

## Georgia Division of Family & Children Services

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# Monthly Measures and Results for May 2017\*

\*(Reflects Safety Outcomes as of March 31, 2017 And Permanency Outcomes as of April 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)

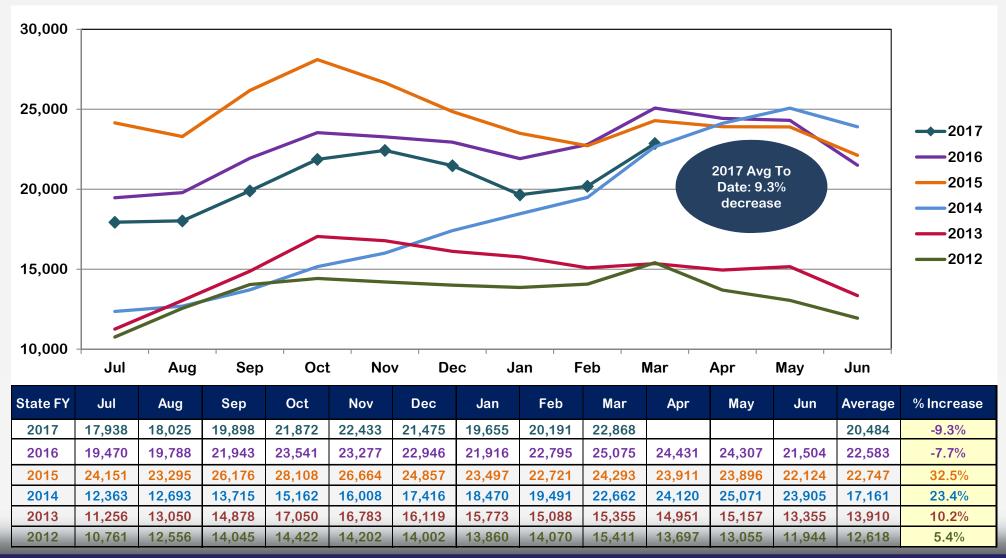
A calculated value based upon the ACF CFSR Round 3 which is part of Program Improvement. It is calculated from a rolling 12 month population of the entry cohort where the child remained in custody for over 8 days and was not 18 on the date of removal. The federal standard is 4.12.

Source: SHINES

<sup>\*\*</sup>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)

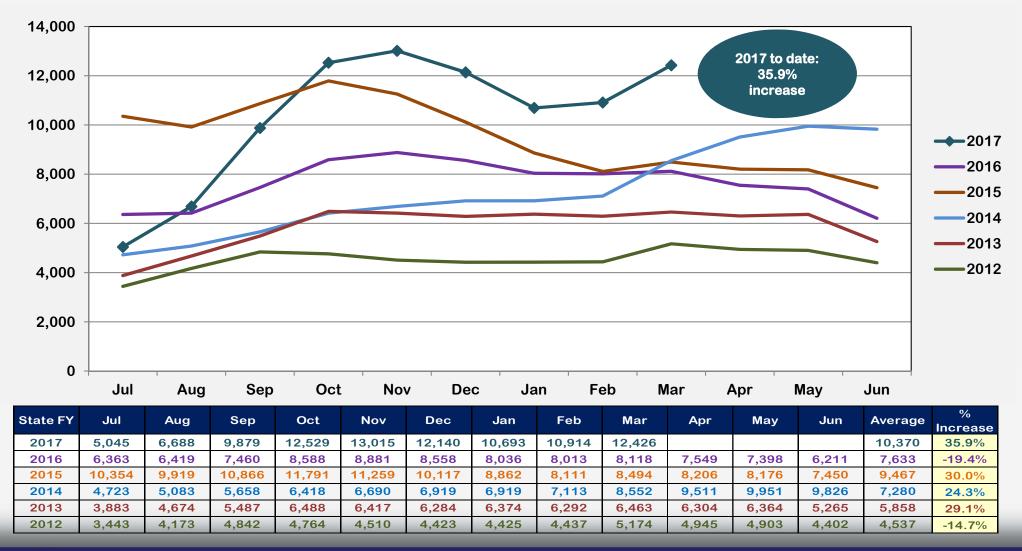
During the month of March 2017, there was an increase in the overall total of cases of 13% from February 2017. The average for the state fiscal year 2017 reveals a 9.3% decrease since last state fiscal year. Comparatively, although Georgia has an 8% decrease since last March 2016, the cases from February to March reveal a slight upwards trend since SFY 2014.





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

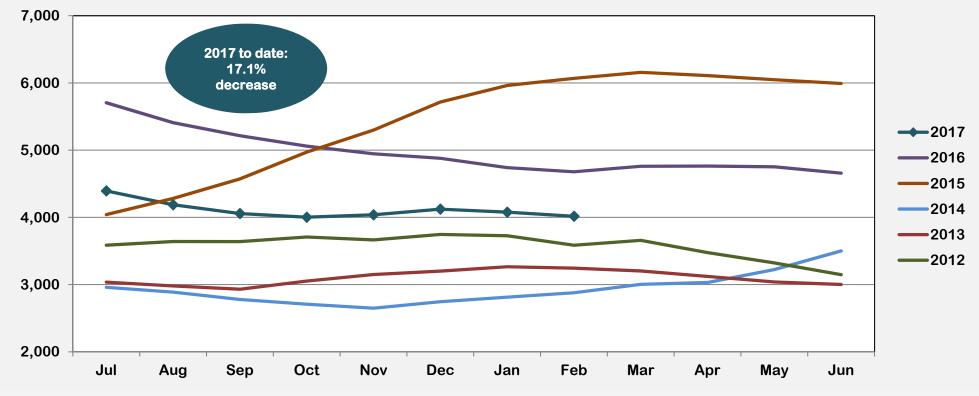
Family Support cases increased during March 2017 close to the second quarter cases during October – December 2016. During SFY 2016, there was a decrease over the SFY 2015 average caseload of 19.4%. The State Fiscal Year 2017 to date trend reveals that Family Support Cases are being implemented with a 35.9% increase over SFY 2016 average caseload.





#### 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 17.1% lower than SFY 2016's average. State Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 show a marked decrease in Family Preservation Cases since SFY 2015.

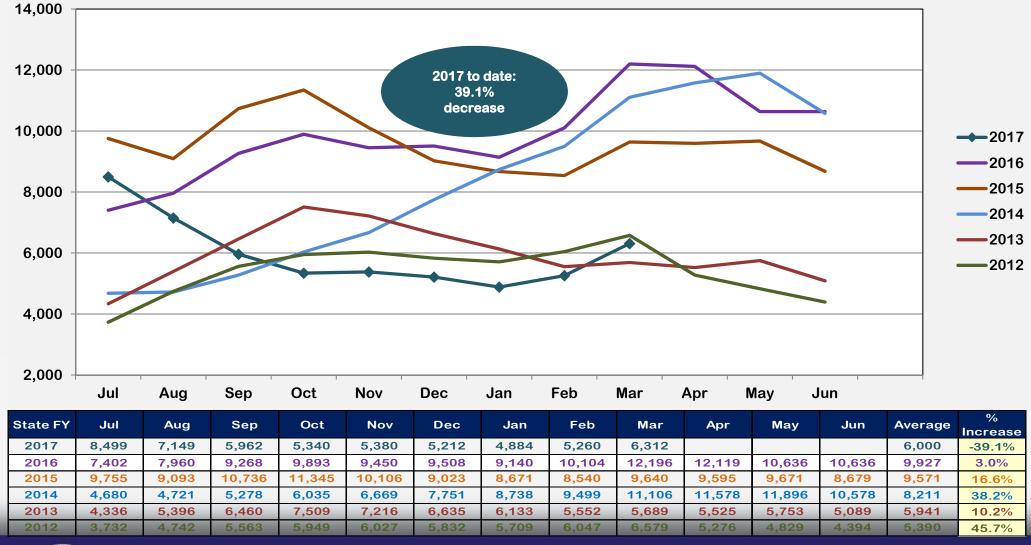


State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Average	% Increase
2017	4,394	4,188	4,057	4,003	4,038	4,123	4,078	4,017	4,130				4,114	-17.1%
2016	5,705	5,409	5,215	5,060	4,946	4,880	4,740	4,678	4,761	4,763	4,752	4,658	4,964	-8.7%
2015	4,042	4,282	4,573	4,971	5,298	5,716	5,963	6,069	6,158	6,109	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%
2012	3,586	3,641	3,640	3,709	3,665	3,747	3,726	3,586	3,658	3,476	3,323	3,148	3,575	-5.6%



#### 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.





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

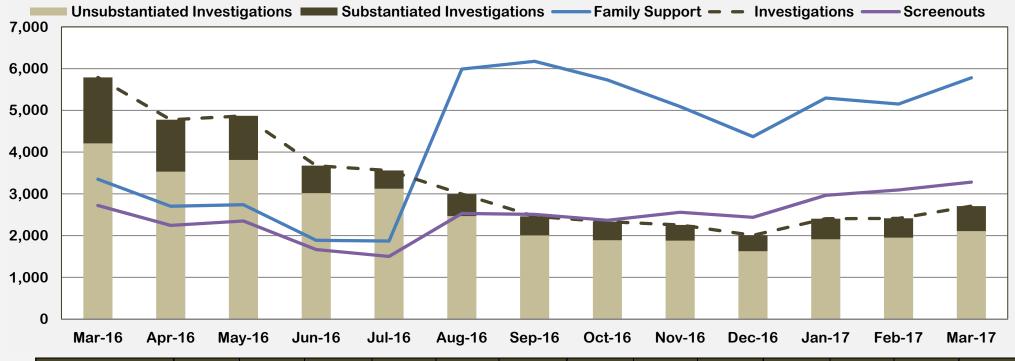
The trend below reveals a decrease in the number of repeated substantiated incidents of child maltreatment. During March 2016, Georgia was above the national standard of 5.4%. One year later this value is reduced by 50% reflecting many effective changes that have been implemented in Child Protective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





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

Of the CPS cases that had a disposition during the month of March 2017, 27.9% were screen outs, 49.1% were Family Support, and 23% were Investigations. Only 22% 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 with slight increases during the last quarter of the second semester.

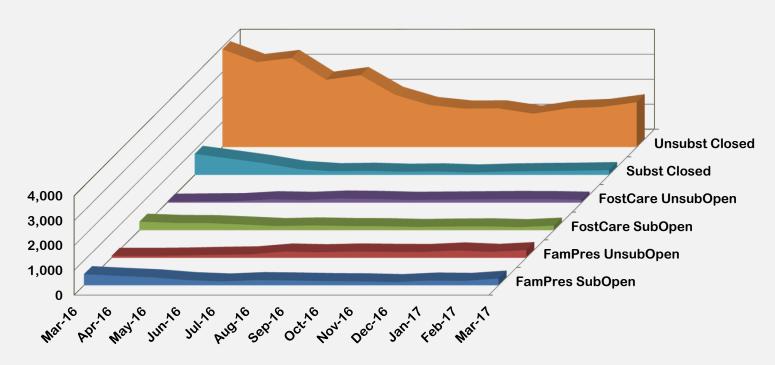


	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17
Family Support	3,352	2,703	2,740	1,887	1,869	5,990	6,175	5,729	5,092	4,370	5,297	5,152	5,781
Screenouts	2,722	2,245	2,350	1,666	1,502	2,530	2,508	2,368	2,560	2,439	2,965	3,095	3,283
Investigations	5,790	4,777	4,871	3,676	3,561	2,997	2,462	2,336	2,256	2,009	2,407	2,415	2,708
Substantiated Investigations	1,581	1,245	1,059	659	438	530	456	447	377	382	495	464	601
Unsubstantiated Investigations	4,209	3,532	3,812	3,017	3,123	2,467	2,006	1,889	1,879	1,627	1,912	1,951	2,107



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

According to March's data, 20% of Investigations were subsequently opened as a Family Preservation case; 11% of Investigations were opened as a Foster Care case; and 69% of Investigations were closed.



	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17
FamPres SubOpen	454	384	323	213	158	214	197	173	163	131	196	182	275
FamPres UnsubOpen	80	80	93	123	141	256	227	258	243	237	300	242	314
FostCare SubOpen	348	298	290	233	171	198	173	167	135	152	162	127	190
FostCare UnsubOpen	37	51	62	137	113	166	149	114	125	137	148	143	117
Subst Closed	843	660	469	236	147	165	127	141	97	137	156	169	192
Unsubst Closed	3,918	3,408	3,569	2,700	2,884	2,094	1,687	1,544	1,551	1,340	1,553	1,609	1,796



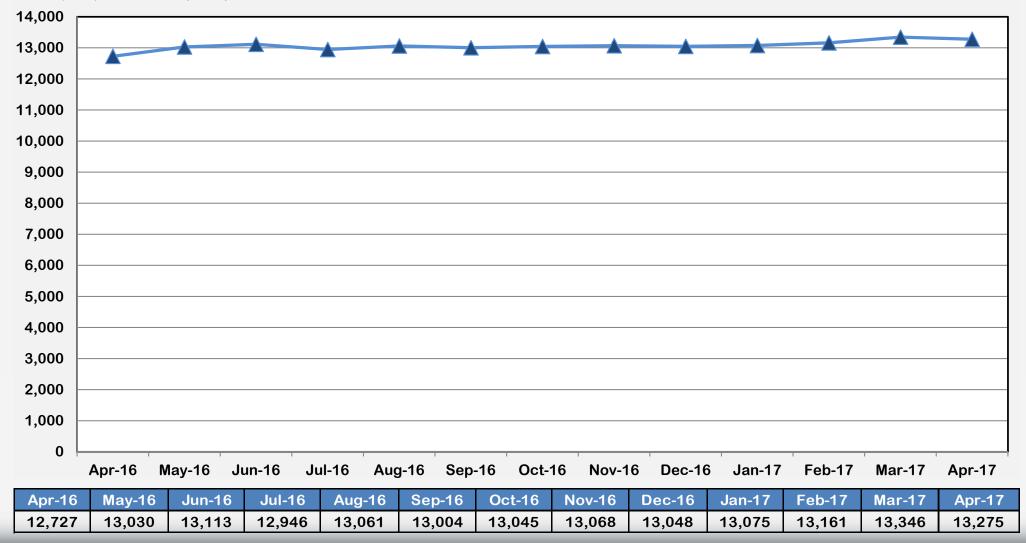
### Outcome V: Number of Children in Placement Services (State Fiscal Year 2017 To Date)

There was a decline in the number of placement services that were open during the month of April (17,932). 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.



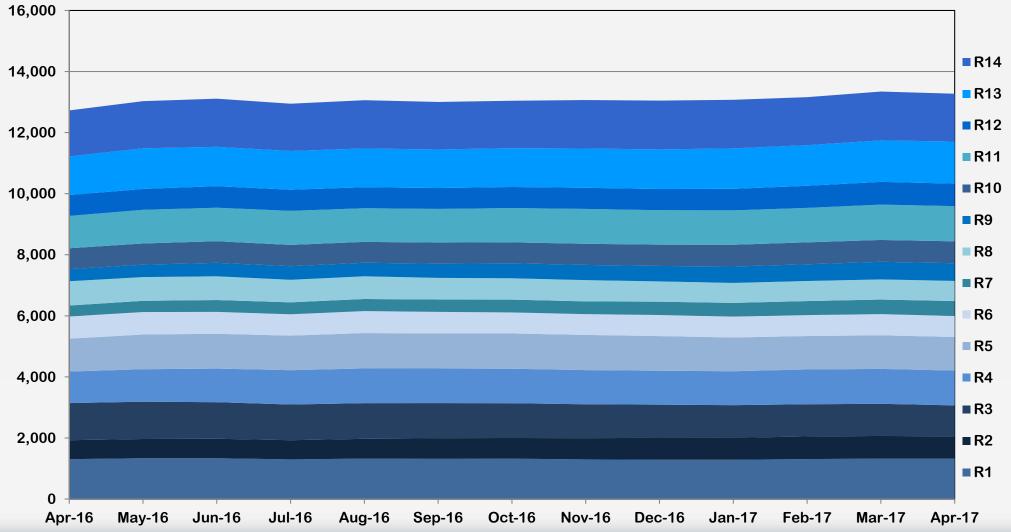


The number of children in foster care under the age of 18 remained close within 1% of March 2017 population at 13,275. The following slides reveal that there were 587 entries and 476 exits. On the last day of April 2017, there were 12,799 children in custody from this population. Of those who entered custody during the month, forty-six children (7.8%) of them had a prior episode within 12 months.





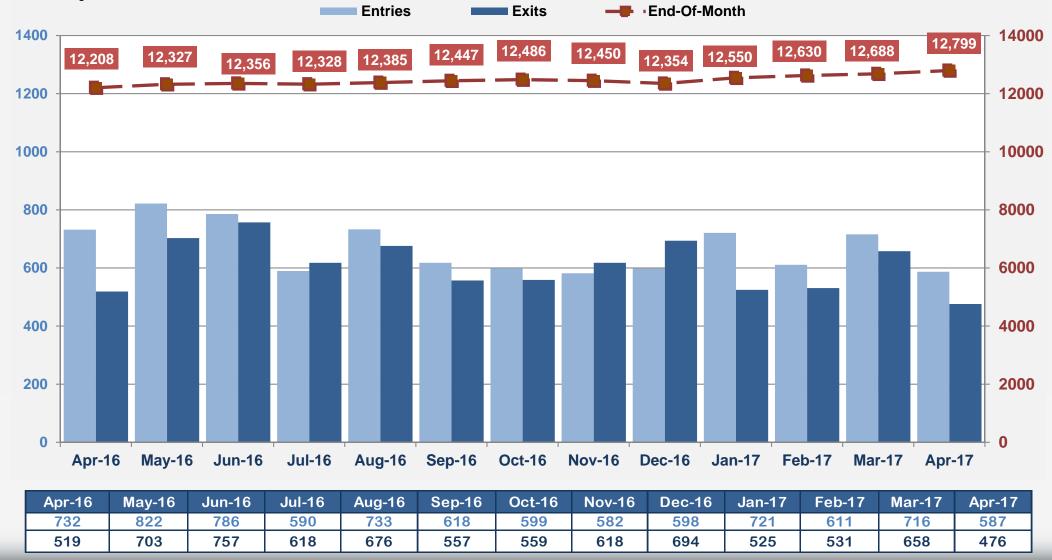
The number of children in Foster Care under the age of 18 during April 2017 was 13,275. Visually, you can see that Region 14 has the highest proportion of children in custody at any point in time. During April, Region 14 had 1568 children in DFCS custody followed by Region 13 with 1377 and Region 1 with 1326. (for regional trends, see appendix).





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

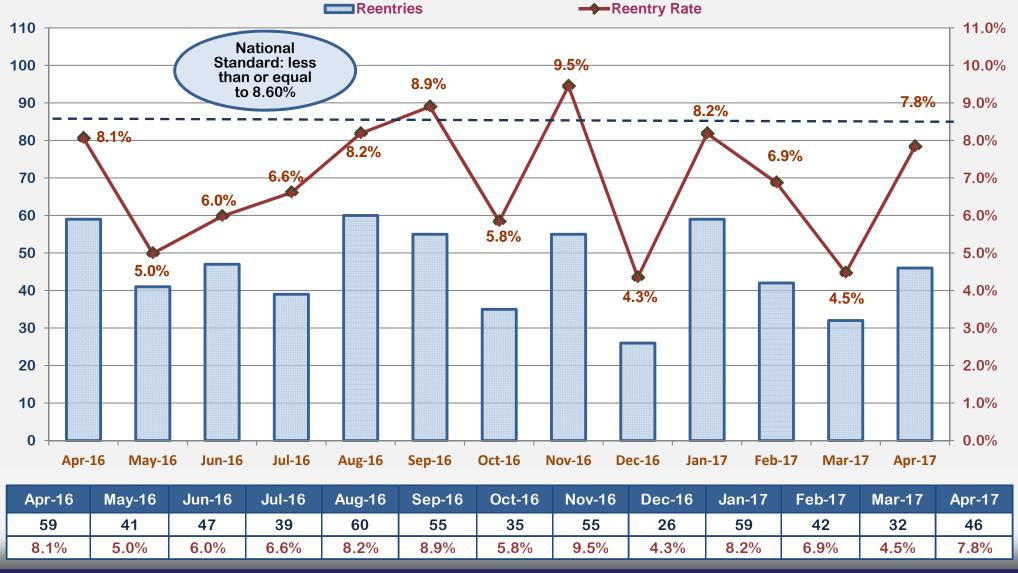
Multiple trends can be seen in this graph. While there was a marked decrease in the number of entries and exits in April since March, there was a net gain of 111 children removed from the home and placed into foster care during April 2017 alone. The ratio of entries to exits over the last 13 months is 1.1. April showed a slight increase over the average with 1.2.





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

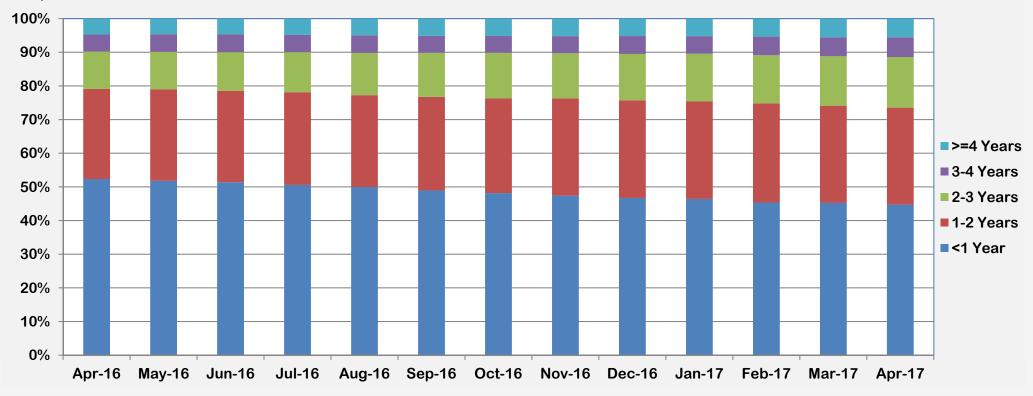
Reentries into foster care improved during December 2016 followed by a spike revealing that the number of re-entries increased. Although there was an increase in the number of re-entries during January of over 100%, the number of entries also increased which allowed the rate to remain below the standard.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





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

Examining the length of stay of children who were in Foster Care during the month, there was an increase of .4% from March 2017 to April 2017 of the number of children who were in custody from 24 months through less than 36 months. The percentage of children who have been custody for less than a year has decreased to 44.8%. This chart also reveals that the proportion of children remaining in custody more than 48 months has increased by .8% over the same time last year, April 2016.

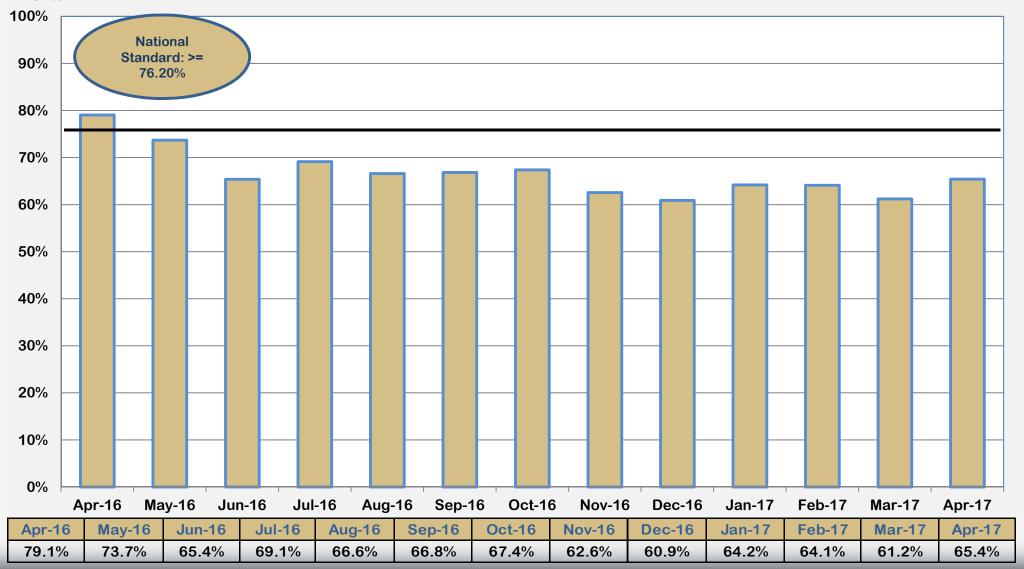


	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17
>=4 Years	4.7%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.3%	5.5%	5.5%
3 - <4 Years	5.1%	5.3%	5.3%	5.1%	5.2%	5.0%	5.0%	5.1%	5.3%	5.3%	5.5%	5.7%	5.9%
2 - <3 Years	11.1%	11.1%	11.5%	11.9%	12.6%	13.1%	13.6%	13.4%	13.8%	14.2%	14.3%	14.7%	15.1%
1 - <2 Years	26.8%	27.2%	27.2%	27.5%	27.3%	27.8%	28.1%	28.9%	29.0%	28.9%	29.4%	28.9%	28.8%
<1 Year	52.4%	51.8%	51.4%	50.6%	50.0%	49.0%	48.2%	47.4%	46.7%	46.4%	45.4%	45.2%	44.8%



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

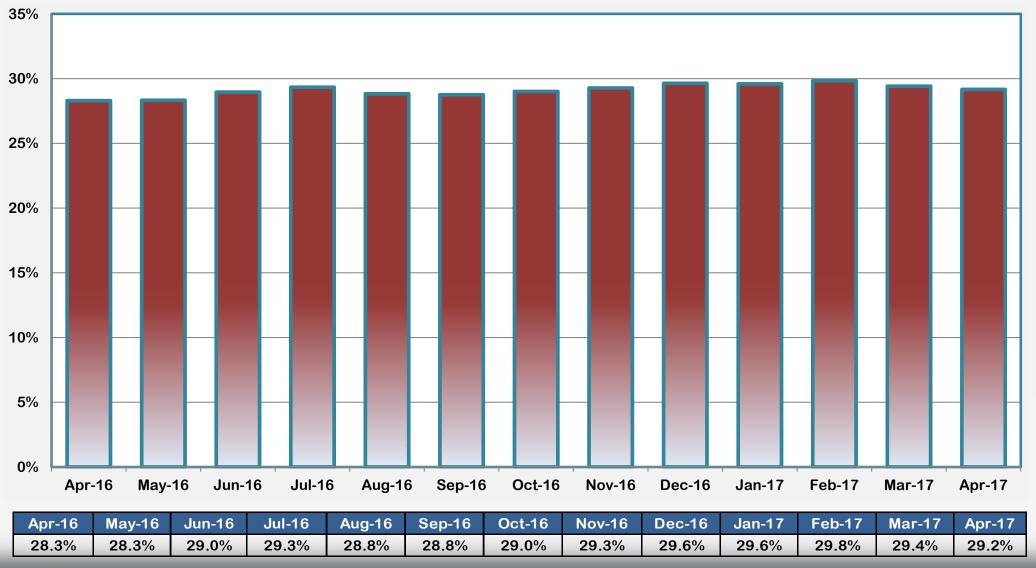
The number of children who reunified within 12 months increased to 65.4% during the month of April. This proportion is significantly lower than last April's proportion of 79.1%.





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

The number of children who were in Foster Care that were placed with relatives during the month of April 2017 remained constant at 29.2%.





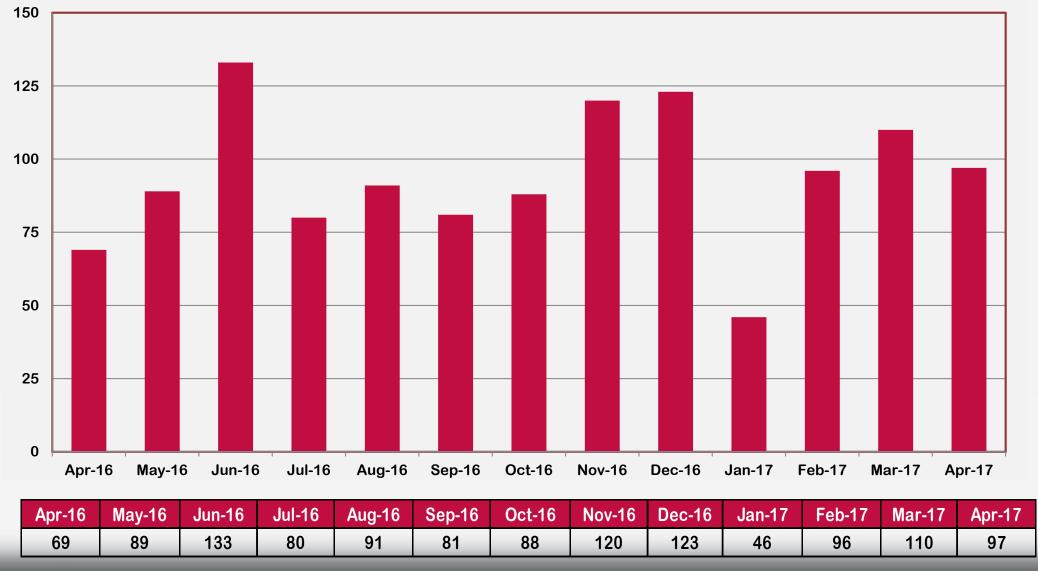
### Outcome XI: Extended Youth Services (April 2016 – April 2017)

There were 604 children who remained in custody after their 18th birthday during April 2017. 700 600 500 400 300 200 100 0 May-16 Jul-16 Nov-16 Feb-17 Apr-16 Jun-16 Aug-16 Sep-16 Oct-16 Dec-16 Jan-17 Mar-17 Apr-17 Apr-16 Jun-16 Jul-16 Sep-16 Oct-16 Feb-17 May-16 Aug-16 Nov-16 Dec-16 Jan-17 Mar-17 Apr-17 533 542 553 551 567 573 595 602 601 604 546 549 576



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

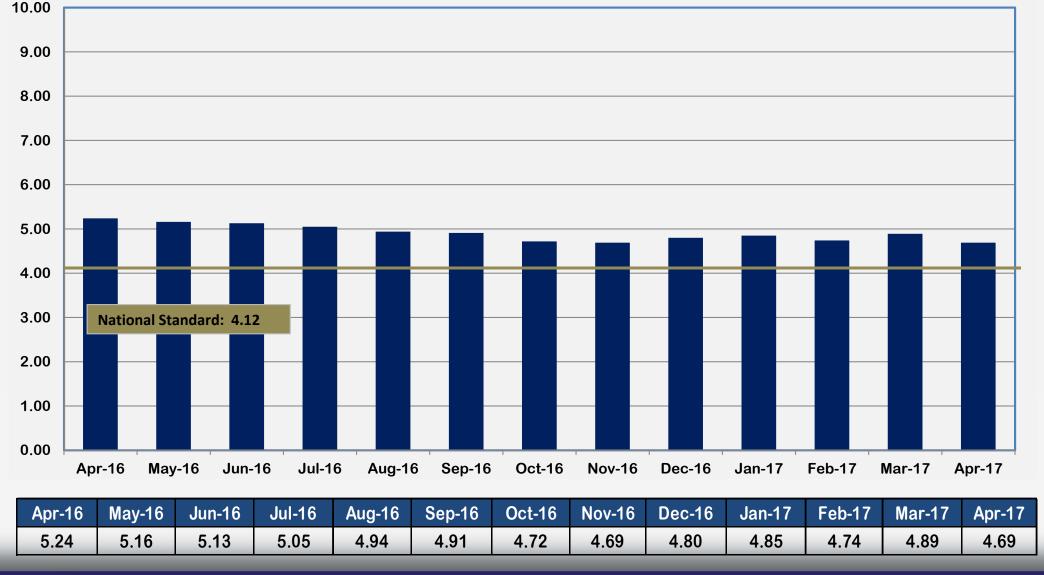
There were 97 foster children adopted during April 2017. This represents a 41% improvement over April 2016 as a comparison of last year during the same month.





### Outcome XIII: Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (April 2016 - April 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 5.24 to 4.69 which is closer to the federal standard.



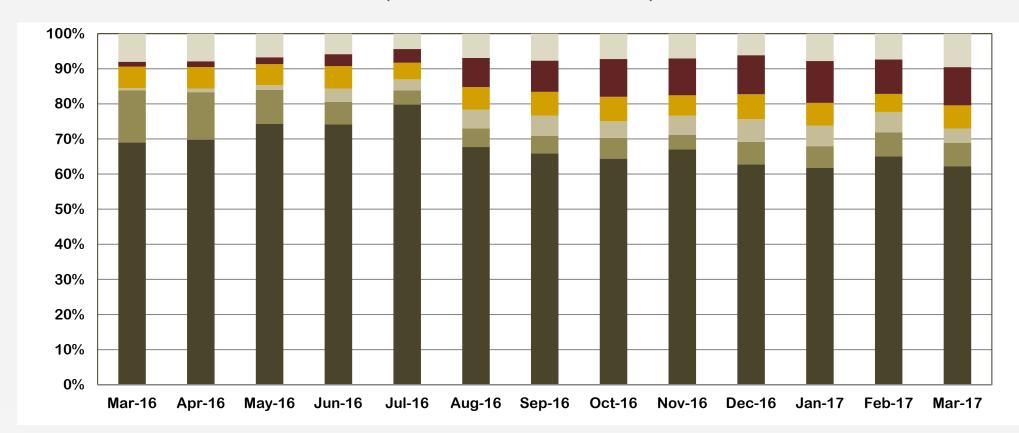


### **Appendices**



#### Appendix A

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



	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17
Fam. Pres SubOpen	8.0%	7.9%	6.7%	5.8%	4.4%	6.9%	7.7%	7.2%	7.0%	6.1%	7.8%	7.4%	9.5%
FamPres UnsubOpen	1.4%	1.6%	1.9%	3.4%	3.9%	8.3%	8.9%	10.8%	10.5%	11.1%	11.9%	9.8%	10.9%
FostCare SubOpen	6.1%	6.1%	6.0%	6.4%	4.7%	6.4%	6.8%	7.0%	5.8%	7.1%	6.4%	5.1%	6.6%
FostCare UnsubOpen	0.7%	1.0%	1.3%	3.8%	3.1%	5.4%	5.8%	4.8%	5.4%	6.4%	5.9%	5.8%	4.1%
Subst Closed	14.8%	13.5%	9.8%	6.5%	4.1%	5.3%	5.0%	5.9%	4.2%	6.4%	6.2%	6.8%	6.7%
Unsubst Closed	69.0%	69.8%	74.3%	74.1%	79.8%	67.7%	65.9%	64.4%	67.0%	62.8%	61.7%	65.1%	62.3%

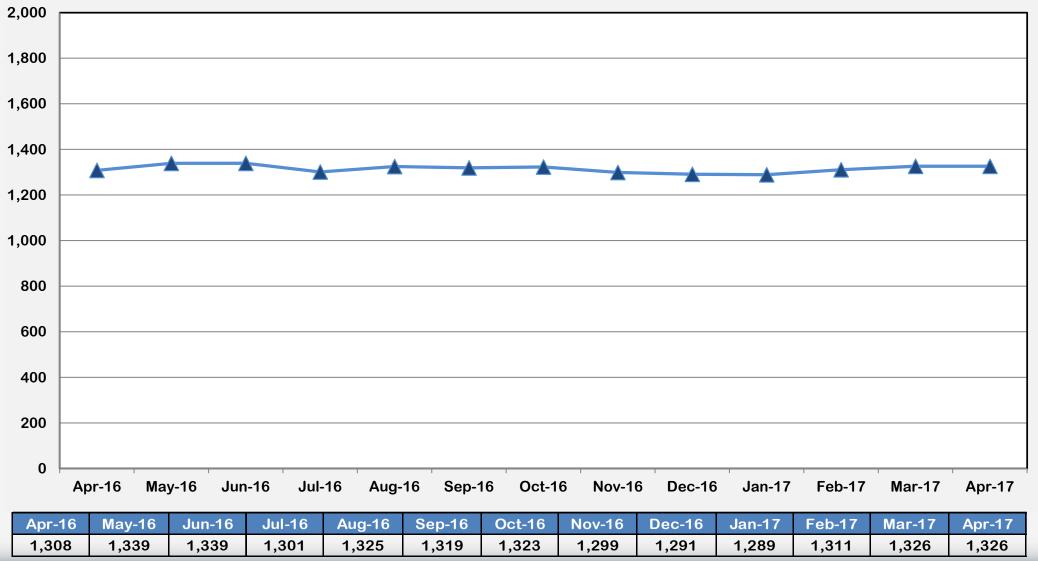


#### **APPENDIX B**

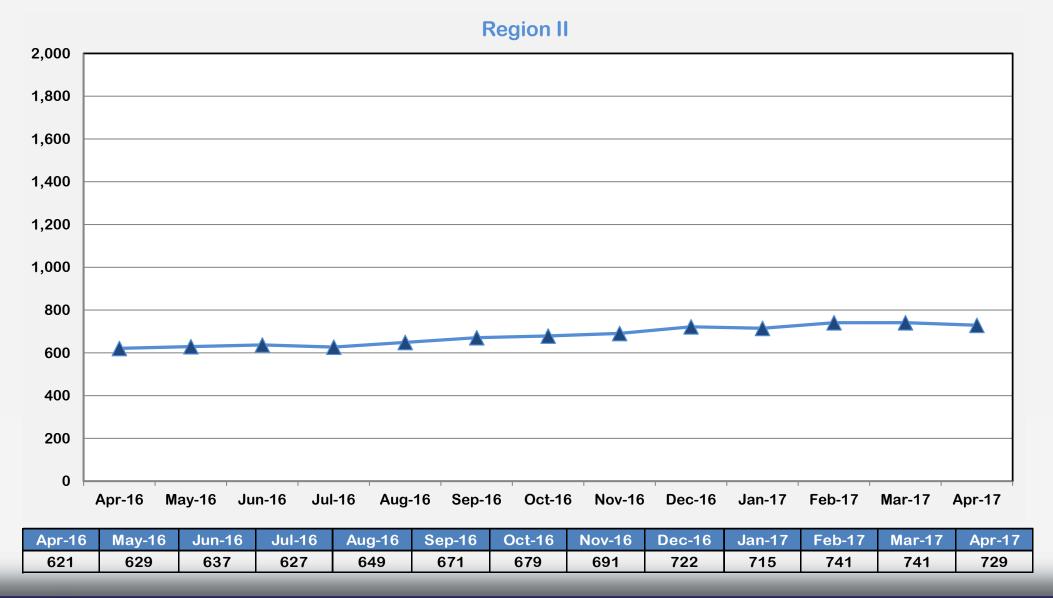
**Regional Graphs of Outcome VI** 

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

#### Region I

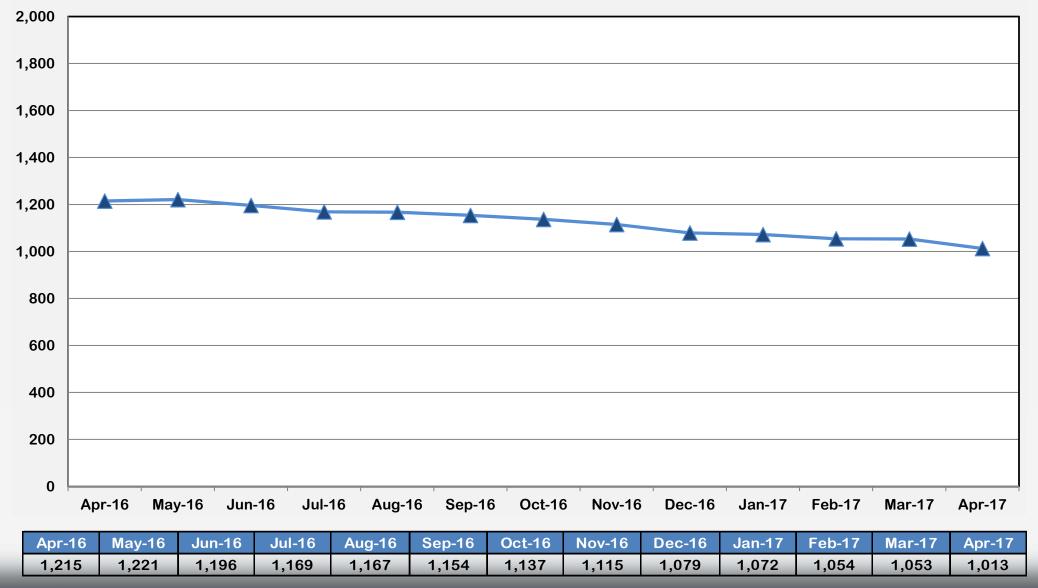






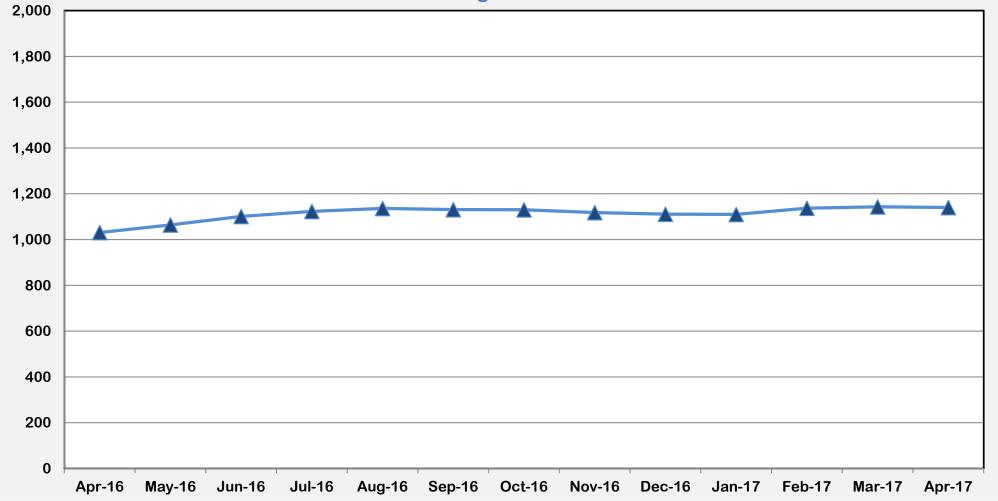






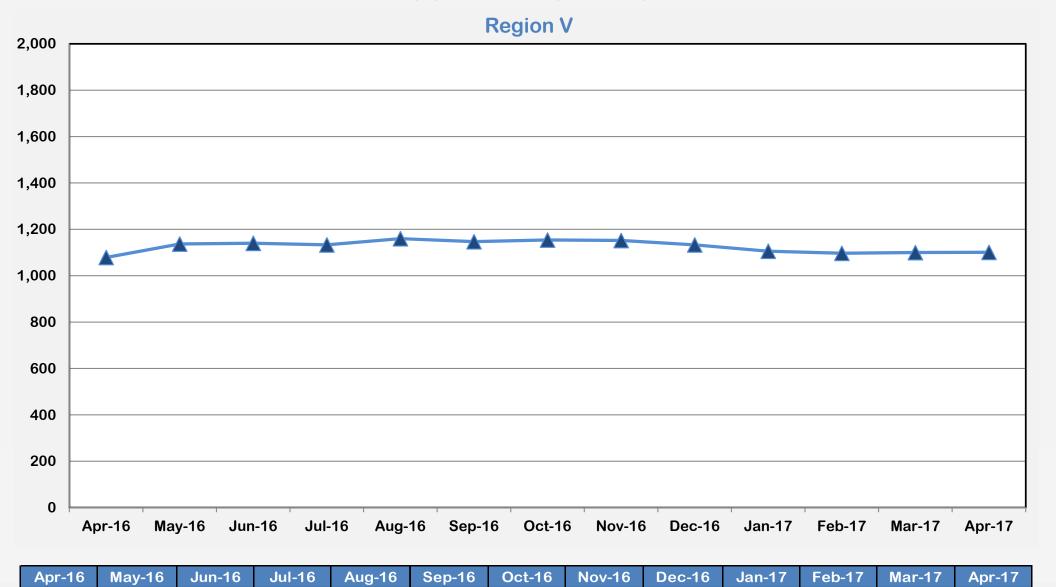






Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17
1,031	1,064	1,101	1,123	1,136	1,131	1,130	1,118	1,111	1,110	1,137	1,143	1,140





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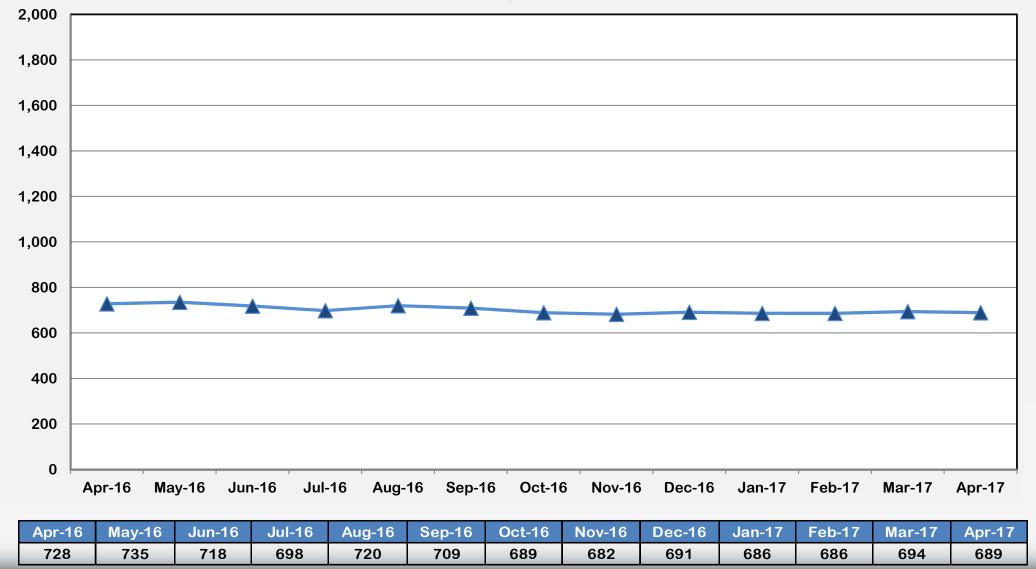
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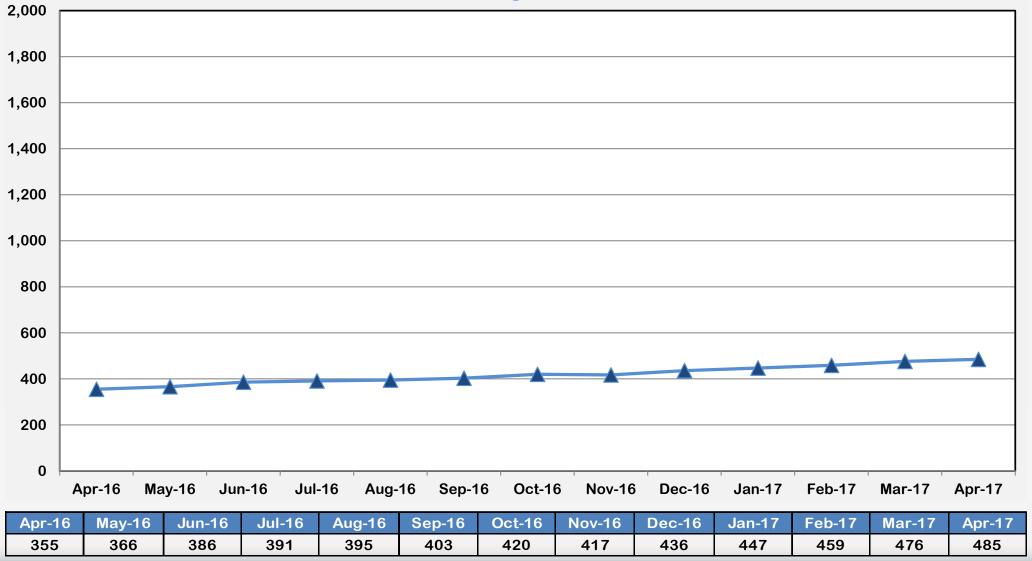
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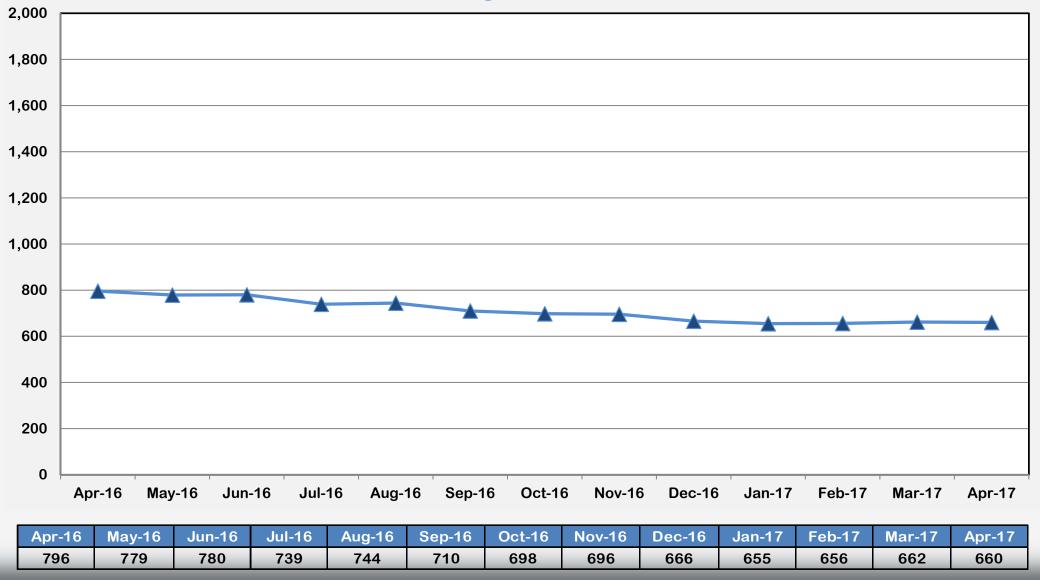


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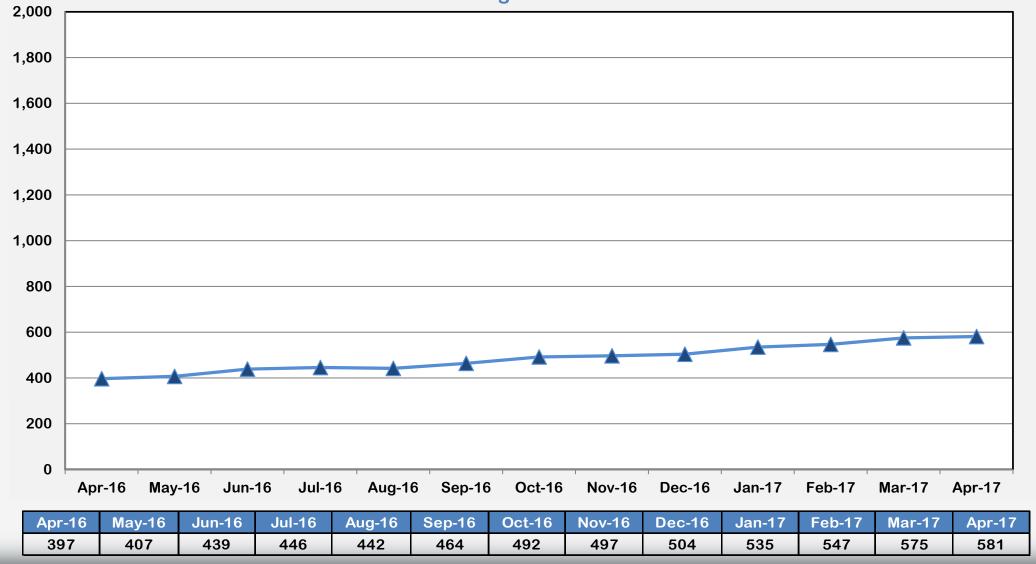


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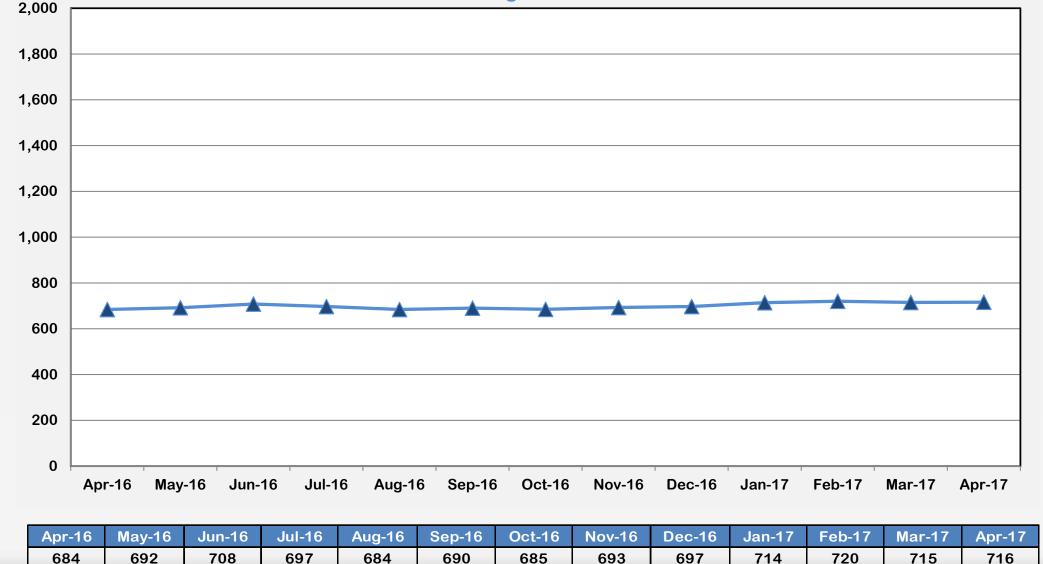






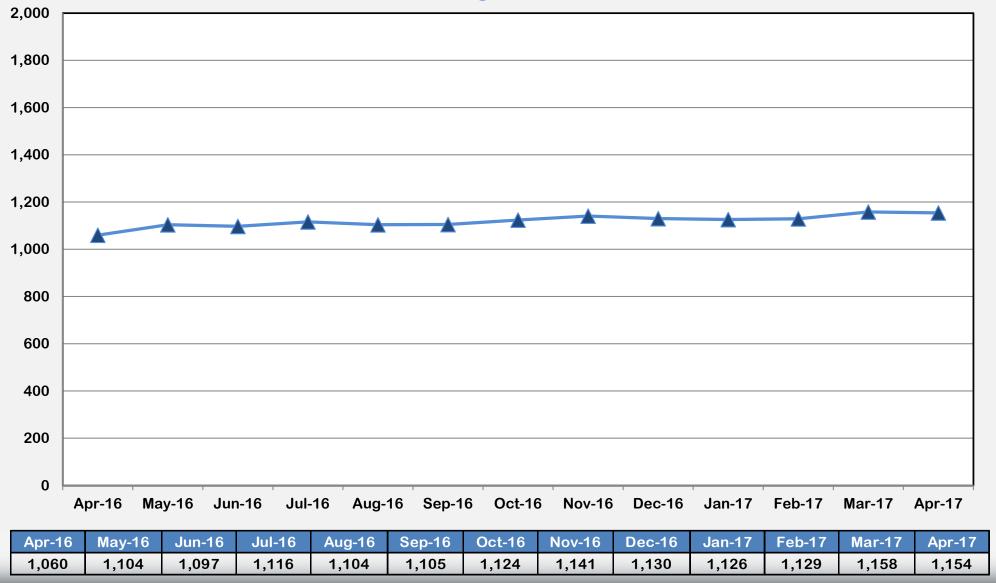






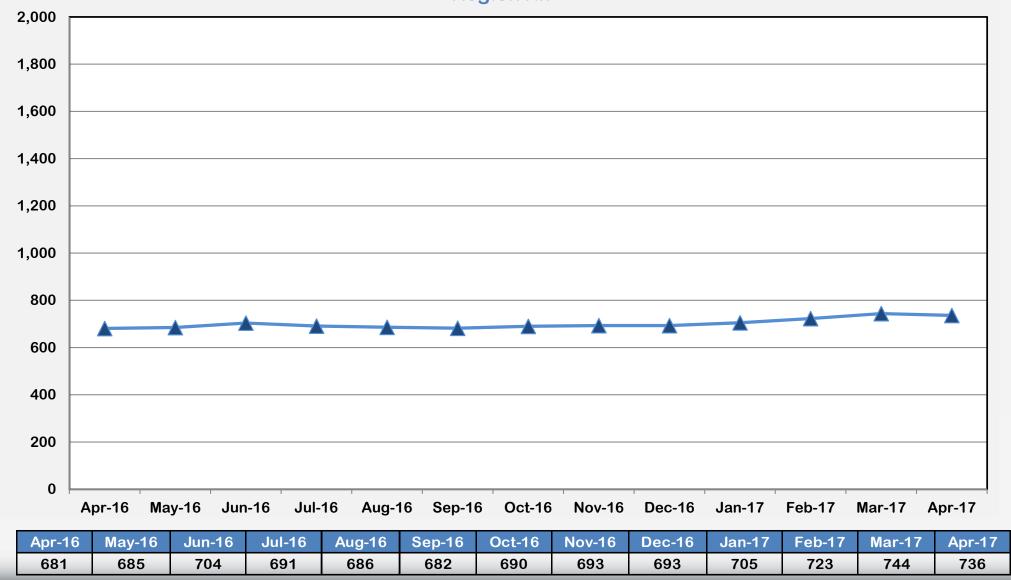


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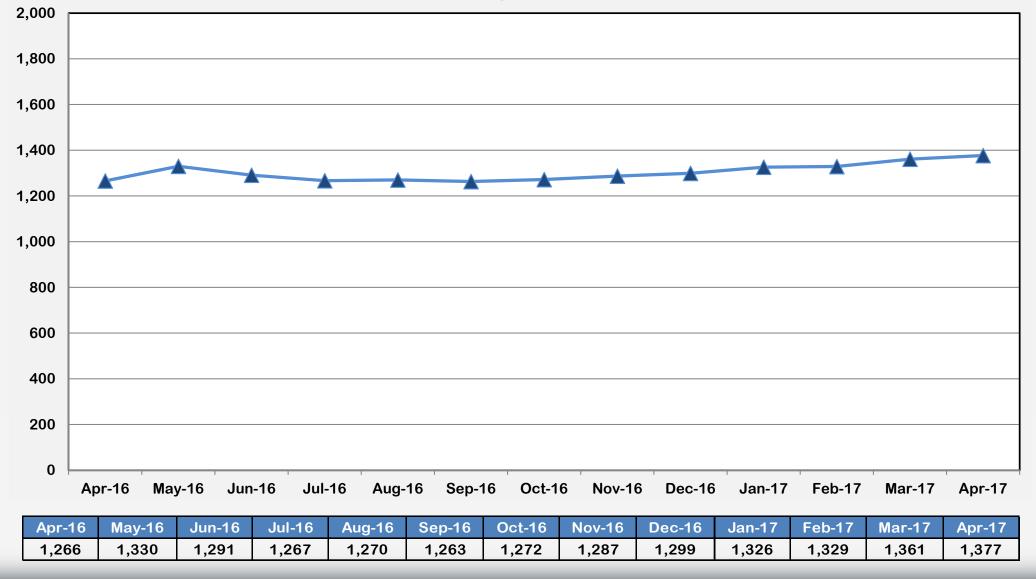


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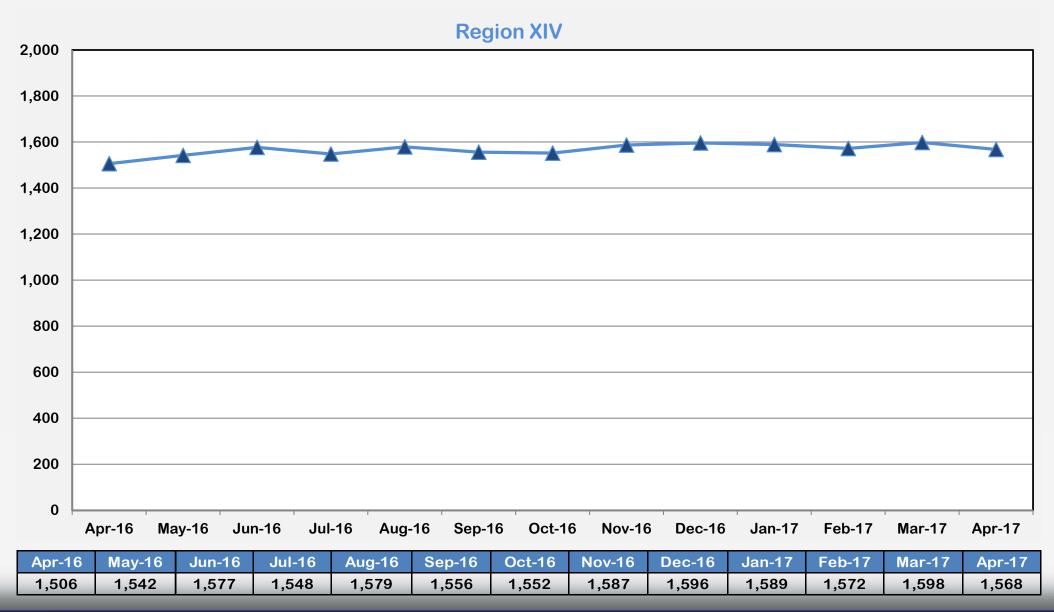




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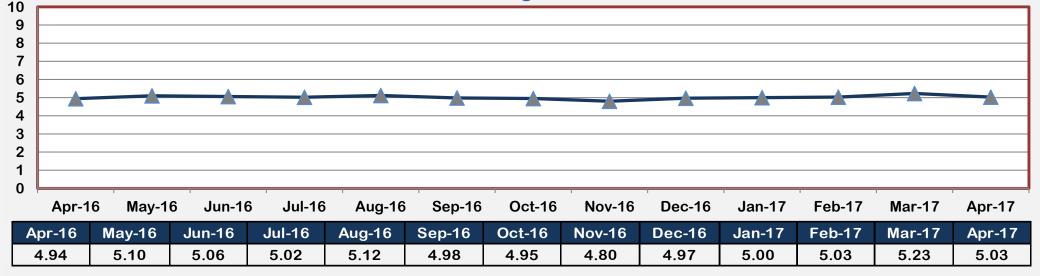
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### **Regional Graphs of Outcome XIII**

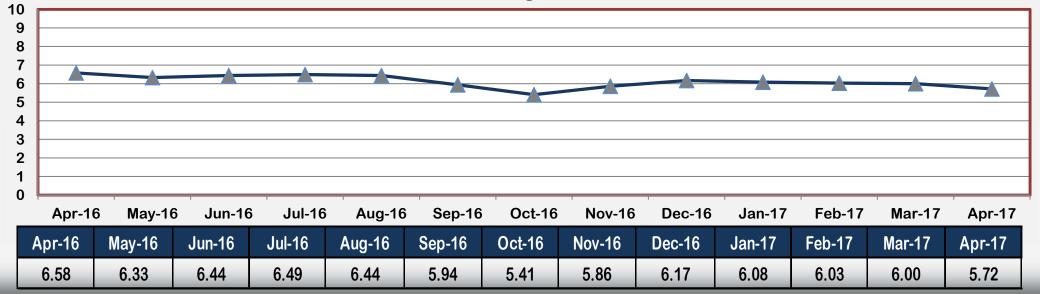
Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (April 2016 – April 2017)

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

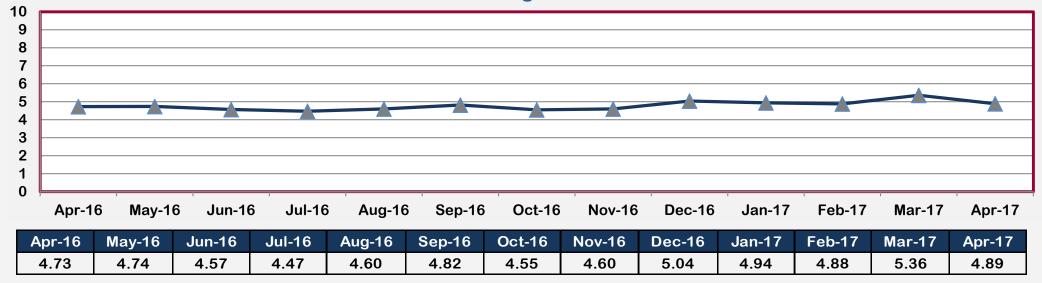
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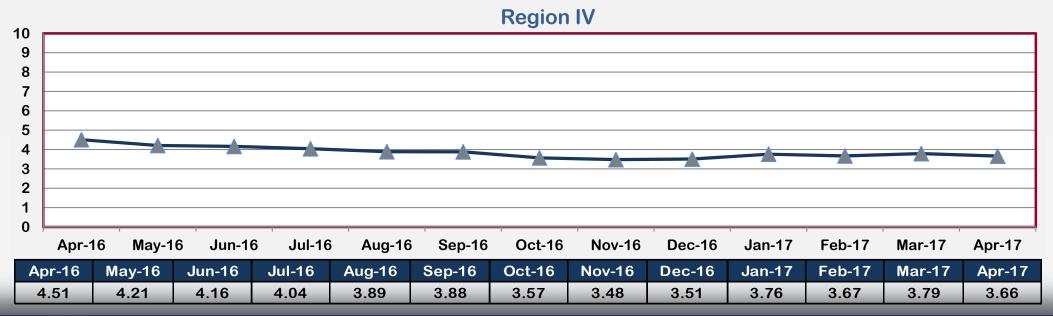


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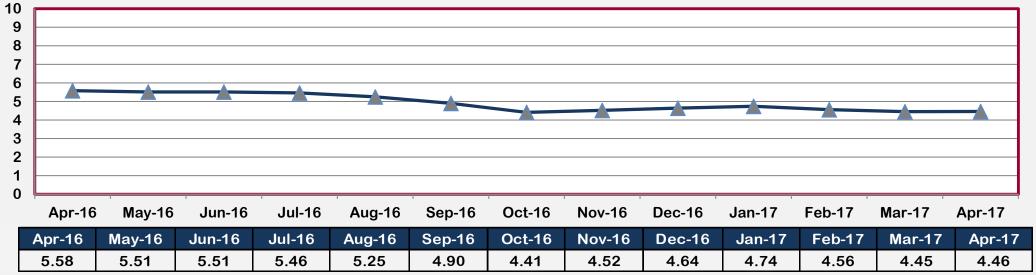




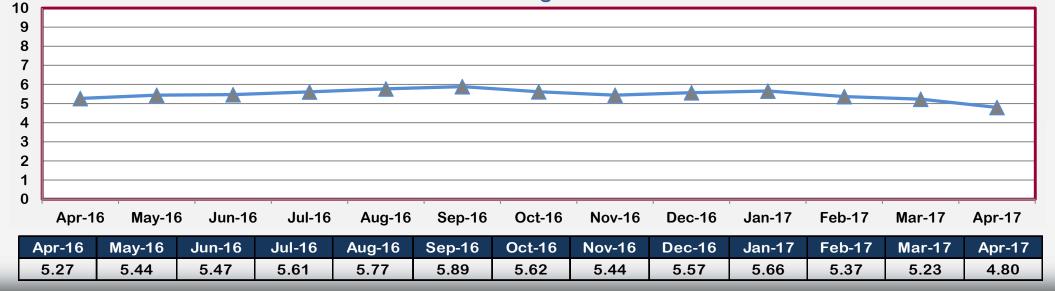




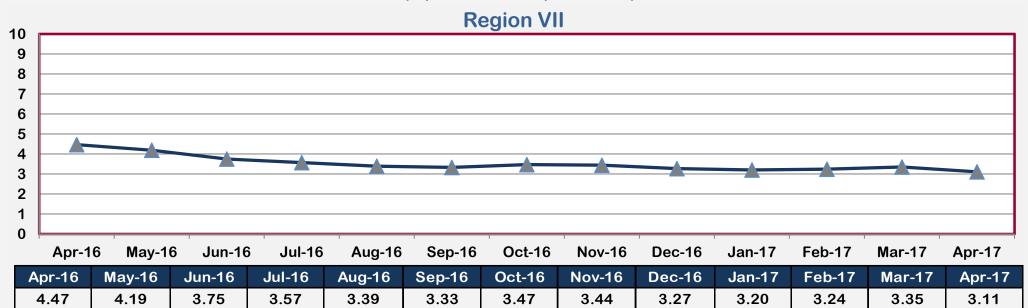
### **Region V**



### **Region VI**

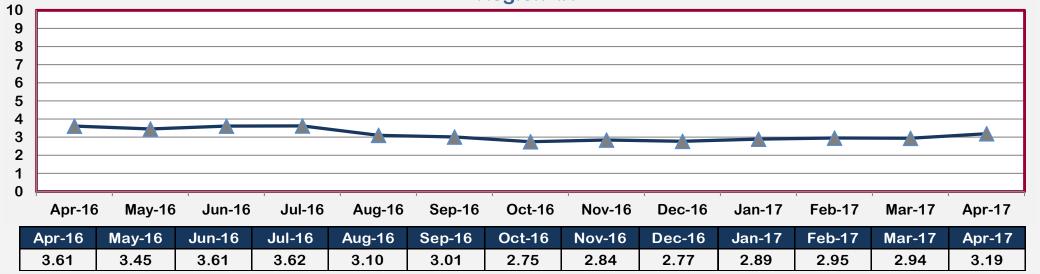






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### Region X

