Monthly Measures and Results for May 2018*

*(Reflects Safety Outcomes as of March 31, 2018 And Permanency Outcomes as of April 30, 2018) 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.

<u>Outcome 1A:</u> Family Support Cases Only: Count of unique Family Support stages open at any point during the month. <u>Outcome IB</u>: Family Preservation Cases Only: Count of unique Family Preservation stages open at any point during the month. <u>Outcome IC</u>: 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 XIII - A: Average Number of Months to Achieve Finalization

Of all children in Outcome XIII, the number of months from removal (entry into foster care) until exit due to adoption. Source: SHINES

Outcome XIII - B: Percentage of Children in Foster Care Who Are in Permanent Custody (Adoption Eligible)

Count of unique children who were in the legal custody of DFCS (17 years of age and under) on the last day of the month who had a legal status of permanent court, permanent voluntary or joint custody permanent. Source: SHINES

How many CPS Cases were open monthly during the State Fiscal Year to date?

The average number of CPS cases State Fiscal Year 2018 To Date is 21,735

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over SFY 2017. During the

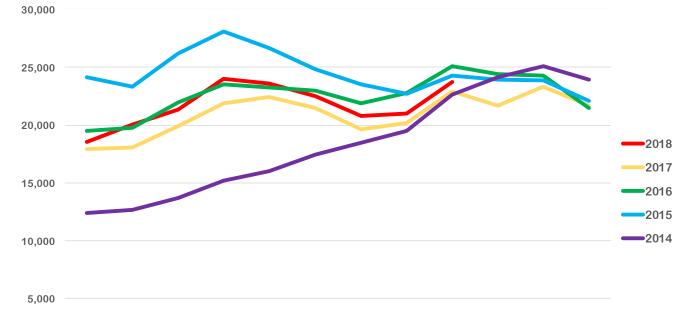
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cases of 13% since February

2018. This represents a 2% daily average increase.

Georgia had 4% increase in cases in March 2018 as compared to March 2017.

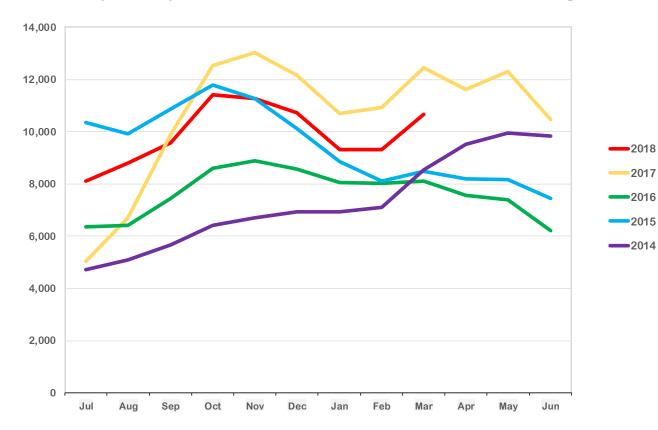
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State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jul Oct	Aug Nov	Sep Dec	Oct N Jan	lov De Feb	c Jan Mar	Feb Apr	Mar May	Apr Jun	May Ju Average	% Change
2018	18,569	20,034	21,343	23,982	23,610	22,532	20,774	21,017	23,757				21,735	3.8%
2017 2016	17,941 19,470	18,028 19,788	19,902 21,943	21,877 23,541	22,440 23,277	21,484 22,946	19,667 21,916	20,204 22,795	22,878 25,075	21,711 24,431	23,344 24,307	21,692 21,504	20,931 22,583	-7.3% -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%

Outcome I: Child Protective Services Cases, (State Fiscal Year 2018 To Date)

How many Family Support Cases were open per month during the State Fiscal Year to Date?

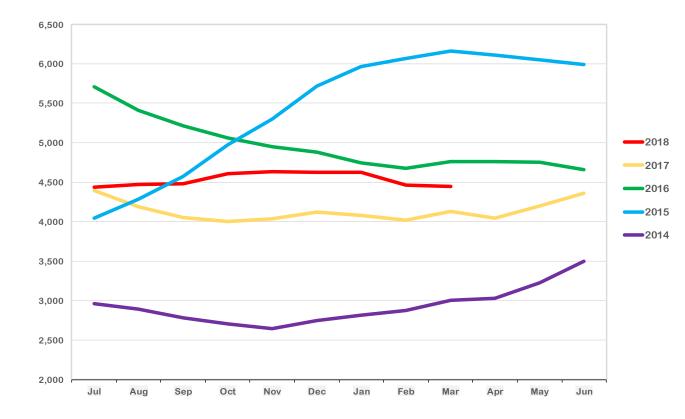


Average Family Support Cases are decreasing as of March 2018 with a 6.9% decrease since SFY 2017. The 14.5% increase in the number of cases from February to March 2018, represents a 3.6% average daily caseload increase. The chart reveals that there was an increase in SFY 2017's case average of 39.5% over the prior SFY. SFY 2016's case average revealed a decrease of 19.4% over SFY 2015.

State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Average	% Change
2018	8,095	8,804	9,576	11,419	11,270	10,723	9,314	9,309	10,662				9,908	-6.9%
2017	5,047	6,690	9,881	12,532	13,019	12,146	10,701	10,922	12,433	11,618	12,297	10,474	10,647	39.5%
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%

Outcome IA: Child Protective Services Cases Family Support Cases Only (SFY2018 To Date)

How many Family Preservation Cases were open per month during the State Fiscal Year to Date?



Although Family Preservation cases decreased slightly in March 2018, the SFY 2018 to date average is 9.6% higher than SFY 2017. Monthly cases increased during the last quarter of SFY 2017 until November 2017. The data revealed that SFY 2017 has an average that is 16.7% lower than SFY 2016's average. State Fiscal Years 2016, 2017, and 2018 to date have consistently lower averages in Family Preservation Cases than SFY 2015.

State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Average	% Change
2018	4,438	4,470	4,478	4,607	4,630	4,628	4,624	4,464	4,445				4,532	9.6%
2017	4,394	4,188	4,057	4,003	4,037	4,122	4,077	4,016	4,129	4,041	4,201	4,359	4,135	-16.7%
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%

Outcome IB: Child Protective Services Cases Family Preservation Cases Only (SFY2018 To Date)

How many Investigation Cases were open per month during the State Fiscal Year to Date?

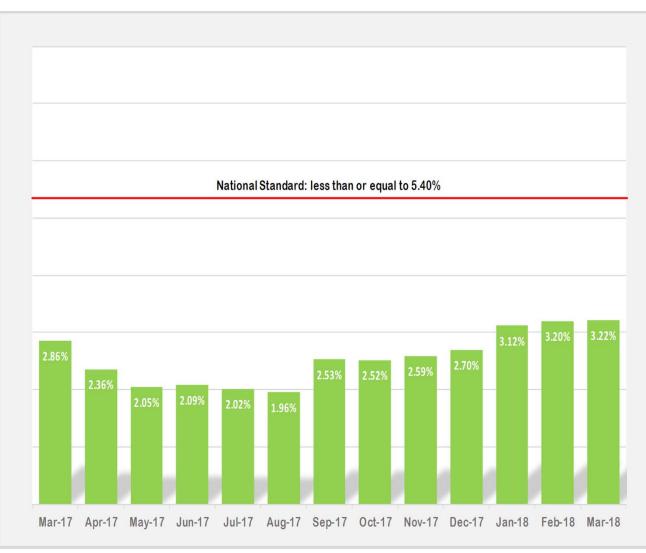
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Since the beginning of SFY 2018 Investigation cases have shown a 18.7% increase in average caseloads over SFY 2017. During July 2017, there was a 12% decrease over June 2017 cases, followed by increases in August through October of 32% and decreases through January 2018 of 14%. The trend in March 2018 revealed a 19.4% increase over February 2018. A similar trend can be seen from SFY 2014 – SFY 2018 of an increase from February – March.

State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Average	% Change
2018	6,036	6,760	7,289	7,956	7,710	7,181	6,836	7,244	8,650				7,296	18.7%
2017	8,499	7,149	5,964	5,342	5,384	5,216	4,889	5,266	6,316	6,052	6,846	6,859	6,149	-37.6%
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%

Outcome IC: Child Protective Services Cases Investigation Cases Only (State Fiscal Year 2018 To Date)

What percentage of children had a subsequent substantiated incident of maltreatment within 6 months?

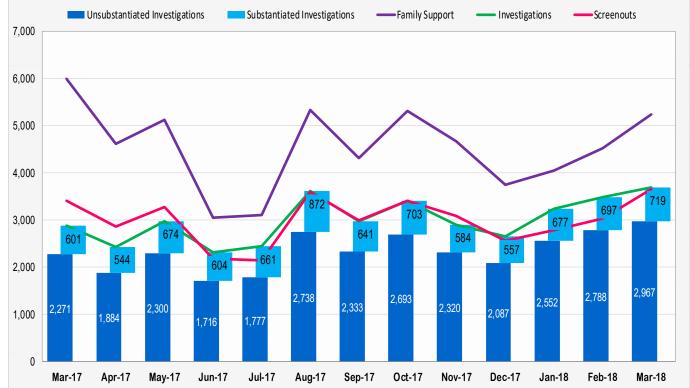


The trend below reveals an increase in the percentage of repeated substantiated incidents of child maltreatment since March 2017. The trend reveals that Georgia has consistently maintained a low recurrence rate below the national standard of 5.4%. However, increases can be seen since October 2017.

Outcome II: Recurrence of Substantiated Child Maltreatment (March 2017 - March 2018)

What was the disposition of all CPS reports received during the month?

Of the CPS cases that had a disposition during the month of March 2018: 41.7% were Family Support; 29% were screen outs; and 29.3% were Investigations. Only 19.5% of Investigations were substantiated. The overall yearly trend shows the number of CPS Dispositions resulting in Family Support cases were higher through March 2018. Dispositions of Screened Out cases, while lower than Family Support were less than investigations from June –August 2017 and from December 2017 - March 2018. Total investigations increased from December 2017 - March 2018 with prior fluctuations of increase in August and October 2017. Comparatively, there were more investigations (28%) and substantiations (20%) in March 2018 than March 2017.

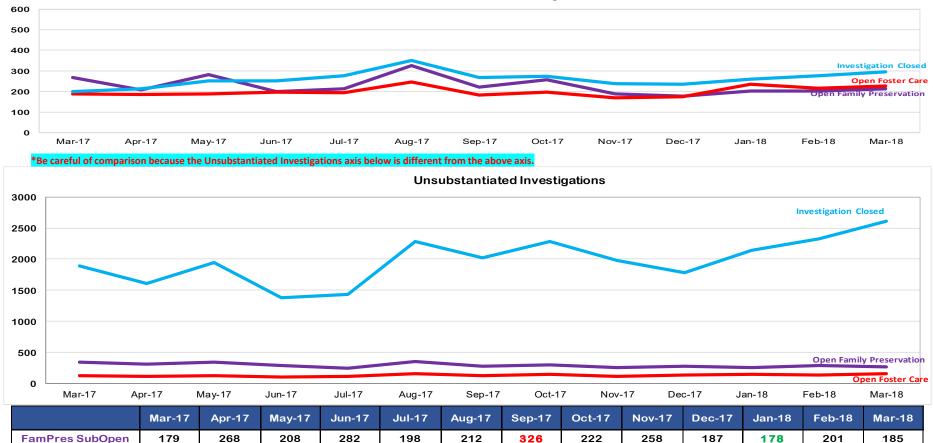


	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18
Family Support	5,991	4,600	5,112	3,052	3,107	5,316	4,304	5,299	4,657	3,750	4,047	4,513	5,237
Screenouts	3,409	2,850	3,267	2,184	2,136	3,589	2,992	3,396	3,091	2,559	2,791	3,026	3,641
Investigations	2,872	2,428	2,974	2,320	2,438	3,610	2,974	3,396	2,904	2,644	3,229	3,485	3,686
Substantiated Investigations	601	544	674	604	661	872	641	703	584	557	677	697	719
Unsubstantiated Investigations	2,271	1,884	2,300	1,716	1,777	2,738	2,333	2,693	2,320	2,087	2,552	2,788	2,967

Outcome III: Disposition of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (March 2017 - March 2018)

What was the final disposition of closed investigations during the month?

According to February 2018's data: 14% of Investigations were subsequently opened as a Family Preservation case; 10% of Investigations were opened as a Foster Care case; and 76% of Investigations were closed.



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Substantiated Investigations

Outcome IV: Subsequent Case-Types of Investigations (March 2017 – March 2018)

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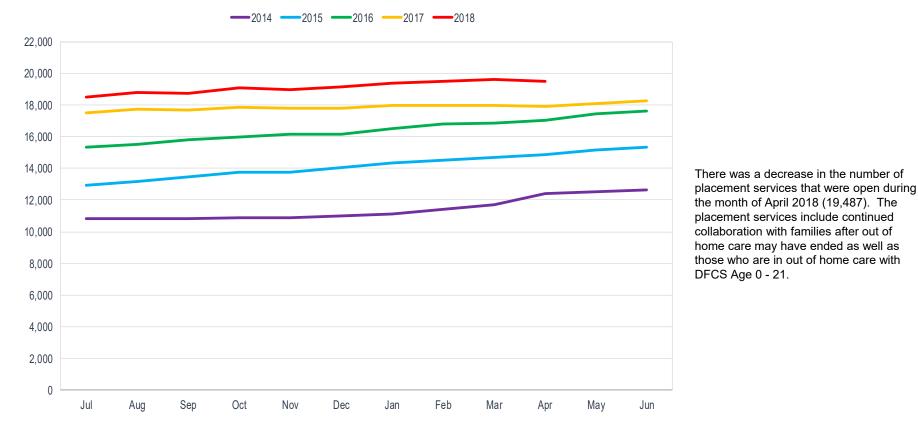
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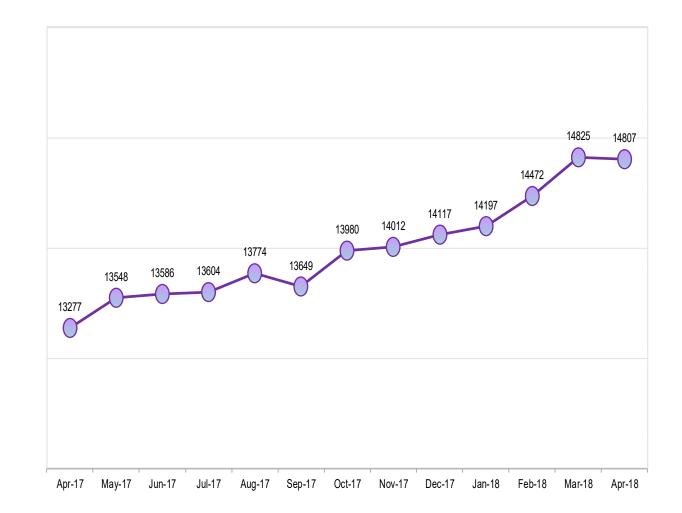
How many children were involved placement services for each month during the State Fiscal Year?



State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Average	% Change
2018	18, 469	18,817	18,733	19,077	18,982	19,142	19,394	19,472	19,639	19,487			19,121	6.9%
2017	17,494	17,719	17,704	17,838	17,811	17,806	17,992	17,997	17,983	17,907	18,083	18,290	17,885	8.8%
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	24.1%
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%

Outcome V: Number of Children in Placement Services (State Fiscal Year 2018 To Date)

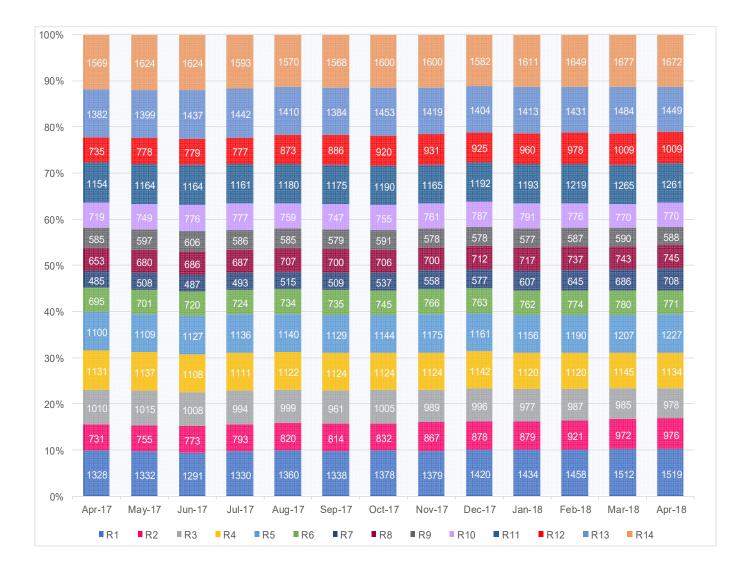
How many children were in Foster Care under the age of 18?



The number of children in foster care under the age of 18 increased to 14,807 during April 2018. This is 11.5% more than last April 2017.

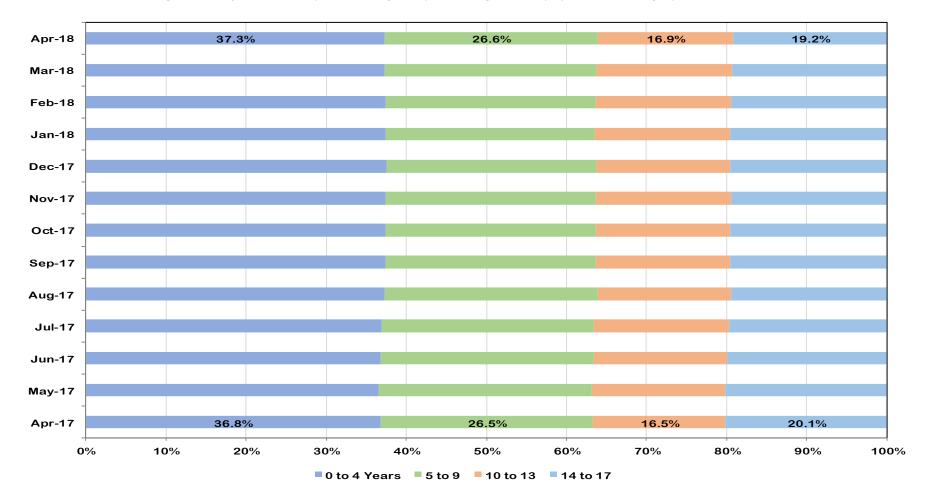
How much does each region contribute to the total population of foster children?

The number of children in Foster Care under the age of 18 during April 2018 was 14,807. Visually, you can see that Region 14 has the highest proportion of children in custody at any point in time. During April 2018, Region 14 had 1,672 children in DFCS custody followed by Region 1 with 1,519 children and Region 13 with 1,449 children. (for regional trends, see appendix). Region 13 showed the highest change in population counts from March 2018 to April 2018 (-35) which represented a decrease of 2.4% regionally.



Outcome VI-A: Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 by Region, (April 2017 – April 2018)

Has the age distribution of the foster population changed much over the last year?



Foster children aged 0 to 4 year old compose the highest percentage of our population during April 2018 of 37.3%.

Outcome VI-B: Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 by Age Group, (April 2017 – April 2018)

How many children are moving in and out of Foster Care? How many remain in care on the last day?



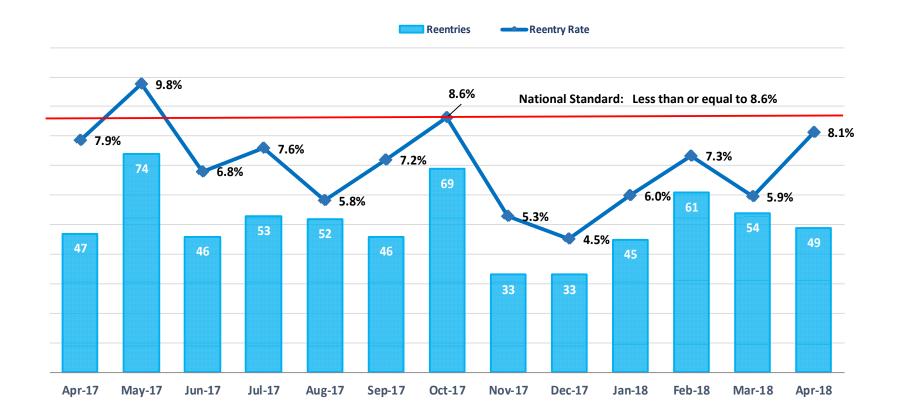
. There was a increase in the number of entries from June 2017 through August 2017 with a drop in September and November followed by increases through March 2018. Exits also increased from May 2017 through August 2017 with a decrease in September and rebounds in October 2017 through December 2017. Reduced exits from January 2018 - April 2018 resulted in an increase in population through the first 4 months in 2018. During April 2018 there was a net gain of 60 children who were brought into foster care versus those who were discharged from foster care. March revealed a 12 month high entry count.

Outcome VII: Comparison of Foster Care Entries and Exits (April 2017 - April 2018)

**Reentries that occur within the same month are not double counted in the entries and exits on this chart. This chart represents unique population and movement into custody during the month.

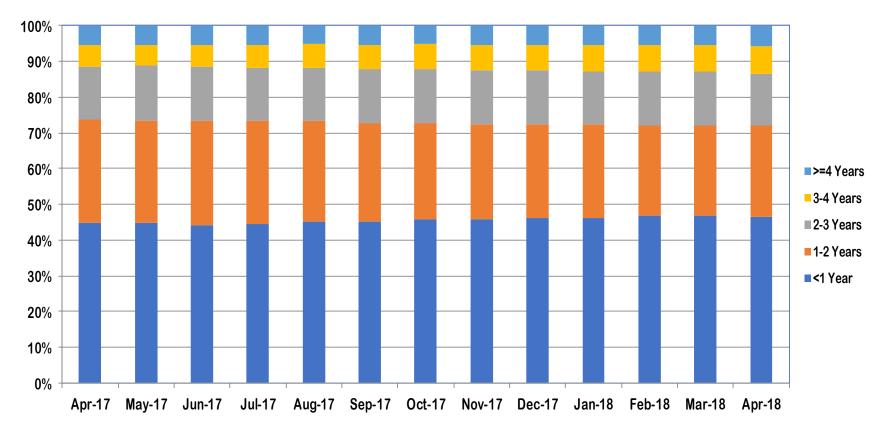
How many children were in a prior episode within twelve months of the current episode?

The reentry rates for May 2017 and October 2017 were over the national standard. The re-entry rate for April 2018 (8.1%) increased while the number of reentries decreased. The proportion of re-entries to entries increased during April 2018 compared to April 2017 by .2%



Outcome VIII: Foster Care Re-Entries (April 2017 - April 2018)

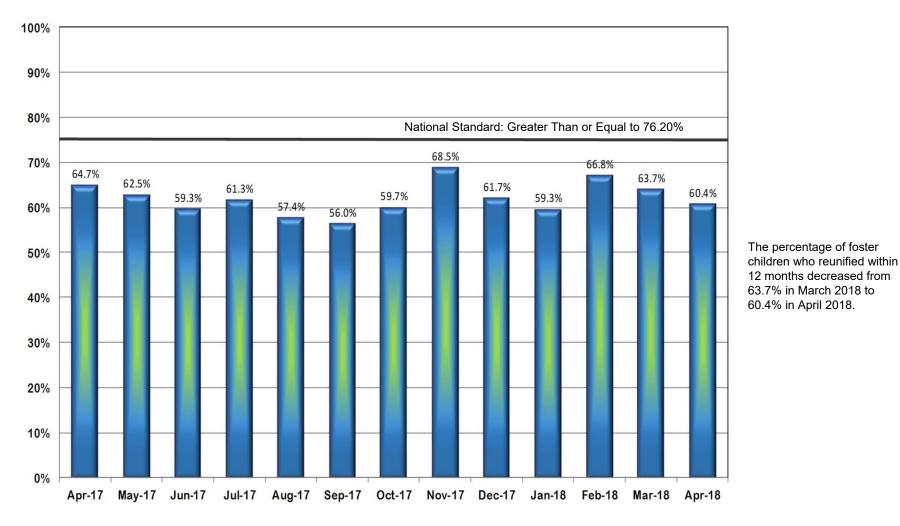
What percentage of foster children have been in care for less than a year, less than 2 years . . . each month?



	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18
>=4 Years	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.3%	5.3%	5.4%	5.3%	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%	5.6%	5.7%
3 - <4 Years	5.9%	5.8%	6.0%	6.4%	6.6%	6.9%	7.0%	7.2%	7.3%	7.4%	7.4%	7.4%	7.7%
2 - <3 Years	15.0%	15.3%	15.1%	15.0%	14.9%	15.2%	15.2%	15.1%	14.8%	14.9%	15.1%	14.8%	14.7%
1 - <2 Years	28.7%	28.7%	29.4%	28.9%	28.1%	27.4%	26.8%	26.5%	26.4%	26.0%	25.3%	25.1%	25.3%
<1 Year	44.8%	44.7%	44.0%	44.4%	45.1%	45.1%	45.8%	45.8%	46.1%	46.3%	46.8%	47.0%	46.6%

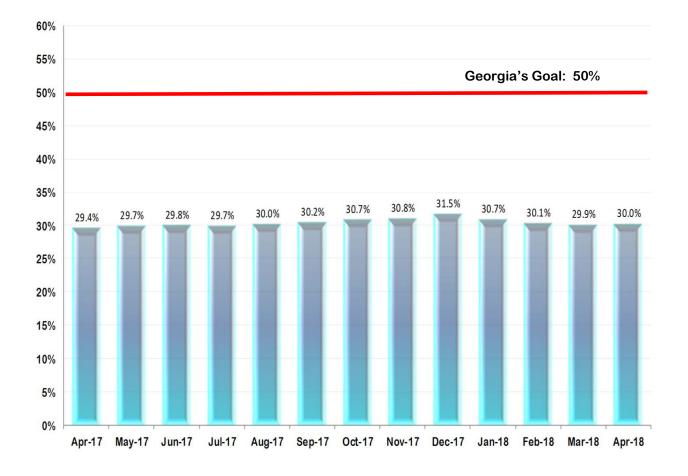
Outcome IX: Foster Care Length of Stay (April 2017 - April 2018)

How many children are reunified with their parents within twelve (12) months of entering foster care?



Outcome X: Length of Time to Reunification (April 2017 – April 2018)

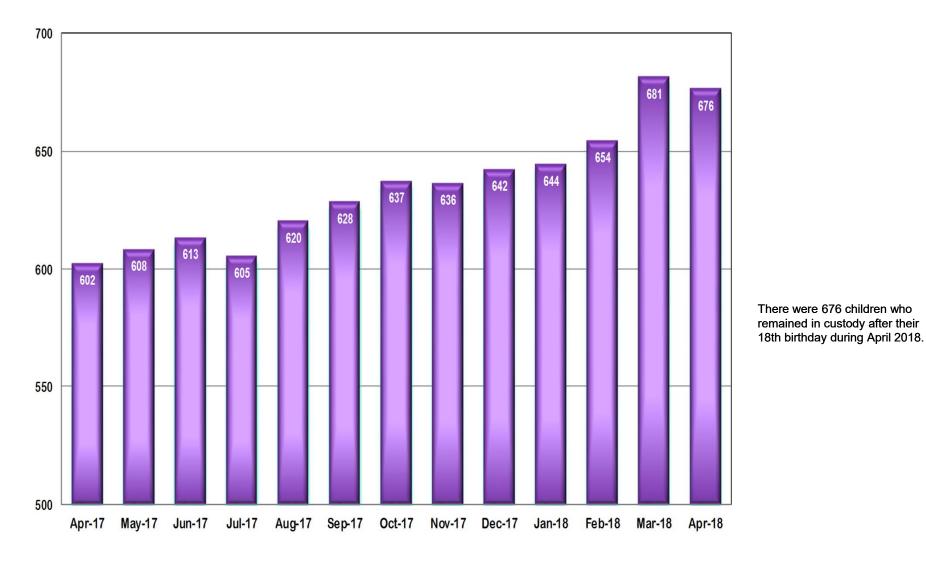
What percentage of children in Foster Care were placed with a relative during the month?



Outcome XI: Percent of Children Placed with Relatives (April 2017 - April 2018)

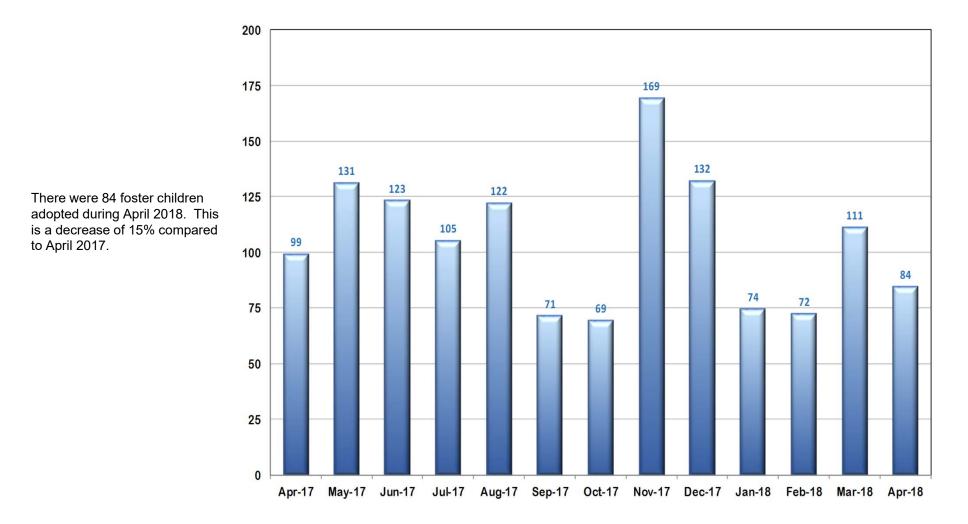
The percentage of children who were in Foster Care that were placed with relatives during the month of March 2018 increased slightly to 30%.

How many children signed themselves back into care after the age of 18?



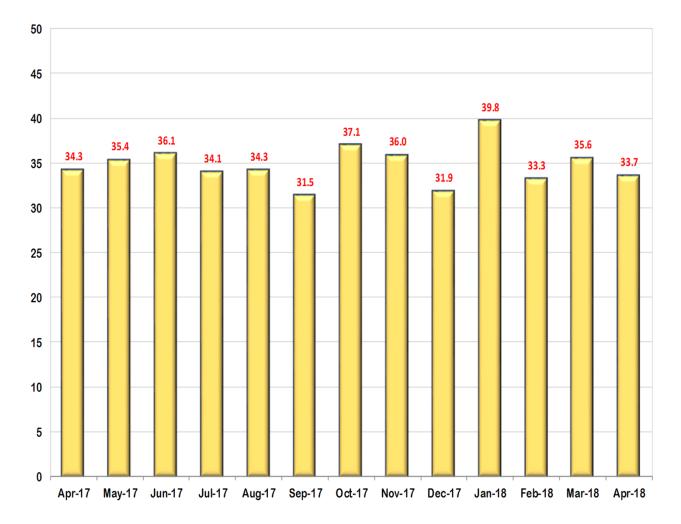
Outcome XII: Extended Youth Services (April 2017 – April 2018)

How many children in Foster Care were discharged to a finalized adoption during the month?



Outcome XIII: Number of Finalized Adoptions (April 2017 – April 2018)

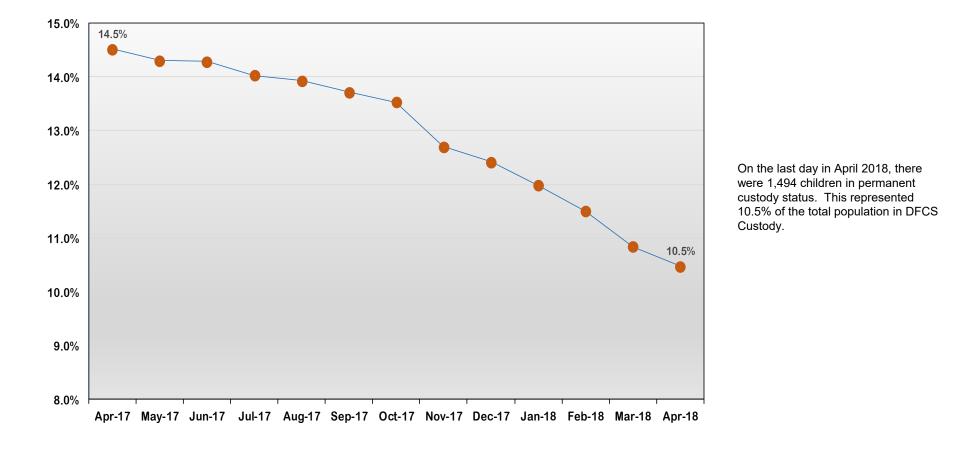
What is the average time in months for a foster child to reach finalization?



The average time to finalization in April 2017 was higher than the children who finalized in April 2018 by 6 months.

Outcome XIII - A: Number of Finalized Adoptions (April 2017 - April 2018)

What percentage of children were adoption eligible on the last day of each month?

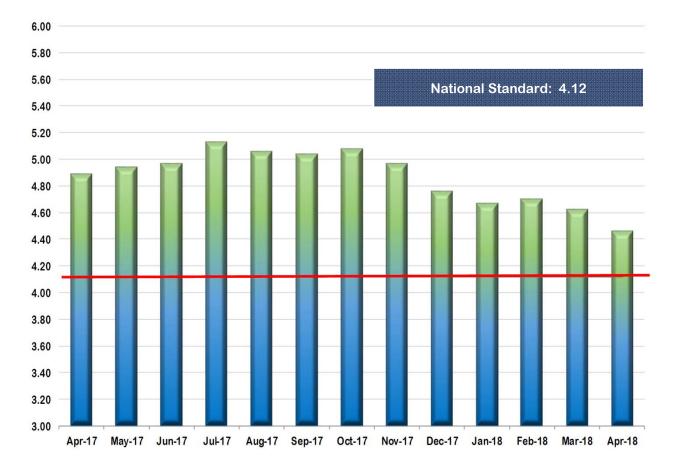


Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18
14.5%	14.3%	14.3%	14.0%	13.9%	13.7%	13.5%	12.7%	12.4%	12.0%	11.5%	10.8%	10.5%

*This data represents a point in time calculation on the last day of each month.

Outcome XIII-B: Percentage of Children in Foster Care Who Are In Permanent Custody (April 2017 – April 2018)

How is the state of Georgia performing on the federal measure of Placement Stability?



Over the last 13 months, the federal measure for stability which is the number of moves per number of days per thousand has shown an decrease from 4.89 in April 2017 to 4.46 in April 2018.

Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18
4.89	4.94	4.97	5.13	5.06	5.04	5.08	4.97	4.76	4.67	4.70	4.62	4.46

Outcome XIV: Placement Stability Performance Measure (April 2017 - April 2018)

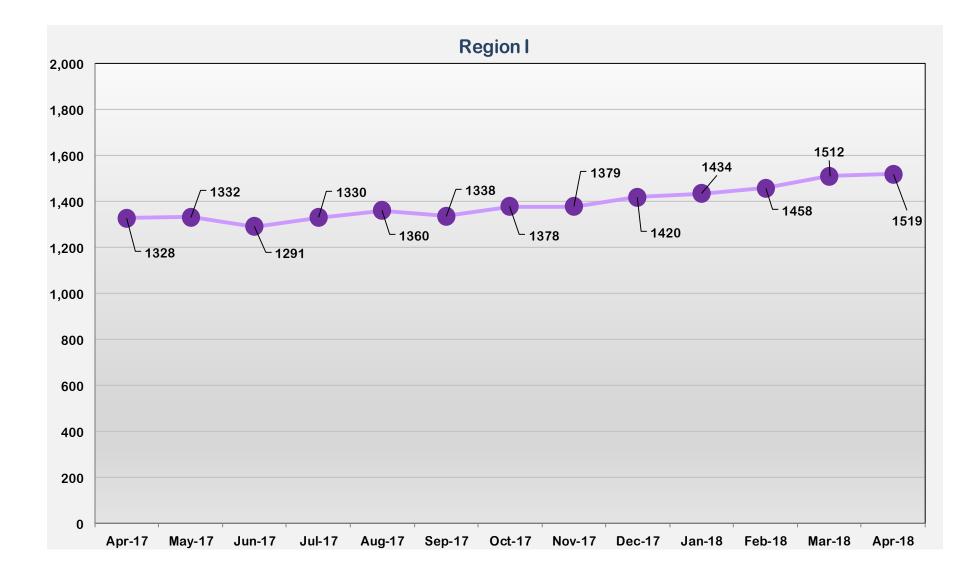
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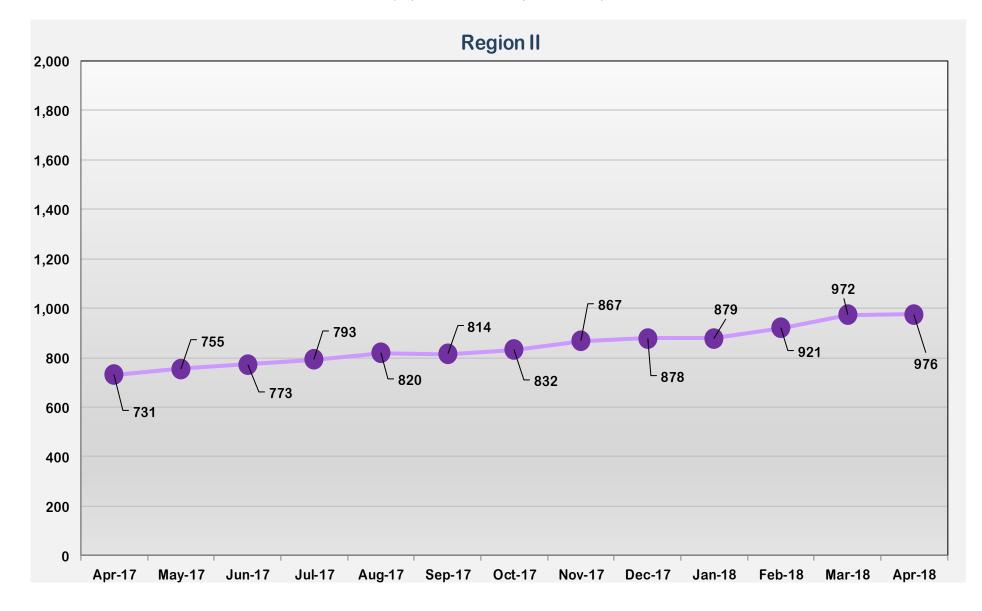
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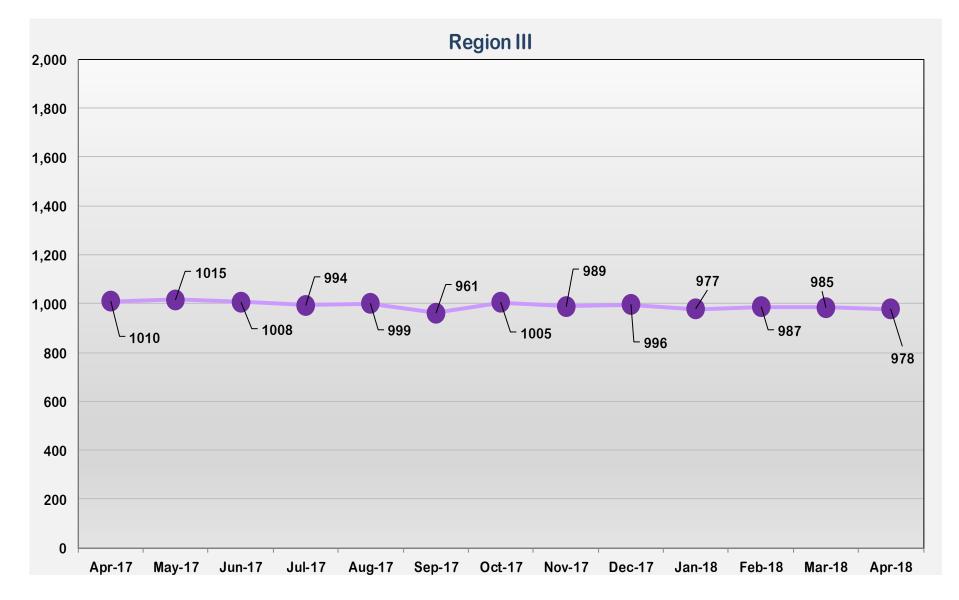
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Regional Graphs of Outcome VI

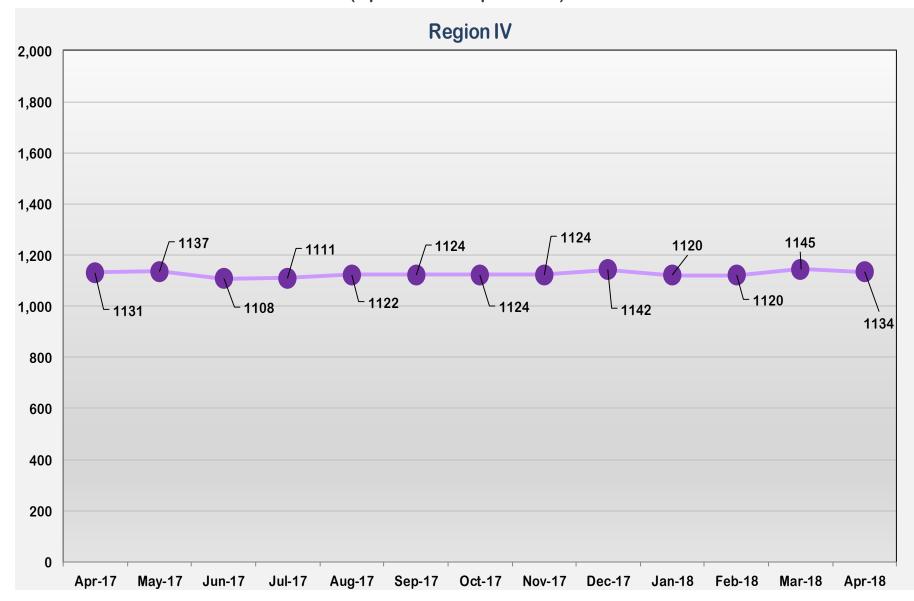
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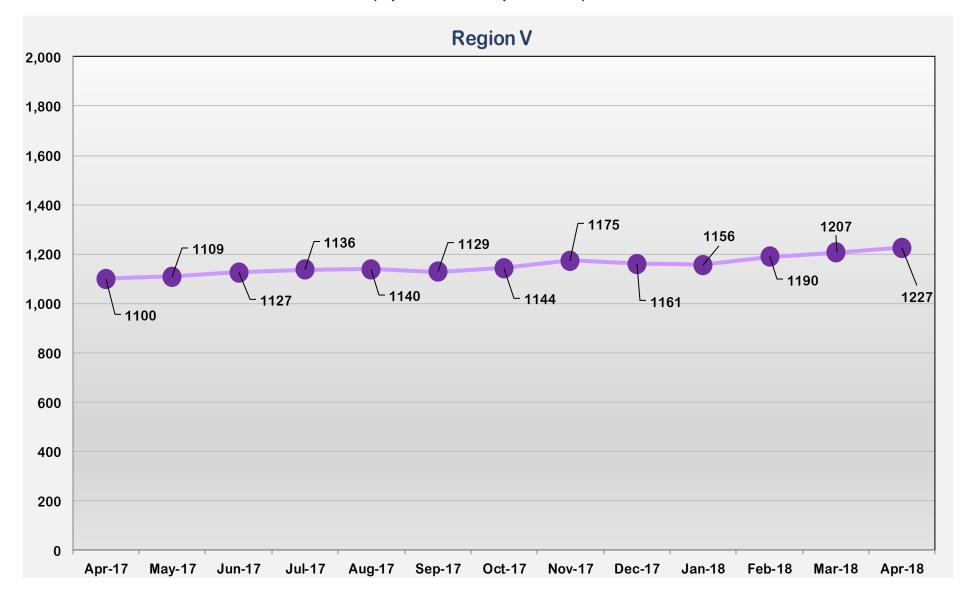


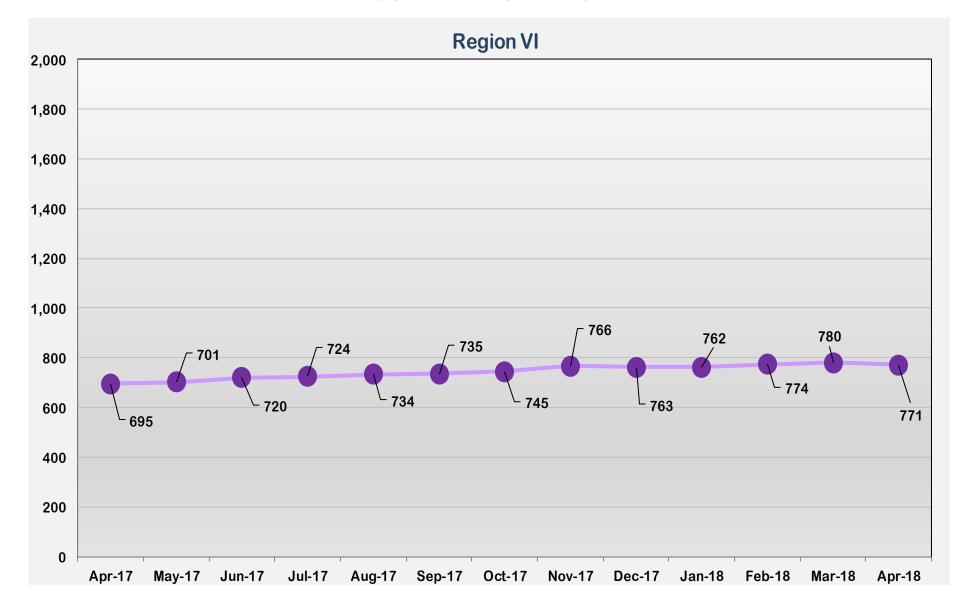


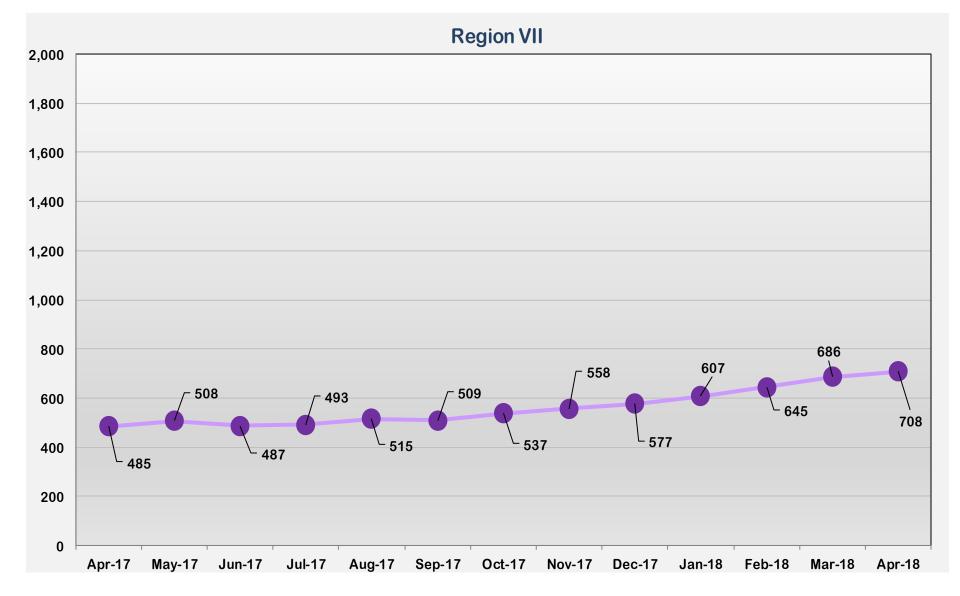
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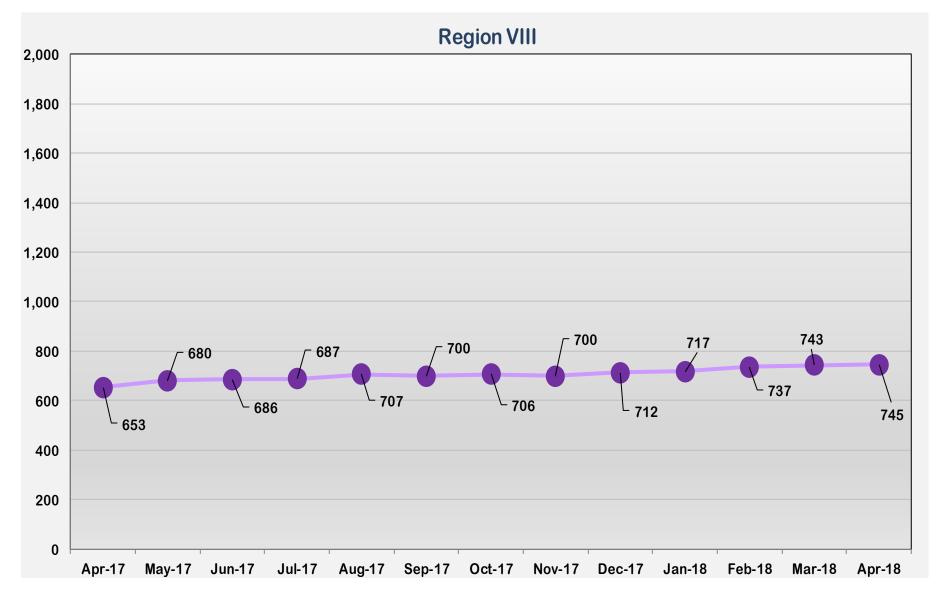


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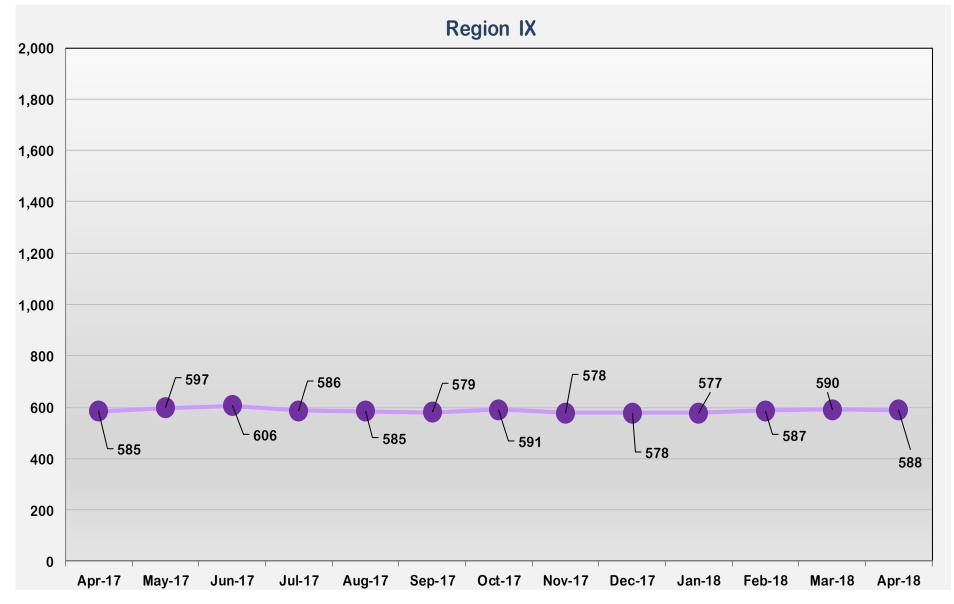




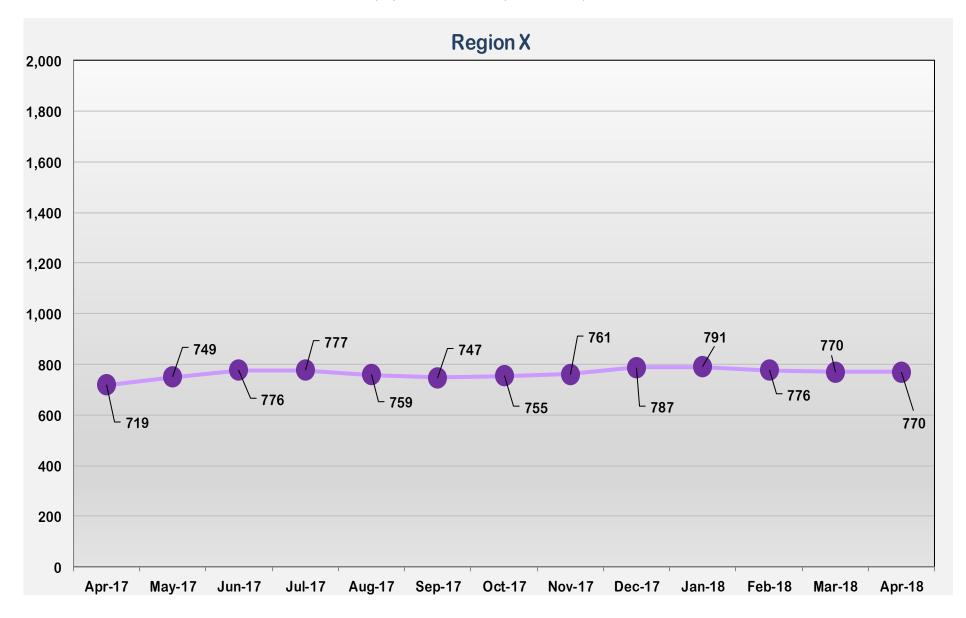




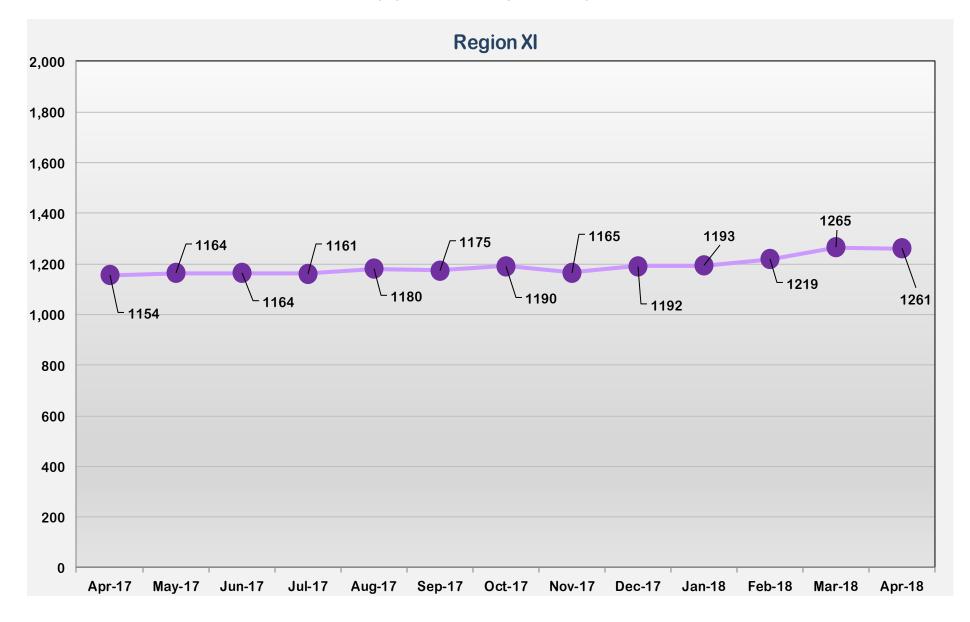
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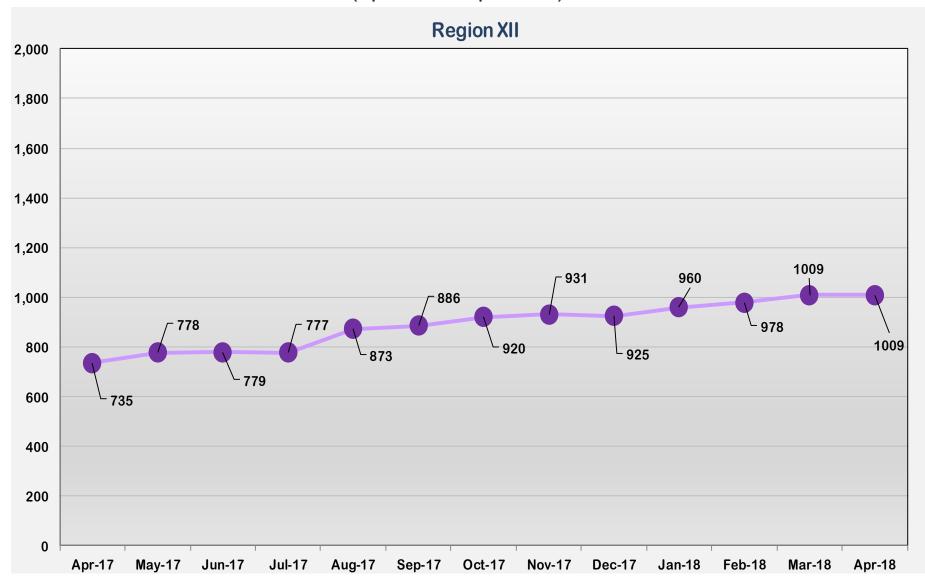
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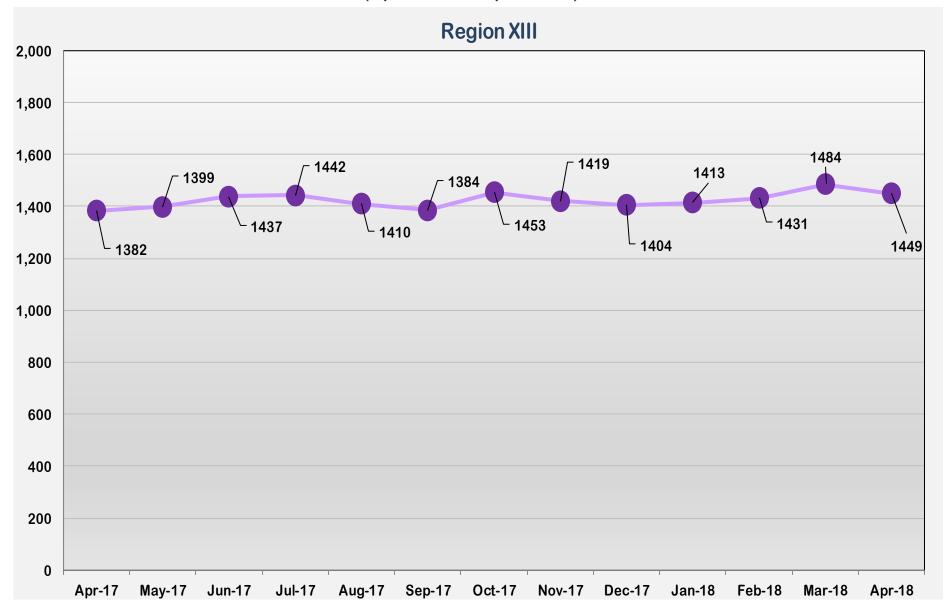
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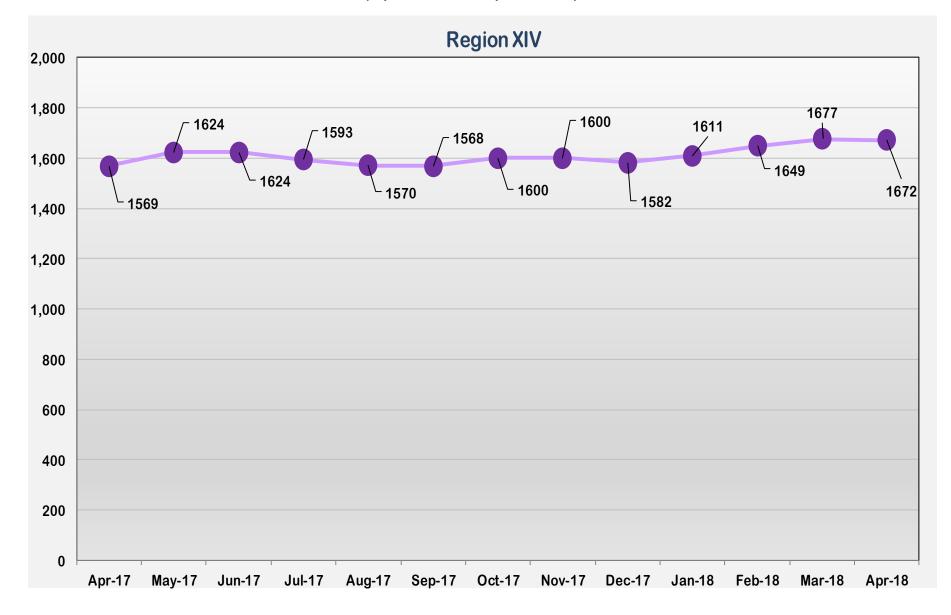
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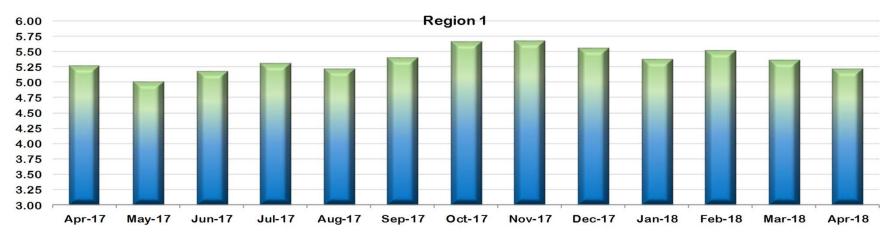
APPENDIX B

Regional Graphs of Outcome XIV

Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (April 2017 – April 2018)

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

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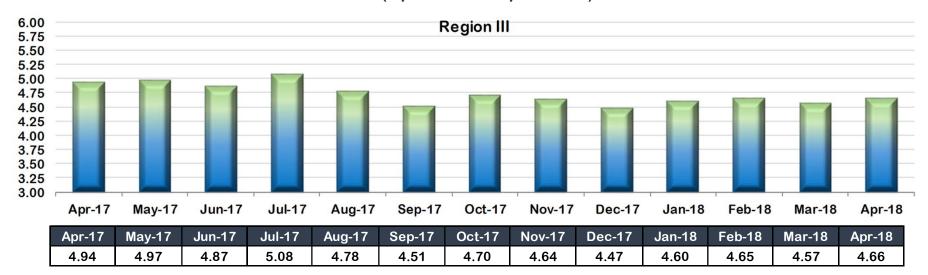


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4.7	6 4.8	89	4.63	4.90	5.02	5.13	5.55	5.78	5.79	5.71	5.55	5.64	5.36



Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18
5.15	5.12	5.11	5.30	5.50	5.70	5.98	5.86	5.62	5.20	5.38	5.52	5.56

Outcome XIV: Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (April 2017 - April 2018)



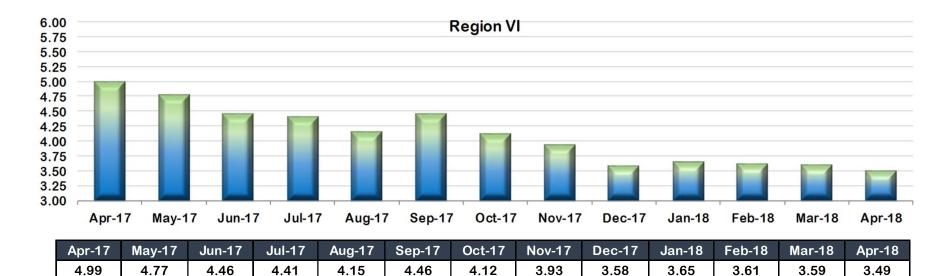


Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18
3.72	3.95	4.06	4.18	4.18	4.30	4.29	4.55	4.34	4.05	3.99	3.88	3.44

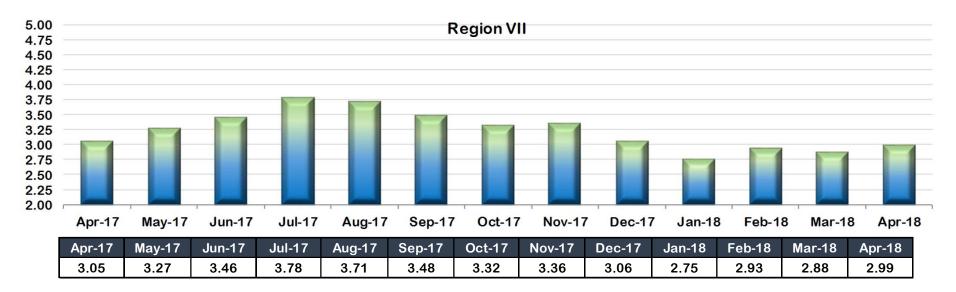
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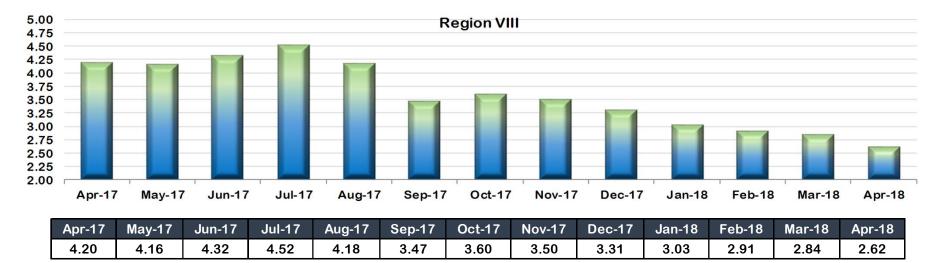


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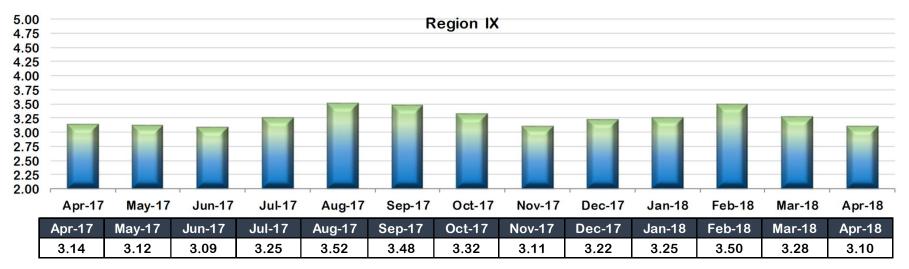


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Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18
4.86	5.16	4.75	4.91	4.66	4.17	4.00	3.83	3.88	3.80	3.89	3.63	3.31

Outcome XIV: Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (April 2017 - April 2018)





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Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18
7.67	7.34	7.44	7.82	7.52	7.29	7.30	7.07	6.61	6.52	6.56	6.21	6.06



Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18
5.44	5.57	5.72	5.90	5.81	6.05	6.15	5.97	5.76	5.78	5.70	5.80	6.00