

Georgia Division of Family & Children Services

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Monthly Measures and Results for September 2017*

*(Reflects Safety Outcomes as of July 31, 2017 And Permanency Outcomes as of August 31, 2017) With Appendices

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

Outcome I: Child Protective Services Cases

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

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

Sources: SHINES

Outcome II: Recurrence of Substantiated Child Maltreatment

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

Outcome III: Disposition of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports

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

Source: SHINES

Outcome IV: Subsequent Case-type of Investigations by Disposition

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

Source: SHINES



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

Outcome V: Number of Child Placement Services Cases

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

Source: SHINES

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

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

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

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

Source: SHINES

Outcome VII: Comparison of Foster Care Entries & Exits

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

Outcome VIII: Foster Care Re-entries

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

Outcome IX: Foster Care Length of Stay

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



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

Outcome X: Length of Time to Achieve Reunification

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

Outcome XI: Children Placed with Relatives

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

Outcome XII: Extended Youth Services

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

Outcome XIII: Adoptions Finalized

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

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

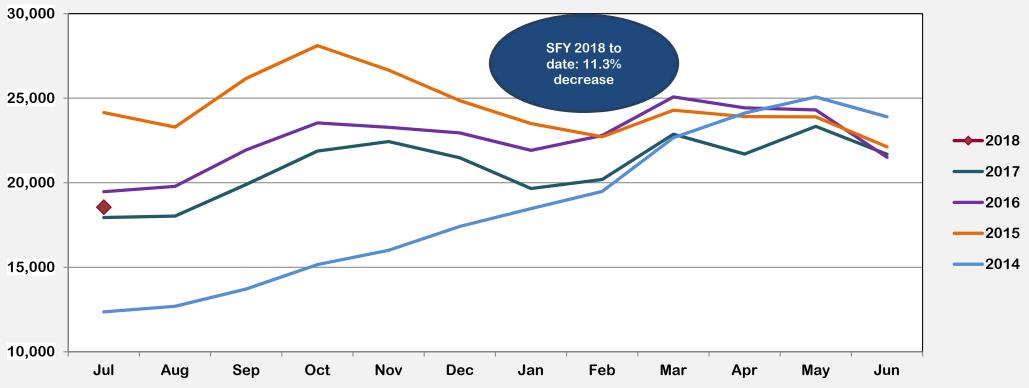
A calculated value based upon the ACF CFSR Round 3 which is part of Program Improvement. It is calculated from a rolling 12 month population of the entry cohort where the child remained in custody for over 8 days and was not 18 on the date of removal. The federal standard is 4.12. Source: SHINES

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



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

During the month of July 2017, there was a decrease in the total cases of 14.4% since June 2017. The average for the state fiscal year 2018 To Date reveals a 11.3% decrease since last state fiscal year. Comparatively, Georgia had 3.5% less cases last year in July 2016 than July 2017.

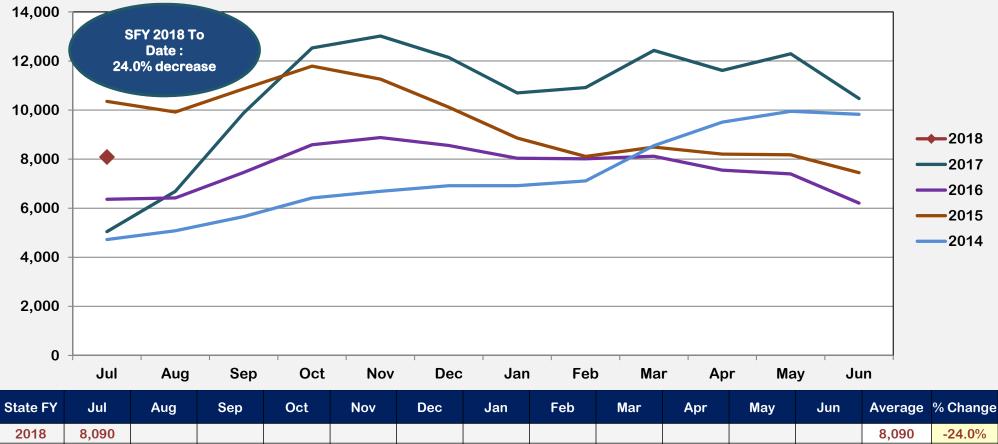


State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Average	% Change
2018	18,561												18,561	-11.3%
2017	17,941	18,028	19,902	21,876	22,436	21,480	19,661	20,197	22,871	21,703	23,335	21,684	20,926	-7.3%
2016	19,470	19,788	21,943	23,541	23,277	22,946	21,916	22,795	25,075	24,431	24,307	21,504	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%



Outcome IA: Child Protective Services Cases Family Support Cases Only (State Fiscal Year 2018 To Date)

Family Support cases decreased during July 2017 by 22.7% since June 2017. This improvement represents a 24% average case decrease for the start of the current State Fiscal Year 2018 over State Fiscal Year 2017. 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.

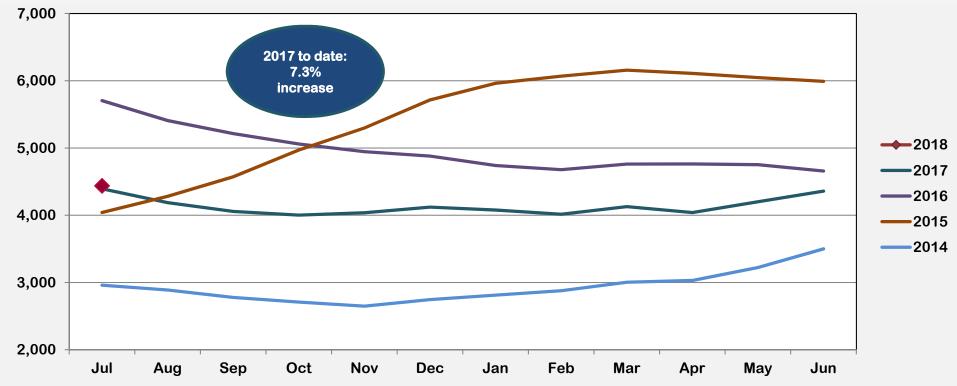


2018	8,090												8,090	-24.0%
2017	5,047	6,690	9,881	12,531	13,017	12,144	10,698	10,919	12,430	11,615	12,294	10,471	10,645	39.5%
2016	6,363	6,419	7,460	8,588	8,881	8,558	8,036	8,013	8,118	7,549	7,398	6,211	7,633	-19.4%
2015	10,354	9,919	10,866	11,791	11,259	10,117	8,862	8,111	8,494	8,206	8,176	7,450	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 IB: Child Protective Services Cases Family Preservation Cases Only (State Fiscal Year 2018 To Date)

(State Fiscal Year 2018 To Date) During July (SFY 2018 to date), there was a 1.8% increase in the number of Family Preservation cases since June 2017. Caseloads decreased from August 2016 – October 2016 with case counts remaining constant through April 2017 and increasing for the final two months of SFY 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 show a marked decrease in Family Preservation Cases since SFY 2015.



State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Average	% Change
2018	4,439												4,439	7.3%
2017	4,394	4,188	4,057	4,003	4,037	4,122	4,077	4,016	4,129	4,041	4,201	4,360	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 IC: Child Protective Services Cases Investigation Cases Only (State Fiscal Year 2018 To Date)

Since the beginning of SFY 2018 Investigation cases showed a 1.9% decrease in average caseloads since 2017. During July 2017, there was a 12% decrease over June 2017 cases. Investigation cases declined during the first semester through January 2017 by 43% during SFY 2017. A similar trend is seen from SFY 2014 – SFY 2017 of an increase from February – March.



State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Average	% Change
2018	6,031												6,031	-1.9%
2017	8,499	7,149	5,963	5,341	5,381	5,213	4,885	5,261	6,312	6,047	6,841	6,854	6,146	-37.7%
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 II: Recurrence of Substantiated Child Maltreatment (July 2016 – July 2017)

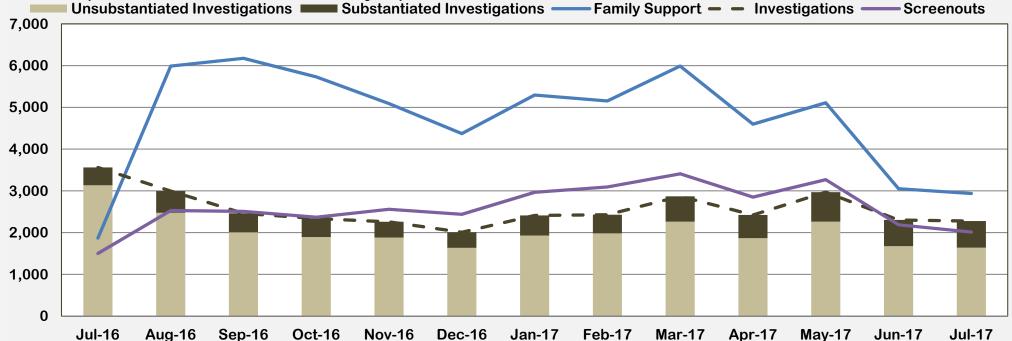
The trend below reveals a decrease in the number of repeated substantiated incidents of child maltreatment. During July 2016, Georgia was above the national standard of 5.4%. One year later this value is reduced by over 60% reflecting many effective changes that have been implemented in Child Protective Services.





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

Of the CPS cases that had a disposition during the month of July 2017, 28% were screen outs, 41% were Family Support, and 31% were Investigations. Only 28% of the Investigations were substantiated. The overall yearly trend shows a jump in the number of Family Support cases in August 2016 and Screened Out cases. Conversely, total investigations declined during the first semester through December 2016, During the second semester Investigations increased through March 2017, followed by fluctuations of decreases and increases through July 2017.

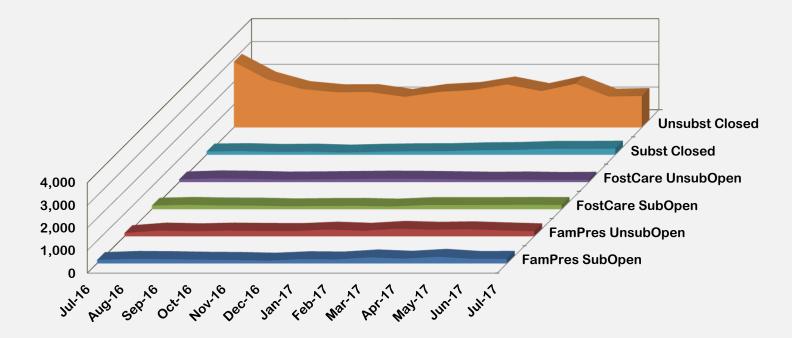


	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17
Family Support	1,869	5,990	6,175	5,731	5,092	4,373	5,297	5,155	5,989	4,598	5,110	3,052	2,937
Screenouts	1,502	2,529	2,508	2,369	2,560	2,438	2,966	3,095	3,408	2,851	3,268	2,187	2,014
Investigations	3,561	2,997	2,463	2,337	2,260	2,010	2,413	2,429	2,871	2,424	2,970	2,304	2,278
Substantiated Investigations	427	521	455	442	376	375	482	447	608	557	708	627	639
Unsubstantiated Investigations	3,134	2,476	2,008	1,895	1,884	1,635	1,931	1,982	2,263	1,867	2,262	1,677	1,639



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

According to July's data, 18.3% of Investigations were subsequently opened as a Family Preservation case; 12.5% of Investigations were opened as a Foster Care case; and 69.2% of Investigations were closed.

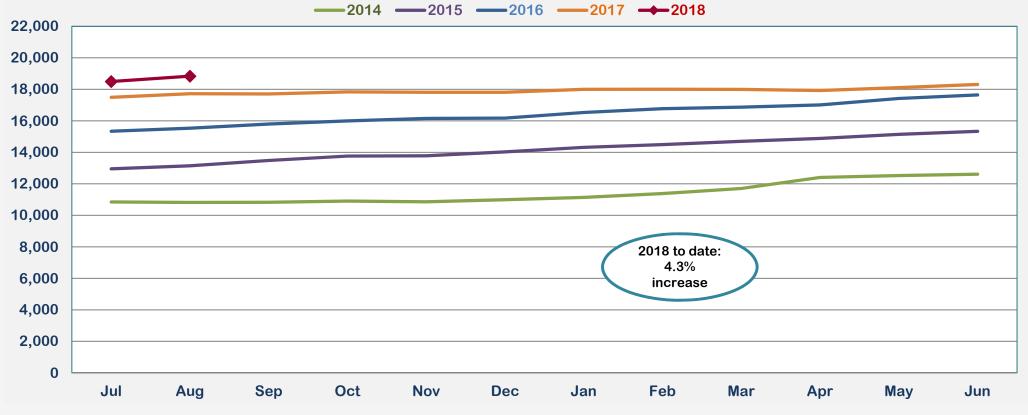


	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17
FamPres SubOpen	154	208	196	170	160	128	193	181	273	214	299	205	208
FamPres UnsubOpen	145	262	229	261	246	240	304	252	339	297	318	271	228
FostCare SubOpen	164	198	173	166	135	149	155	125	189	188	191	199	192
FostCare UnsubOpen	119	166	149	115	125	141	155	147	128	107	118	97	107
Subst Closed	145	163	127	140	98	136	156	162	199	214	261	262	271
Unsubst Closed	2,886	2,097	1,687	1,547	1,554	1,343	1,562	1,646	1,890	1,598	1,920	1,355	1,382



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

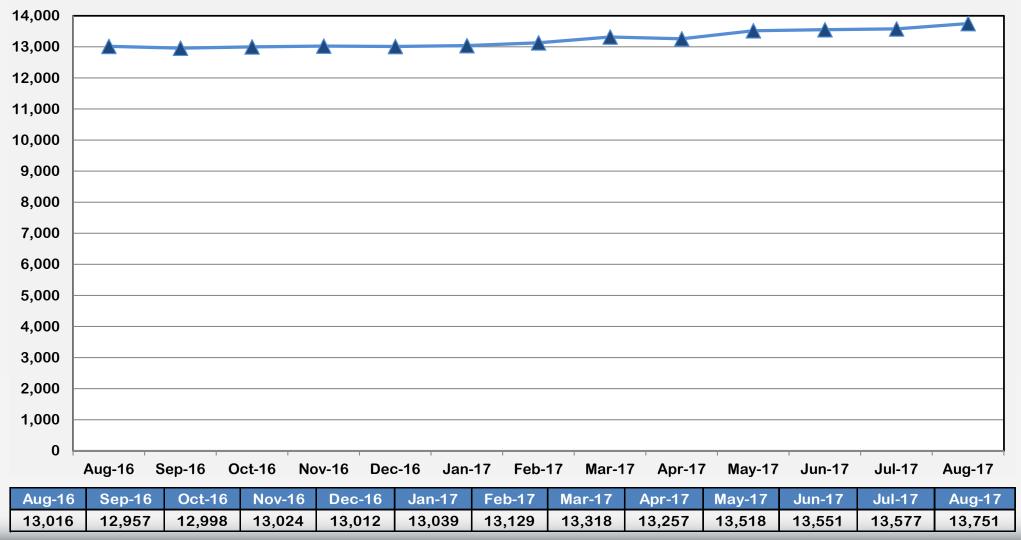
There was a slight increase in the number of placement services that were open during the month of August 2017(18,839) of 1.8% since July 2017. The placement services includes continued collaboration with families after out of home care may have ended as well as those who are in out of home care with DFCS Age 0 - 21.



State FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Average	% Change
2018	18,497	18,839											18,668	4.3%
2017	17,494	17,719	17,704	17,840	17,814	17,814	18,000	18,007	17,997	17,923	18,105	18,309	17,894	8.9 %
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%

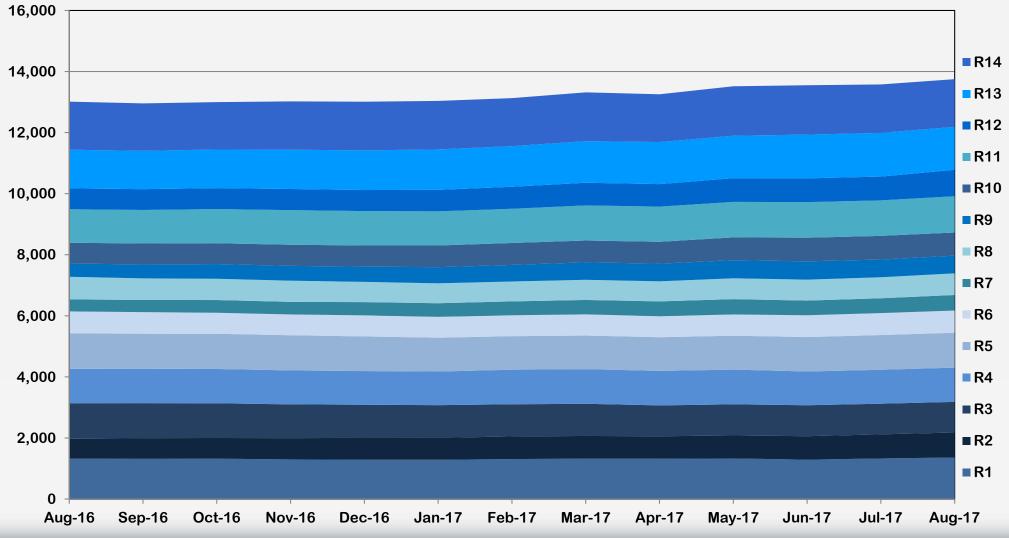


The number of children in foster care under the age of 18 increased to 13,751 during August 2017. The following slides reveal that there were 874 entries and 688 exits. On the last day of August 2017, there were 13,062 children in custody from this population. Of those who entered custody during the month, forty three children (4.9%) had a prior episode within 12 months.





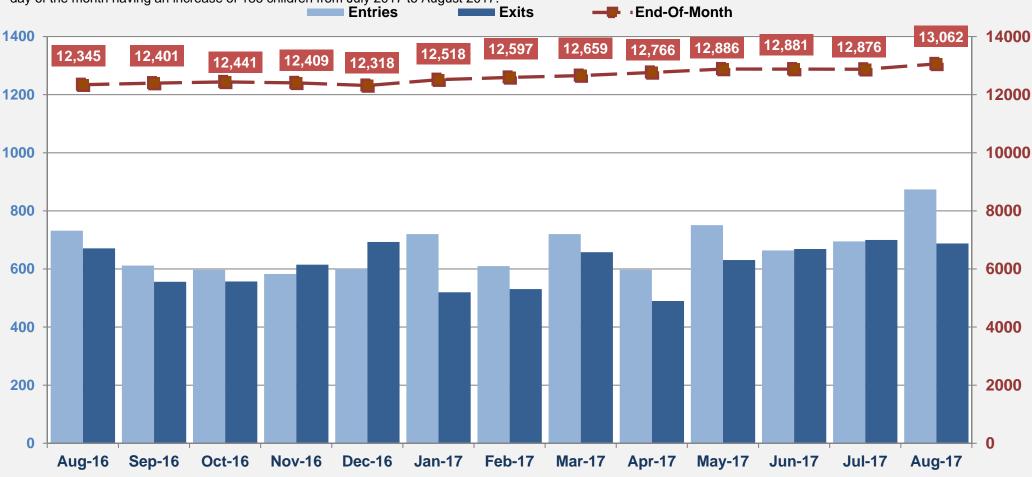
The number of children in Foster Care under the age of 18 during August 2017 was 13,751. Visually, you can see that Region 14 has the highest proportion of children in custody at any point in time. During August 2017, Region 14 had 1,560 children in DFCS custody followed by Region 13 with 1,407 children and Region 1 with 1,362 children. (for regional trends, see appendix). Region 12 showed the highest change in population counts from July 2017 to August 2017 (88) which represented an 11% increase regionally and was 50% of the total change in child counts for August 2017.





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

Multiple trends can be seen in this graph. There was a increase in the number of entries from June 2017 through August 2017 while exits decreased in August 2017. There was a net gain of 186 children who were removed from their homes versus those who were discharged from foster care which resulted in the overall population as of the last day of the month having an increase of 186 children from July 2017 to August 2017.

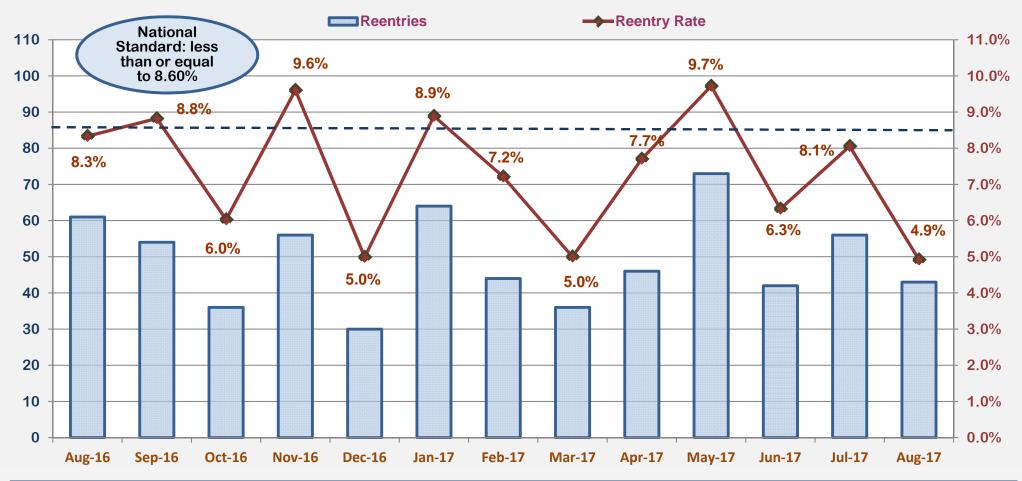


A	ug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17
	732	612	597	583	601	720	610	720	597	751	664	695	874
	671	556	557	615	693	520	531	658	490	631	669	700	688



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

Reentries into foster care improved during December 2016 followed by a spike revealing that the number of re-entries increased over 100%. The re-entry rate and number of reentries for August 2017 (4.9%) improved both in ratio and actual counts compared to July 2017's ratio. The number and proportion of re-entries to entries decreased during August 2017 compared to August 2016.

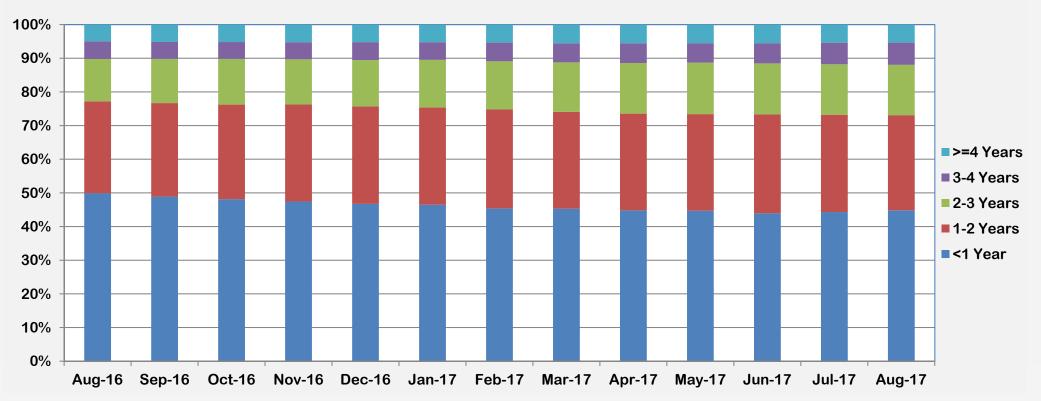


Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17
61	54	36	56	30	64	44	36	46	73	42	56	43
8.3%	8.8%	6.0%	9.6%	5.0%	8.9 %	7.2%	5.0%	7.7%	9.7%	6.3%	8.1 %	4.9%



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

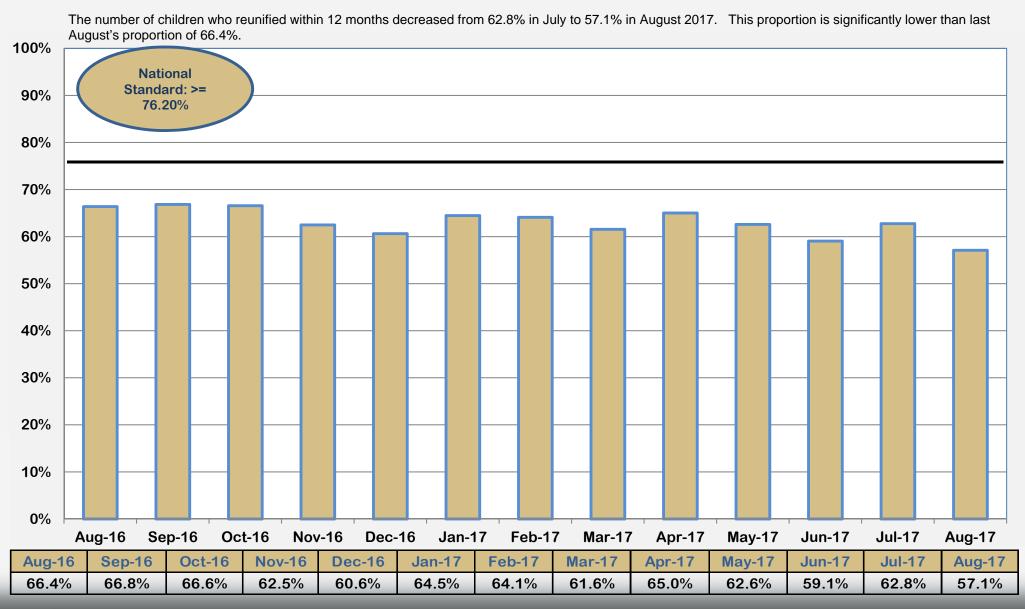
During the month of August 2017, the length of stay among the foster care populations remained close to August 2017 with .2% increase in those children in custody from 36 months to less than 48 months; and .6% decrease in foster children who have been in custody for 12 months to less than 24 months. Comparison of the trend from last August 2016 reveals that there are higher proportion of children who are staying in care for longer than 12 months.



	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17
>=4 Years	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.3%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5 %	5.4%	5.3%
3 - <4 Years	5.2 %	5.0%	5.0%	5.1%	5.3%	5.3%	5.6 %	5.7%	5.9 %	5.8 %	6.0%	6.4%	6.6%
2 - <3 Years	12.6%	13.1%	13.6%	13.4%	13.8%	14.2%	14.3%	14.7%	15.0%	15.3%	15.2%	15.0%	15.0%
1 - <2 Years	27.3%	27.8%	28.1%	28.8%	29.0%	28.9 %	29.4 %	28.8%	28.7%	28.7%	29.4%	28.9 %	28.3%
<1 Year	49.9%	48.9%	48.2%	47.4%	46.7%	46.5%	45.4%	45.3%	44.8%	44.7%	43.9%	44.3%	44.8%

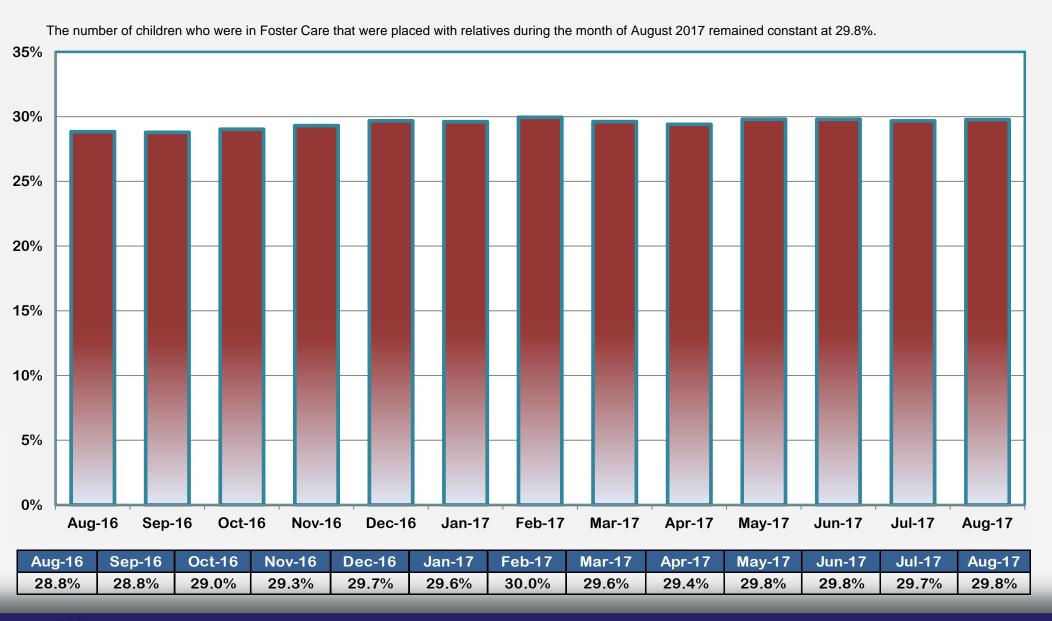


Outcome IX: Length of Time to Reunification (August 2016 – August 2017)



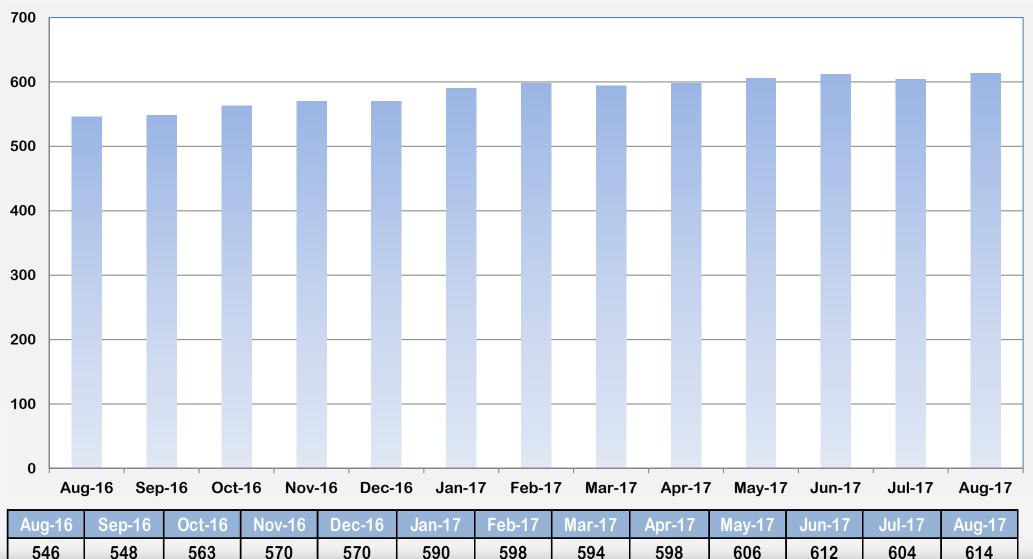


Outcome X: Percent of Children Placed with Relatives (August 2016 – August 2017)



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

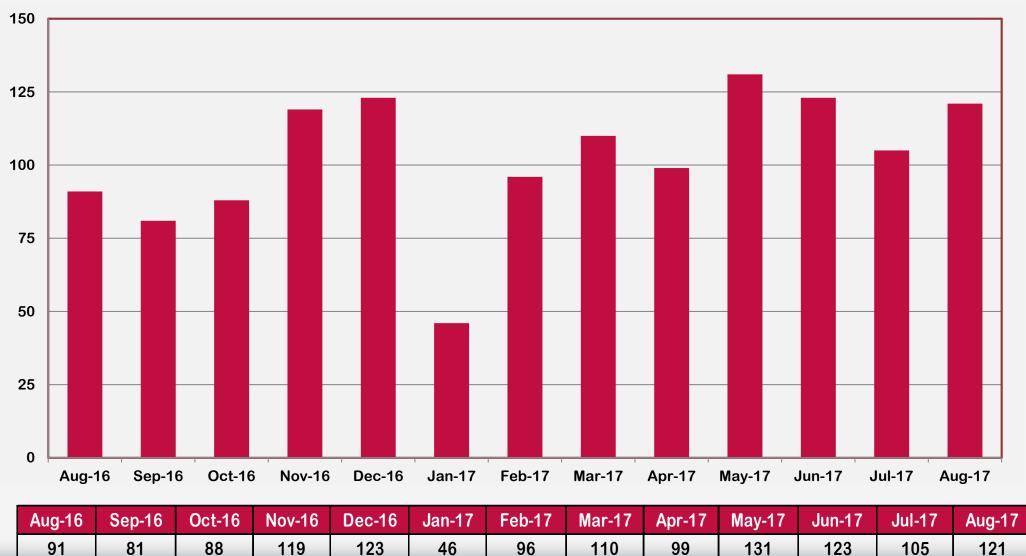
There were 614 children who remained in custody after their 18th birthday during August 2017.





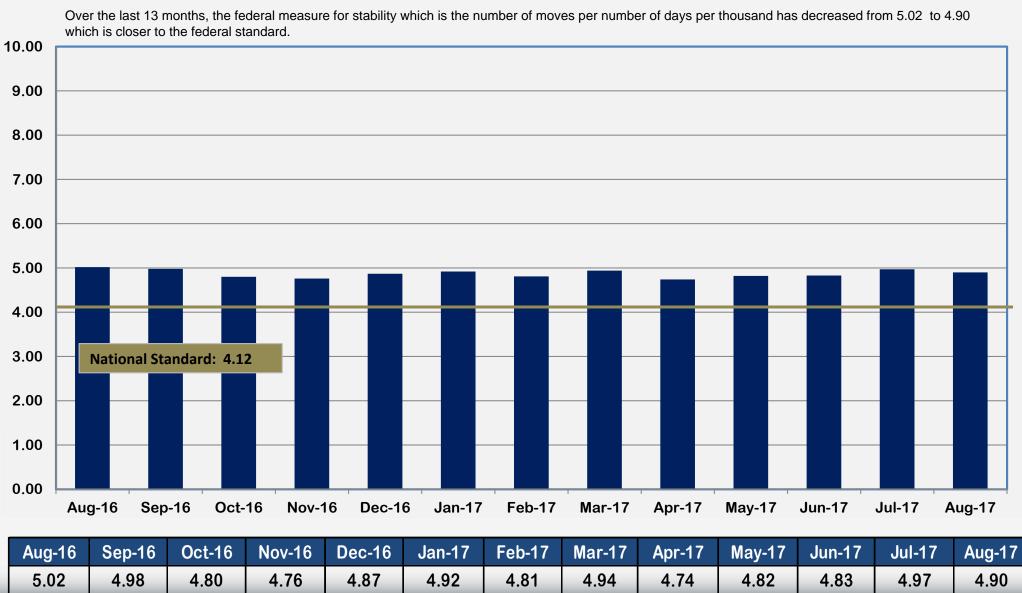
Outcome XII: Number of Finalized Adoptions (August 2016 – August 2017)

There were 121 foster children adopted during August 2017. This represents a 33% increase in finalizations compared to August 2016.





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



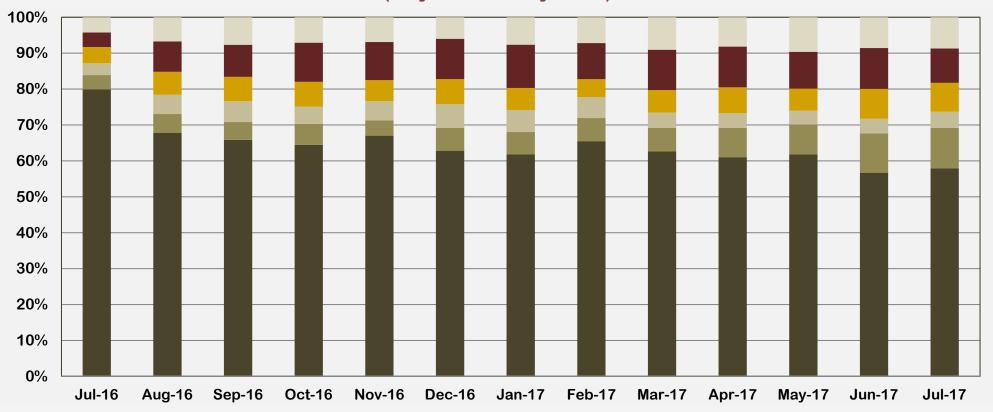
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Appendix A

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



	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17
Fam. Pres SubOpen	4.3%	6.7%	7.7%	7.1%	6.9%	6.0%	7.6%	7.2%	9.0%	8.2%	9.6%	8.6%	8.7%
FamPres UnsubOpen	4.0%	8.5%	8.9%	10.9%	10.6%	11.2%	12.0%	10.0%	11.2%	11.3%	10.2%	11.3%	9.5%
FostCare SubOpen	4.5%	6.4%	6.8%	6.9 %	5.8%	7.0%	6.1%	5.0%	6.3%	7.2%	6.1%	8.3%	8.0%
FostCare UnsubOpen	3.3%	5.4%	5.8%	4.8%	5.4%	6.6%	6.1 %	5.8%	4.2%	4.1%	3.8%	4.1 %	4.5%
Subst Closed	4.0%	5.3%	5.0%	5.8%	4.2%	6.4%	6.2%	6.4%	6.6%	8.2%	8.4%	11.0%	11.3%
Unsubst Closed	79.9%	67.8%	65.9%	64.5%	67.0%	62.8%	61.9%	65.5%	62.6%	61.0%	61.8%	56.7 %	57.9%

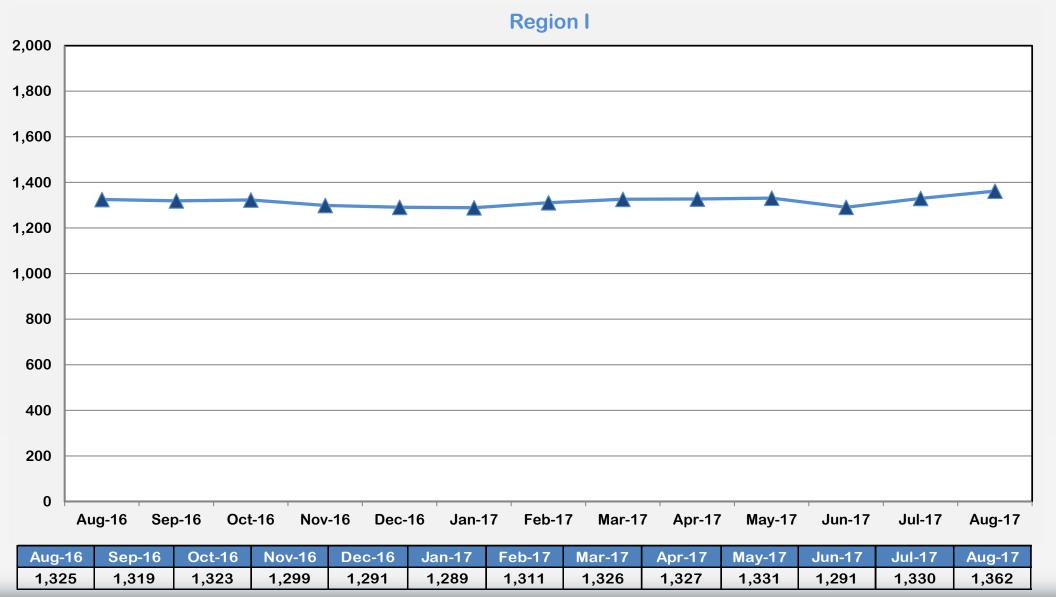




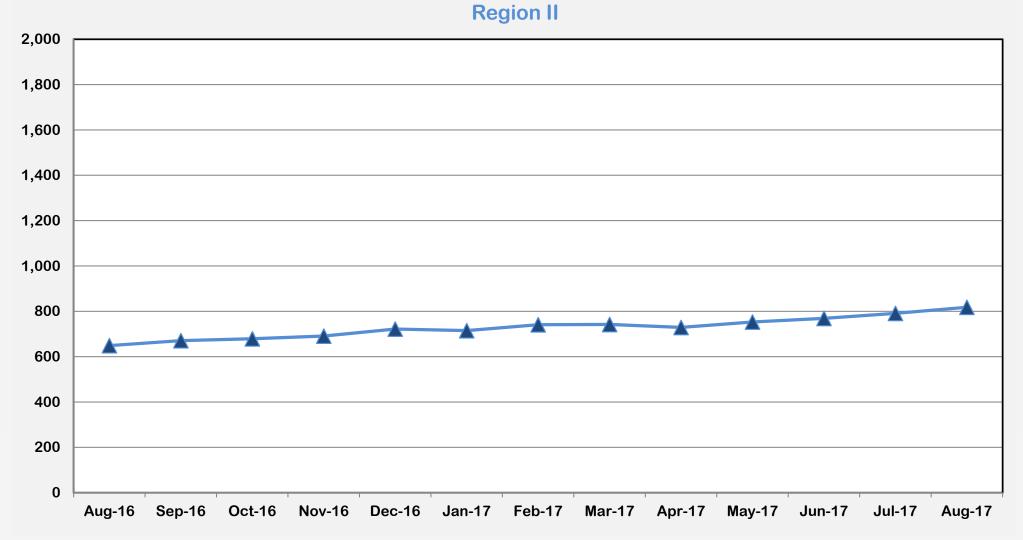
Regional Graphs of Outcome VI

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





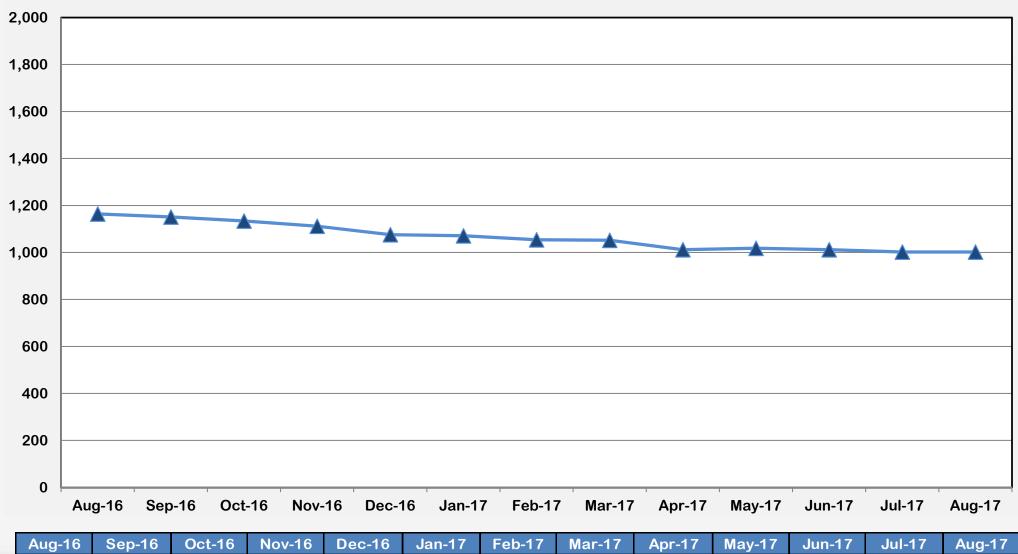




Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17
649	671	679	691	722	715	741	742	729	753	769	791	818



Region III



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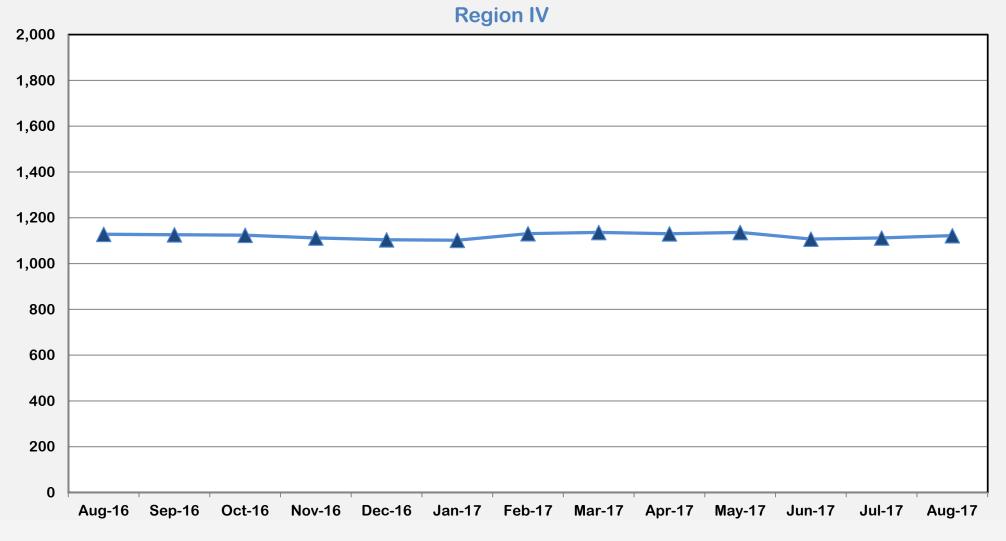
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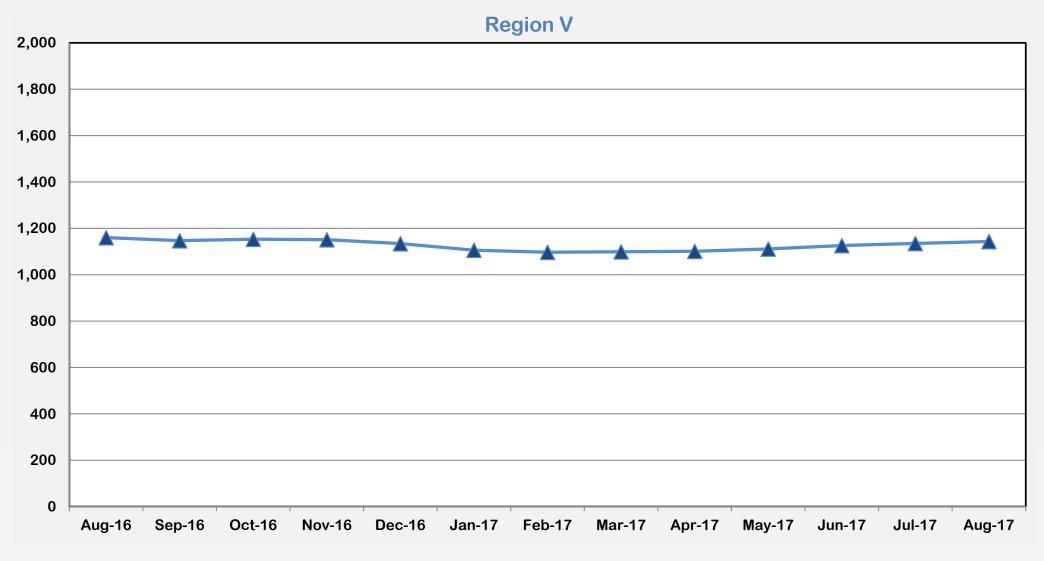
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Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17
1,128	1,126	1,124	1,112	1,104	1,102	1,131	1,136	1,130	1,136	1,107	1,112	1,122

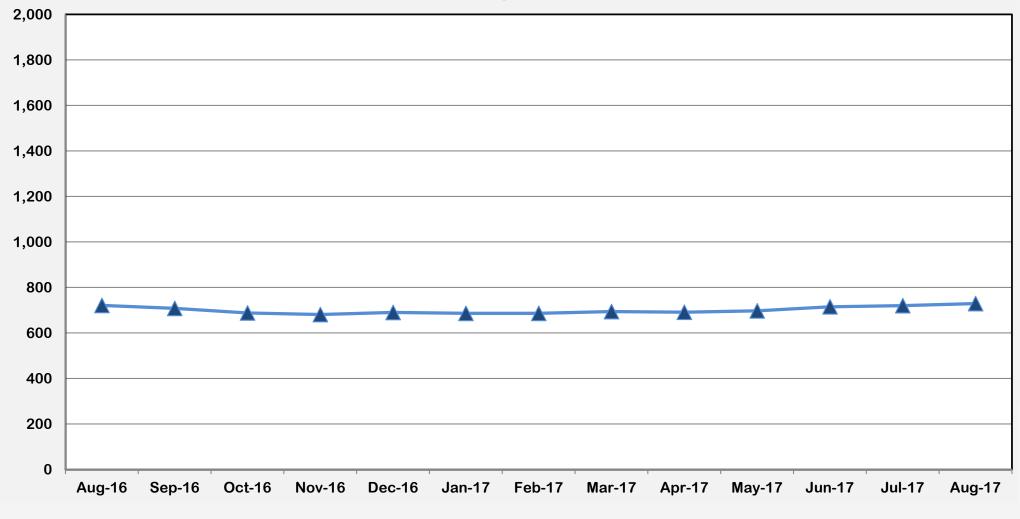




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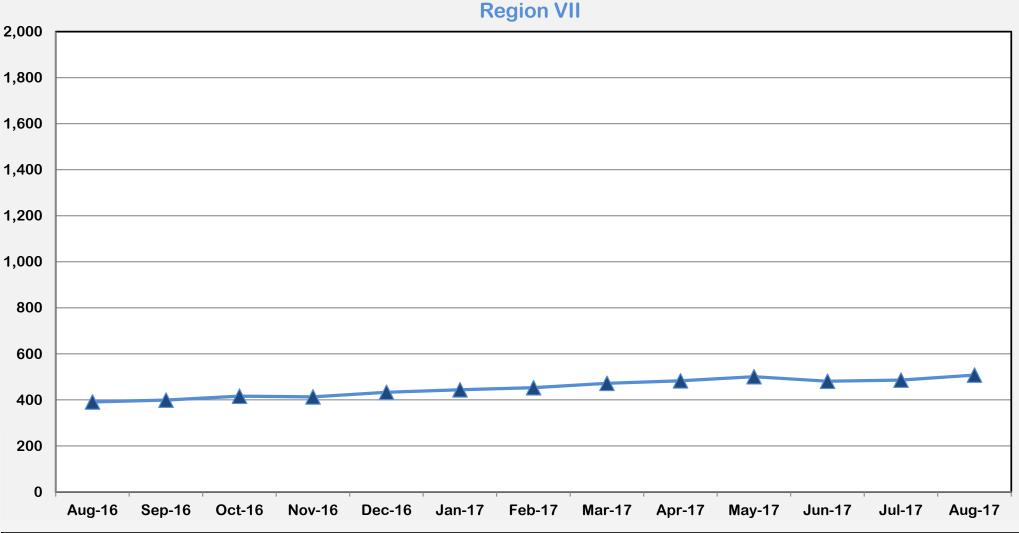


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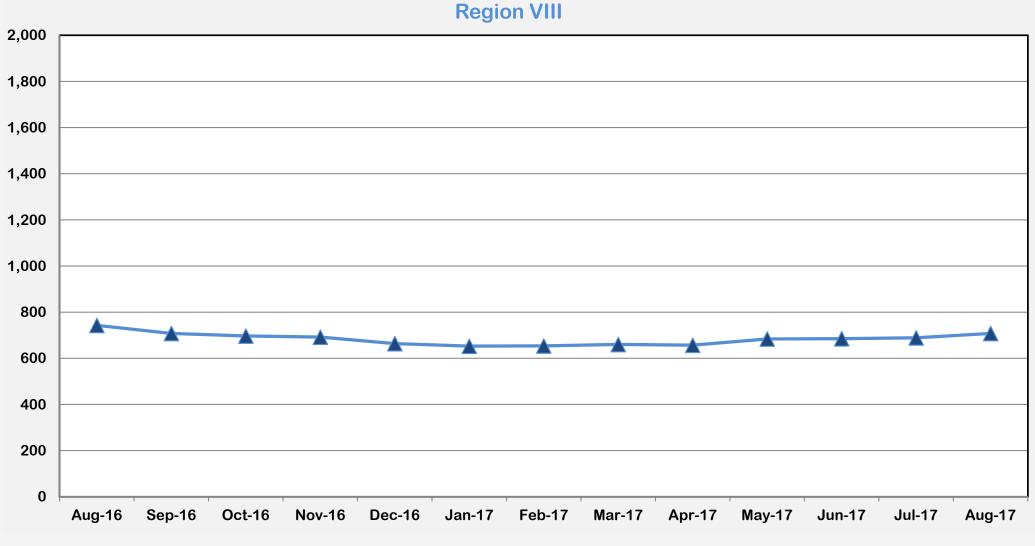
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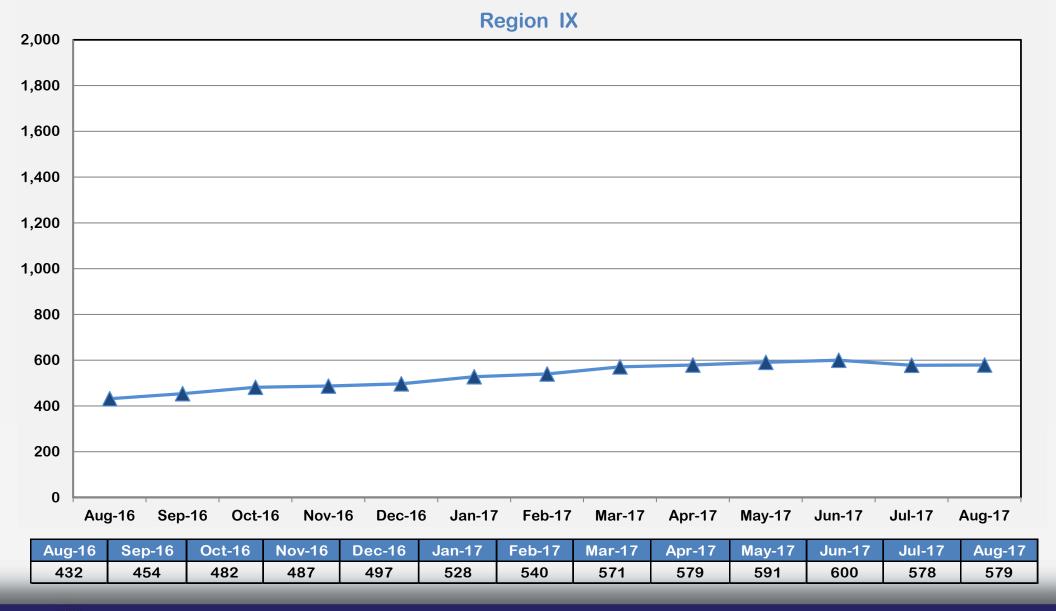
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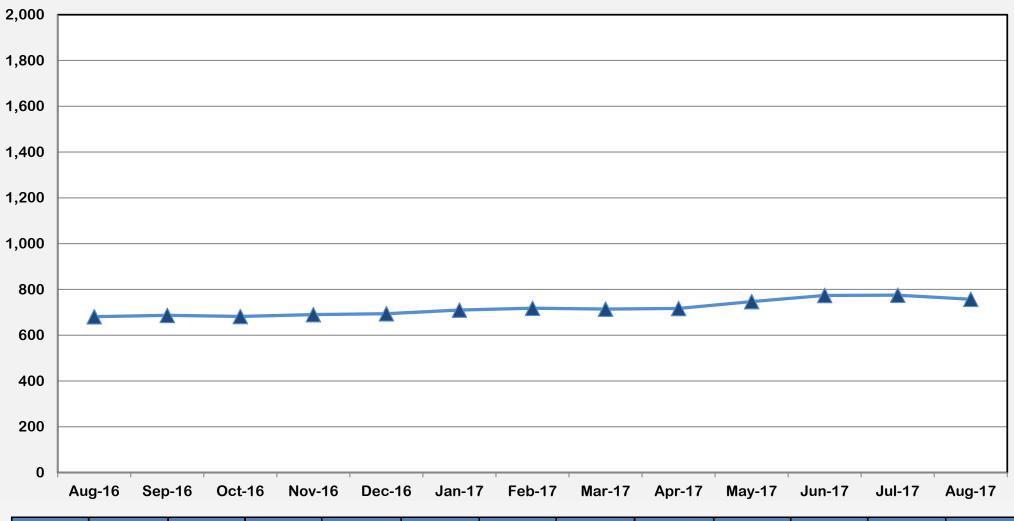
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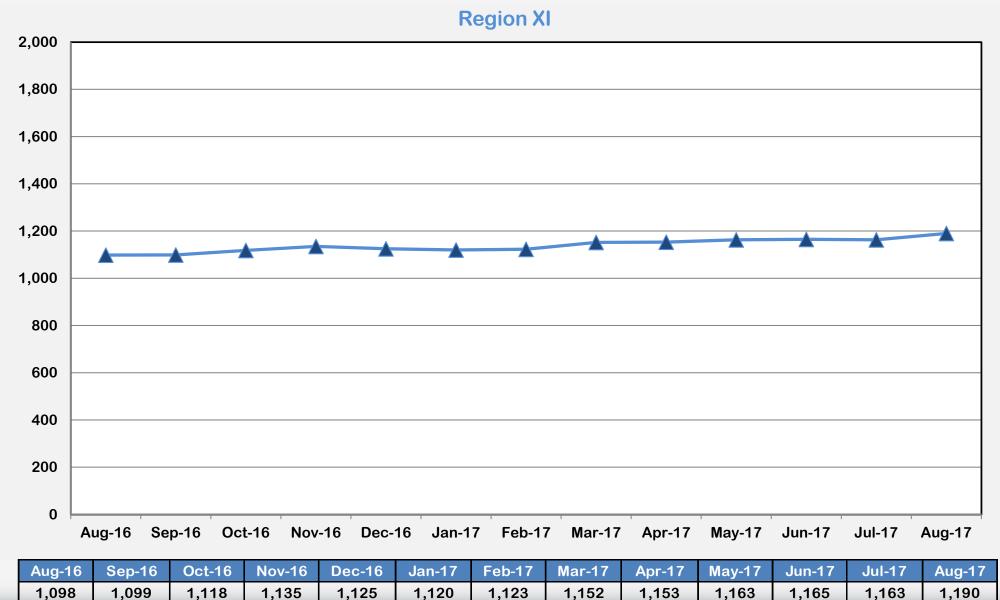


Region X

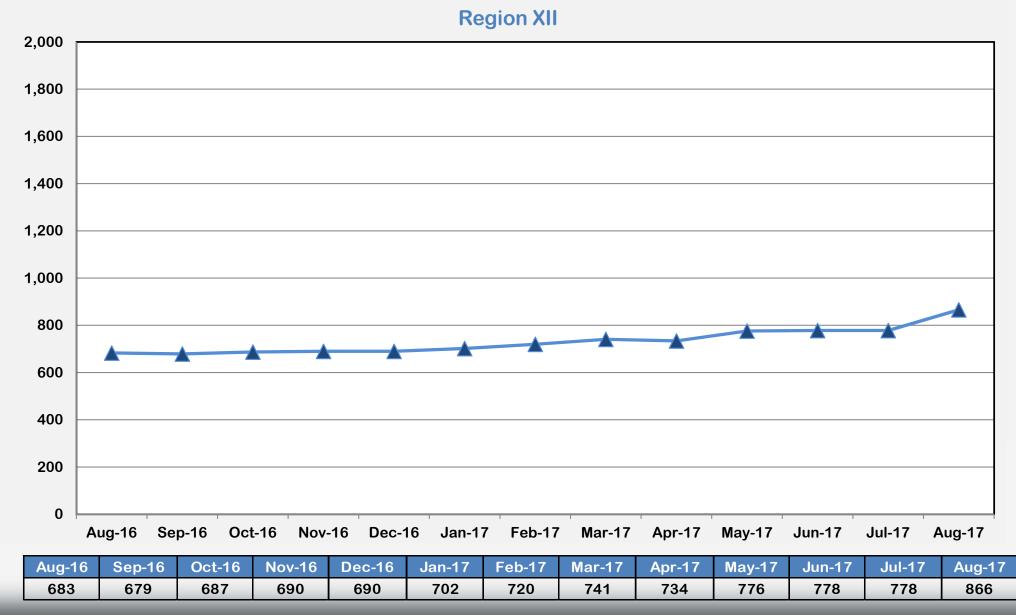


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681	687	682	690	694	710	718	714	717	747	774	775	757

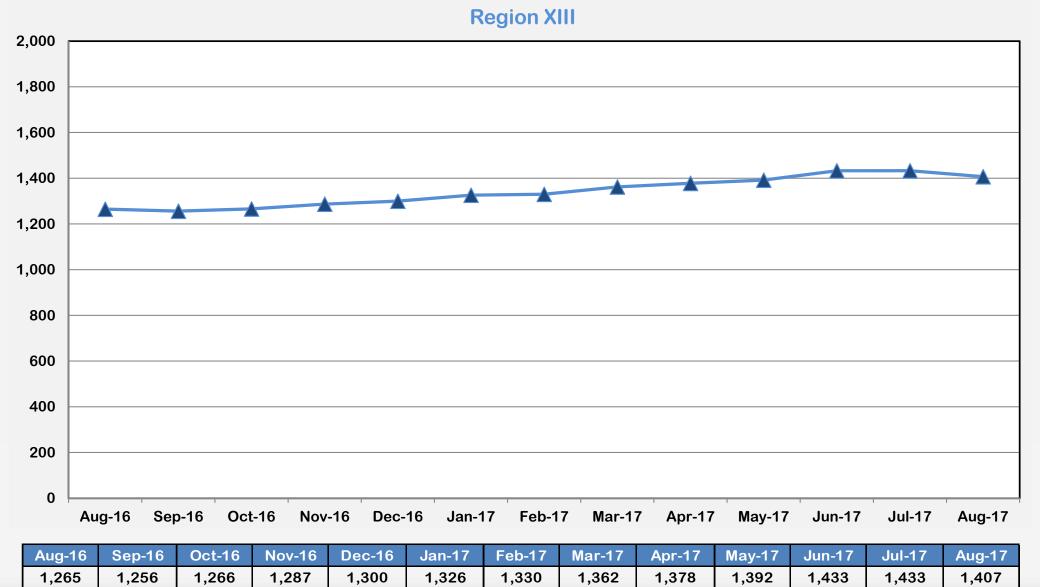




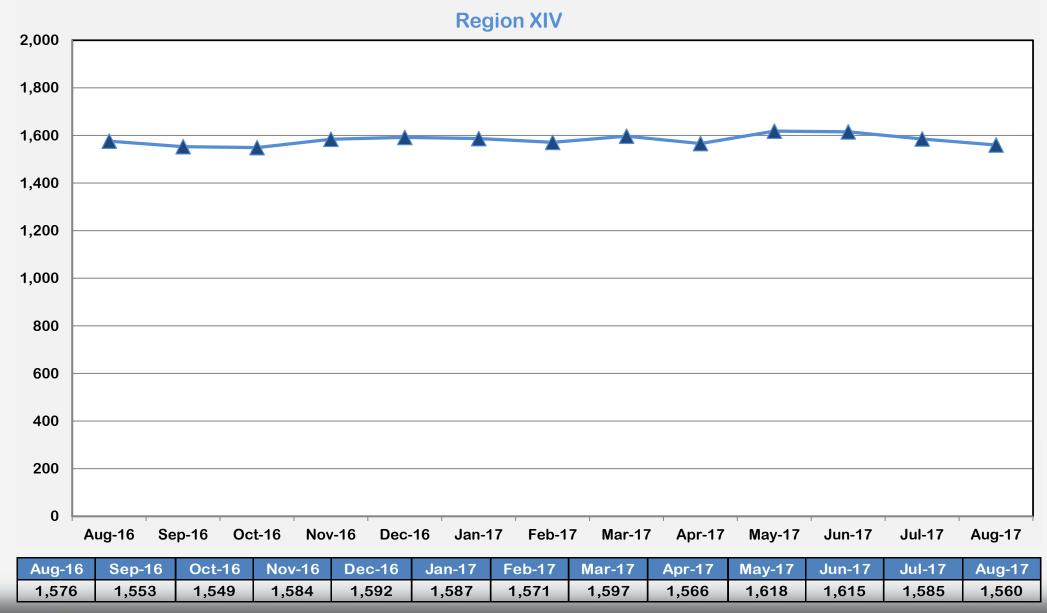
















Regional Graphs of Outcome XIII

Placement Stability Performance Coefficient (August 2016 – August 2017)

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



Region I



Region II

5.25

5.09

4.94

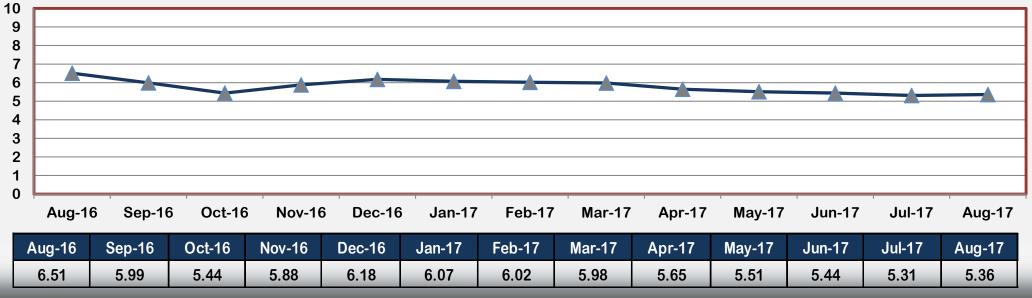
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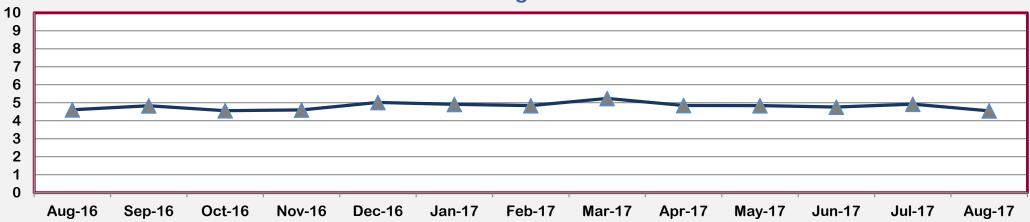
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5.01

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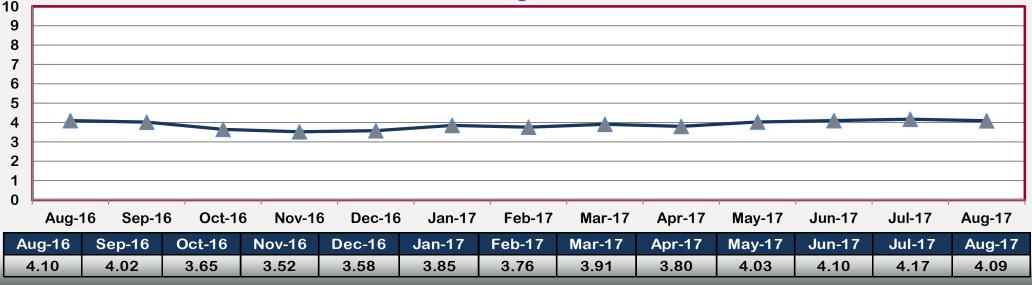
5.04

Region III



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4.61	4.83	4.56	4.60	5.02	4.91	4.84	5.24	4.85	4.84	4.76	4.92	4.55

Region IV





Region V



Region VI

4.62

4.61

5.14

5.26

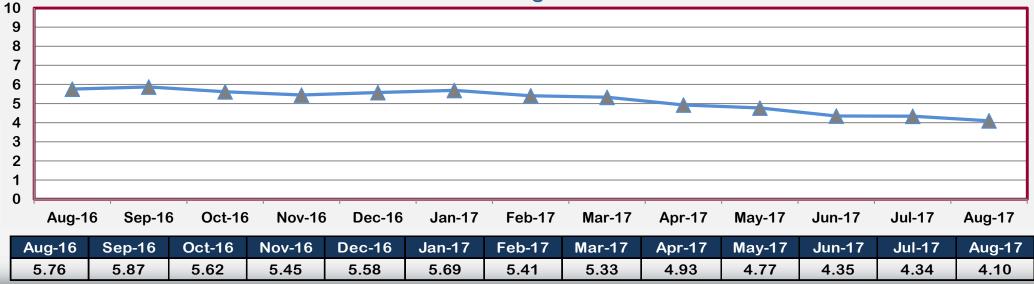
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4.73

4.93

Division of Family & Children Services





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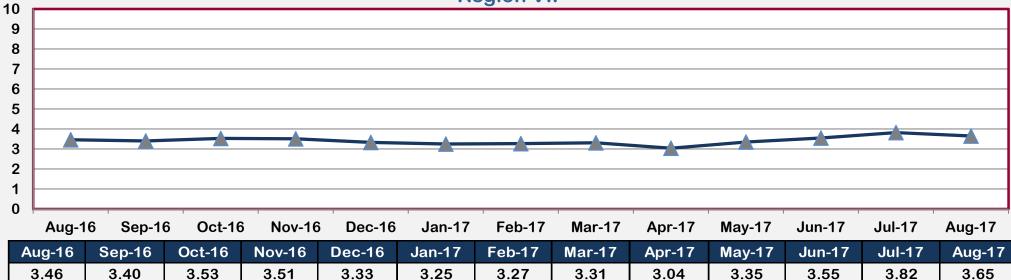
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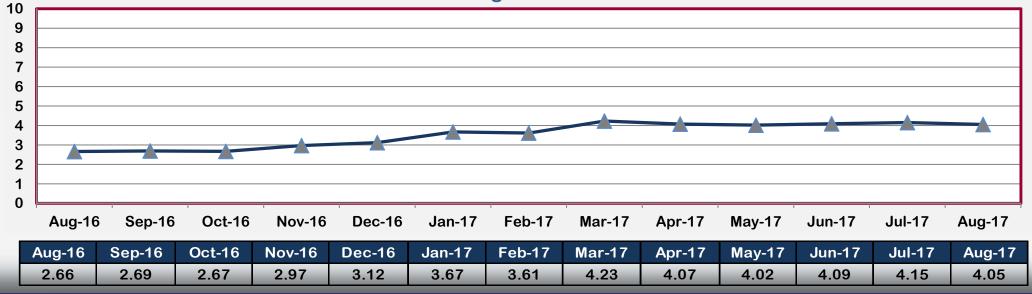
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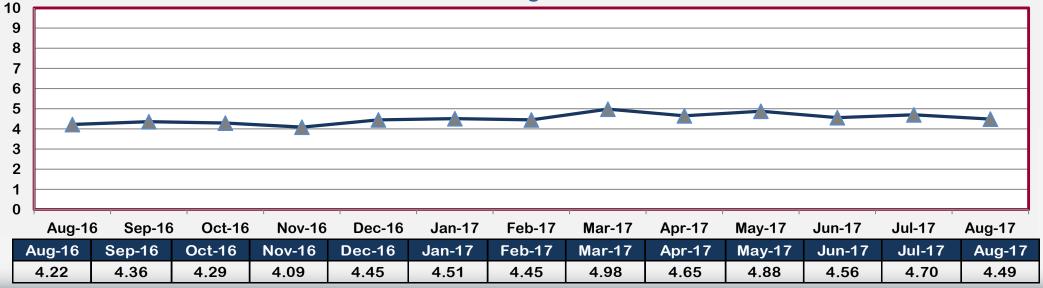
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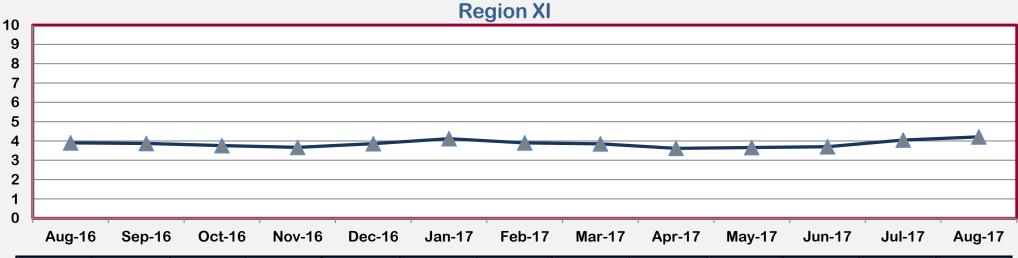




Region X





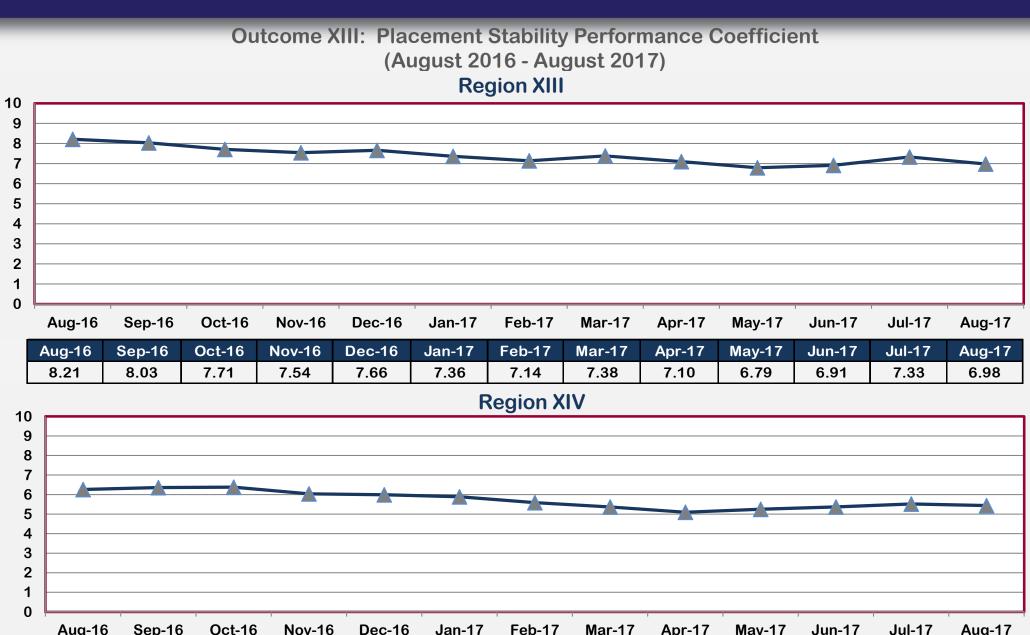


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3.90	3.87	3.76	3.67	3.86	4.12	3.90	3.85	3.62	3.66	3.70	4.05	4.21

Region XII







Aug-16	5 Sep-16	6 Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17
Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17
6.26	6.36	6.38	6.04	5.99	5.89	5.59	5.37	5.10	5.25	5.37	5.52	5.44

