

# Georgia Division of Family & Children Services

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# Monthly Measures and Results for March 2017\*

\*(Reflects Safety Outcomes as of January 31, 2017 And Permanency Outcomes as of February 28, 2017) With Appendices

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### **SAFETY:** Children are first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.

### **Outcome I: Child Protective Services Cases**

Count of unique CPS Investigations and Family Preservation (Ongoing) stages open at any point during the month. Includes all cases active at some time during the month. Outcome is calculated 45 days prior to the date of report.

Outcome 1A:Family Support Cases Only:Count of unique Family Support stages open at any point during the month.Outcome IB:Family Preservation Cases Only:Count of unique Family Preservation stages open at any point during the month.Outcome IC:Investigation Cases Only:Count of unique Investigation stages open at any point during the month.

#### Sources: SHINES

### **Outcome II: Recurrence of Substantiated Child Maltreatment**

Of all the children who were victims of substantiated maltreatment in the first 6 months of the year, the percentage that had substantiated maltreatment within the following 6 months. Outcome is calculated 45 days prior to the date of report. Each month is calculated as a rolling calendar year. *National Standard: less than or equal to 5.40%* Source: SHINES

### **Outcome III: Disposition of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports**

Chart reflects the disposition of reports received in a particular month. Data includes count of Family Support, Substantiated Investigations, Unsubstantiated Investigations and Screen-outs. Outcome is calculated 45 days prior to the date of report.

Source: SHINES

### **Outcome IV: Subsequent Case-type of Investigations by Disposition**

Chart reflects the disposition of investigations received in a particular month by the subsequent case type. Data includes count of Family Preservation (Substantiated and Unsubstantiated Open), Foster Care (Substantiated and Unsubstantiated Open), Substantiated and Unsubstantiated Closed. Outcome is calculated 45 days prior to the date of report.

Source: SHINES



### **PERMANENCY:** Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.

### **Outcome V: Number of Child Placement Services Cases**

Count of unique children who were involved in an open Foster Care or Adoption stage during the month. In placement services each child who is the principal (PC) is considered a case.

Source: SHINES

### Outcome VI: Children in the Legal Custody of DFCS Under the Age of 18

Count of unique children who were in the legal custody of DFCS (17 years of age and under) at some point during the month

#### Outcome VI - A: Children in the Legal Custody of DFCS Under the Age of 18 (Regional)

Count of unique children who were in the legal custody of DFCS (17 years of age and under) at some point during the month.

Source: SHINES

### **Outcome VII: Comparison of Foster Care Entries & Exits**

Number of children who have entered foster care and number of children who have exited foster care during the month. Total children at end of month show the number of children on the last day of the month. Source: SHINES

### **Outcome VIII: Foster Care Re-entries**

Of all the children who entered foster care, the percentage that were discharged from a prior episode of foster care within 12 months of the current foster care placement. National Standard: less than or equal to 8.60%. Source: SHINES

### **Outcome IX: Foster Care Length of Stay**

Percentage of children by number of months in foster care during each month. Source: SHINES



### **PERMANENCY** cont'd: Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.

#### **Outcome X: Length of Time to Achieve Reunification**

Percentage of children who exited care during the month through reunification with their family that reunified in less than 12 months from the date of their removal. National Standard: greater than or equal to 76.20% Source: SHINES

#### **Outcome XI: Children Placed with Relatives**

Of all children in DFCS custody, the percentage that are placed with a relative or a relative foster home. State Target: greater than or equal to 30.00% Source: SHINES

#### **Outcome XII: Extended Youth Services**

Number of children ages 18 – 21 who remained in the custody of DFCS beyond their birth month. Source: SHINES

#### **Outcome XIII: Adoptions Finalized**

The number of children whose adoption was finalized within each month.. Source: SHINES

### Outcome XIV: Stability Performance Coefficient (Number of Moves/Number of Days in Custody \* 1000)

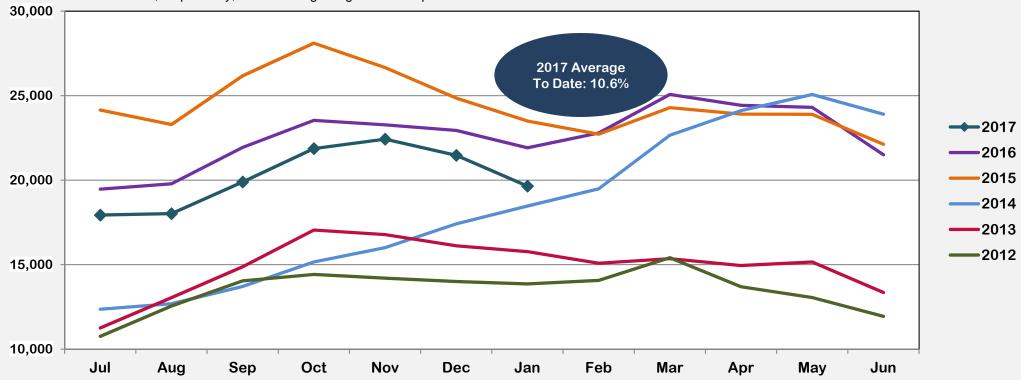
A calculated value based upon the ACF CFSR Round 3 which is part of Program Improvement. It is calculated from a rolling 12 month population of the entry cohort where the child remained in custody for over 8 days and was not 18 on the date of removal. The federal standard is 4.12. Source: SHINES

\*\*Note: Data may vary from month to month due to 13 month data trends being re-run over the time span for the various outcomes in this report.



### Outcome I: Child Protective Services Cases (State Fiscal Year 2017 to Date)

The decline in CPS cases towards the end the last quarter of FFY 2017, continued during the month of January. Because the number of Family Support cases decreased from 12,530 in October 2016 to 10,691 (15% decrease) in January 2017, the trend is also reflected in the overall trend. Both Family Preservation and Investigation cases had a decrease of 2% and 8%, respectively, since the beginning of the last quarter.

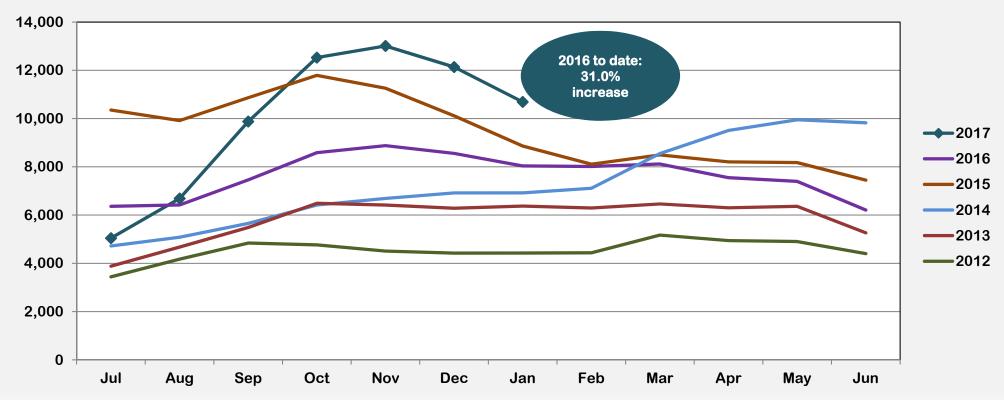


State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Average	% Increase
2017	17,935	18,022	19,895	21,871	22,429	21,470	19,651						20,182	-10.6%
2016	19,470	19,788	21,943	23,541	23,277	22,946	21,916	22,795	25,075	24,431	24,307	21,504	22,583	-7.7%
2015	24,151	23,295	26,176	28,108	26,664	24,857	23,497	22,721	24,293	23,911	23,896	22,124	22,747	32.5%
2014	12,363	12,693	13,715	15,162	16,008	17,416	18,470	19,491	22,662	24,120	25,071	23,905	17,161	23.4%
2013	11,256	13,050	14,878	17,050	16,783	16,119	15,773	15,088	15,355	14,951	15,157	13,355	13,910	10.2%
2012	10,761	12,556	14,045	14,422	14,202	14,002	13,860	14,070	15,411	13,697	13,055	11,944	12,618	5.4%



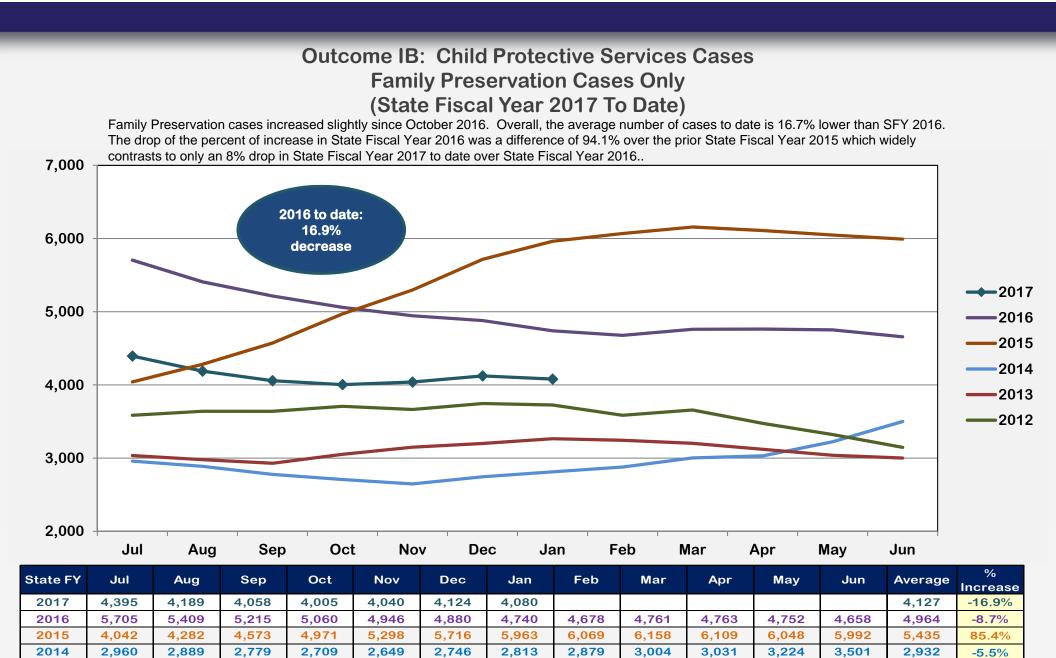
### Outcome IA: Child Protective Services Cases Family Support Cases Only (State Fiscal Year To Date)

Cases in January 2017 were significantly lower than the prior three months in State Fiscal Year 2017. This trend's slope is similar to State Fiscal Year 2015 and State Fiscal Year 2016 at the same period with a slight increase followed by a lessening gradation. There was an 11% decrease from December 2017.



State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Average	% Increase
2017	5,045	6,688	9,879	12,530	13,013	12,138	10,691						9,998	31.0%
2016	6,363	6,419	7,460	8,588	8,881	8,558	8,036	8,013	8,118	7,549	7,398	6,211	7,633	-19.4%
2015	10,354	9,919	10,866	11,791	11,259	10,117	8,862	8,111	8,494	8,206	8,176	7,450	9,467	30.0%
2014	4,723	5,083	5,658	6,418	6,690	6,919	6,919	7,113	8,552	9,511	9,951	9,826	7,280	24.3%
2013	3,883	4,674	5,487	6,488	6,417	6,284	6,374	6,292	6,463	6,304	6,364	5,265	5,858	29.1%
2012	3,443	4,173	4,842	4,764	4,510	4,423	4,425	4,437	5,174	4,945	4,903	4,402	4,537	-14.7%





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

Investigation cases continued to decline in January 2017. As the chart reveals the number of cases is lower than in State Fiscal Year 2012. 14,000 2017 to date: 38.6% 12,000 decrease 10,000 -2016 2015 8,000 2014 -2013 6,000 -2012 4,000 2,000 Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Feb Dec Jan Mar Apr May Jun

State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Average	% Increase
2017	8,495	7,145	5,958	5,336	5,376	5,208	4,880						6,057	-38.6%
2016	7,402	7,960	9,268	9,893	9,450	9,508	9,140	10,104	12,196	12,119	10,636	10,636	9,927	3.0%
2015	9,755	9,093	10,736	11,345	10,106	9,023	8,671	8,540	9,640	9,595	9,671	8,679	9,571	16.6%
2014	4,680	4,721	5,278	6,035	6,669	7,751	8,738	9,499	11,106	11,578	11,896	10,578	8,211	38.2%
2013	4,336	5,396	6,460	7,509	7,216	6,635	6,133	5,552	5,689	5,525	5,753	5,089	5,941	10.2%
2012	3,732	4,742	5,563	5,949	6,027	5,832	5,709	6,047	6,579	5,276	4,829	4,394	5,390	45.7%



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

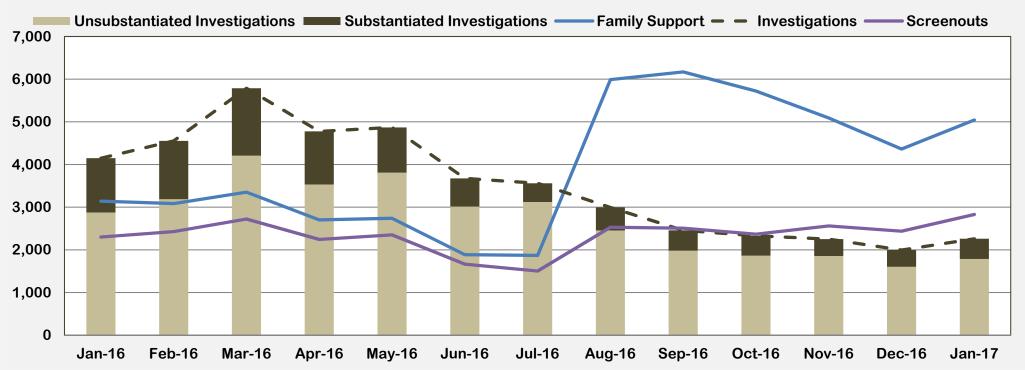
The trend below reveals a decrease in the number of substantiated incidents of child maltreatment. During January2016, Georgia was above the national standard of 5.4%. One year later this value is 1.6% lower reflecting many changes that have been implemented in Child Protective Services.





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

Of the CPS cases that had a disposition during the month, 28% were screen outs; 50% were Family Support, and 22% were Investigations. Only 21% of the Investigations were substantiated.

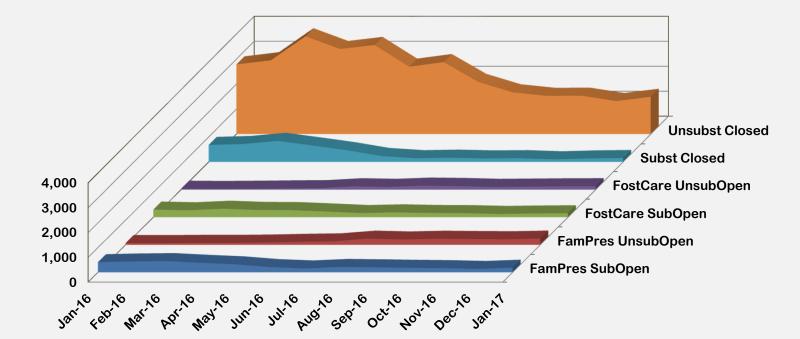


	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17
Family Support	3,140	3,084	3,352	2,703	2,740	1,887	1,869	5,990	6,171	5,723	5,090	4,363	5,043
Screenouts	2,301	2,428	2,722	2,245	2,351	1,666	1,504	2,530	2,508	2,368	2,561	2,438	2,829
Investigations	4,149	4,555	5,788	4,777	4,870	3,676	3,561	2,996	2,459	2,331	2,253	1,997	2,261
Substantiated Investigations	1,273	1,367	1,580	1,245	1,059	660	439	542	478	467	396	393	474
Unsubstantiated Investigations	2,876	3,188	4,208	3,532	3,811	3,016	3,122	2,454	1,981	1,864	1,857	1,604	1,787



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

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

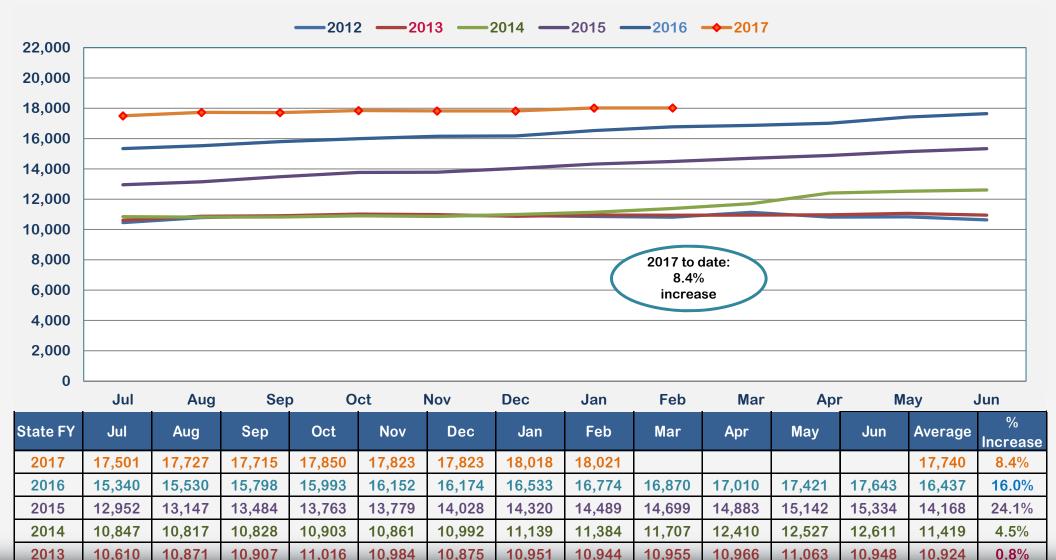


	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17
FamPres SubOpen	410	442	454	384	323	213	158	220	205	184	170	138	190
FamPres UnsubOpen	73	70	80	80	93	122	141	250	217	247	234	226	253
FostCare SubOpen	312	284	348	298	290	233	172	201	175	168	137	154	164
FostCare UnsubOpen	37	28	37	51	61	137	112	163	147	112	123	134	138
Subst Closed	679	717	842	660	469	236	147	169	139	149	104	140	155
Unsubst Closed	2,790	2,958	3,917	3,408	3,569	2,700	2,884	2,090	1,673	1,531	1,538	1,324	1,494



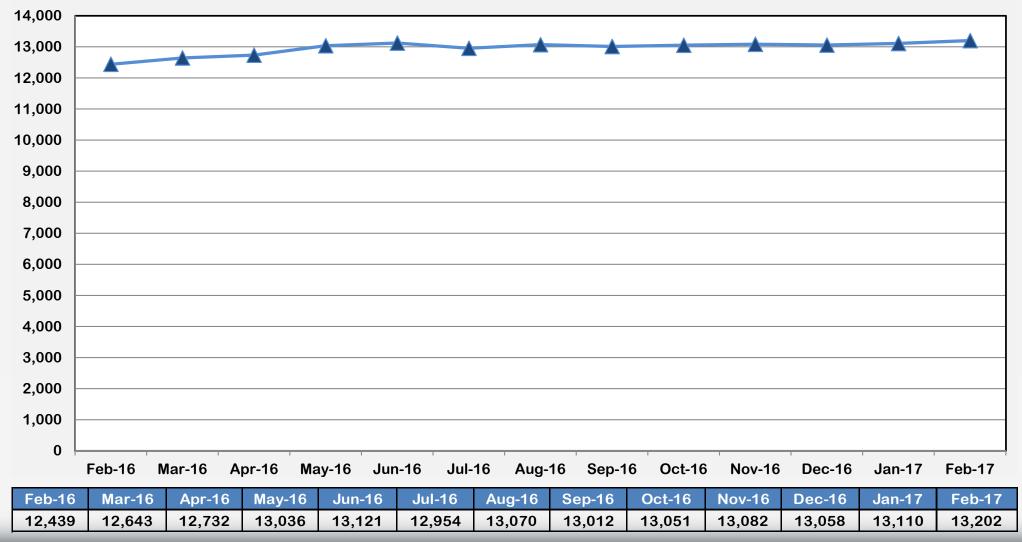
### Outcome V: Number of Children in Placement Services (State Fiscal Year 2017 To Date)

There were no significant increases in the number of placement services that were open during the month of February (18,021). 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.



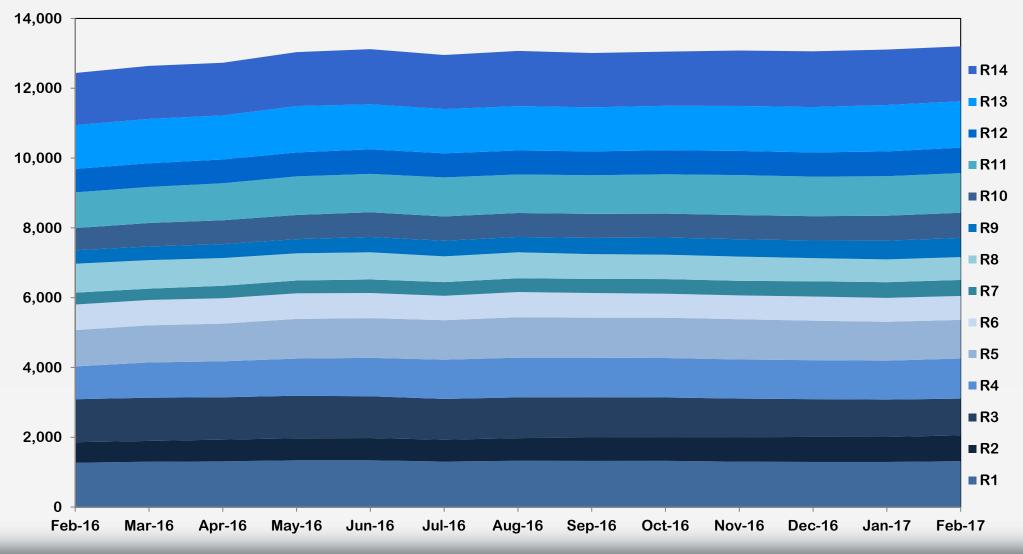


The number of children in foster care under the age of 18 remained constant during February with a slight increase at 13,202. The following slides reveal that there were 599 entries and 498 exits. On the last day of February 2017, there were 12,497 children in custody from this population. Of those who entered custody during the month, only 57 children (8%) of them had a prior episode within 12 months.





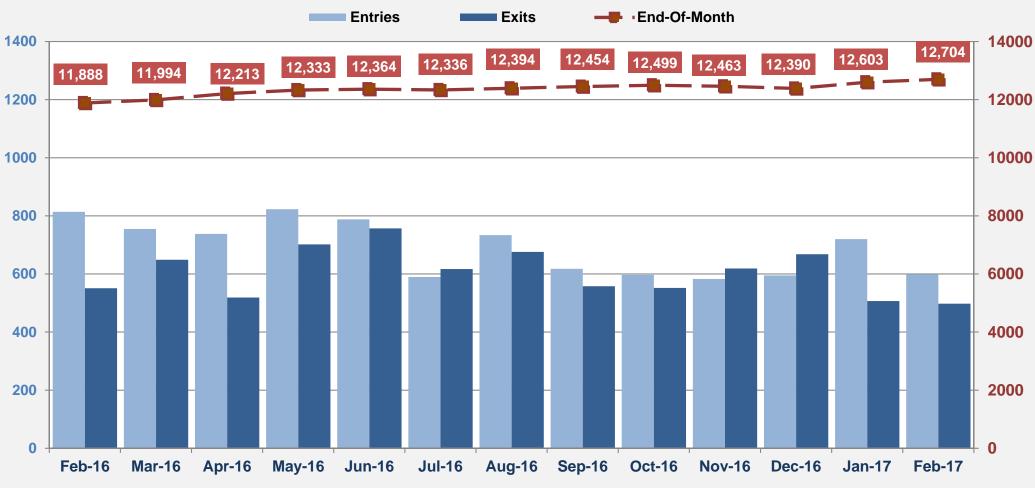
The number of children in Foster Care under the age of 18 remained constant during January was 13,202. Visually, you can see that Region 14 has the highest proportion of children in custody at any point in time.





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

Multiple trends can be seen in this graph. Entries decreased in February while exits are slightly increased. The ratio of entries to exits is 1.2 which accounts for a slight increase in the end of month population. The end of month trend shows that the Foster Care population is slightly increasing during February 2017.

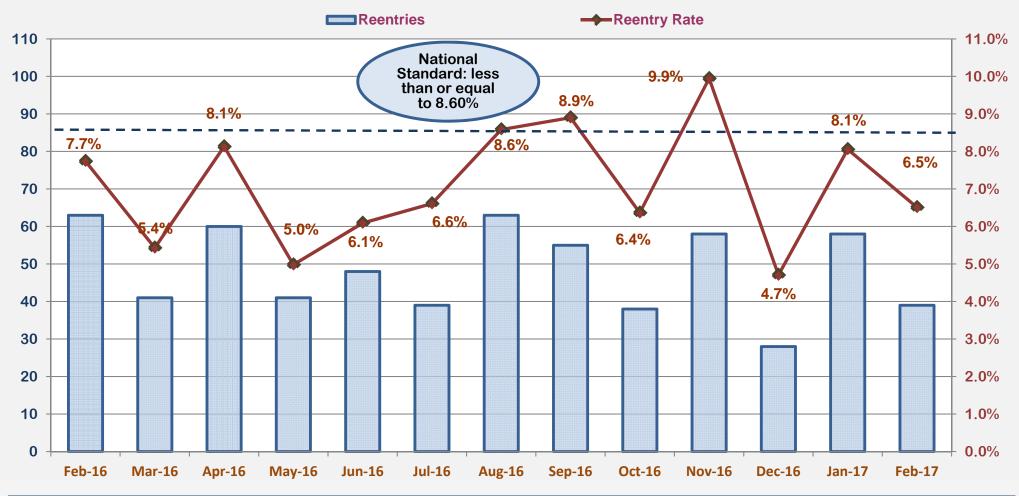


Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17
814	755	738	823	788	590	734	618	597	583	595	720	599
551	649	519	702	757	617	676	558	552	619	668	507	498



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

The re-entry rate improved during February 2017 by 1.6% following an increase from November 2016 with a subsequent 12-month low in December 2016. Although the number of entries increased in January 2017, the rate remains below the national standard.

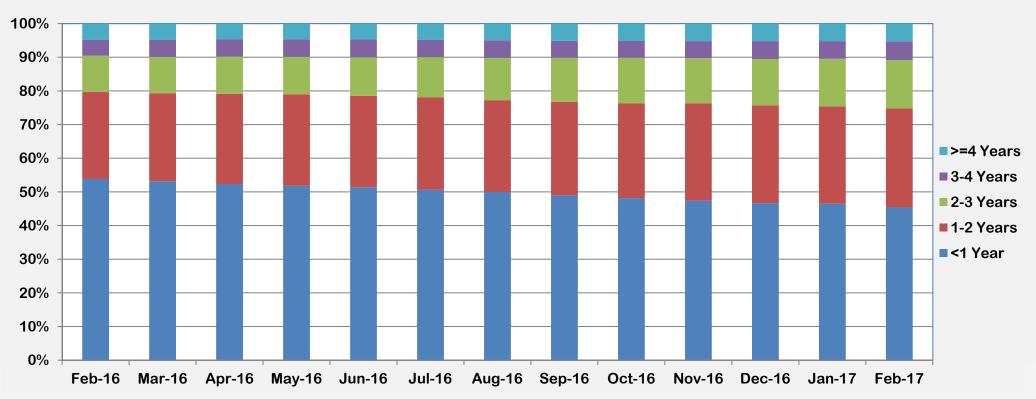


Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17
63	41	60	41	48	39	63	55	38	58	28	58	39
7.7%	5.4%	<b>8.1</b> %	5.0%	<b>6.1</b> %	6.6%	8.6%	<b>8.9</b> %	6.4%	9.9%	4.7%	<b>8.1</b> %	6.5%



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

Examining the length of stay of children who were in Foster Care during the month, there was an increase of .5% from January 2017 to February 2017 of the number of children who were in custody from 12 months through less than 24 months. The graph also reveals a decline in the proportion of children who were in custody for less than a year, from 53.9% in February 2016 to 45.4% in February 2017.

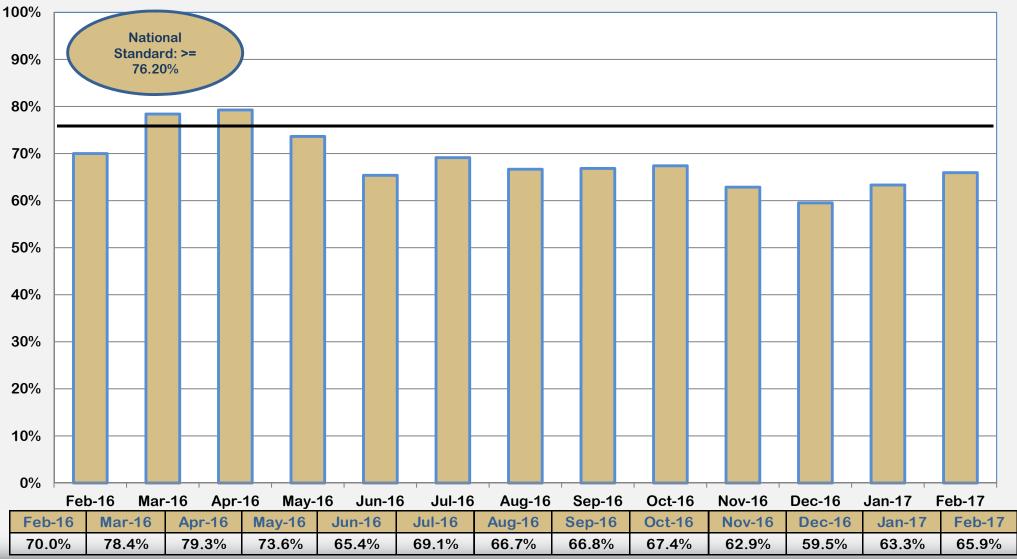


	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17
>=4 Years	<b>4.8</b> %	<b>4.8</b> %	4.7%	<b>4.6</b> %	4.7%	4.8%	5.0%	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>5.2</b> %	<b>5.2</b> %	<b>5.2</b> %	<b>5.3</b> %
3 - <4 Years	4.6%	5.1%	5.1%	5.3%	5.3%	5.1%	5.2%	5.0%	5.0%	5.1%	5.3%	5.2%	5.5%
2 - <3 Years	10.8%	10.8%	11.1%	11.1%	11.5%	11.9%	12.6%	13.1%	13.5%	13.4%	13.7%	14.1%	14.3%
1 - <2 Years	<b>25.9%</b>	26.2%	26.8%	27.2%	27.2%	27.5%	27.3%	<b>27.8</b> %	28.1%	<b>28.9</b> %	<b>29.1%</b>	29.0%	<b>29.5</b> %
<1 Year	<b>53.9%</b>	53.2%	52.4%	51.8%	51.4%	50.6%	50.0%	49.0%	48.2%	47.4%	46.7%	46.5%	45.4%



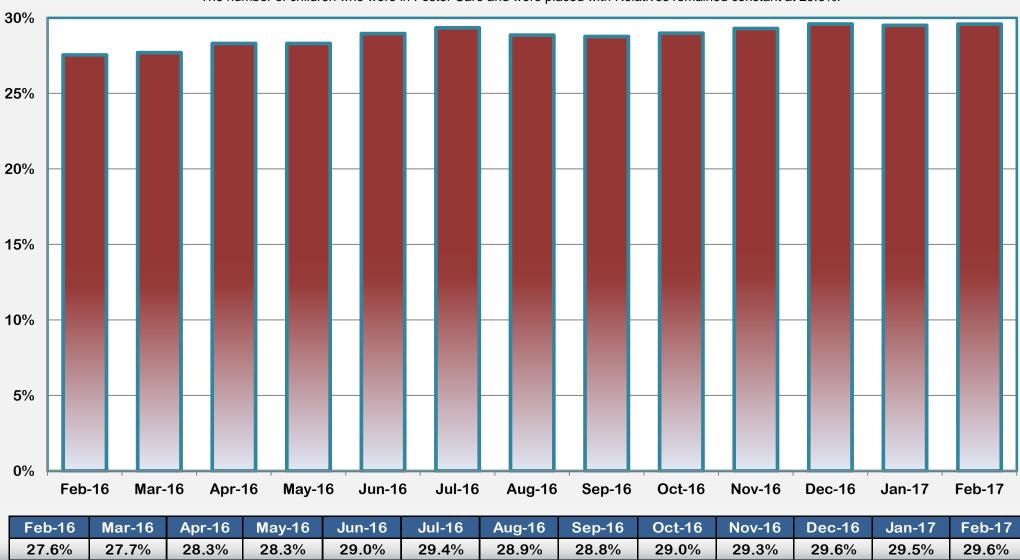
### Outcome IX: Length of Time to Reunification (February 2016 – February 2017)

The number of children who reunified within 12 months increased in February 2017 to 65.9%. While this is lower than a year earlier, it is an upward trend since December 2016 from 59.5%.





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



The number of children who were in Foster Care and were placed with Relatives remained constant at 29.6%.



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

There were 603 children who remained in custody after their 18th birthday during February 2017.

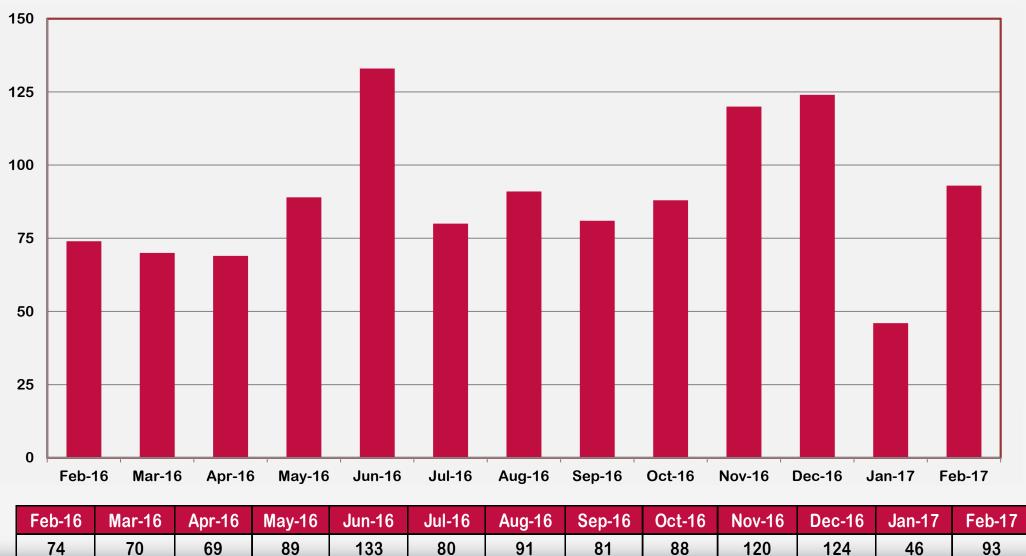


Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17
510	522	534	543	554	547	550	552	568	573	575	598	603



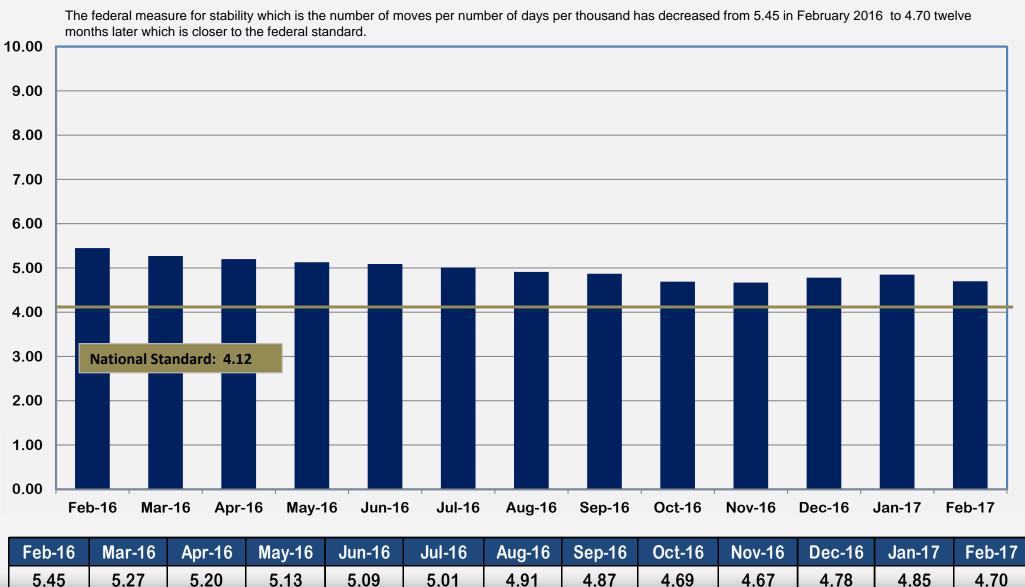
### Outcome XII: Number of Finalized Adoptions (February 2016 – February 2017)

There were 93 foster children adopted during February 2017 which 26% higher than February 2016.





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

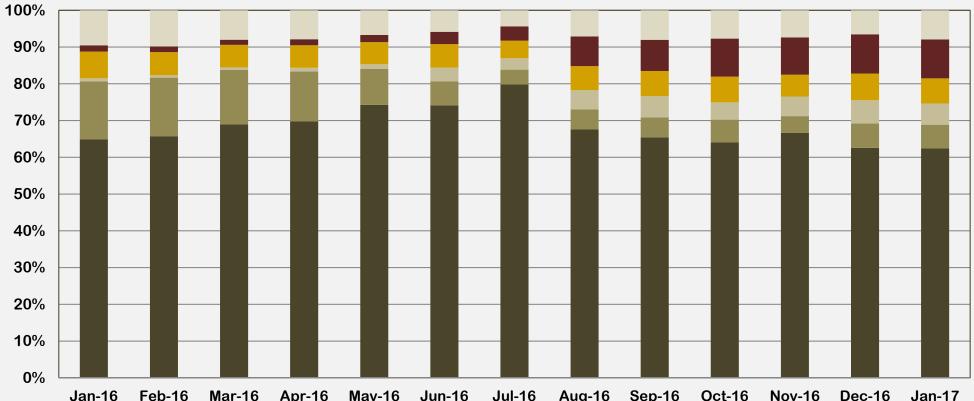


# Appendices



### Appendix A

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



Feb-16 Mar-16 Apr-16 May-16 Jun-16 Jul-16 Aug-16 Sep-16 Oct-16 Nov-16 Dec-16 Jan-17

	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17
Fam. Pres SubOpen	9.5%	9.8%	8.0%	<b>7.9</b> %	6.7%	5.9%	4.4%	7.1%	8.0%	7.7%	7.4%	6.5%	7.9%
FamPres UnsubOpen	1.7%	1.6%	1.4%	1.6%	1.9%	3.4%	3.9%	8.1%	8.5%	10.3%	10.1%	10.7%	10.6%
FostCare SubOpen	7.3%	6.3%	6.1%	6.1%	6.0%	6.4%	4.8%	6.5%	6.8%	7.0%	5.9%	7.3%	6.9%
FostCare UnsubOpen	0.9%	0.6%	0.7%	1.0%	1.3%	3.8%	3.1%	5.3%	5.8%	4.7%	5.3%	6.3%	5.8%
Subst Closed	15.8%	15.9%	14.8%	13.5%	9.8%	6.5%	4.1%	5.5%	5.4%	6.2%	4.5%	6.6%	6.5%
Unsubst Closed	64.9%	65.7%	69.0%	69.8%	74.3%	74.2%	79.8%	67.6%	65.5%	64.0%	66.7%	62.6%	62.4%

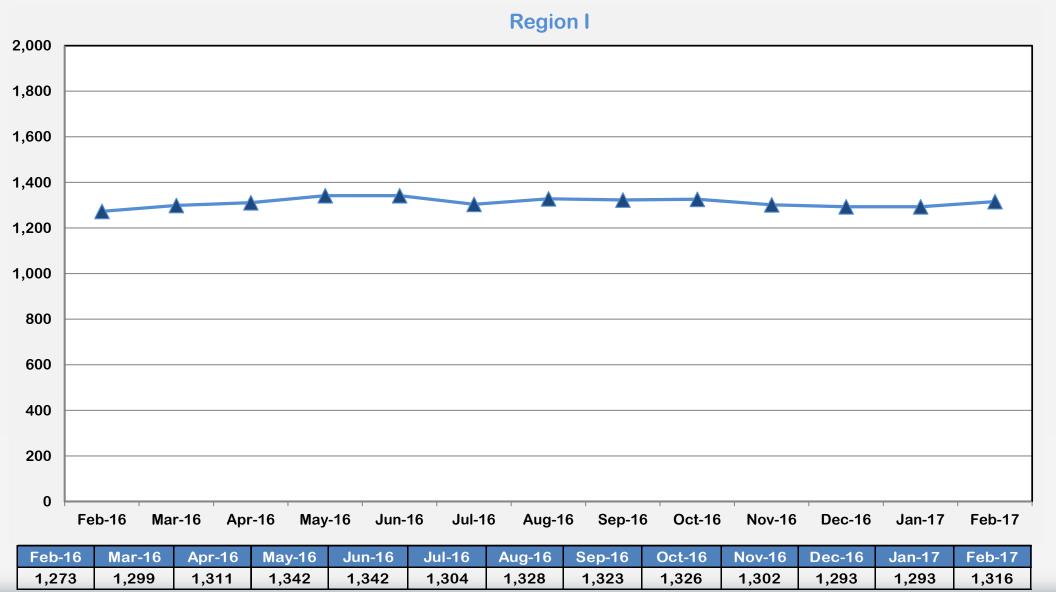




### **Regional Graphs of Outcome VI**

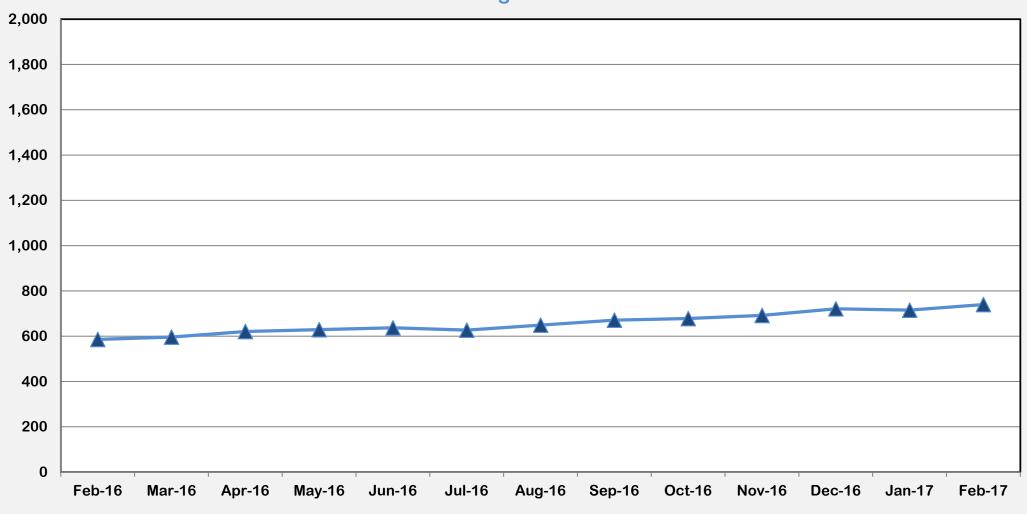
### Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (February 2016 – February 2017)





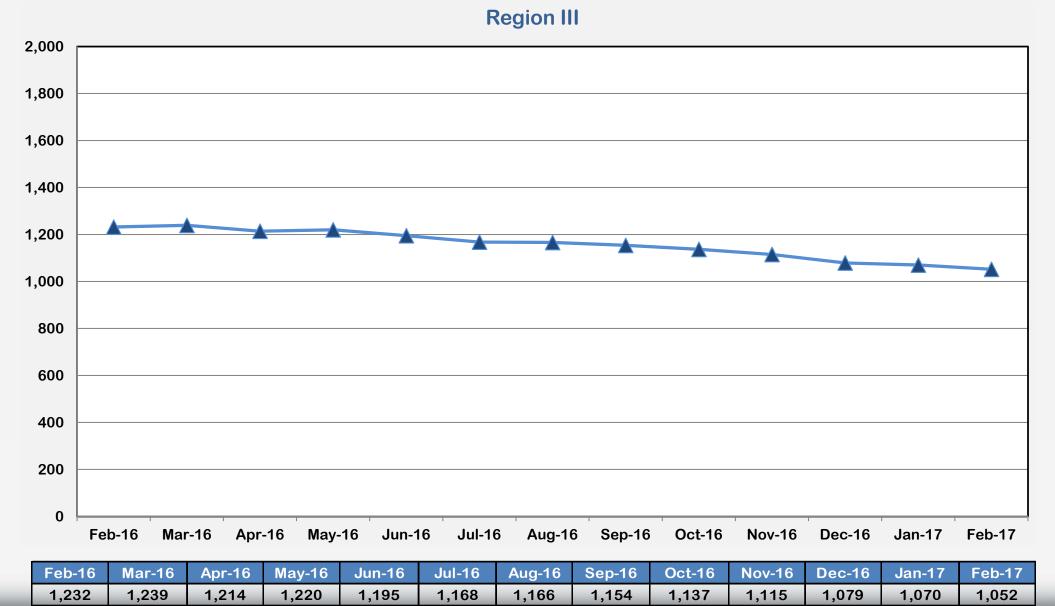




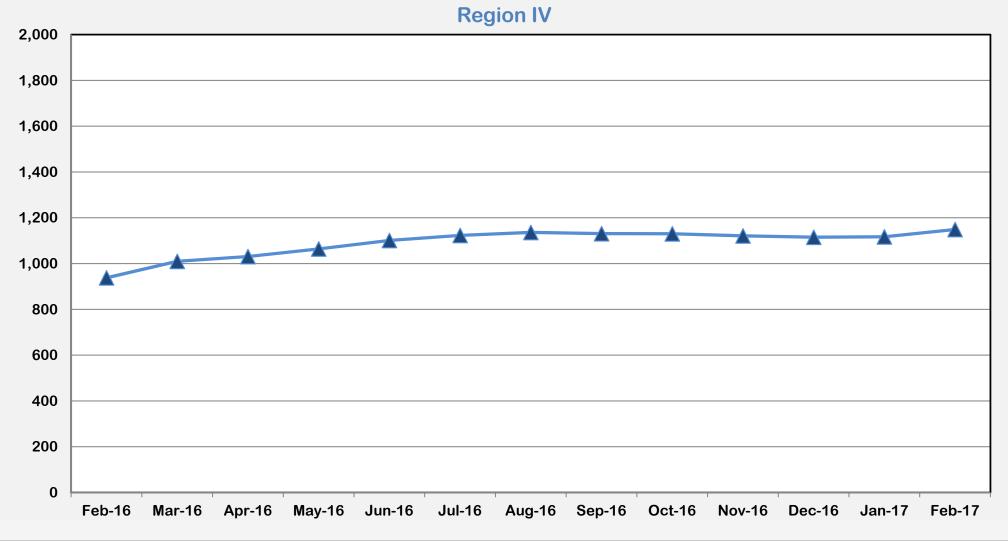


Feb-1	6 Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17
586	596	621	629	637	627	649	671	678	692	721	715	740



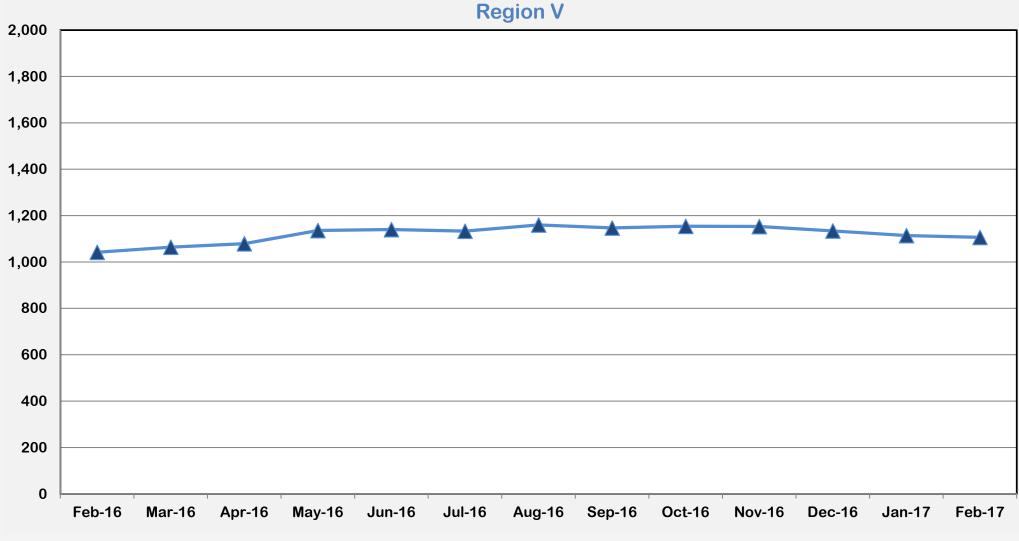






Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17
938	1,010	1,031	1,064	1,101	1,123	1,136	1,131	1,130	1,121	1,115	1,117	1,149

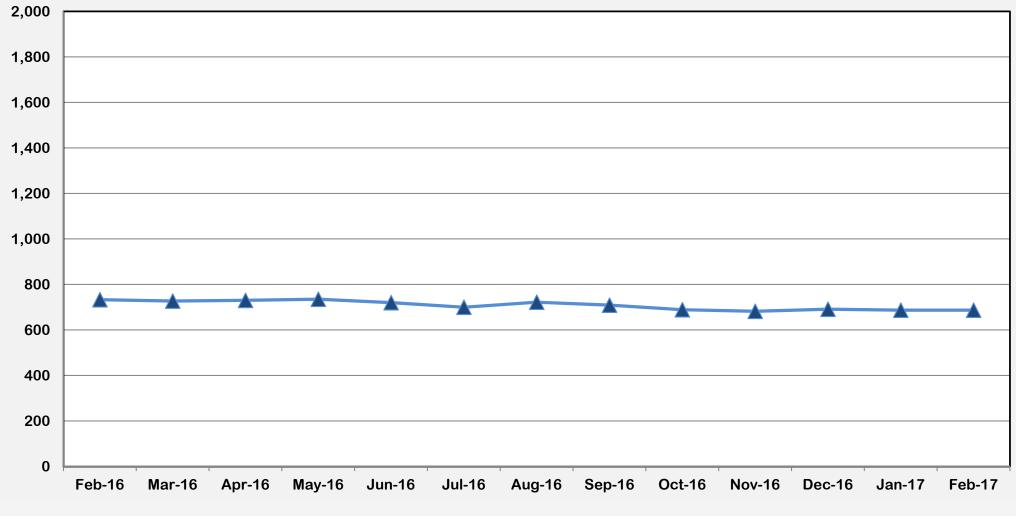




Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17
1,042	1,064	1,079	1,136	1,140	1,133	1,160	1,147	1,154	1,153	1,134	1,114	1,106

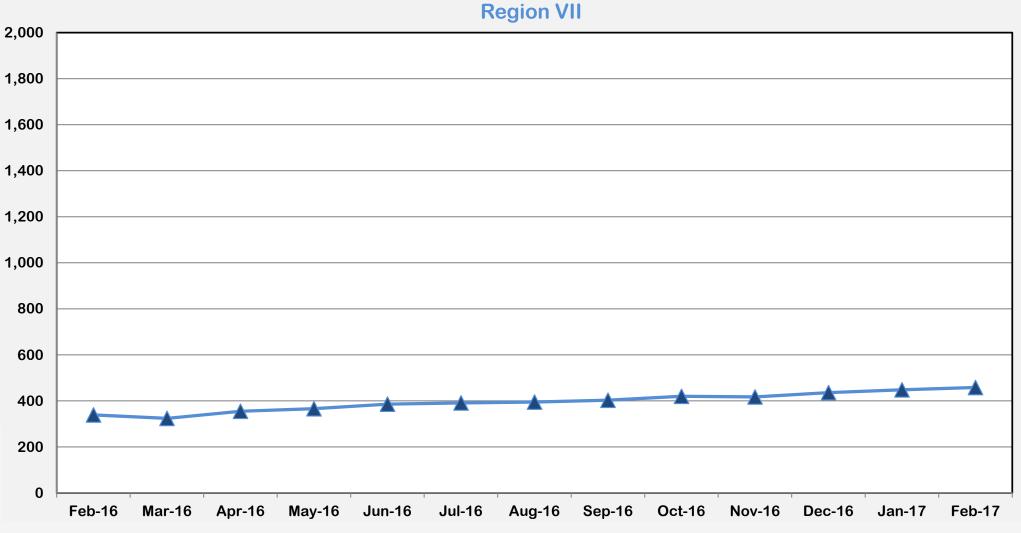


### **Region VI**



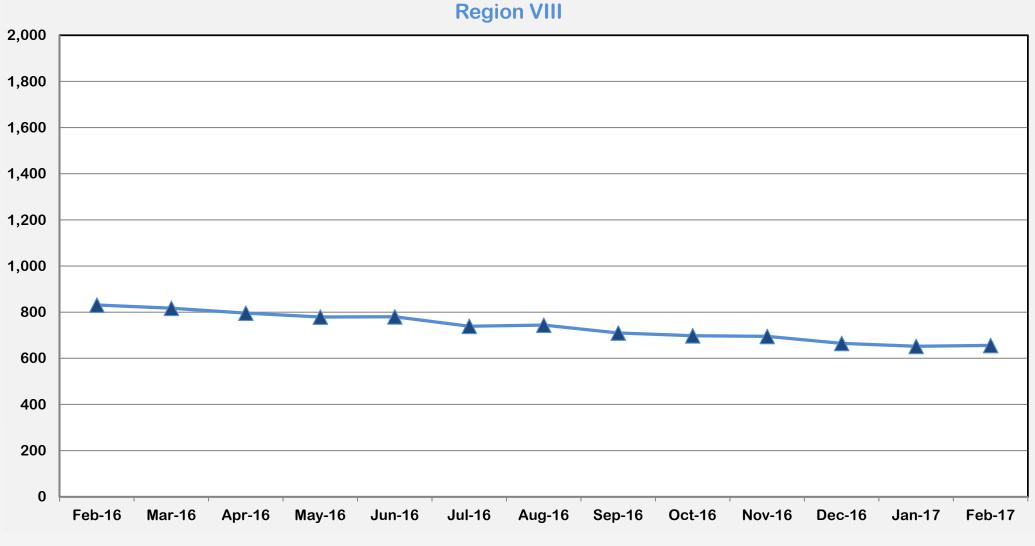
Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17
733	727	730	735	720	700	722	709	689	682	691	687	687





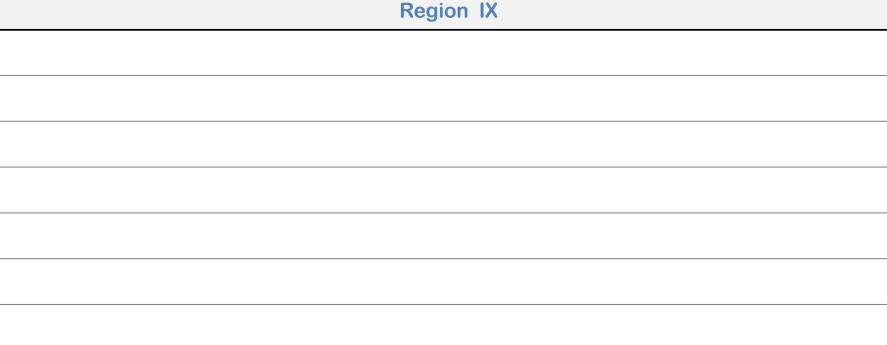
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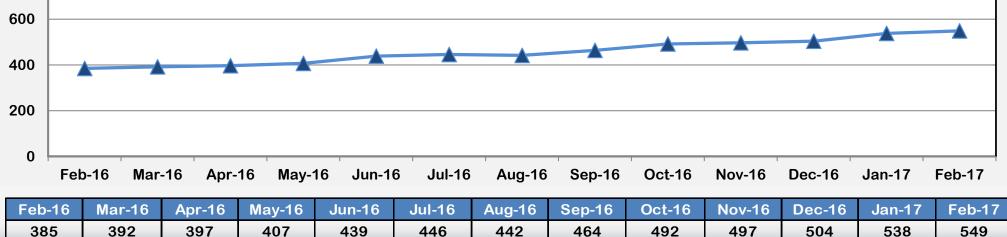




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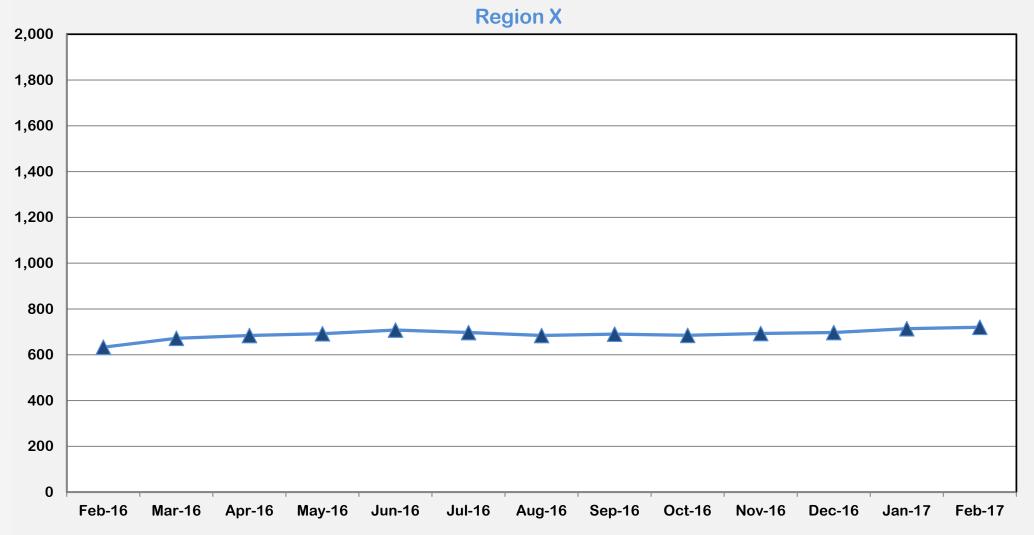
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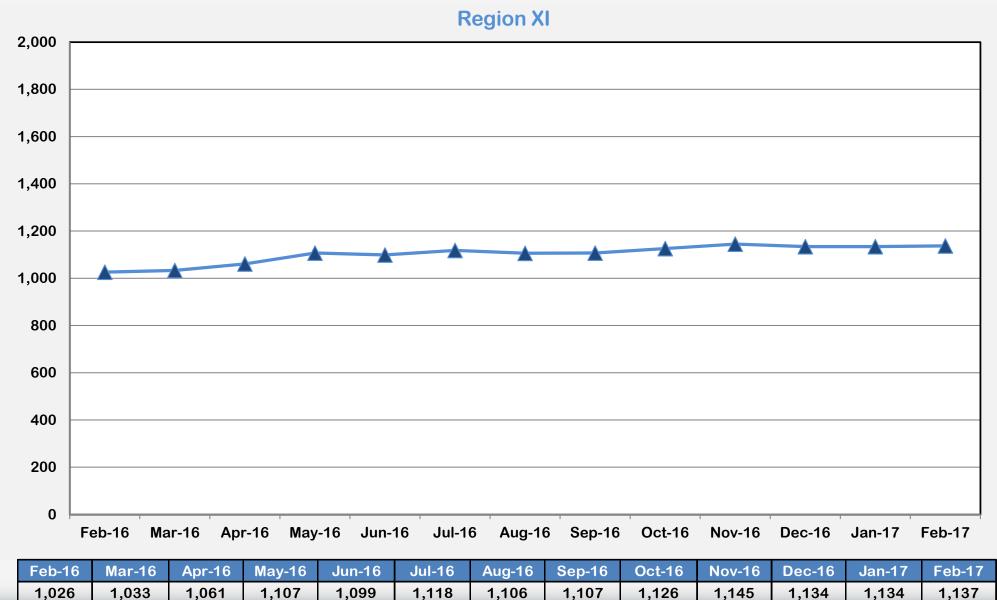
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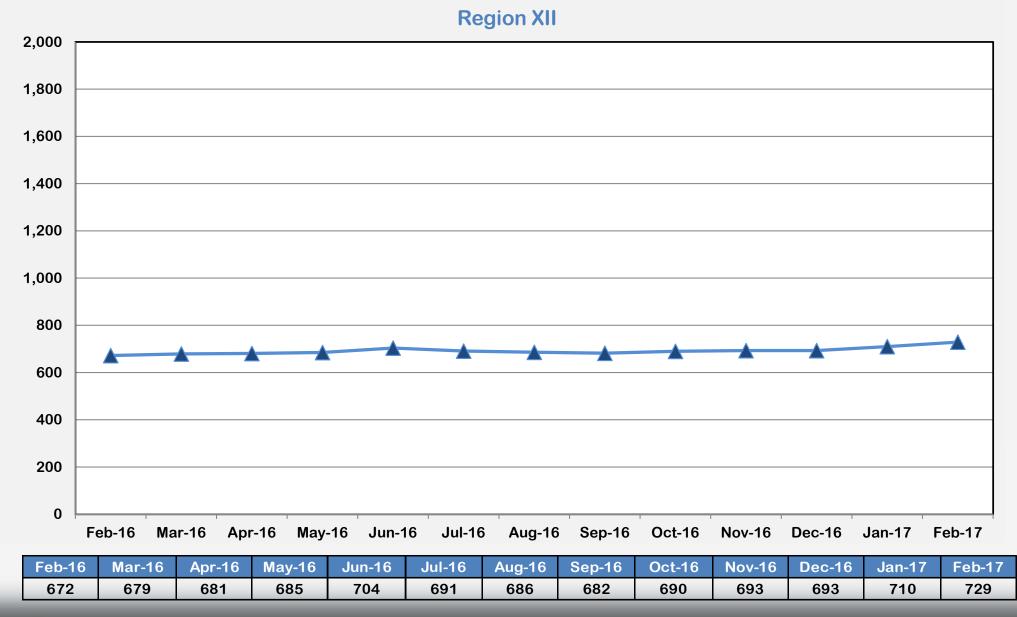


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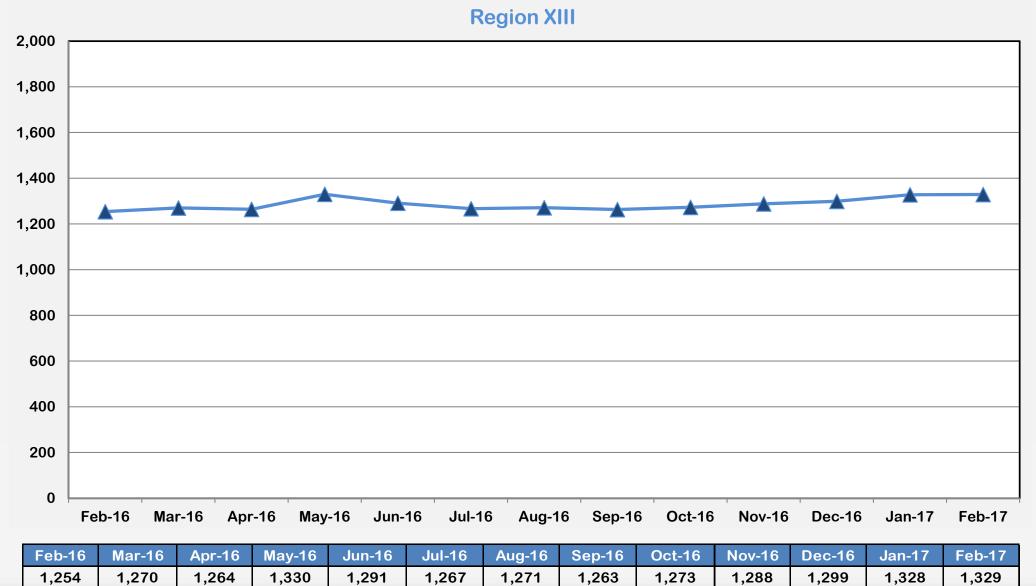




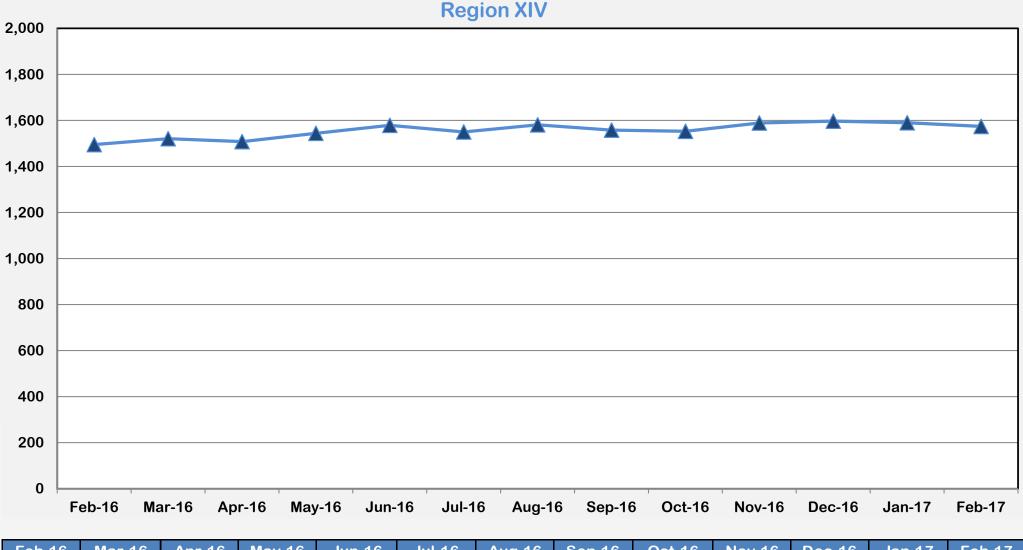












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1,495	1,521	1,508	1,544	1,579	1,550	1,581	1,558	1,553	1,589	1,597	1,590	1,574





# **Regional Graphs of Outcome XIII**

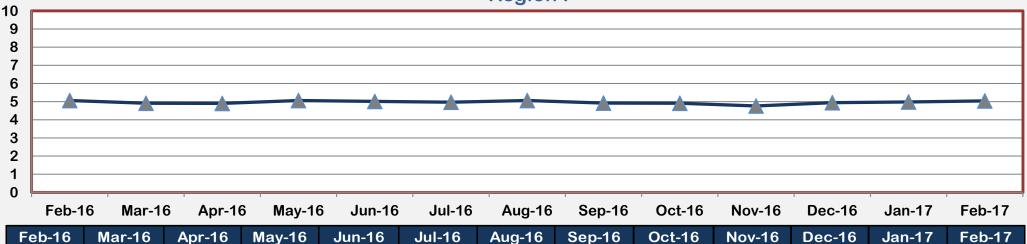
# Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (February 2016 – February 2017)

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



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

#### **Region I**



**Region II** 

4.92

4.91

4.76

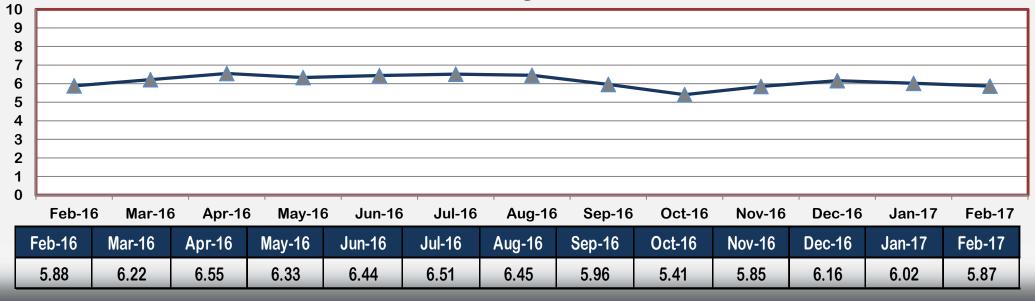
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4.98

5.04

5.06

4.97



4.91

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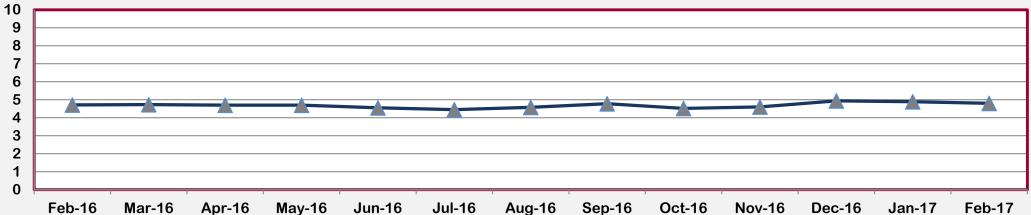
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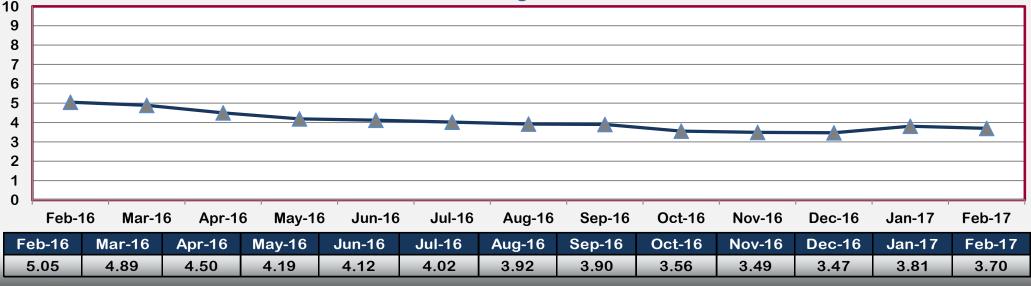
# Outcome XIII: Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (February 2016 – February 2017)





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4.71	4.73	4.70	4.70	4.55	4.45	4.58	4.78	4.52	4.60	4.94	4.89	4.80

#### **Region IV**





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

**Region V** 



**Region VI** 

4.84

4.37

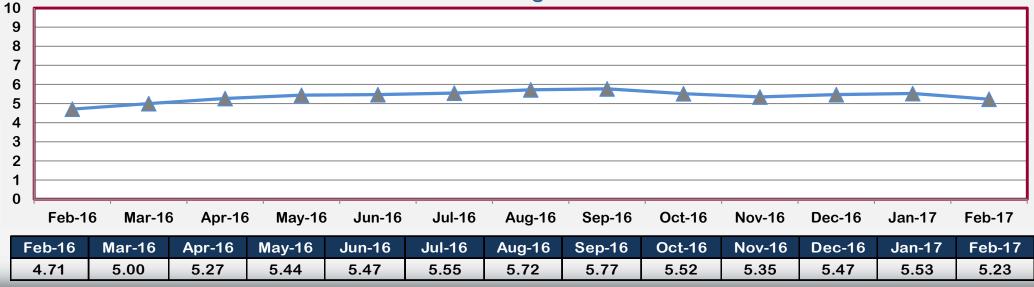
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4.57

4.68

4.46

5.18





6.16

5.89

5.50

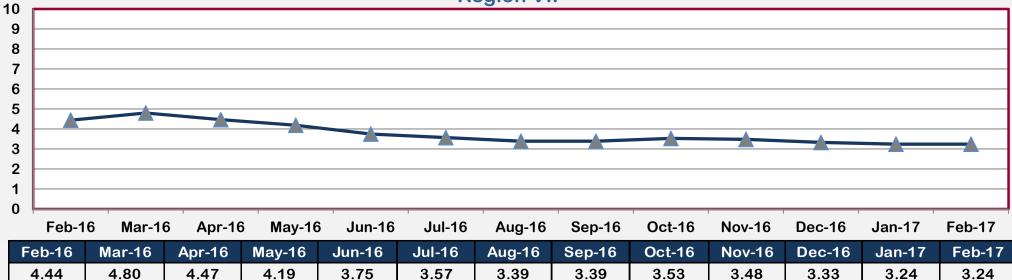
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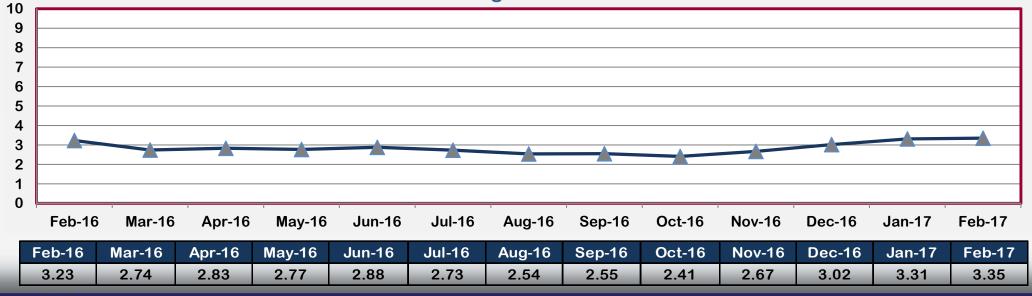
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Outcome XIII: Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (February 2016 - February 2017)





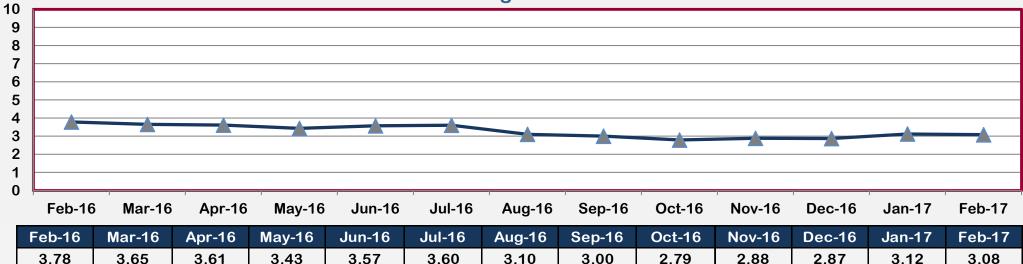
#### **Region VIII**





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

**Region IX** 



**Region X** 

3.00

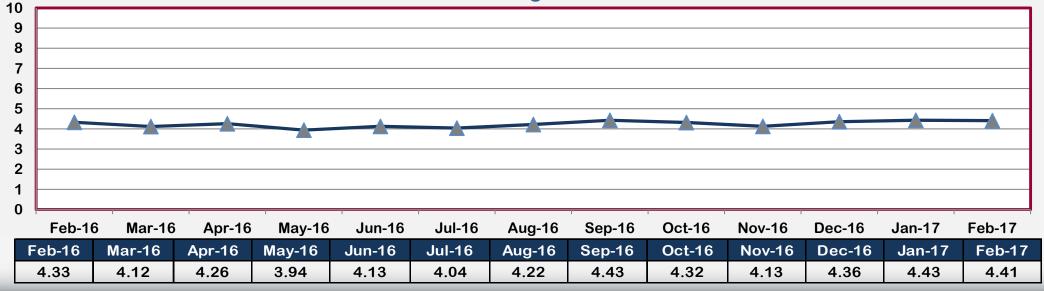
2.79

2.88

2.87

3.12

3.08





3.78

3.65

3.61

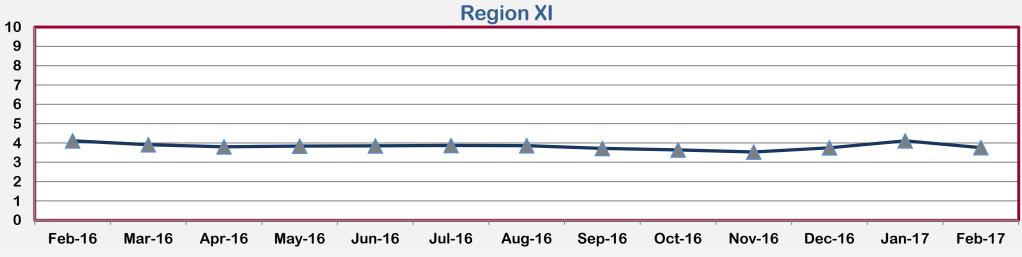
Division of Family & Children Services

3.57

3.60

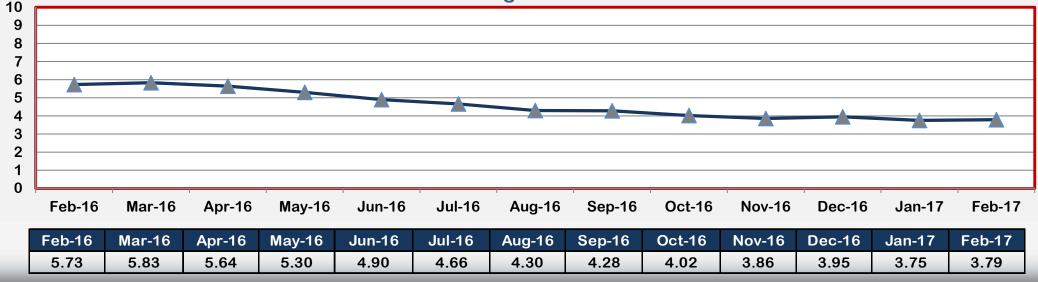
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Outcome XIII: Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (February 2016 - February 2017)

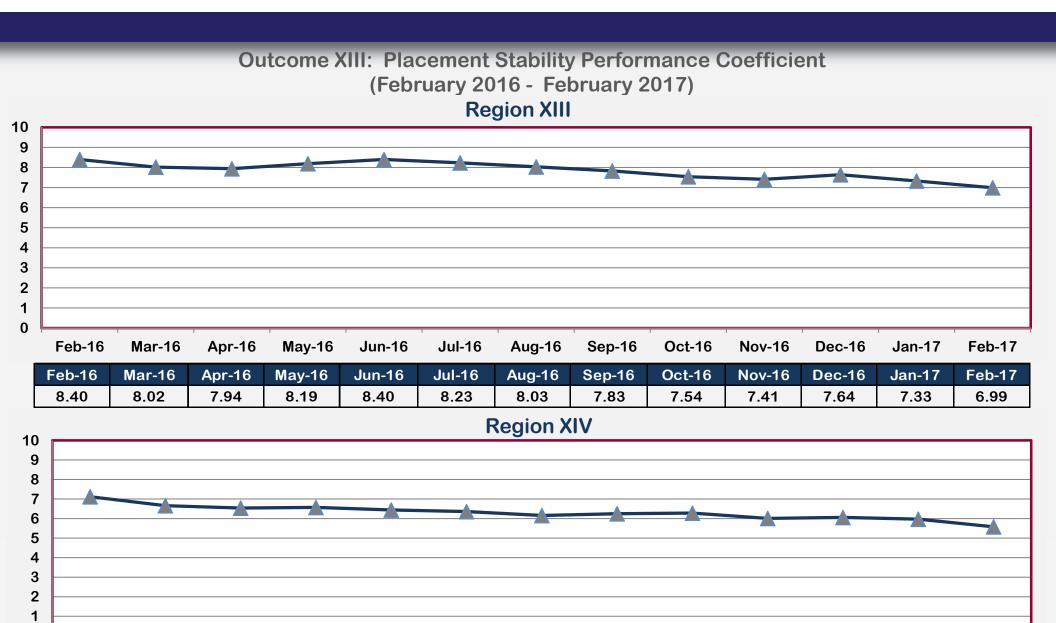


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4.11	3.91	3.80	3.84	3.85	3.87	3.86	3.72	3.64	3.53	3.75	4.11	3.76

**Region XII** 







Division of Family & Children Services

Jul-16

Jul-16

6.36

Aug-16

Aug-16

6.16

Sep-16

Sep-16

6.25

Oct-16

Oct-16

6.28

**Nov-16** 

**Nov-16** 

6.01

Dec-16

Dec-16

6.06

Jan-17

Jan-17

5.97

Feb-17

Feb-17

5.58

Jun-16

Jun-16

6.44

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Feb-16

Feb-16

7.12

Mar-16

Mar-16

6.66

Apr-16

Apr-16

6.54

May-16

May-16

6.57