

# Georgia Division of Family & Children Services

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# Monthly Measures and Results for July 2017\*

\*(Reflects Safety Outcomes as of May 31, 2017 And Permanency Outcomes as of June 30, 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)

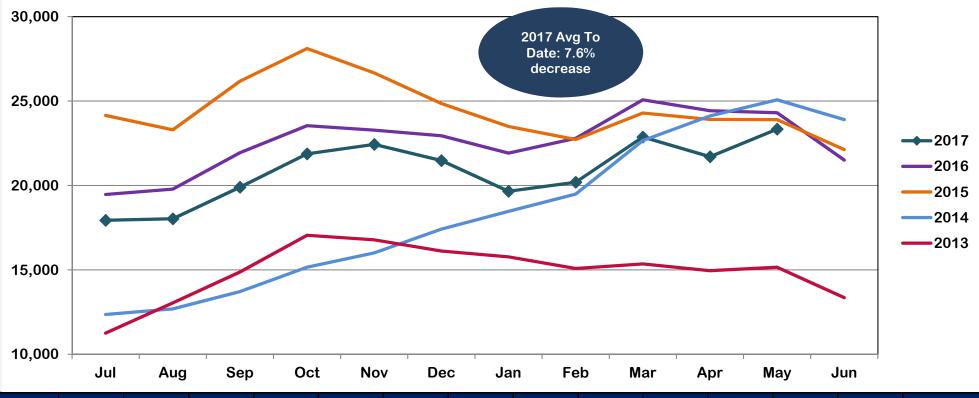
A calculated value based upon the ACF CFSR Round 3 which is part of Program Improvement. It is calculated from a rolling 12 month population of the entry cohort where the child remained in custody for over 8 days and was not 18 on the date of removal. The federal standard is 4.12. Source: SHINES

\*\*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)

During the month of May 2017, there was an increase in the overall total of cases of 7.5% since April 2017. The average for the state fiscal year 2017 reveals a 7.6% decrease since last state fiscal year. Comparatively, Georgia had 4% more cases last year in May 2016.

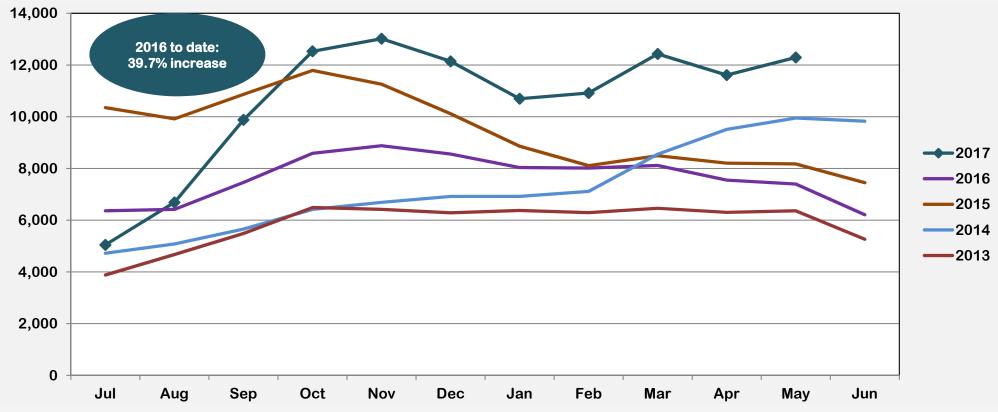


State	e FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Average	% Change
20	17	17,940	18,027	19,901	21,875	22,435	21,478	19,659	20,195	22,871	21,703	23,338		20,857	-7.6%
20	16	19,470	19,788	21,943	23,541	23,277	22,946	21,916	22,795	25,075	24,431	24,307	21,504	22,583	-7.7%
20	15	24,151	23,295	26,176	28,108	26,664	24,857	23,497	22,721	24,293	23,911	23,896	22,124	22,747	32.5%
20	14	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%
20	13	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%



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

Family Support cases increased during May 2017 by 5.8% since April 2017 showing a rebound in the decrease from March 2017 to April 2017. During SFY 2016, there was a decrease over the SFY 2015 average caseload of 19.4%. The State Fiscal Year 2017 to date trend reveals that Family Support Cases are being implemented with a 39.7% increase over SFY 2016 average caseload.

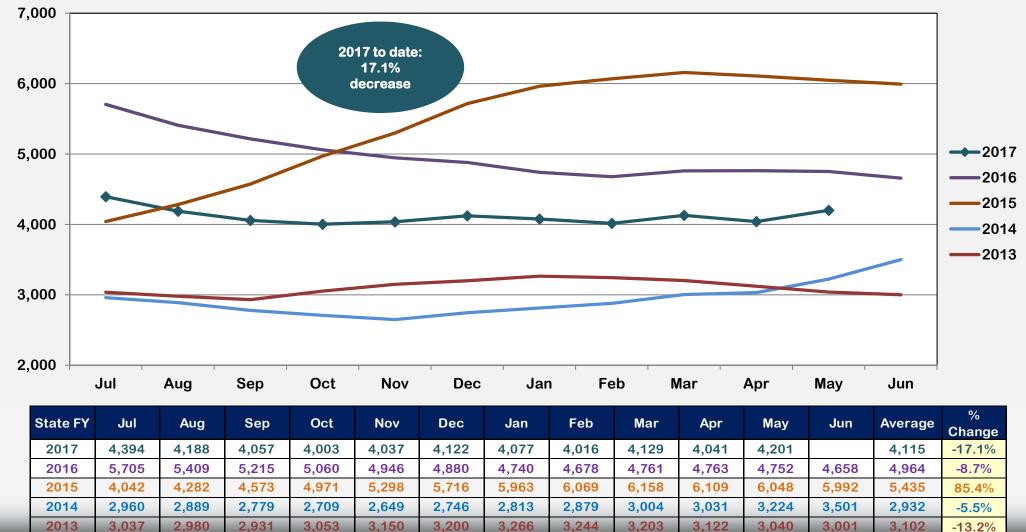


State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Average	% Change
2017	5,047	6,690	9,881	12,531	13,017	12,143	10,697	10,918	12,429	11,613	12,293		10,660	39.7%
2016	6,363	6,419	7,460	8,588	8,881	8,558	8,036	8,013	8,118	7,549	7,398	6,211	7,633	-19.4%
2015	10,354	9,919	10,866	11,791	11,259	10,117	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%



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

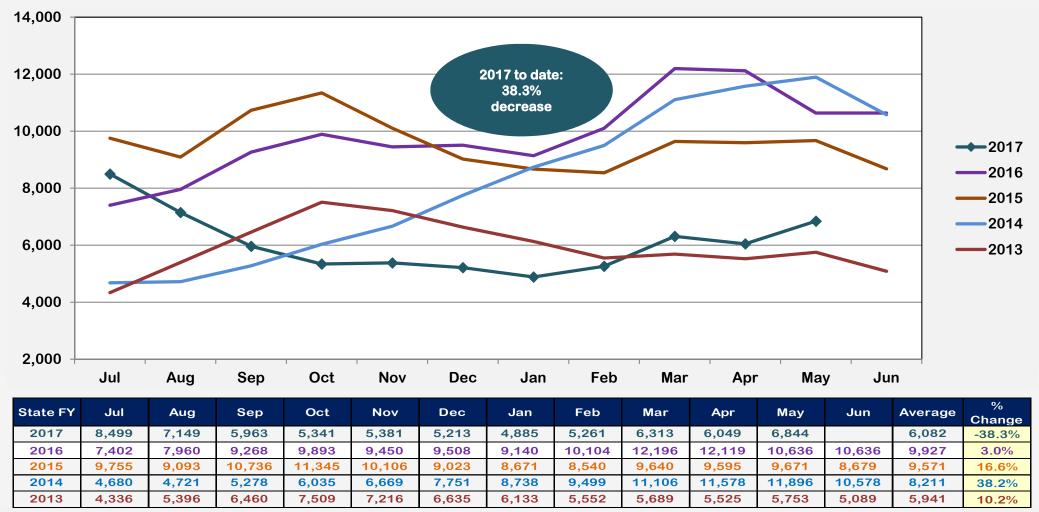
During May, there was a 4% increase in the number of Family Preservation cases since April 2017. Caseloads decreased from August 2016 – October 2016 with case counts remaining constant through April 2017. Currently, the SFY 2017 year to date average is 17.1% lower than SFY 2016's average. Both State Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 show a marked decrease in Family Preservation Cases since SFY 2015.





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

Investigation cases declined during the first half through the beginning of the second semester of SFY 2017 to date by 43%. A similar trend is seen from SFY 2013 – SFY 2017 of an increase from February – March. During May 2017, there was a 13% increase over April 2017 although the overall cases since SFY 2016 decreased by 38.3%





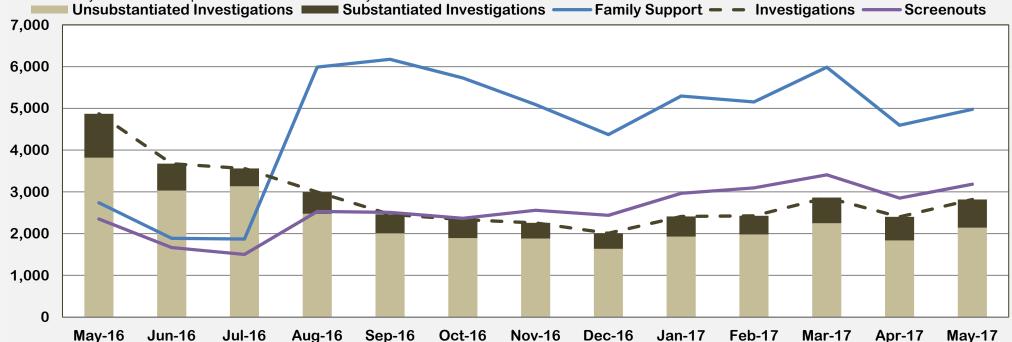
### Outcome II: Recurrence of Substantiated Child Maltreatment (May 2016 – May 2017)

The trend below reveals a decrease in the number of repeated substantiated incidents of child maltreatment. During May 2016, Georgia was above the national standard of 5.4%. One year later this value is reduced by over 50% reflecting many effective changes that have been implemented in Child Protective Services.



### Outcome III: Disposition of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (May 2016 – May 2017)

Of the CPS cases that had a disposition during the month of May 2017, 29% were screen outs, 45% were Family Support, and 26% were Investigations. Only 24% of the Investigations were substantiated. The overall yearly trend shows a jump in the number of Family Support cases in August 2016 and Screened Out cases. Conversely, total investigations declined during the first semester through December 2016, During the second semester Investigations increased through March 2017, followed by a decrease in April 2017 and a rebound in May 2017.

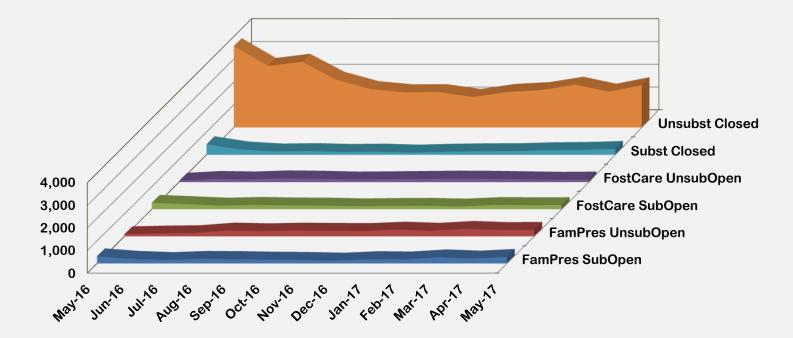


	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17
Family Support	2,740	1,887	1,869	5,990	6,175	5,729	5,092	4,372	5,297	5,155	5,987	4,596	4,979
Screenouts	2,350	1,666	1,502	2,530	2,508	2,368	2,560	2,439	2,965	3,097	3,409	2,850	3,185
Investigations	4,871	3,676	3,561	2,997	2,463	2,337	2,258	2,010	2,413	2,428	2,865	2,403	2,819
Substantiated Investigations	1,053	645	427	521	455	444	375	375	484	448	616	565	678
Unsubstantiated Investigations	3,818	3,031	3,134	2,476	2,008	1,893	1,883	1,635	1,929	1,980	2,249	1,838	2,141



### Outcome IV: Subsequent Case-Types of Investigations (May 2016 – May 2017)

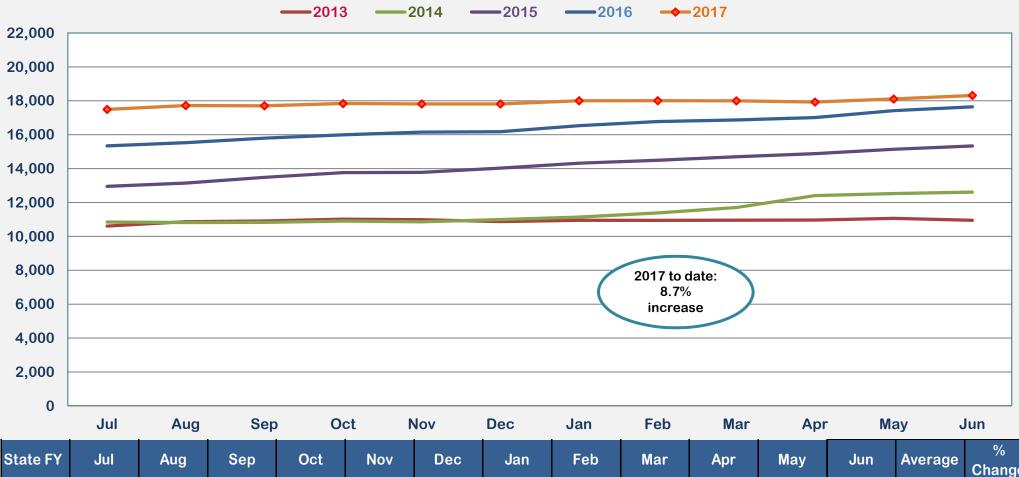
According to May's data, 20% of Investigations were subsequently opened as a Family Preservation case; 10% of Investigations were opened as a Foster Care case; and 70% of Investigations were closed.



	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17
FamPres SubOpen	320	207	154	208	196	171	160	128	194	182	275	219	295
FamPres UnsubOpen	96	129	145	262	229	260	246	240	303	251	335	283	292
FostCare SubOpen	290	230	165	198	173	166	135	149	156	125	192	183	187
FostCare UnsubOpen	61	140	119	166	149	115	125	141	154	147	125	104	114
Subst Closed	467	232	145	163	127	140	97	136	156	162	202	216	256
Unsubst Closed	3,572	2,704	2,886	2,097	1,687	1,546	1,553	1,342	1,561	1,642	1,879	1,573	1,859



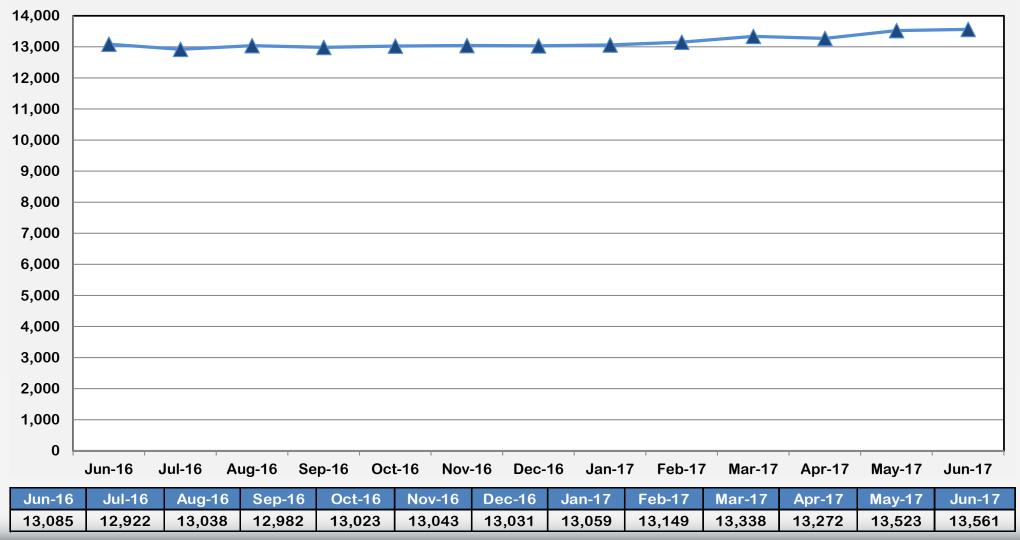
### Outcome V: Number of Children in Placement Services (State Fiscal Year 2017)



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2017	17,493	17,719	17,706	17,840	17,815	17,814	18,002	18,007	17,999	17,928	18,110	18,314	17,858	8.7%
2016	15,340	15,530	15,798	15,993	16,152	16,174	16,533	16,774	16,870	17,010	17,421	17,643	16,437	16.0%
2015	12,952	13,147	13,484	13,763	13,779	14,028	14,320	14,489	14,699	14,883	15,142	15,334	14,168	<b>24.1</b> %
2014	10,847	10,817	10,828	10,903	10,861	10,992	11,139	11,384	11,707	12,410	12,527	12,611	11,419	4.5%
2013	10,610	10,871	10,907	11,016	10,984	10,875	10,951	10,944	10,955	10,966	11,063	10,948	10,924	0.8%

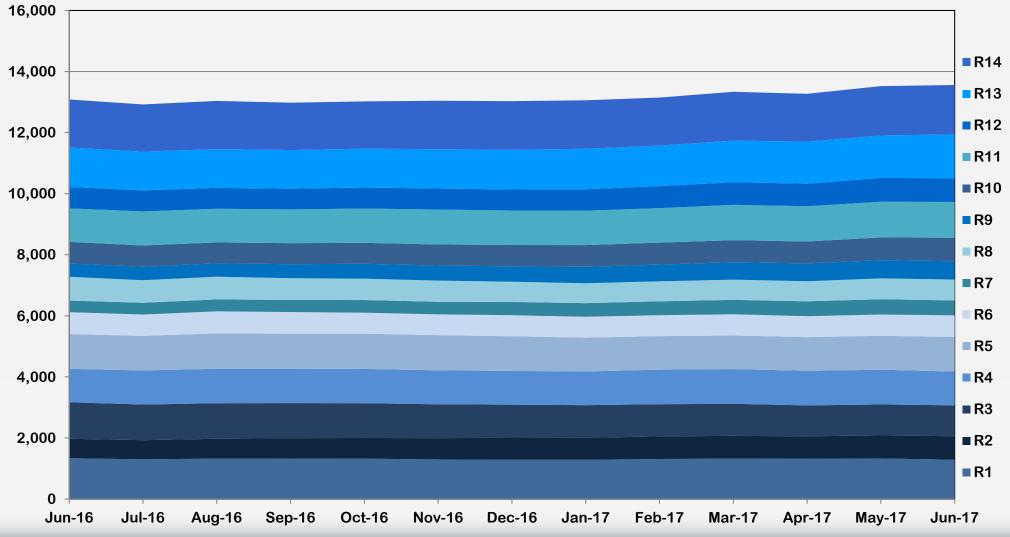


The number of children in foster care under the age of 18 increased to 13,561 during June 2017. The following slides reveal that there were 651 entries and 637 exits. On the last day of June 2017, there were 12,924 children in custody from this population. Of those who entered custody during the month, thirty-seven children (5.7%) children had a prior episode within 12 months.





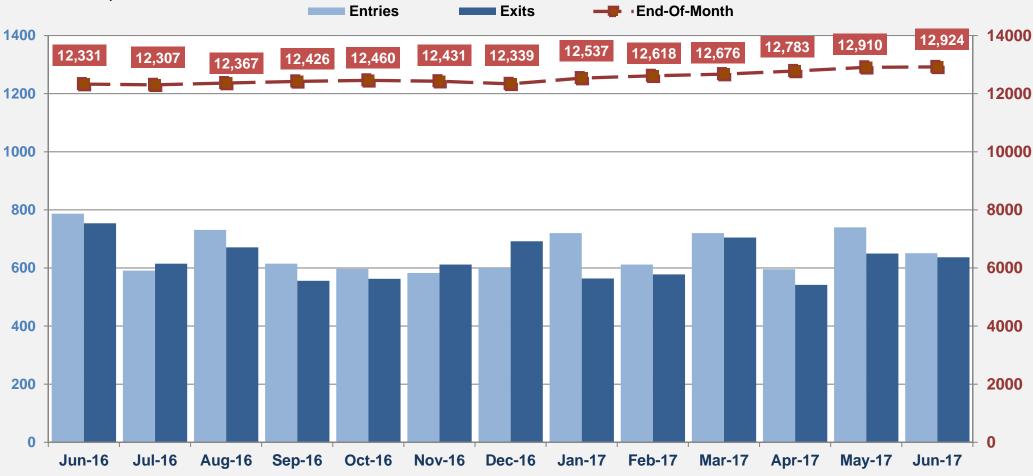
The number of children in Foster Care under the age of 18 during June 2017 was 13,561. Visually, you can see that Region 14 has the highest proportion of children in custody at any point in time. During June 2017, Region 14 had 1,617 children in DFCS custody followed by Region 13 with 1,435 children and Region 1 with 1,289 children. (for regional trends, see appendix).





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

Multiple trends can be seen in this graph. There was a decrease in the number of entries and exits in June 2017. there was a only net gain of 14 children removed from the home and placed into foster care during June 2017 versus those who were discharged. The overall population of the last day of the month had a slight increase of 14 children from May 2017 to June 2017.



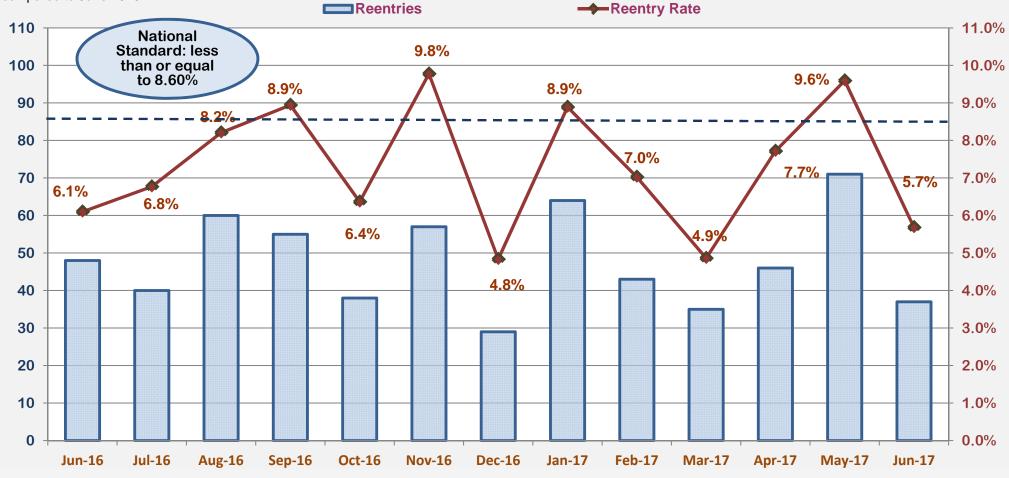
Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17
787	591	731	615	597	583	600	720	612	720	596	740	651
754	615	671	556	563	612	692	564	578	705	542	650	637



### Outcome VII: Foster Care Re-Entries

#### (June 2016 – June 2017)

Reentries into foster care improved during December 2016 followed by a spike revealing that the number of re-entries increased. Although there was an increase in the number of re-entries during January of over 100%, the number of entries also increased which allowed the rate to remain below the standard. The re-entry rate and number of reentries for June 2017 (5.7%) decreased compared to April 2017's ratio of 9.6%. The number and proportion of re-entries to entries decreased during June 2017 compared to June 2016.

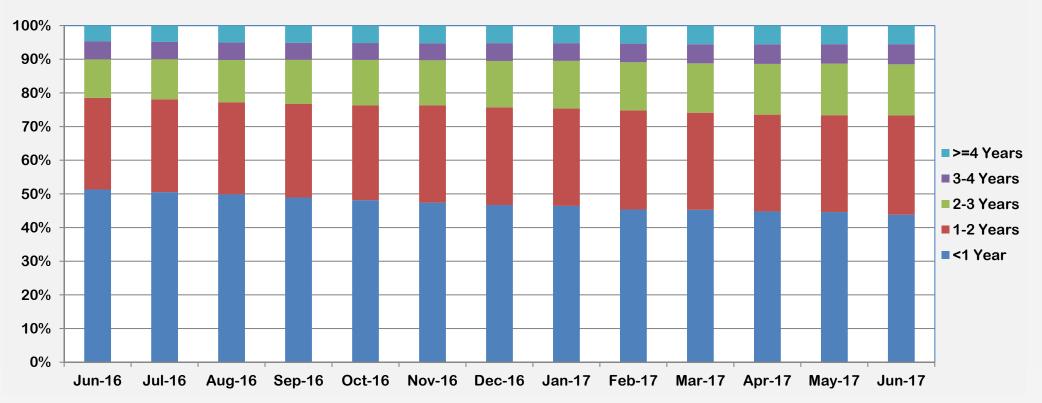


Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17
48	40	60	55	38	57	29	64	43	35	46	71	37
6.1%	6.8%	8.2%	<b>8.9</b> %	6.4%	9.8%	4.8%	8.9%	7.0%	4.9%	7.7%	9.6%	5.7%



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

During the month of June 2017, the length of stay among the foster care populations remained close to May 2017. Comparison of the trend from last June 2016 reveals that there are higher proportion of children who are staying in care for longer than 12 months.

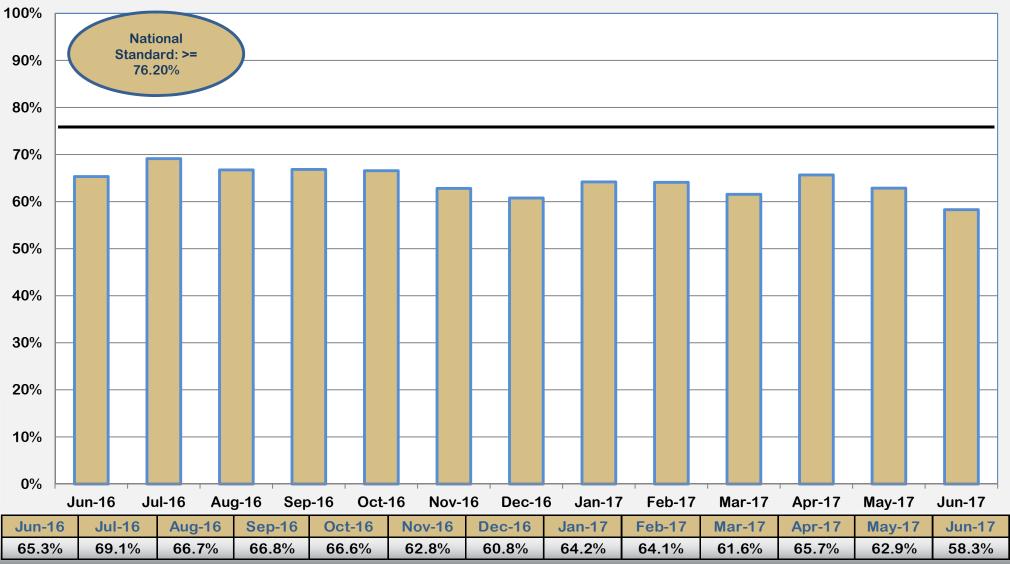


	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17
>=4 Years	4.7%	<b>4.8</b> %	<b>5.0%</b>	5.1%	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>5.2</b> %	<b>5.2</b> %	<b>5.2</b> %	<b>5.3</b> %	5.5%	5.5%	<b>5.5</b> %	5.5%
3 - <4 Years	5.3%	5.1%	5.2%	5.0%	5.0%	5.1%	5.3%	5.3%	5.5%	5.7%	<b>5.9</b> %	5.8%	6.0%
2 - <3 Years	11.5%	11.9%	12.6%	13.1%	<b>13.6</b> %	13.4%	13.8%	14.2%	14.3%	14.7%	15.0%	15.3%	15.2%
1 - <2 Years	27.2%	<b>27.6</b> %	27.3%	27.8%	<b>28.1</b> %	28.9%	29.0%	<b>28.9</b> %	29.4%	28.8%	28.8%	28.8%	29.5%
<1 Year	51.3%	50.5%	49.9%	48.9%	<b>48.2</b> %	47.4%	46.7%	46.4%	45.4%	45.3%	44.8%	44.6%	43.8%



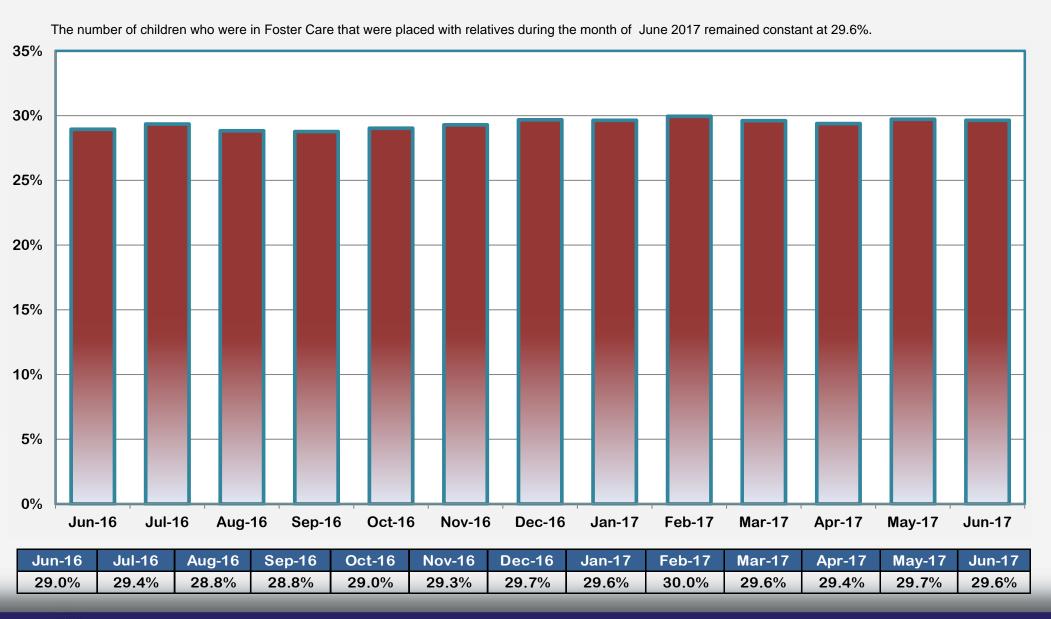
### Outcome IX: Length of Time to Reunification (June 2016 – June 2017)

The number of children who reunified within 12 months decreased to 58.3% during the month of June 2017. This proportion is significantly lower than last June's proportion of 65.3%.



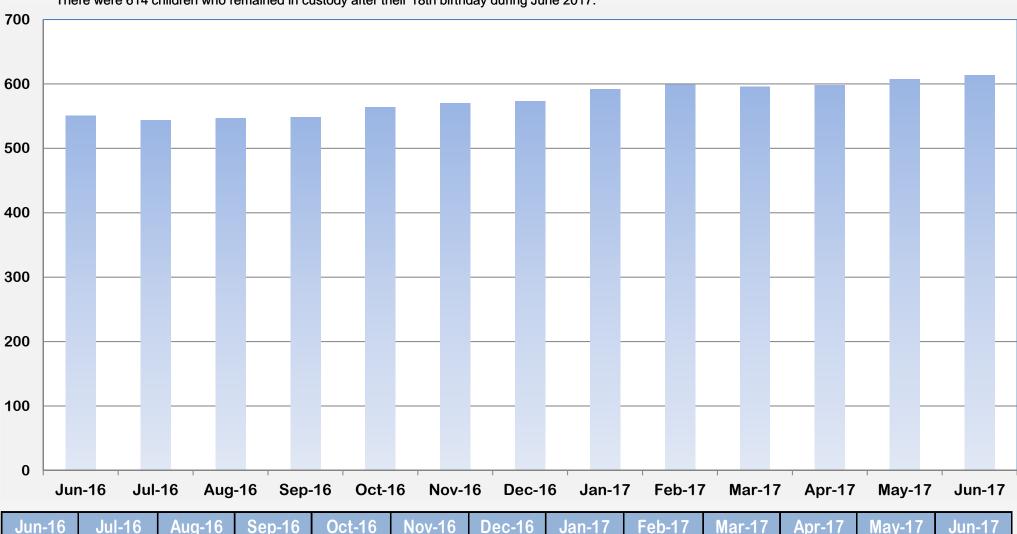


### Outcome X: Percent of Children Placed with Relatives (June 2016 – June 2017)





### Outcome XI: Extended Youth Services (June 2016 – June 2017)



There were 614 children who remained in custody after their 18th birthday during June 2017.

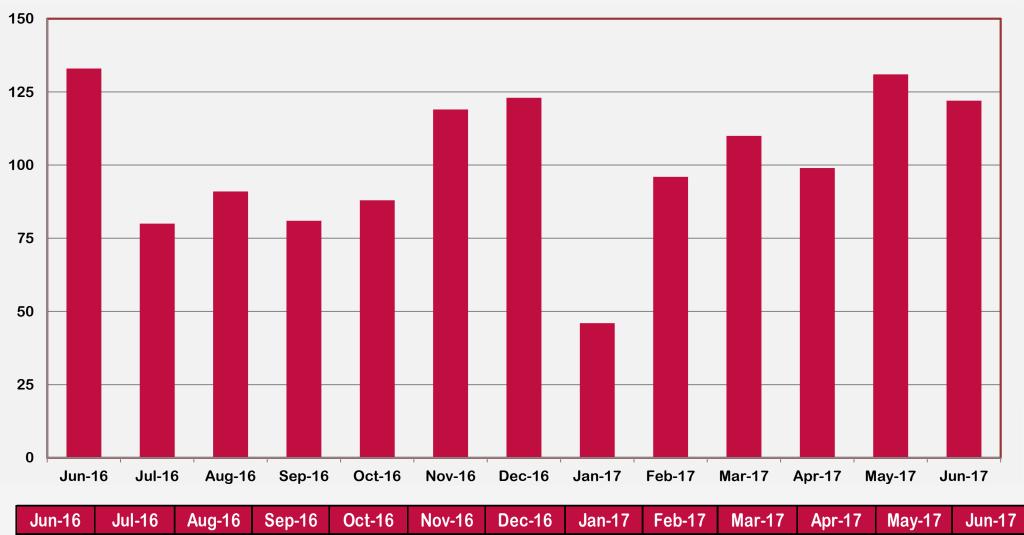


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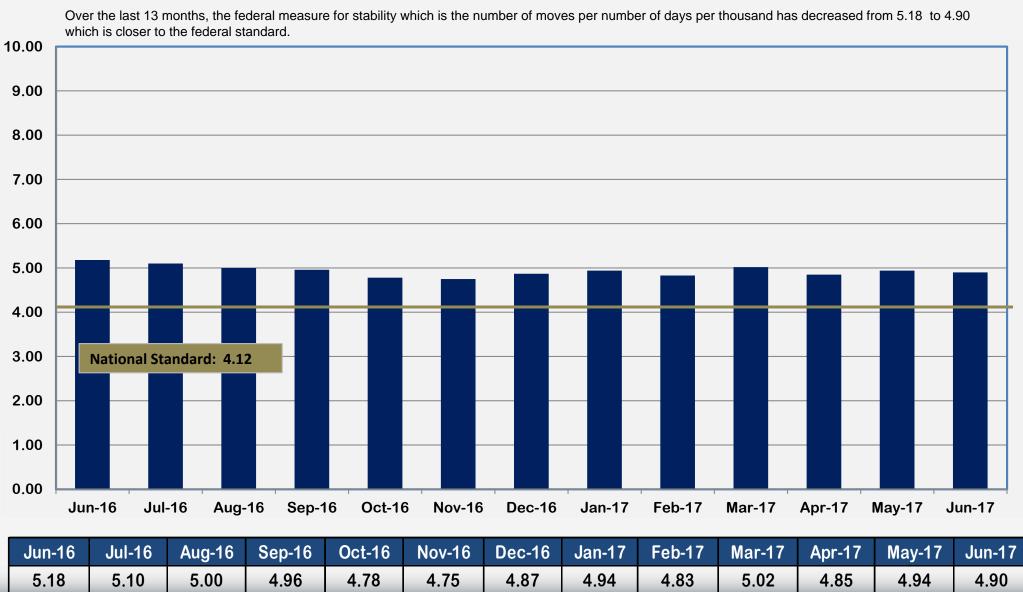
### Outcome XII: Number of Finalized Adoptions (June 2016 – June 2017)

There were 122 foster children adopted during June 2017. This represents a 8% decrease in finalizations compared to June 2016.

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



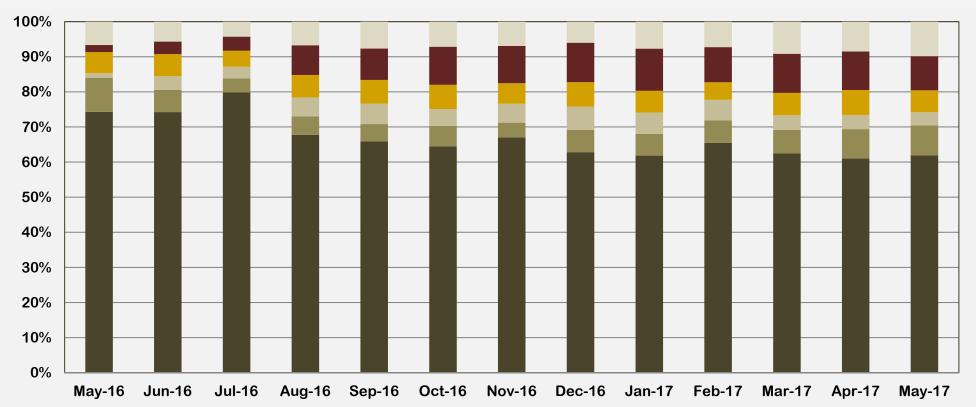


# Appendices



### Appendix A

Outcome IV: Subsequent Case-Type of Investigations by Disposition (May 2016 – May 2017)



	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17
Fam. Pres SubOpen	6.7%	5.7%	4.3%	6.7%	7.7%	7.1%	6.9%	6.0%	7.7%	7.3%	<b>9.1</b> %	8.5%	9.8%
FamPres UnsubOpen	2.0%	3.5%	4.0%	8.5%	8.9%	10.8%	10.6%	11.2%	12.0%	10.0%	11.1%	11.0%	9.7%
FostCare SubOpen	6.0%	6.3%	4.6%	6.4%	6.8%	6.9%	5.8%	7.0%	6.2%	5.0%	6.4%	7.1%	6.2%
FostCare UnsubOpen	1.3%	3.8%	3.3%	5.4%	5.8%	4.8%	5.4%	6.6%	6.1%	5.9%	4.2%	4.0%	3.8%
Subst Closed	9.7%	6.4%	4.0%	5.3%	5.0%	5.8%	4.2%	6.4%	6.2%	6.5%	6.7%	8.4%	8.5%
Unsubst Closed	74.3%	74.2%	79.9%	67.8%	65.9%	64.5%	67.1%	62.8%	61.8%	65.4%	62.5%	61.0%	61.9%



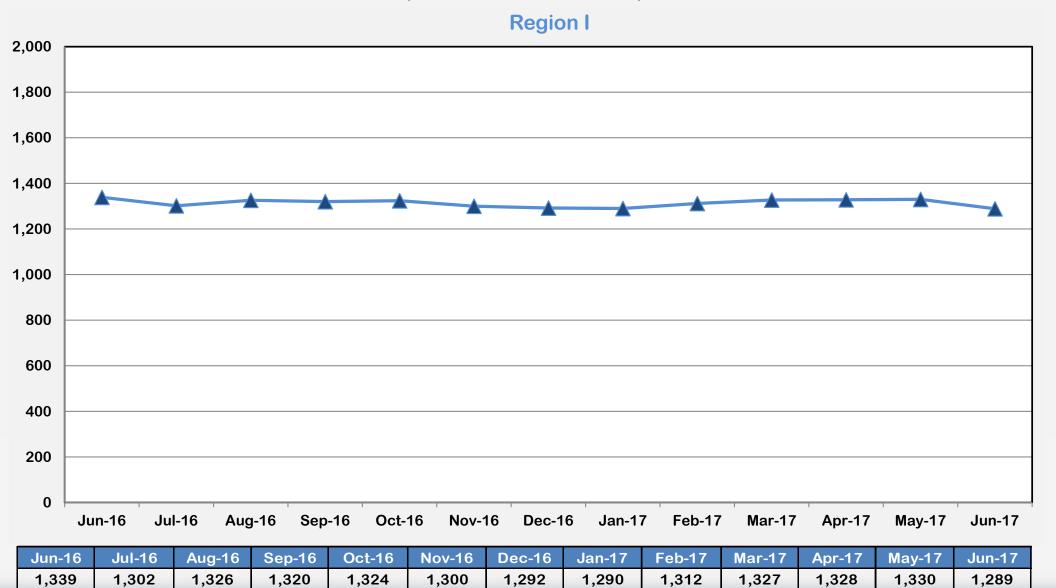


### **Regional Graphs of Outcome VI**

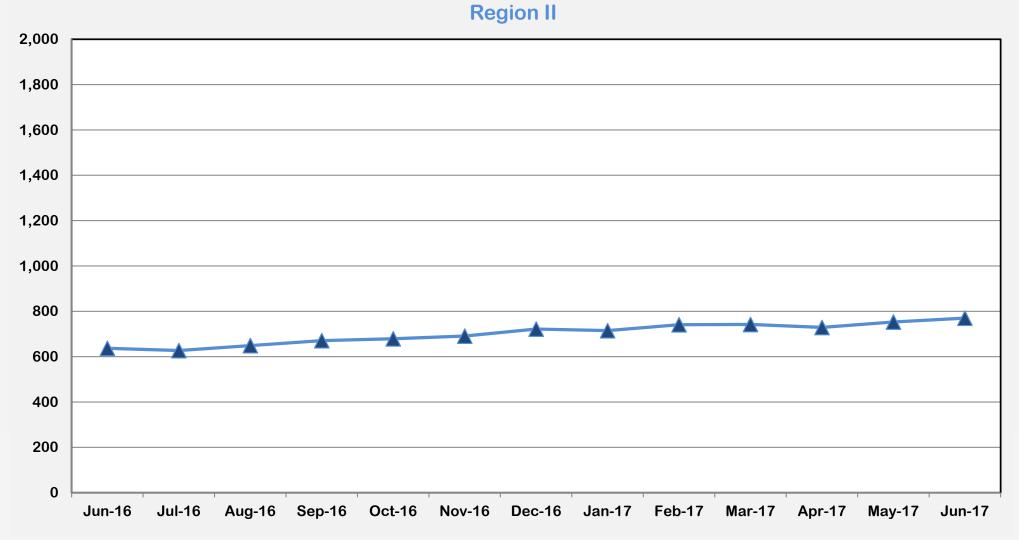
### Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (June 2016 – June 2017)



Outcome VI: Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (June 2016 – June 2017)



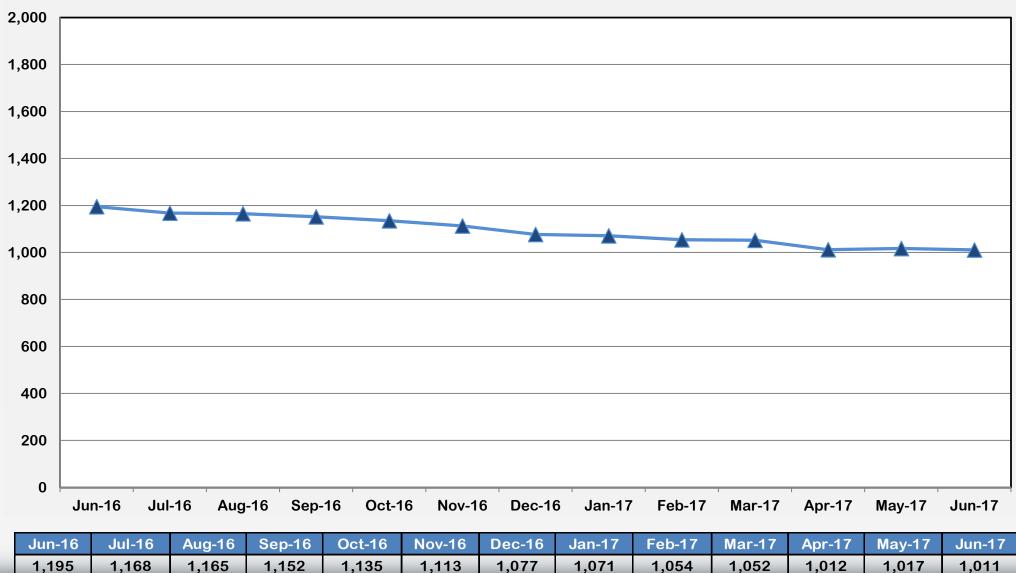




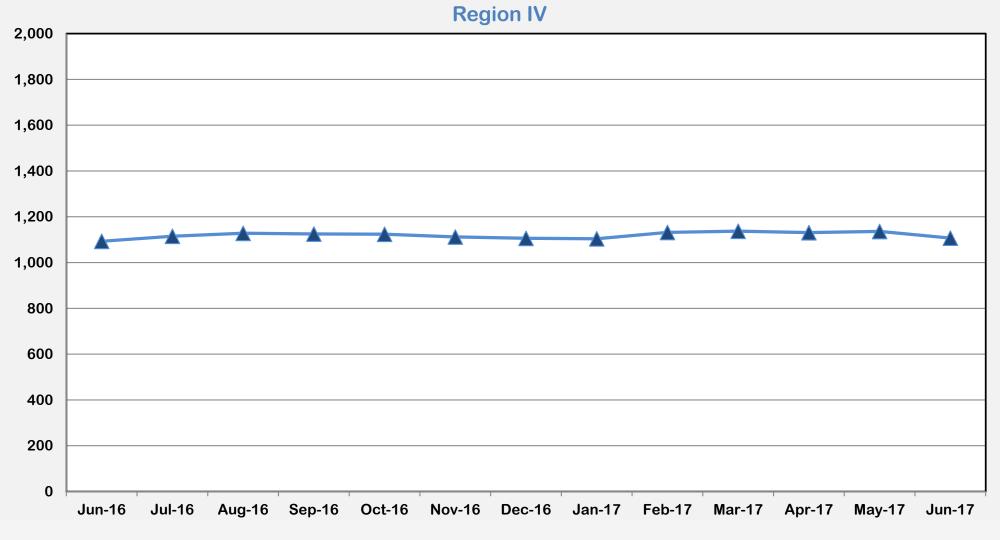
Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17
637	627	649	671	679	691	722	715	741	742	729	753	770



**Region III** 

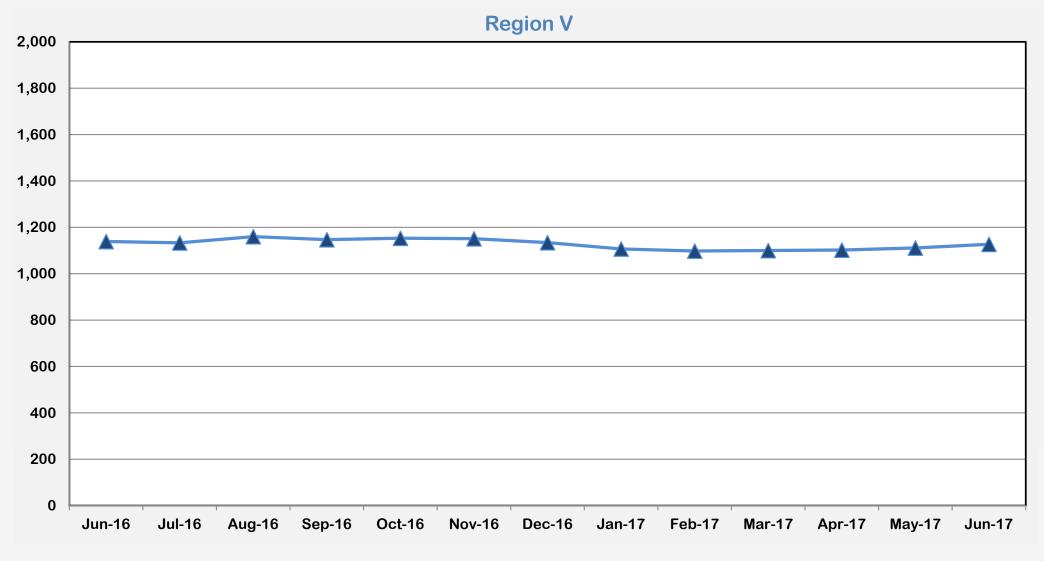






Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17
1,093	1,115	1,128	1,125	1,124	1,112	1,106	1,104	1,132	1,137	1,131	1,136	1,107

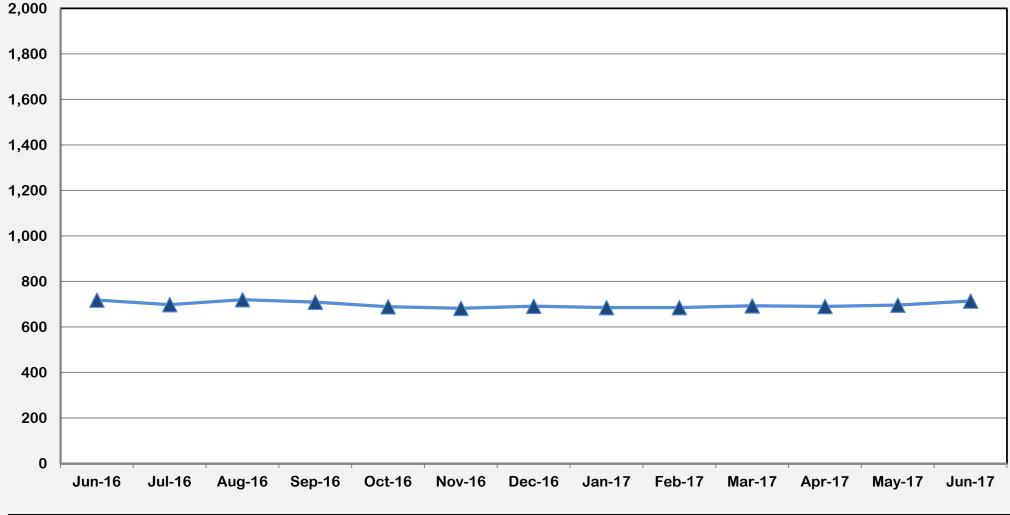




Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17
1,139	1,133	1,160	1,147	1,153	1,151	1,134	1,107	1,098	1,100	1,102	1,111	1,127

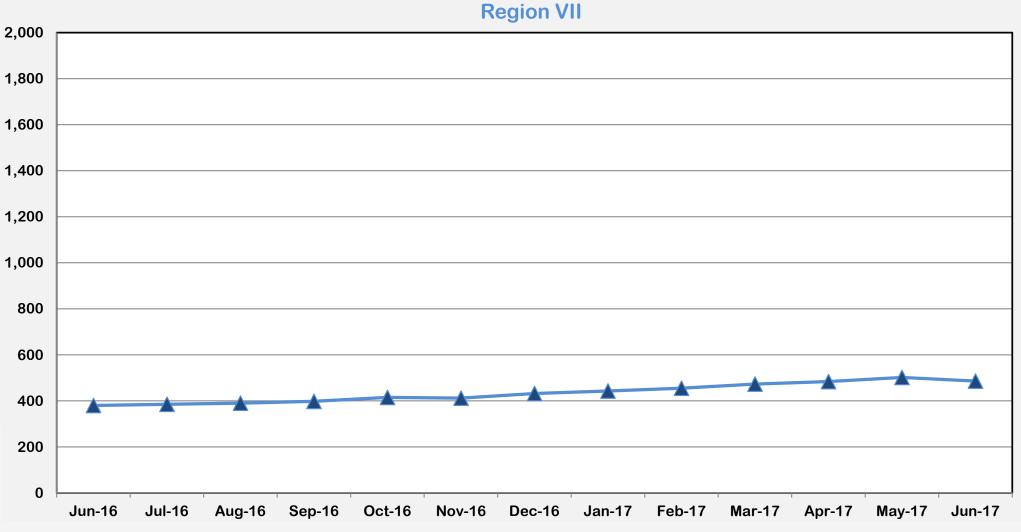


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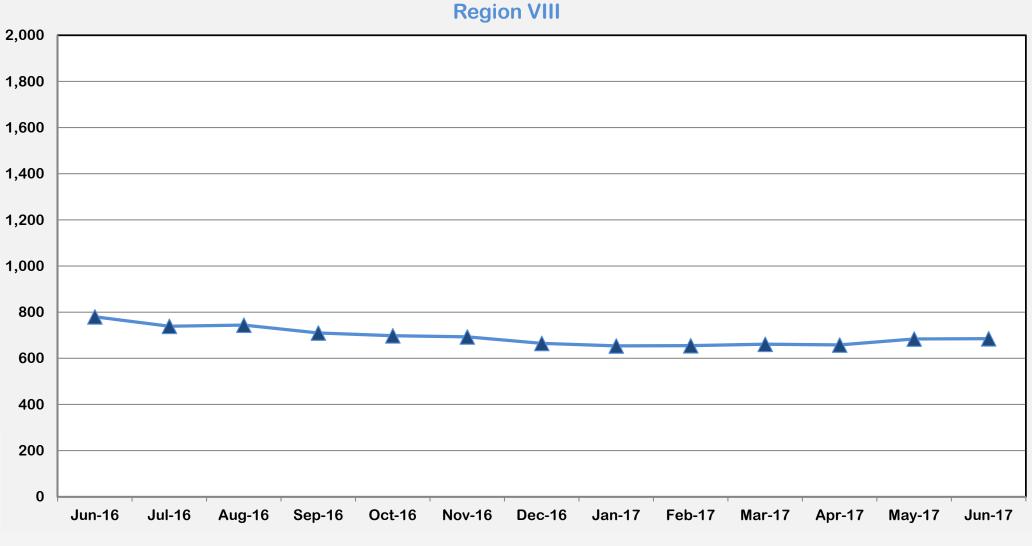
Jun-1	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17
718	698	720	709	689	682	691	685	685	693	690	696	714





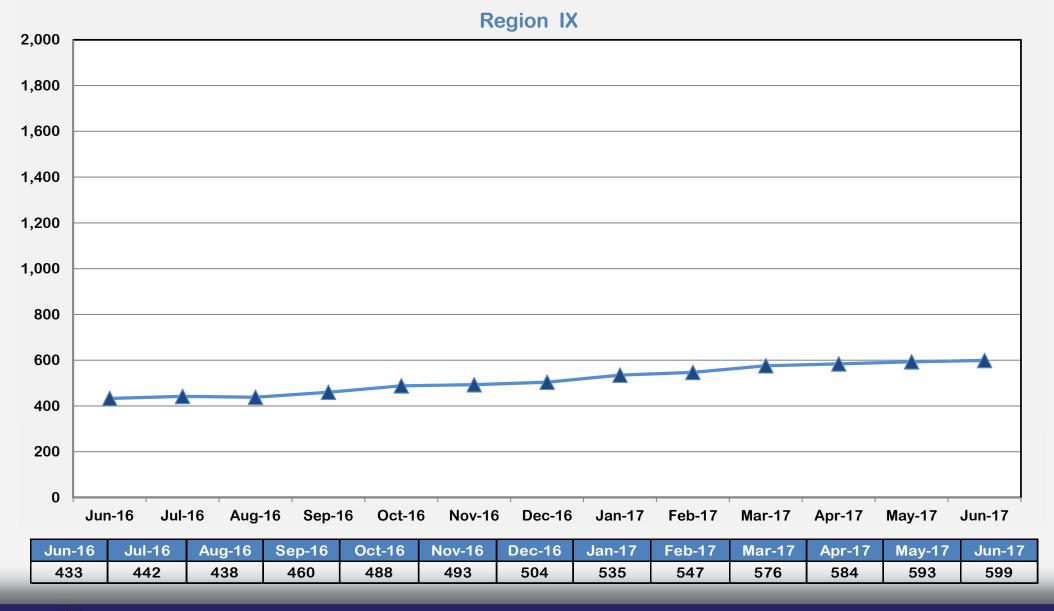
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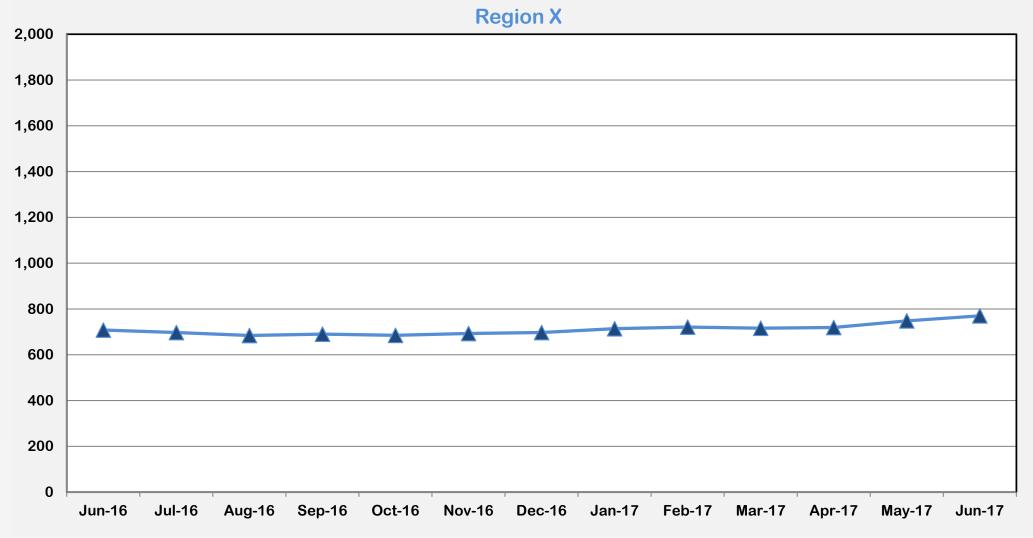


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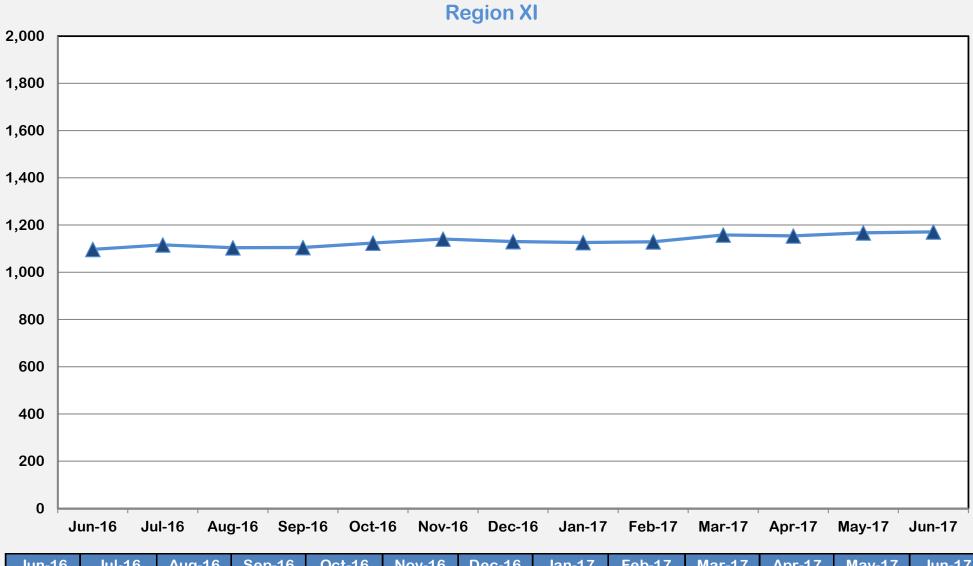






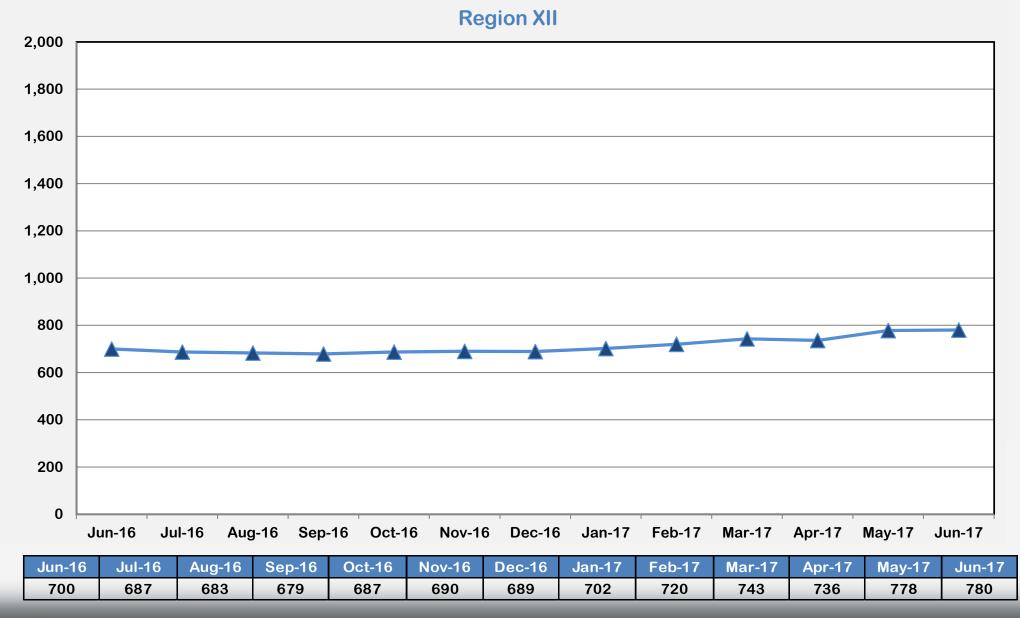
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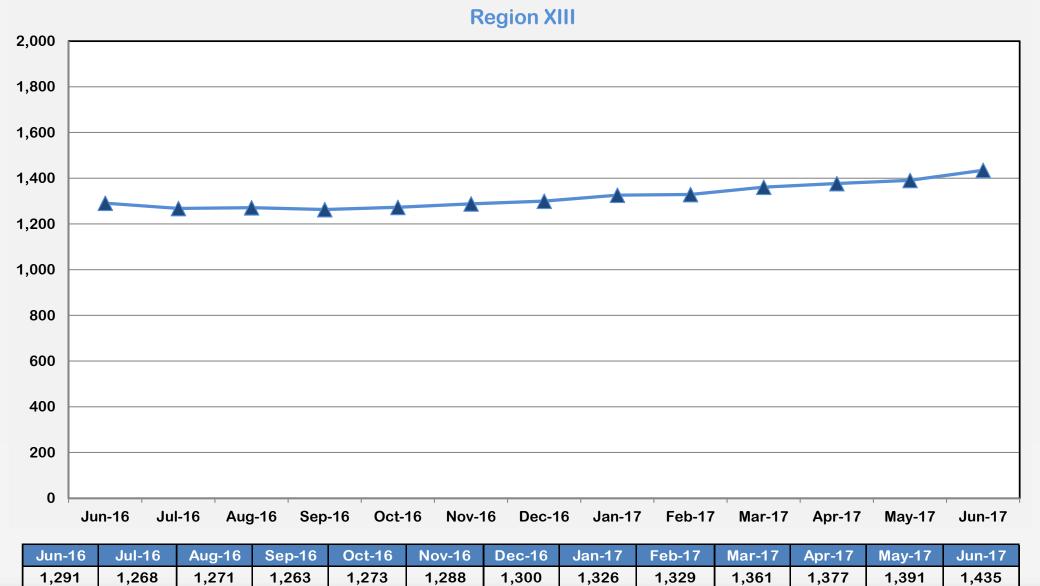


Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17
1,097	1,116	1,104	1,105	1,124	1,141	1,130	1,126	1,129	1,158	1,154	1,167	1,171

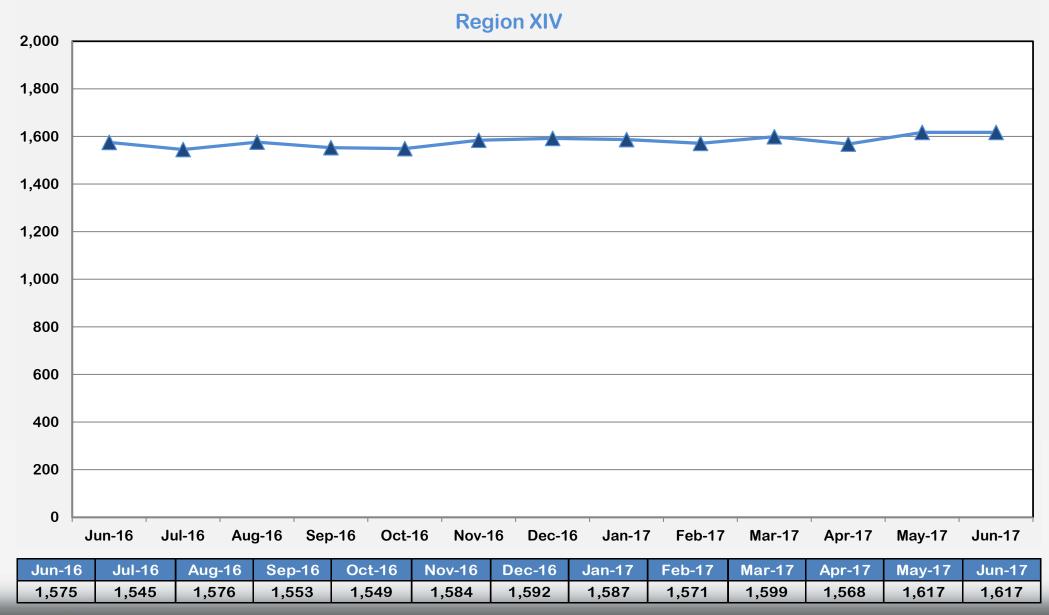
















### **Regional Graphs of Outcome XIII**

### Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (June 2016 – June 2017)

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



#### Outcome XIII: Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (June 2016 – June 2017)

#### **Region I**



**Region II** 

5.12

5.14

5.41

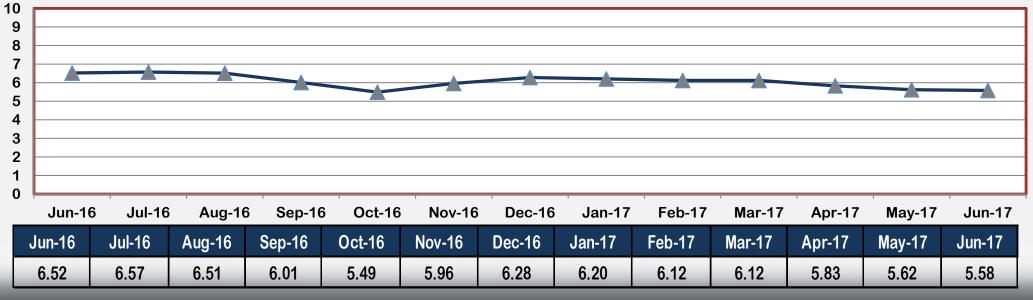
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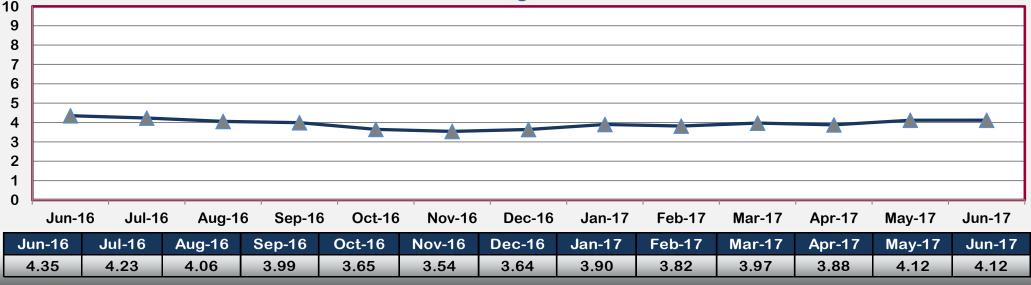
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### Outcome XIII: Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (June 2016 - June 2017) Region III



Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17
4.59	4.48	4.62	4.86	4.57	4.66	5.08	4.98	4.93	5.40	5.00	5.06	4.88

#### **Region IV**

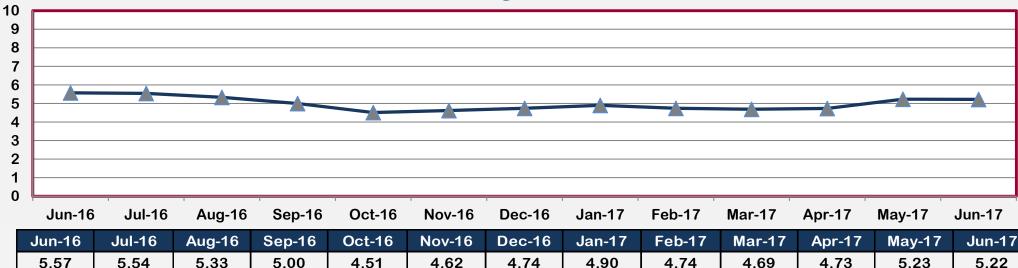




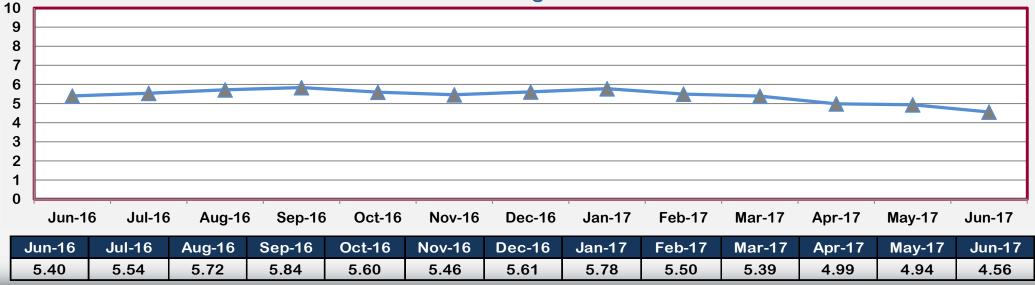
### Outcome XIII: Placement Stability Performance Coefficient

(June 2016 - June 2017)

**Region V** 



**Region VI** 

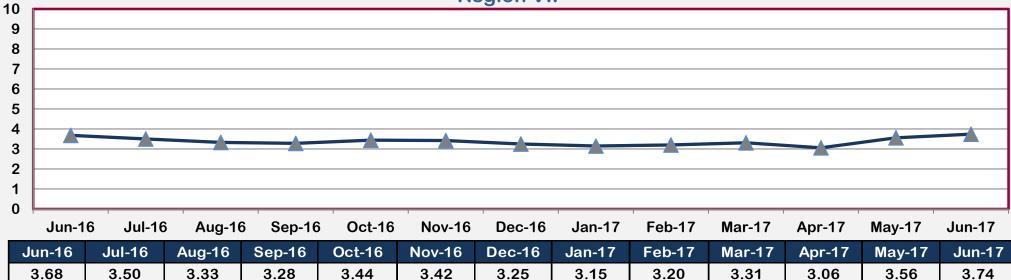




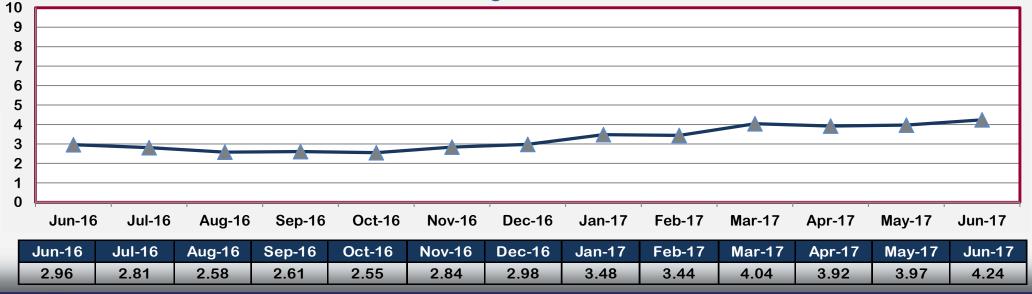
### Outcome XIII: Placement Stability Performance Coefficient

(June 2016 - June 2017)





**Region VIII** 



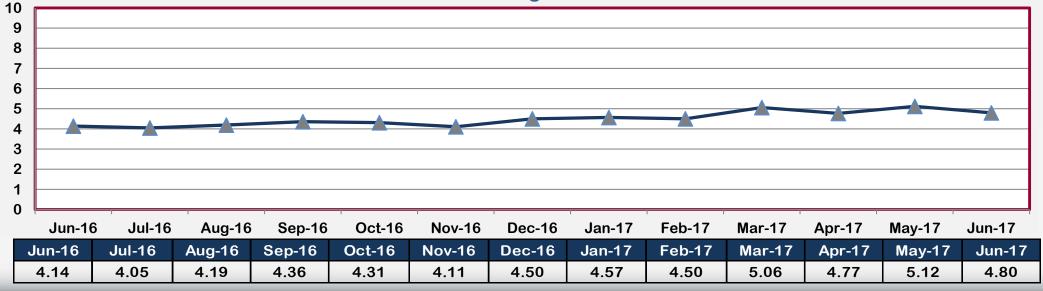


### Outcome XIII: Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (June 2016 - June 2017)

**Region IX** 

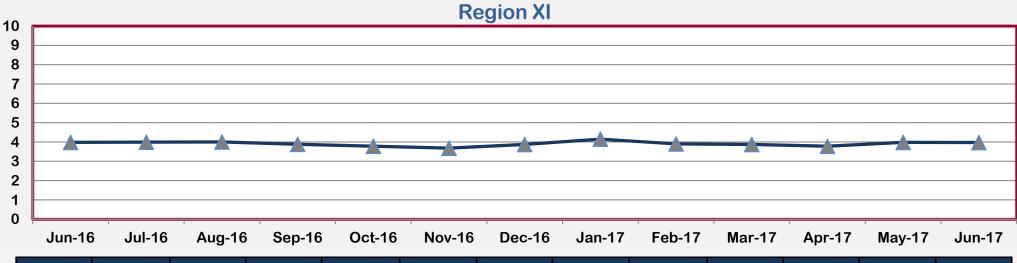


**Region X** 





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



Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17
3.98	3.99	4.00	3.88	3.78	3.68	3.87	4.15	3.90	3.87	3.78	3.98	3.97

**Region XII** 

