

Georgia Division of Family & Children Services

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Monthly Measures and Results for February 2017*

*(Reflects Safety Outcomes as of December 31, 2016 And Permanency Outcomes as of January 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)

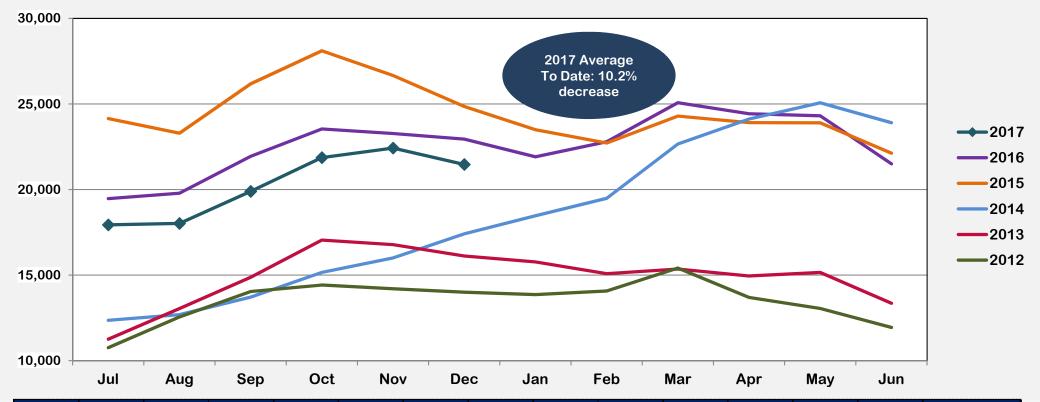
A calculated value based upon the ACF CFSR Round 3 which is part of Program Improvement. It is calculated from a rolling 12 month population of the entry cohort where the child remained in custody for over 8 days and was not 18 on the date of removal. The federal standard is 4.12. Source: SHINES

**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 December 2016 decreased by 4% due to the 7% decrease in Family Support Cases. Family Support cases have increased by 95% since the beginning of the fiscal year. Investigations and family preservation cases have decreased by 51% and 12%, respectively.

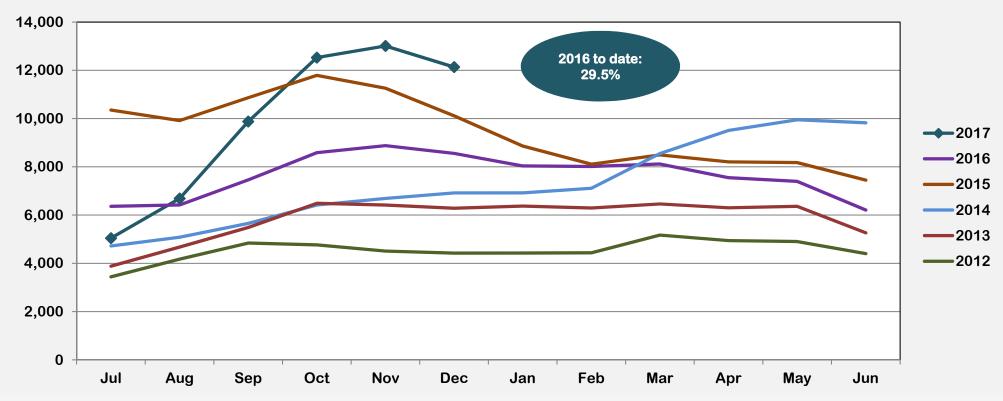


State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Average	% Increase
2017	17,935	18,022	19,895	21,869	22,426	21,468							20,269	-10.2%
2016	19,470	19,788	21,943	23,541	23,277	22,946	21,916	22,795	25,075	24,431	24,307	21,504	22,583	-7.7%
2015	24,151	23,295	26,176	28,108	26,664	24,857	23,497	22,721	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%



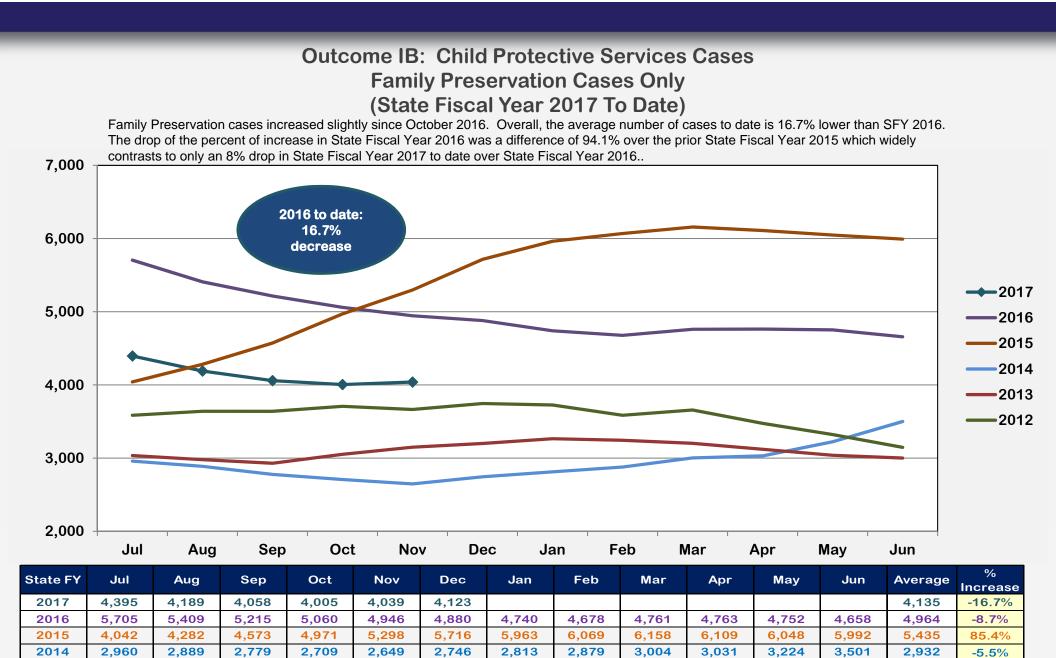
Outcome IA: Child Protective Services Cases Family Support Cases Only (State Fiscal Year To Date)

Although Family Support cases decreased by 7% since November 2016, the current year to date average in State Fiscal Year 2017 is 48.9% higher than the percent of increase for State Fiscal Year 2016. During State Fiscal Year 2016, the average increase was 49.4% lower than State Fiscal Year 2015.



State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Average	% Increase
2017	5,045	6,688	9,879	12,529	13,012	12,137							9,882	29.5%
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%





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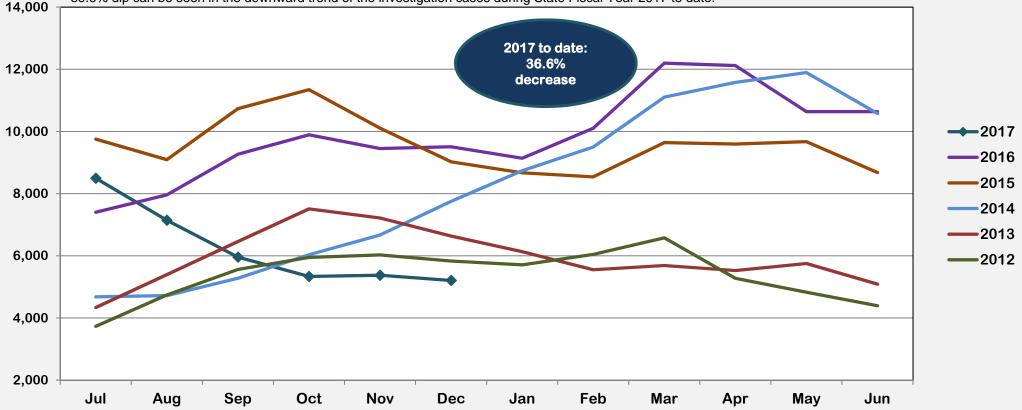
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Outcome IC: Child Protective Services Cases Investigation Cases Only (State Fiscal Year 2017 To Date)

Investigation cases decreased in December 2016. During State Fiscal Year 2016, there was an increase in the average cases of 3%. The 39.6% dip can be seen in the downward trend of the investigation cases during State Fiscal Year 2017 to date.



State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Average	% Increase
2017	8,495	7,145	5,958	5,335	5,375	5,208							6,253	-36.6%
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	9,927	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%
2012	3,732	4,742	5,563	5,949	6,027	5,832	5,709	6,047	6,579	5,276	4,829	4,394	5,390	45.7%



Outcome II: Recurrence of Substantiated Child Maltreatment (December 2015 – December 2016)

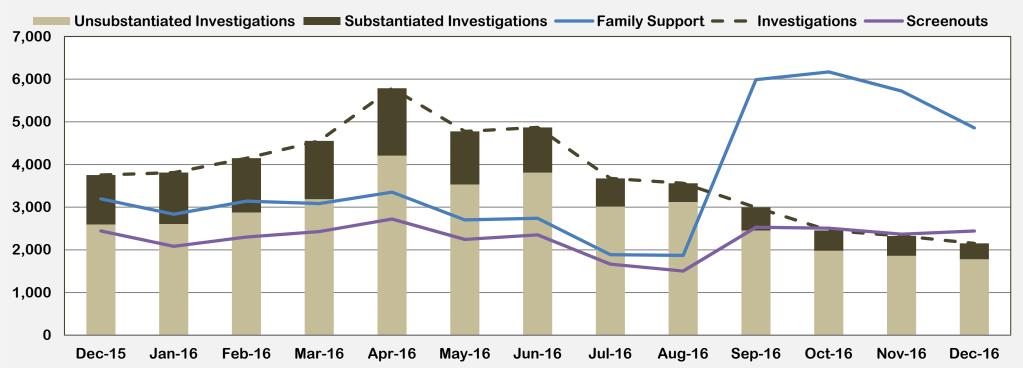
The trend below reveals a decrease in the number of substantiated incidents of child maltreatment. During December 2015, Georgia was above the national standard of 5.4%. One year later this value is 1.15% lower reflecting many changes that have been implemented in Child Protective Services.





Outcome III: Disposition of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (December 2015 – December 2016)

Of the CPS cases that had a disposition during the month, 26% were screen outs; 51% were Family Support, and 23% were Investigations. Only 17% of the Investigations were substantiated.

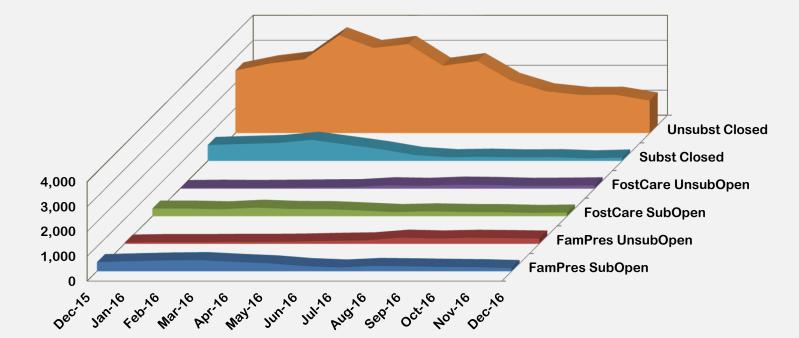


	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16
Family Support	3,196	2,835	3,140	3,084	3,352	2,703	2,739	1,887	1,869	5,989	6,171	5,723	4,859
Screenouts	2,444	2,083	2,301	2,428	2,722	2,245	2,351	1,666	1,504	2,530	2,508	2,368	2,441
Investigations	3,754	3,812	4,149	4,555	5,788	4,777	4,870	3,676	3,561	2,996	2,457	2,328	2,153
Substantiated Investigations	1,159	1,205	1,273	1,367	1,580	1,245	1,060	661	439	542	478	468	374
Unsubstantiated Investigations	2,595	2,607	2,876	3,188	4,208	3,532	3,810	3,015	3,122	2,454	1,979	1,860	1,779



Outcome IV: Subsequent Case-Types of Investigations (December 2015 – December 2016)

According to December's data, 16.7% of Investigations were subsequently opened as a Family Preservation case; 13.8% of Investigations were opened as a Foster Care case; and 69.5% of Investigations were closed.

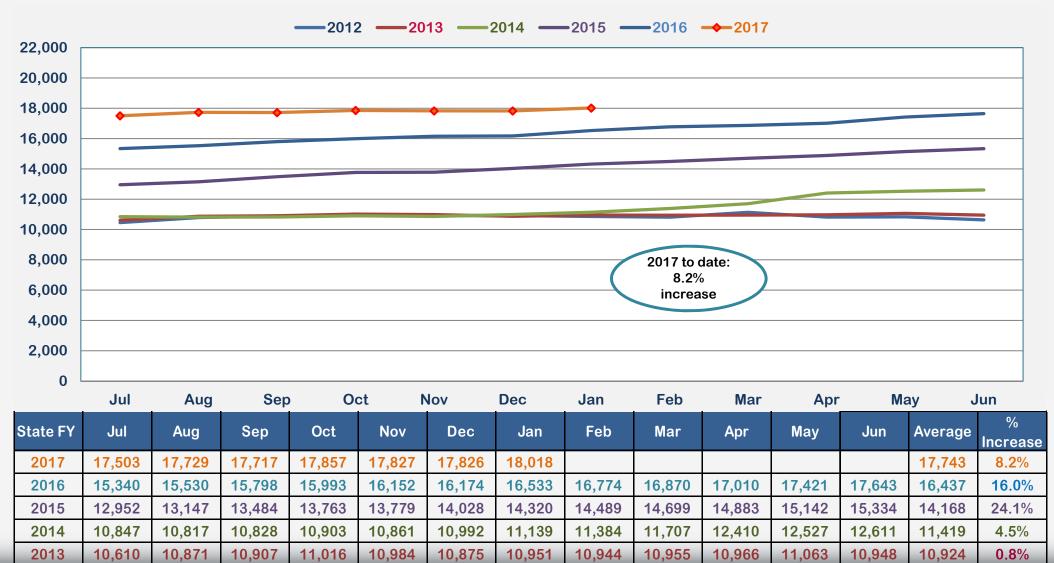


	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16
FamPres SubOpen	373	410	442	454	384	323	213	158	220	205	184	169	133
FamPres UnsubOpen	49	73	70	80	80	93	122	141	250	217	246	232	213
FostCare SubOpen	313	312	284	348	298	290	234	172	201	175	168	136	153
FostCare UnsubOpen	24	37	28	37	51	61	136	112	163	147	112	120	134
Subst Closed	636	679	717	842	660	470	236	147	169	139	149	102	136
Unsubst Closed	2,510	2,790	2,958	3,917	3,408	3,568	2,700	2,884	2,090	1,671	1,528	1,535	1,306



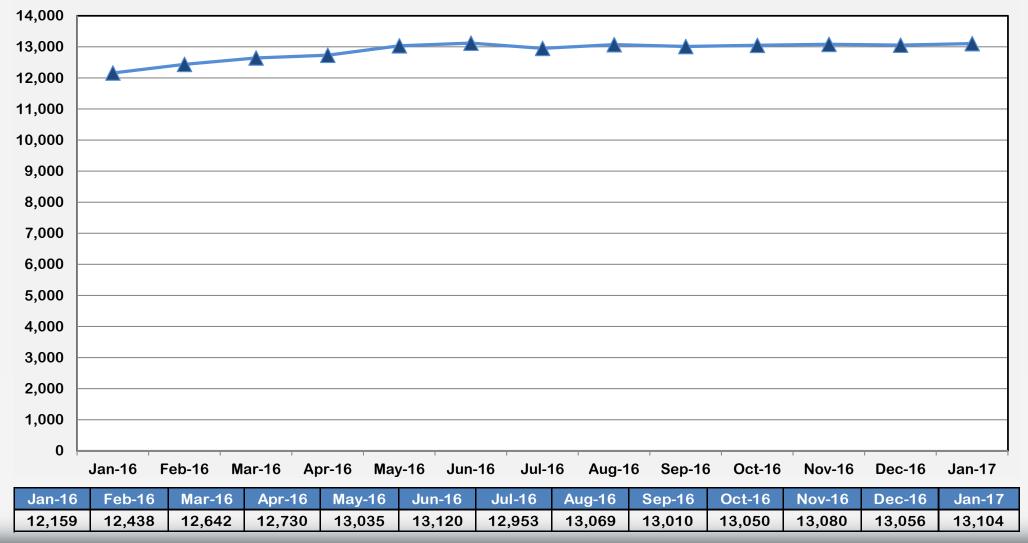
Outcome V: Number of Children in Placement Services (State Fiscal Year 2017 To Date)

There were no significant increases in the number of placement services that were open during the month of January (18,018). 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.



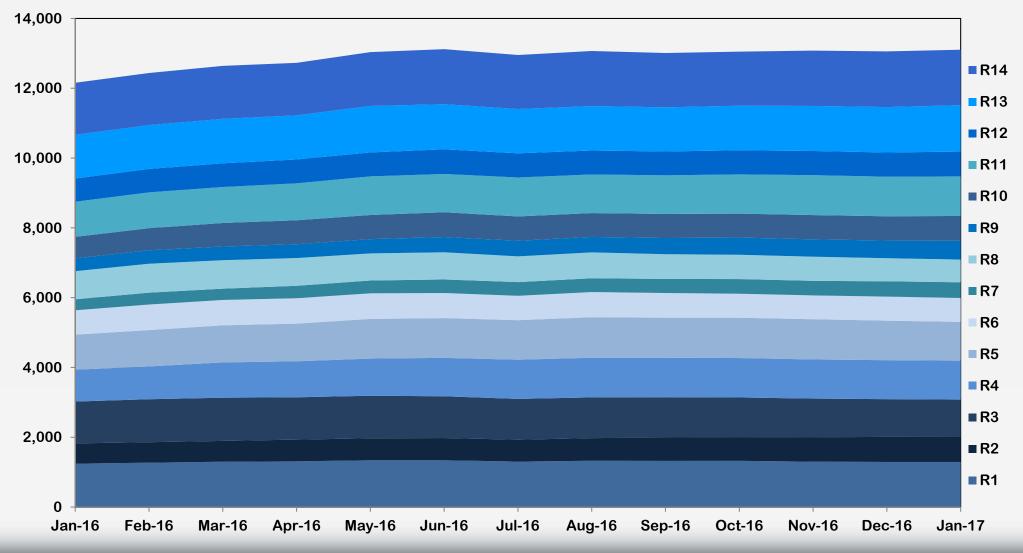


The number of children in foster care under the age of 18 remained constant during January with a slight increase at 13,104. The following slides reveal that there were 716 entries and 507 exits. On the last day of January 2017, there were 12,497 children in custody from this population. Of those who entered custody during the month, only 57 children (8%) of them had a prior episode within 12 months.





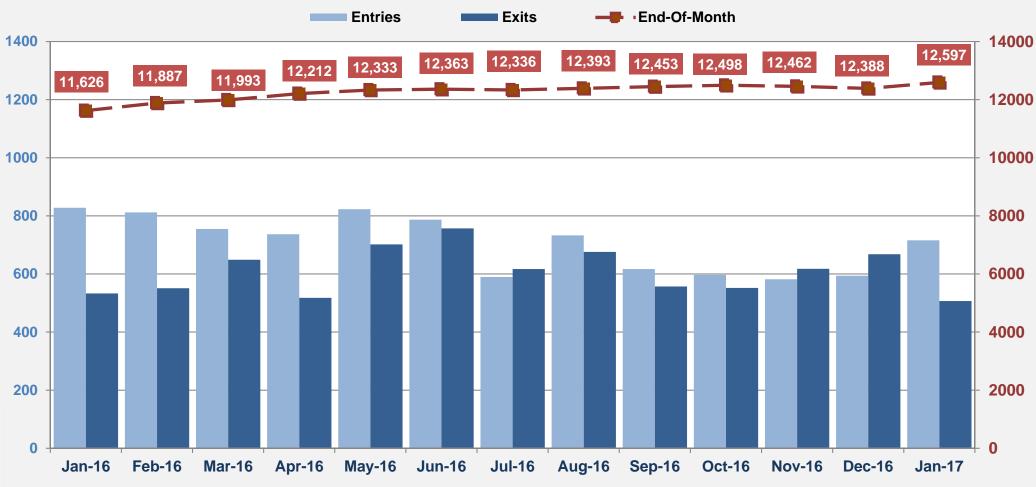
The number of children in Foster Care under the age of 18 remained constant during January was 13,104. Visually, you can see that Region 14 has the highest proportion of children in custody at any point in time.





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

Multiple trends can be seen in this graph. Entries increased in January while exits are decreased in January. The ratio of entries to exits is 1.4 which accounts for a slight increase in the end of month population. The end of month trend shows that the Foster Care population is slightly increasing during January 2017.

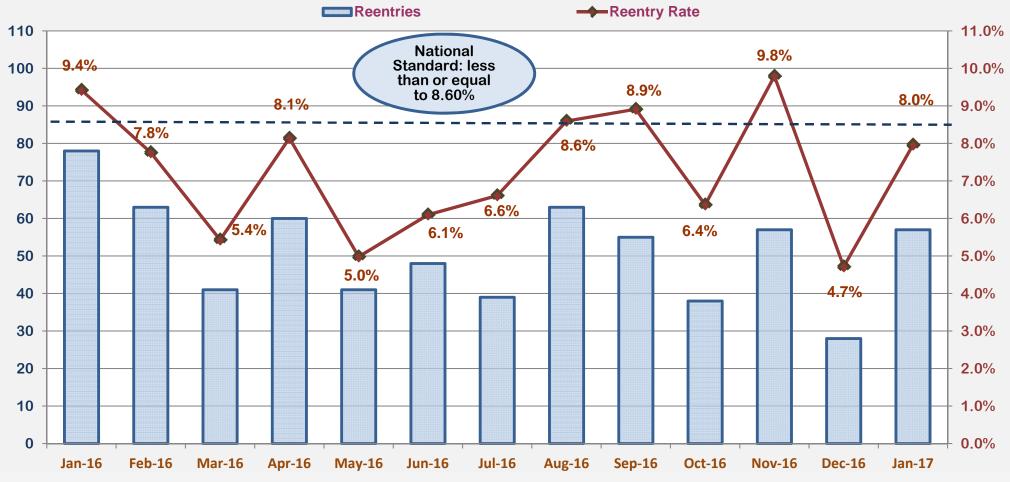


Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17
828	812	755	737	823	787	590	733	617	597	582	594	716
533	551	649	518	702	757	617	676	557	552	618	668	507



Outcome VII: Foster Care Re-Entries (January 2016 – January 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 rate remained below the national standard. The reentry rate for December was lower than it has been in 12 months.

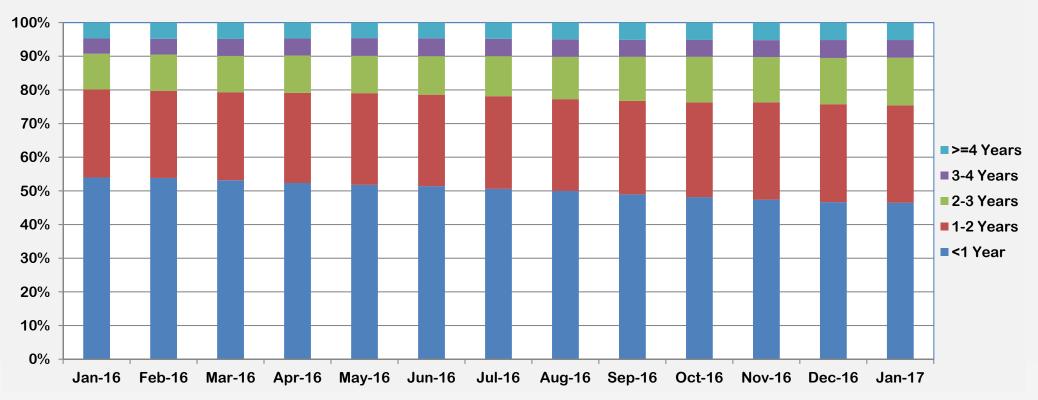


Ja	an-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17
7	78	63	41	60	41	48	39	63	55	38	57	28	57
9.	.4%	7.8 %	5.4%	8.1 %	5.0%	6.1%	6.6%	8.6%	8.9 %	6.4%	9.8%	4.7%	8.0%



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

Examining the length of stay of children who were in Foster Care during the month, there was an increase of .4% from December 2016 to January 2017 of the number of children who were in custody from 24 months through less than 36 months. This is an increase of 3.5% since January 2016. The numbers also show a decline in the proportion of children who were in custody for less than a year, from 54.0% in January 2016 to 46.5% in January 2017.

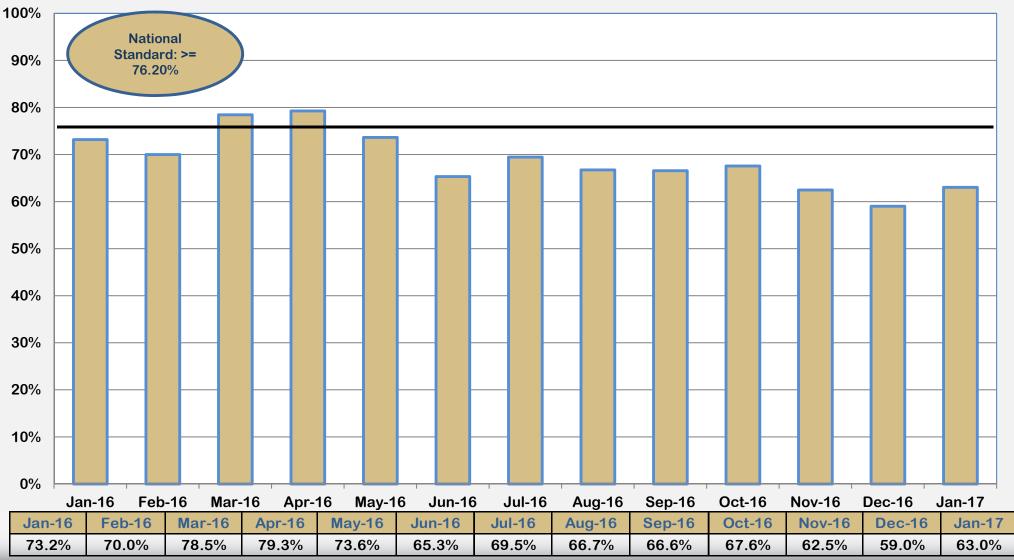


	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17
>=4 Years	4.7%	4.8 %	4.8 %	4.7%	4.6 %	4.7%	4.8 %	5.0%	5.1%	5.1%	5.2%	5.2 %	5.2 %
3 - <4 Years	4.5%	4.6 %	5.1%	5.1%	5.3%	5.3%	5.1%	5.2%	5.0%	5.0%	5.1%	5.3%	5.3%
2 - <3 Years	10.6%	10.8%	10.8%	11.1%	11.1%	11.5%	11.9%	12.6%	13.1%	13.5%	13.4%	13.7%	14.1%
1 - <2 Years	26.1%	25.9%	26.2%	26.8 %	27.2%	27.2%	27.5%	27.3%	27.8%	28.1%	28.9 %	29.1%	29.0%
<1 Year	54.0%	53.9%	53.2%	52.4%	51.8%	51.4%	50.6%	50.0%	49.0%	48.2%	47.4%	46.7%	46.5%



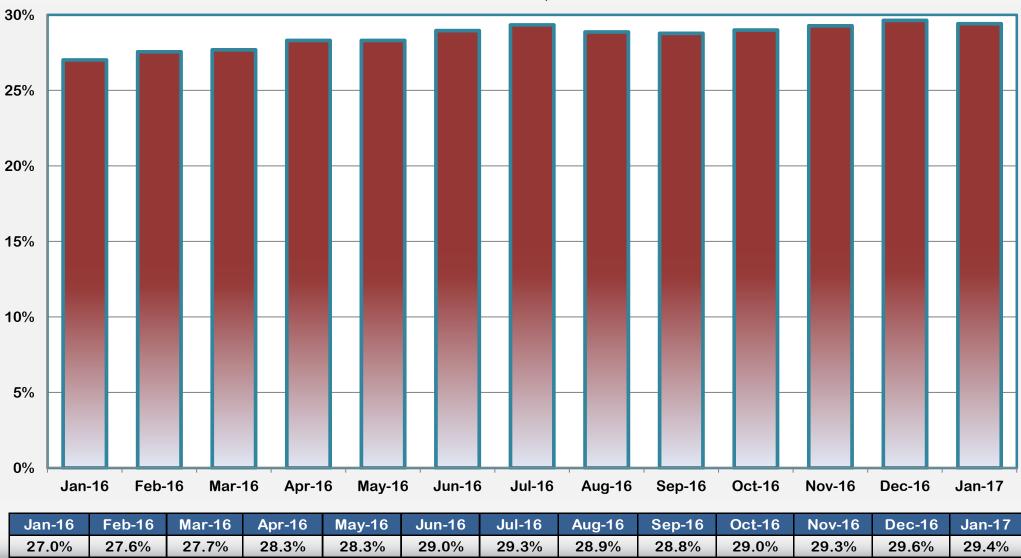
Outcome IX: Length of Time to Reunification (January 2016 – January 2017)

The number of children who reunified within 12 months decreased to 58.8% during the month of December. This proportion is significantly lower than last December's proportion of 74.8% by 16%.





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

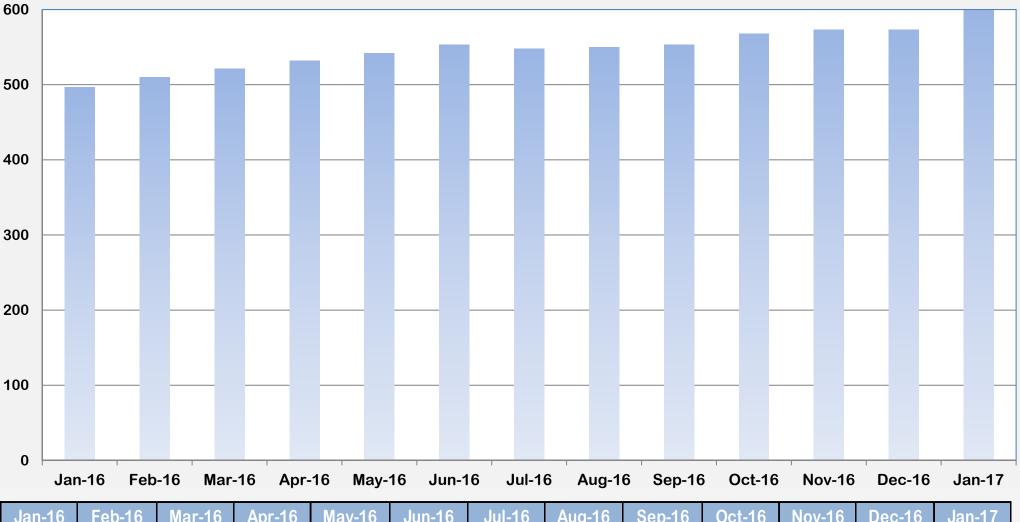


The number of children who were in Foster Care and were placed with Relatives remained constant at 29.4%.



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

There were 599 children who remained in custody after their 18th birthday during January2017.

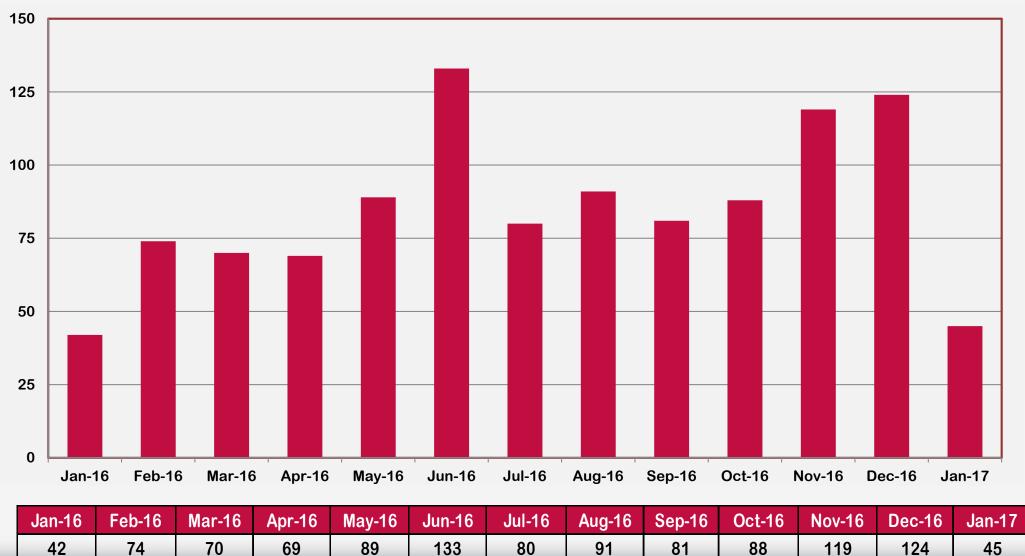


Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17
497	510	521	532	542	553	548	550	553	568	573	573	599



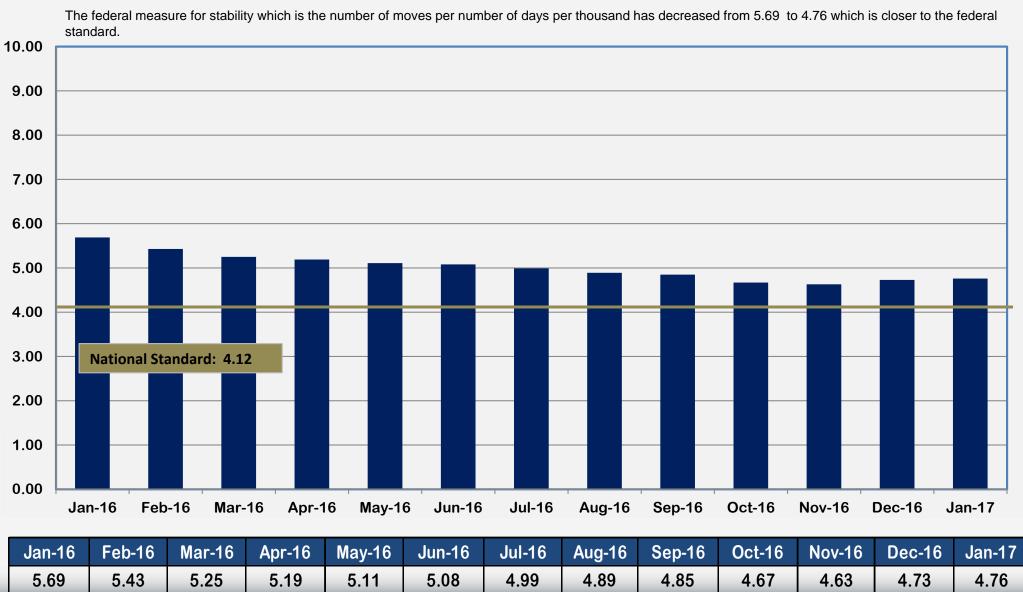
Outcome XII: Number of Finalized Adoptions (January 2016 – January 2017)

There were 45 foster children adopted during January 2017 which is a small improvement over January 2016 which only had 42 adoptions.





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



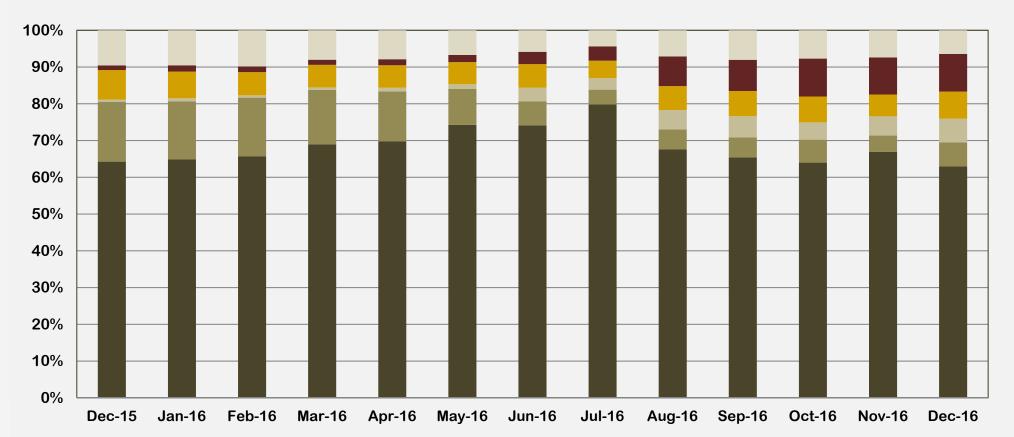


Appendices



Appendix A

Outcome IV: Subsequent Case-Type of Investigations by Disposition (December 2015 – December 2016)



	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16
Fam. Pres SubOpen	9.6%	9.5%	9.8%	8.0%	7.9 %	6.7%	5.9%	4.4%	7.1%	8.0%	7.7%	7.4%	6.4%
FamPres UnsubOpen	1.3%	1.7%	1.6%	1.4%	1.6%	1.9%	3.4%	3.9%	8.1%	8.5%	10.3%	10.1%	10.3%
FostCare SubOpen	8.0%	7.3%	6.3%	6.1%	6.1%	6.0%	6.4%	4.8%	6.5%	6.9%	7.0%	5.9%	7.4%
FostCare UnsubOpen	0.6%	0.9%	0.6%	0.7%	1.0%	1.3%	3.7%	3.1%	5.3%	5.8%	4.7%	5.2%	6.5%
Subst Closed	16.3%	15.8%	15.9%	14.8%	13.5%	9.8%	6.5%	4.1%	5.5%	5.4%	6.2%	4.4%	6.6%
Unsubst Closed	64.3%	64.9%	65.7%	69.0%	69.8%	74.3%	74.2%	79.8%	67.6%	65.4%	64.0%	66.9%	62.9%

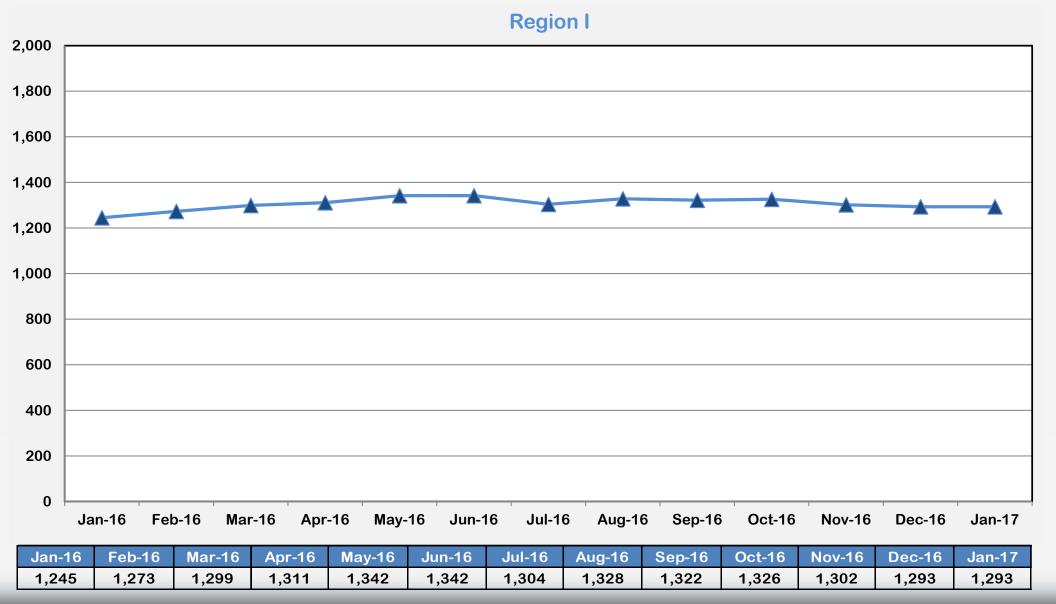




Regional Graphs of Outcome VI

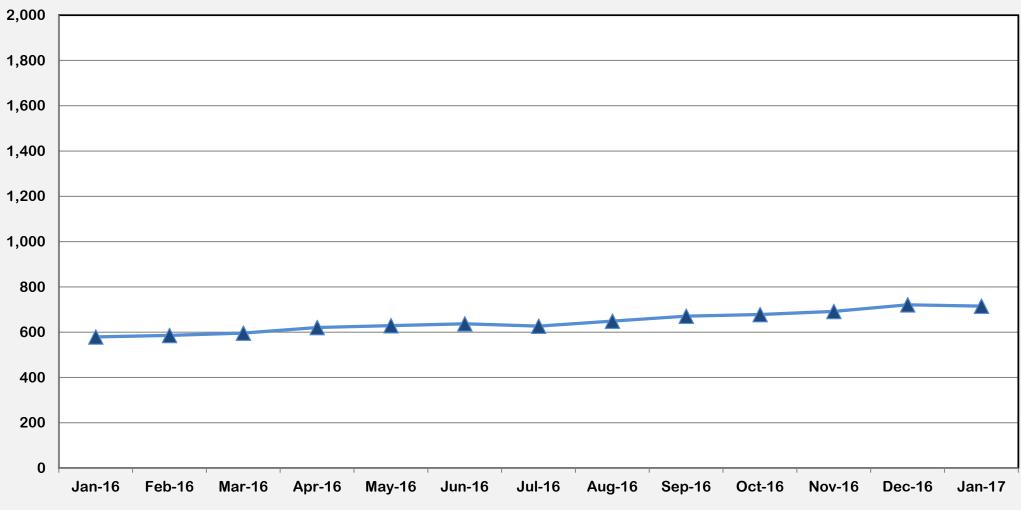
Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (January 2016 – January 2017)





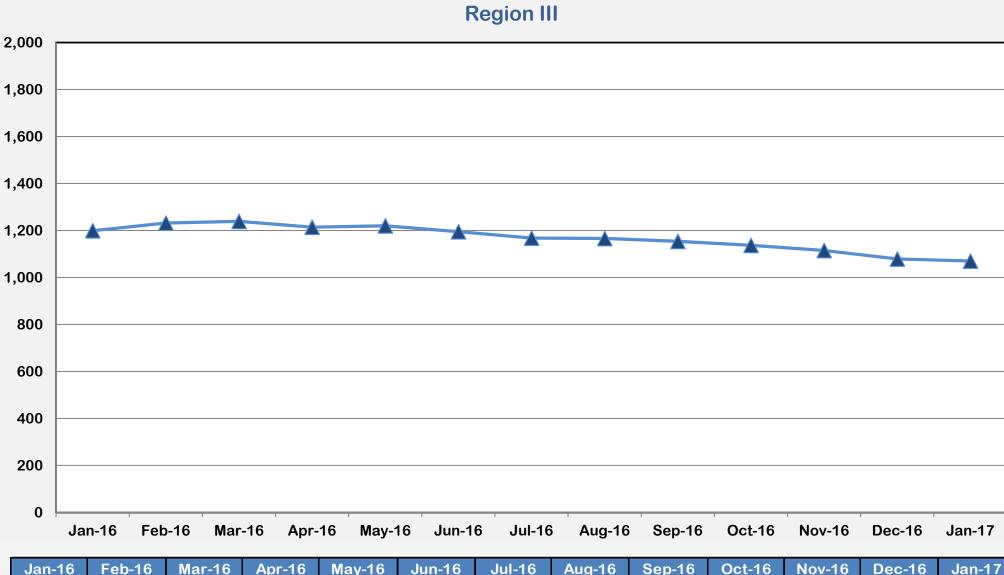






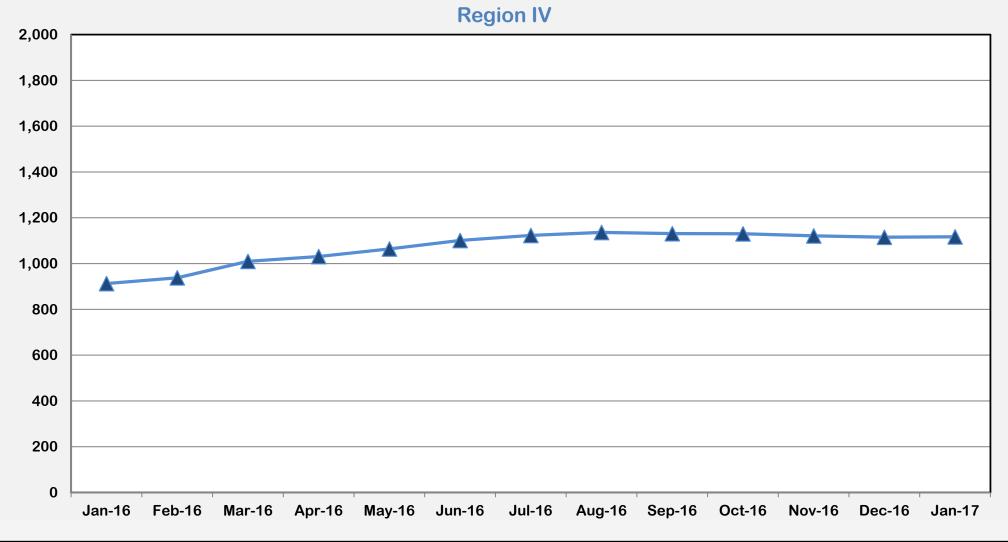
Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17
579	586	596	621	629	637	627	649	671	678	692	721	715





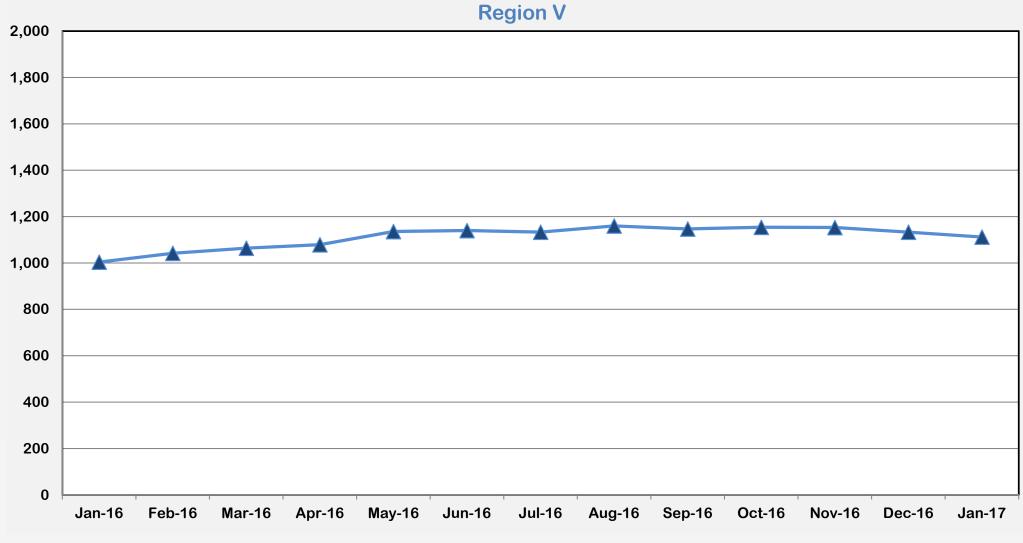
Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17
1,199	1,232	1,239	1,214	1,220	1,195	1,168	1,166	1,154	1,137	1,115	1,079	1,070





Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17
913	938	1,010	1,031	1,064	1,101	1,123	1,136	1,131	1,130	1,121	1,115	1,117

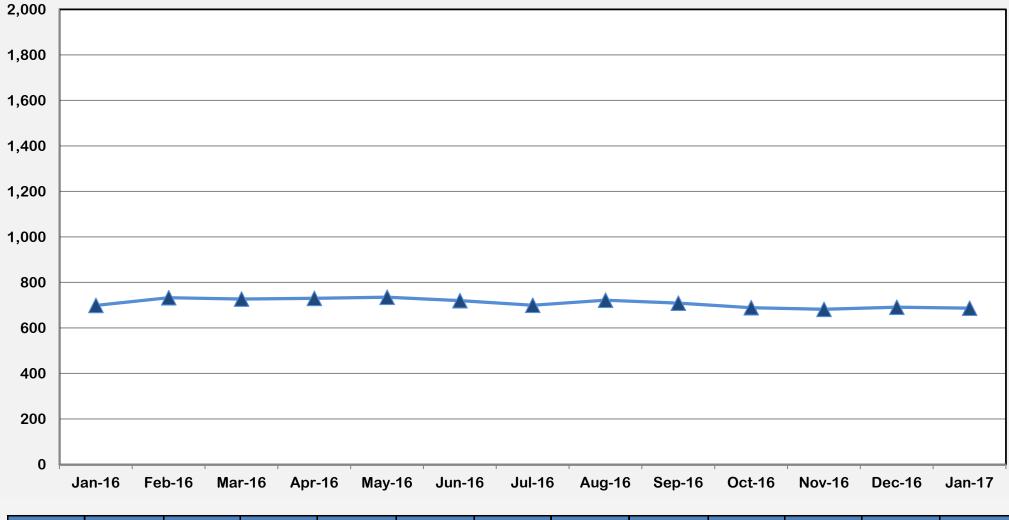




Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17
1,004	1,042	1,064	1,079	1,136	1,140	1,133	1,160	1,147	1,154	1,153	1,133	1,112

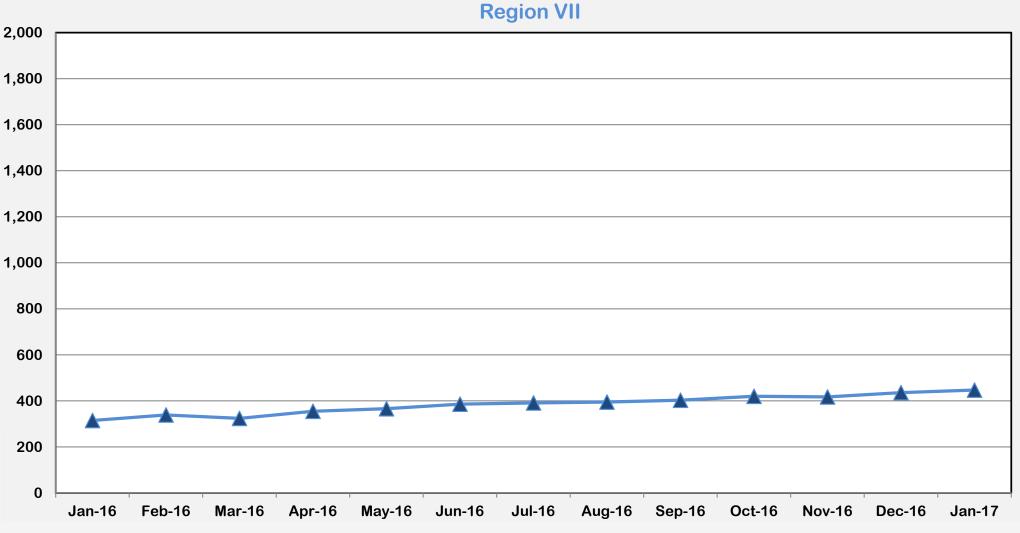


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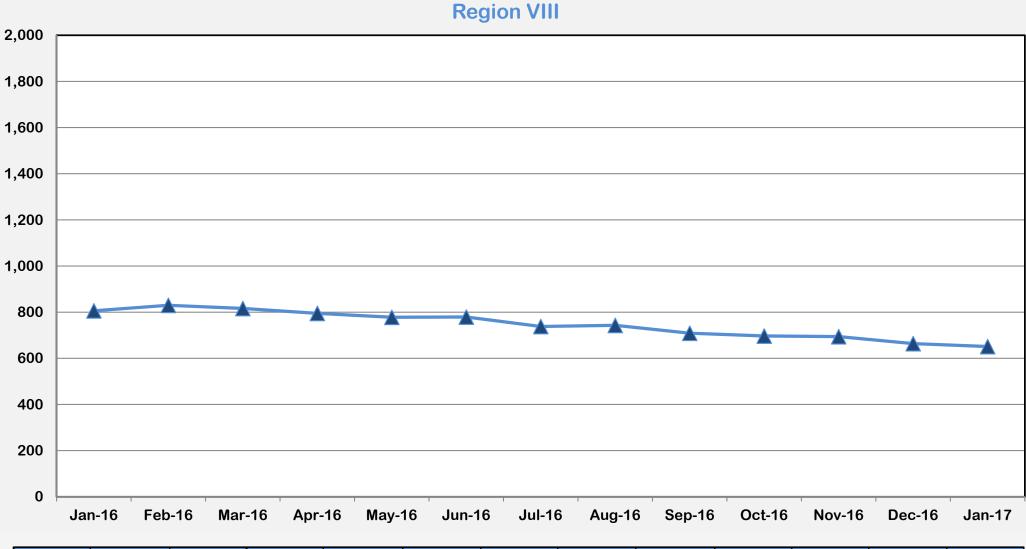
Jan-1	6 Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17
699	733	727	730	735	720	700	722	709	689	682	691	687





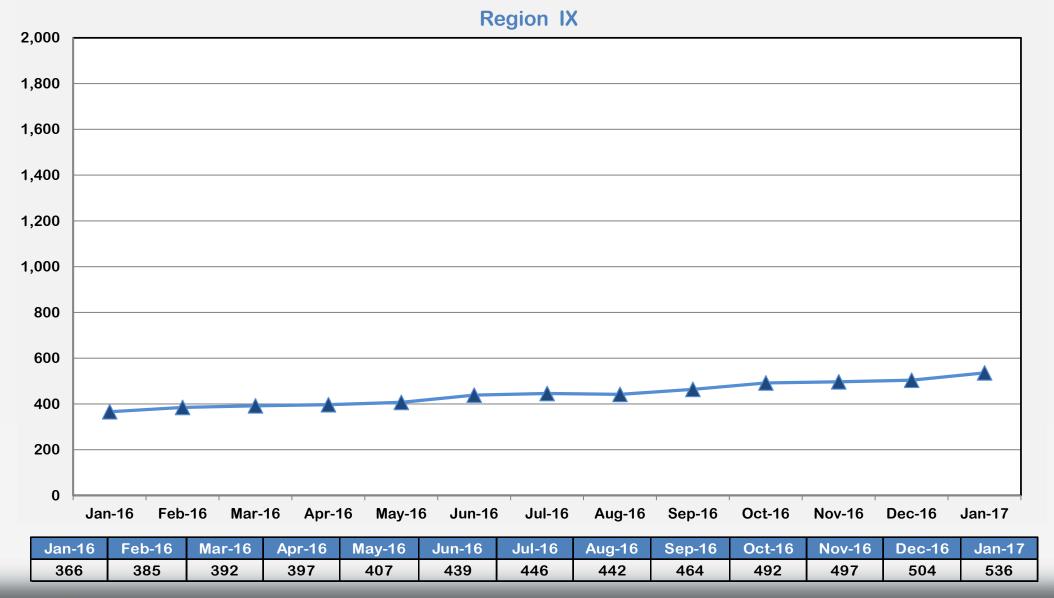
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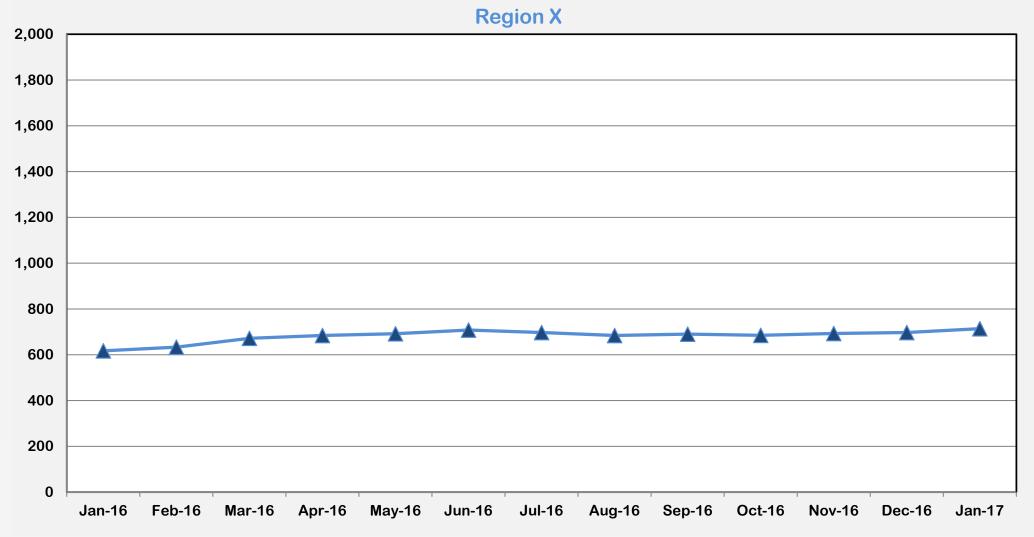


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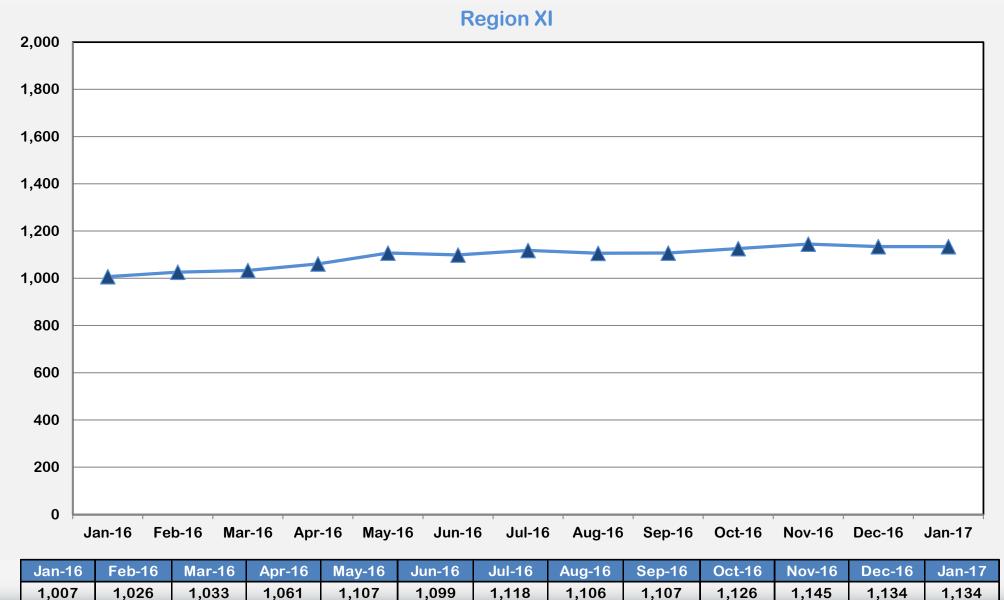




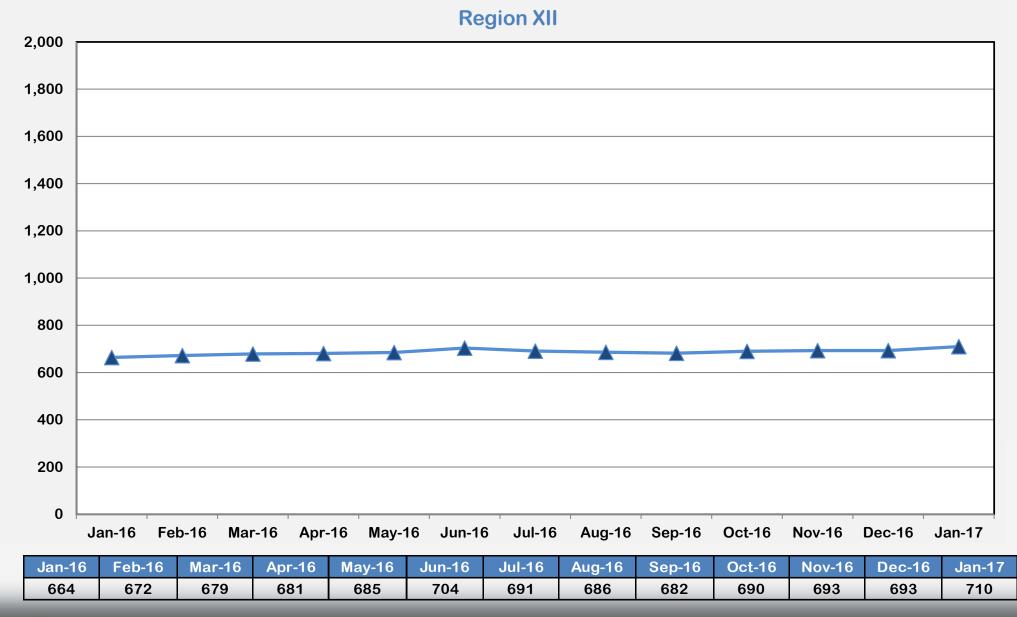


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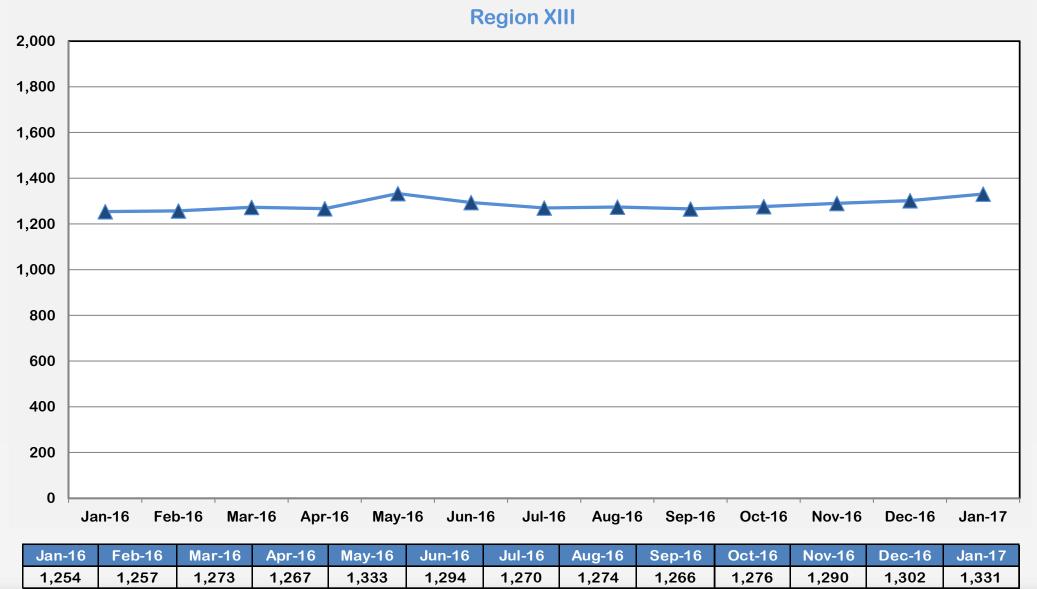




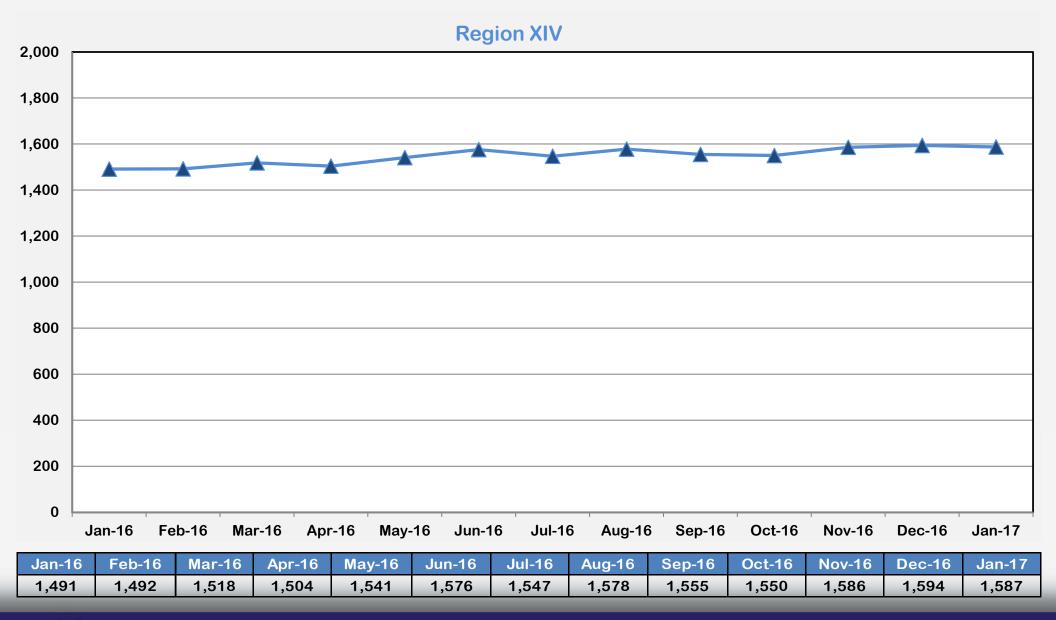
















Regional Graphs of Outcome XIII

Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (January 2016 – January 2017)

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



Region I



Region II

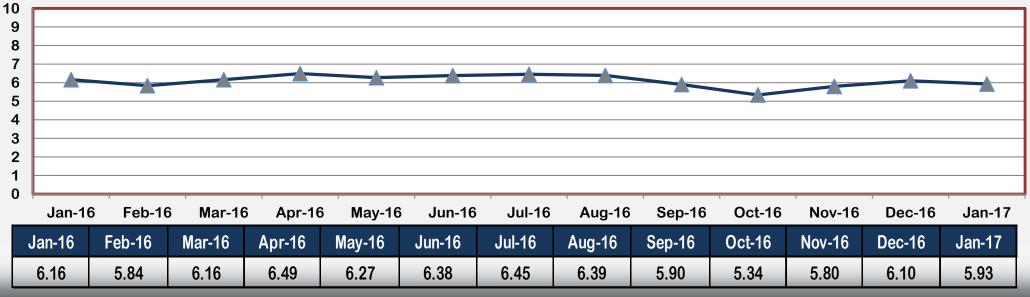
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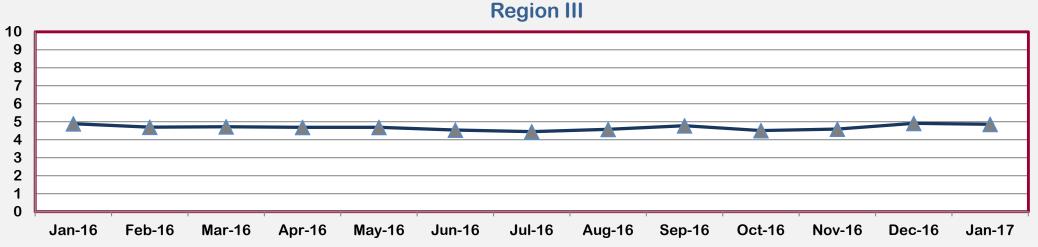
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Division of Family & Children Services

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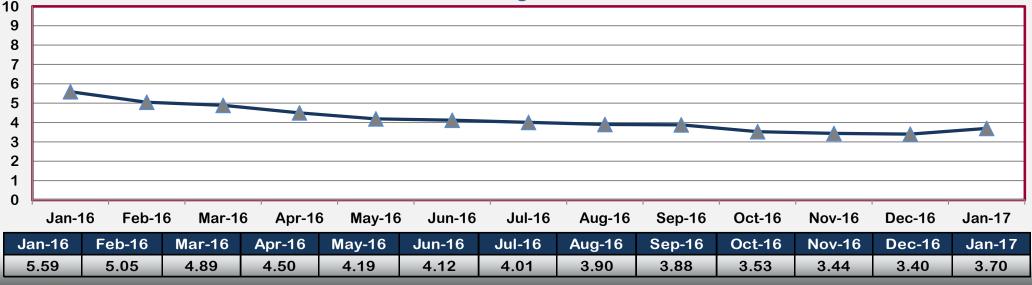
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4.89	4.70	4.72	4.69	4.69	4.54	4.45	4.58	4.78	4.51	4.59	4.91	4.86

Region IV





Region V



Region VI

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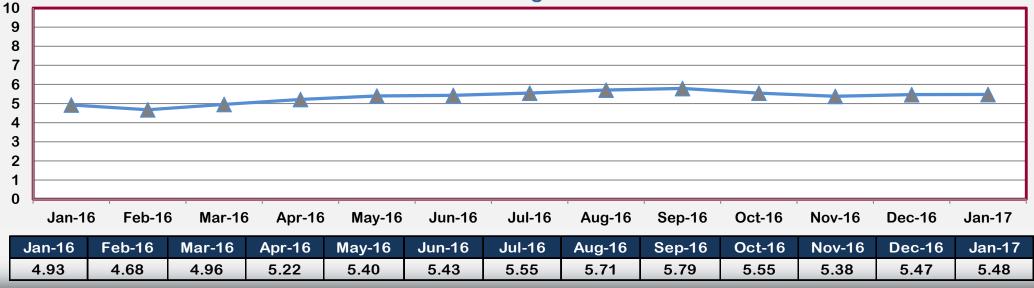
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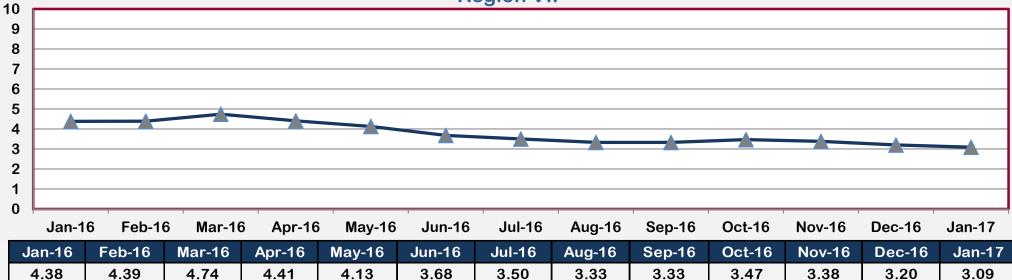
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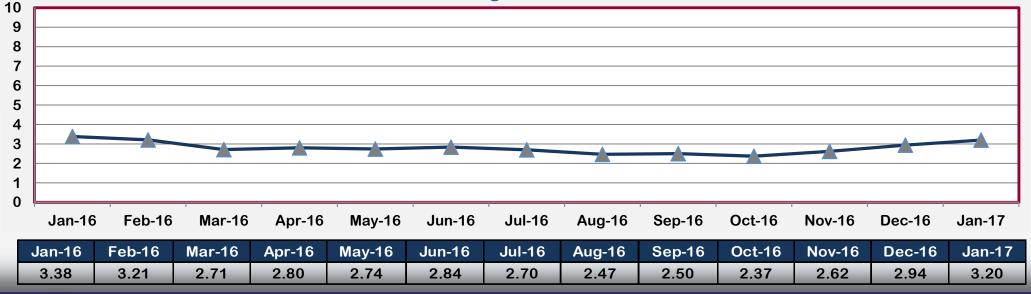
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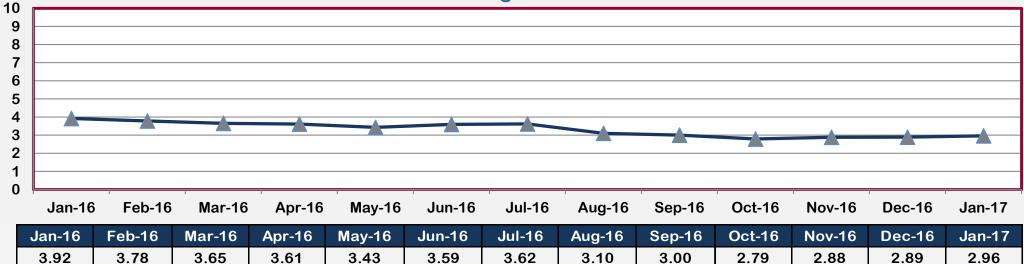


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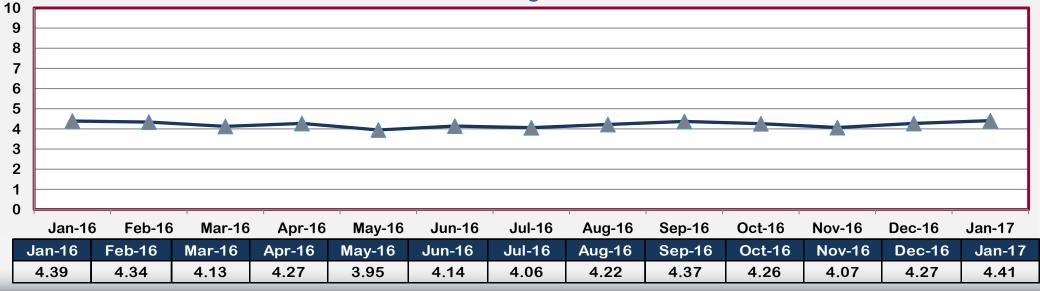




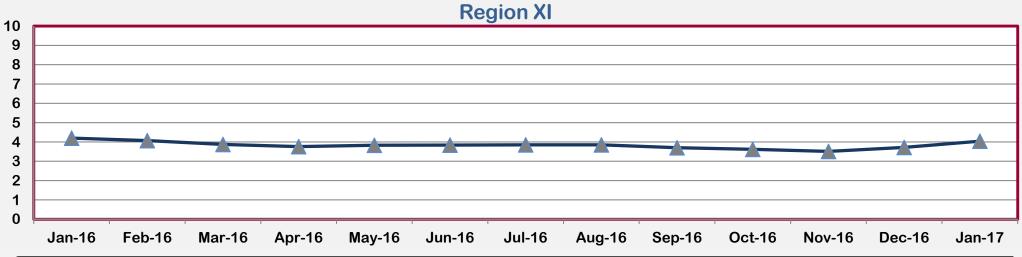
Region IX



Region X







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4.20	4.07	3.87	3.76	3.83	3.84	3.85	3.85	3.70	3.62	3.51	3.72	4.04

Region XII

