Monthly Measures and Results for February 2019*

*(Reflects Safety Outcomes as of December 31, 2018 And Permanency Outcomes as of January 31, 2019)
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 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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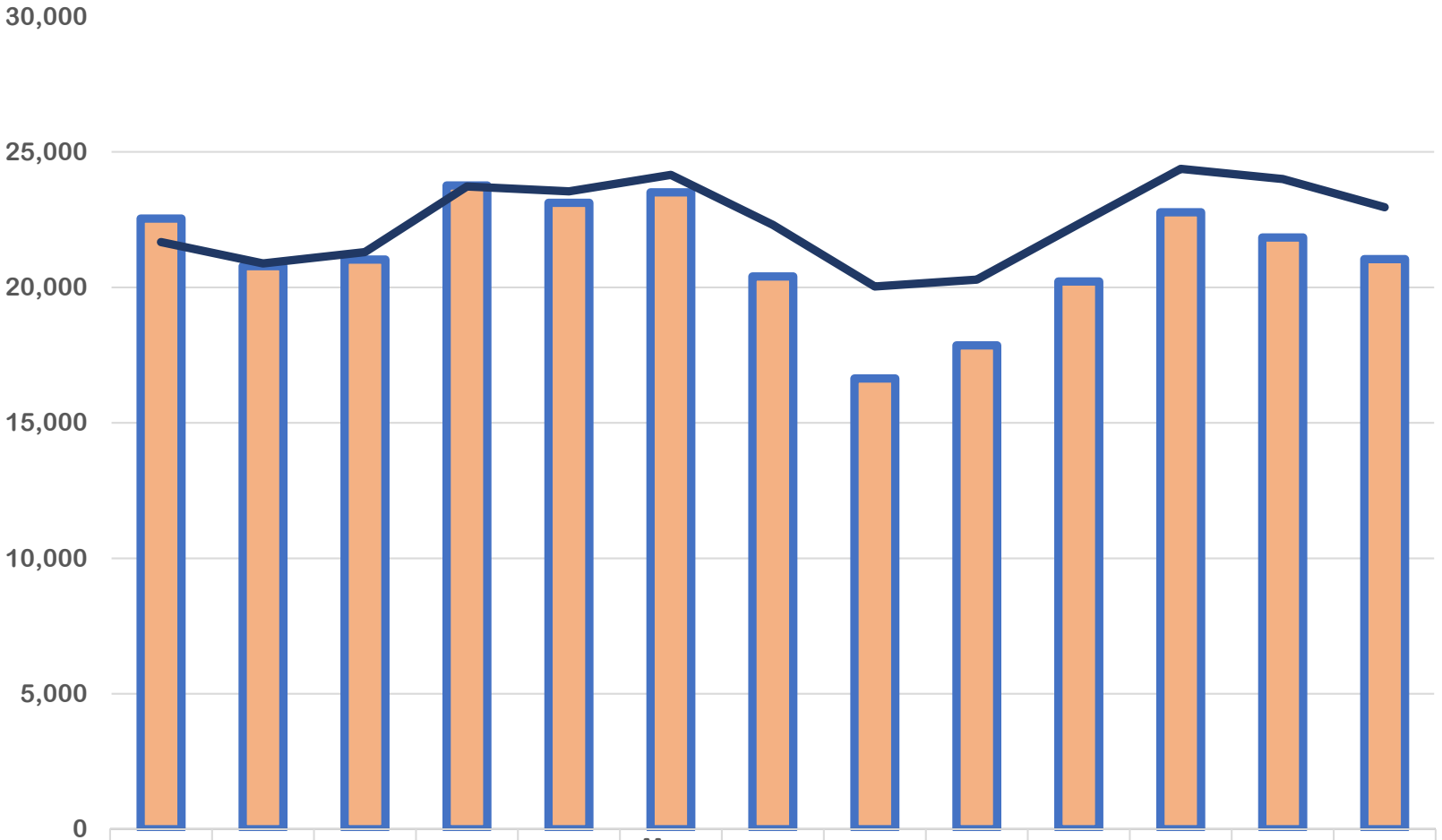
PERMANENCY cont'd: Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.

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?



	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18
Current	22,541	20,784	21,027	23,765	23,121	23,510	20,406	16,640	17,858	20,219	22,771	21,840	21,046
AVG	21,676	20,888	21,303	23,727	23,543	24,155	22,306	20,035	20,287	22,342	24,378	23,999	22,957

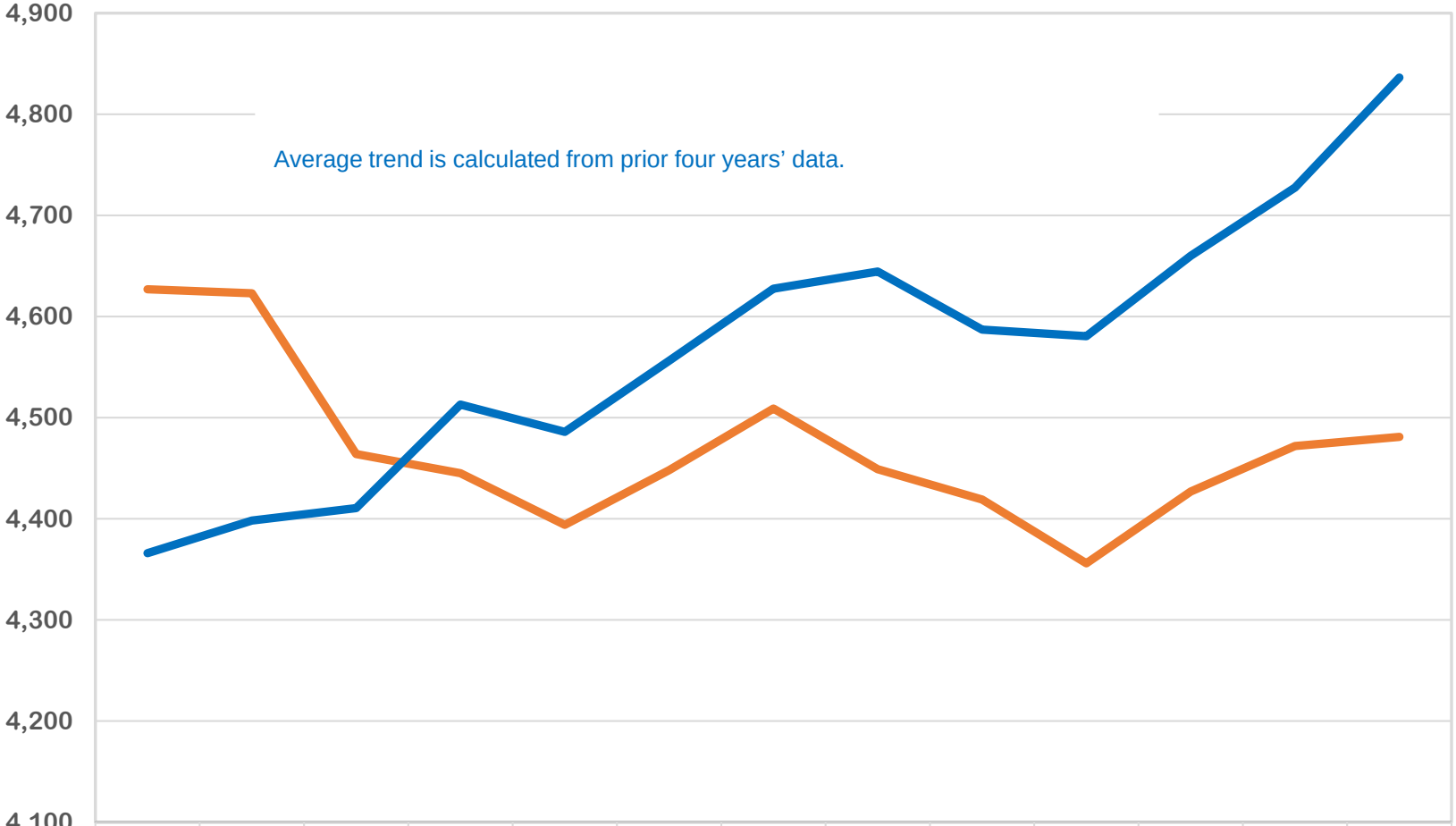
Outcome I: Child Protective Services Cases, (December 2017 – December 2018)

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

	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18
Current	10,727	9,319	9,314	10,666	10,435	10,562	8,495	6,274	6,893	8,339	9,788	9,318	9,020
AVG	9,435	8,630	8,540	9,399	9,221	9,456	8,490	7,465	7,959	9,447	11,084	11,108	10,387

The graph above reveals a similar trend in the last 13-months compared to the average trend. During July 2018, there is a 16% decline in the number of cases when compared to average trend. This was a 26% drop from the prior month of June 2018. The trend in December 2018 decreased from the prior month and was 13% less than the average trend for the month.

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

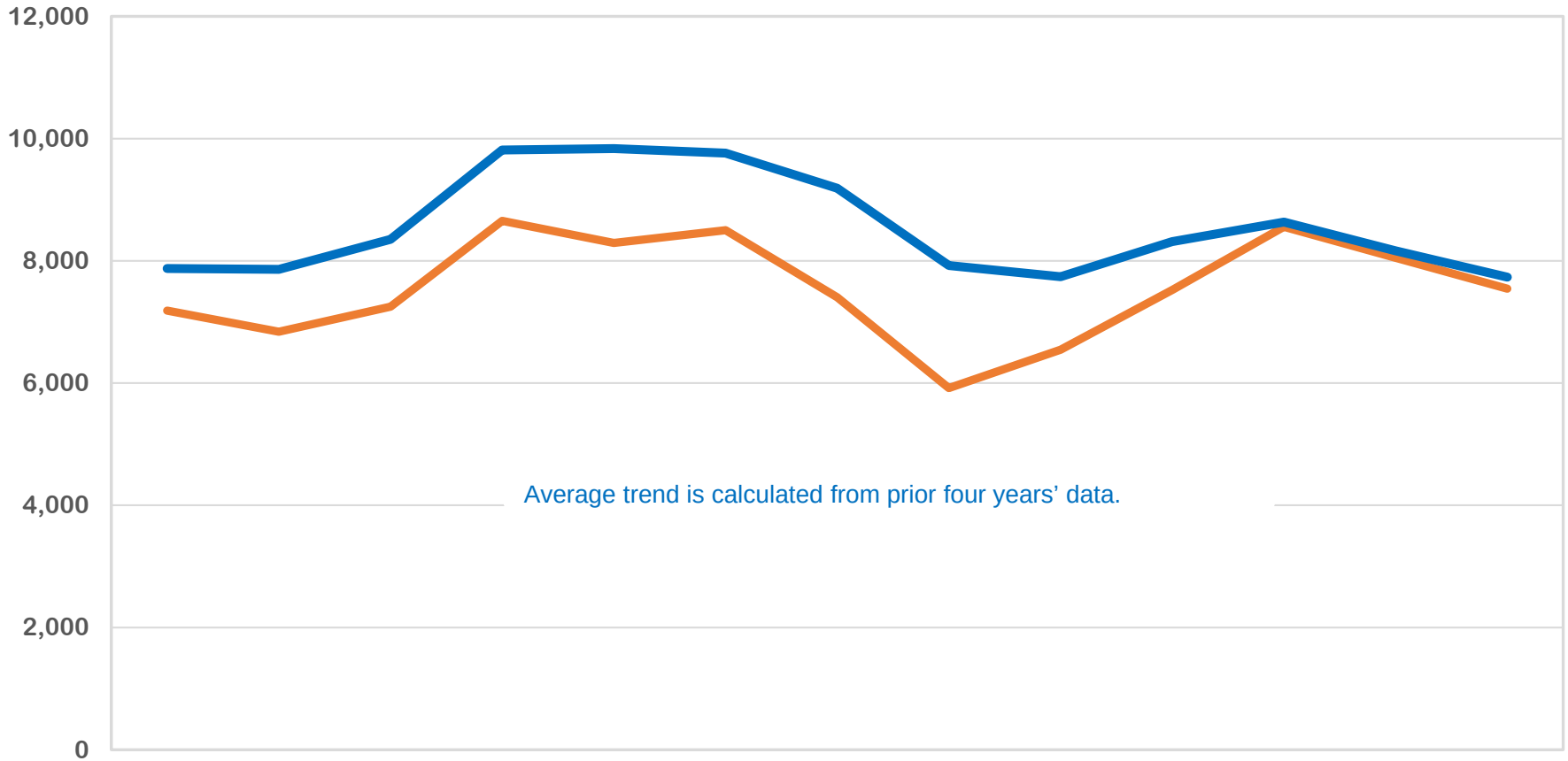


	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18
Current	4,627	4,623	4,464	4,445	4,394	4,448	4,509	4,449	4,419	4,356	4,427	4,472	4,481
AVG	4,366	4,398	4,411	4,513	4,486	4,556	4,628	4,645	4,587	4,581	4,660	4,728	4,836

Family Preservation cases were higher than the average trend during the first 3 months. In March 2018, there is an inverse effect. In December 2018 Family Preservation cases were 7% lower than the average.

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

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

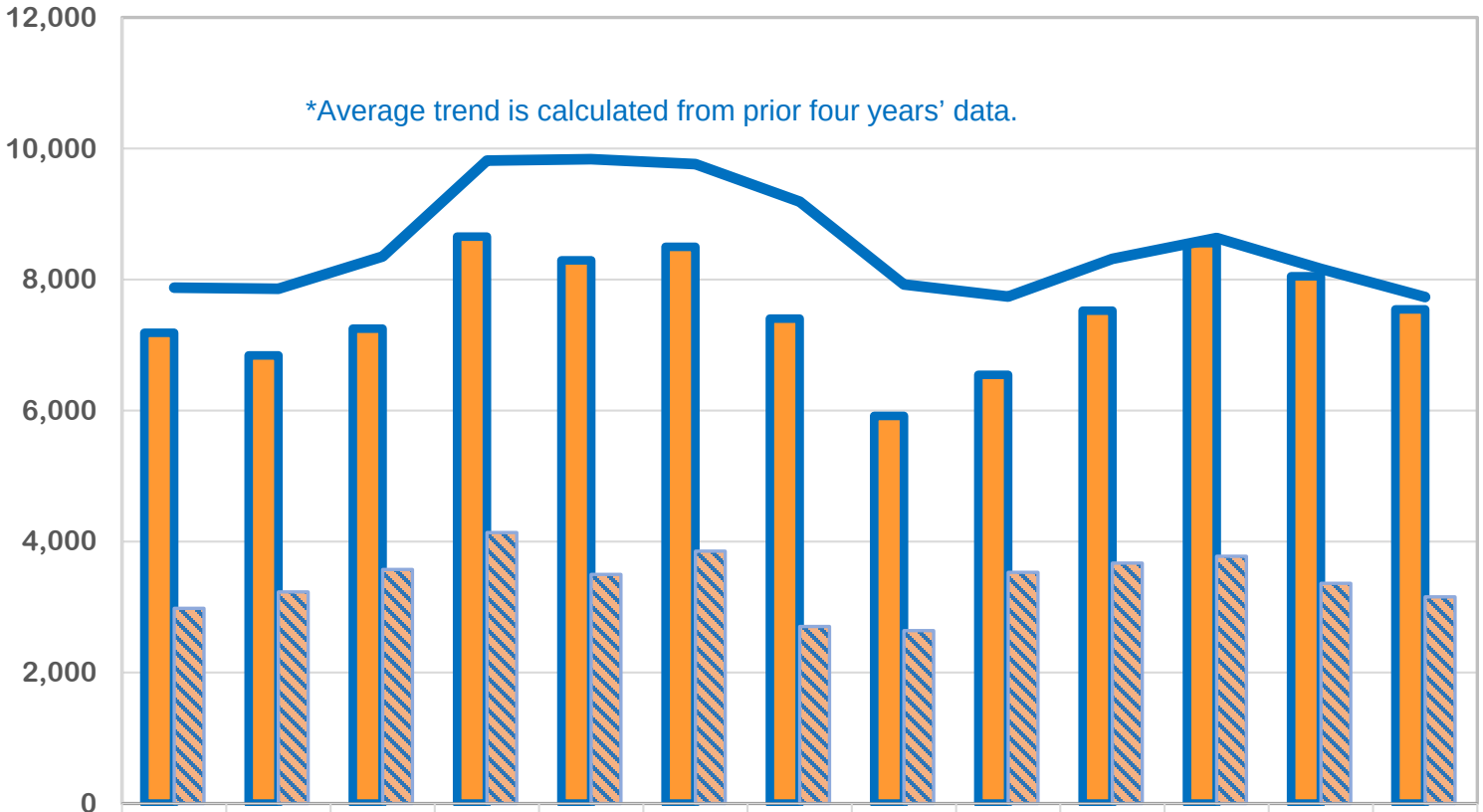


	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18
Current	7,186	6,841	7,249	8,654	8,292	8,500	7,402	5,917	6,546	7,524	8,556	8,050	7,545
Avg	7,875	7,860	8,352	9,815	9,836	9,762	9,188	7,923	7,741	8,315	8,634	8,163	7,733

Although the last 13 months have seen an increase in investigations of over 17% since the prior 13 months (not pictured), the current year's total investigations reveals an improvement in investigations when compared to each monthly averages of the average trend.

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

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



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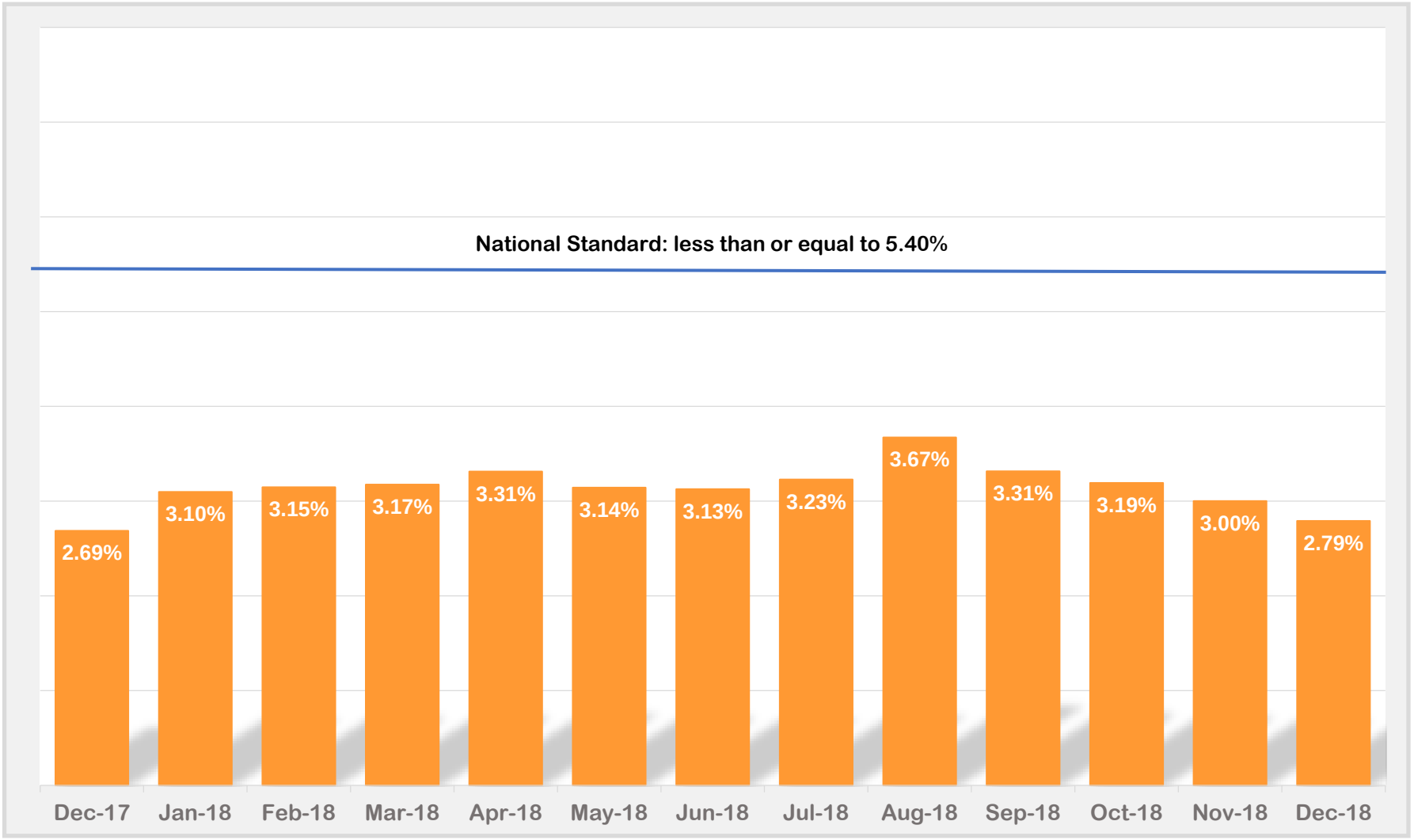
Current	7,186	6,841	7,249	8,654	8,292	8,500	7,402	5,917	6,546	7,524	8,556	8,050	7,545
Stage Initiated During Month	2,981	3,230	3,573	4,137	3,498	3,852	2,704	2,641	3,530	3,671	3,776	3,362	3,156
Avg	7,875	7,860	8,352	9,815	9,836	9,762	9,188	7,923	7,741	8,315	8,634	8,163	7,733

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. 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 ***(December 2017 – December 2018)***

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

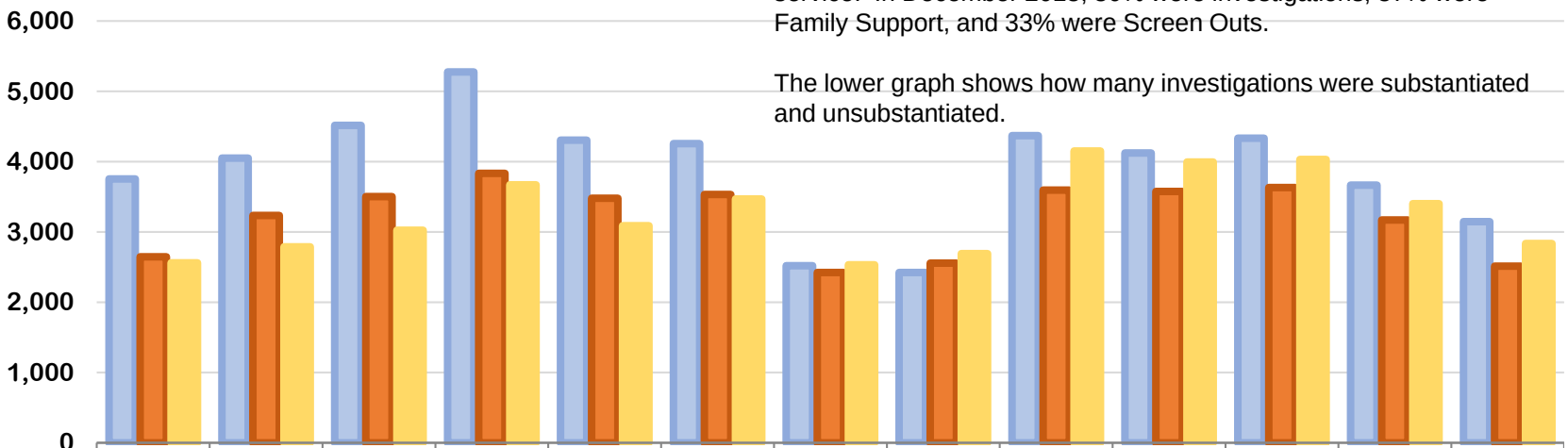


The trend reveals that Georgia has consistently maintained a low recurrence rate below the national standard of 5.4%. However, increases can be seen from December 2017 – April 2018 followed by a subsequent higher rate occurring in August 2018. Georgia has a higher percentage of maltreatment in December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

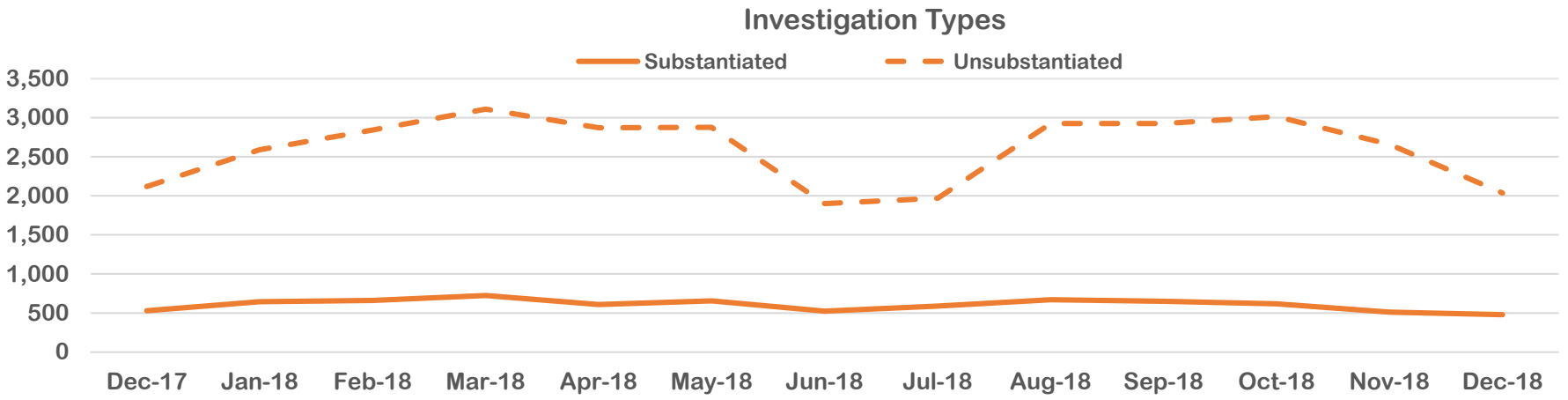
What was the disposition of all CPS reports received during the month ?

This chart reveals the disposition of CPS reports that were received for service. In December 2018, 30% were investigations, 37% were Family Support, and 33% were Screen Outs.

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



	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18
Family Support	3,754	4,051	4,517	5,276	4,305	4,256	2,519	2,424	4,370	4,123	4,333	3,667	3,147
Investigations	2,647	3,234	3,504	3,833	3,480	3,532	2,424	2,557	3,595	3,576	3,632	3,170	2,514
Screenouts	2,560	2,788	3,024	3,671	3,089	3,469	2,533	2,692	4,151	3,994	4,031	3,401	2,835



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

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

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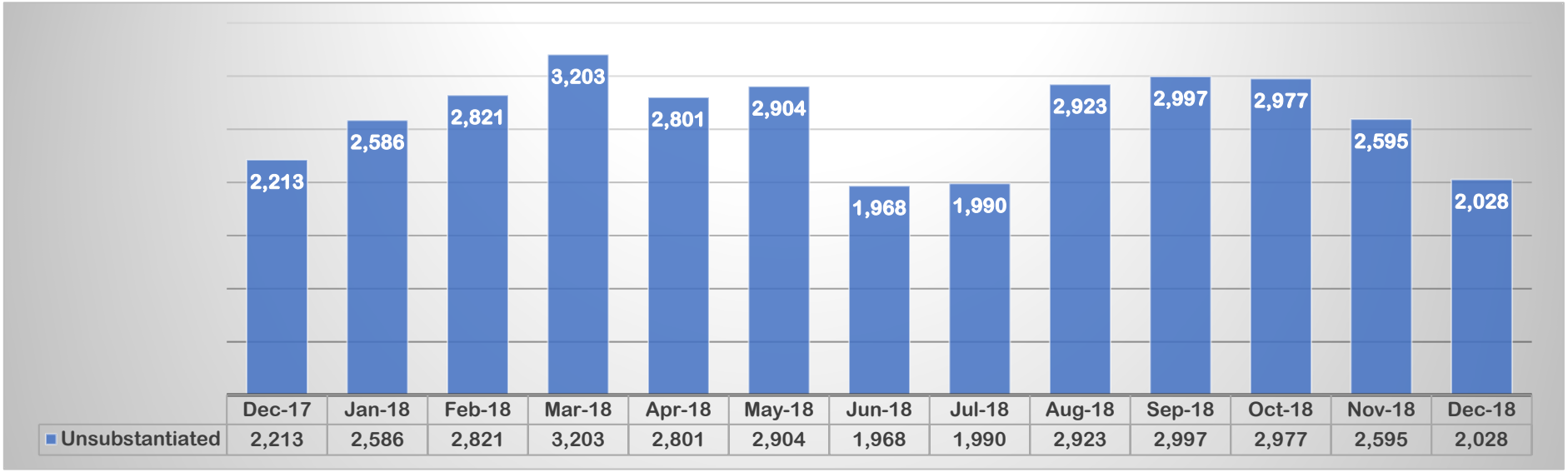
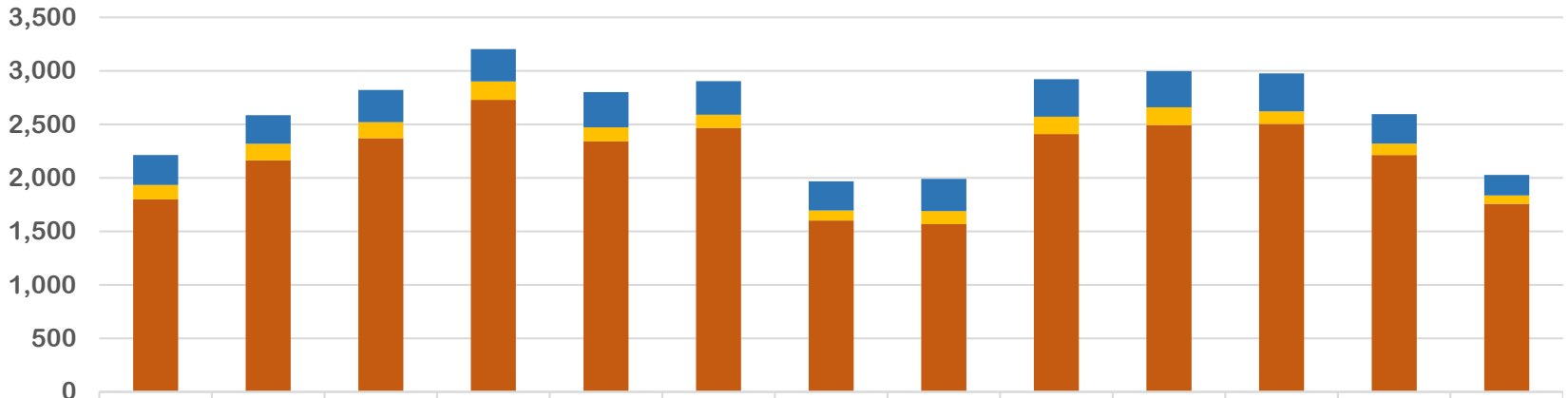


	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18
Unsubstantiated	2,213	2,586	2,821	3,203	2,801	2,904	1,968	1,990	2,923	2,997	2,977	2,595	2,028



	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18
Family Preservation	280	268	301	302	329	314	273	301	352	337	356	275	193
Foster Care	134	154	149	172	132	123	93	122	162	167	116	106	78
Closed Investigation	1,799	2,164	2,371	2,729	2,340	2,467	1,602	1,567	2,409	2,493	2,505	2,214	1,757

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

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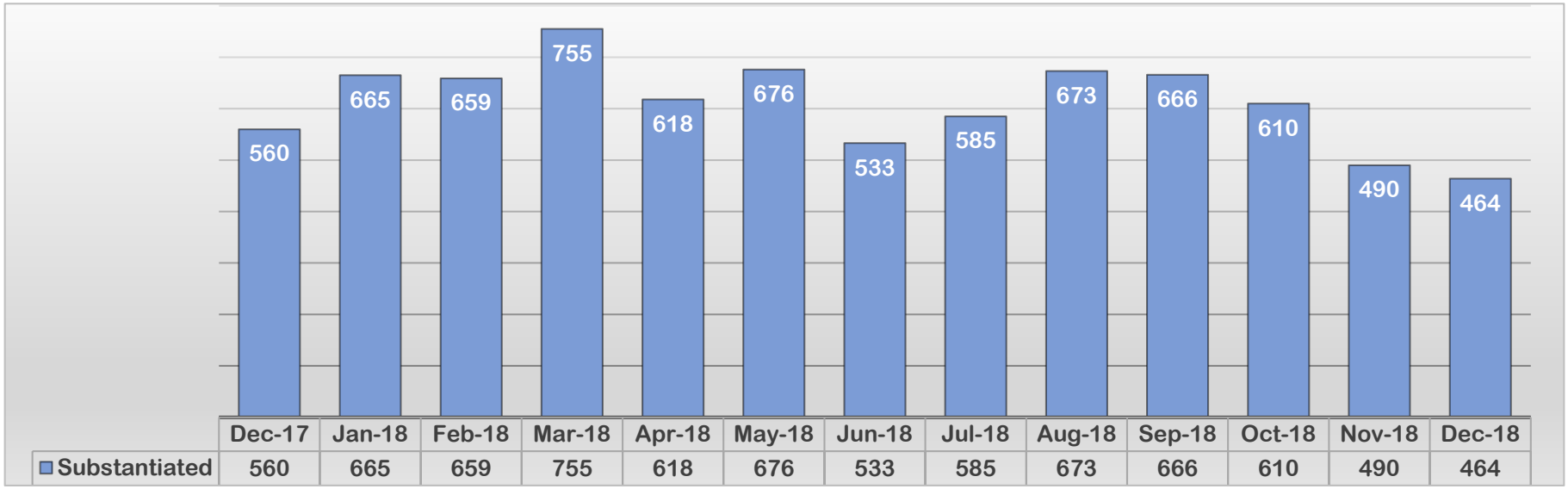
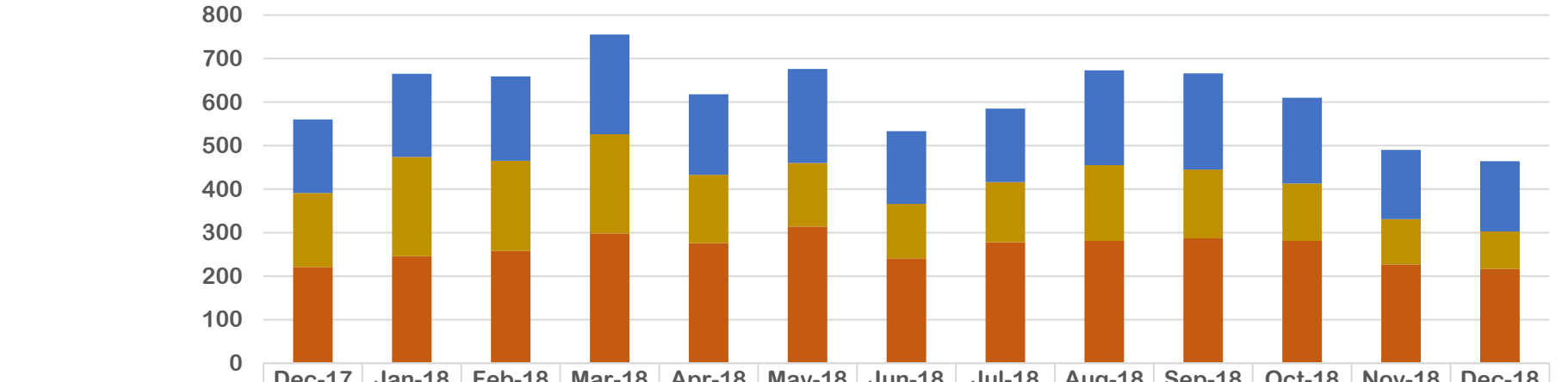


	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18
Substantiated	560	665	659	755	618	676	533	585	673	666	610	490	464

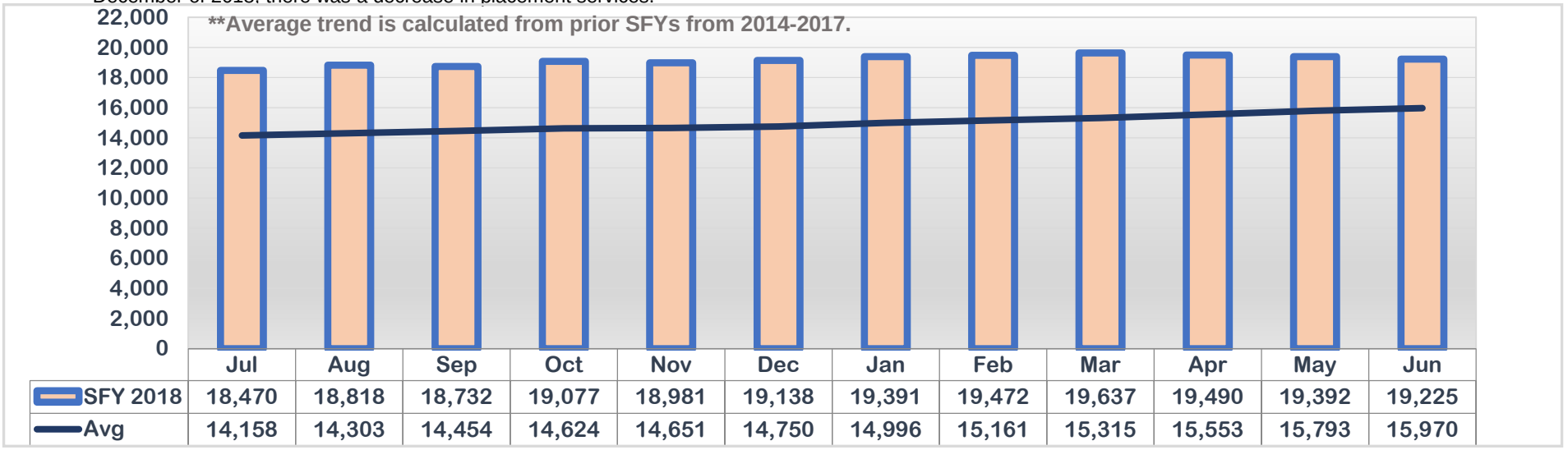


	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18
Family Preservation	169	191	194	229	185	216	167	169	218	221	197	159	161
Foster Care	170	228	207	228	157	146	125	138	174	158	132	104	86
Closed Investigation	221	246	258	298	276	314	241	278	281	287	281	227	217

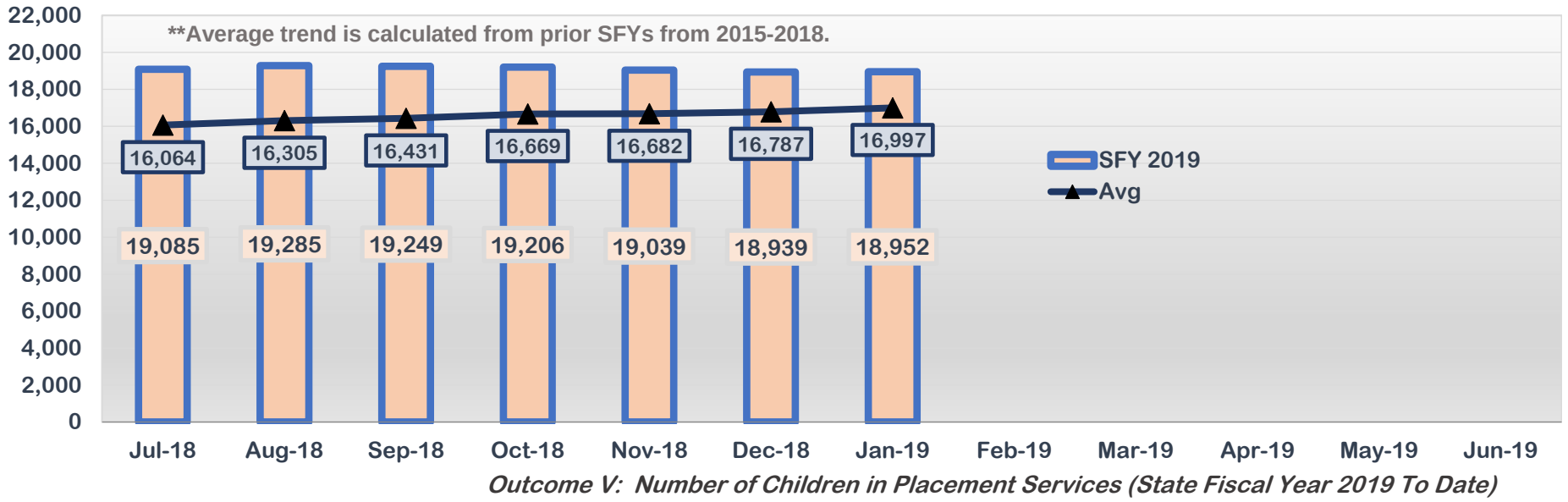
Outcome IV: Subsequent Case-Types of Investigations *(December 2017 – December 2018)*

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. For 4 months of the SFY 2019 from September – December of 2018, there was a decrease in placement services.

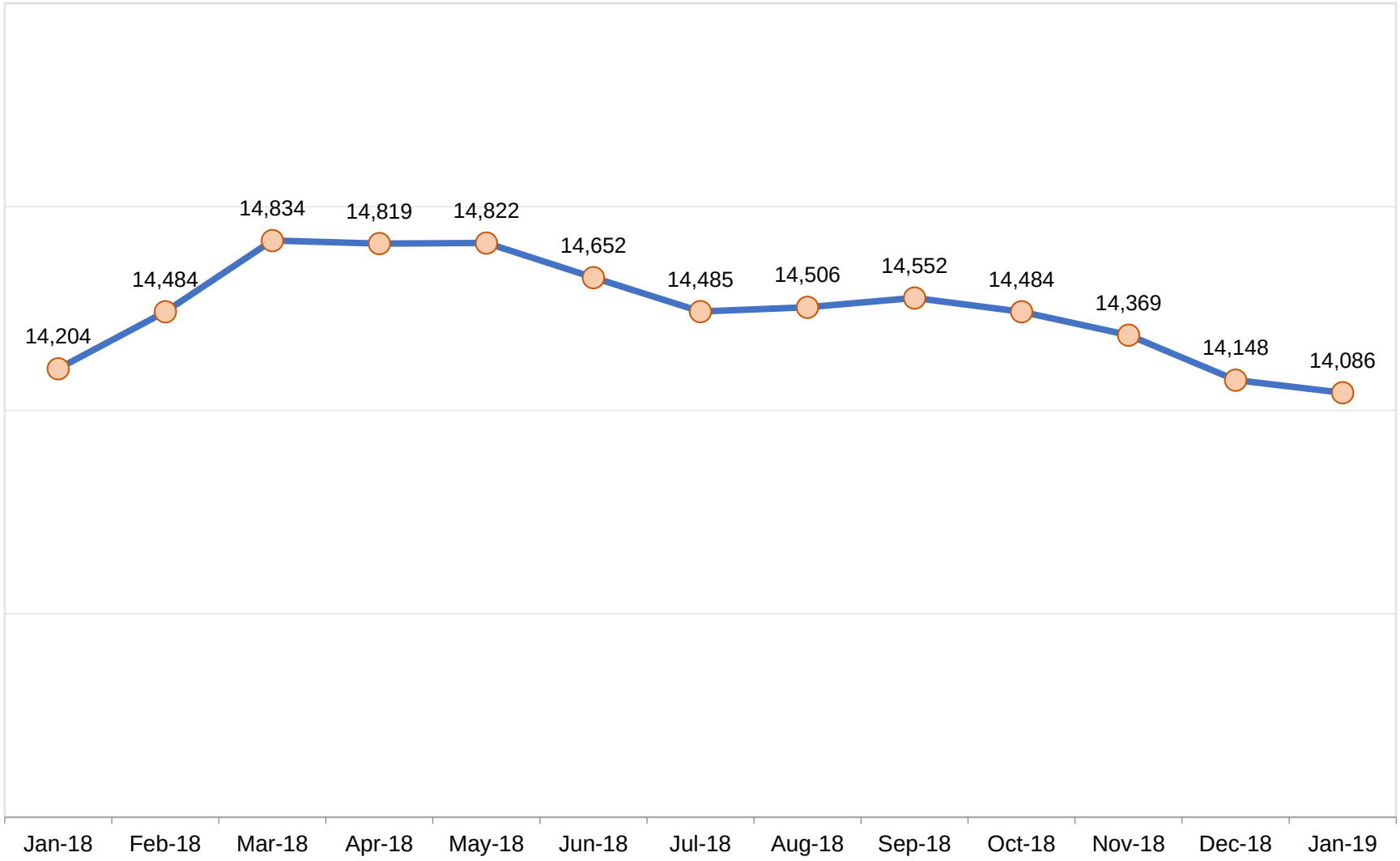


	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
SFY 2018	18,470	18,818	18,732	19,077	18,981	19,138	19,391	19,472	19,637	19,490	19,392	19,225
Avg	14,158	14,303	14,454	14,624	14,651	14,750	14,996	15,161	15,315	15,553	15,793	15,970



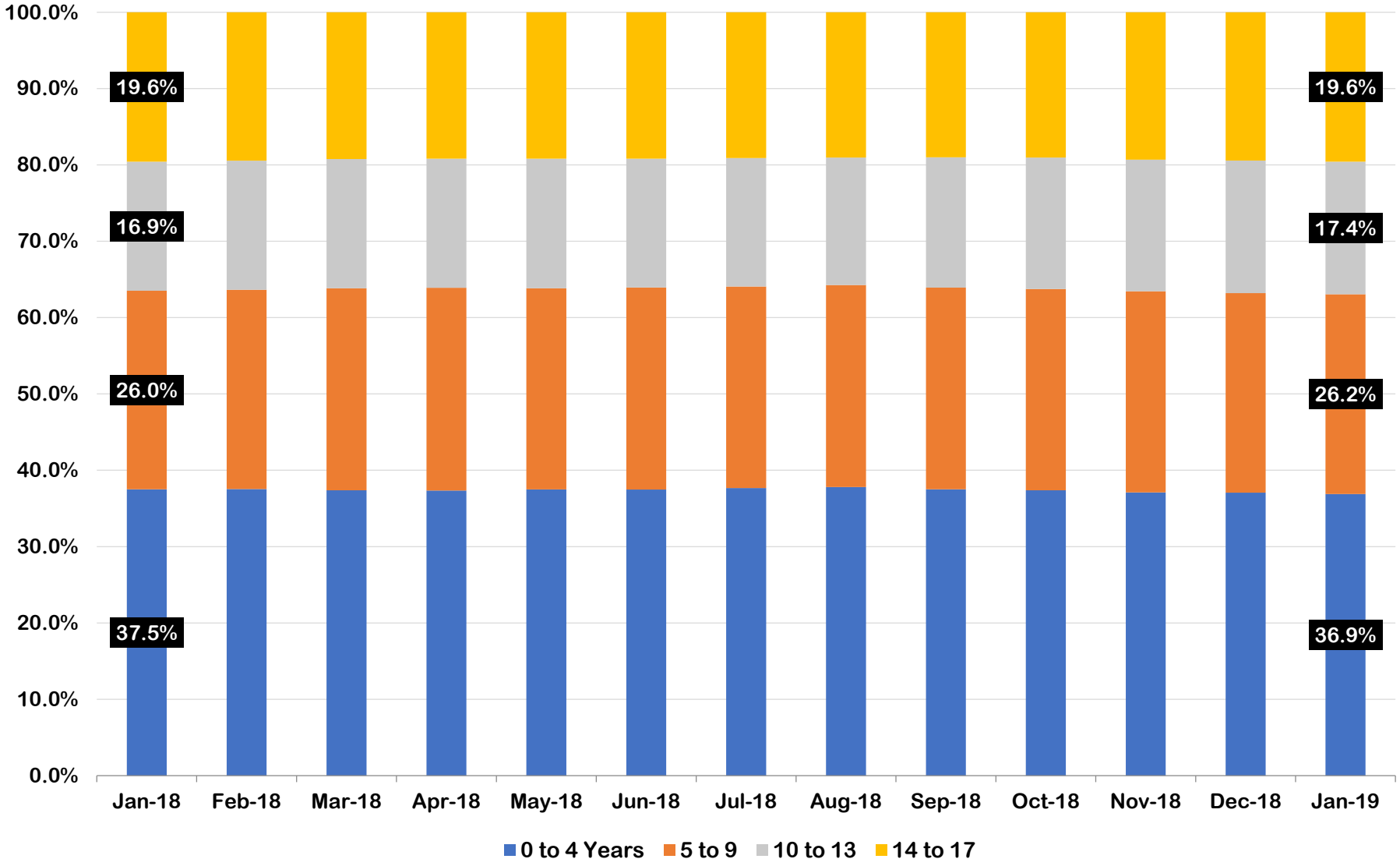
Outcome V: Number of Children in Placement Services (State Fiscal Year 2019 To Date)

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



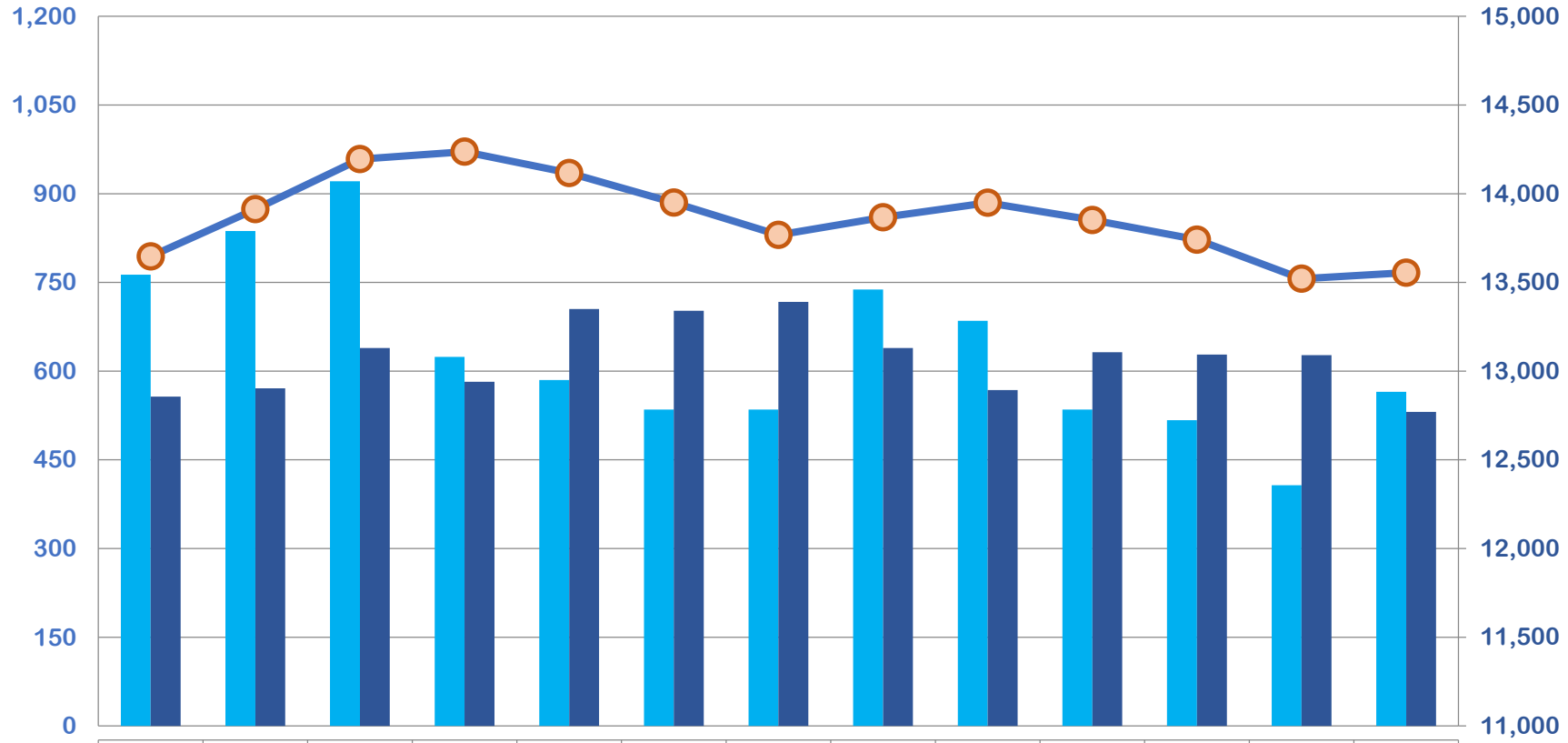
Outcome VI: Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (January 2018 – January 2019)

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, (January 2018 – January 2019)

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

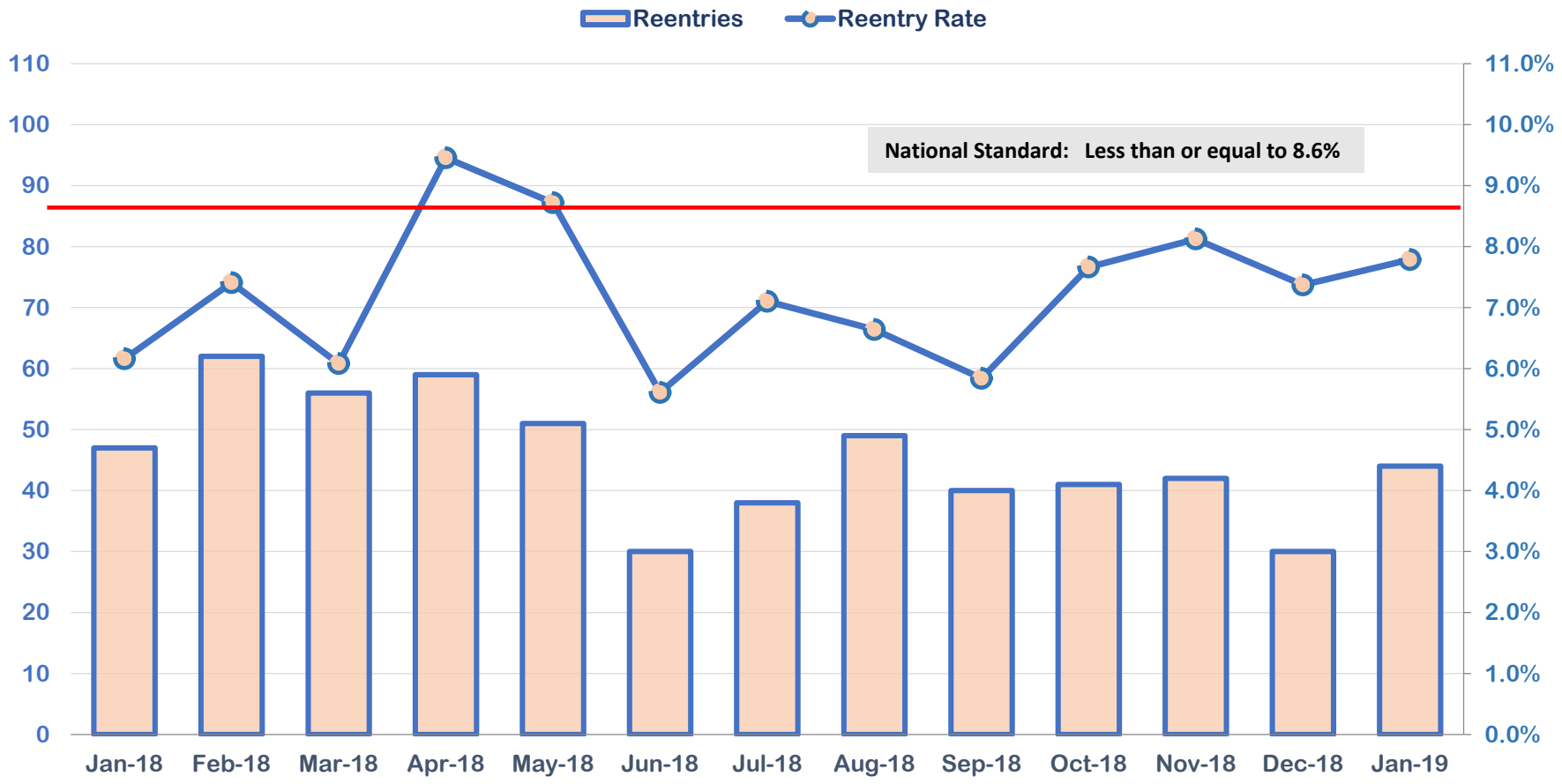


	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19
Entries	763	837	921	624	585	535	535	738	685	535	517	407	565
Exits	557	571	639	582	705	702	717	639	568	632	628	627	531
End-Of-Month	13,647	13,913	14,195	14,237	14,117	13,950	13,768	13,867	13,949	13,852	13,741	13,521	13,555

Outcome VII: Comparison of Foster Care Entries and Exits (January 2018 – January 2019)

**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.

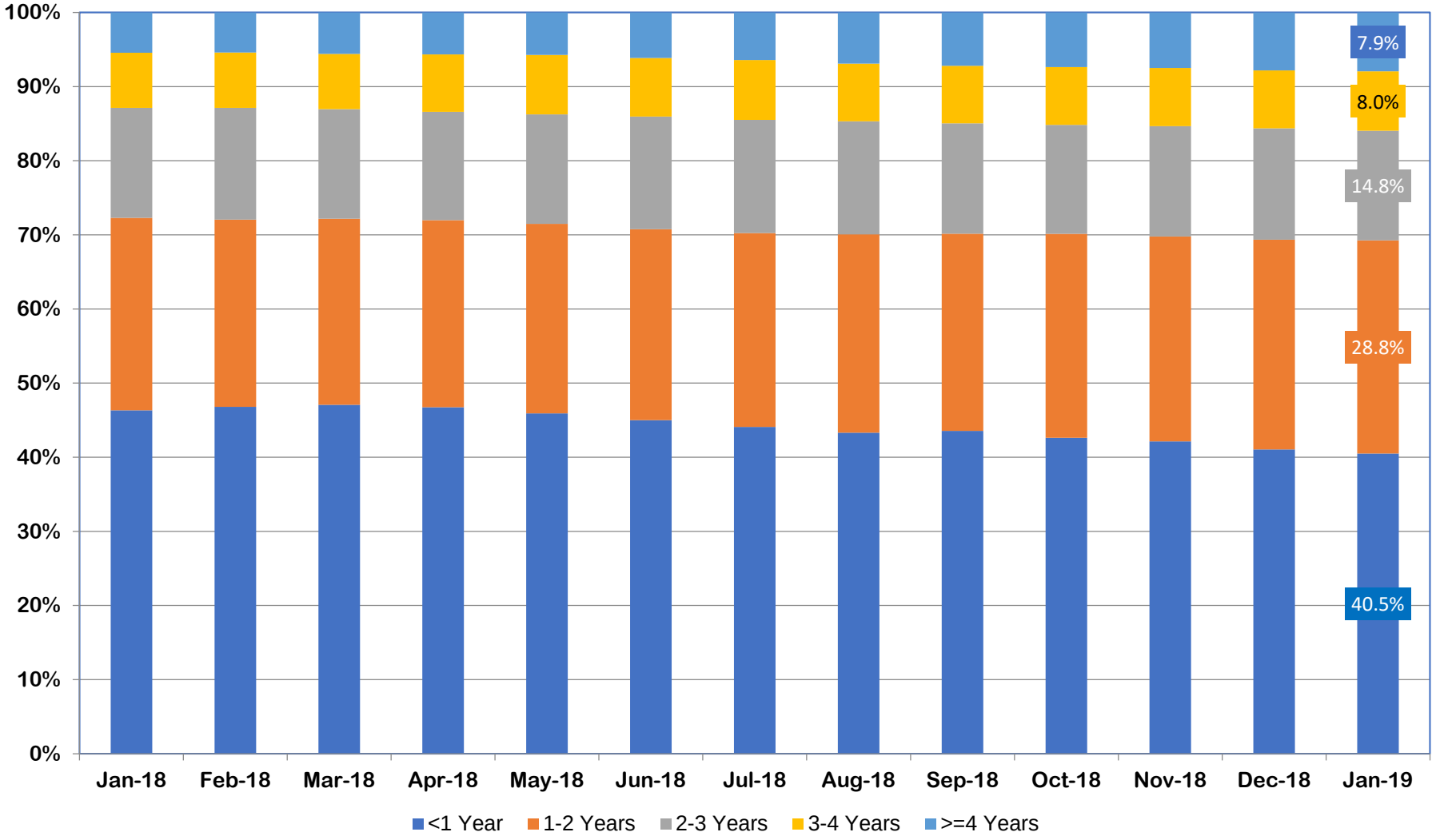
How many children were in a prior episode within twelve months of the current episode?



Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19
47	62	56	59	51	30	38	49	40	41	42	30	44
6.2%	7.4%	6.1%	9.5%	8.7%	5.6%	7.1%	6.6%	5.8%	7.7%	8.1%	7.4%	7.8%

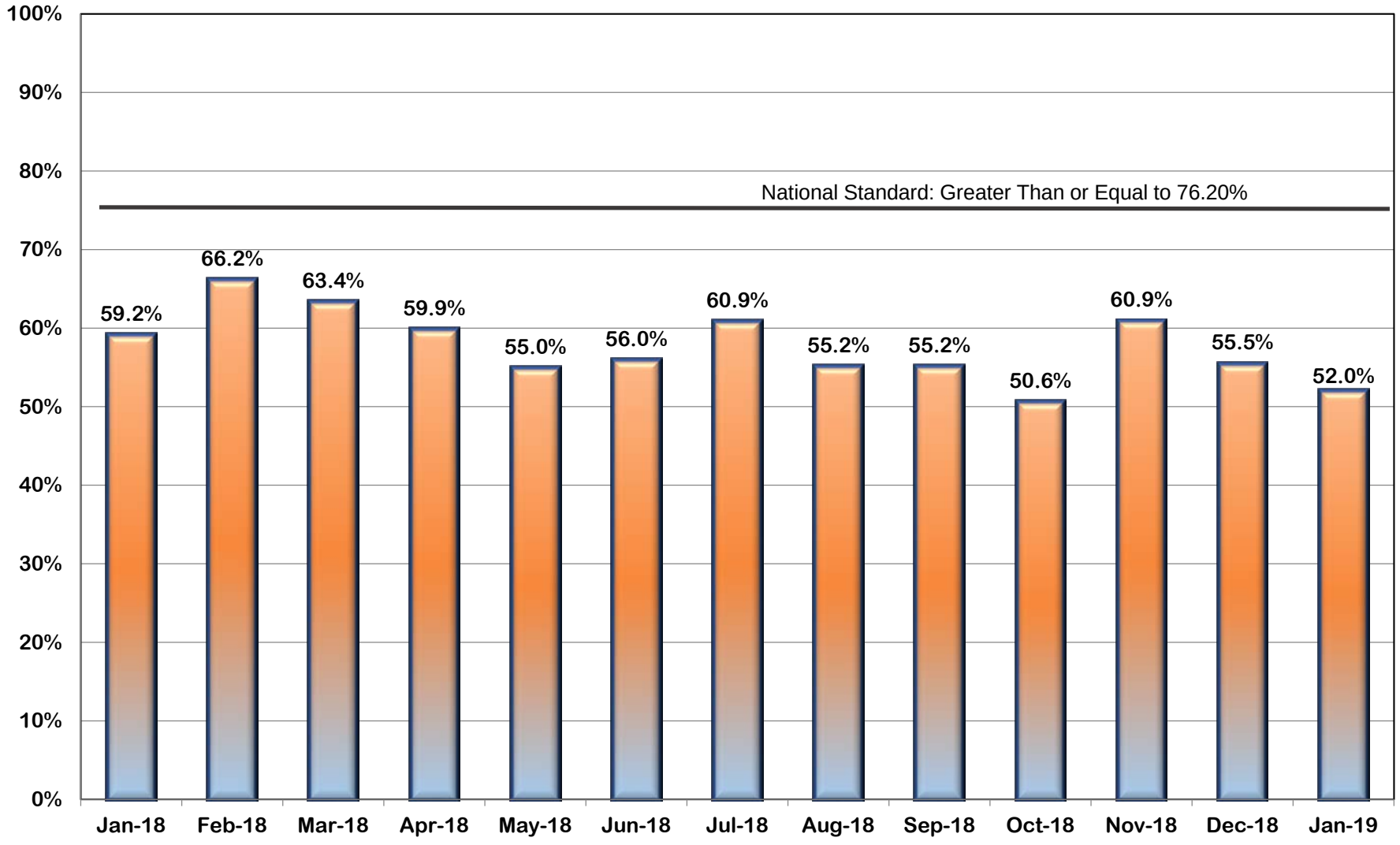
Outcome VIII: Foster Care Re-Entries (January 2018 – January 2019)

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



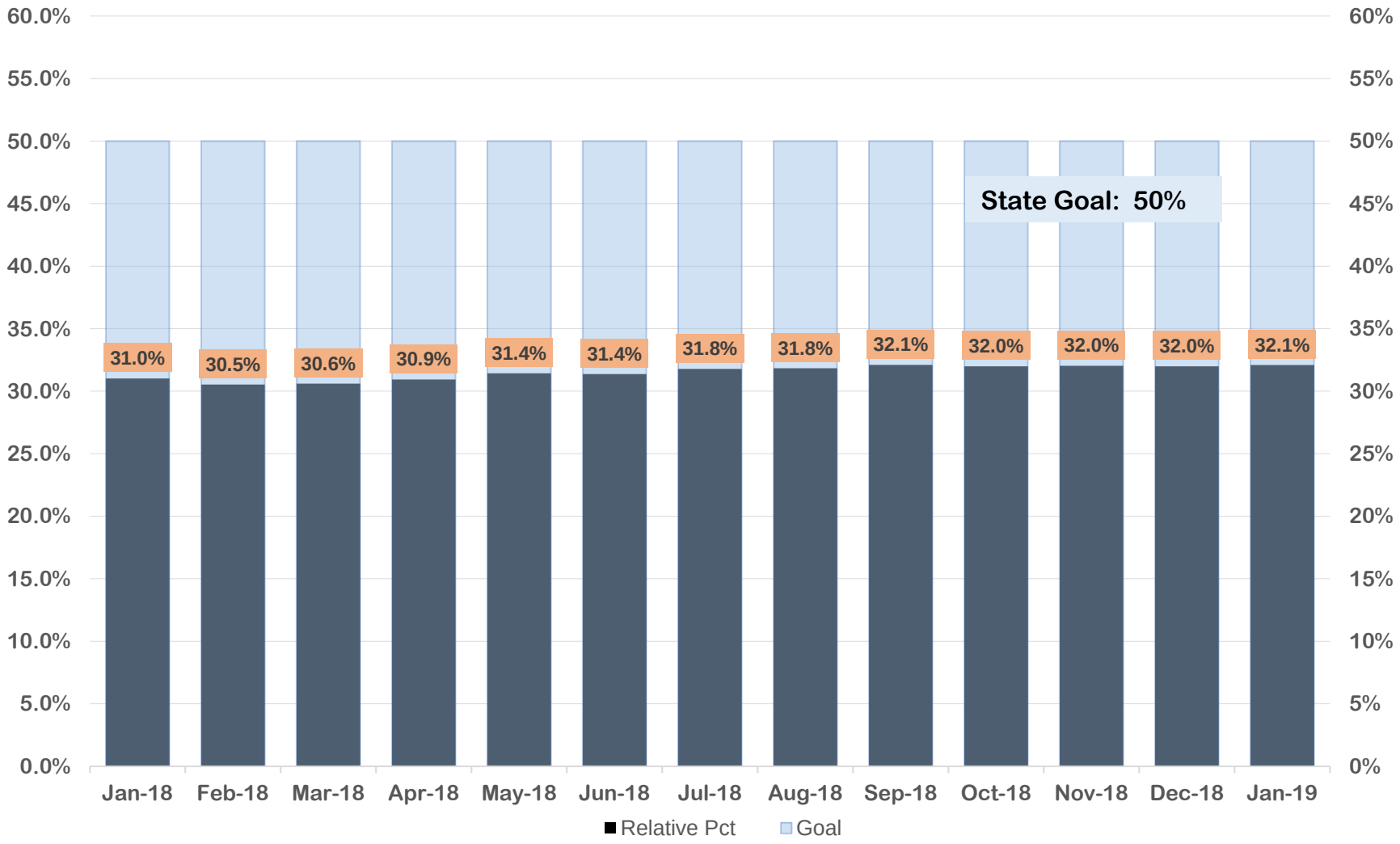
Outcome IX: Foster Care Length of Stay (January 2018– January 2019)

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



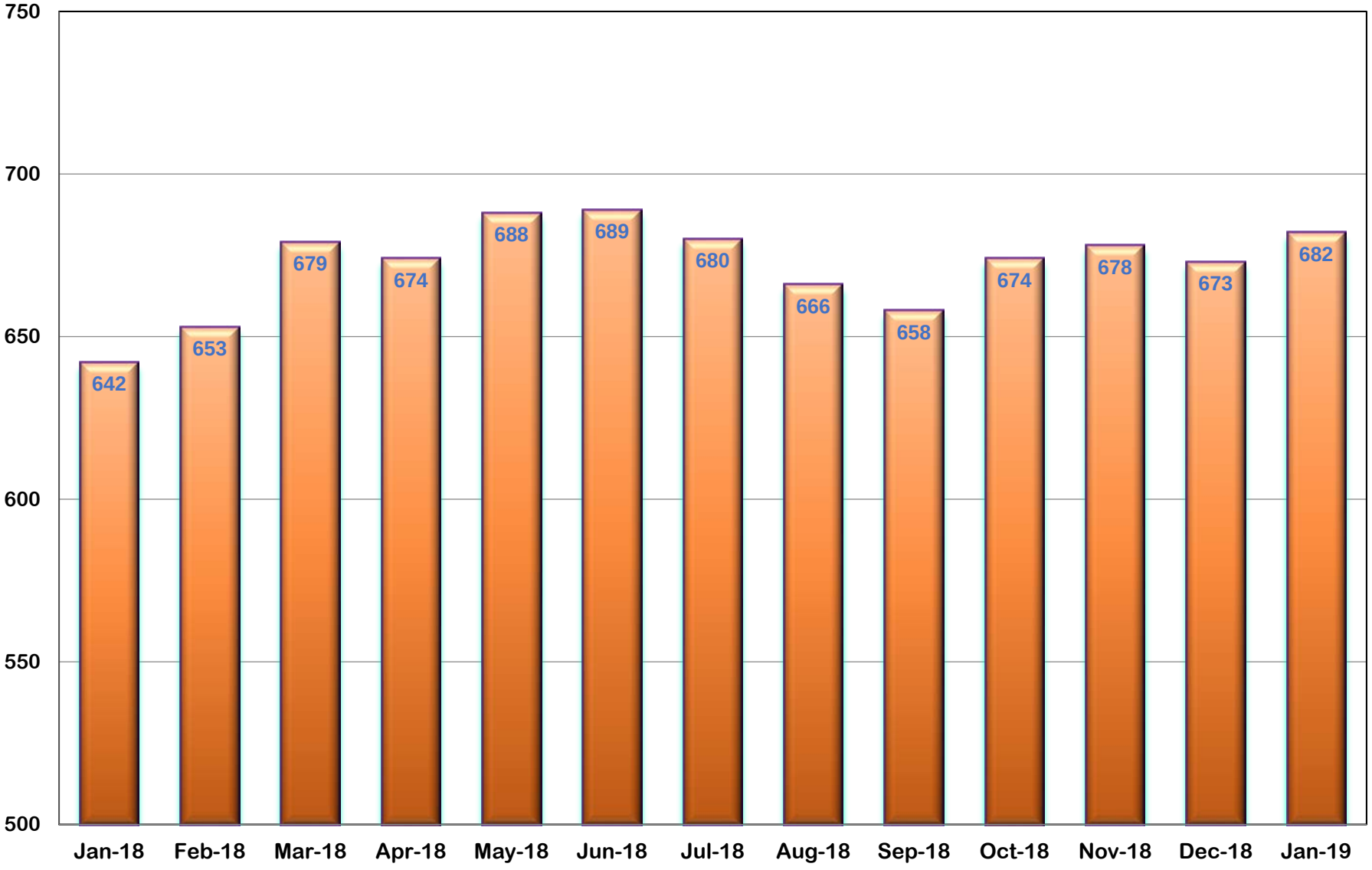
Outcome X: Length of Time to Reunification (January 2018 – January 2019)

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



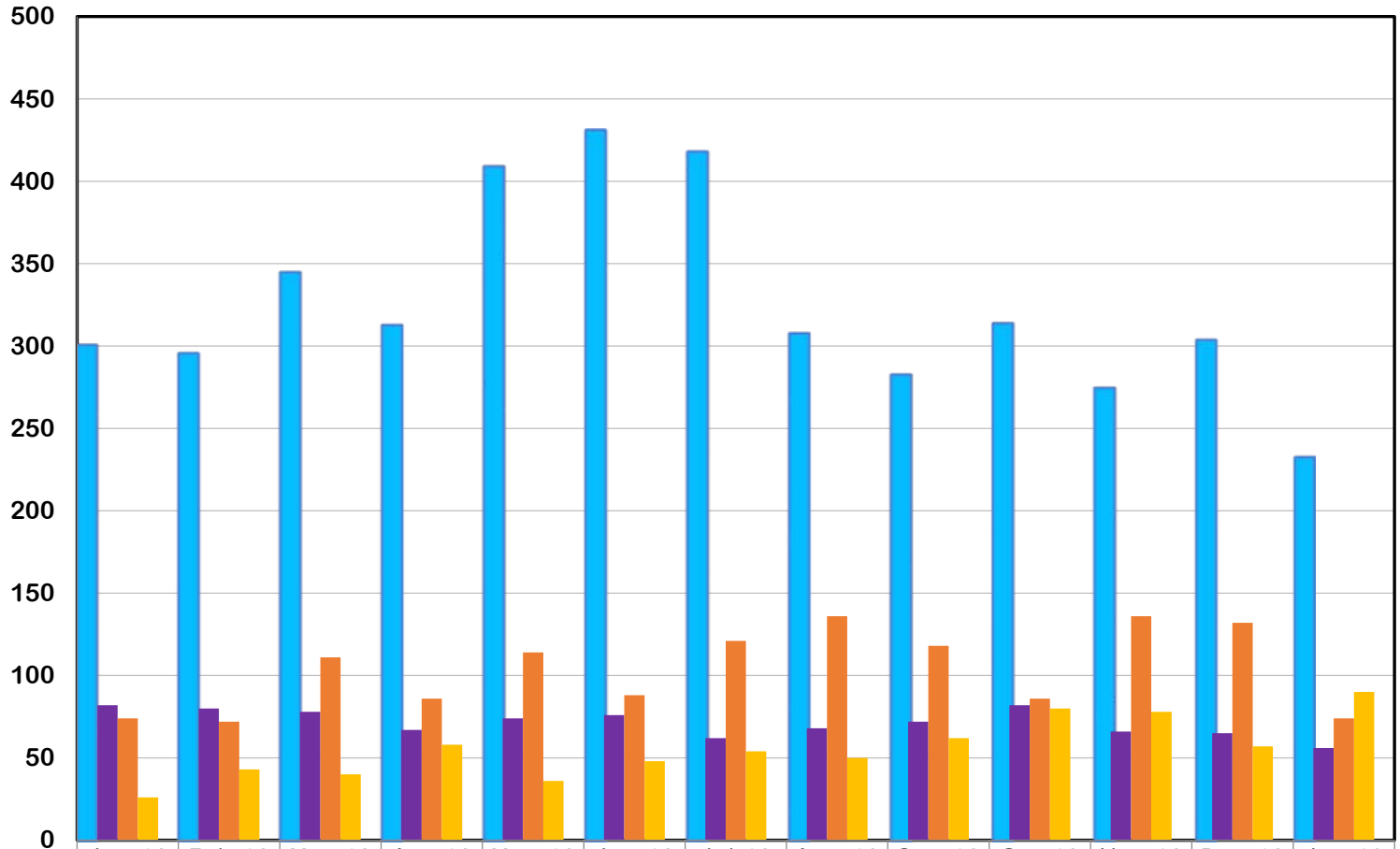
Outcome XI: Percent of Children Placed with Relatives (January 2018 – January 2019)

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



Outcome XII: Extended Youth Services (January 2018– January 2019)

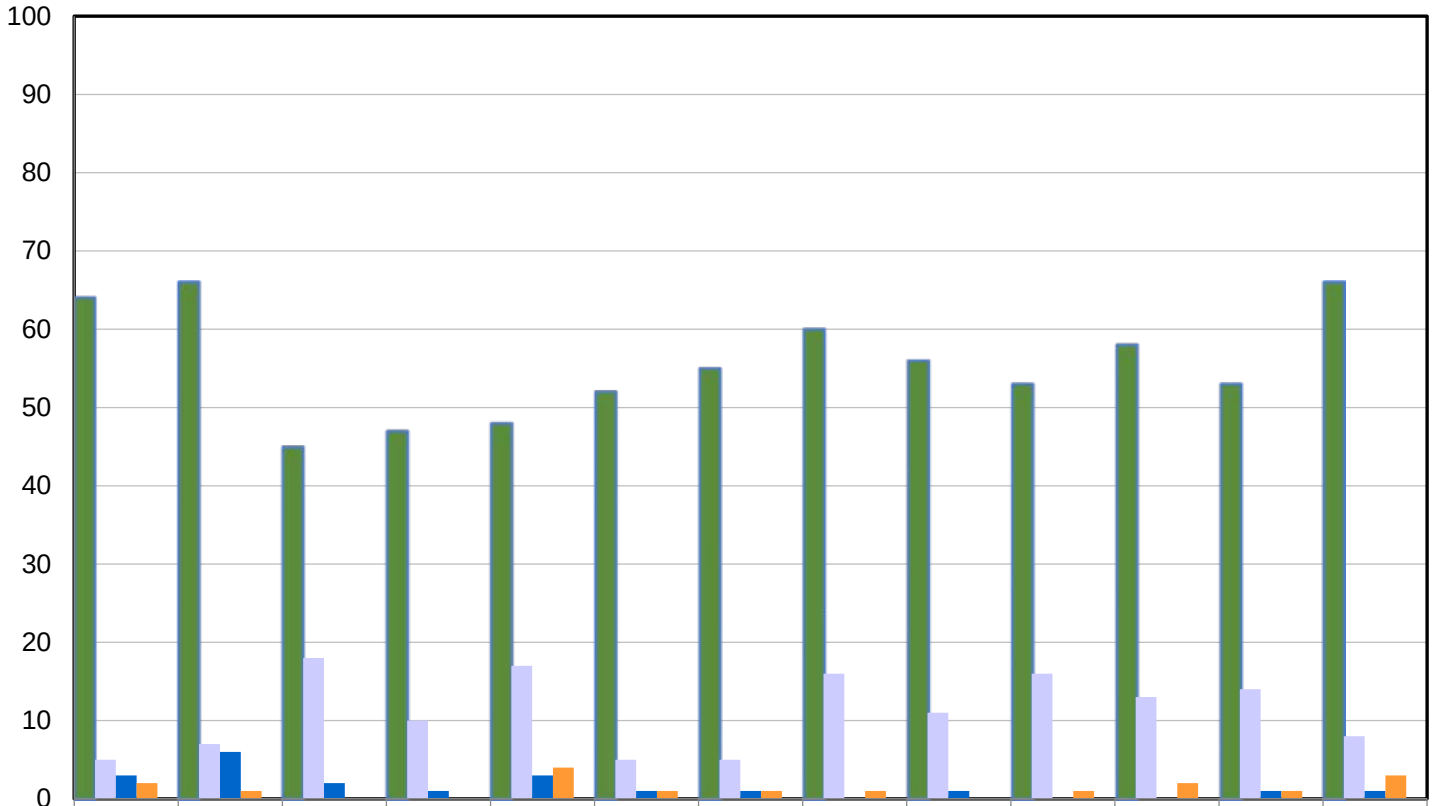
How many children in Foster Care were discharged to a positive permanency during the month?



	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19
Reunification	301	296	345	313	409	431	418	308	283	314	275	304	233
Living With Other Relative(s)	82	80	78	67	74	76	62	68	72	82	66	65	56
Finalized Adoption	74	72	111	86	114	88	121	136	118	86	136	132	74
Guardianship	26	43	40	58	36	48	54	50	62	80	78	57	90
Positive Permanency	483	491	574	524	633	643	655	562	535	562	555	558	453

Outcome XIII: Number of Discharges (January 2018 – January 2019)

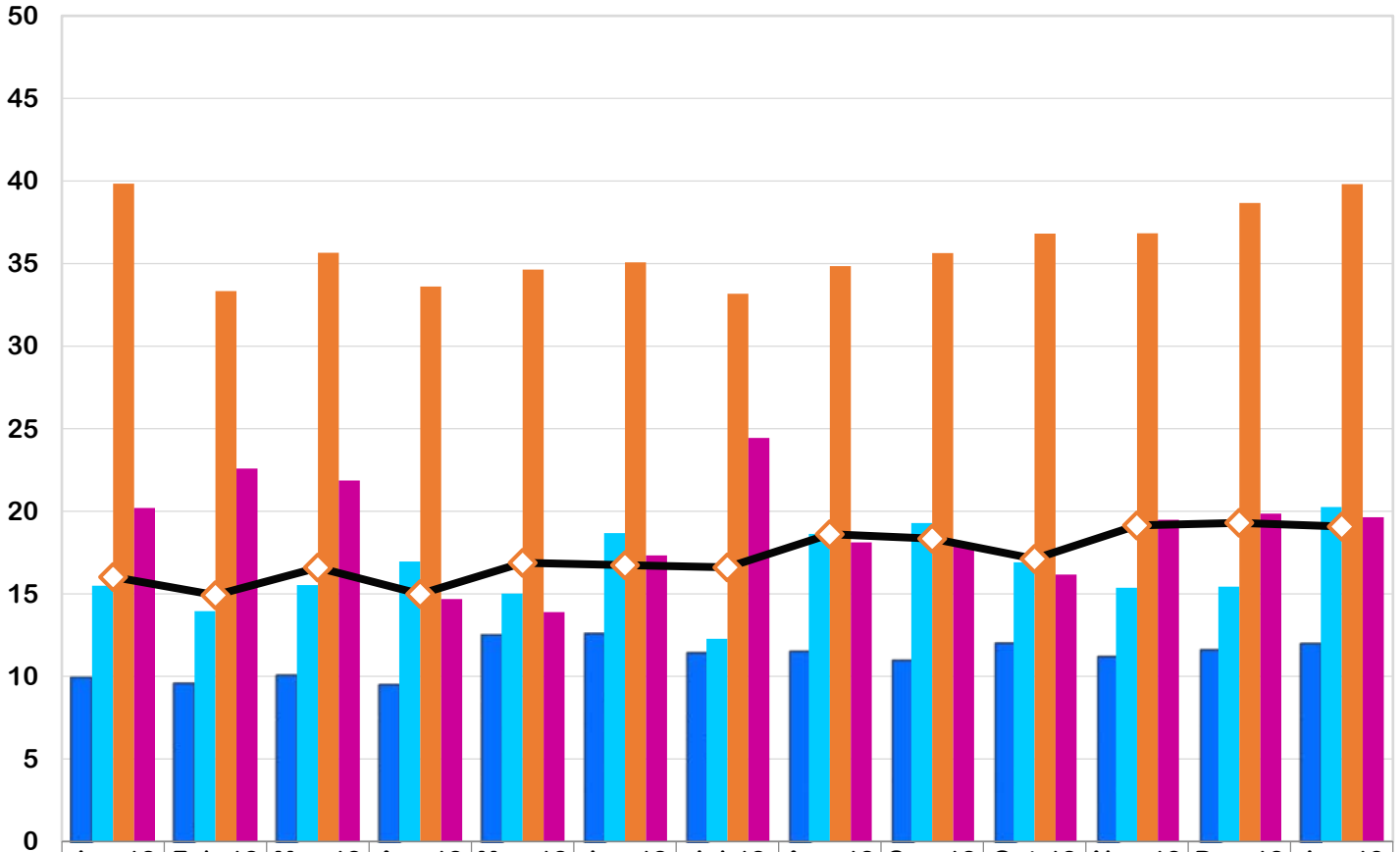
How many children in Foster Care were discharged to another permanency during the month?



	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19
Emancipation	64	66	45	47	48	52	55	60	56	53	58	53	66
Transfer to Another Agency	5	7	18	10	17	5	5	16	11	16	13	14	8
Runaway	3	6	2	1	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Death of Child	2	1	0	0	4	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	3
Other Permanency	74	80	65	58	72	59	62	77	68	70	73	69	78

Outcome XIII: Number of Discharges (January 2018– January 2019)

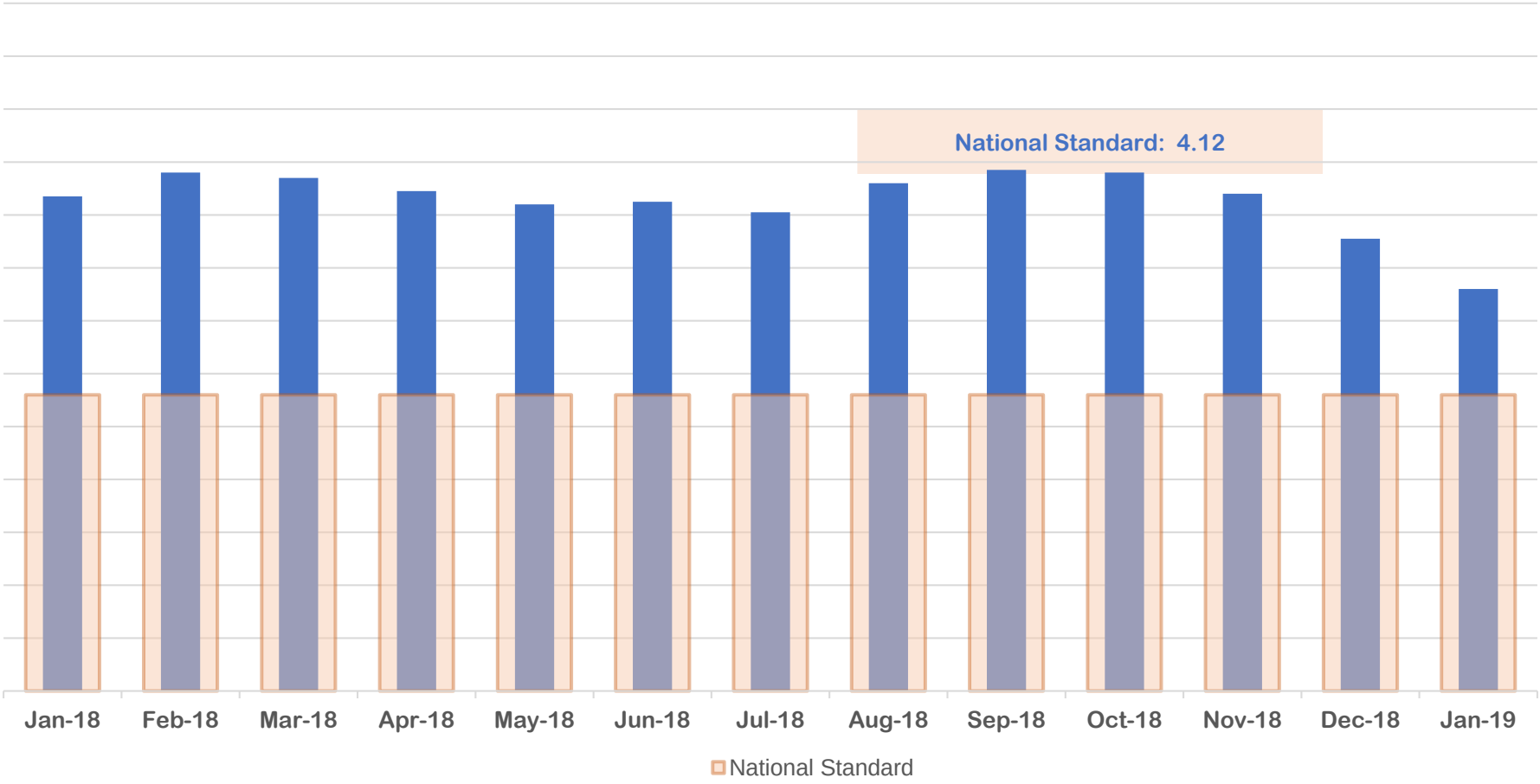
What is the average time in months for a foster child to reach positive permanency?



	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19
1-Reunification	9.9	9.6	10.1	9.5	12.5	12.6	11.4	11.5	11.0	12.0	11.2	11.6	12.0
2-Living with Relatives	15.5	13.9	15.5	17.0	15.0	18.7	12.3	18.6	19.3	16.9	15.4	15.4	20.3
3-Adoption	39.8	33.3	35.7	33.6	34.6	35.1	33.2	34.8	35.6	36.8	36.8	38.7	39.8
5-Guardianship	20.2	22.6	21.9	14.7	13.9	17.3	24.4	18.1	17.9	16.2	19.5	19.9	19.6
Positive Permanency	16.0	14.9	16.6	15.0	16.9	16.7	16.6	18.6	18.3	17.1	19.1	19.3	19.1

Outcome XIII - A: Number of Discharges (January 2018 – January 2019)

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



Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19
4.87	4.96	4.94	4.89	4.84	4.85	4.81	4.92	4.97	4.96	4.88	4.71	4.52

Outcome XIV: Placement Stability Performance Measure (January 2018 – January 2019)

Appendices

APPENDIX A

Regional Chart of Outcome VI

Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (January 2018 – January 2019)

Outcome VI: Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (By Region) (January 2018 – January 2019)

Region	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19
1	1,438	1,461	1,518	1,528	1,497	1,472	1,427	1,451	1,487	1,484	1,499	1,455	1,437
2	872	916	969	973	984	977	1,003	994	995	981	974	976	972
3	975	986	985	973	958	964	958	965	989	1,007	1,018	1,042	1,055
4	1,125	1,125	1,144	1,142	1,164	1,165	1,134	1,121	1,104	1,106	1,091	1,053	1,030
5	1,157	1,191	1,209	1,225	1,226	1,201	1,184	1,193	1,202	1,197	1,157	1,145	1,138
6	761	773	776	770	766	743	729	728	715	708	690	685	664
7	612	654	698	718	715	722	734	759	771	757	740	724	722
8	724	742	745	746	750	750	761	765	764	764	744	739	723
9	578	587	590	588	588	575	572	566	561	543	533	500	501
10	790	777	771	775	759	756	749	753	769	773	782	786	796
11	1,193	1,219	1,265	1,261	1,261	1,251	1,259	1,252	1,248	1,239	1,238	1,214	1,249
12	958	976	1,005	999	1,013	1,003	983	982	978	981	958	941	942
13	1,408	1,428	1,483	1,449	1,462	1,402	1,374	1,358	1,343	1,338	1,335	1,315	1,294
14	1,613	1,649	1,676	1,672	1,679	1,671	1,618	1,619	1,626	1,606	1,610	1,573	1,563
Statewide	**14,204**	**14,484**	**14,834**	**14,819**	**14,822**	**14,652**	**14,485**	**14,506**	**14,552**	**14,484**	**14,369**	**14,148**	**14,086**

APPENDIX B

Regional Chart of Outcome XIV

Placement Stability Performance Coefficient
(January 2018 – January 2019)

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) (January 2018 – January 2019)

Region	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19
1	5.67	5.82	5.66	5.68	5.55	5.48	5.35	5.40	5.71	5.62	5.36	5.00	4.99
2	5.45	5.69	5.88	5.73	5.57	5.54	5.40	5.50	5.27	5.23	5.12	4.98	4.52
3	4.75	4.88	4.88	5.04	5.05	4.84	5.11	4.97	4.81	4.82	4.54	4.16	3.92
4	4.34	4.40	4.45	3.93	3.81	3.66	3.61	3.58	3.54	3.60	3.80	3.71	3.84
5	5.40	5.28	5.32	5.31	5.53	5.60	5.54	5.52	5.55	5.67	5.59	5.60	5.27
6	3.95	3.94	4.05	4.12	3.82	4.06	4.12	4.35	4.66	4.44	4.62	4.47	4.24
7	2.96	3.11	3.04	3.13	3.19	3.21	3.26	3.39	3.48	3.31	3.46	3.20	3.20
8	3.04	2.98	2.94	2.74	3.00	3.17	3.12	3.77	3.96	3.85	3.66	3.79	3.71
9	3.55	3.84	3.60	3.48	3.08	3.49	3.90	3.99	3.83	3.98	3.74	3.61	3.51
10	3.95	4.16	3.86	3.50	3.35	3.03	3.05	2.89	2.80	2.90	3.02	3.18	3.11
11	3.61	3.86	4.19	4.26	4.20	4.25	4.20	4.21	4.25	4.09	4.02	3.76	3.73
12	5.18	5.23	5.11	4.77	4.65	4.70	4.71	4.73	5.14	5.30	5.00	4.73	4.10
13	6.63	6.70	6.44	6.46	6.44	6.49	6.34	6.72	6.69	6.77	7.14	6.71	6.34
14	5.76	5.80	5.92	6.24	6.27	6.38	6.19	6.49	6.46	6.42	6.10	6.20	5.75
Statewide	4.87	4.96	4.94	4.89	4.84	4.85	4.81	4.92	4.97	4.96	4.88	4.71	4.52