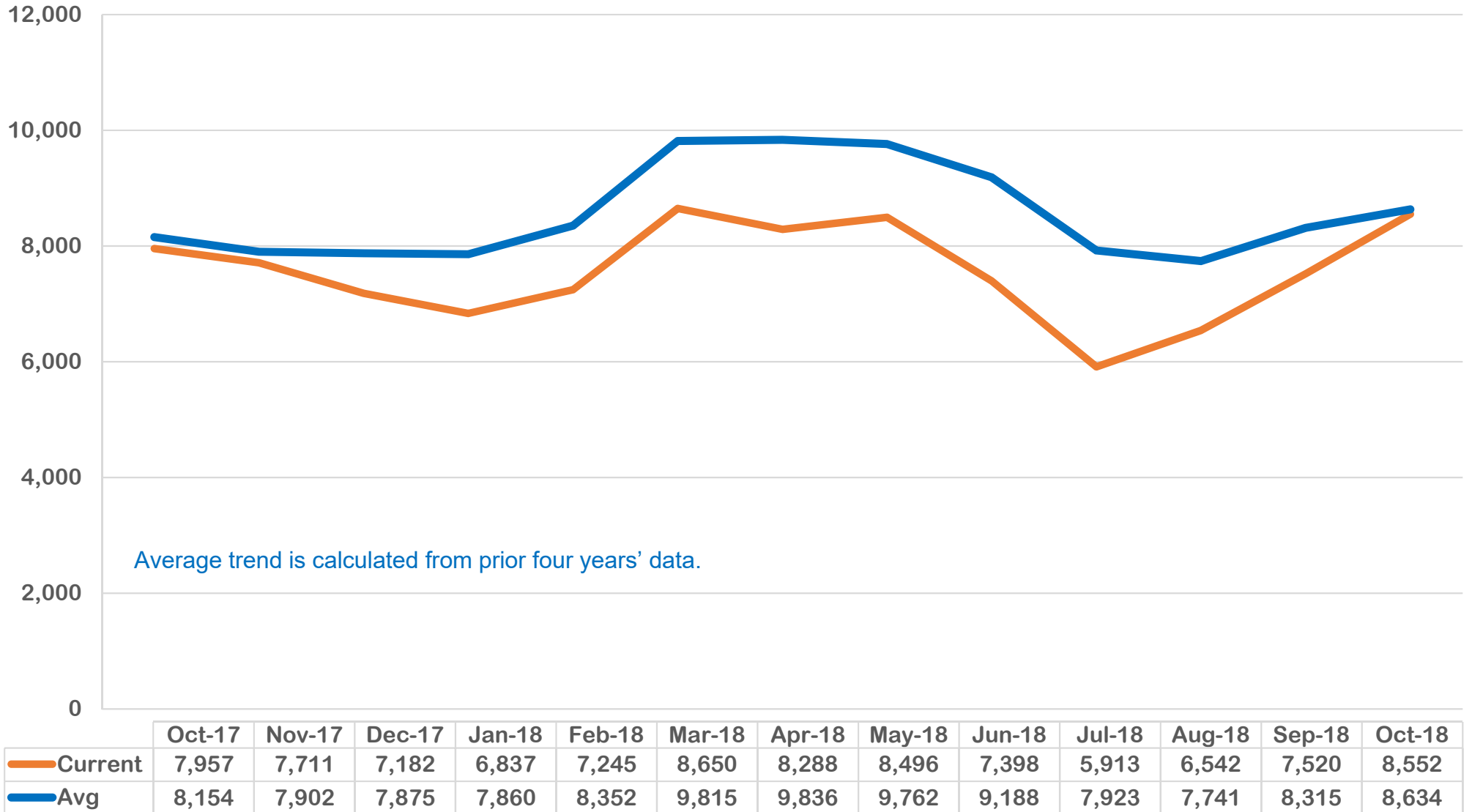## How many Investigation Cases were open per month for the past 13 months?

Average trend is calculated from prior four years' data.

	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18
Current	7,957	7,711	7,182	6,837	7,245	8,650	8,288	8,496	7,398	5,913	6,542	7,520	8,552
Avg	8,154	7,902	7,875	7,860	8,352	9,815	9,836	9,762	9,188	7,923	7,741	8,315	8,634

Although the last 13 months has seen an increase in investigations of over 24% between the averages of the prior 13 months (not pictured), the current year's total investigations reveals an improvement in investigations as indicated in the lower case loads.

Outcome IC: Child Protective Services Cases Investigation Cases Only *(October 2017 – October 2018)*

How many Investigation Cases were open at any time during the month Vs Investigation Cases that were initiated during the month for the past 13 months?

Legend: Current — Stage Initiated During Month — Avg

Average trend is calculated from prior four years' data.
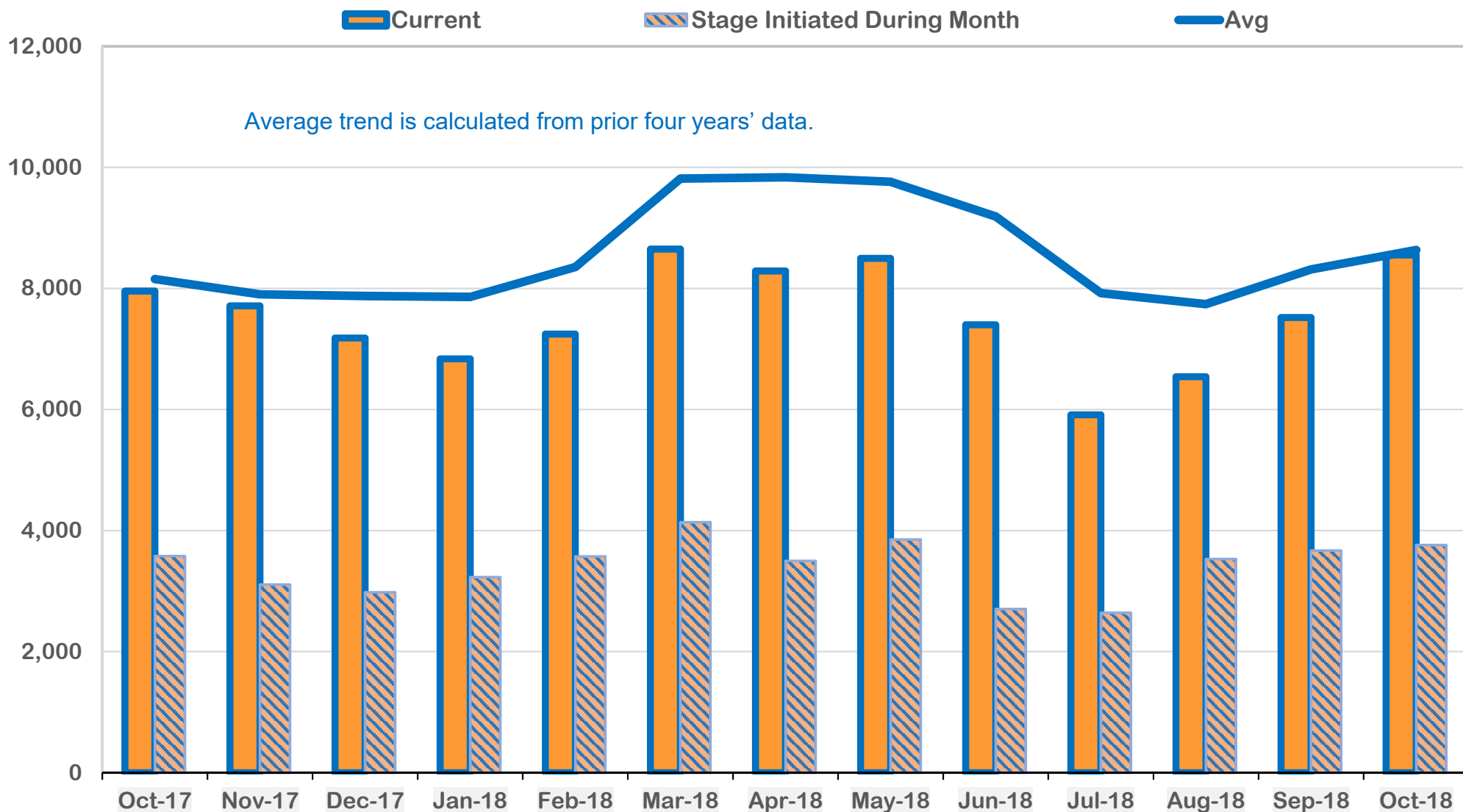
This chart indicates that during each month, the cases that are opened during the month are less than half of he overall open cases during the month. Additionally, the increases and decreases in those opened during the month resemble the trend in the current cases open during the month..

Outcome IC_1: Child Protective Services Cases Investigation Cases Only *(October 2017 – October 2018)*

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

National Standard: less than or equal to 5.40%

2.50%	2.53%	2.65%	3.06%	3.11%	3.14%	3.28%	3.11%	3.13%	3.23%	3.67%	3.31%	3.19%
Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18
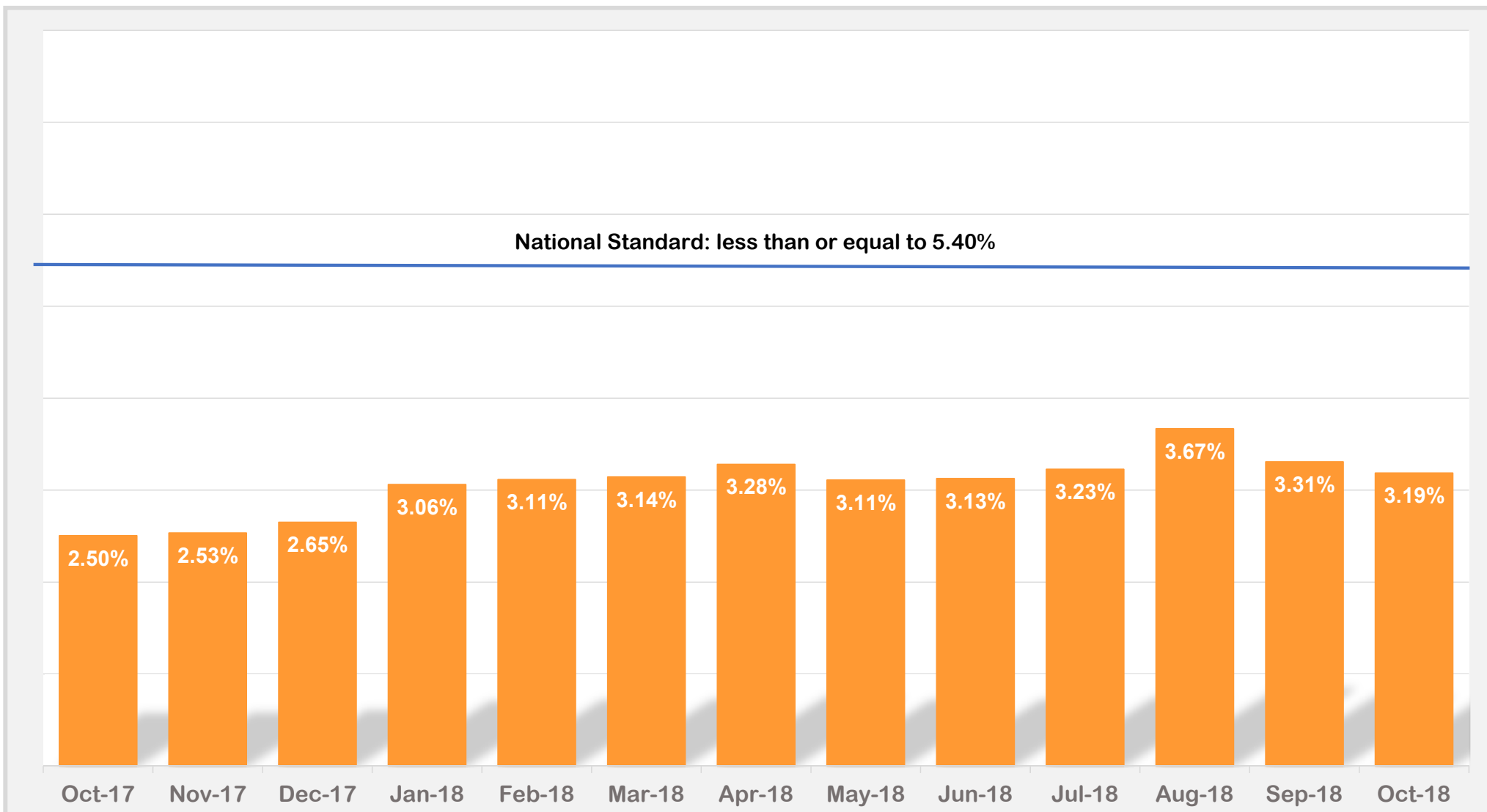
The trend reveals that Georgia has consistently maintained a low recurrence rate below the national standard of 5.4%. However, increases can be seen from October 2017 – April 2018 with the highest rate in August 2018. Georgia has a higher percentage of maltreatment in October 2018 as compared to October 2017.

Outcome II: Recurrence of Substantiated Child Maltreatment *(October 2017 – October 2018)*

What was the disposition of all CPS reports received during the month ?
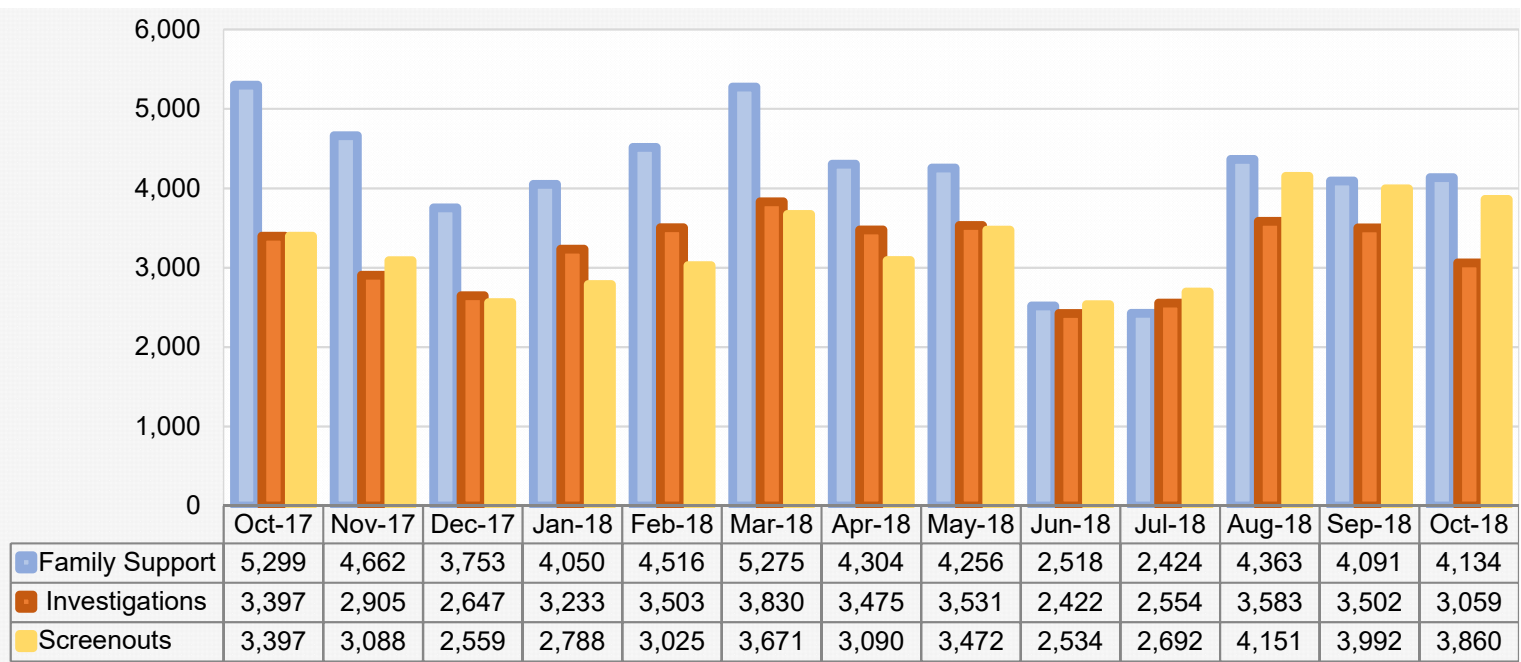
This chart reveals the disposition of CPS reports that were received for service. In October 2018, 28% were investigations, 37% were Family Support, and 35% were Screen Outs.

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

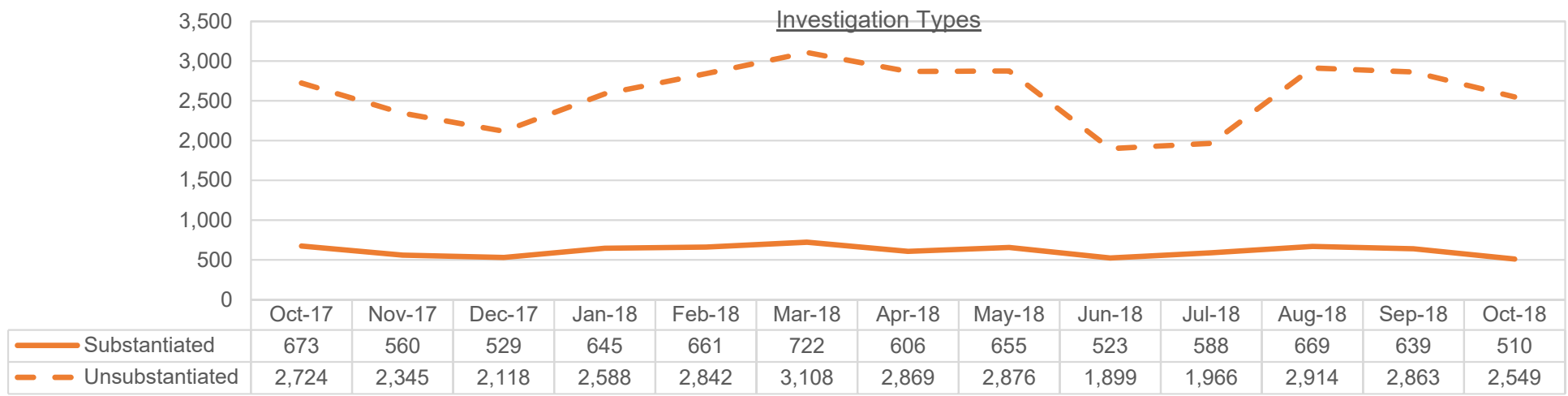|	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18
Family Support	5,299	4,662	3,753	4,050	4,516	5,275	4,304	4,256	2,518	2,424	4,363	4,091	4,134
Investigations	3,397	2,905	2,647	3,233	3,503	3,830	3,475	3,531	2,422	2,554	3,583	3,502	3,059
Screenouts	3,397	3,088	2,559	2,788	3,025	3,671	3,090	3,472	2,534	2,692	4,151	3,992	3,860

Investigation Types

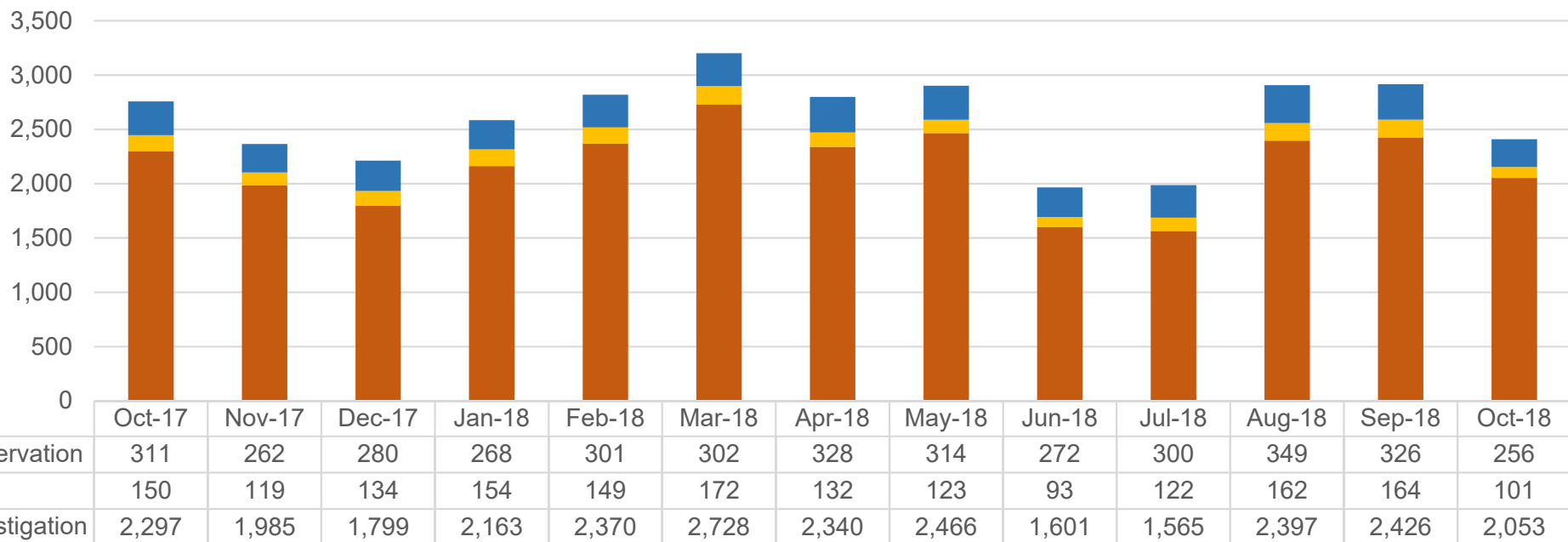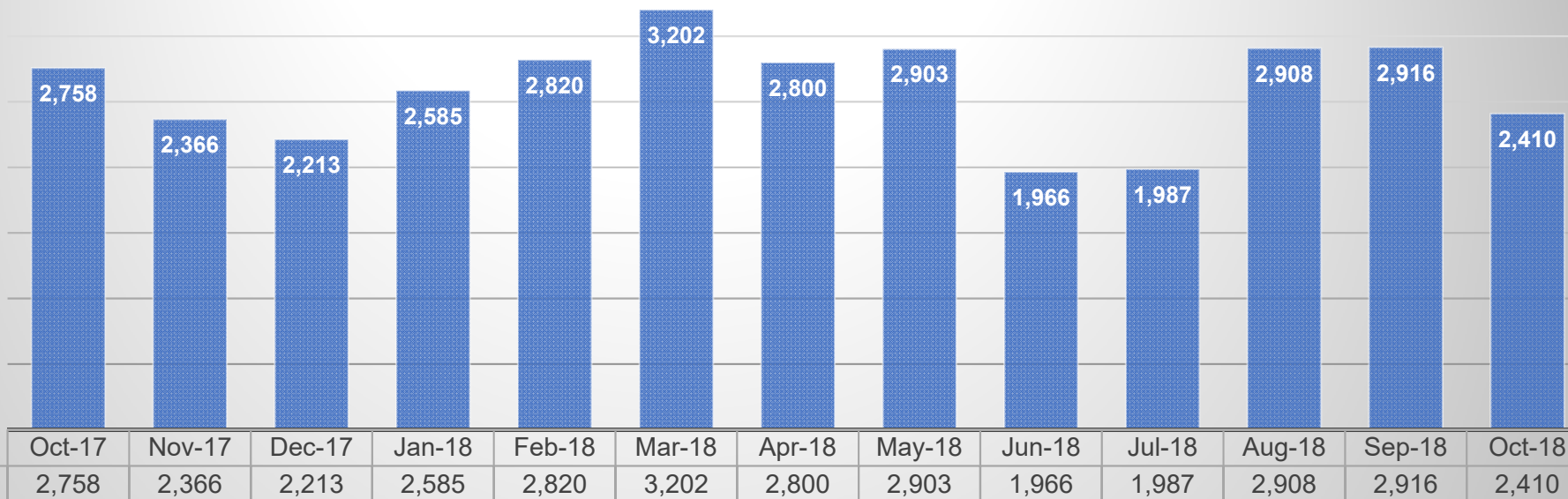|	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18
Substantiated	673	560	529	645	661	722	606	655	523	588	669	639	510
Unsubstantiated	2,724	2,345	2,118	2,588	2,842	3,108	2,869	2,876	1,899	1,966	2,914	2,863	2,549

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

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

Unsubstantiated

	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18
Unsubstantiated	2,758	2,366	2,213	2,585	2,820	3,202	2,800	2,903	1,966	1,987	2,908	2,916	2,410

	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18
Family Preservation	311	262	280	268	301	302	328	314	272	300	349	326	256
Foster Care	150	119	134	154	149	172	132	123	93	122	162	164	101
Closed Investigation	2,297	1,985	1,799	2,163	2,370	2,728	2,340	2,466	1,601	1,565	2,397	2,426	2,053

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

Substantiated:

	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18
Substantiated	694	570	560	665	659	753	616	676	533	584	667	647	460

	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18
Family Preservation	244	180	169	191	194	229	185	216	167	168	214	214	134
Foster Care	193	164	170	228	207	228	157	146	125	138	174	156	113
Closed Investigation	257	226	221	246	258	296	274	314	241	278	279	277	213

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

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.

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

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
SFY 2018	18,470	18,818	18,732	19,077	18,981	19,138	19,391	19,472	19,637	19,490	19,392	19,225
Avg	14,158	14,303	14,454	14,624	14,651	14,750	14,996	15,161	15,315	15,553	15,793	15,970

Average trend is calculated from prior SFYs from 2015-2018.

SFY 2019 values: Jul-18 19,102 (16,064); Aug-18 19,303 (16,305); Sep-18 19,269 (16,431); Oct-18 19,230 (16,669); Nov-18 19,065 (16,682)

Outcome V: Number of Children in Placement Services (State Fiscal Year 2019 To Date)
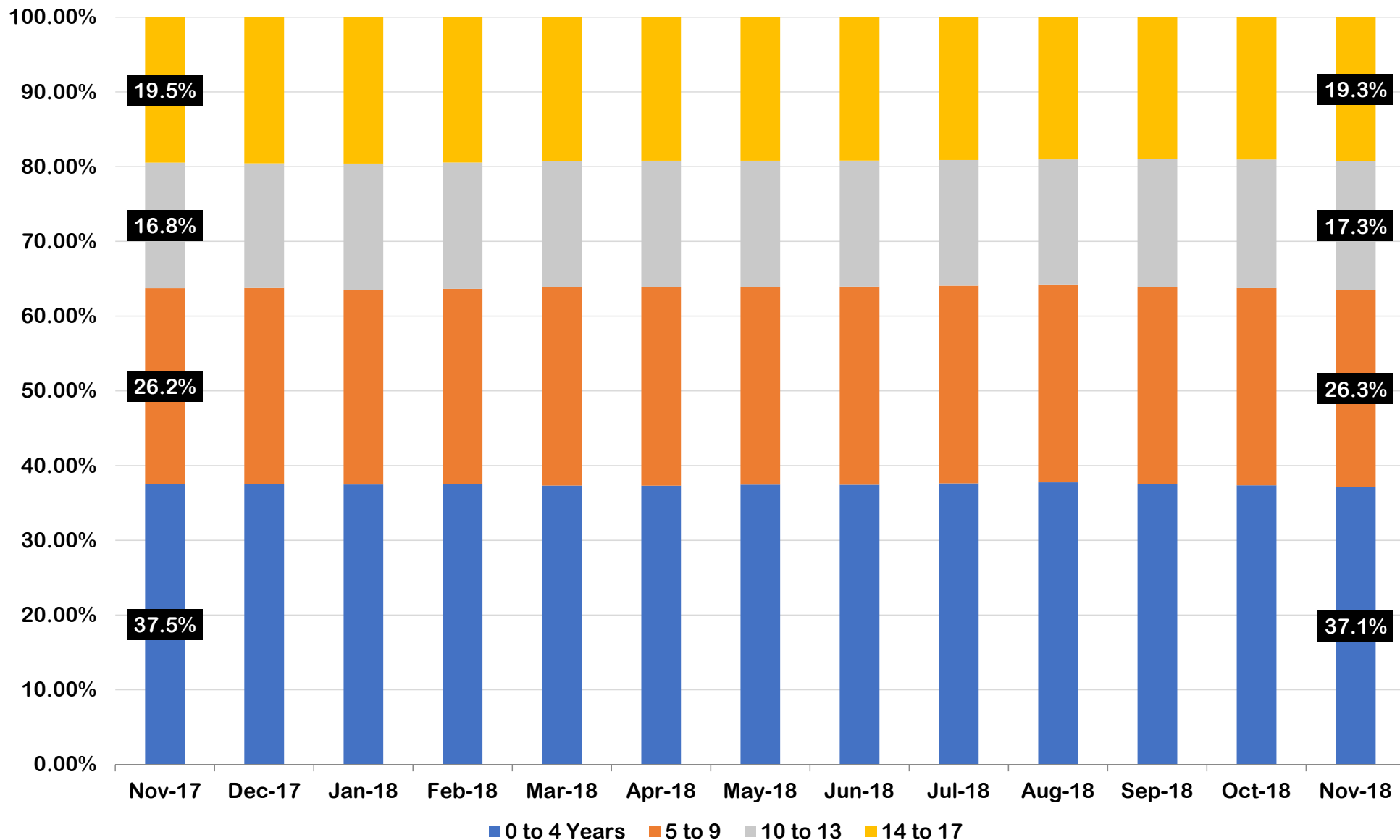
How many children were in Foster Care under the age of 18?
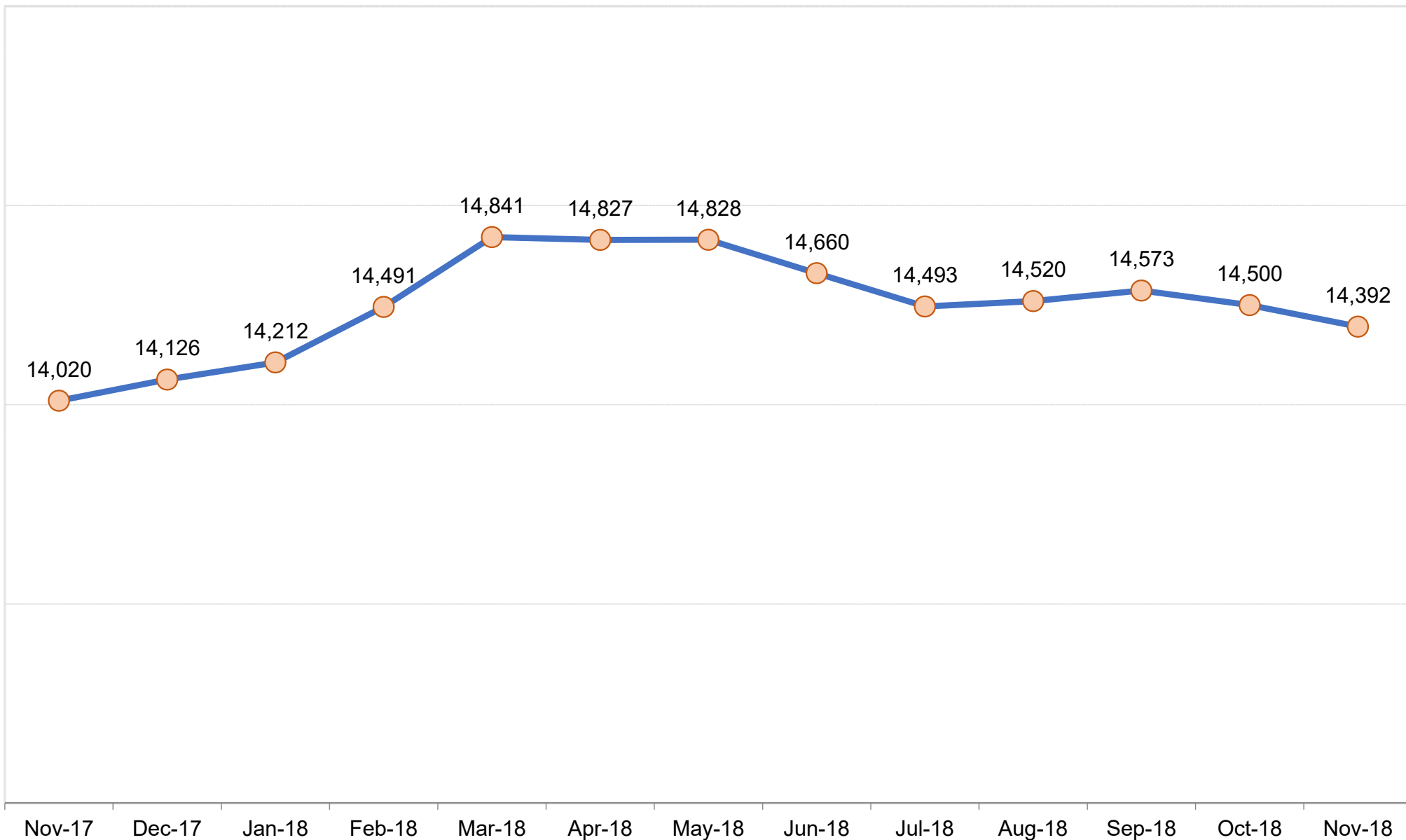
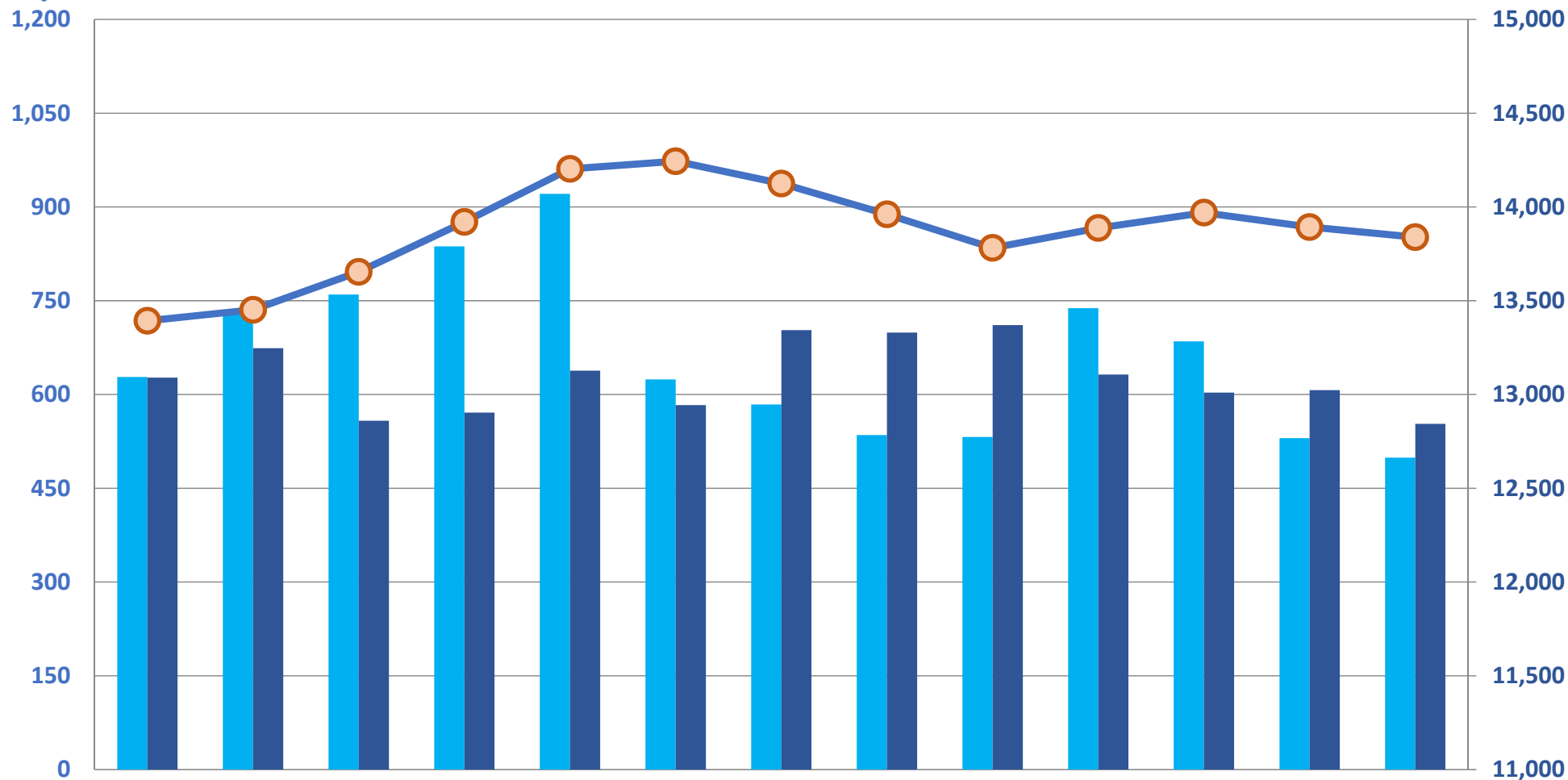*Outcome VI: Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (November 2017 – November 2018)*

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, (November 2017 – November 2018)

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

	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18
Entries	628	733	760	837	921	624	584	535	532	738	685	530	499
Exits	627	674	558	571	638	583	703	699	711	632	603	607	553
End-Of-Month	13,393	13,452	13,654	13,920	14,203	14,244	14,125	13,961	13,782	13,888	13,970	13,893	13,839

Outcome VII: Comparison of Foster Care Entries and Exits (November 2017 – November 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.

How many children were in a prior episode within twelve months of the current episode?
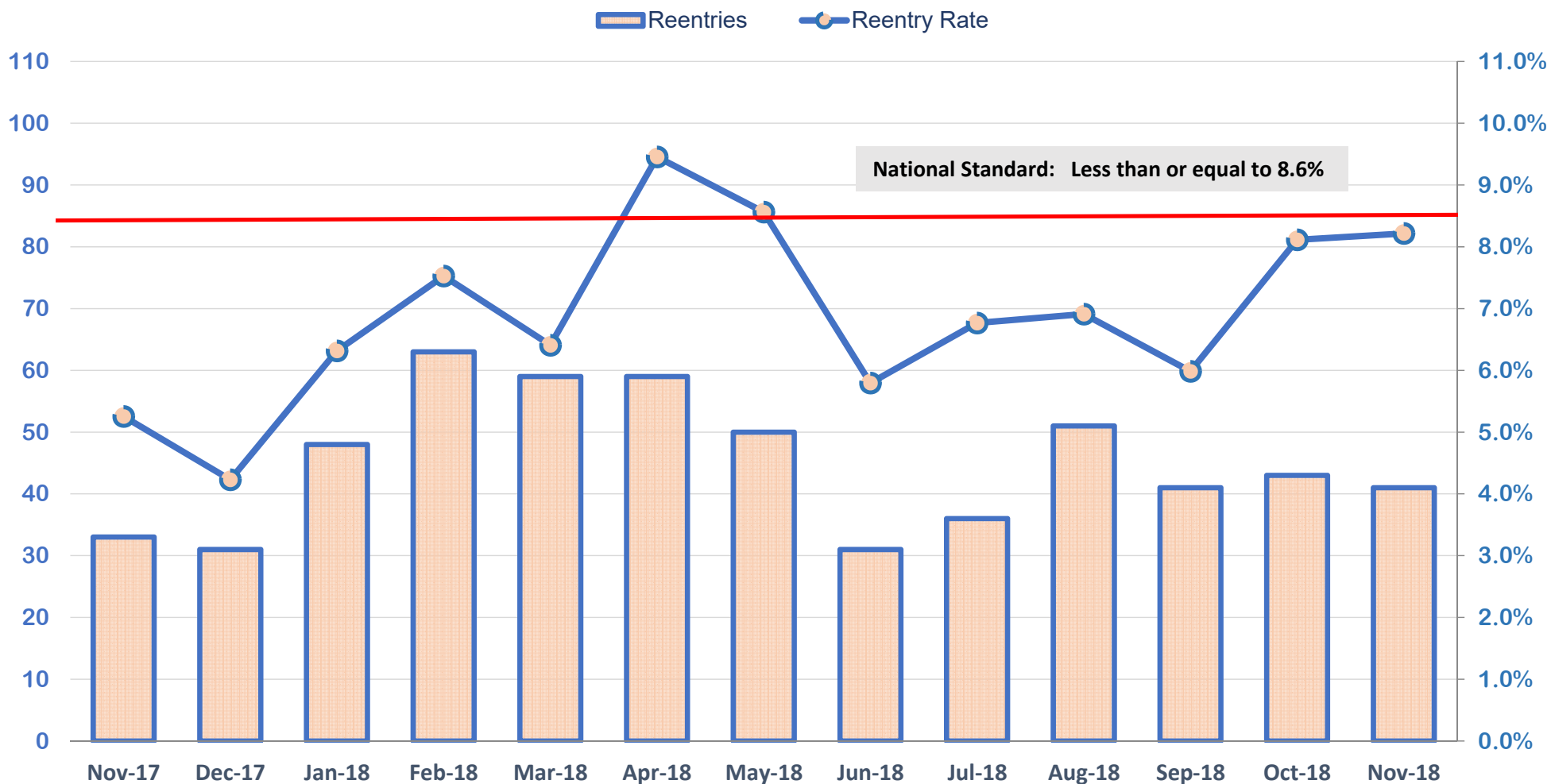
Legend: Reentries (bars), Reentry Rate (line)

National Standard: Less than or equal to 8.6%

	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18
Reentries	33	31	48	63	59	59	50	31	36	51	41	43	41
Reentry Rate	5.3%	4.2%	6.3%	7.5%	6.4%	9.5%	8.6%	5.8%	6.8%	6.9%	6.0%	8.1%	8.2%

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

What percentage of foster children have been in care for less than a year, less than 2 years . . . each month?
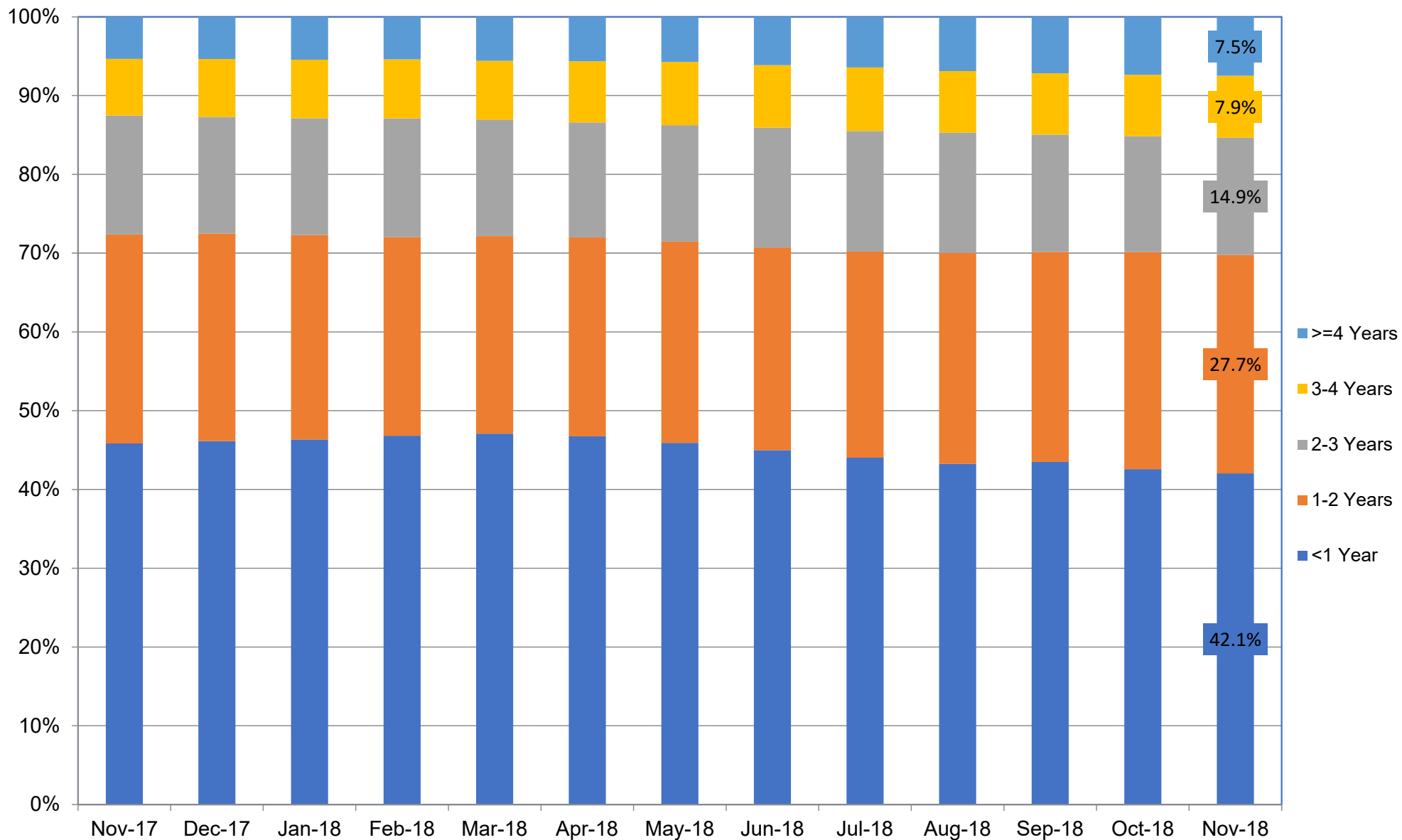
Outcome IX: Foster Care Length of Stay (November 2017 – November 2018)

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

National Standard: Greater Than or Equal to 76.20%

Month	Percentage
Nov-17	68.7%
Dec-17	62.7%
Jan-18	59.2%
Feb-18	66.2%
Mar-18	63.3%
Apr-18	60.2%
May-18	55.2%
Jun-18	56.6%
Jul-18	60.6%
Aug-18	55.3%
Sep-18	54.3%
Oct-18	50.8%
Nov-18	64.7%

Outcome X: Length of Time to Reunification (November 2017 – November 2018)
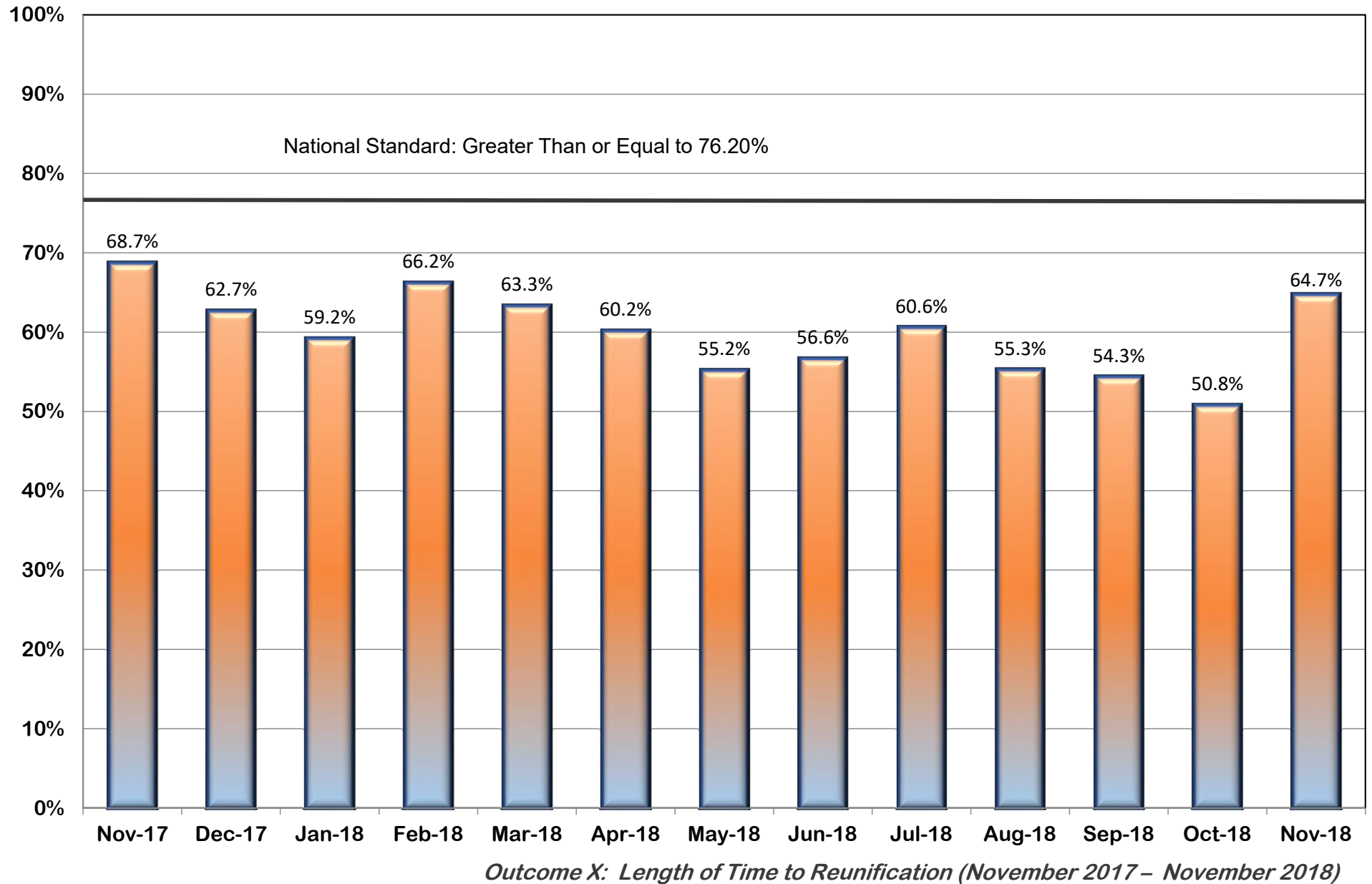
What percentage of children in Foster Care were placed with a relative during the month?
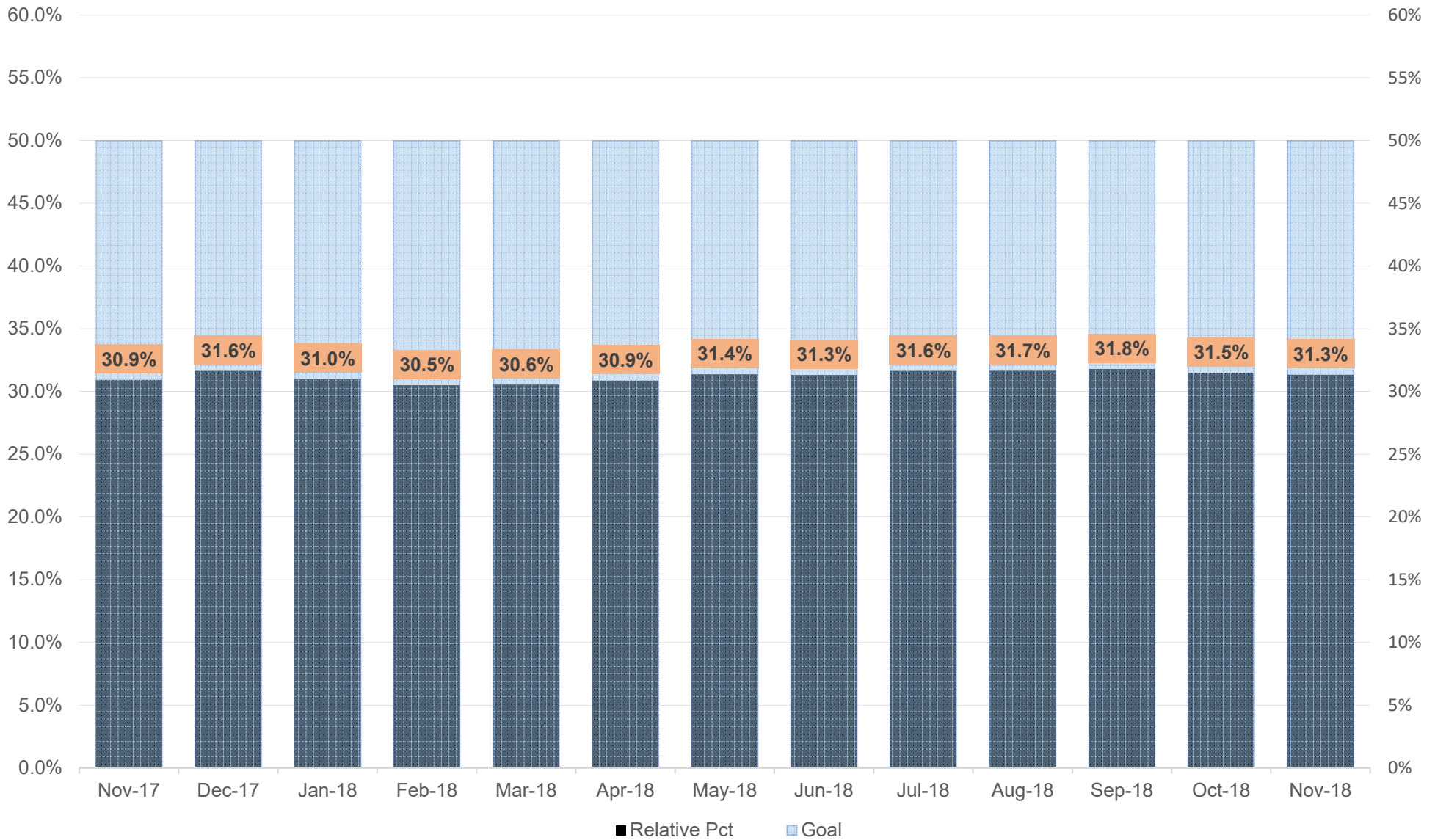
Outcome XI: Percent of Children Placed with Relatives (November 2017 – November 2018)

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

Month	Value
Nov-17	634
Dec-17	641
Jan-18	644
Feb-18	654
Mar-18	680
Apr-18	675
May-18	689
Jun-18	689
Jul-18	680
Aug-18	667
Sep-18	660
Oct-18	676
Nov-18	684
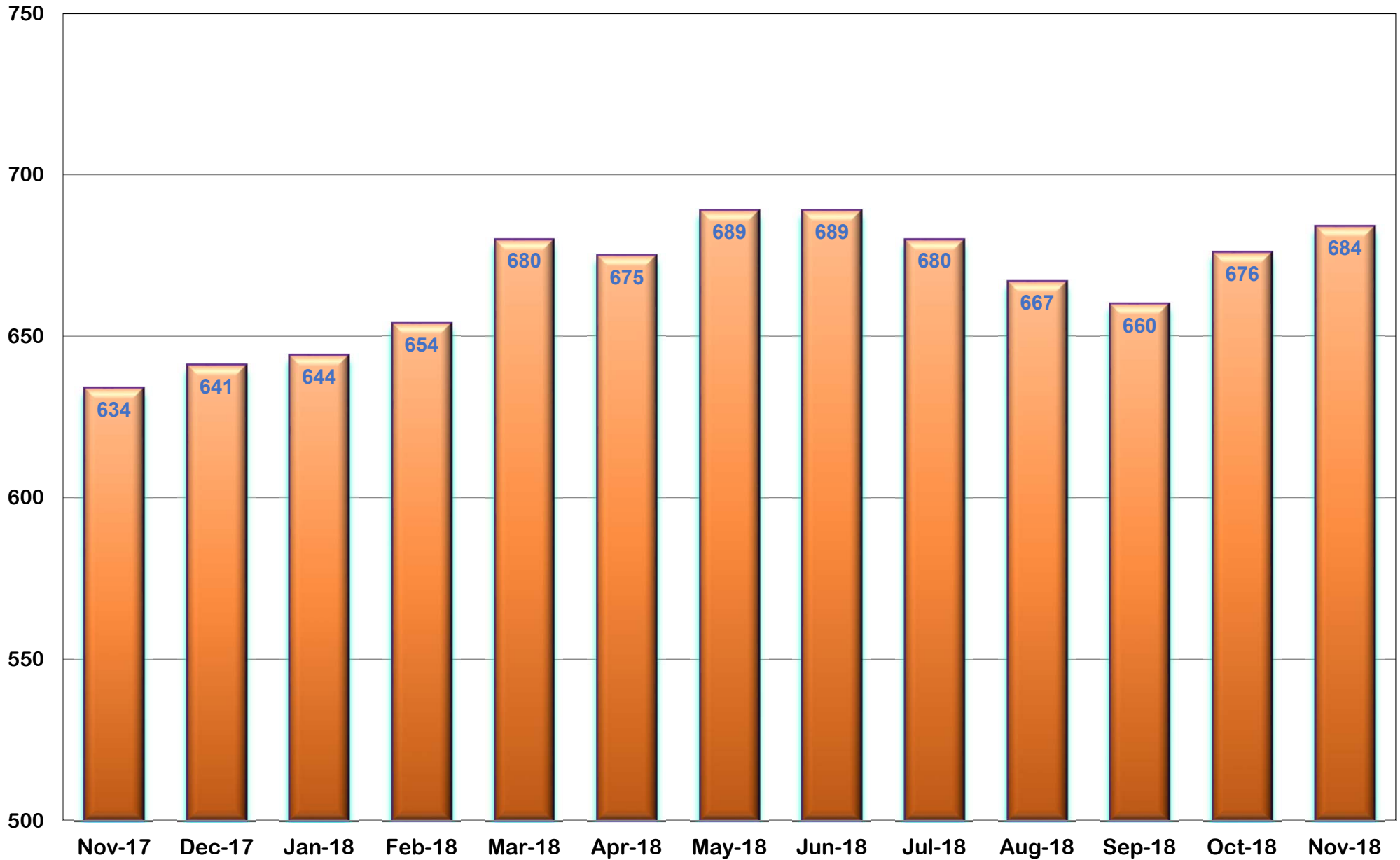
Outcome XII: Extended Youth Services (November 2017 – November 2018)

How many children in Foster Care were discharged to a positive permanency during the month?
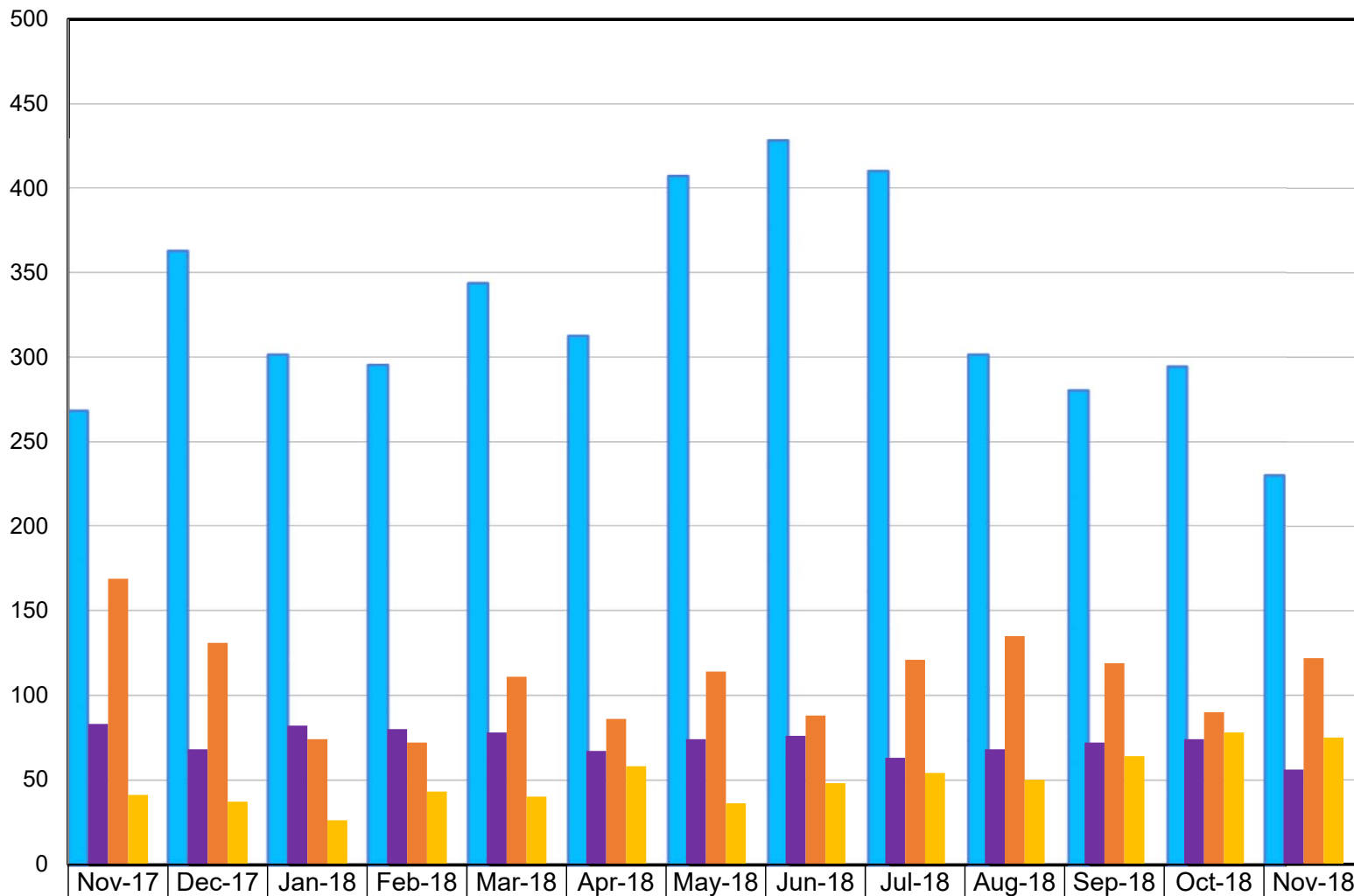
	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18
■ Reunification	269	363	302	296	344	313	407	428	410	302	281	295	231
■ Living With Other Relative(s)	83	68	82	80	78	67	74	76	63	68	72	74	56
■ Finalized Adoption	169	131	74	72	111	86	114	88	121	135	119	90	122
■ Guardianship	41	37	26	43	40	58	36	48	54	50	64	78	75
Positive Permanency	562	599	484	491	573	524	631	640	648	555	536	537	484

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

How many children in Foster Care were discharged to another permanency during the month?
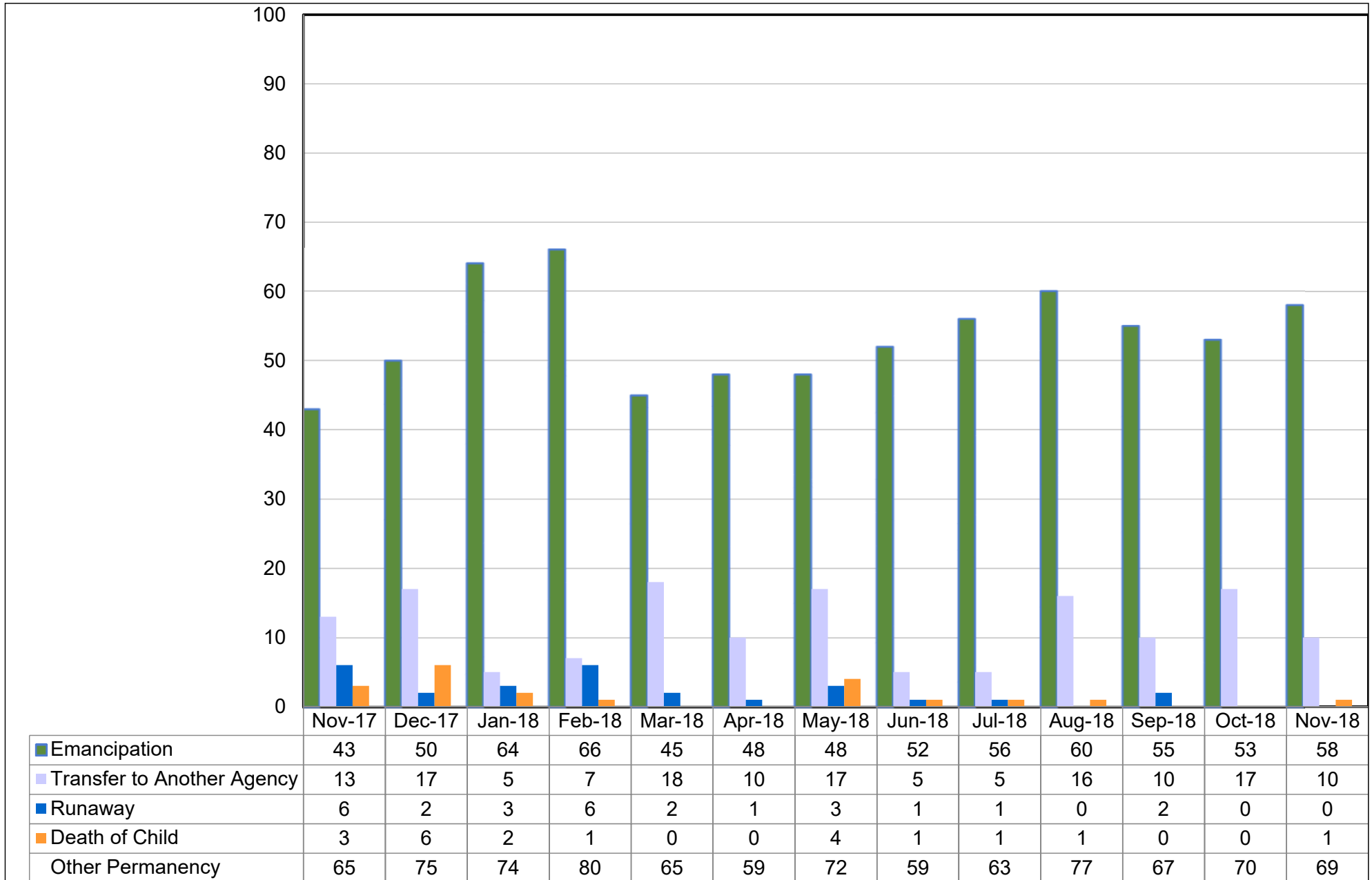
	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18
Emancipation	43	50	64	66	45	48	48	52	56	60	55	53	58
Transfer to Another Agency	13	17	5	7	18	10	17	5	5	16	10	17	10
Runaway	6	2	3	6	2	1	3	1	1	0	2	0	0
Death of Child	3	6	2	1	0	0	4	1	1	1	0	0	1
Other Permanency	65	75	74	80	65	59	72	59	63	77	67	70	69

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

What is the average time in months for a foster child to reach positive permanency?
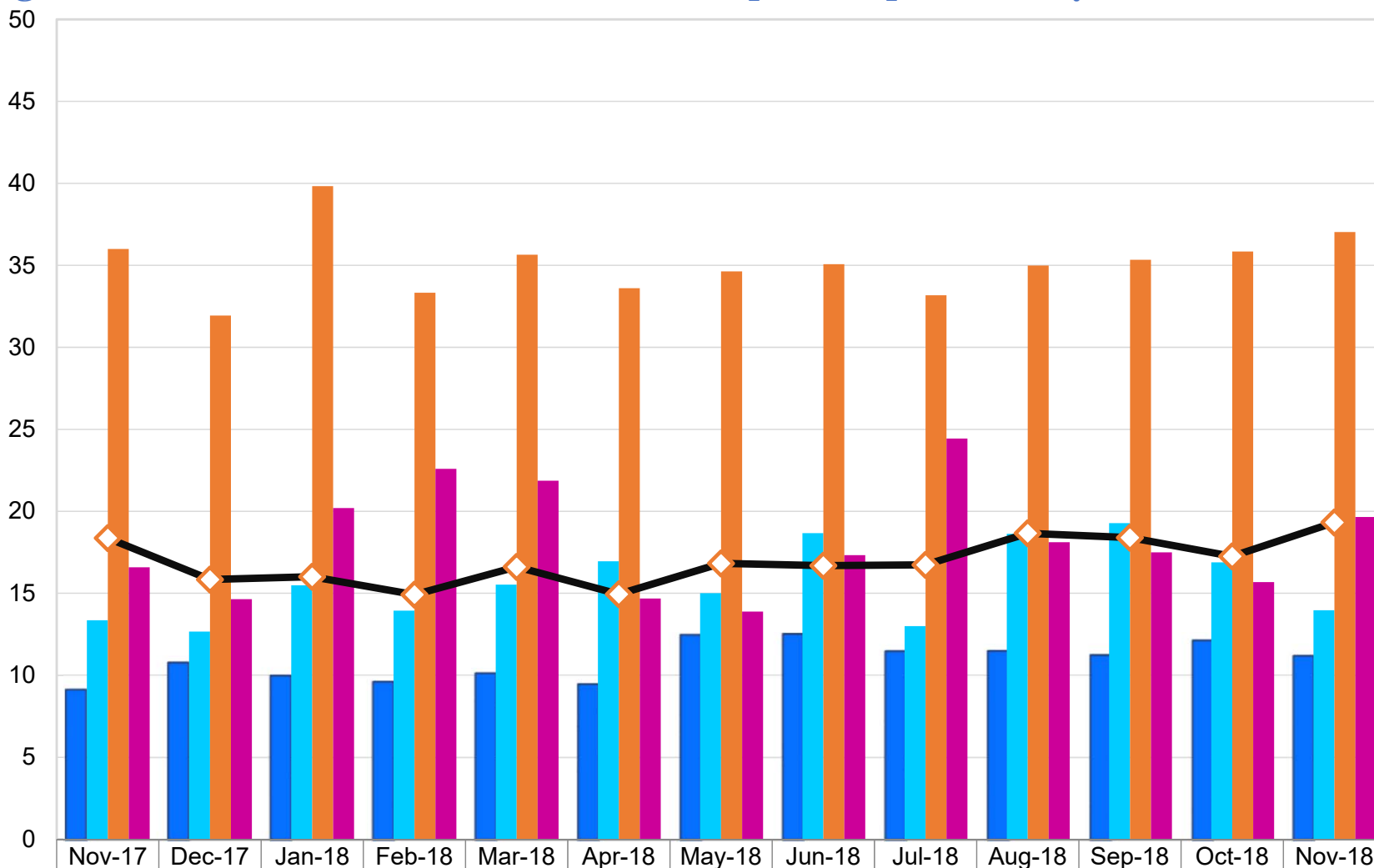
	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18
1-Reunification	9.1	10.7	10.0	9.6	10.1	9.4	12.4	12.5	11.4	11.5	11.2	12.1	11.2
2-Living with Relatives	13.4	12.7	15.5	13.9	15.5	17.0	15.0	18.7	13.0	18.6	19.3	16.9	14.0
3-Adoption	36.0	31.9	39.8	33.3	35.7	33.6	34.6	35.1	33.2	35.0	35.3	35.8	37.0
5-Guardianship	16.6	14.6	20.2	22.6	21.9	14.7	13.9	17.3	24.4	18.1	17.5	15.7	19.7
Positive Permanency	18.4	15.8	16.0	14.9	16.6	14.9	16.8	16.7	16.7	18.7	18.4	17.3	19.3

Outcome XIII - A: Number of Discharges (November 2017 – November 2018)

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

National Standard: 4.12
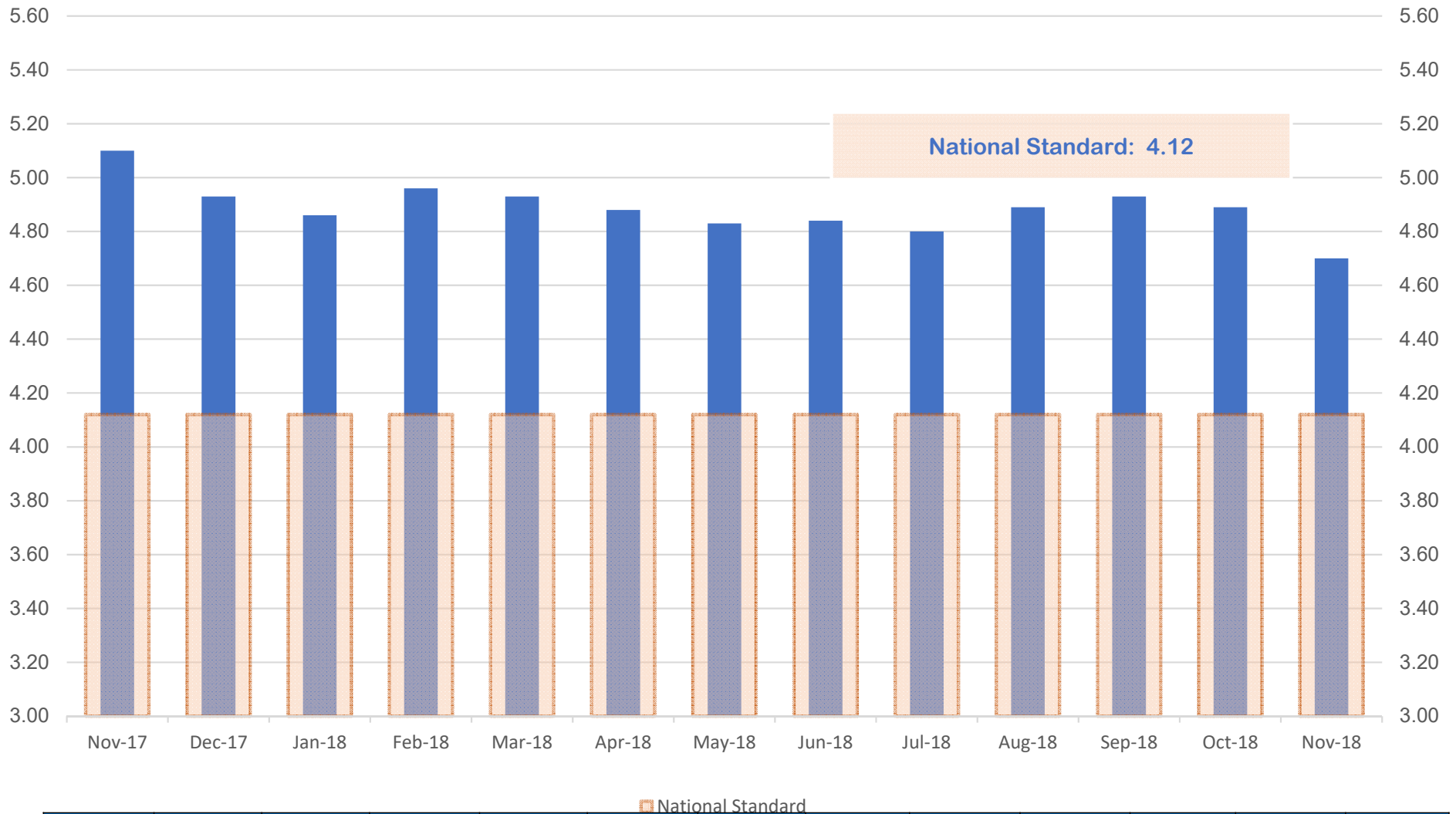
Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18
5.10	4.93	4.86	4.96	4.93	4.88	4.83	4.84	4.80	4.89	4.93	4.89	4.70

National Standard

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

Appendices

APPENDIX A

Regional Chart of Outcome VI

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

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

Region	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18
1	1,378	1,419	1,436	1,459	1,516	1,526	1,496	1,471	1,426	1,450	1,486	1,483	1,501
2	867	878	879	922	975	979	990	983	1,011	1,003	1,004	990	983
3	989	996	975	986	985	973	957	963	956	963	987	1,003	1,016
4	1,128	1,144	1,123	1,123	1,142	1,140	1,162	1,163	1,132	1,119	1,102	1,104	1,090
5	1,178	1,164	1,157	1,191	1,209	1,225	1,226	1,201	1,184	1,193	1,203	1,198	1,159
6	767	762	761	773	776	770	766	743	732	732	719	709	688
7	560	581	612	654	698	718	715	722	733	757	771	757	742
8	700	714	723	741	744	745	749	749	760	767	766	765	743
9	578	577	579	588	591	589	589	576	573	567	562	544	533
10	759	785	791	778	772	776	760	757	751	755	771	775	783
11	1,167	1,194	1,193	1,219	1,265	1,261	1,261	1,251	1,257	1,251	1,251	1,242	1,242
12	933	928	959	977	1,006	1,001	1,014	1,004	983	983	981	984	966
13	1,417	1,404	1,412	1,432	1,487	1,453	1,465	1,405	1,376	1,360	1,345	1,339	1,334
14	1,599	1,580	1,612	1,648	1,675	1,671	1,678	1,672	1,619	1,620	1,625	1,607	1,612
Statewide	**14,020**	**14,126**	**14,212**	**14,491**	**14,841**	**14,827**	**14,828**	**14,660**	**14,493**	**14,520**	**14,573**	**14,500**	**14,392**

APPENDIX B

Regional Chart of Outcome XIV

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

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

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

Region	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18
1	5.80	5.76	5.65	5.83	5.66	5.69	5.58	5.50	5.38	5.42	5.72	5.60	5.21
2	5.63	5.24	5.41	5.63	5.80	5.73	5.58	5.55	5.42	5.49	5.24	5.13	4.90
3	4.73	4.61	4.73	4.86	4.87	5.02	5.04	4.82	5.05	4.90	4.75	4.77	4.47
4	4.77	4.62	4.32	4.37	4.41	3.88	3.76	3.62	3.59	3.56	3.49	3.55	3.67
5	5.46	5.49	5.36	5.24	5.29	5.28	5.50	5.54	5.50	5.46	5.43	5.52	5.26
6	4.18	3.83	3.95	3.94	4.04	4.10	3.81	4.05	4.10	4.33	4.62	4.41	4.45
7	3.47	3.22	2.93	3.10	3.00	3.10	3.17	3.18	3.24	3.40	3.47	3.23	3.21
8	3.50	3.31	3.08	2.96	2.92	2.73	2.96	3.11	3.08	3.71	3.89	3.80	3.54
9	3.32	3.43	3.53	3.82	3.61	3.50	3.09	3.50	3.91	3.99	3.83	3.87	3.54
10	3.95	4.06	3.94	4.12	3.84	3.48	3.36	3.08	3.12	2.91	2.83	2.92	2.99
11	3.92	3.76	3.62	3.90	4.23	4.30	4.23	4.28	4.24	4.22	4.27	4.09	3.93
12	5.01	5.01	5.15	5.19	5.06	4.73	4.63	4.67	4.67	4.63	4.98	5.15	4.76
13	7.15	6.74	6.66	6.74	6.45	6.46	6.44	6.48	6.30	6.68	6.67	6.70	6.82
14	6.01	5.79	5.80	5.83	5.94	6.24	6.26	6.37	6.19	6.43	6.40	6.31	5.93
Statewide	**5.10**	**4.93**	**4.86**	**4.96**	**4.93**	**4.88**	**4.83**	**4.84**	**4.80**	**4.89**	**4.93**	**4.89**	**4.70**