

Monthly Measures and Results for May 2019*

*(Reflects Safety Outcomes as of March 31, 2019 And
Permanency Outcomes as of April 30, 2019)
With Appendices

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***There are no revisions to this document to date.

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 vs. Average count of unique CPS Investigations, Family Preservation, and Family Support stages for the prior four state fiscal years. 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 vs average of four prior state fiscal years..

Outcome 1B: Family Preservation Cases Only: Count of unique Family Preservation stages open at any point during the month vs average of four prior state fiscal years..

Outcome 1C: Investigation Cases Only: Count of unique Investigation stages open at any point during the month vs average of four prior state fiscal years.

Outcome 1C_1: Comparison of Investigations that were open at anytime during the month vs investigations opened during the month vs the average of the prior state fiscal years at any point in time.

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, Investigations -- Substantiated Investigations and Unsubstantiated Investigations, and Screen-outs. Outcome is calculated 45 days prior to the date of report.

Source: SHINES

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

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. Charts are broken out by substantiated and unsubstantiated investigation and their subsequent track assignment or final disposition. Outcome is calculated 45 days prior to the date of report.

Source: SHINES

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. The chart also reveals the average of the last four state fiscal years to provide the viewer with a prior glimpse of the trend in placement cases.

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.

Source: SHINES

Outcome VI-A: Age Distribution of Children in Custody: Chart is a percentage of children in DFCS Custody by age group.

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

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

Outcome IX: Foster Care Length of Stay

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

Source: SHINES

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: Monthly Discharges

The number of children who were discharged during the month by permanency decision divided into two charts by positive permanency vs other types.

Source: SHINES

Outcome XIII - A: Average Number of Months to Achieve Positive Permanency

Of all children in Outcome XIII, the number of months from removal (entry into foster care) until exit due to reunification, relative, adoption or guardianship..

Source: SHINES

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

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

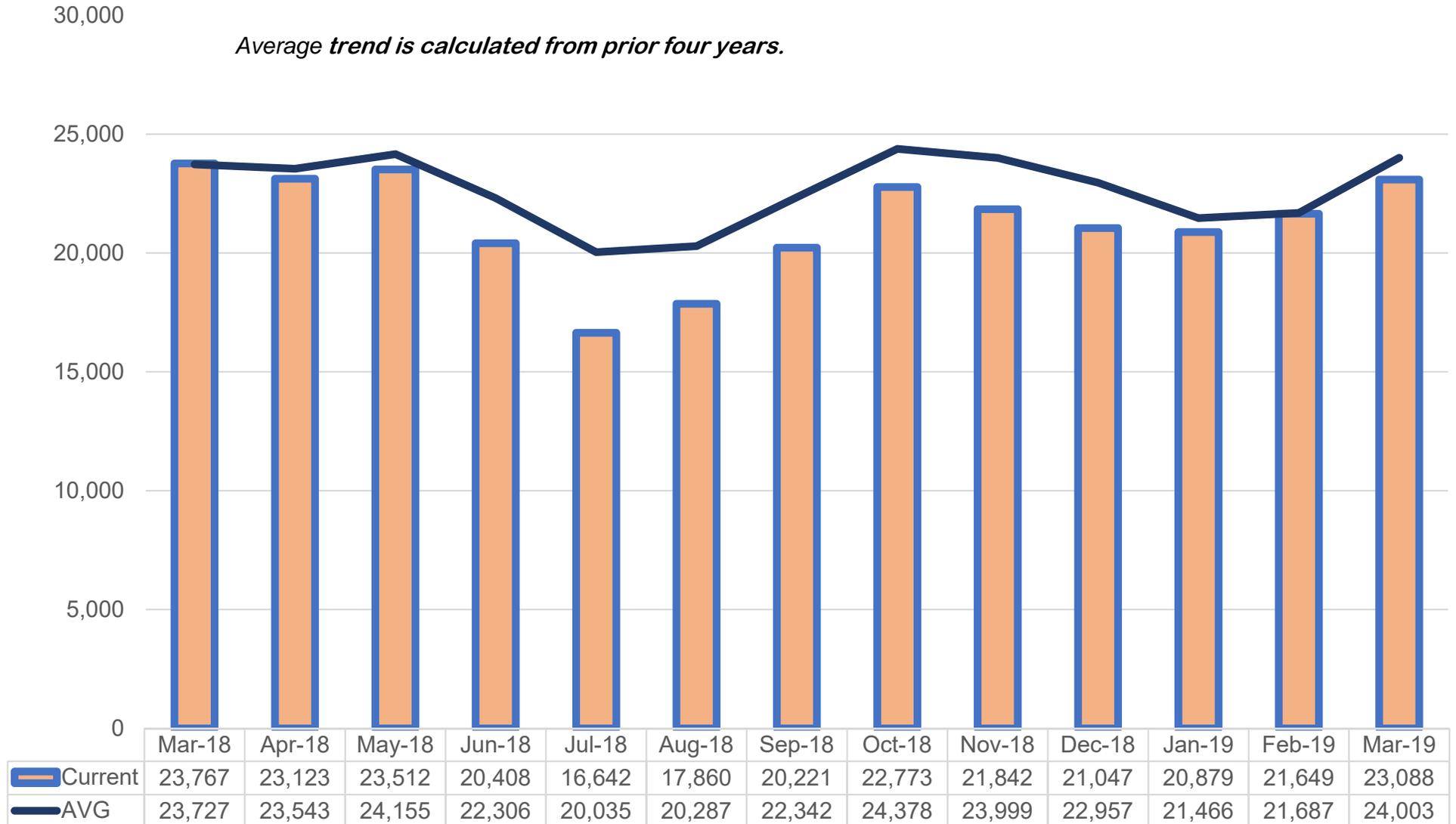
A calculated value based upon the ACF CFSTR Round 3 which is part of Program Improvement. It is calculated from a rolling 12 month population of the entry cohort where the child remained in custody for over 8 days and was not 18 on the date of removal. The federal standard is 4.12.

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.*

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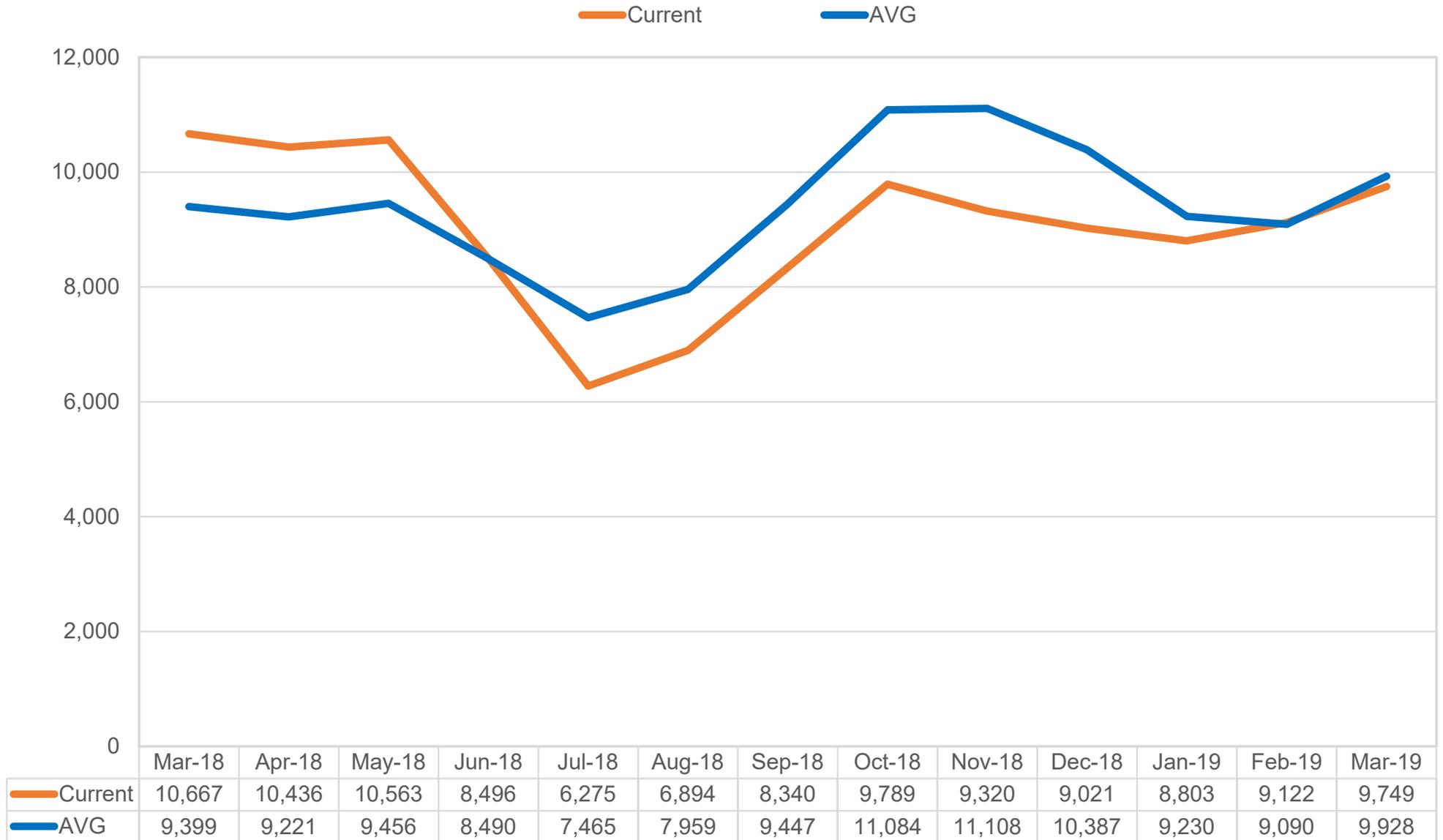
How many CPS Cases were open monthly during the last 13 months?



Outcome I: Child Protective Services Cases (March 2018 – March 2019)

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How many Family Support Cases were open per month for the last 13 months?

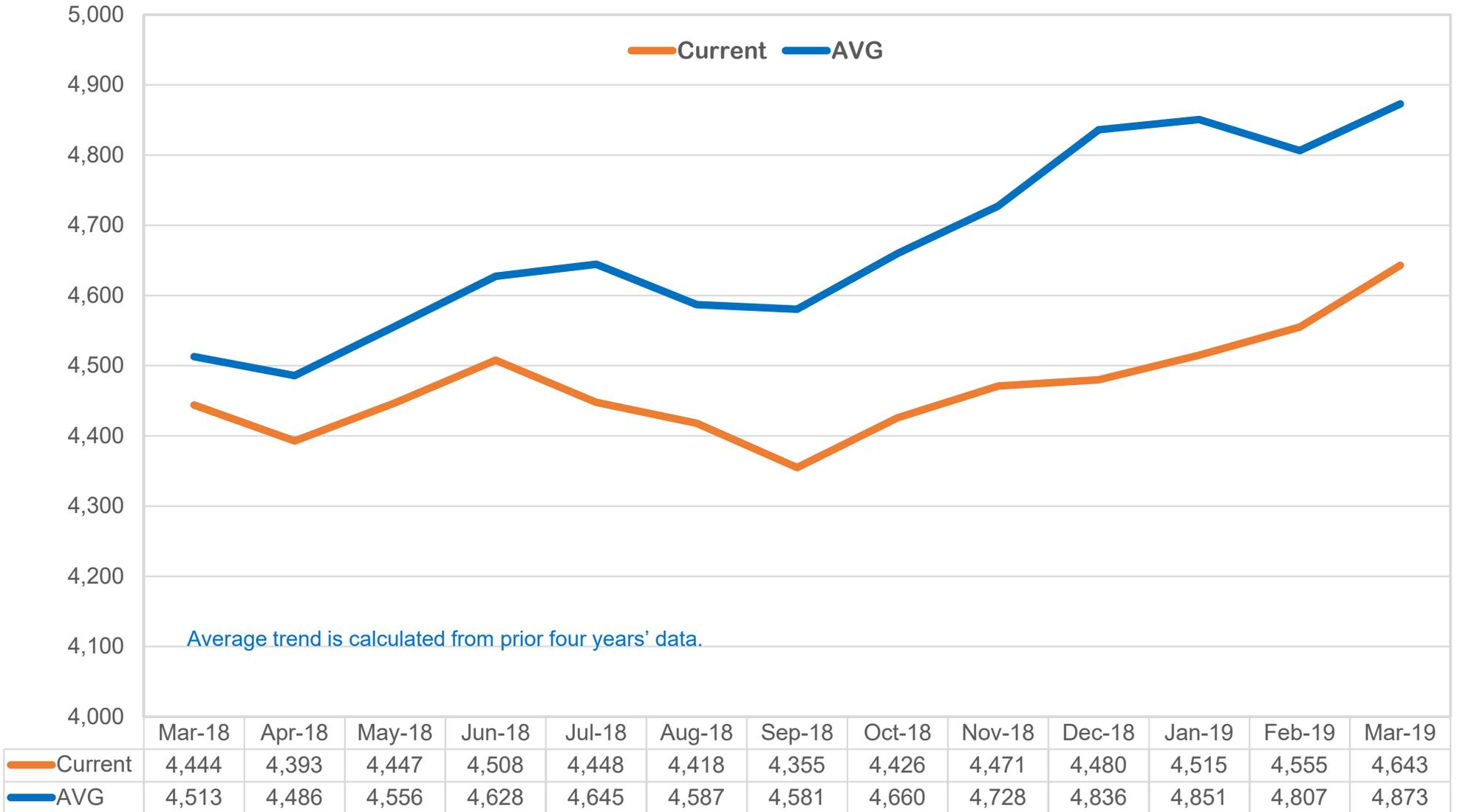


The graph above reveals a similar trend in the last 13-months compared to the average trend. During July 2018, there is a 16% difference in the number of cases when compared to average trend. Additionally, this was a 26% decrease from the prior month of June 2018. The trend in March 2019 was less than the average but the overall number of Family Support cases continue to resemble the average trend with an increase of 55% since July 2018.

Outcome IA: Child Protective Services Cases Family Support Cases Only (March 2018 – March 2019)

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How many Family Preservation Cases were open per month during for the last 13 months?

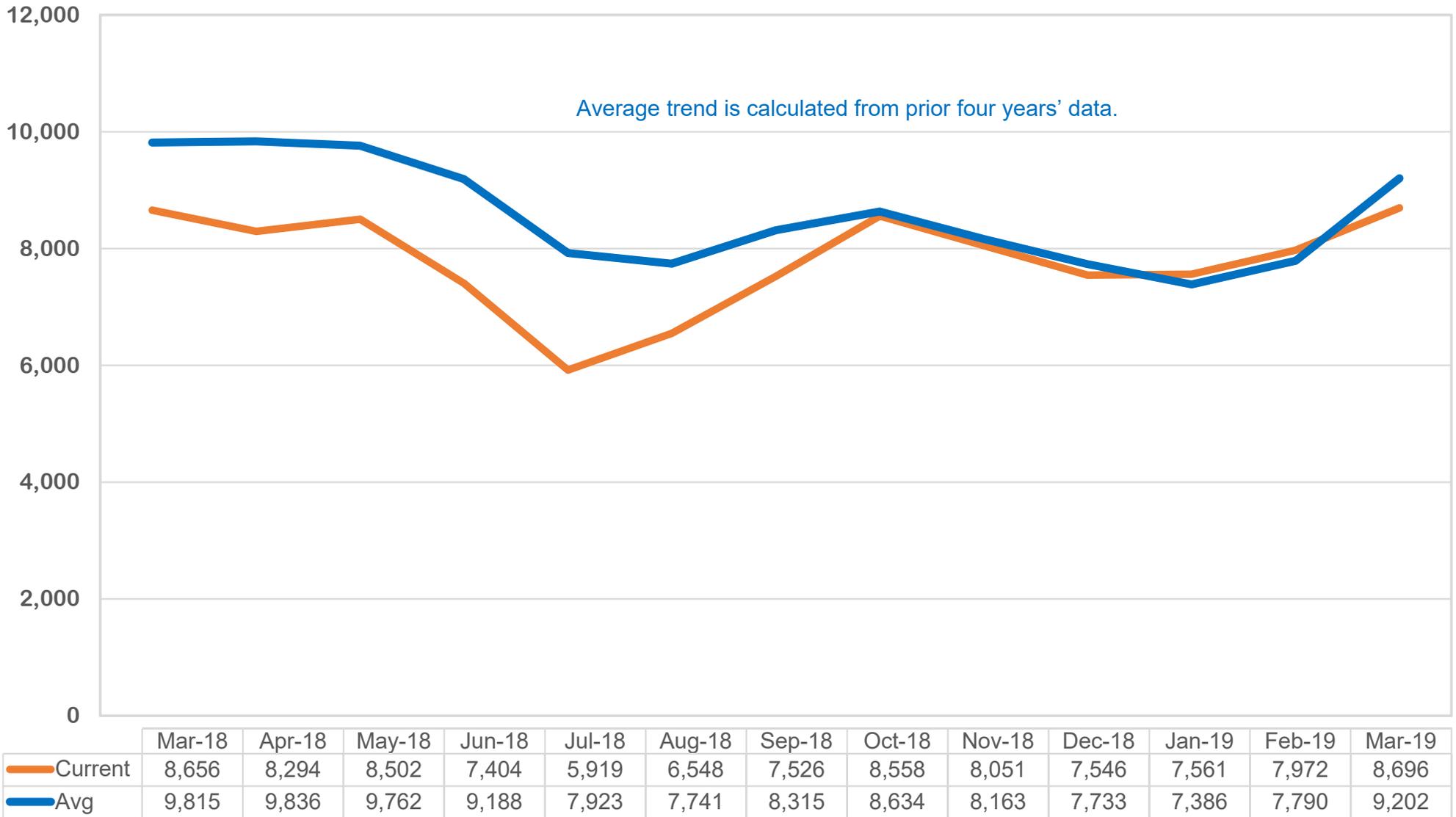


The average trend has been higher than the current trend since March 2018. While there has been a 7% increase in cases since September 2018, March 2019 Family Preservation cases were 4.7% lower than the average trend.

Outcome IB: Child Protective Services Cases Family Preservation Cases Only (March 2018 – March 2019)

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How many Investigation Cases were open per month for the past 13 months?

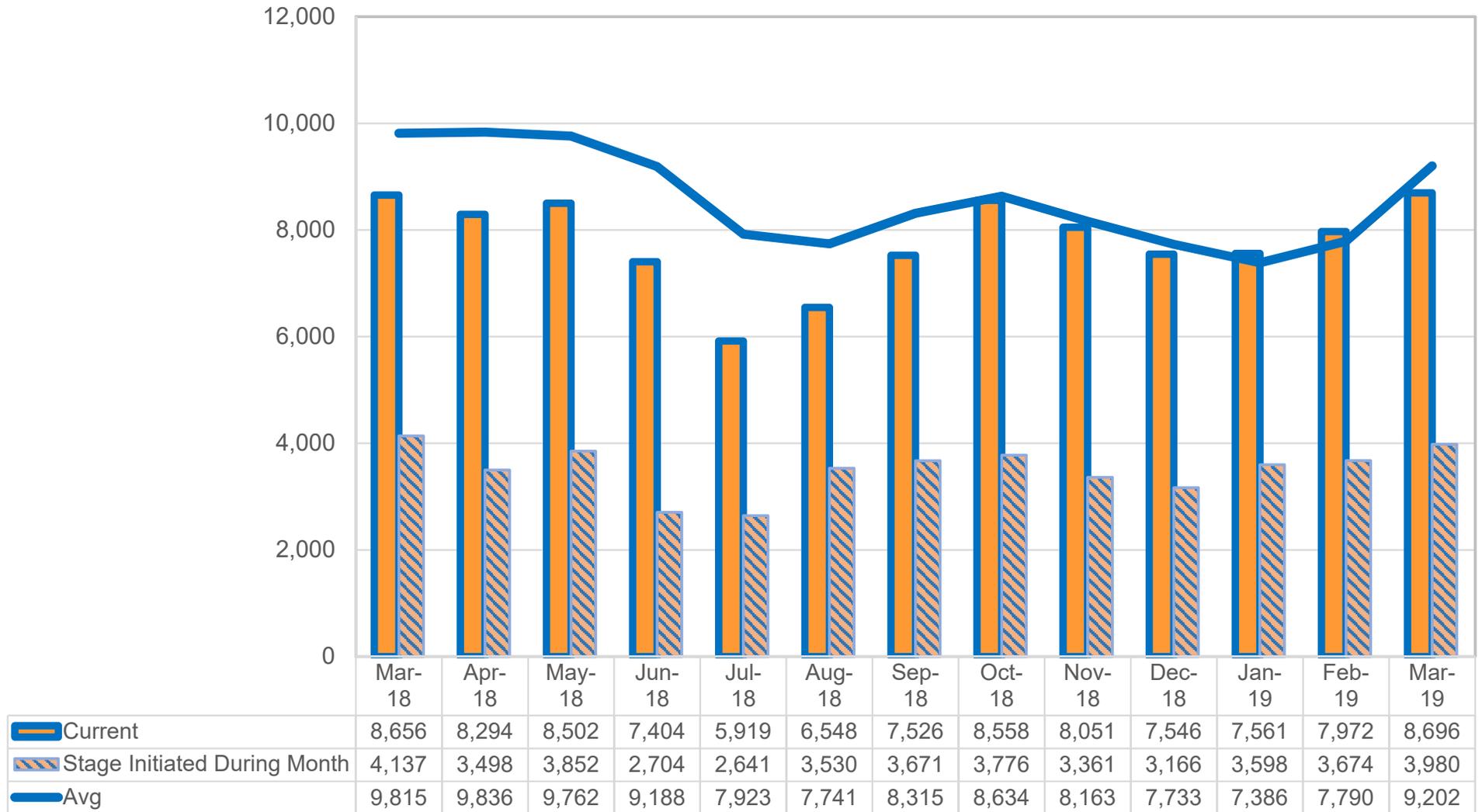


Although the last 13 months have seen an increase in investigations of over 11% since the prior 13 months (not pictured), the current year's total investigations reveals an improvement in investigations when compared to the monthly averages from March 2018 – December 2018. While March 2019 did not exceed the average, investigation cases during the month of March were higher than the prior 12 months above.

Outcome IC: Child Protective Services Cases Investigation Cases Only (March 2018 – March 2019)

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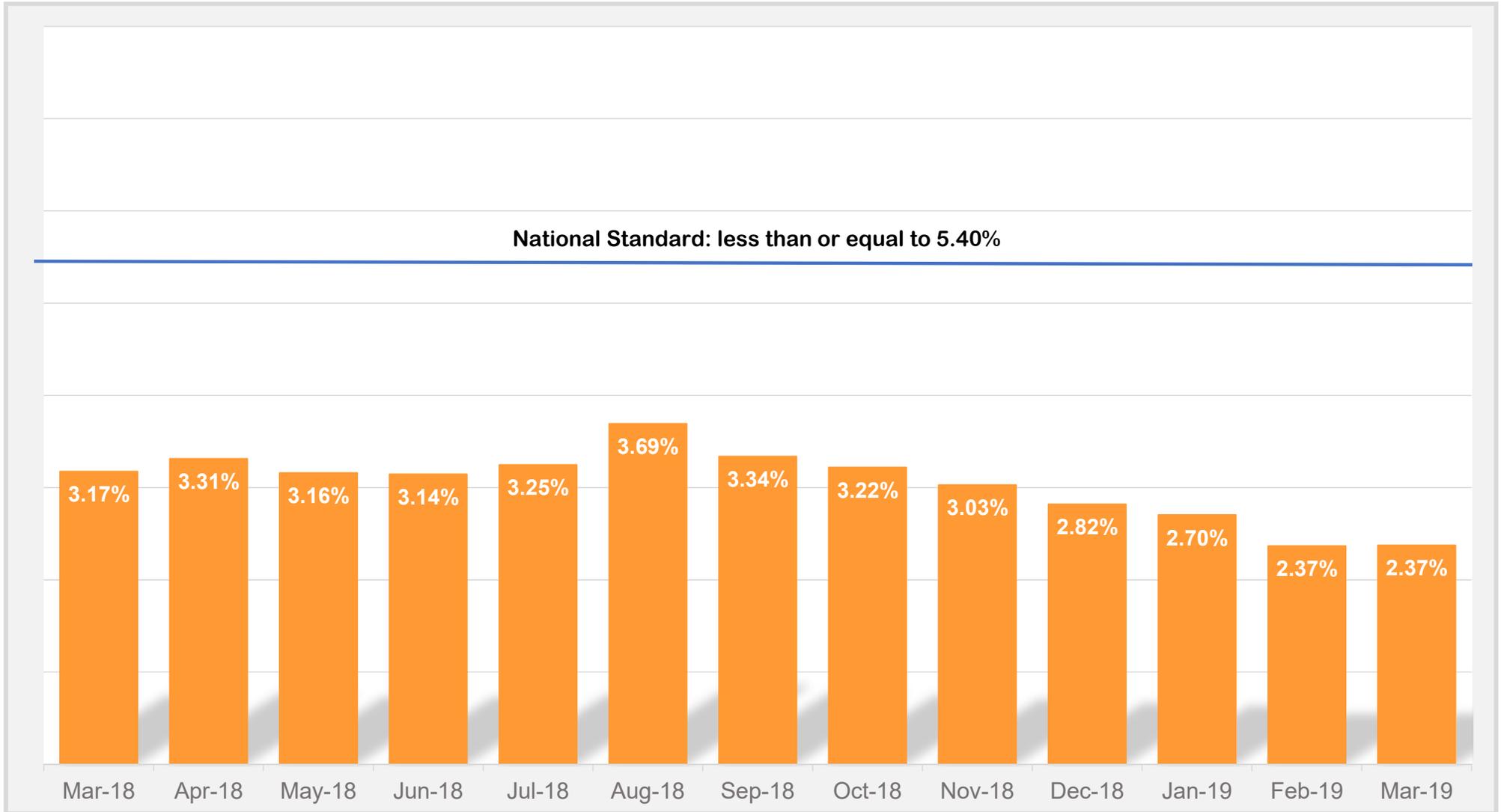
How many Investigation Cases were open at any time during the month Vs Investigation Cases that were initiated during the month for the past 13 months?



This chart indicates that during each month, the cases that open *during* the month are less than half of *all* open cases during the month. Additionally, the increases and decreases in those that open during the month resemble the trend in the current trend of all open cases during the month.

Outcome IC_1: Child Protective Services Cases Investigation Cases Only (March 2018 – March 2019)

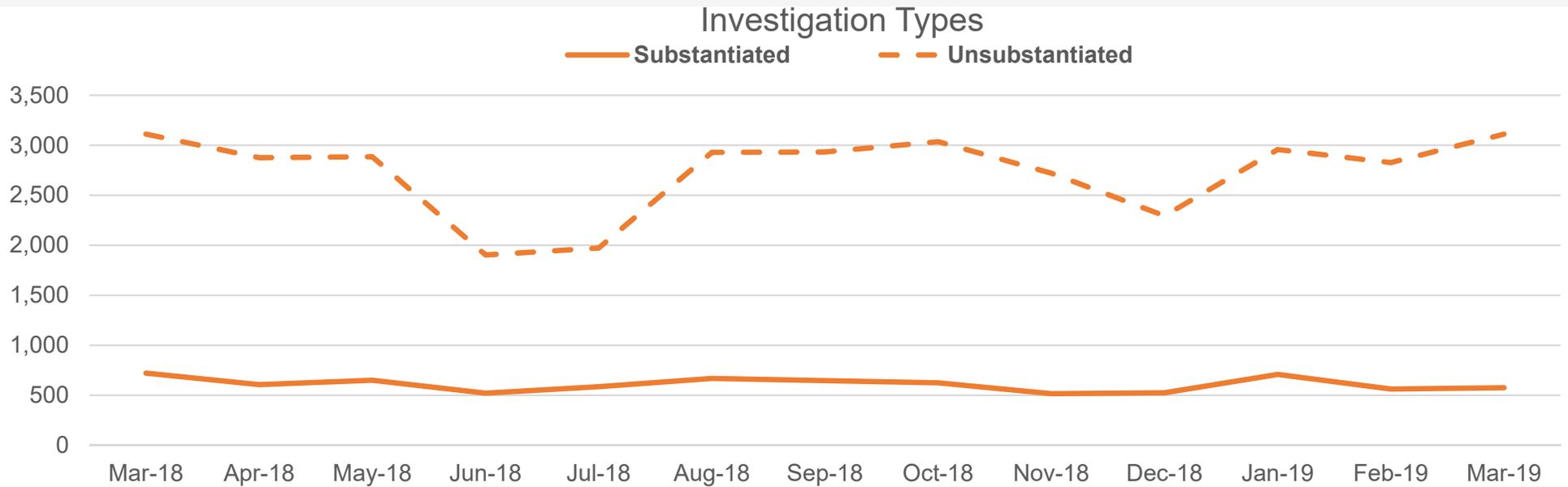
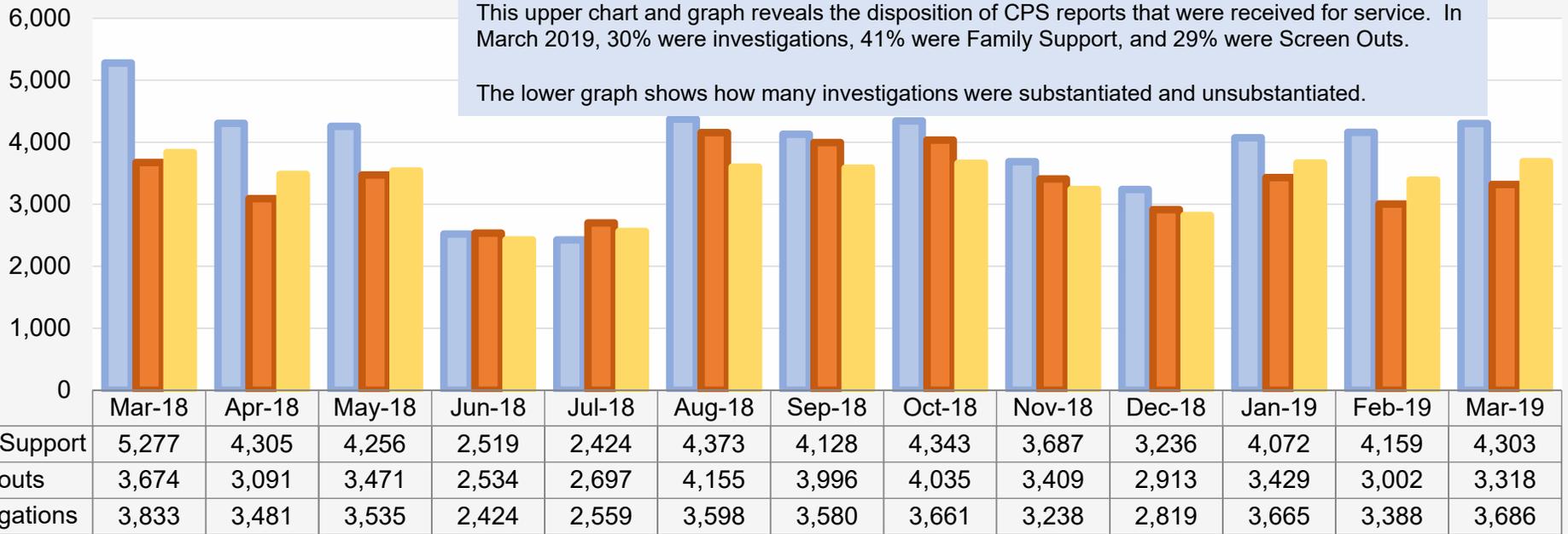
What percentage of children had a subsequent substantiated incident of maltreatment within 6 months?



The trend reveals that Georgia has consistently maintained a low recurrence rate below the national standard of 5.4%. Georgia has a lower percentage of subsequent maltreatment incidents in March 2019 when compared to March 2018.

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

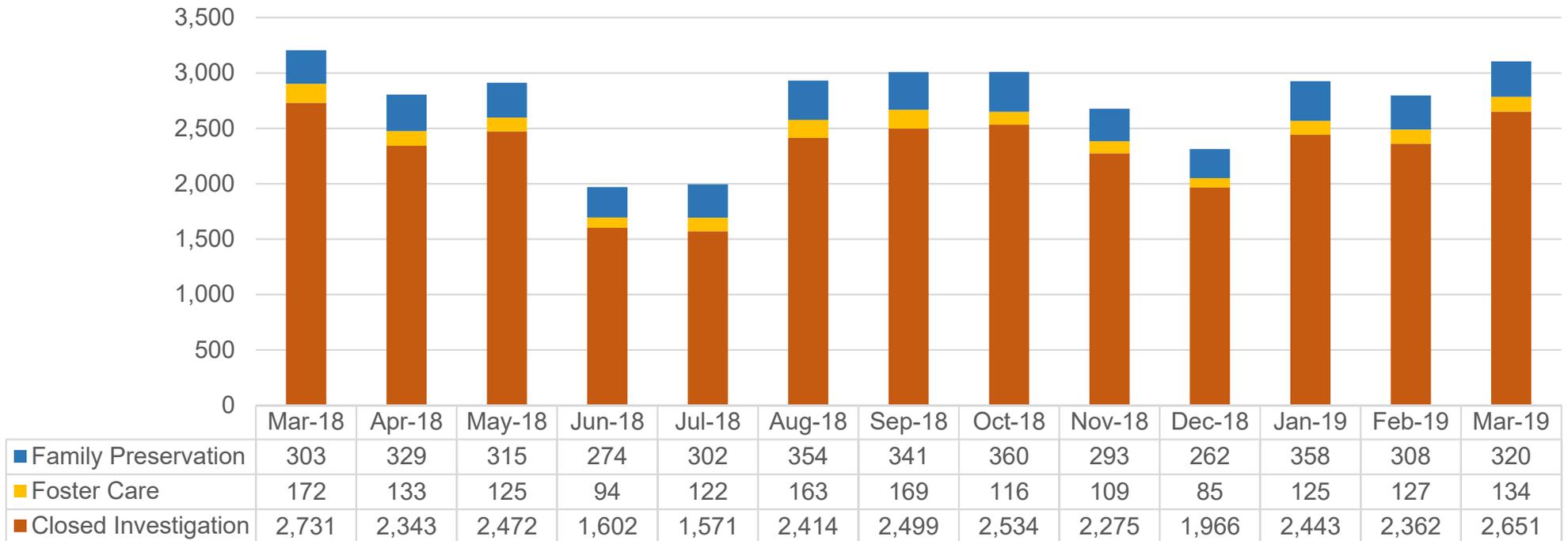
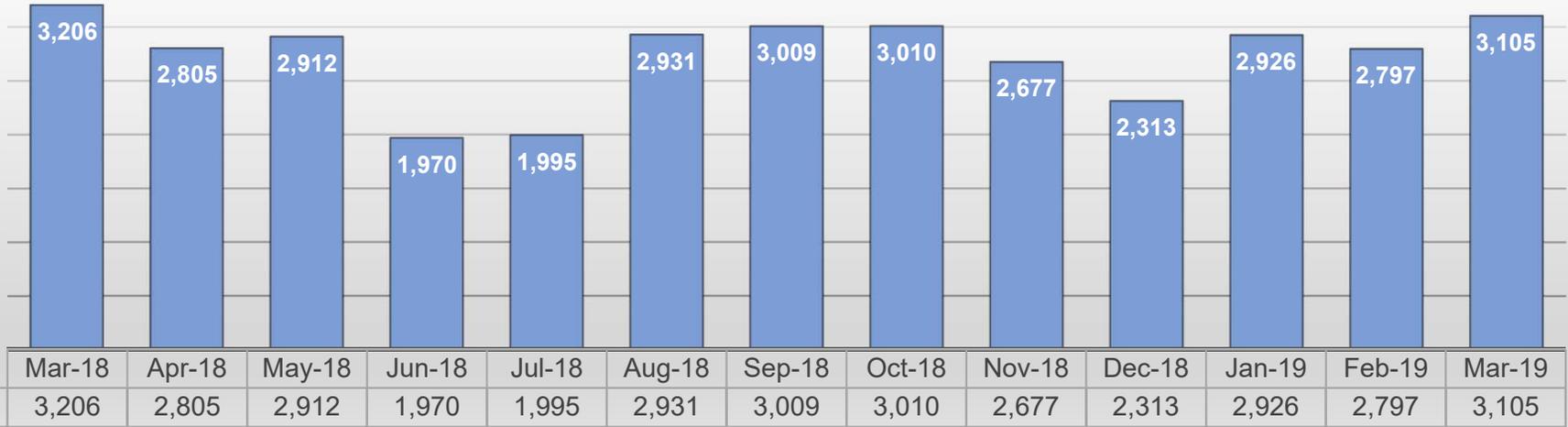


Outcome III: Disposition of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (March 2018 – March 2019)

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

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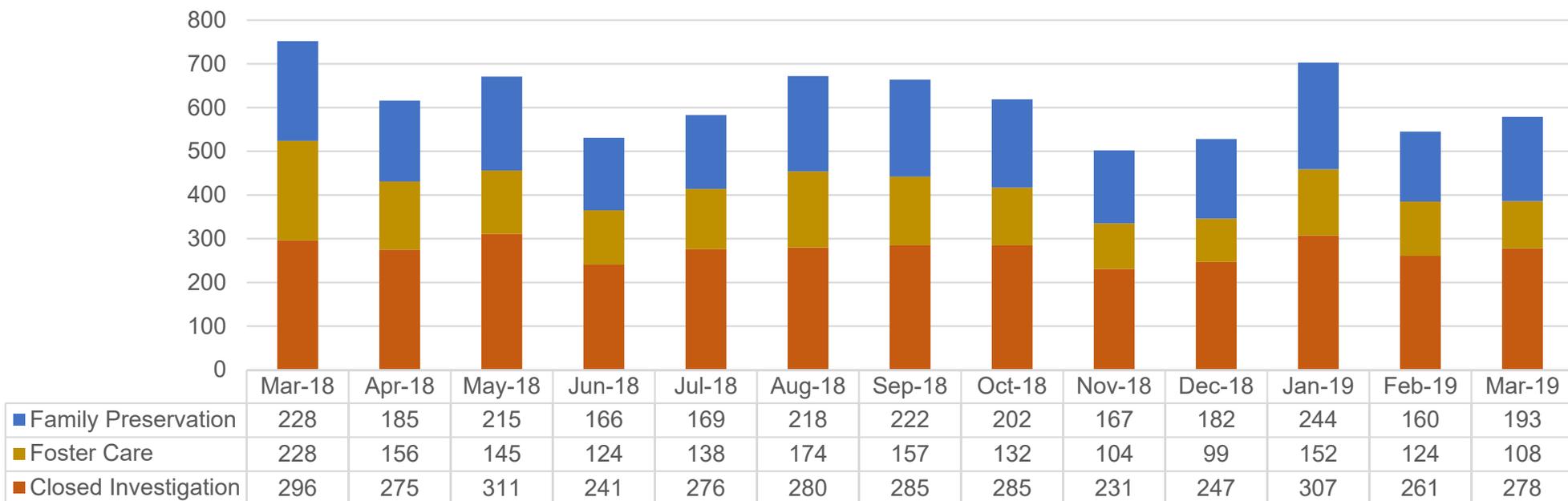
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Outcome IV: Subsequent Case-Types of Investigations (March 2018 – March 2019)

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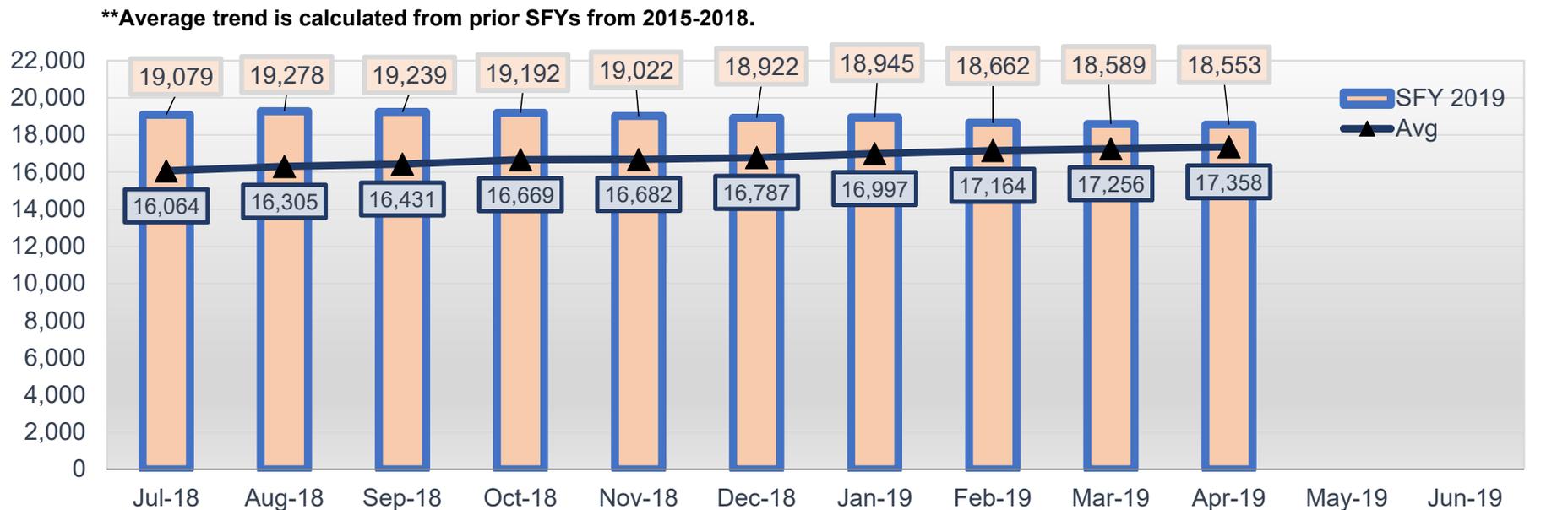
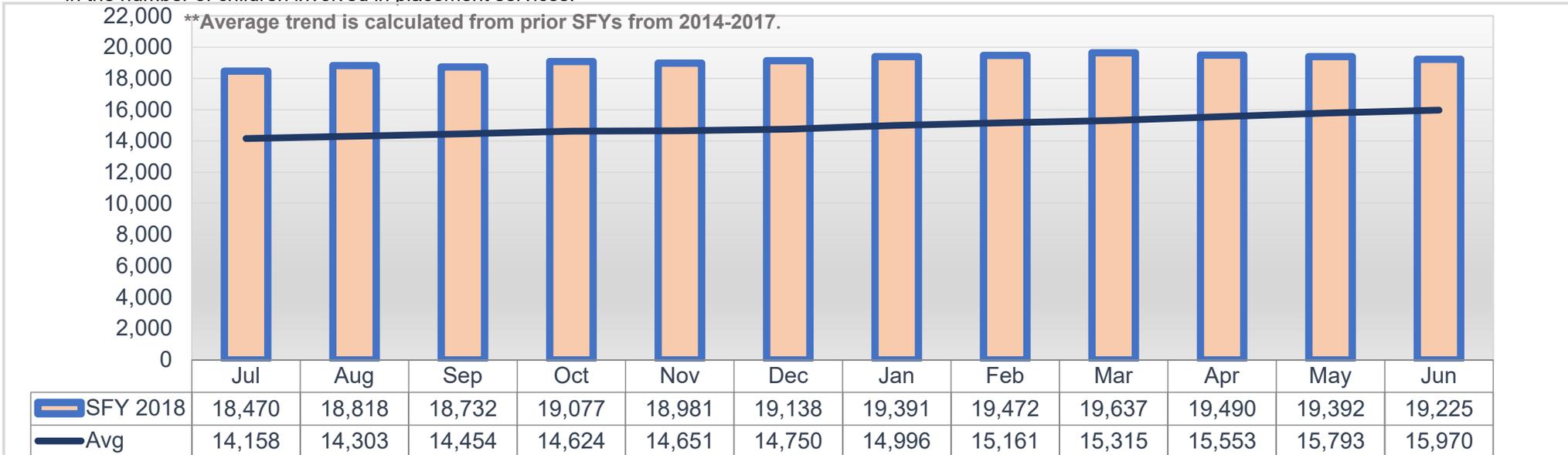


Outcome IV: Subsequent Case-Types of Investigations (March 2018 – March 2019)

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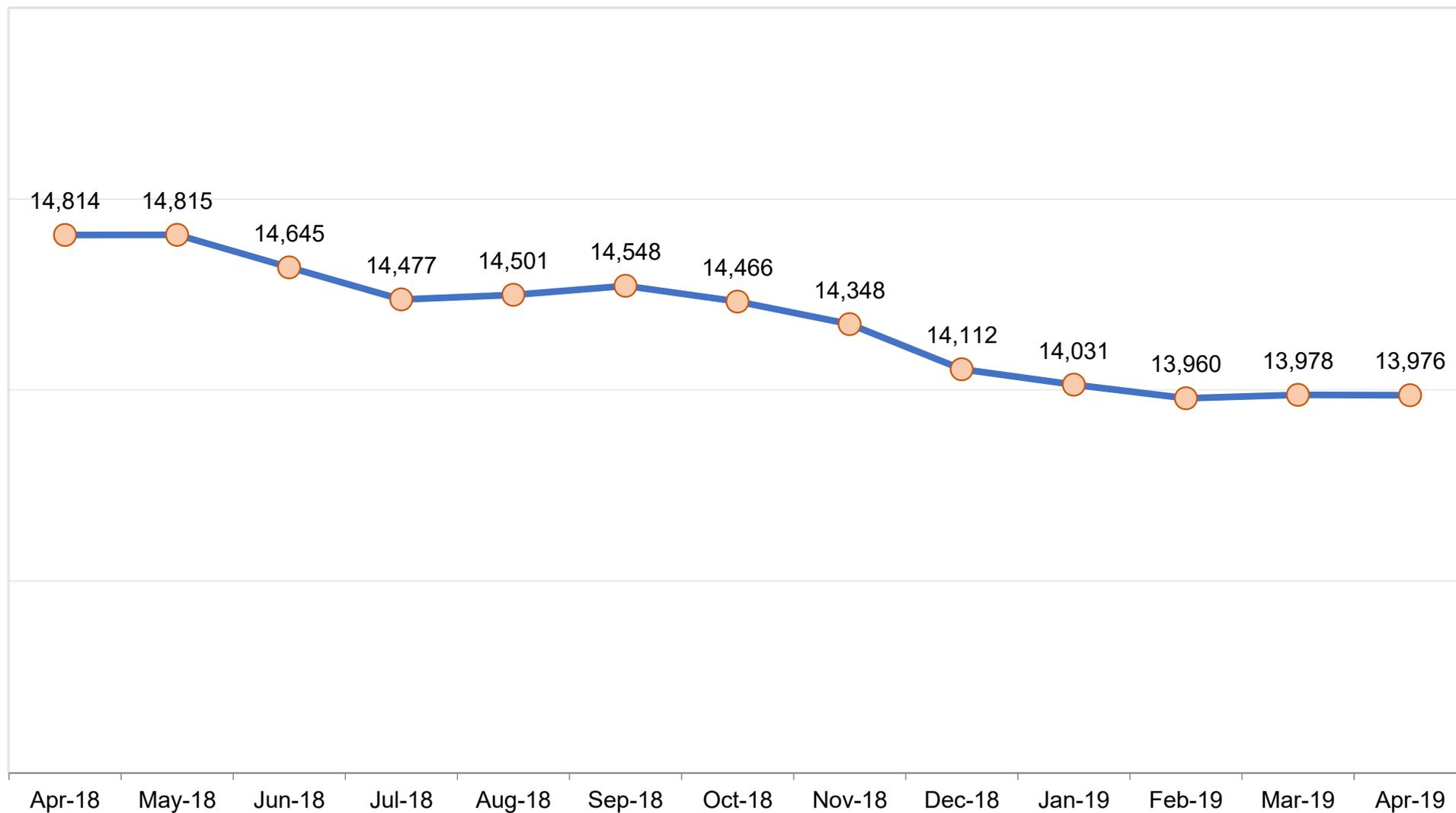
How many children were involved placement services for each month during the State Fiscal Year?

The average trend for the past four years shows a gradual increase (low slope) in cases. The placement services include 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. For 7 months of the SFY 2019 there was a decrease in the number of children involved in placement services.



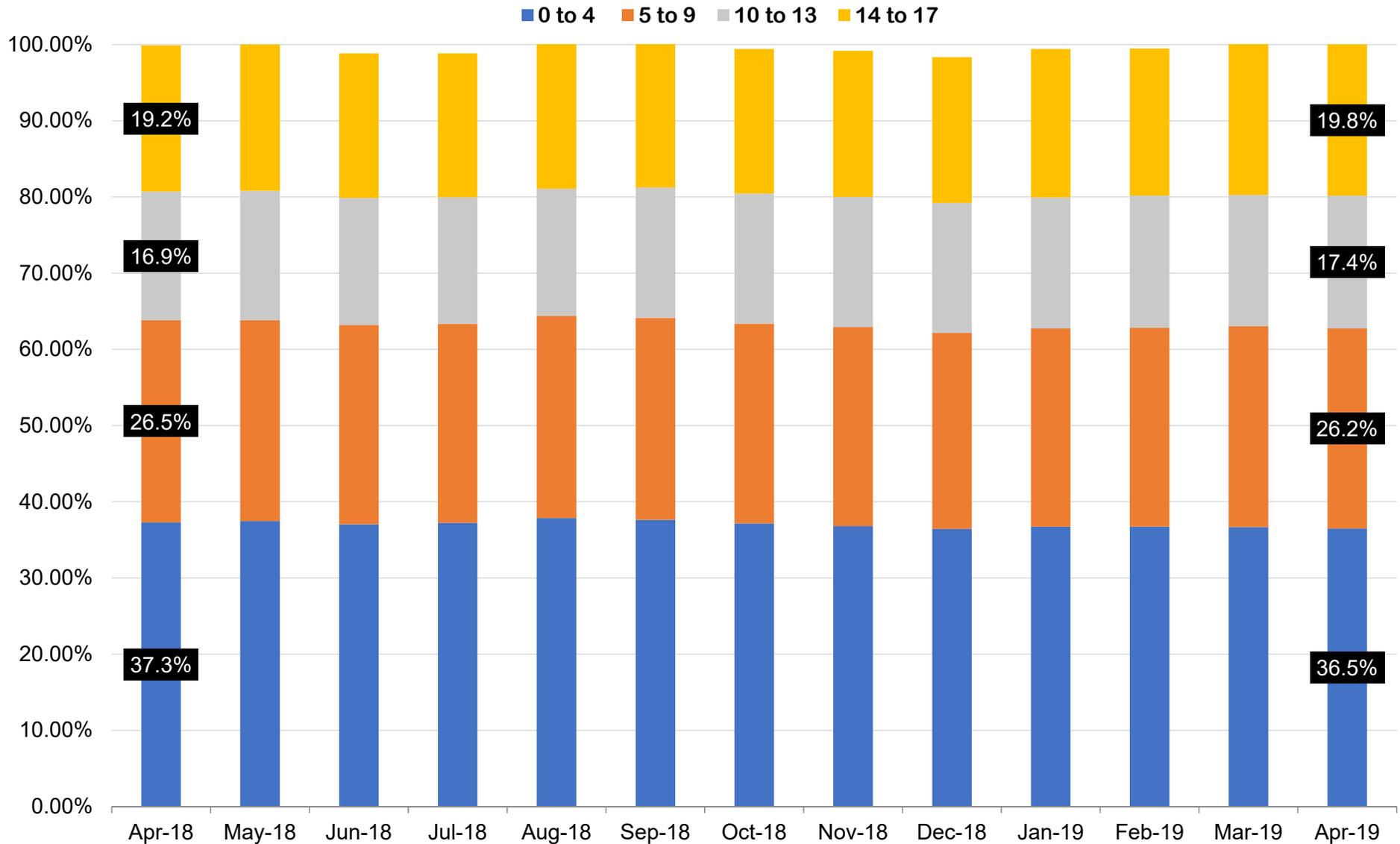
Outcome V: Number of Children in Placement Services (State Fiscal Year 2019 To Date)

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



The downward trend reveals an increase in children exiting Foster Care during the 13 month trend.

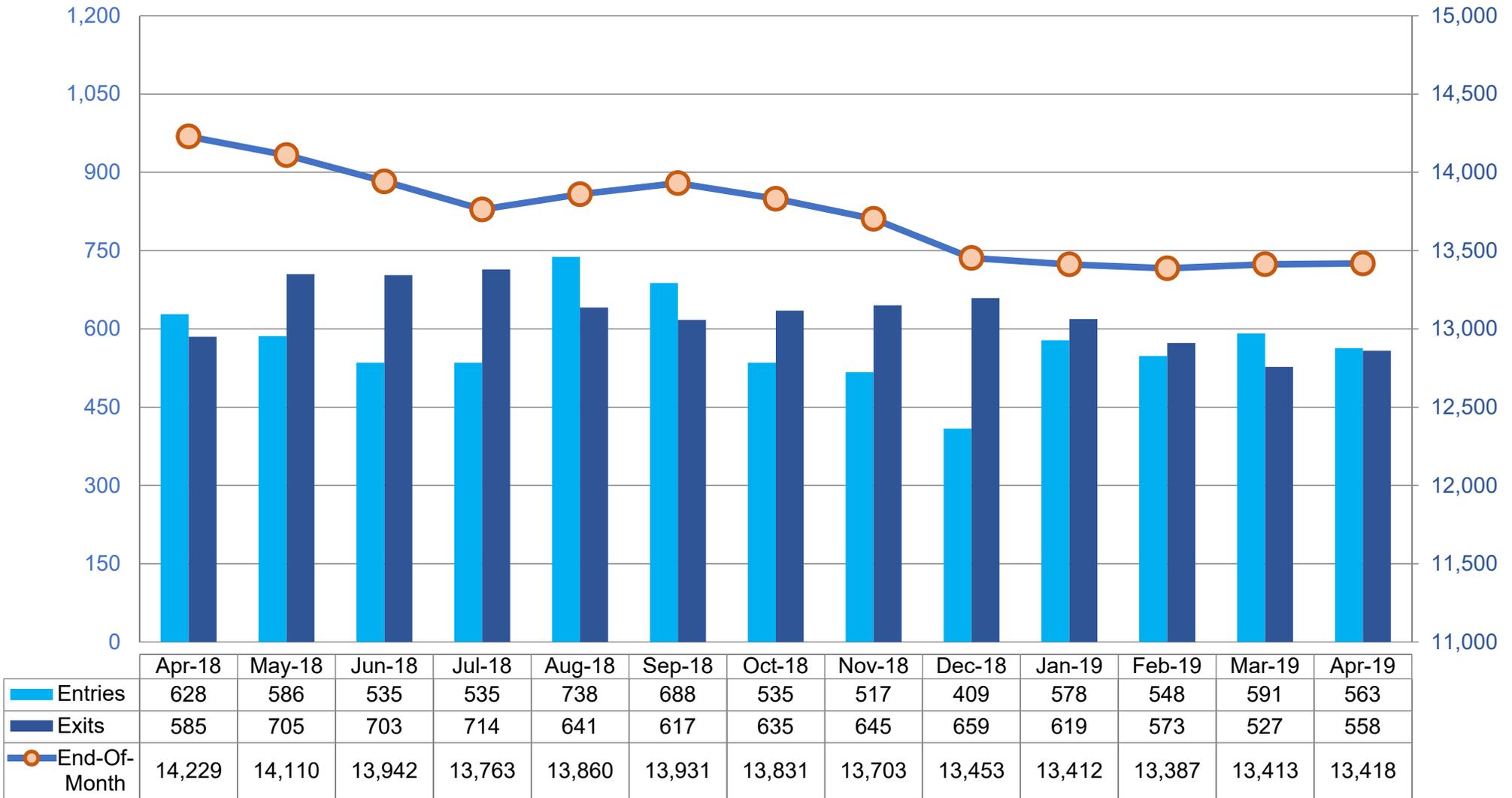
Has the age distribution of the foster population changed much over the last year?



Outcome VI-A: Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 by Age Group (April 2018 – April 2019)

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

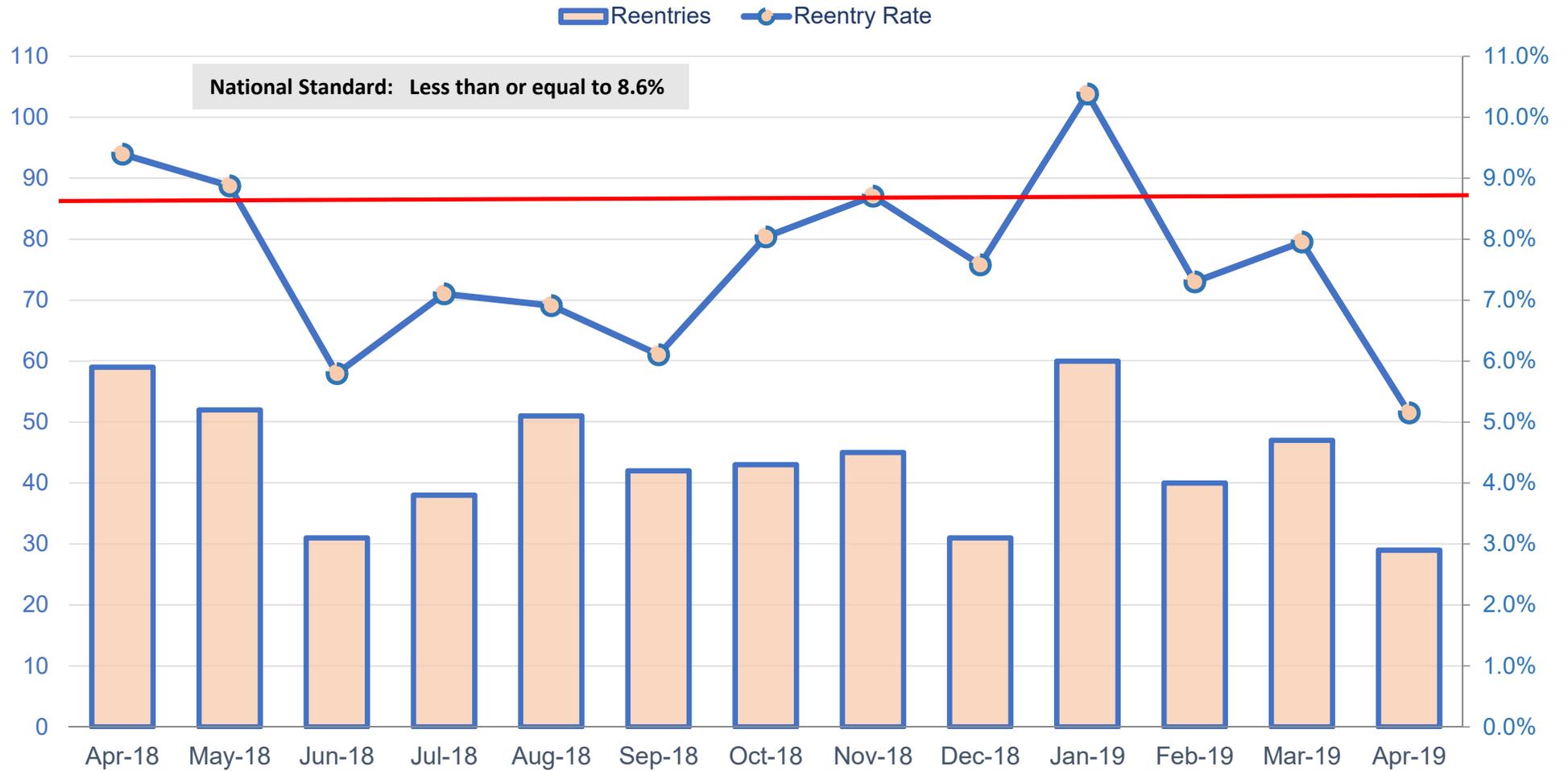


Outcome VII: Comparison of Foster Care Entries and Exits (April 2018 – April 2019)

**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.

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

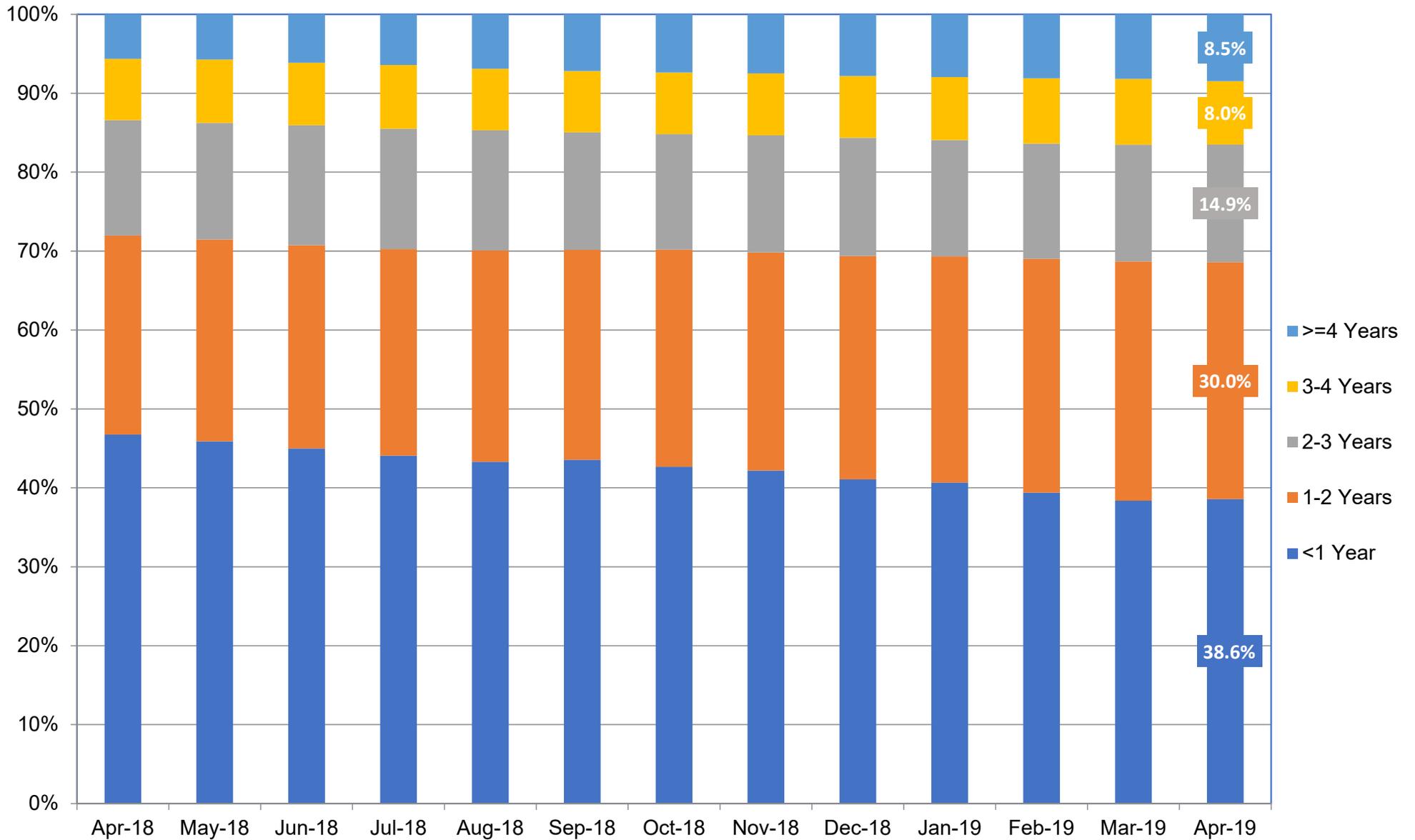


Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19
59	52	31	38	51	42	43	45	31	60	40	47	29
9.4%	8.9%	5.8%	7.1%	6.9%	6.1%	8.0%	8.7%	7.6%	10.4%	7.3%	8.0%	5.2%

Outcome VIII: Foster Care Re-Entries (April 2018 – April 2019)

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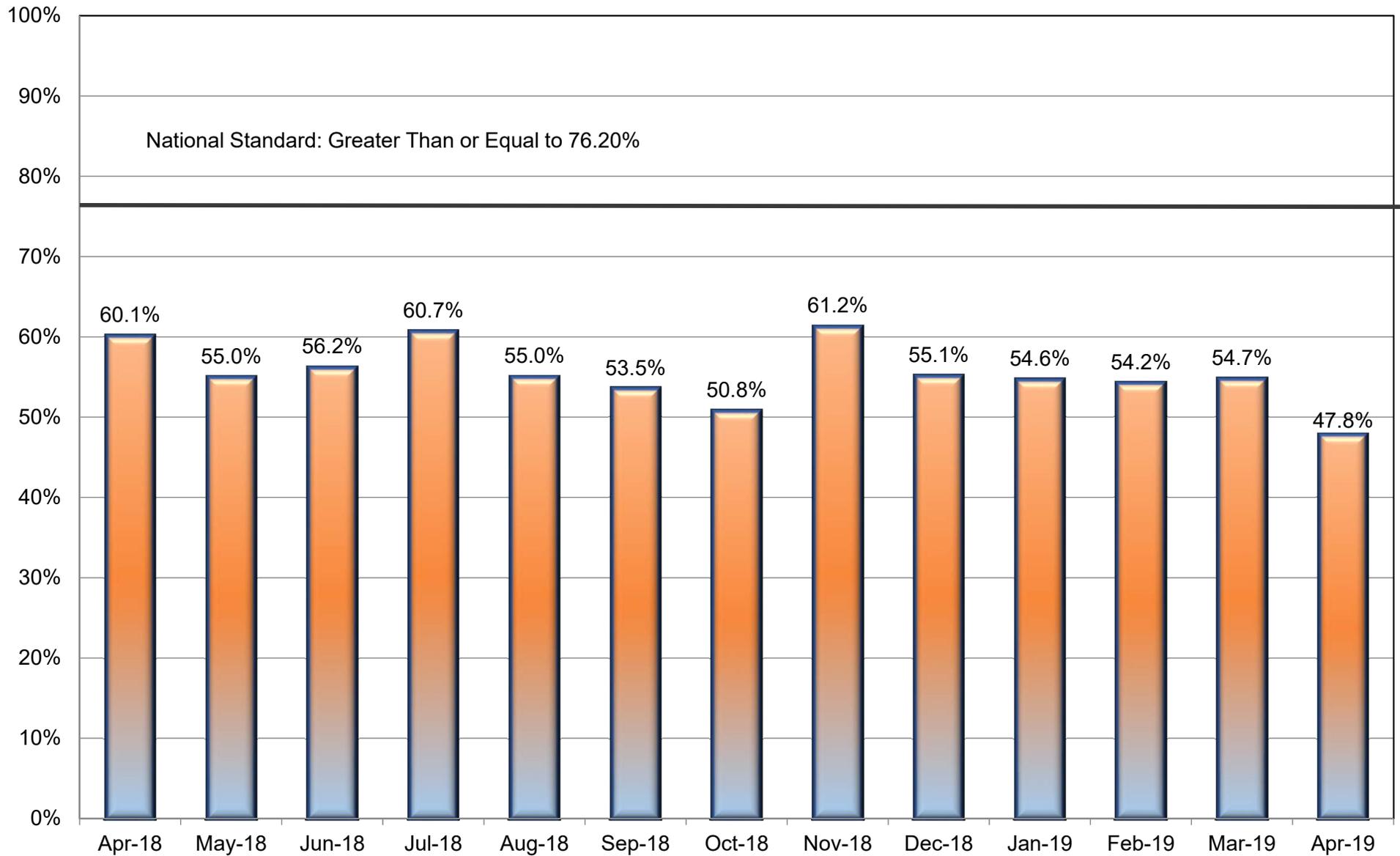
What percentage of foster children have been in care for less than a year, less than 2 years . . . each month?



Outcome IX: Foster Care Length of Stay (April 2018 – April 2019)

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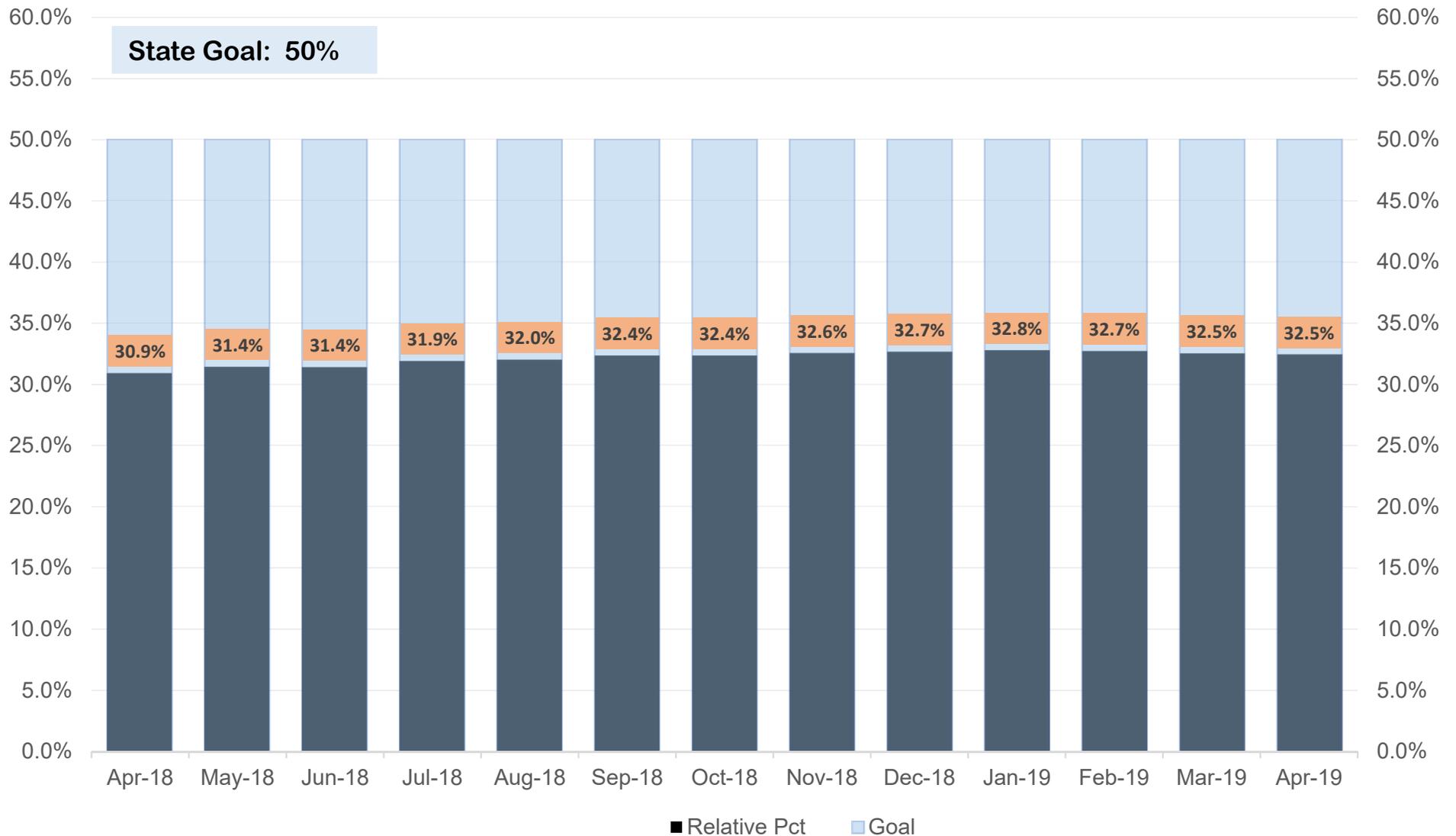
What percentage of reunifications occurred within twelve (12) months of the child entering foster care?



Outcome X: Length of Time to Reunification (April 2018 – April 2019)

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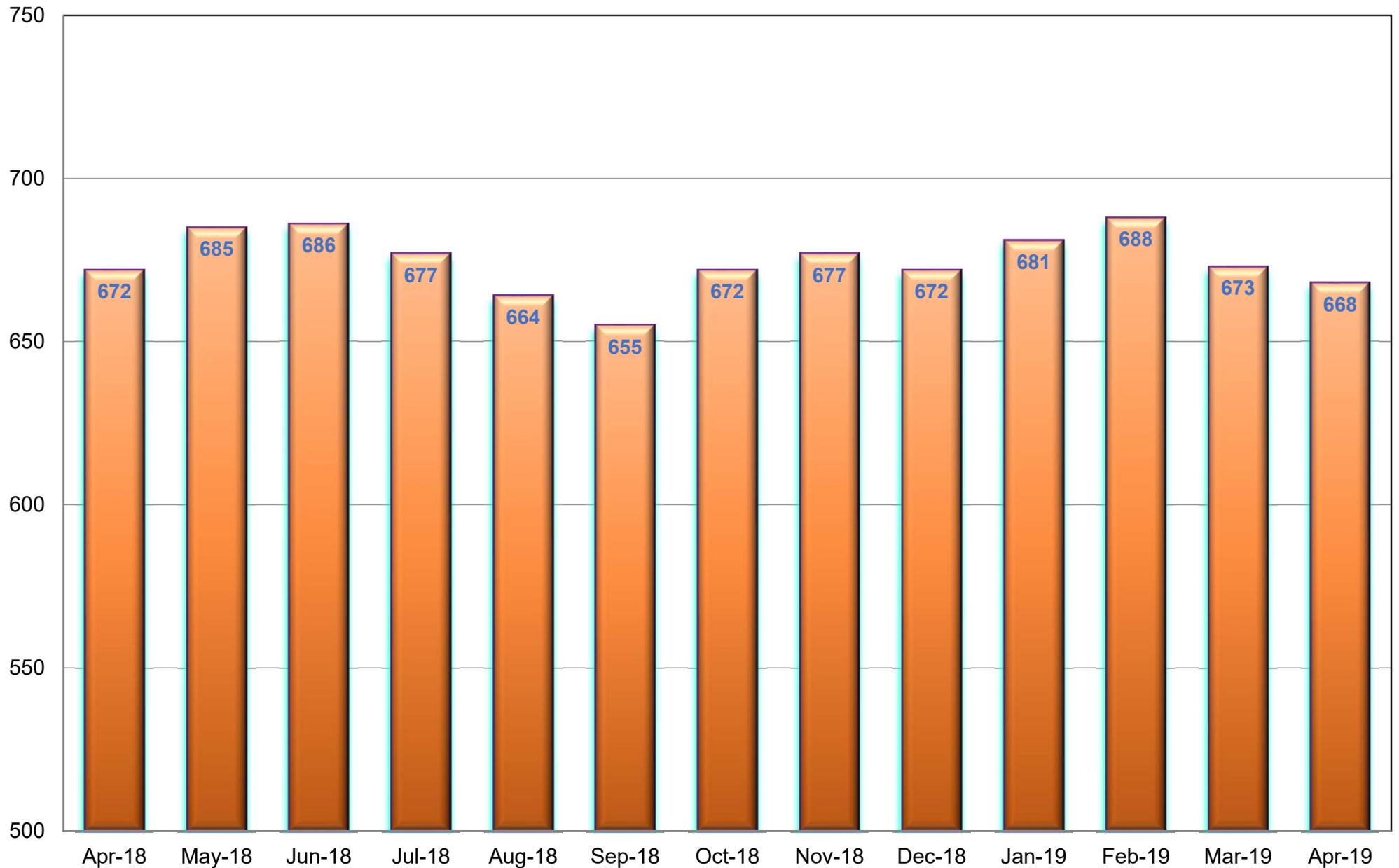
What percentage of children in Foster Care were placed with a relative during the month?



Outcome XI: Percent of Children Placed with Relatives (April 2018 – April 2019)

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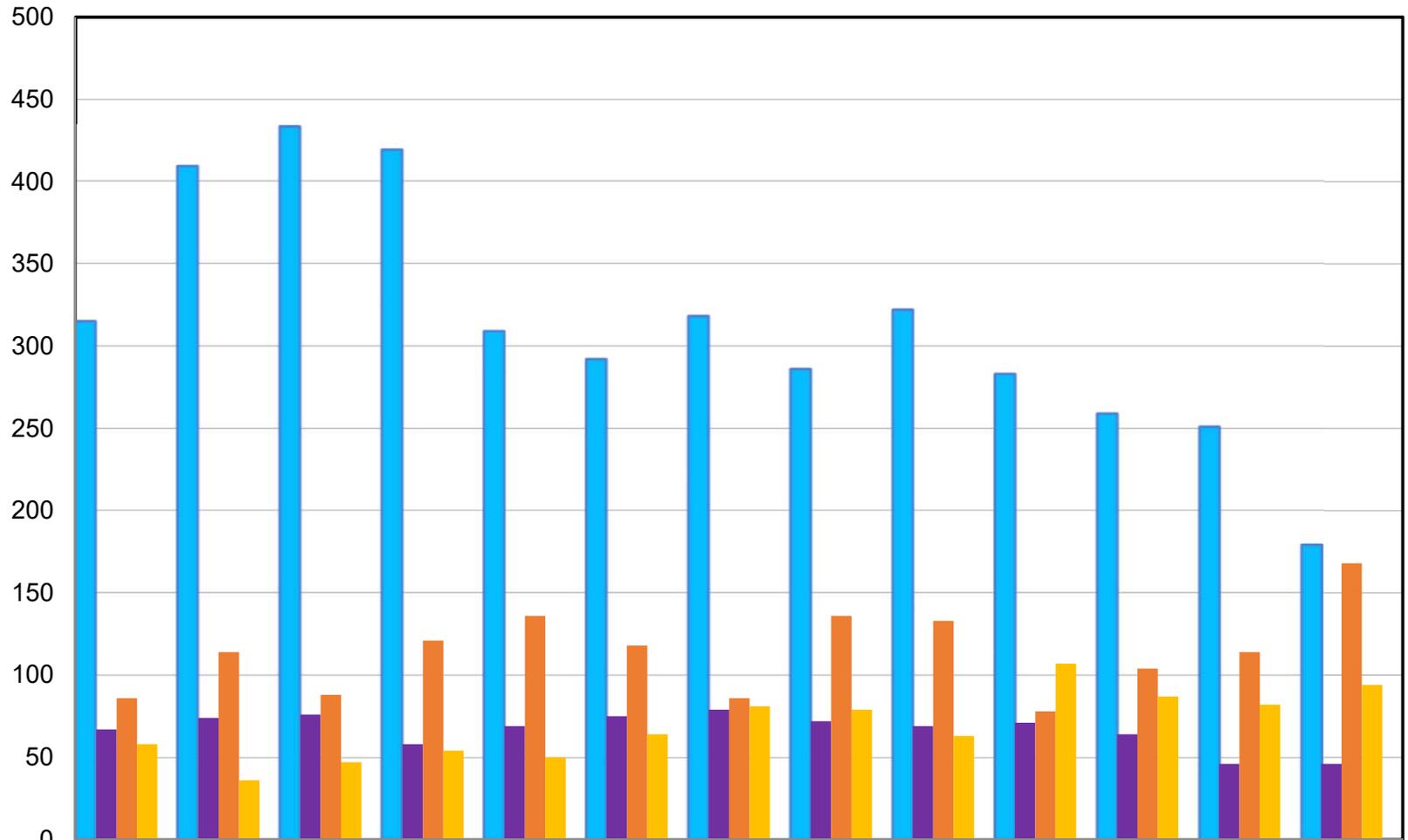
How many children remained in Foster Care after the age of 18?



Outcome XII: Extended Youth Services (April 2018 – April 2019)

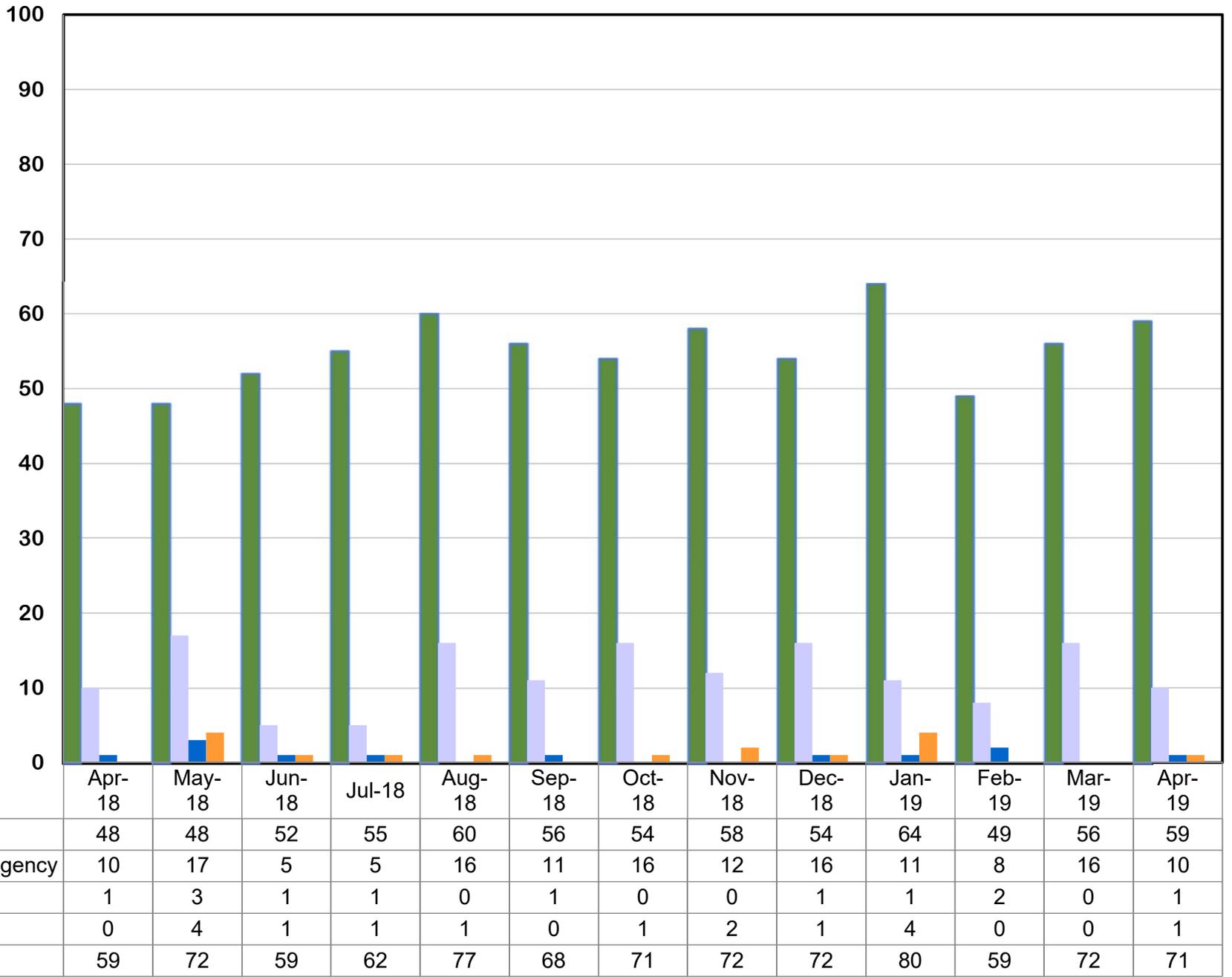
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How many children in Foster Care were discharged to a positive permanency during the month?



	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19
■ Reunification	315	409	433	419	309	292	318	286	322	283	259	251	179
■ Living With Other Relative(s)	67	74	76	58	69	75	79	72	69	71	64	46	46
■ Finalized Adoption	86	114	88	121	136	118	86	136	133	78	104	114	168
■ Guardianship	58	36	47	54	50	64	81	79	63	107	87	82	94
Positive Permanency	526	633	644	652	564	549	564	573	587	539	514	493	487

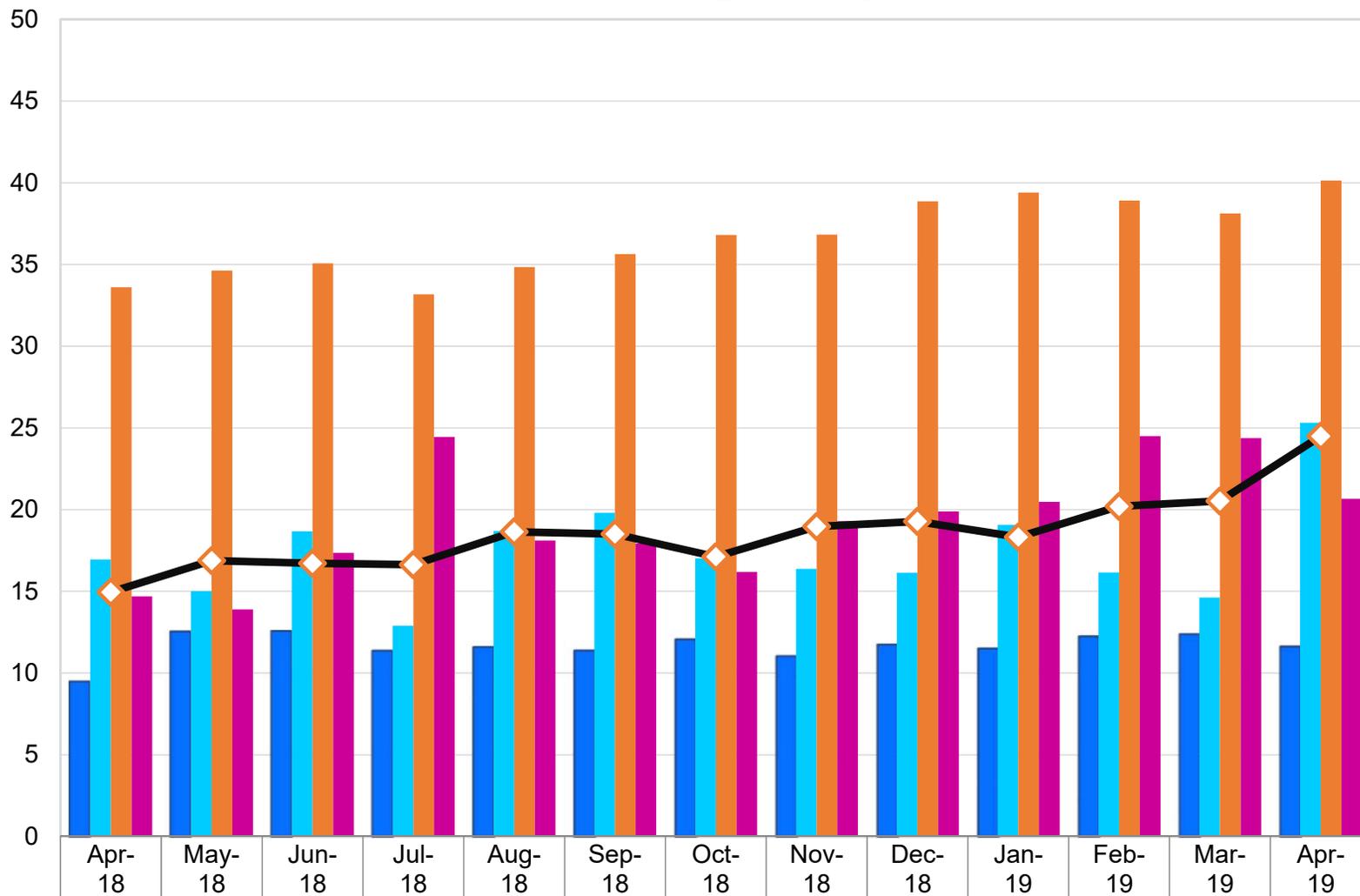
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Outcome XIII: Number of Discharges (April 2018 – April 2019)

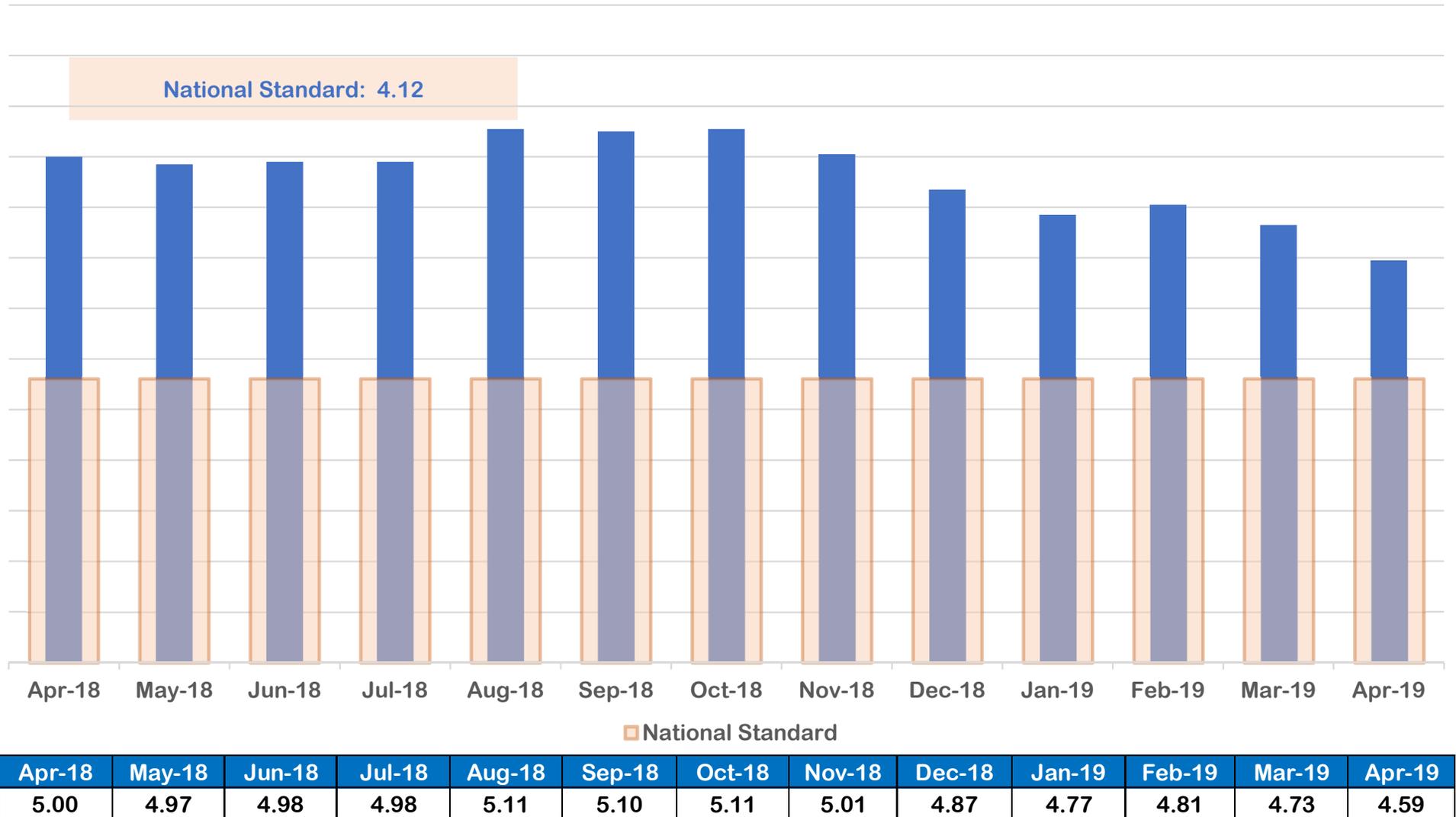
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What is the average time in months for a foster child to reach positive permanency?



Reunification	9.5	12.5	12.6	11.4	11.6	11.4	12.1	11.0	11.7	11.5	12.2	12.4	11.6
Living with Other Relative(s)	17.0	15.0	18.7	12.9	18.7	19.8	17.0	16.4	16.1	19.1	16.2	14.6	25.3
Finalized Adoption	33.6	34.6	35.1	33.2	34.8	35.6	36.8	36.8	38.9	39.4	38.9	38.1	40.1
Guardianship	14.7	13.9	17.4	24.4	18.1	17.9	16.2	19.3	19.9	20.5	24.5	24.4	20.7
Positive Permanency	15.0	16.9	16.7	16.6	18.6	18.5	17.1	19.0	19.3	18.3	20.2	20.5	24.5

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



Outcome XIV: Placement Stability Performance Measure (April 2018 – April 2019)

Appendices

APPENDIX A

Regional Chart of Outcome VI

**Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18
(April 2018 – April 2019)**

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Outcome VI: Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (By Region) (April 2018 – April 2019)

Region	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19
1	1,530	1,500	1,475	1,430	1,454	1,490	1,485	1,500	1,450	1,427	1,408	1,394	1,417
2	973	984	977	1,003	994	995	981	975	975	972	993	996	984
3	973	958	964	959	966	990	1,006	1,016	1,038	1,043	1,076	1,059	1,050
4	1,139	1,160	1,161	1,130	1,117	1,100	1,102	1,086	1,049	1,030	1,025	1,054	1,073
5	1,226	1,226	1,201	1,184	1,193	1,203	1,197	1,157	1,143	1,132	1,107	1,105	1,102
6	770	767	744	730	729	718	710	692	686	664	645	649	647
7	716	713	720	733	758	770	756	738	721	715	704	706	715
8	745	748	748	759	763	762	760	741	735	720	728	745	745
9	587	587	574	572	566	561	543	533	500	499	488	472	464
10	775	759	756	749	753	767	769	778	782	790	796	809	796
11	1,260	1,260	1,250	1,256	1,250	1,246	1,236	1,234	1,210	1,244	1,236	1,225	1,245
12	1,000	1,014	1,004	983	982	978	977	954	937	934	942	958	975
13	1,448	1,460	1,400	1,371	1,357	1,342	1,338	1,334	1,315	1,295	1,281	1,270	1,246
14	1,672	1,679	1,671	1,618	1,619	1,626	1,606	1,610	1,571	1,566	1,531	1,536	1,517
Statewide	14,814	14,815	14,645	14,477	14,501	14,548	14,466	14,348	14,112	14,031	13,960	13,978	13,976

APPENDIX B

Regional Chart of Outcome XIV

**Placement Stability Performance Coefficient
(April 2018 – April 2019)**

National Standard = 4.12

Desired Goal to Meet the PIP = 6.01

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Outcome VI: Placement Stability for Children in DFCS Custody Under the Age of 18 (By Region) (April 2018 – April 2019)

Region	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19
1	5.82	5.79	5.60	5.48	5.65	5.74	5.72	5.41	5.29	5.16	5.32	5.14	4.54
2	5.84	5.62	5.58	5.60	5.52	5.44	5.39	5.36	4.88	4.71	4.66	4.64	4.59
3	5.23	5.25	5.33	5.03	5.02	4.90	4.87	4.49	4.30	4.24	4.33	3.91	3.73
4	4.06	3.87	3.73	3.61	3.57	3.58	3.90	4.06	4.01	4.16	4.11	4.04	4.15
5	5.38	5.55	5.67	5.69	5.70	5.72	5.67	5.77	5.65	5.39	5.28	5.44	5.20
6	3.98	3.85	4.31	4.36	4.74	4.65	4.91	4.90	4.71	5.19	6.09	5.57	4.99
7	3.22	3.06	3.27	3.34	3.52	3.51	3.46	3.30	3.38	3.43	3.51	3.53	4.02
8	2.90	3.12	3.20	3.56	3.98	4.02	3.81	3.91	4.09	4.01	3.77	3.91	3.75
9	3.19	3.41	3.87	4.11	4.00	3.81	3.86	3.88	3.88	3.92	3.95	3.91	3.58
10	3.63	3.07	3.30	3.13	3.00	3.08	3.05	3.38	3.33	3.73	4.05	4.21	4.42
11	4.34	4.42	4.26	4.38	4.55	4.33	4.16	3.95	3.78	3.67	3.72	3.32	3.25
12	4.86	4.80	4.82	4.81	5.26	5.53	5.34	5.12	4.66	4.57	4.53	4.77	4.44
13	6.70	6.73	6.62	6.87	7.00	6.78	7.32	7.22	6.90	6.82	6.50	6.61	6.65
14	6.48	6.56	6.42	6.43	6.64	6.73	6.56	6.45	6.20	5.70	5.71	5.73	5.66
Statewide	5.00	4.97	4.98	4.98	5.11	5.10	5.11	5.01	4.87	4.77	4.81	4.73	4.59