

Georgia Division of Family & Children Services

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Monthly Measures and Results for June 2017*

*(Reflects Safety Outcomes as of April 30, 2017 And Permanency Outcomes as of May 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)

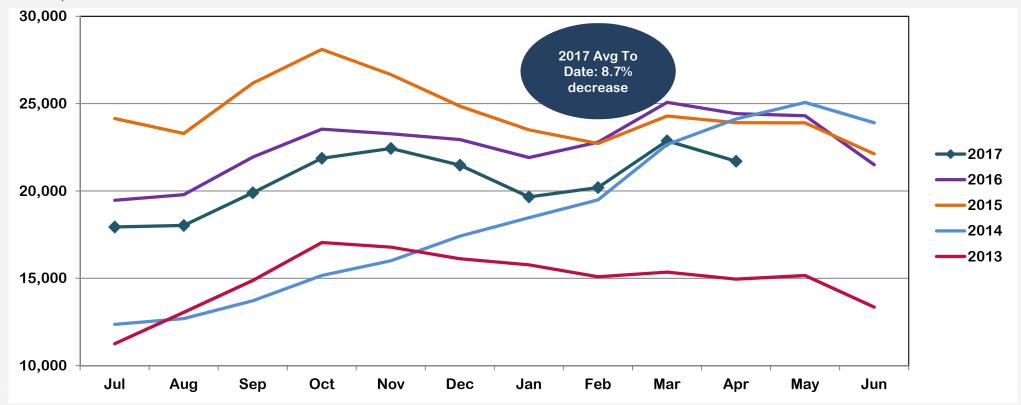
A calculated value based upon the ACF CFSR Round 3 which is part of Program Improvement. It is calculated from a rolling 12 month population of the entry cohort where the child remained in custody for over 8 days and was not 18 on the date of removal. The federal standard is 4.12.

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)

During the month of April 2017, there was an decrease in the overall total of cases of 5% from March 2017. The average for the state fiscal year 2017 reveals a 8.7% decrease since last state fiscal year. Comparatively, Georgia has an 11% decrease since last April 2016. Similarly, the trend increases from January to March in SFY 2014, SFY 2016, and SFY 2017.

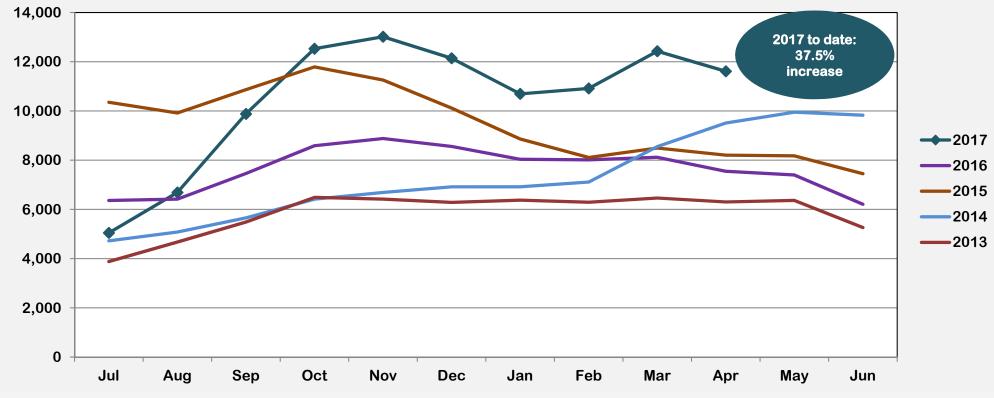


State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Average	% Increase
2017	17,940	18,027	19,901	21,875	22,436	21,478	19,659	20,195	22,871	21,703			20,609	-8.7%
2016	19,470	19,788	21,943	23,541	23,277	22,946	21,916	22,795	25,075	24,431	24,307	21,504	22,583	-7.7%
2015	24,151	23,295	26,176	28,108	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%



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

Family Support cases decreased during April 2017 close to the second quarter cases during October – December 2016. 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 37.5% increase over SFY 2016 average caseload.

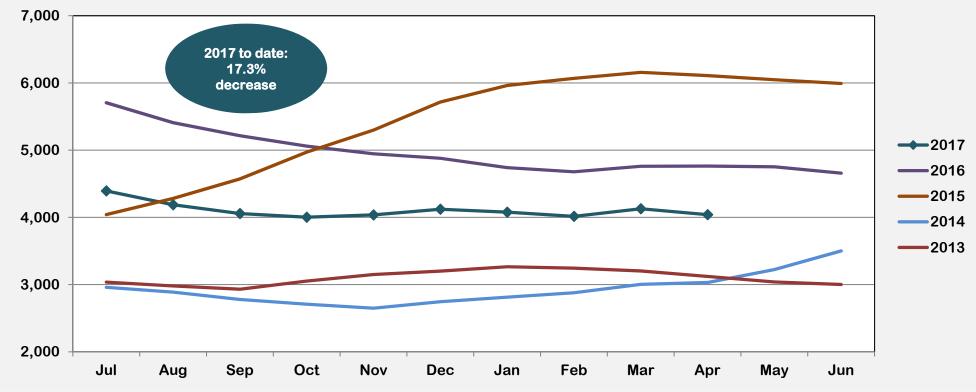


State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Average	% Increase
2017	5,047	6,690	9,881	12,531	13,017	12,142	10,696	10,917	12,428	11,613			10,496	37.5%
2016	6,363	6,419	7,460	8,588	8,881	8,558	8,036	8,013	8,118	7,549	7,398	6,211	7,633	-19.4%
2015	10,354	9,919	10,866	11,791	11,259	10,117	8,862	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%



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

Family Preservation cases decreased from August 2016 – October 2016. The trend since August has remained within relative limits by not exceeding caseloads from August 2016 which witnessed a decline. Currently, the SFY 2017 year to date average is 17.3% lower than SFY 2016's average. State Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 show a marked decrease in Family Preservation Cases since SFY 2015.

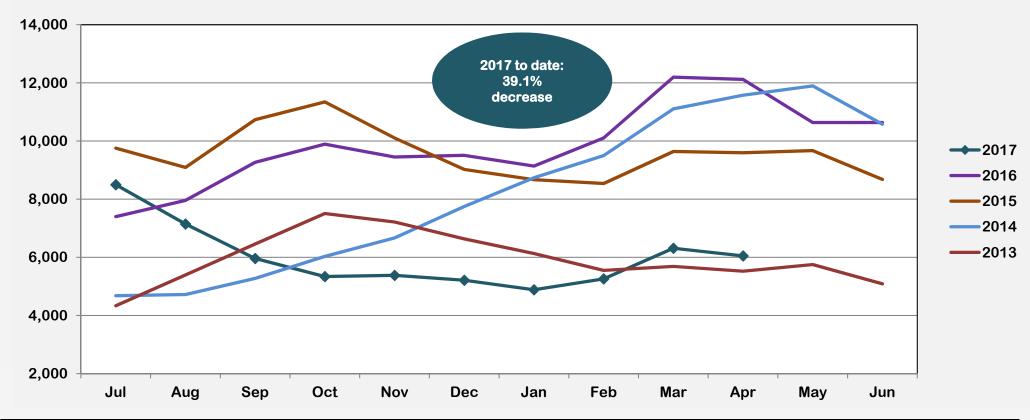


State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Average	% Increase
2017	4,394	4,188	4,057	4,003	4,037	4,122	4,077	4,016	4,129	4,041			4,106	-17.3%
2016	5,705	5,409	5,215	5,060	4,946	4,880	4,740	4,678	4,761	4,763	4,752	4,658	4,964	-8.7%
2015	4,042	4,282	4,573	4,971	5,298	5,716	5,963	6,069	6,158	6,109	6,048	5,992	5,435	85.4%
2014	2,960	2,889	2,779	2,709	2,649	2,746	2,813	2,879	3,004	3,031	3,224	3,501	2,932	-5.5%
2013	3,037	2,980	2,931	3,053	3,150	3,200	3,266	3,244	3,203	3,122	3,040	3,001	3,102	-13.2%



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%. However, a similar trend is seen from SFY 2012 – SFY 2017 of an increase from February – March. There was an increase in the number of investigation cases in March of 20% over February 2017 followed by a 4% decrease in April 2017.



State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Average	% Increase
2017	8,499	7,149	5,963	5,341	5,382	5,214	4,886	5,262	6,314	6,049			6,006	-39.1%
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%



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

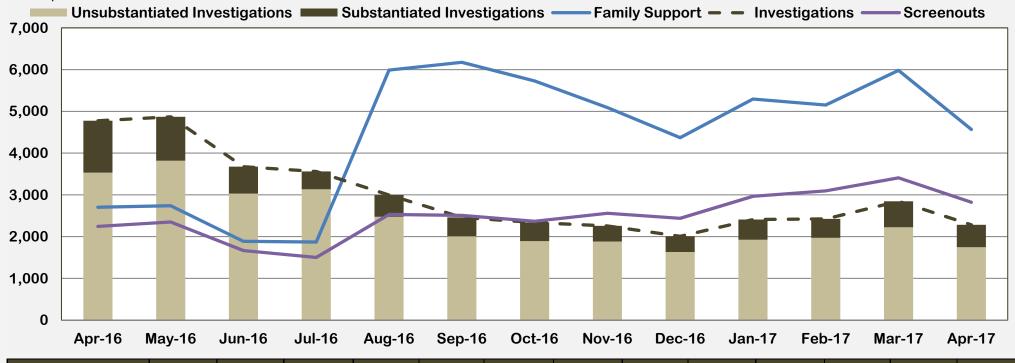
The trend below reveals a decrease in the number of repeated substantiated incidents of child maltreatment. During April 2016, Georgia was above the national standard of 5.4%. One year later this value is reduced by over 50% reflecting many effective changes that have been implemented in Child Protective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





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

Of the CPS cases that had a disposition during the month of April 2017, 29.2% were screen outs, 47.2% were Family Support, and 23.6% were Investigations. Only 23.5% of the Investigations were substantiated. The overall yearly trend shows a jump in the number of cases in August 2016 that were family support as well as screened out cases. Conversely, total investigations declined during the first semester, continuing through the second semester through March 2017 with a decrease in April 2017.

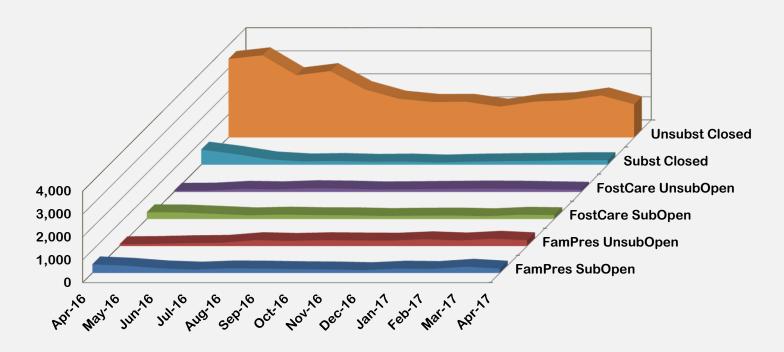


	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17
Family Support	2,703	2,740	1,887	1,869	5,990	6,175	5,729	5,092	4,370	5,297	5,153	5,983	4,568
Screenouts	2,245	2,350	1,666	1,502	2,530	2,508	2,368	2,560	2,439	2,965	3,096	3,408	2,825
Investigations	4,777	4,871	3,676	3,561	2,997	2,462	2,337	2,258	2,009	2,410	2,425	2,848	2,284
Substantiated Investigations	1,244	1,053	645	427	521	455	444	375	377	484	454	624	536
Unsubstantiated Investigations	3,533	3,818	3,031	3,134	2,476	2,007	1,893	1,883	1,632	1,926	1,971	2,224	1,748



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

According to March's data, 19% of Investigations were subsequently opened as a Family Preservation case; 12% of Investigations were opened as a Foster Care case; and 69% of Investigations were closed.

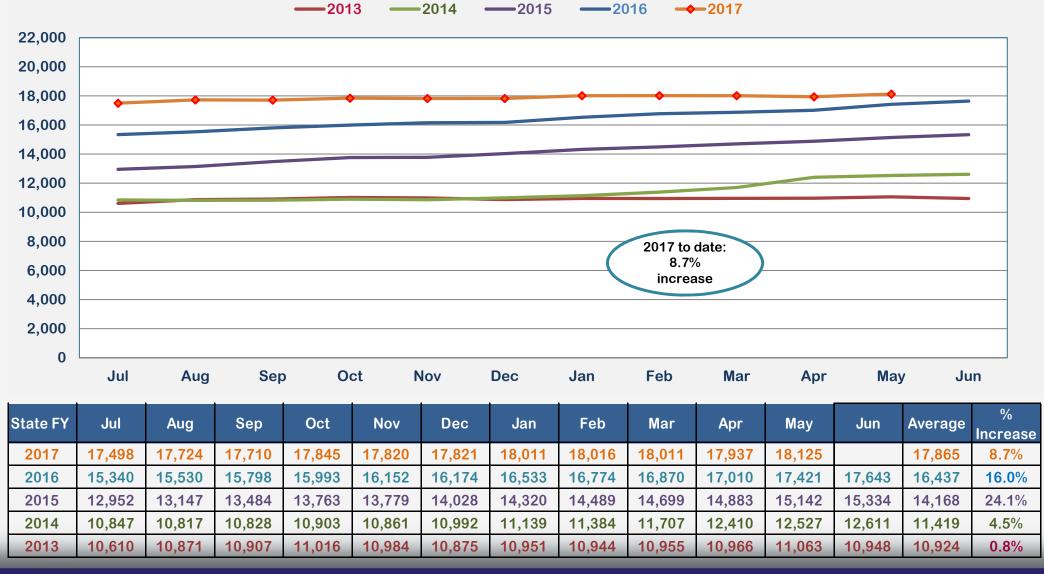


	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17
FamPres SubOpen	384	320	207	154	208	196	172	160	129	196	181	280	195
FamPres UnsubOpen	80	96	129	145	262	228	259	246	239	301	247	323	255
FostCare SubOpen	298	290	230	165	198	173	167	135	151	159	126	190	173
FostCare UnsubOpen	51	62	140	119	166	149	114	125	139	151	145	120	98
Subst Closed	659	467	232	145	163	127	140	97	136	157	168	198	199
Unsubst Closed	3,409	3,571	2,704	2,886	2,097	1,687	1,545	1,552	1,341	1,558	1,623	1,828	1,440



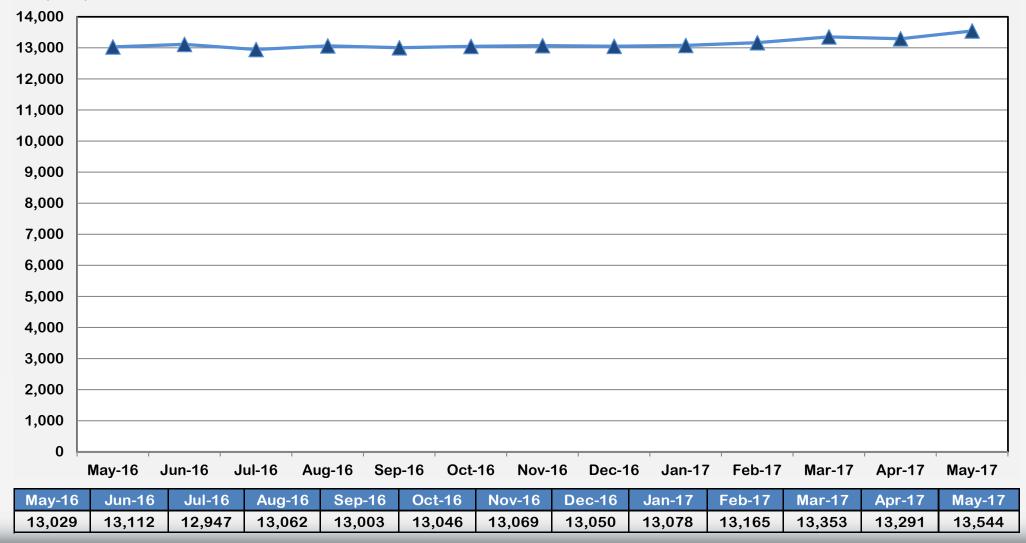
Outcome V: Number of Children in Placement Services (State Fiscal Year 2017 To Date)

There was a increase in the number of placement services that were open during the month of April (18,125). 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.



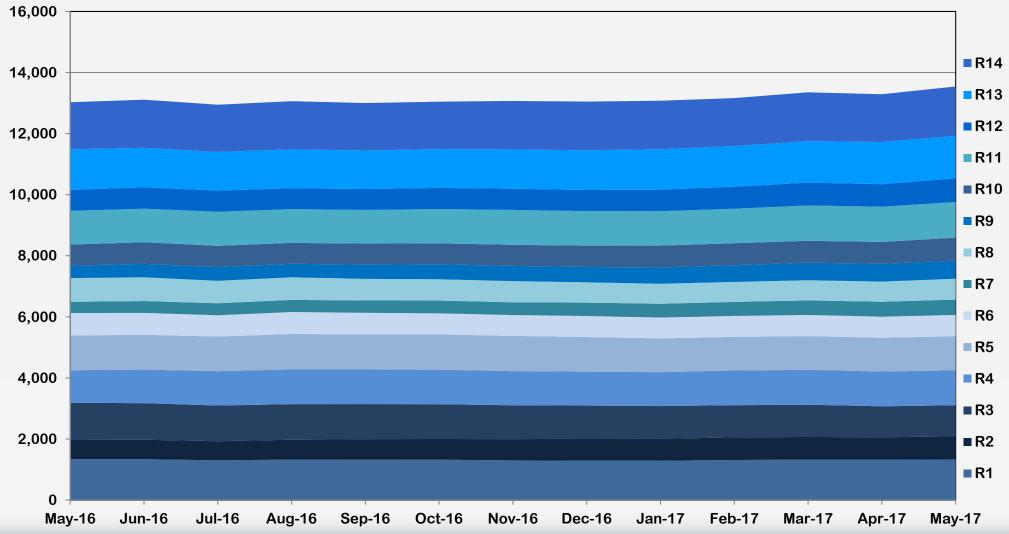


The number of children in foster care under the age of 18 increased to 13,544 during May 2017. The following slides reveal that there were 736 entries and 614 exits. On the last day of May 2017, there were 12,967 children in custody from this population. Of those who entered custody during the month, sixty-nine children (9.4%) children had a prior episode within 12 months.





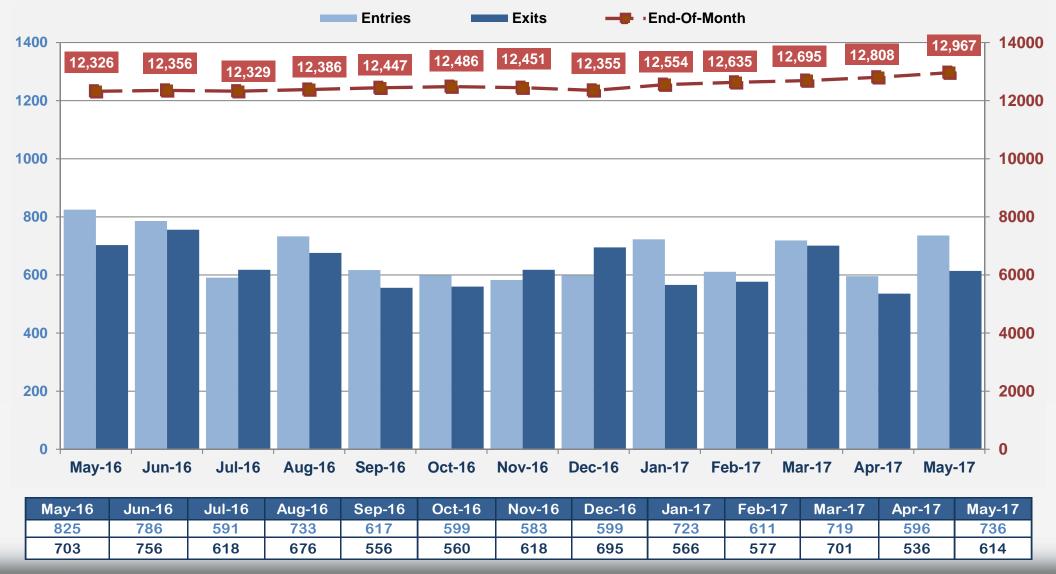
The number of children in Foster Care under the age of 18 during May 2017 was 13,544. Visually, you can see that Region 14 has the highest proportion of children in custody at any point in time. During May, Region 14 had 1,616 children in DFCS custody followed by Region 13 with 1,388 children and Region 1 with 1,332 children. (for regional trends, see appendix).





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

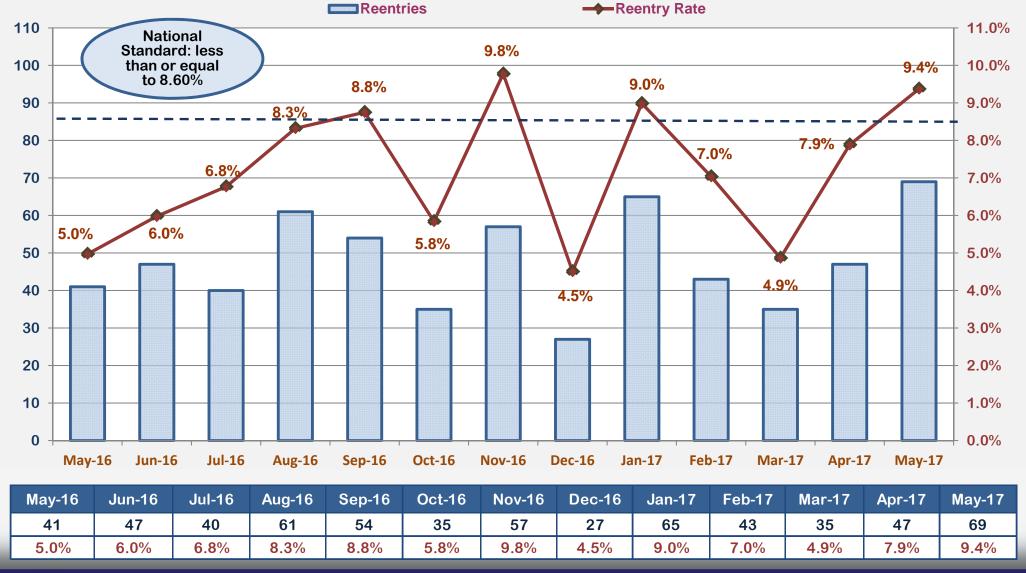
Multiple trends can be seen in this graph. There was a decrease in the number of entries and exits in May. there was a net gain of 122 children removed from the home and placed into foster care during May 2017. The ratio of entries to exits over the last 13 months is 1.1 entries per exit.





Outcome VII: Foster Care Re-Entries (May 2016 – May 2017)

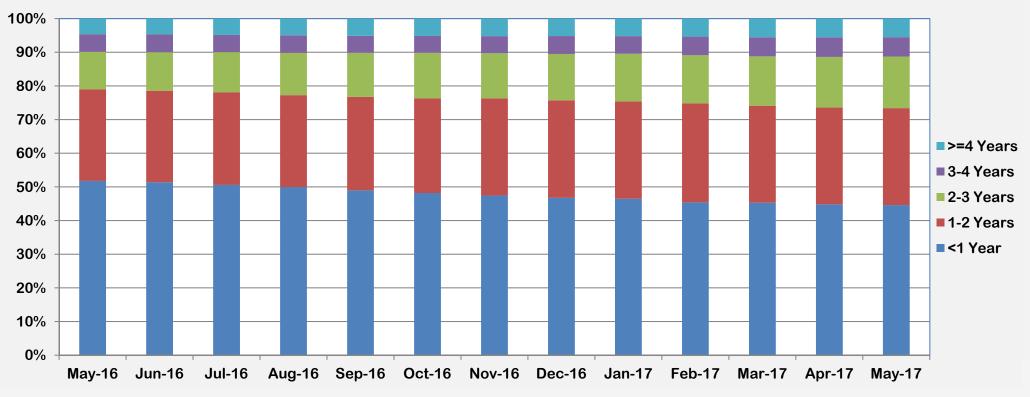
Reentries into foster care improved during December 2016 followed by a spike revealing that the number of re-entries increased. Although there was an increase in the number of re-entries during January of over 100%, the number of entries also increased which allowed the rate to remain below the standard.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





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

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



	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
>=4 Years	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.3%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
3 - <4 Years	5.3%	5.3%	5.1%	5.2%	5.0%	5.0%	5.1%	5.3%	5.3%	5.5%	5.7%	5.9%	5.8%
2 - <3 Years	11.1%	11.5%	11.9%	12.5%	13.1%	13.5%	13.4%	13.7%	14.1%	14.3%	14.7%	15.0%	15.3%
1 - <2 Years	27.2%	27.2%	27.6%	27.3%	27.8%	28.1%	28.9%	29.0%	28.9%	29.4%	28.8%	28.8%	28.8%
<1 Year	51.8%	51.4%	50.6%	50.0%	49.0%	48.2%	47.4%	46.8%	46.5%	45.4%	45.3%	44.8%	44.6%



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

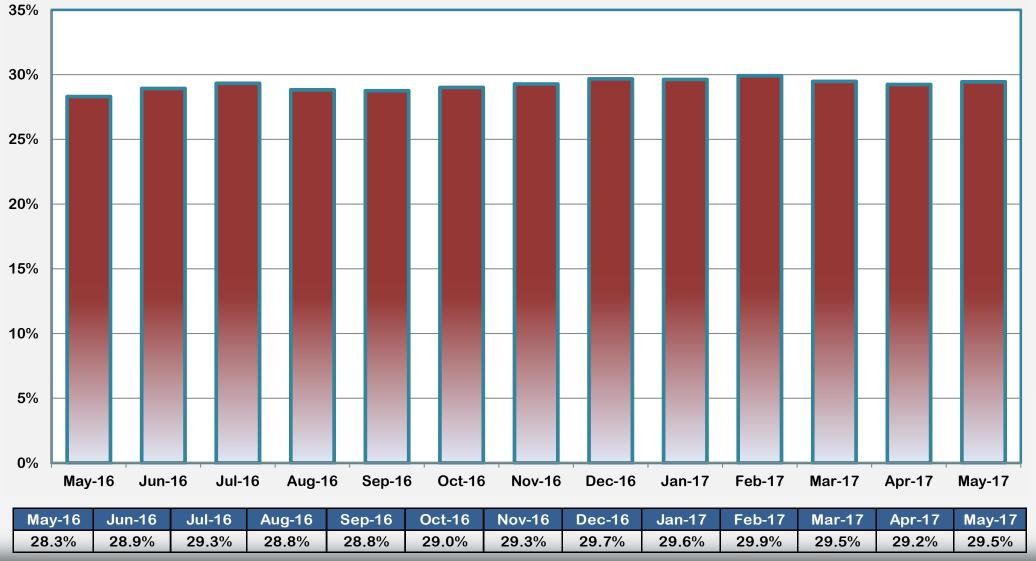
The number of children who reunified within 12 months increased to 62.9% during the month of May 2017. This proportion is significantly lower than last May's proportion of 73.7%.





Outcome X: Percent of Children Placed with Relatives (May 2016 - May 2017)

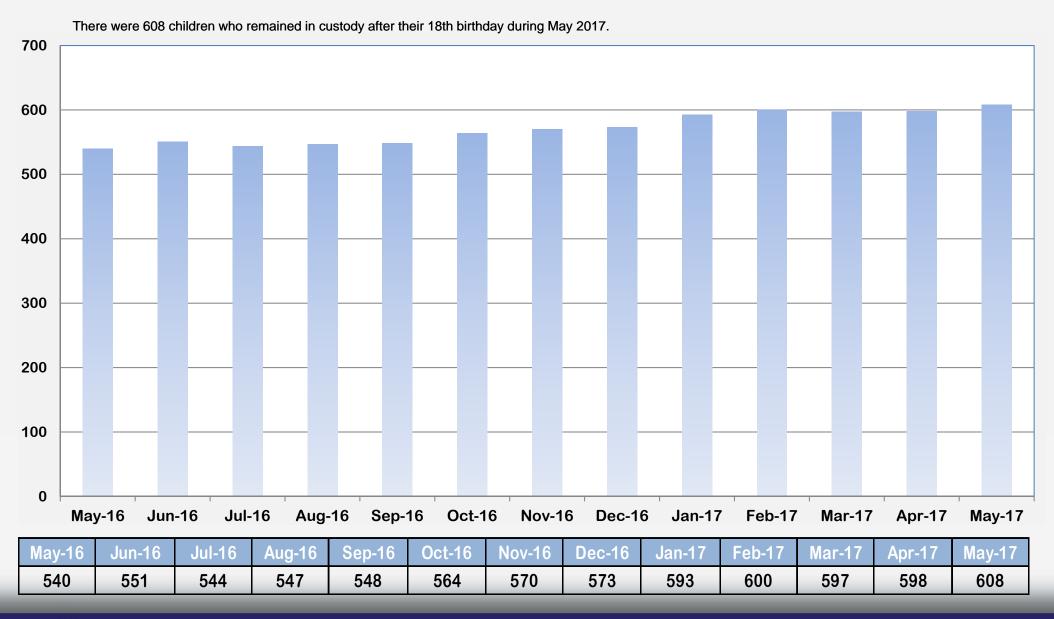
The number of children who were in Foster Care that were placed with relatives during the month of May 2017 remained constant at 29.5%.







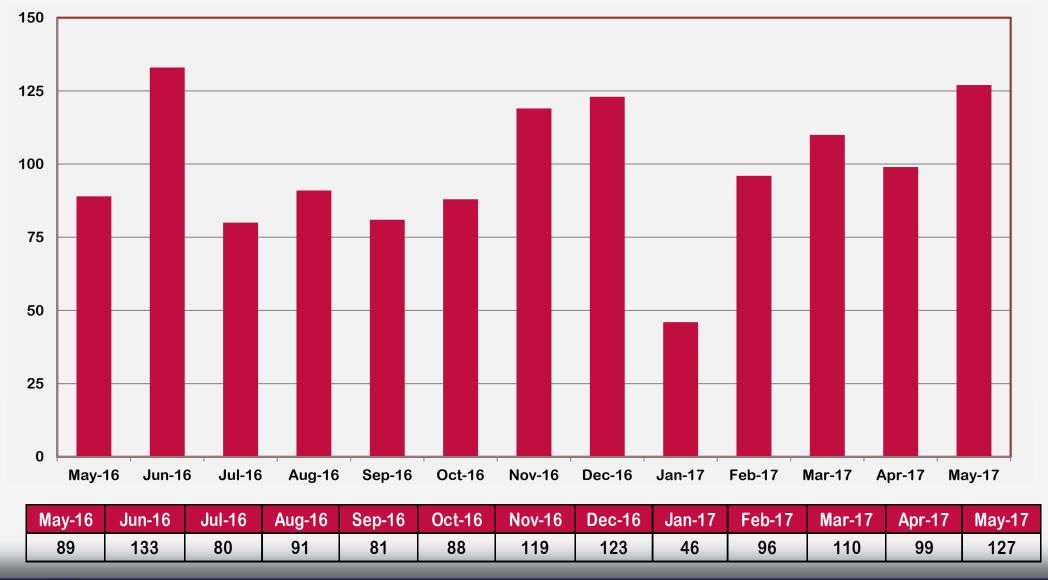
Outcome XI: Extended Youth Services (May 2016 – May 2017)





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

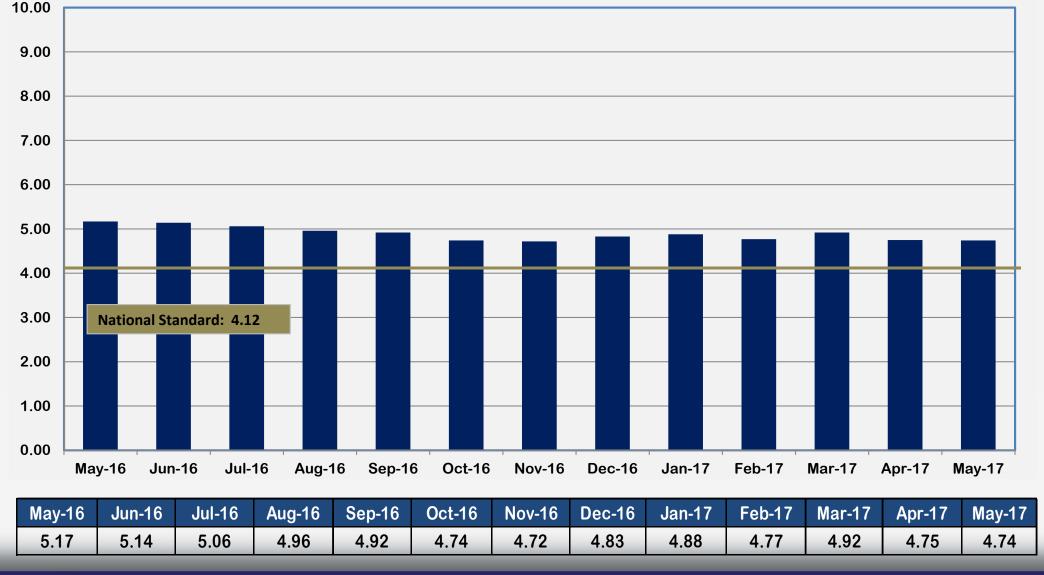
There were 127 foster children adopted during May 2017. This represents a 43% improvement in finalizations compared to May 2016.





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

Over the last 13 months, the federal measure for stability which is the number of moves per number of days per thousand has decreased from 5.17 to 4.74 which is closer to the federal standard.



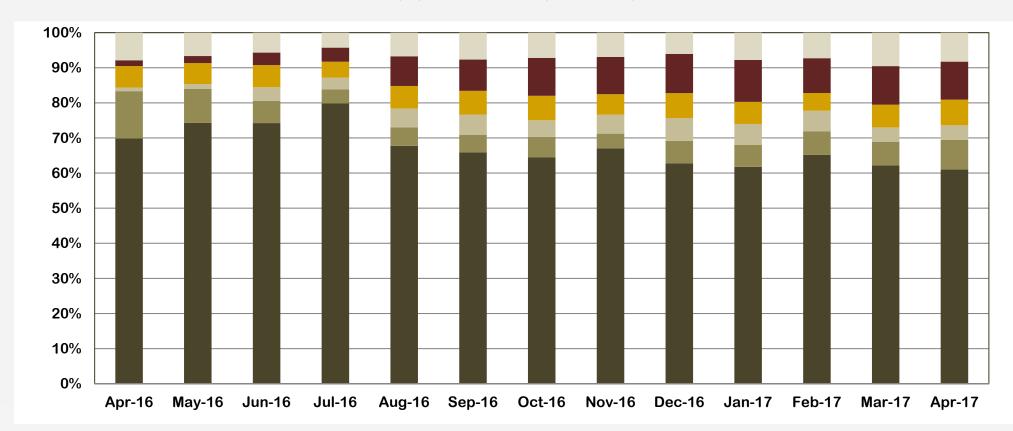


Appendices



Appendix A

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



	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17
Fam. Pres SubOpen	7.9%	6.7%	5.7%	4.3%	6.7%	7.7%	7.2%	6.9%	6.0%	7.8%	7.3%	9.5%	8.3%
FamPres UnsubOpen	1.6%	2.0%	3.5%	4.0%	8.5%	8.9%	10.8%	10.6%	11.2%	11.9%	9.9%	11.0%	10.8%
FostCare SubOpen	6.1%	6.0%	6.3%	4.6%	6.4%	6.8%	7.0%	5.8%	7.1%	6.3%	5.1%	6.5%	7.3%
FostCare UnsubOpen	1.0%	1.3%	3.8%	3.3%	5.4%	5.8%	4.8%	5.4%	6.5%	6.0%	5.8%	4.1%	4.2%
Subst Closed	13.5%	9.7%	6.4%	4.0%	5.3%	5.0%	5.8%	4.2%	6.4%	6.2%	6.7%	6.7%	8.4%
Unsubst Closed	69.8%	74.3%	74.2%	79.9%	67.8%	65.9%	64.5%	67.0%	62.8%	61.8%	65.2%	62.2%	61.0%

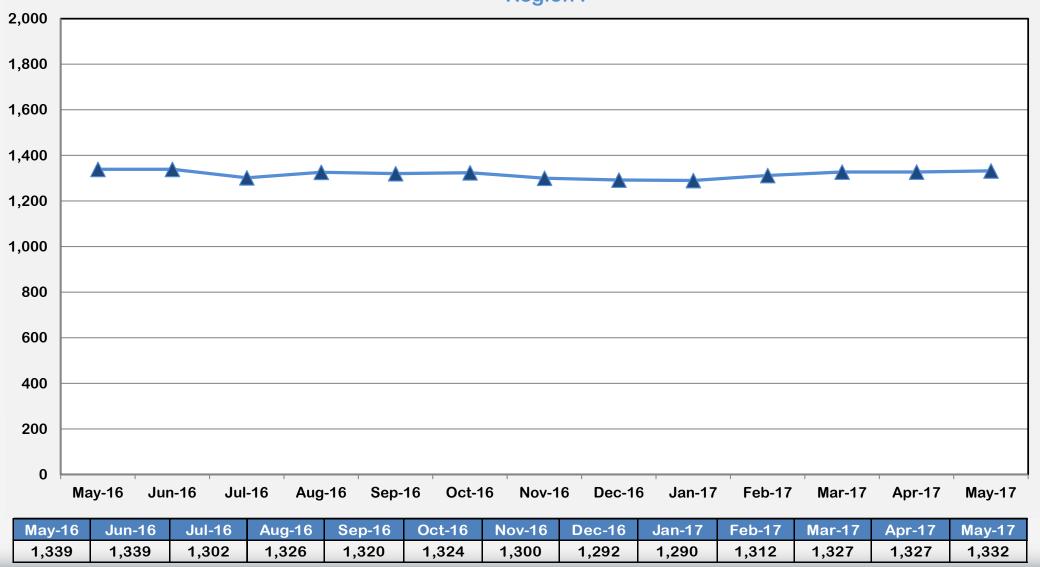


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Regional Graphs of Outcome VI

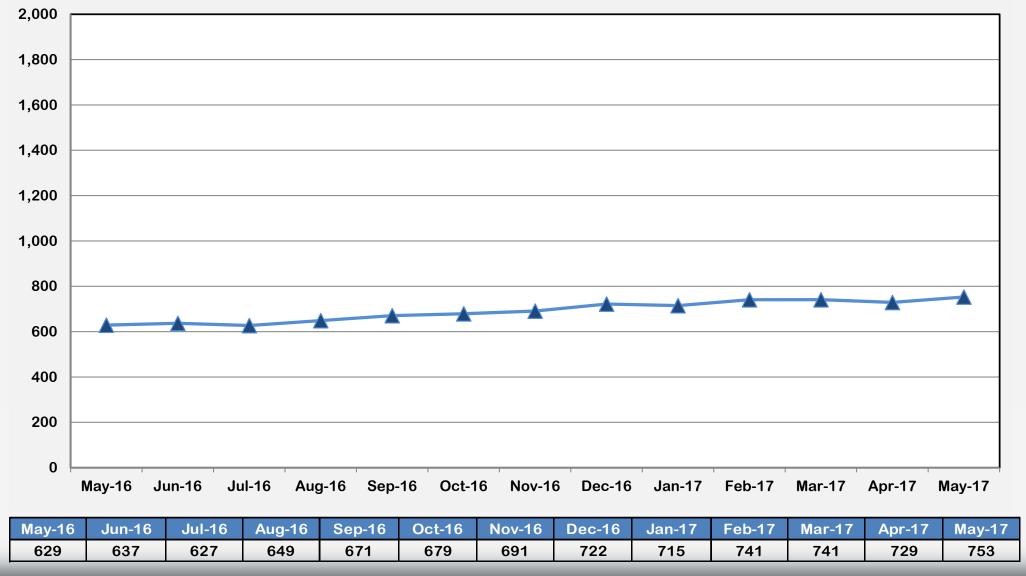
Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (May 2016 – May 2017)

Region I



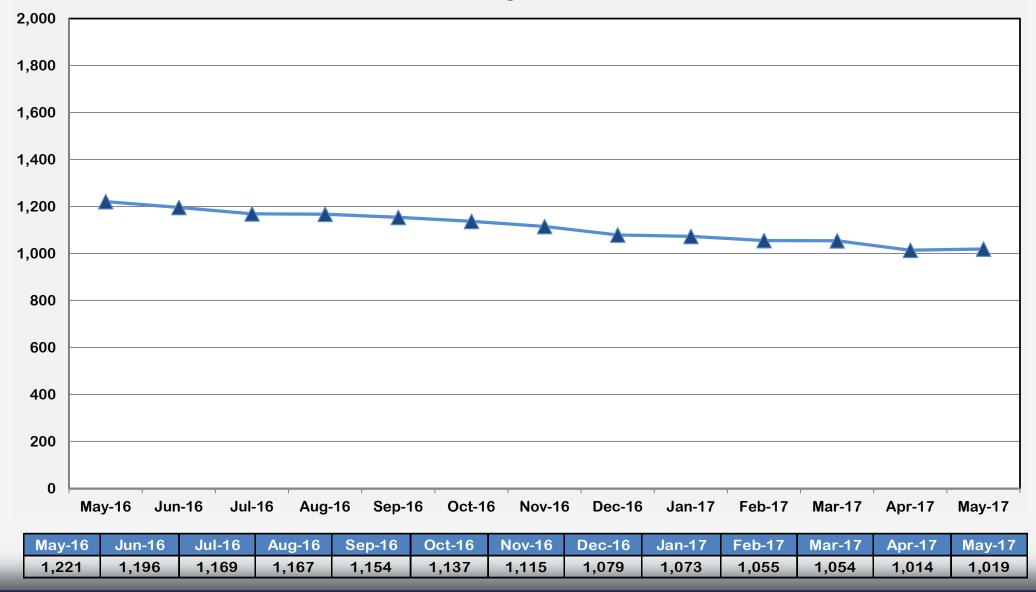


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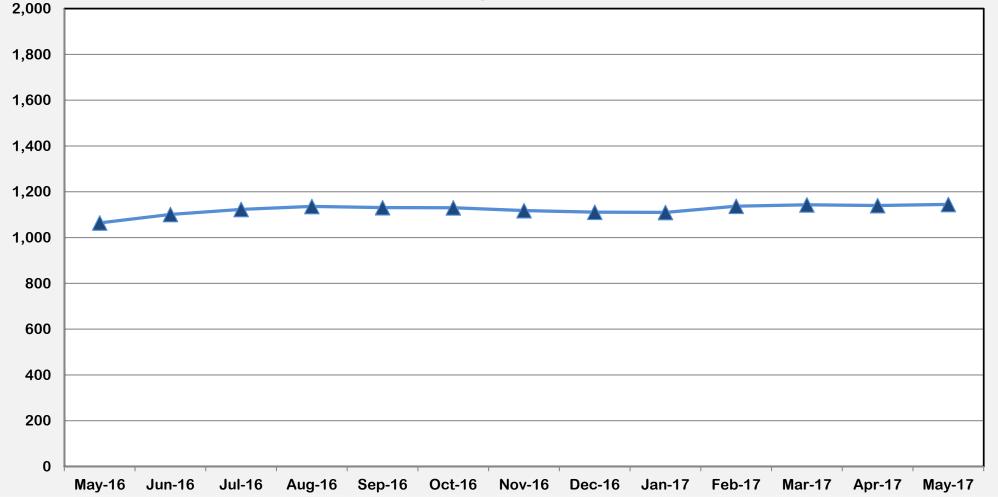


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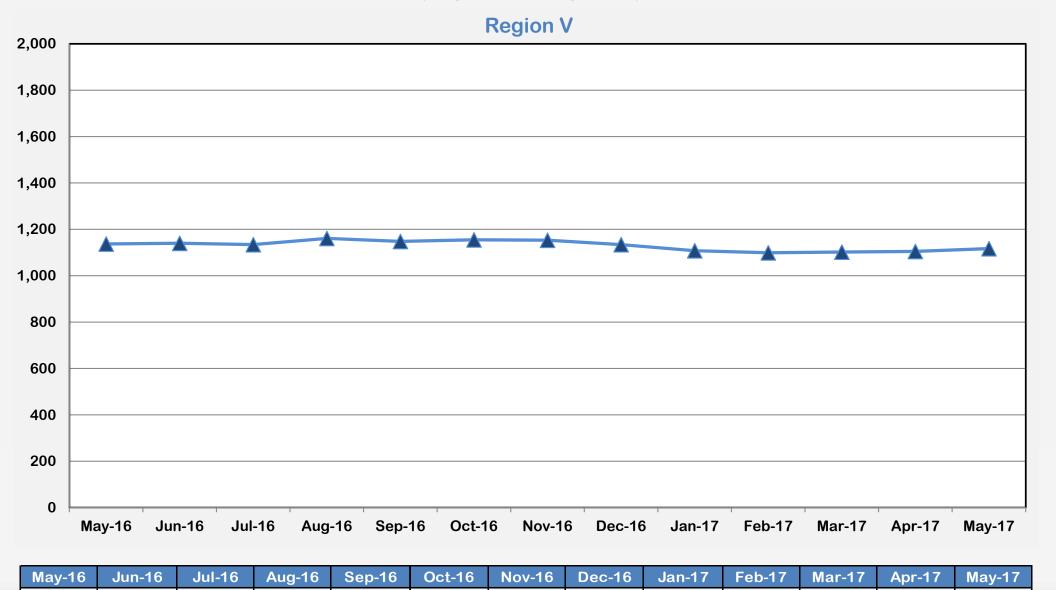






May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17
1,064	1,101	1,123	1,136	1,131	1,130	1,118	1,111	1,110	1,137	1,143	1,140	1,145





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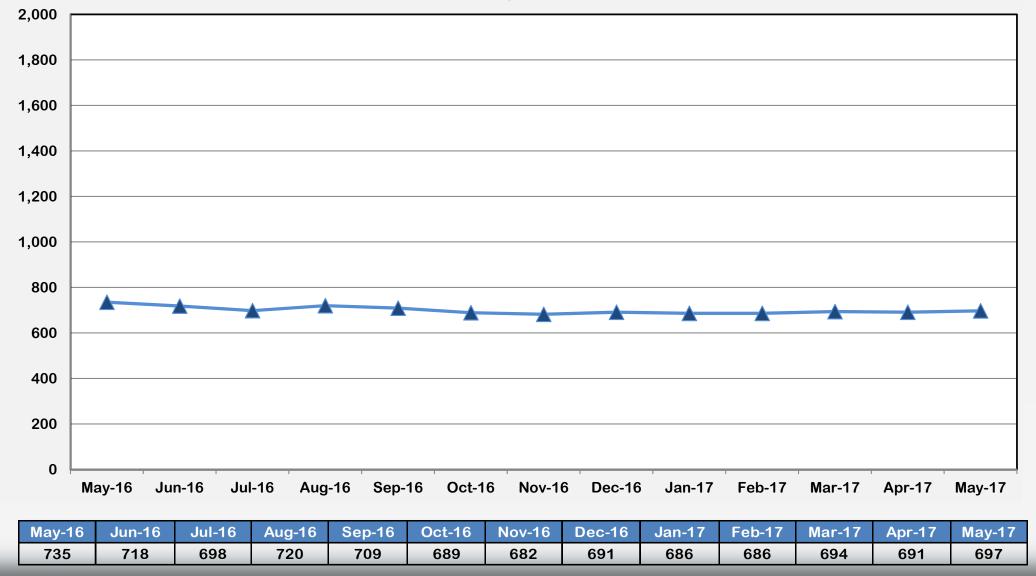
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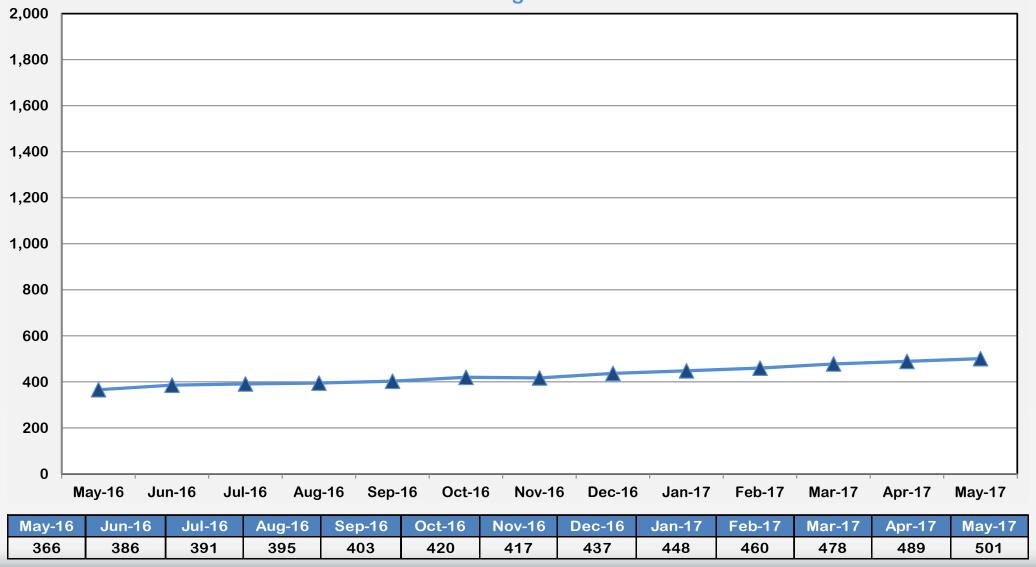
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Region VI



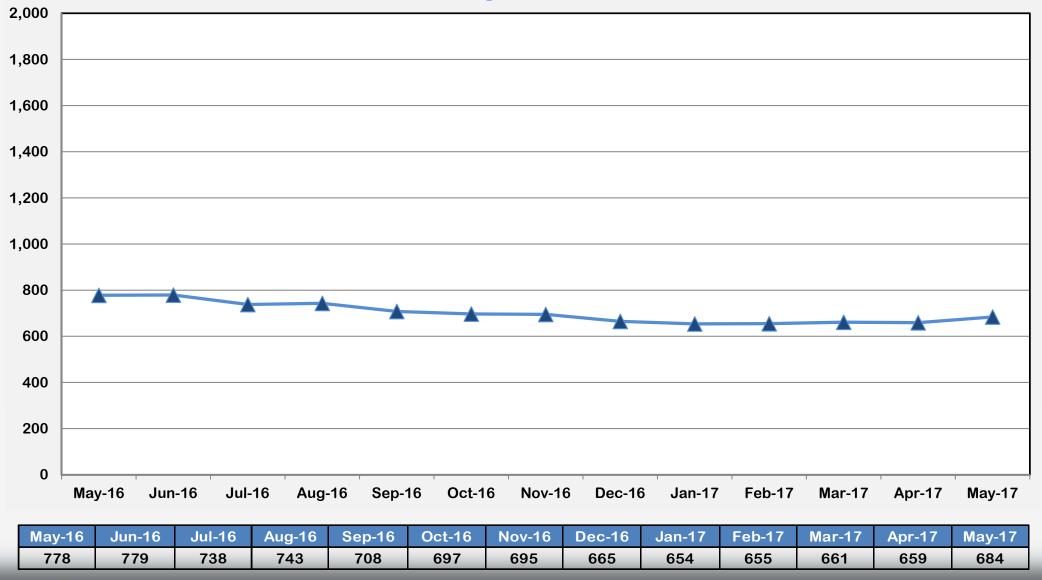


Region VII



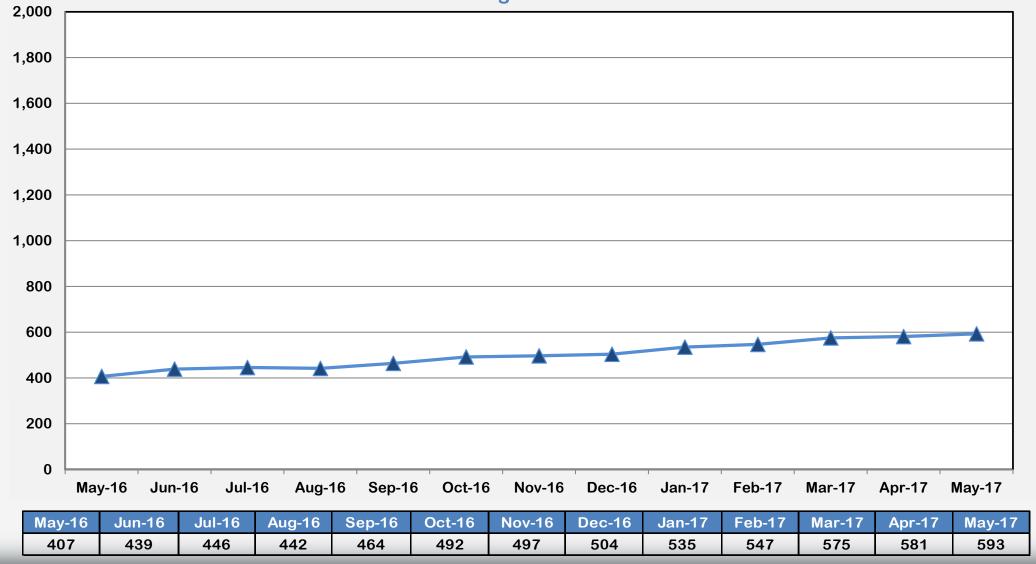


Region VIII



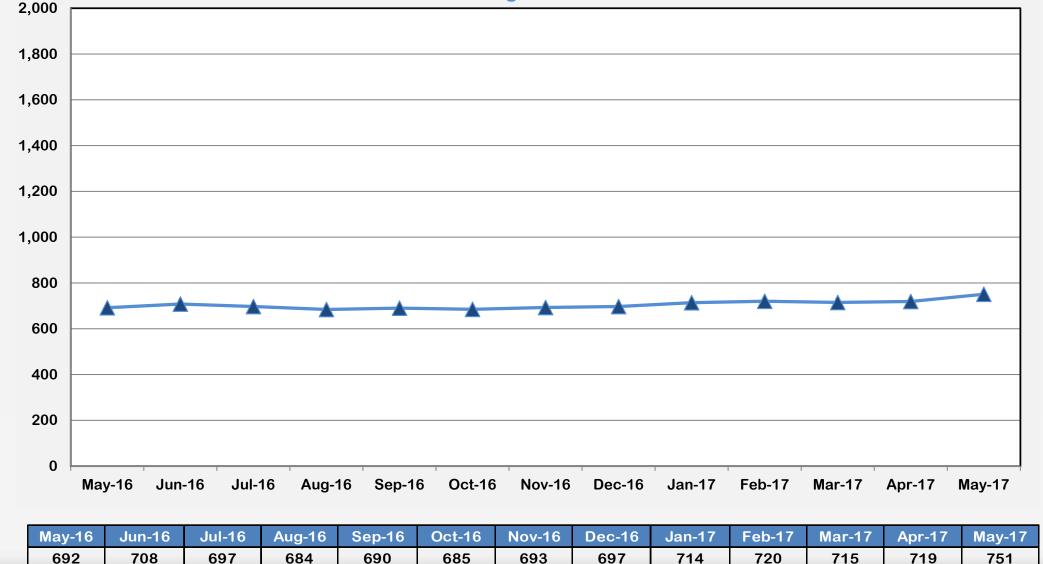






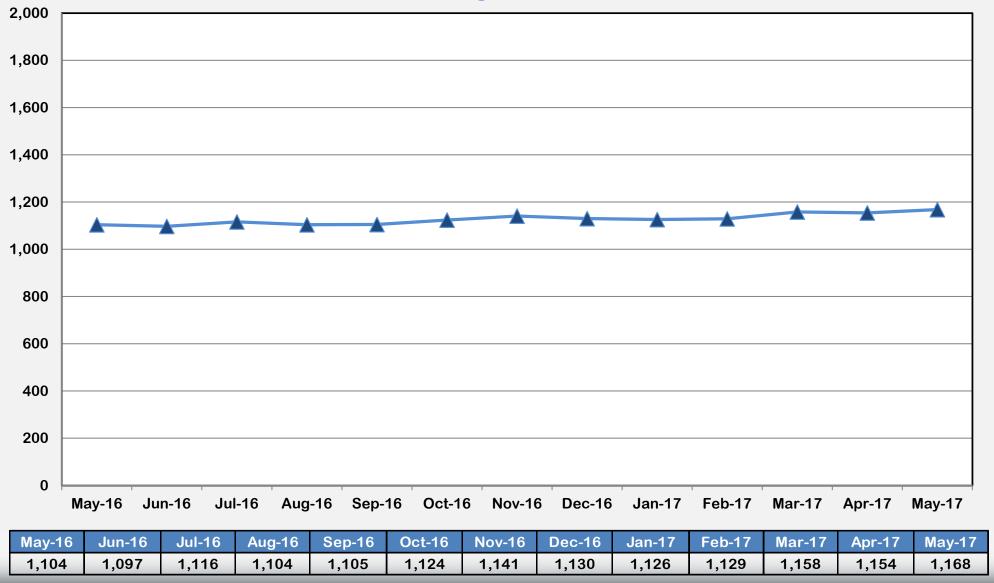






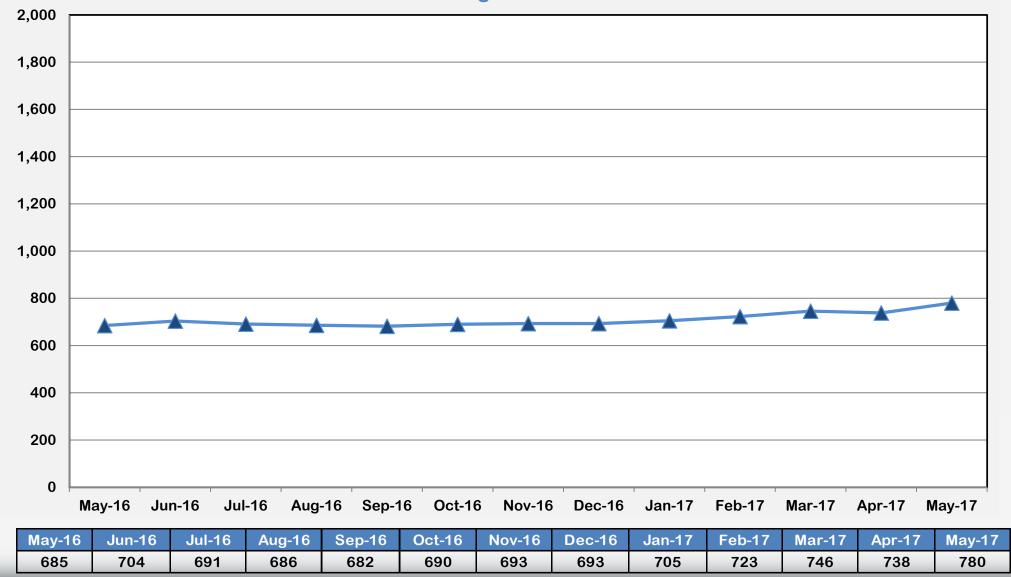


Region XI



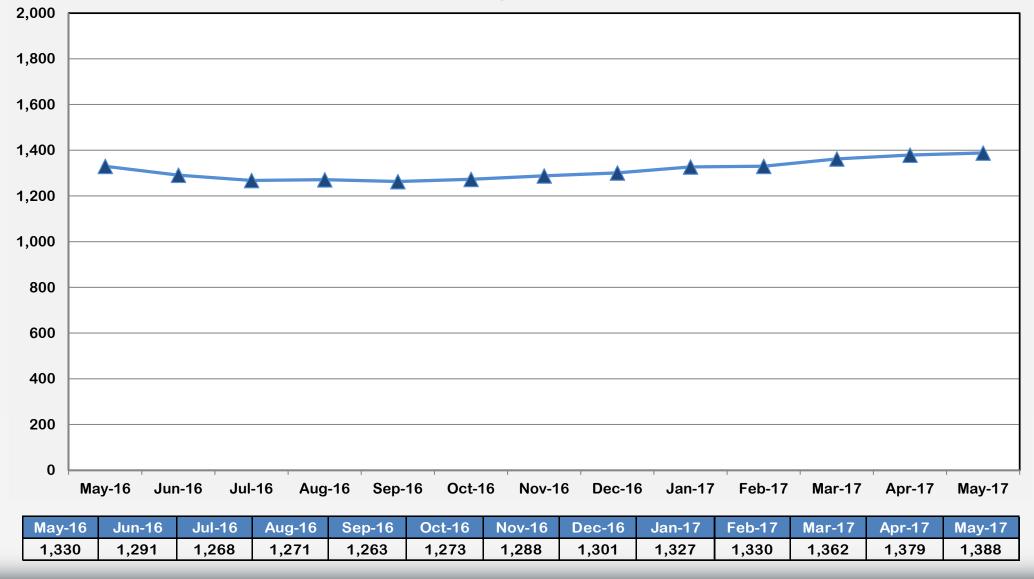


Region XII

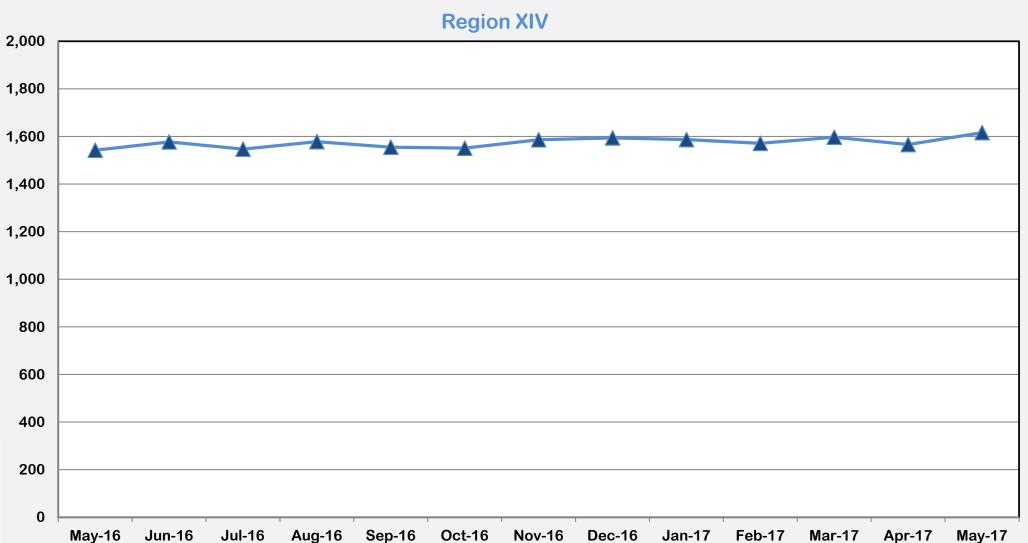




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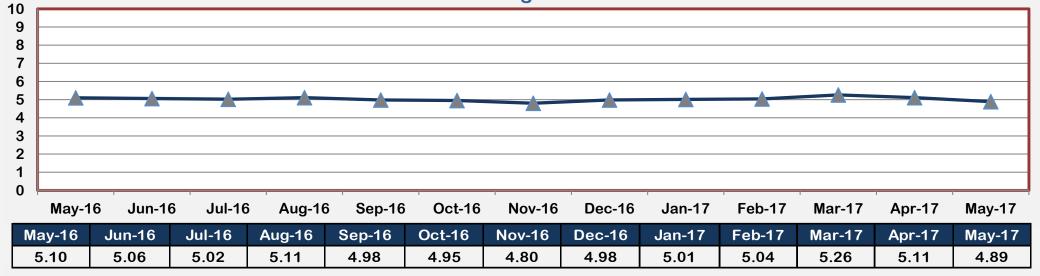
APPENDIX C

Regional Graphs of Outcome XIII

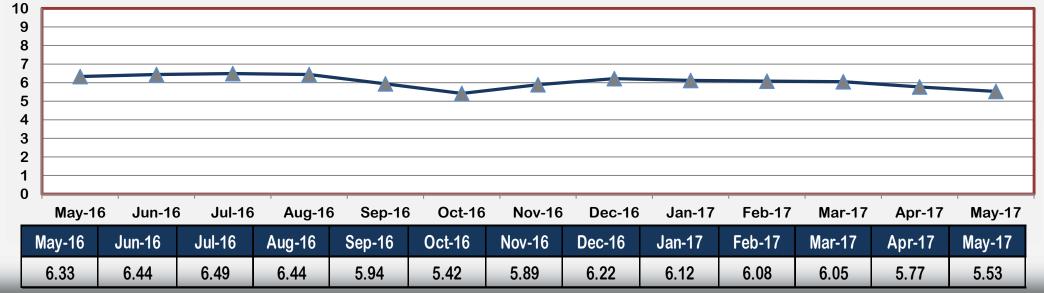
Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (May 2016 – May 2017)

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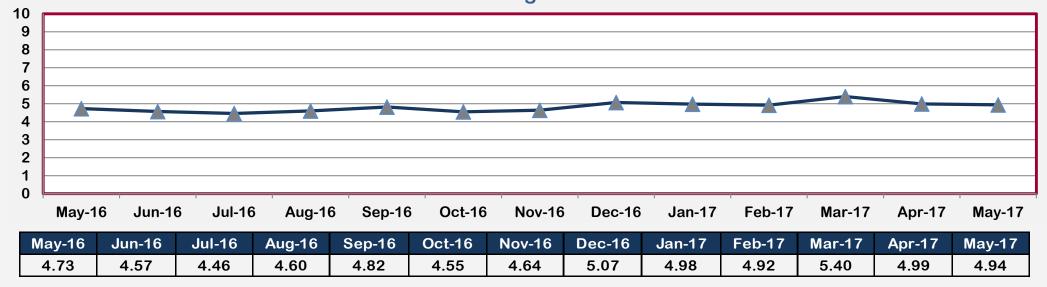
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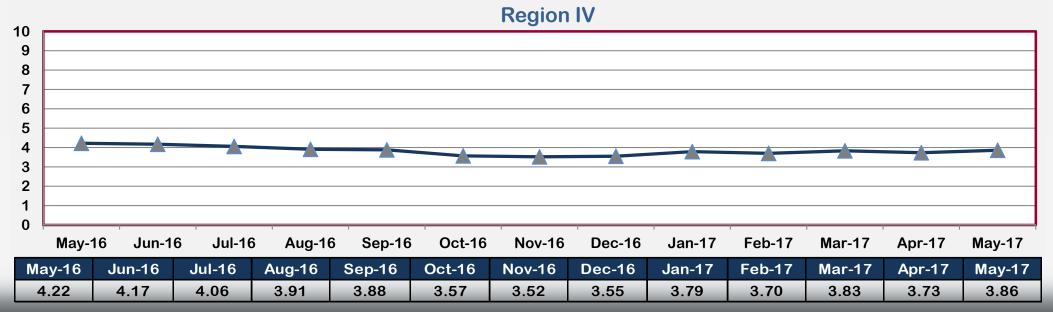


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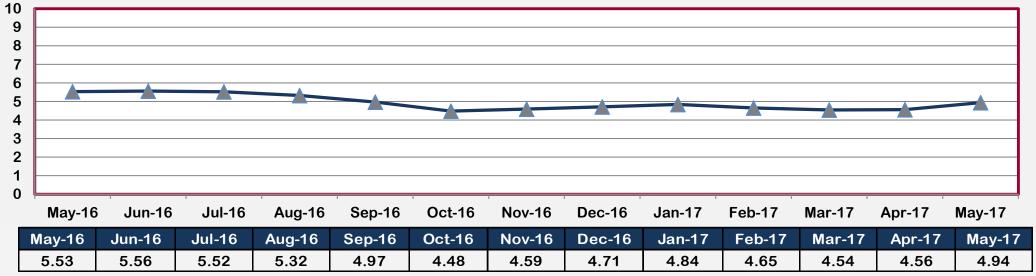




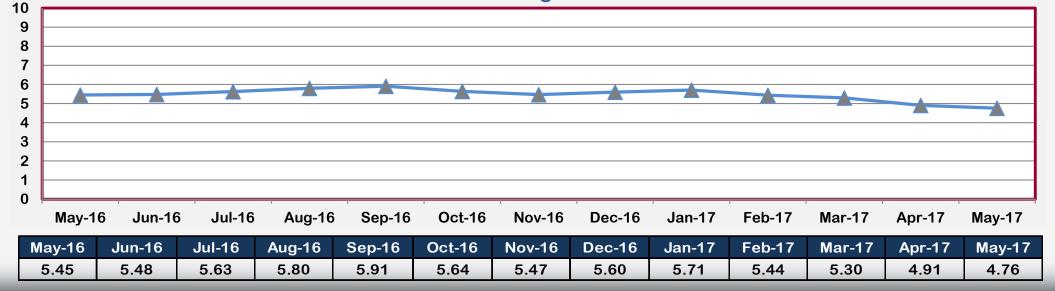




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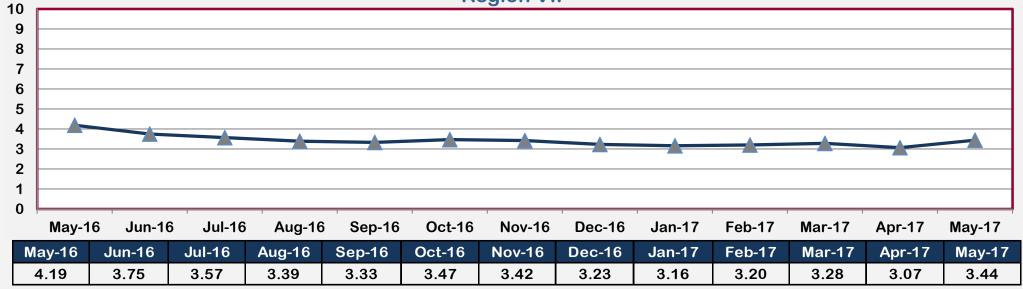


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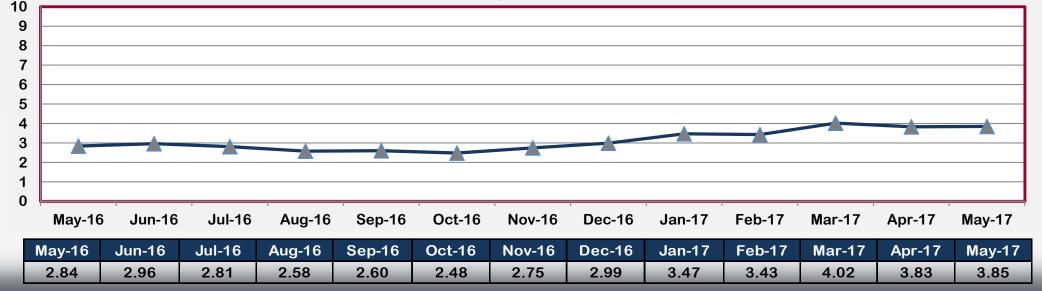




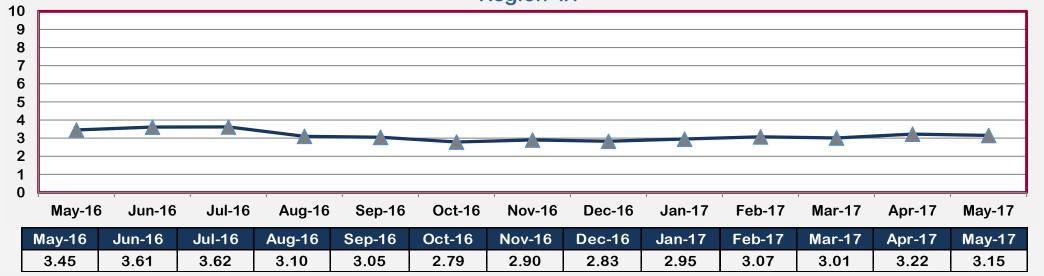




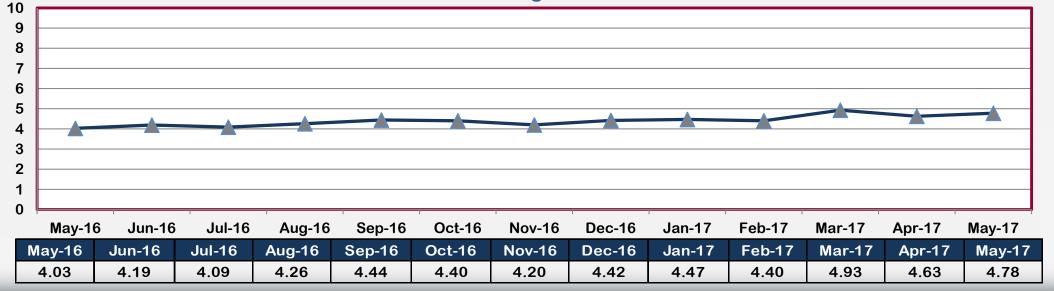
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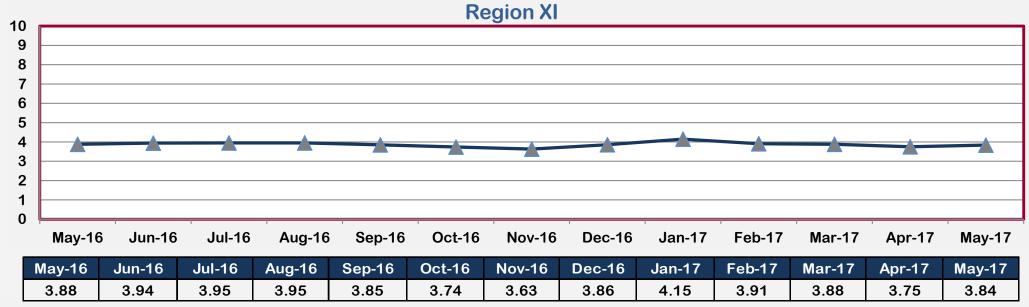


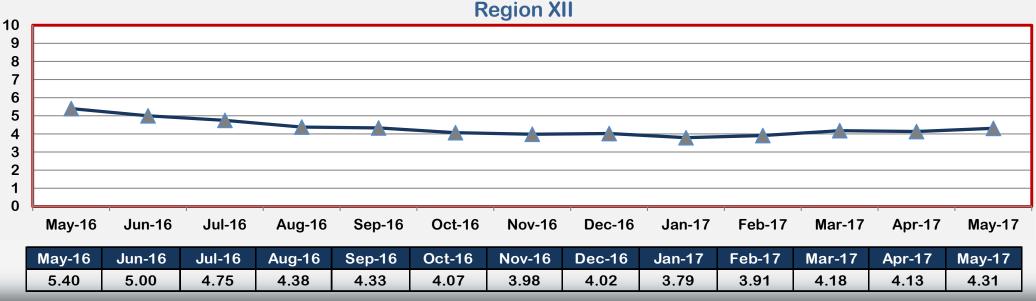


Region X











Region XIII

