

Georgia Division of Family & Children Services

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Monthly Measures and Results for January 2017*

*(Reflects Safety Outcomes as of November 30, 2016 And Permanency Outcomes as of December 31, 2016) 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)

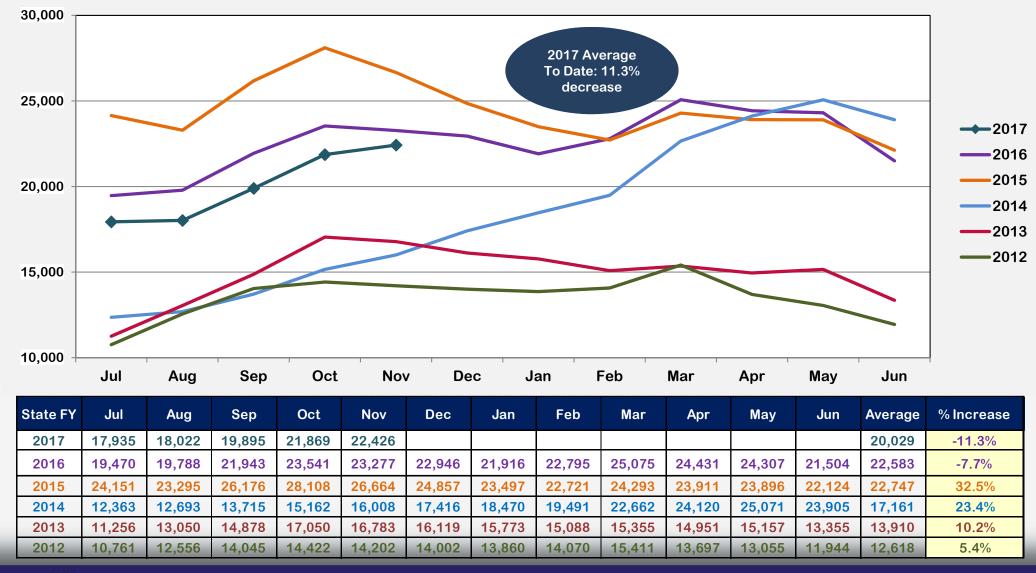
A calculated value based upon the ACF CFSR Round 3 which is part of Program Improvement. It is calculated from a rolling 12 month population of the entry cohort where the child remained in custody for over 8 days and was not 18 on the date of removal. The federal standard is 4.12.

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)

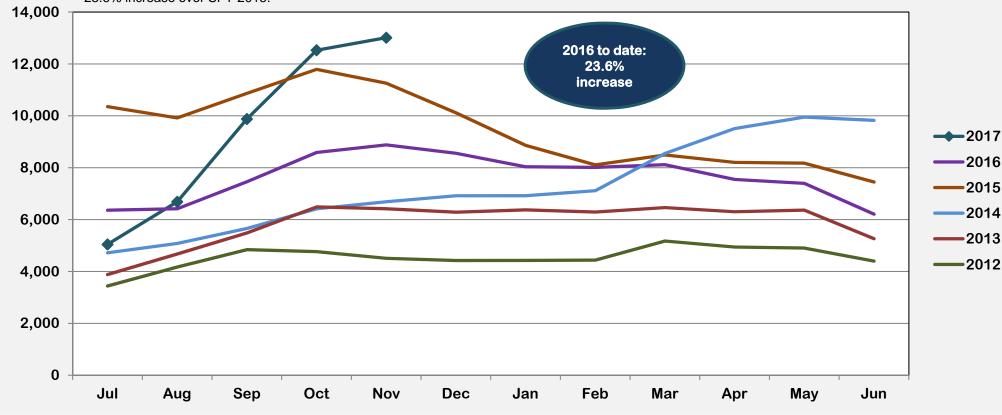
The overall increase in Child Protective Cases cases during the month of November 2016 is being driven by the increase in Family Support cases during the month which had an upward trend of 3% from October to November. This is still a decrease over last year's cases during November 2015 of approximately 4%.





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

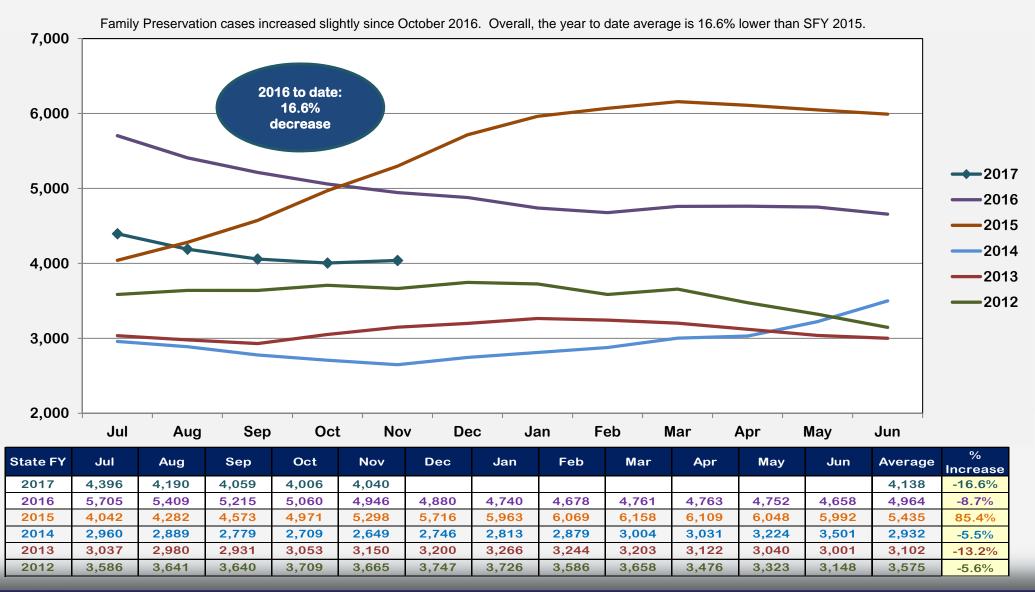
Family Support cases increased by 3.9% over October 2016. The increase can also be seen in the year to date average. There is a 23.6% increase over SFY 2015.



State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Average	% Increase
2017	5,045	6,688	9,879	12,529	13,012								9,431	23.6%
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%



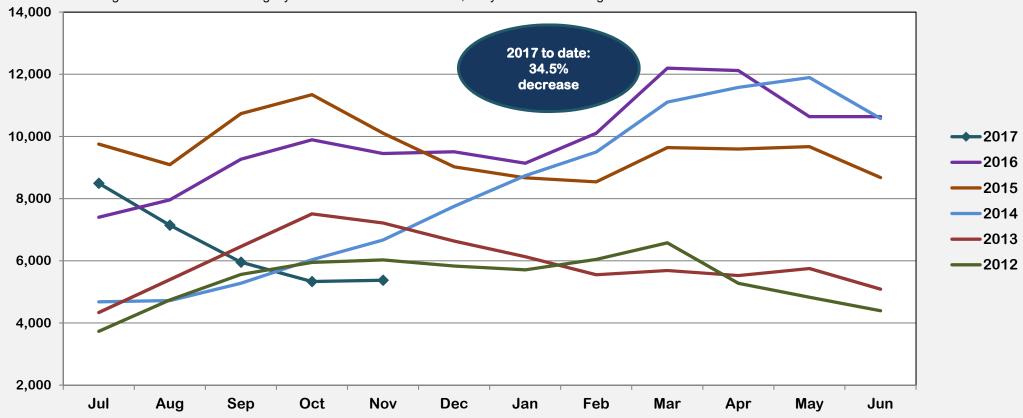
Outcome IB: Child Protective Services Cases Family Preservation Cases Only (State Fiscal Year 2017 To Date)





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

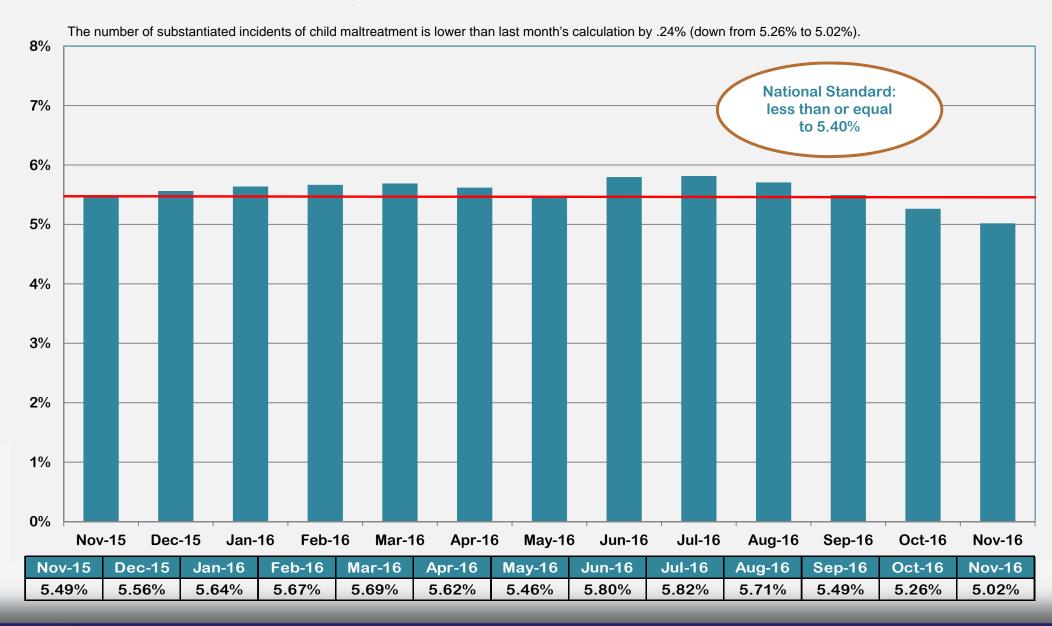
Investigation cases increased slightly from October 2016. Overall, the year to date average is 34.5% lower than SFY 2015.



State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Average	% Increase
2017	8,494	7,144	5,957	5,334	5,374								6,461	-34.5%
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%



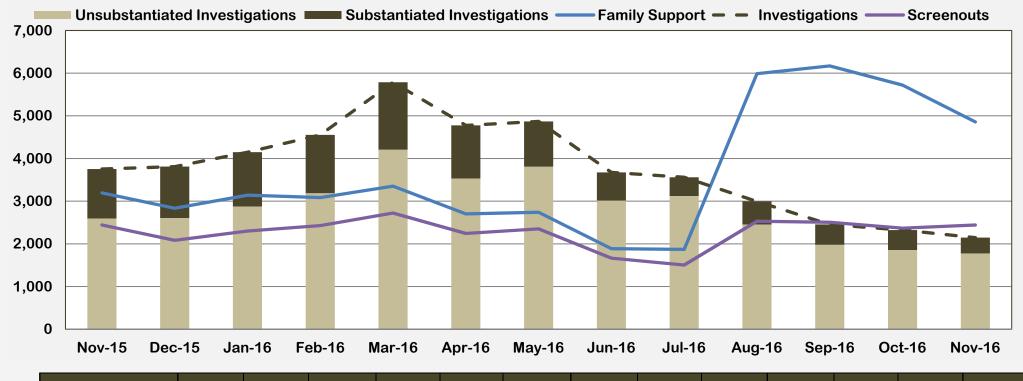
Outcome II: Recurrence of Substantiated Child Maltreatment (November 2015 – November 2016)





Outcome III: Disposition of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (November 2015 – November 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.

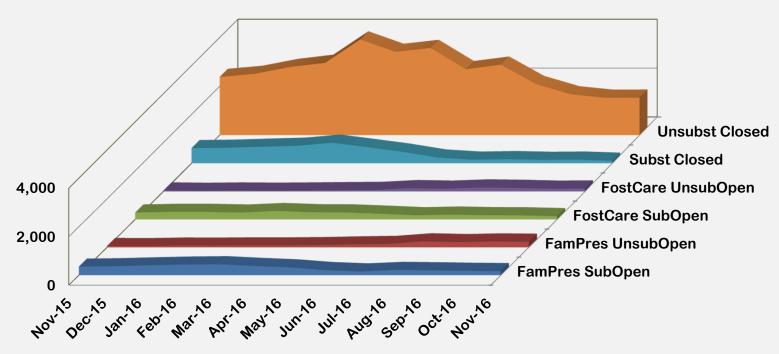


	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16
Family Support	3,196	2,835	3,140	3,084	3,352	2,703	2,739	1,887	1,869	5,988	6,170	5,721	4,858
Screenouts	2,444	2,083	2,301	2,428	2,722	2,245	2,351	1,666	1,504	2,530	2,506	2,368	2,441
Investigations	3,754	3,812	4,149	4,555	5,788	4,777	4,870	3,676	3,561	2,996	2,456	2,324	2,148
Substantiated Investigations	1,159	1,205	1,273	1,367	1,580	1,245	1,060	661	439	542	478	467	372
Unsubstantiated Investigations	2,595	2,607	2,876	3,188	4,208	3,532	3,810	3,015	3,122	2,454	1,978	1,857	1,776



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

According to November's data, 17.5% of Investigations were subsequently opened as a Family Preservation case; 11.1% of Investigations were opened as a Foster Care case; and 71.4% of Investigations were closed.



	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16
FamPres SubOpen	354	373	410	442	454	384	323	213	158	220	205	183	169
FamPres UnsubOpen	54	49	73	70	80	80	93	122	141	249	216	245	230
FostCare SubOpen	286	313	312	284	348	298	290	234	172	201	175	168	134
FostCare UnsubOpen	40	24	37	28	37	51	61	136	112	163	147	112	120
Subst Closed	618	636	679	717	842	660	470	236	147	169	139	148	101
Unsubst Closed	2,380	2,510	2,790	2,958	3,917	3,408	3,568	2,700	2,884	2,089	1,670	1,527	1,533



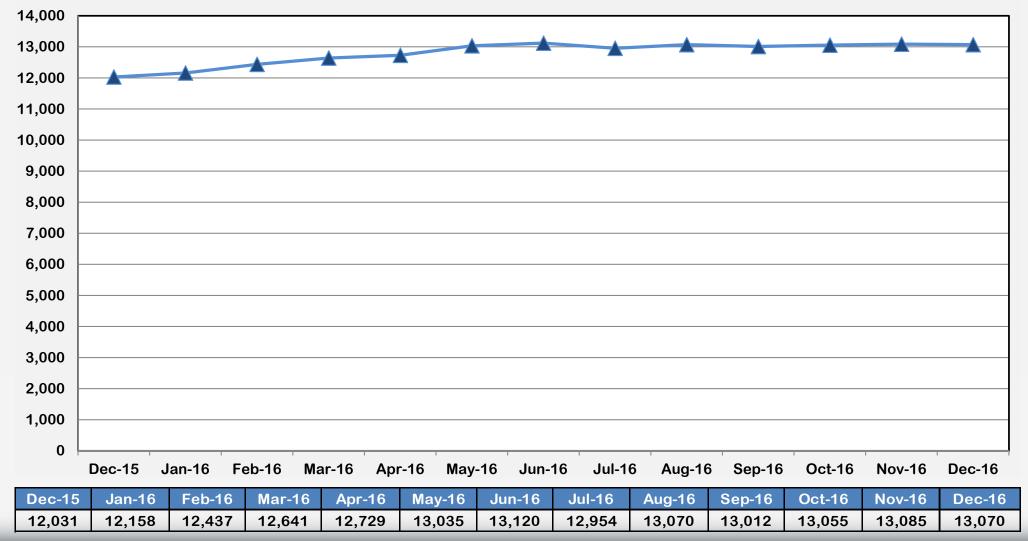
Outcome V: Number of Children in Placement Services (State Fiscal Year 2017 To Date)

There were no significant increases in the number of placement services that were open during the month of December (17,832). 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.



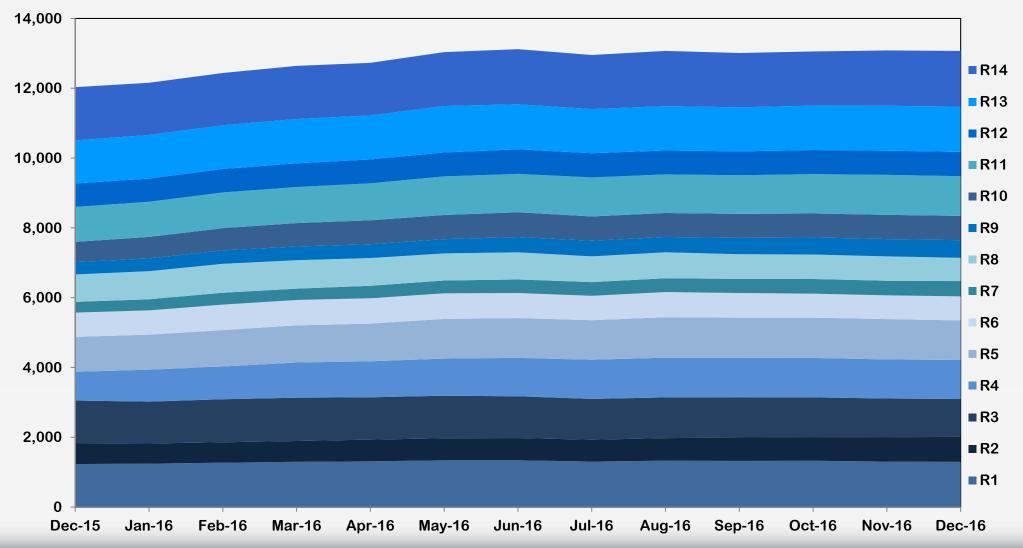


The number of children in foster care under the age of 18 remained constant during December at 13,070. The following slides reveal that there were 593 entries and 637 exits. On the last day of December, there were 12,433 children in custody from this population. Of those who entered custody during the month, only 28 children (4.7%) of them had a prior episode within 12 months. This represents an improvement over November which saw a 9.8% reentry rate.





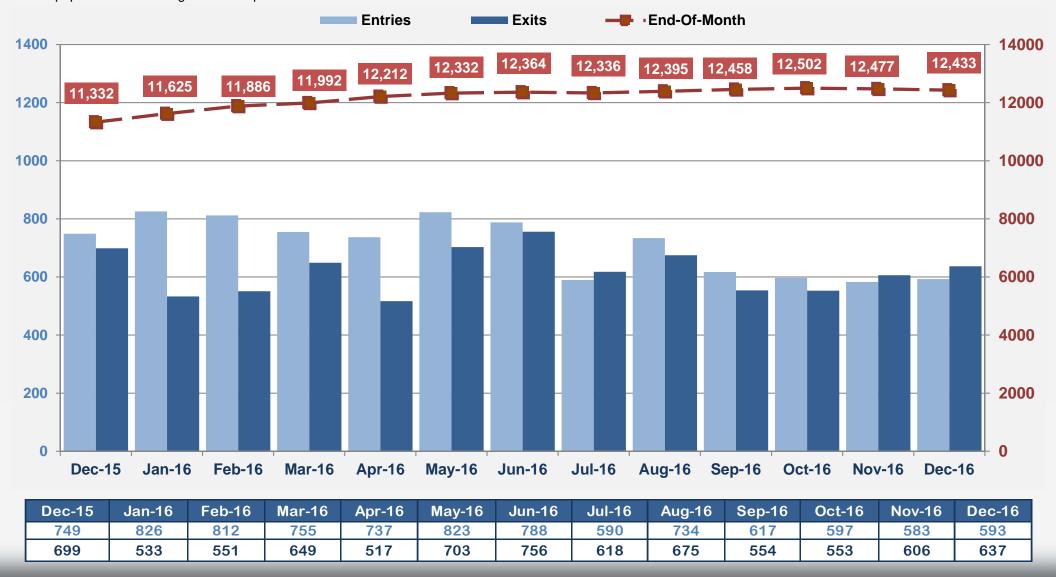
The number of children in Foster Care under the age of 18 remained constant during December was 13,070. Visually, you can see that Region 14 has the highest proportion of children in custody at any point in time.





Outcome VII: Comparison of Foster Care Entries and Exits (December 2015 – December 2016)

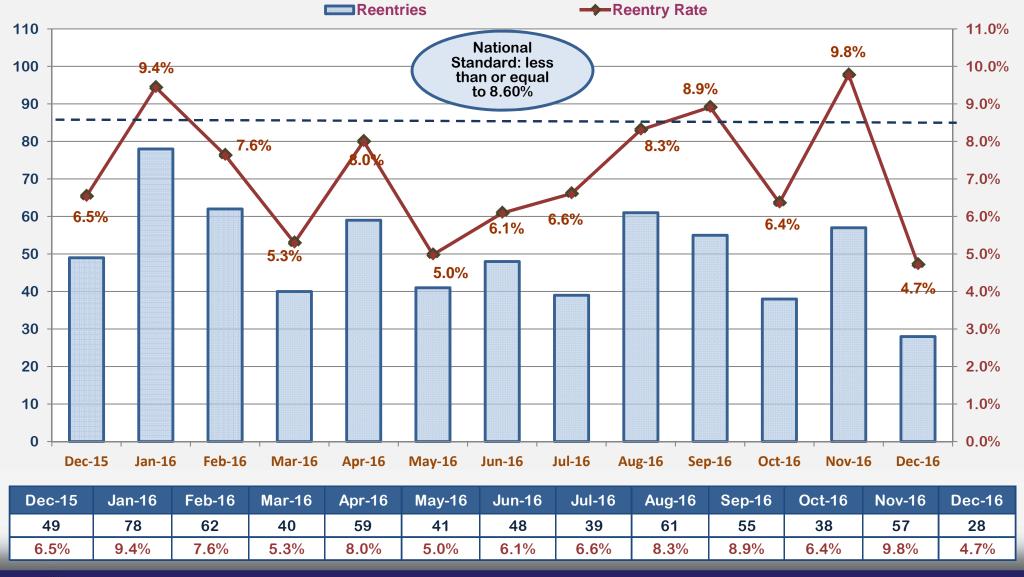
Multiple trends can be seen in this graph. Entries decreased in December while exits are slightly increasing in December. The end of month trend shows that the Foster Care population is declining in the last quarter of 2016.





Outcome VII: Foster Care Re-Entries December 2015 – December 2016)

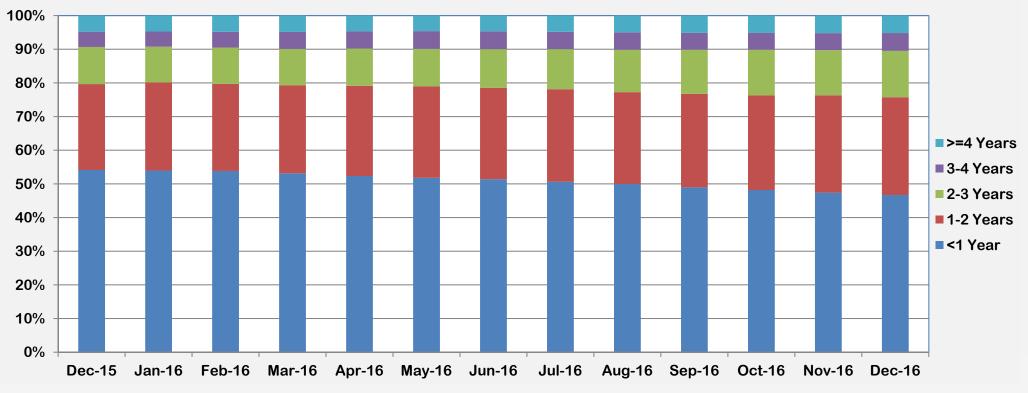
Reentries into foster care improved during December 2016 after a spike in November. There was a decrease in the number of entries during November causing this proportion to escalate. The reentry rate for December was lower than it has been in 12 months.





Outcome VIII: Foster Care Length of Stay (December 2015 – December 2016)

In looking at the length of stay of children who were in Foster Care during the month, there was an increase of .4% from November 2016 to December 2016 of the number of children who were in custody from 24 months through less than 36 months. This is a marked increase from the 11% of last December. The numbers also show a decline in the proportion of children who were in custody for less than a year, from 54.1% last December to 46.7% this December.

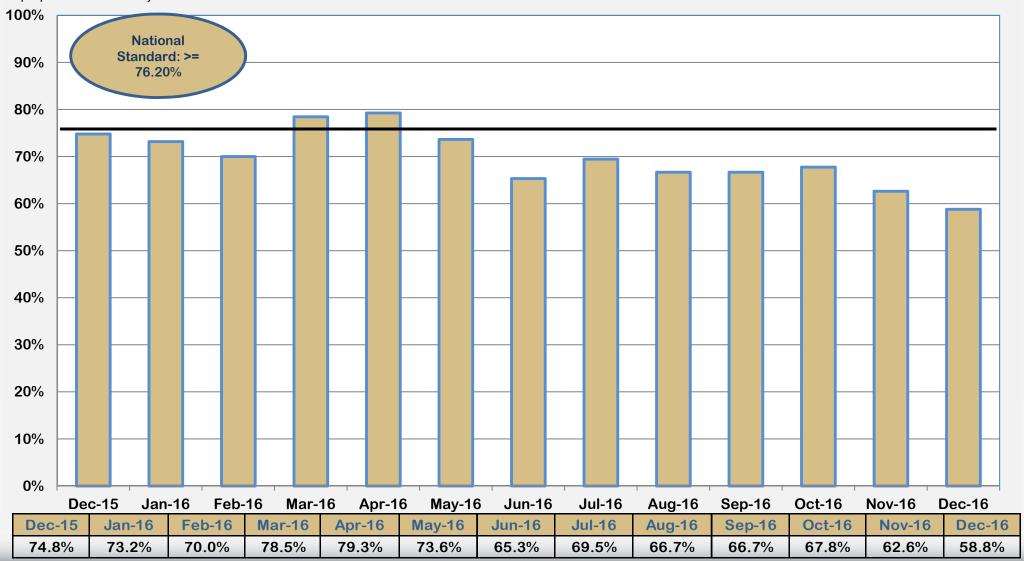


	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16
>=4 Years	4.8%	4.7%	4.8%	4.8%	4.7%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%	5.0%	5.1%	5.1%	5.2%	5.2%
3 - <4 Years	4.5%	4.5%	4.6%	5.1%	5.1%	5.3%	5.3%	5.1%	5.2%	5.0%	5.0%	5.1%	5.3%
2 - <3 Years	11.0%	10.6%	10.8%	10.8%	11.1%	11.1%	11.5%	11.9%	12.6%	13.1%	13.6%	13.4%	13.8%
1 - <2 Years	25.5%	26.1%	25.9%	26.2%	26.8%	27.2%	27.2%	27.5%	27.3%	27.8%	28.1%	28.9%	29.1%
<1 Year	54.1%	54.0%	53.9%	53.2%	52.4%	51.8%	51.4%	50.6%	50.0%	49.0%	48.2%	47.4%	46.7%



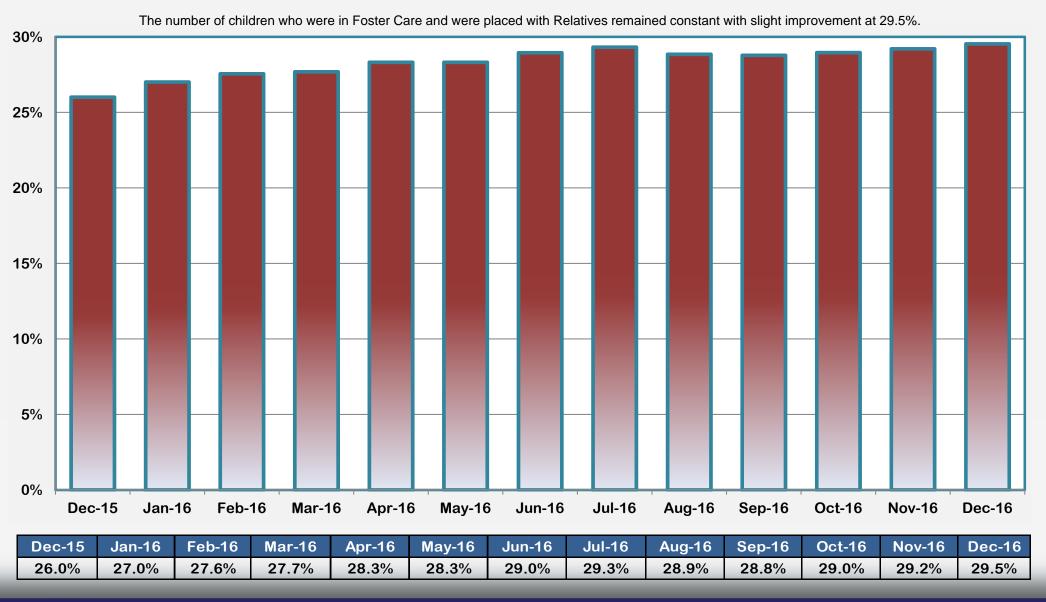
Outcome IX: Length of Time to Reunification (December 2015 – December 2016)

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%.





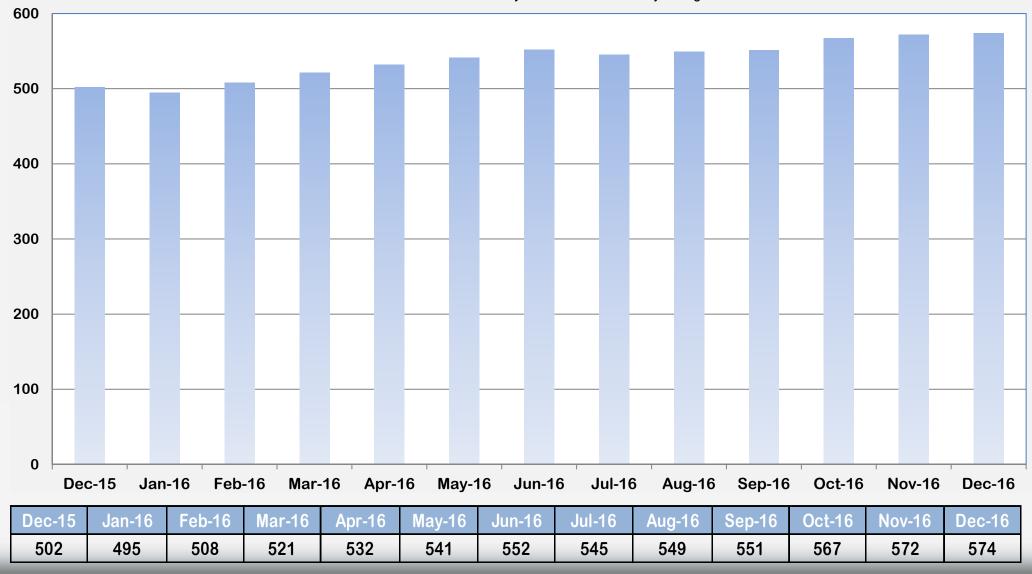
Outcome X: Percent of Children Placed with Relatives (December 2015 – December 2016)





Outcome XI: Extended Youth Services (December 2015 – December 2016)

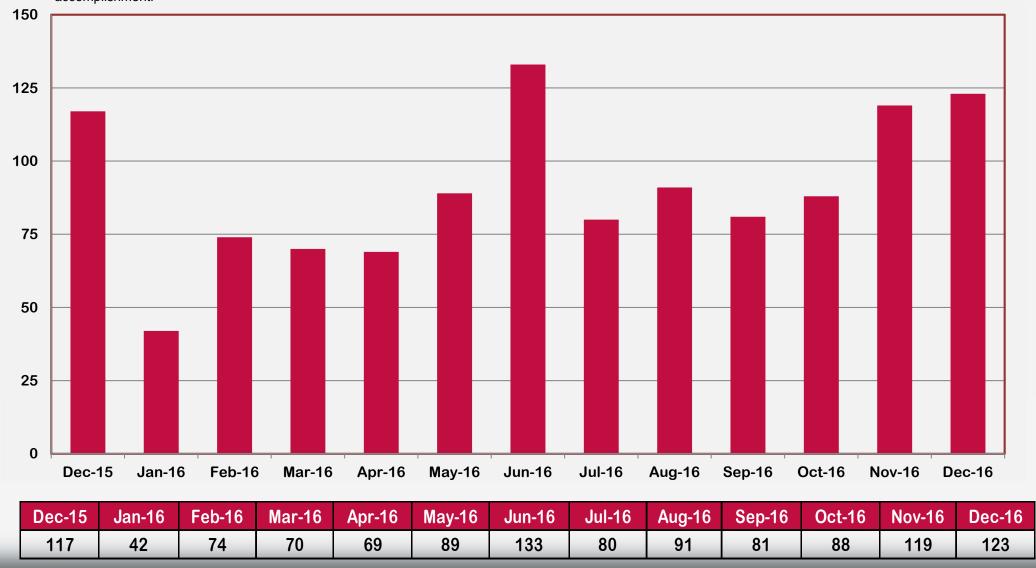
There were 574 children who remained in custody after their 18th birthday during December 2016.

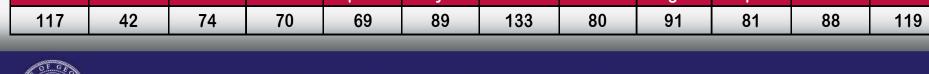




Outcome XII: Number of Finalized Adoptions (December 2015 – December 2016)

There were 123 foster children adopted during December 2016, which shows an upward trend from October 2016. It also was higher than last December's accomplishment.

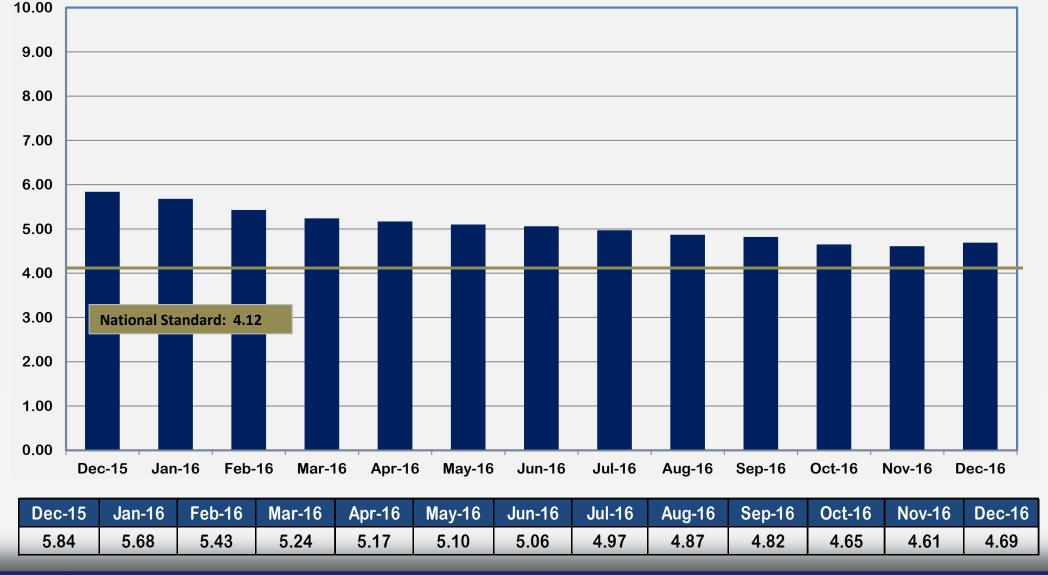






Outcome XIII: Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (December 2015 - December 2016)

The federal measure for stability which is the number of moves per number of days per thousand has decreased from 5.84 to 4.69 which is closer to the federal standard.



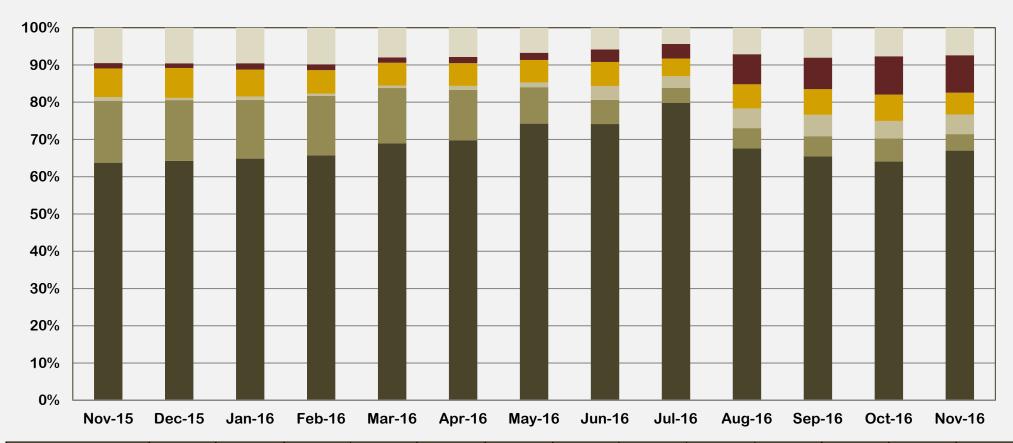


Appendices



Appendix A

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



	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16
Fam. Pres SubOpen	9.5%	9.6%	9.5%	9.8%	8.0%	7.9%	6.7%	5.9%	4.4%	7.1%	8.0%	7.7%	7.4%
FamPres UnsubOpen	1.4%	1.3%	1.7%	1.6%	1.4%	1.6%	1.9%	3.4%	3.9%	8.1%	8.5%	10.3%	10.1%
FostCare SubOpen	7.7%	8.0%	7.3%	6.3%	6.1%	6.1%	6.0%	6.4%	4.8%	6.5%	6.9%	7.0%	5.9%
FostCare UnsubOpen	1.1%	0.6%	0.9%	0.6%	0.7%	1.0%	1.3%	3.7%	3.1%	5.3%	5.8%	4.7%	5.2%
Subst Closed	16.6%	16.3%	15.8%	15.9%	14.8%	13.5%	9.8%	6.5%	4.1%	5.5%	5.4%	6.2%	4.4%
Unsubst Closed	63.8%	64.3%	64.9%	65.7%	69.0%	69.8%	74.3%	74.2%	79.8%	67.6%	65.4%	64.1%	67.0%

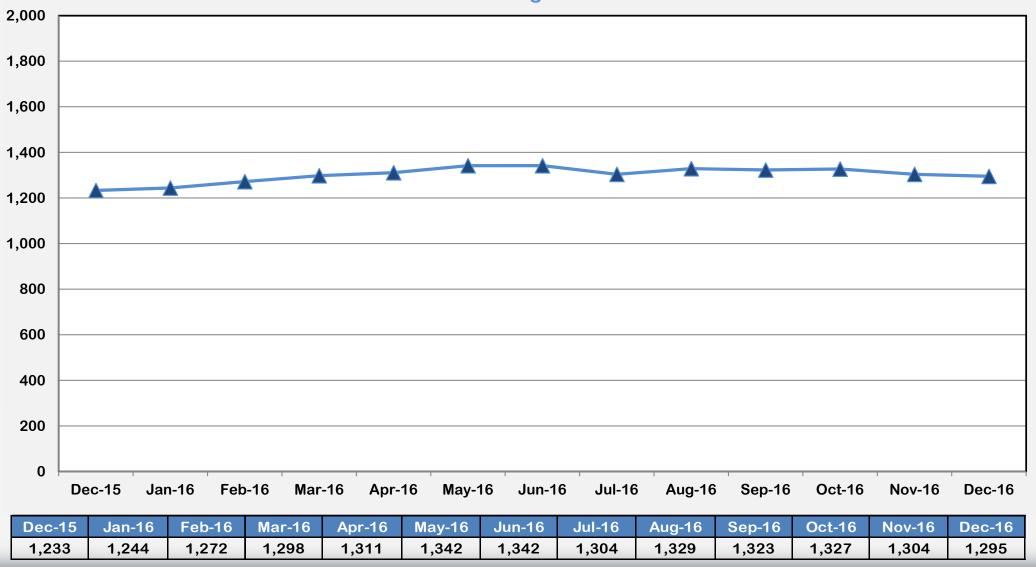


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Regional Graphs of Outcome VI

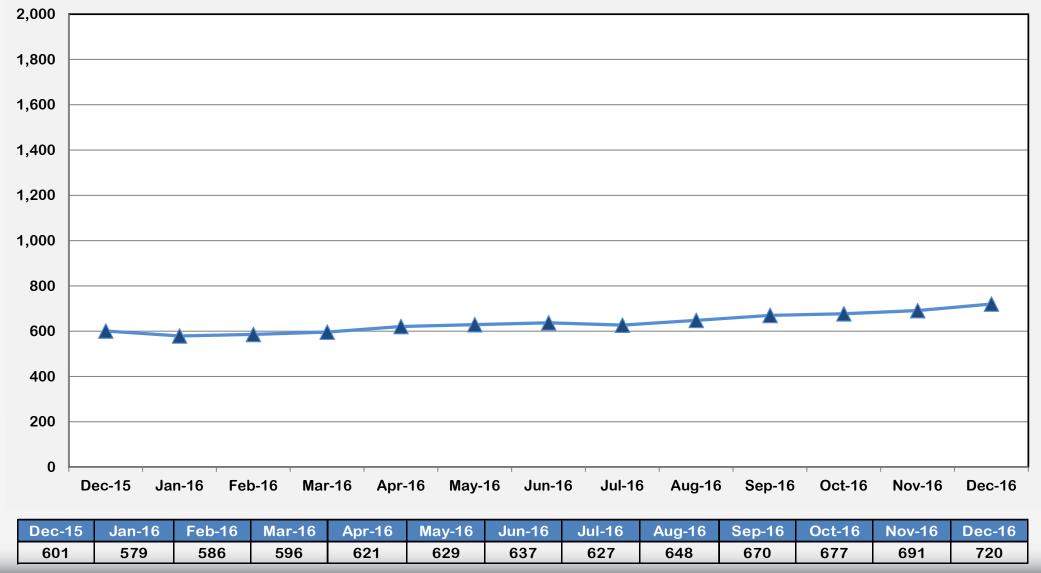
Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (December 2015 – December 2016)

Region I



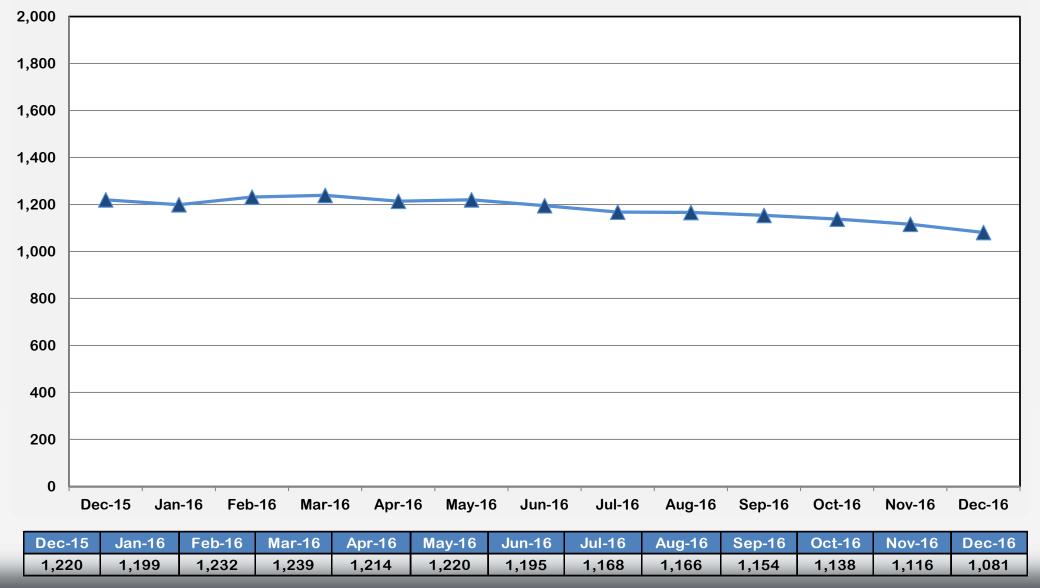


Region II



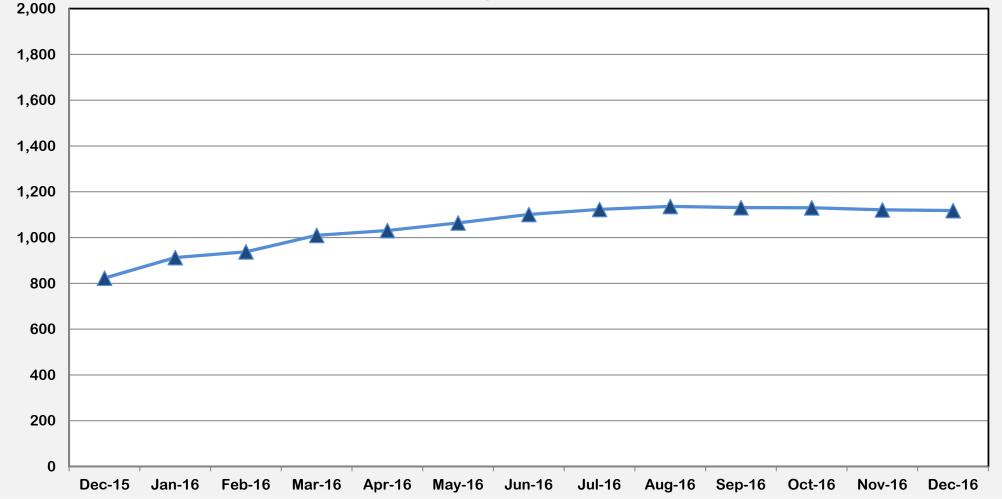


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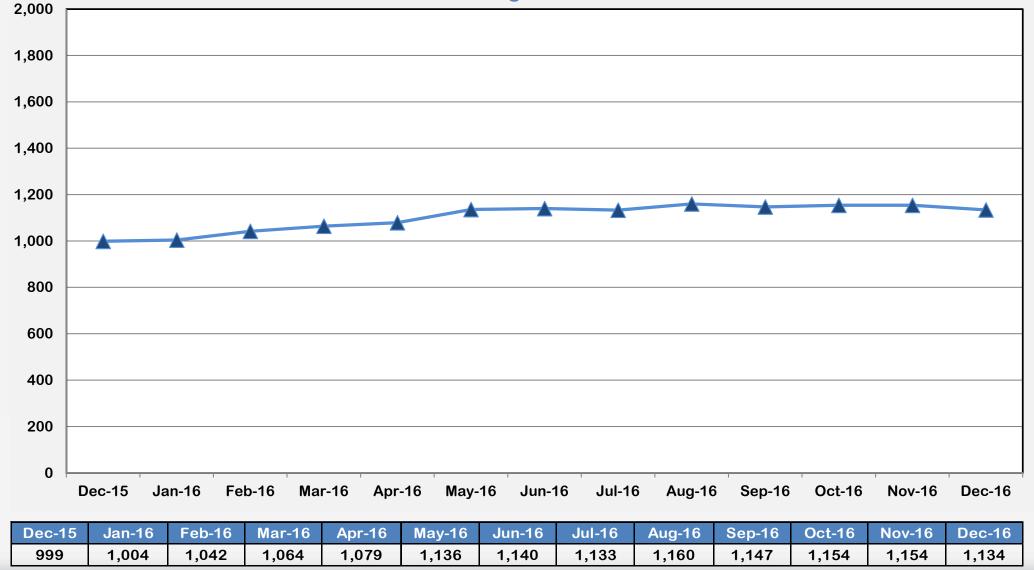




Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16
823	913	938	1,010	1,031	1,064	1,101	1,123	1,136	1,131	1,130	1,121	1,118

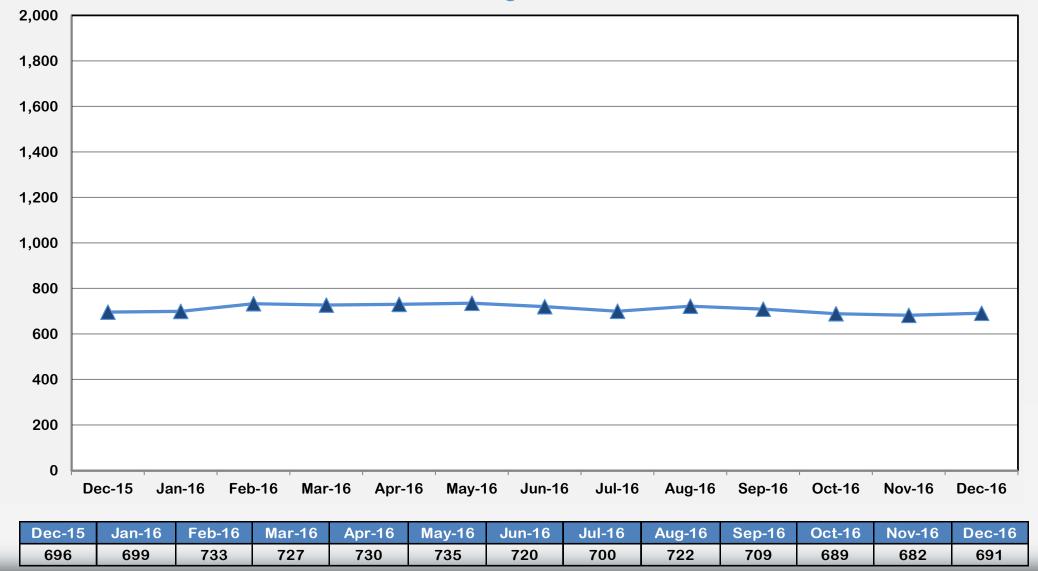






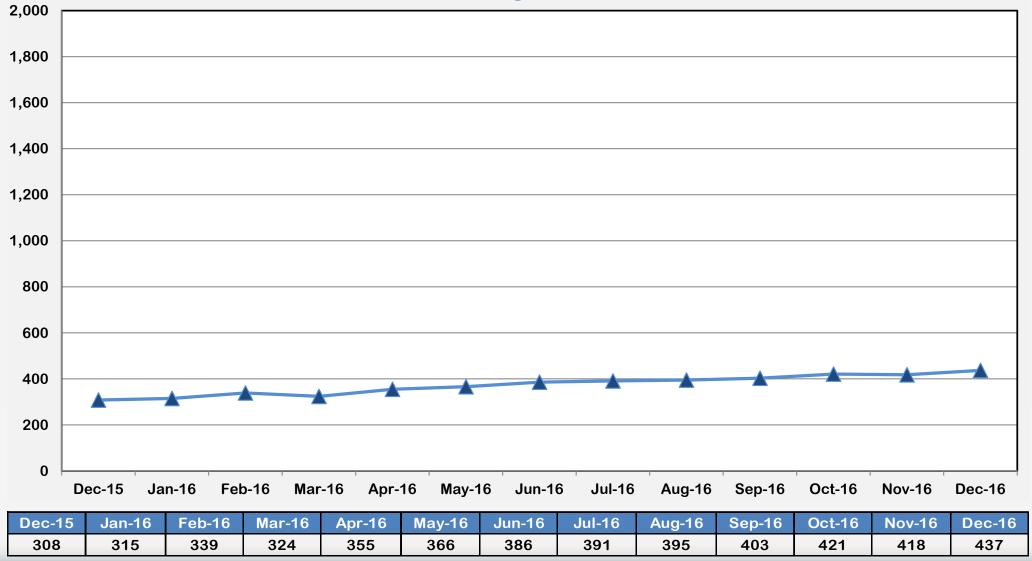


Region VI



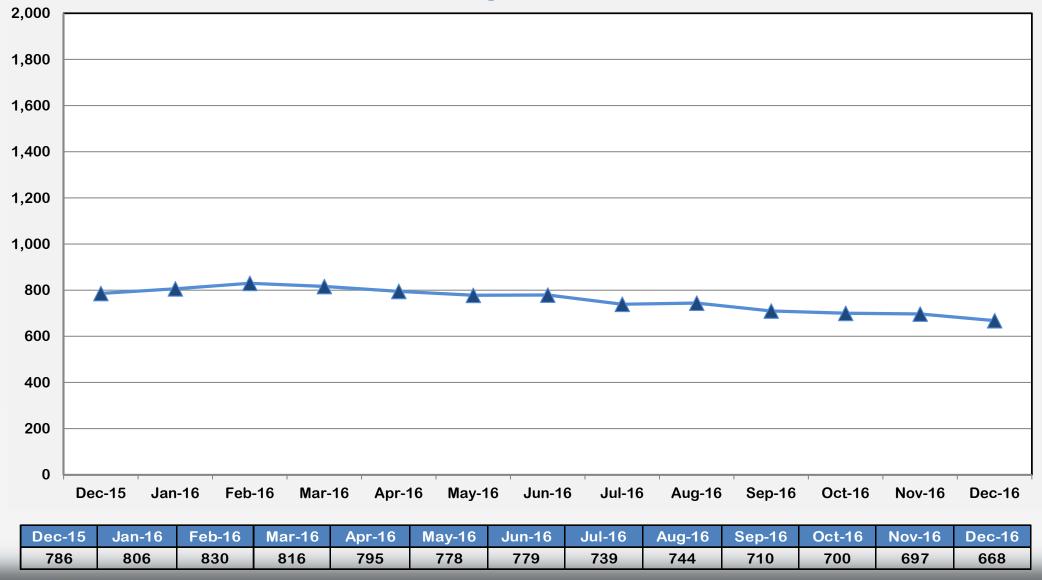


Region VII



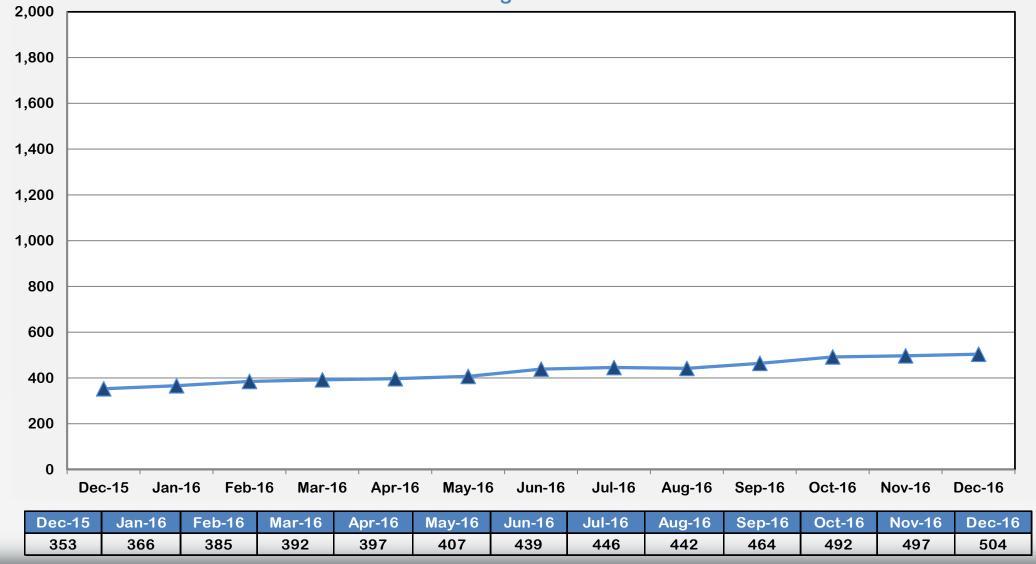


Region VIII





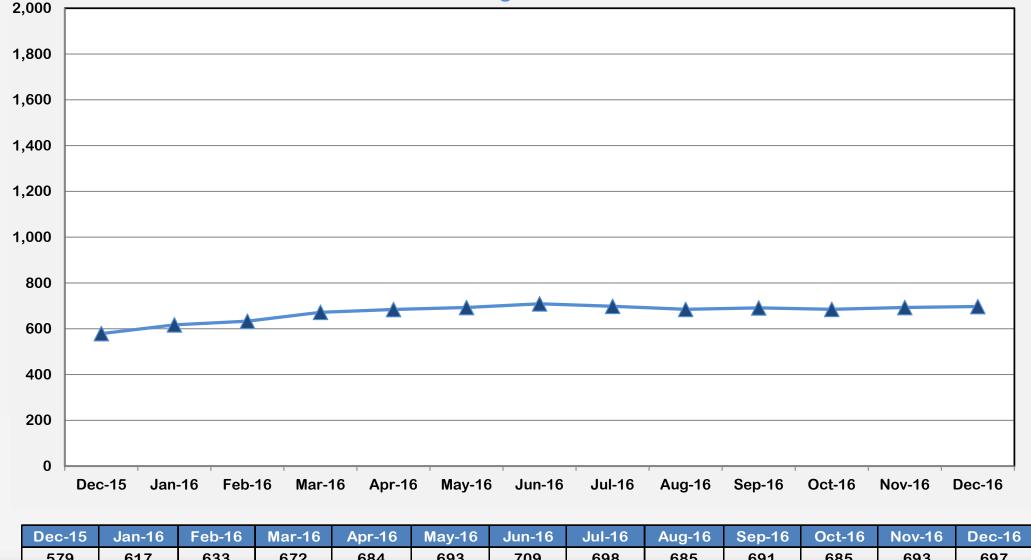






Outcome VI: Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (December 2015 – December 2016)



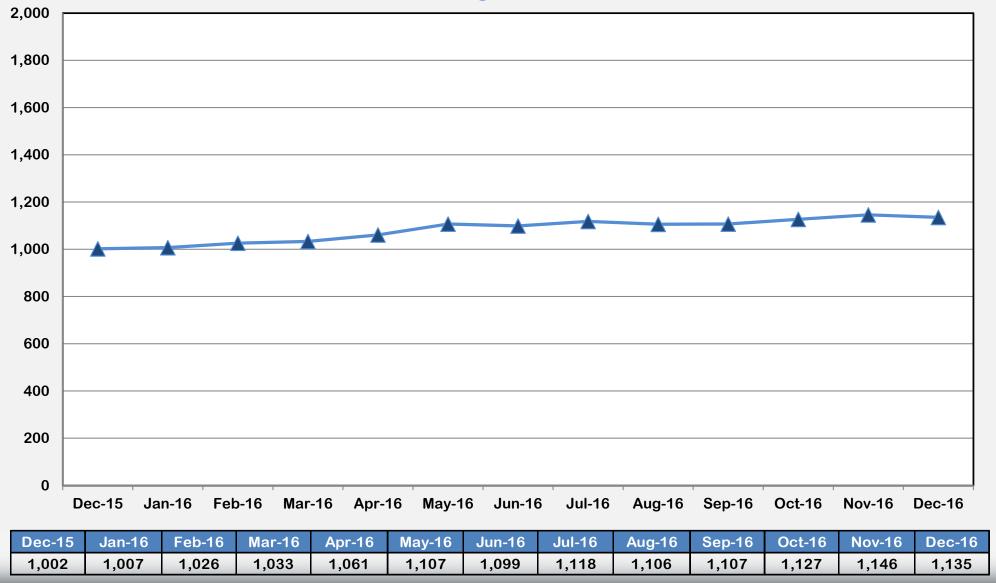


Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16
579	617	633	672	684	693	709	698	685	691	685	693	697



Outcome VI: Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (December 2015 – December 2016)

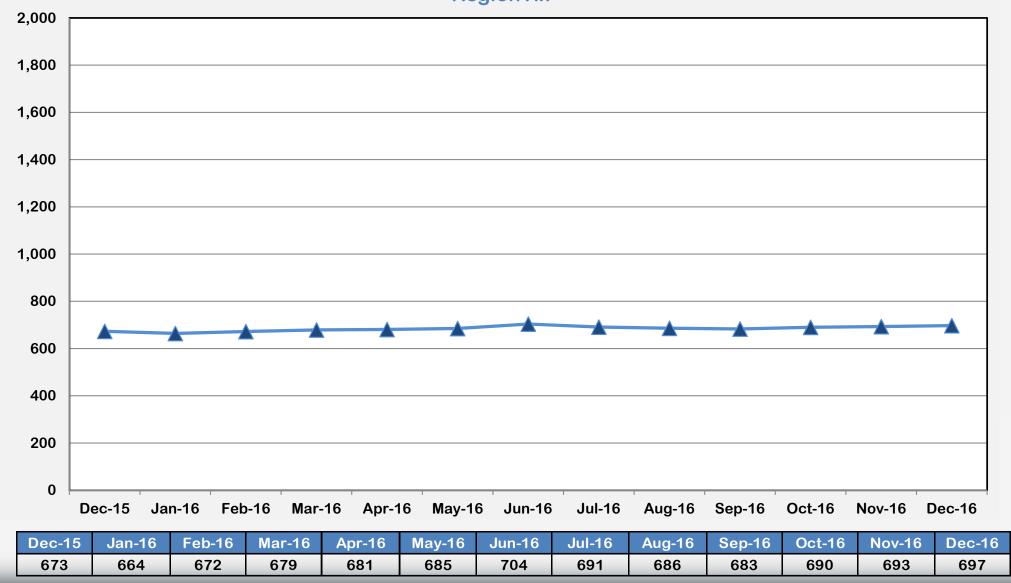
Region XI





Outcome VI: Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (December 2015– December 2016)

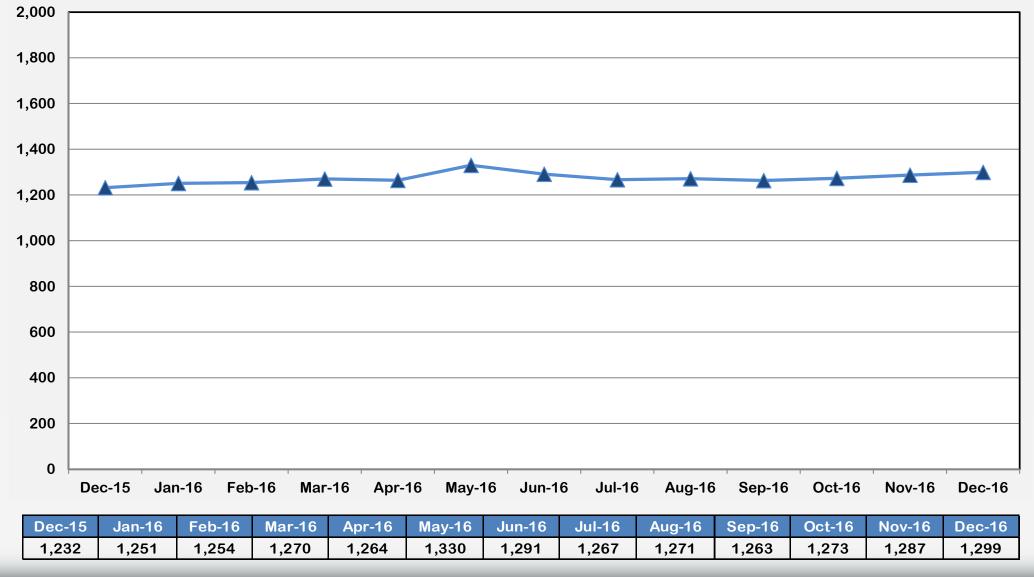
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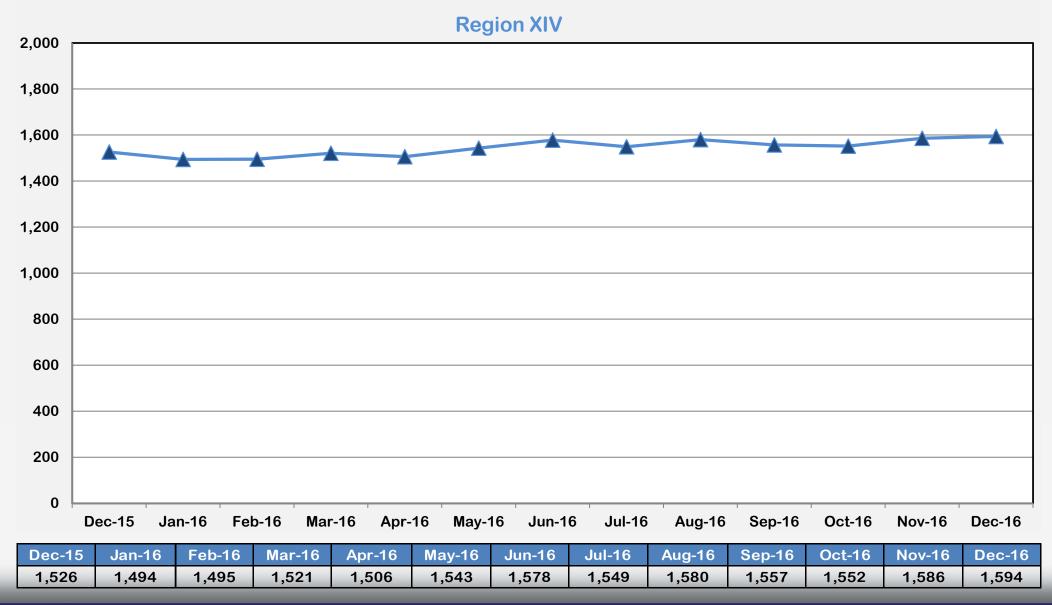
Outcome VI: Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (December 2015 – December 2016)

Region XIII





Outcome VI: Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (December 2015 – December 2016)





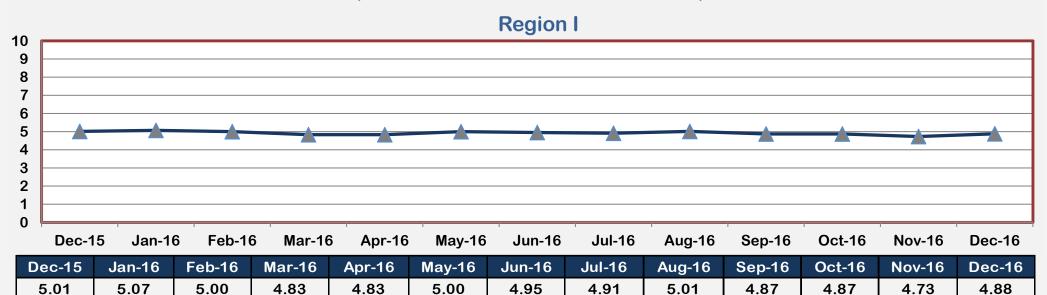
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Regional Graphs of Outcome XIII

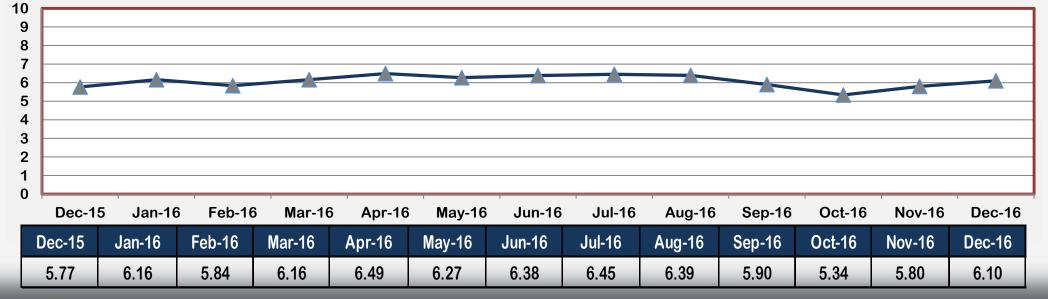
Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (December 2015 – December 2016)

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

Outcome XIII: Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (December 2015 – December 2016)

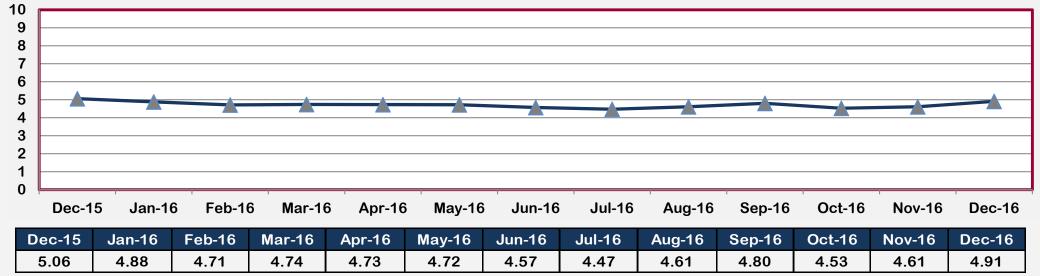


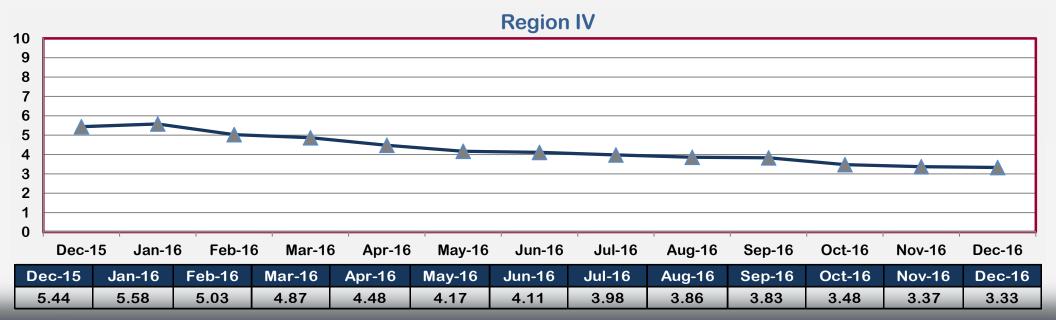
Region II





Outcome XIII: Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (December 2015 - December 2016) Region III

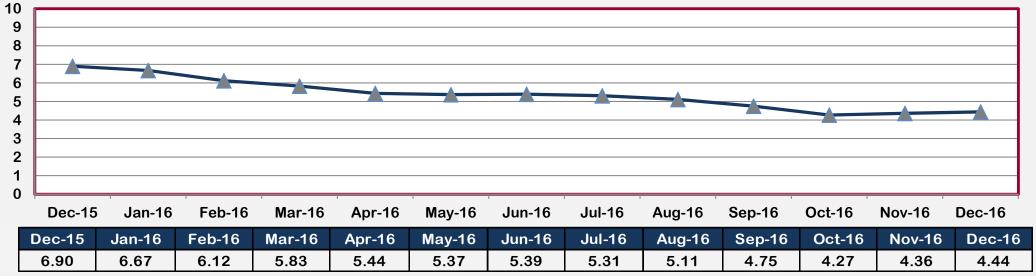




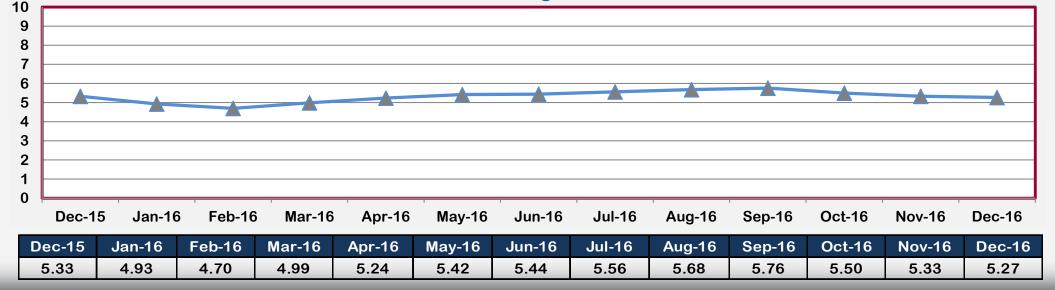


Outcome XIII: Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (December 2015 - December 2016)

Region V

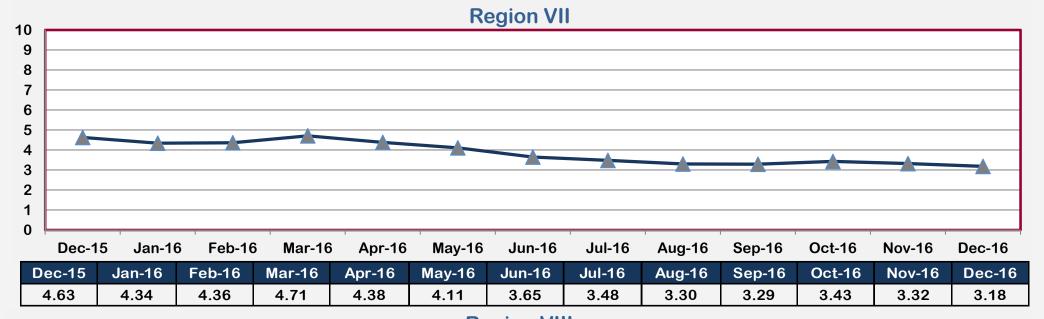


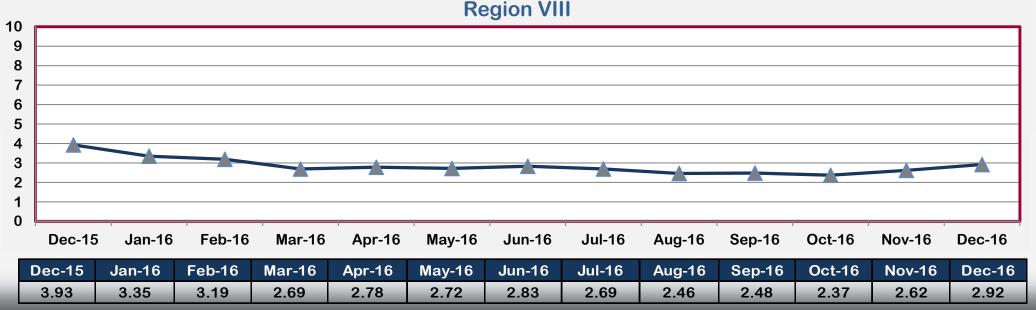
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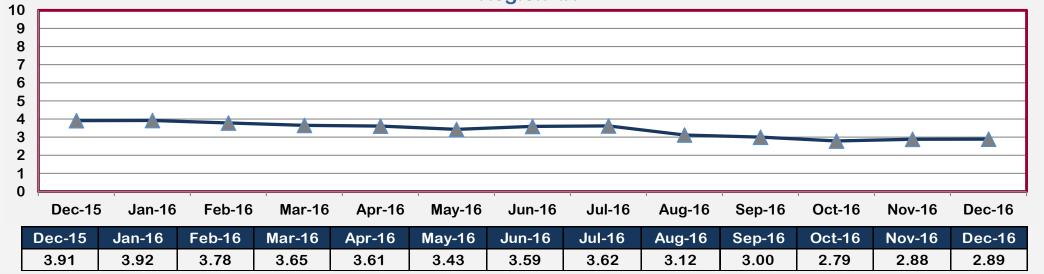
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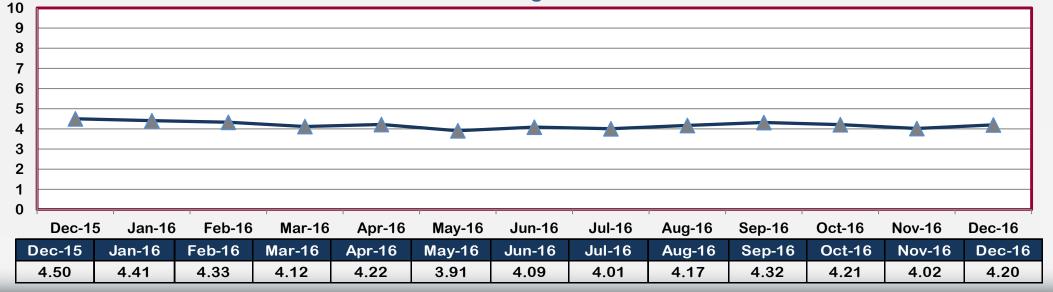




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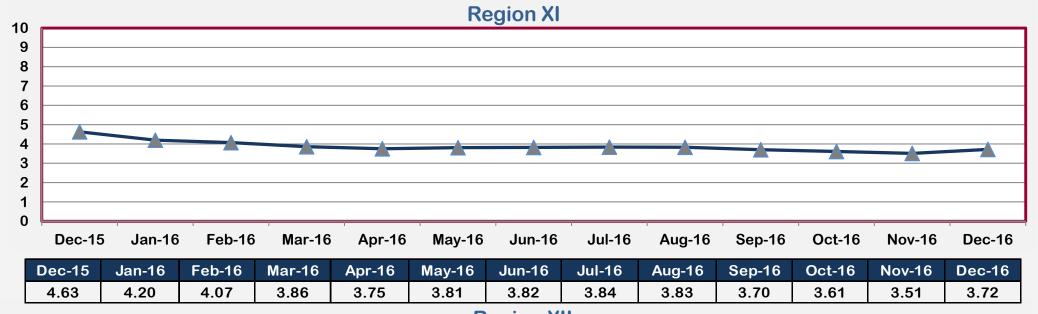


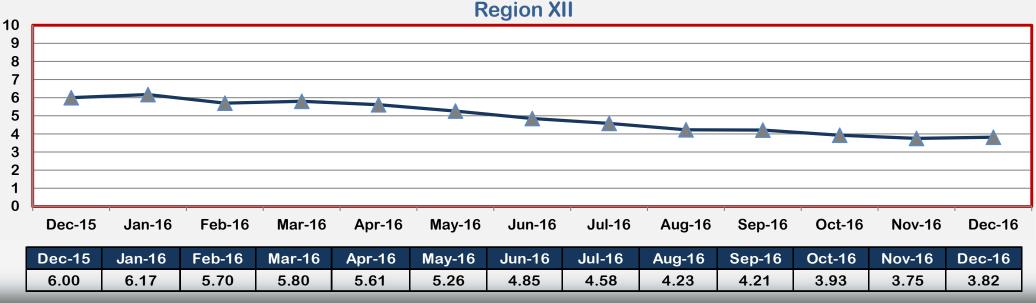
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