

**CHILD WELFARE REPORTING  
REQUIREMENTS**

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR THE PERIOD OF**

**APRIL 1, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1999**

**ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES**

**[LAWS 1999, CHAPTER 37]**

**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY**

**DIVISION OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

**ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

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Arizona Revised Statute §8-526, as amended by Laws 1999, Chapter 37 requires the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) to compile information semi-annually and produce an annual report by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year regarding the Child Welfare Services program, including Child Protective Services (CPS). This report which is submitted in satisfaction of that mandate is for the first semi-annual reporting period beginning on April 1, 1999 and ending on September 30, 1999. It provides information relative to child abuse and neglect reports, investigations, shelter and receiving home services, foster homes, length of time in care, and Child Protective Services staffing, adoption services and visitation compliance. The specific reporting requirements are as follows:

- r** Child Protective Services reports [A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(1)];
- r** Child Protective Services reports responded to [A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(2), (A)(3)];
- r** Child Protective Services case closures [A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(4)(a)(b)(c)];
- r** Child Protective Services direct service staff [A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(5)];
- r** Children in shelter or receiving homes [A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(6)];
- r** Foster home availability and activity [A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(7-10)];
- r** Length of time in foster care [A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(11)];
- r** Case manager visitation compliance [A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(12)];
- r** Children leaving custody [A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(13)](a)(b)(c)(d)];
- r** Adoptive services [A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(14-16)](a)b)(c)(d)(e)].

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORTS****A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(1)**

**THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED, BY MAJOR CATEGORY AND BY PRIORITY. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF SOME OF THOSE INCOMING COMMUNICATIONS DETERMINED NOT TO MEET THE CRITERIA OF A REPORT AS CHOSEN BY A RANDOM SAMPLE.**

Between April 1, 1999 and September 30, 1999, there were 16,105 incoming communications to the Child Abuse Hotline which met the criteria of a report of abuse or neglect. Of these, 72 were within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments and were referred to those jurisdictions. This compares to 17,956 incoming communications received during the last quarter of Fiscal Year 1998 and the First quarter of Fiscal Year 1999 which met the criteria of a report of abuse or neglect.

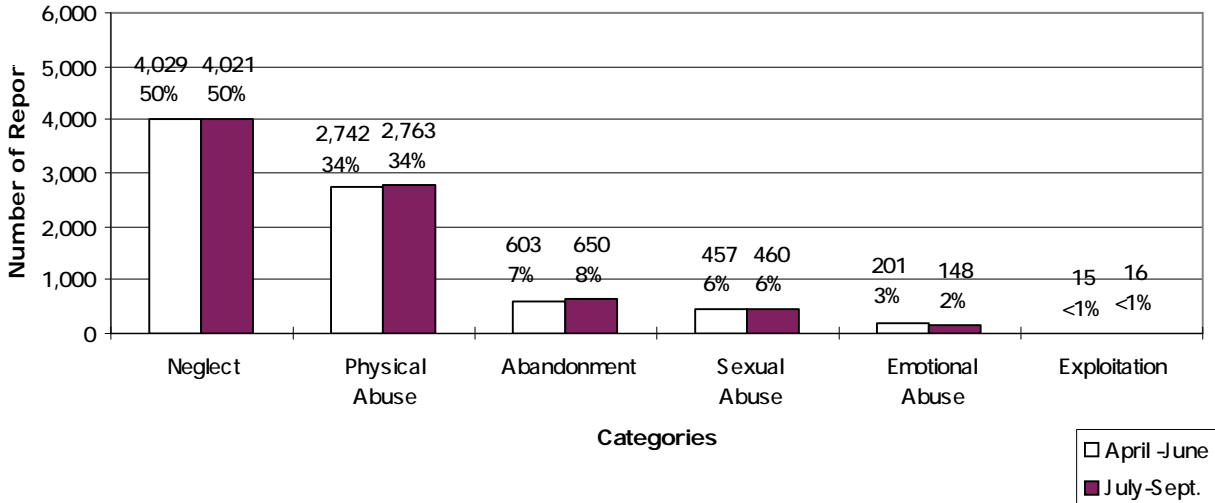
The categories of "child abuse or neglect" are defined in A.R.S. §8-201 and A.R.S. §13-3623(A). These definitions provide the major categories in this report.

As indicated in *Chart 1*, the first quarter shows 4,029 or 50% of the 8,047 reports of maltreatment were related to allegations of neglect, 2,742 or 34% reports of physical abuse; followed by: 603 or 7% reports of abandonment; 457 or 6% reports of sexual abuse; 201 or 3% reports of emotional abuse; and 15 or <1% reports of exploitation.

As indicated in *Chart 1*, the second quarter shows 4,021 or 50% of the 8,058 reports of maltreatment were related to allegations of neglect, 2,763 or 34% reports of physical abuse; followed by: 650 or 8% reports of abandonment; 460 or 6% reports of sexual abuse; 148 or 2% reports of emotional abuse; and 16 or <1% reports of exploitation.

**Chart 1**

**NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY MAJOR CATEGORY BY QUARTER FOR PERIOD APRIL 1, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1999**



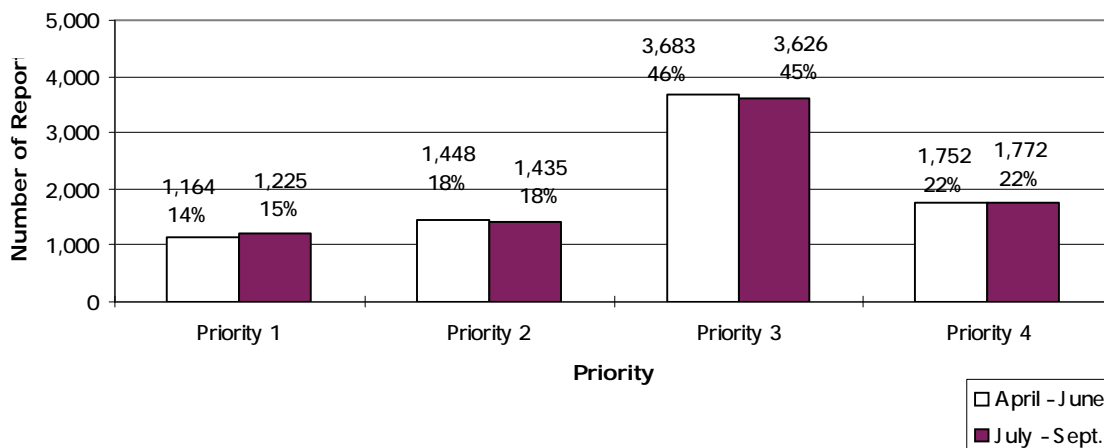
N= 8,047 Qtr. 1    N= 8,058 Qtr. 2

\*Reports that are categorized as No Jurisdiction are included in the total for reports received .

**Chart 2** provides the number of reports received by report priority for each quarter of the April 1, 1999 through September 30, 1999 reporting period. Based on the type of maltreatment and risk level, a priority is assigned to reports of alleged abuse<sup>1</sup>.

**Chart 2**

**NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY PRIORITY BY QUARTER FOR PERIOD APRIL 1, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1999**



N= 8,047 Qtr. 1    N= 8,058 Qtr. 2

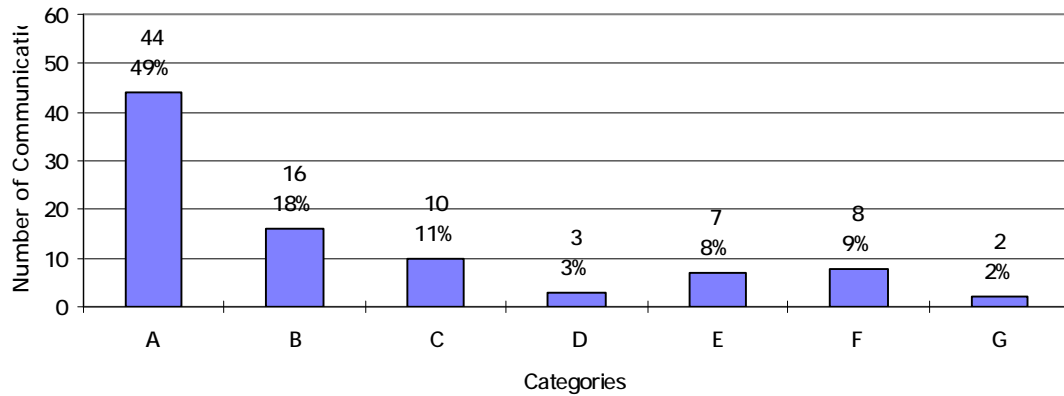
\*Reports that are categorized as No Jurisdiction are included in the total for reports received.

<sup>1</sup> Priority one reports are high risk, priority two reports are moderate risk, priority three reports are low risk, and priority four reports are potential risk.

In addition to the 16,105 reports presented in *Chart 1*, the Child Abuse Hotline received 7,796 communications that did not meet the statutory criteria of a report of maltreatment. A random sample of these communications is contained in *Chart 3*.

**Chart 3**

**SAMPLE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE THAT DO NOT MEET THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS OF A REPORT OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT**



N=90

- A = Concern Only/No Allegation of Child Abuse or Neglect**
- B = Out of CPS Jurisdiction**
- C = Call Appropriate for Law Enforcement Jurisdiction**
- D = Non-Caretaker Abuse/Child No Longer at Risk**
- E = Insufficient Information to Categorize**
- F = Truancy/Custody Issues**
- G = Current Case Questions or Referrals**

All communications that do not meet the statutory requirements for a field investigation of abuse or neglect are reviewed within forty-eight (48) hours by DES Quality Assurance staff.

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES INVESTIGATIONS**  
**A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(2)**

**THE NUMBER OF REPORTS NOT RESPONDED TO BY PRIORITY, BY COUNTY, AND STATEWIDE. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF SOME OF THESE CASES CHOSEN BY RANDOM SAMPLE.**

Effective January 1, 1998, the Department implemented the Family Builders Pilot Program, a community-based program operating in Maricopa and Pima counties designed to provide services to families who are the subject of selected low (priority 3) and potential (priority 4) reports. Of the 16,105 reports deemed appropriate for investigation, CPS assigned 12,380 reports to CPS Specialists for an investigation. The Department referred 3,653 reports to Family Builders for response, which resulted in a combined response rate of 100.0% for the reporting period. 72 reports were within the jurisdiction of the military or tribal governments and were referred to those jurisdictions for investigation.

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES INVESTIGATIONS (Cont.)  
A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(3)**

**THE NUMBER OF REPORTS RESPONDED TO BY PRIORITY, BY MAJOR CATEGORY, BY COUNTY,  
AND STATEWIDE.**

As shown in *Table 1*, and *Table 2* by report priority, between April 1, 1999 through September 30, 1999, there were 12,380 CPS investigations, and 3,653 reports referred to Family Builders for 16,033 total responses<sup>2</sup>. The information is broken down by quarters in *Table 1A* and *Table 1B*.

**Table 1**

**NUMBER OF REPORTS RESPONDED TO BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY  
FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1999**

COUNTY	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Total
APACHE	19	15	28	15	77
COCHISE	87	73	199	99	458
COCONINO	75	35	185	104	399
GILA	28	39	93	57	217
GRAHAM	8	24	45	18	95
GREENLEE	1	5	11	12	29
LA PAZ	8	7	26	15	56
MARICOPA	1,429	1,742	4,093	1,937	9,201
MOHAVE	64	85	252	120	521
NAVAJO	61	40	129	65	295
PIMA	391	504	1,506	736	3,137
PINAL	82	141	267	119	609
SANTA CRUZ	22	11	30	17	80
YAVAPAI	58	95	283	120	556
YUMA	56	67	162	90	375
STATEWIDE	2,389	2,883	7,309	3,524	16,105

<sup>2</sup> Seventy-two reports falling within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments were referred to those jurisdictions for investigation and were excluded from the calculation of the investigation rate, but are included in Table 1, Table 1A, and Table 1B.

**Table 1A****NUMBER OF REPORTS RESPONDED TO BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY  
FOR THE QUARTER OF APRIL 1, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1999**

COUNTY	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Total
APACHE	10	8	16	7	41
COCHISE	49	34	102	56	241
COCONINO	36	13	84	49	182
GILA	11	23	59	28	121
GRAHAM	3	11	30	14	58
GREENLEE	1	3	3	9	16
LA PAZ	3	3	12	8	26
MARICOPA	686	879	2,058	967	4,590
MOHAVE	27	37	124	52	240
NAVAJO	35	19	72	36	162
PIMA	192	249	744	361	1,546
PINAL	46	75	145	59	325
SANTA CRUZ	12	8	20	8	48
YAVAPAI	23	49	141	53	266
YUMA	30	37	73	45	185
STATEWIDE	1,164	1,448	3,683	1,752	8,047

**Table 1B****NUMBER OF REPORTS RESPONDED TO BY PRIORITY AND BY COUNTY  
FOR THE QUARTER OF JULY 1, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1999**

COUNTY	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Total
APACHE	9	7	12	8	36
COCHISE	38	39	97	43	217
COCONINO	39	22	101	55	217
GILA	17	16	34	29	96
GRAHAM	5	13	15	4	37
GREENLEE	0	2	8	3	13
LA PAZ	5	4	14	7	30
MARICOPA	743	863	2,035	970	4,611
MOHAVE	37	48	128	68	281
NAVAJO	26	21	57	29	133
PIMA	199	255	762	375	1,591
PINAL	36	66	122	60	284
SANTA CRUZ	10	3	10	9	32
YAVAPAI	35	46	142	67	290
YUMA	26	30	89	45	190
STATEWIDE	1,225	1,435	3,626	1,772	8,058



**Table 2<sup>3</sup>****NUMBER OF REPORTS RESPONDED TO BY MAJOR CATEGORY AND COUNTY  
FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1999**

COUNTY	ABANDONED	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	EXPLOITATION	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL
APACHE	8	4	33	0	23	9	77
COCHISE	45	9	214	2	163	25	458
COCONINO	41	10	191	0	137	20	399
GILA	14	6	121	0	63	13	217
GRAHAM	7	5	46	1	31	5	95
GREENLEE	0	1	9	0	17	2	29
LA PAZ	2	0	33	0	21	0	56
MARICOPA	790	158	4,616	14	3,143	480	9,201
MOHAVE	31	13	269	1	173	34	521
NAVAJO	27	7	160	0	82	19	295
PIMA	178	87	1,591	11	1,069	201	3,137
PINAL	35	17	292	0	228	37	609
SANTA CRUZ	14	6	30	1	24	5	80
YAVAPAI	33	15	263	1	205	39	556
YUMA	28	11	182	0	126	28	375
STATEWIDE	1,253	349	8,050	31	5,505	917	16,105

<sup>3</sup> Seventy-two reports falling within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments were referred to those jurisdictions for investigation and excluded from the calculation of the investigation rate, but are included in Table 2, Table 2A, and Table 2B

**Table 2A****NUMBER OF REPORTS RESPONDED TO BY MAJOR CATEGORY AND BY COUNTY  
FOR THE QUARTER OF APRIL 1, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1999**

COUNTY	ABANDONED	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	EXPLOITATION	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL
APACHE	4	4	13	0	13	7	41
COCHISE	23	4	117	1	80	16	241
COCONINO	14	6	93	0	63	6	182
GILA	3	4	67	0	38	9	121
GRAHAM	3	4	25	1	22	3	58
GREENLEE	0	1	5	0	10	0	16
LA PAZ	0	0	19	0	7	0	26
MARICOPA	378	92	2,293	7	1,584	236	4,590
MOHAVE	12	7	126	1	81	13	240
NAVAJO	16	5	82	0	48	11	162
PIMA	95	44	812	5	501	89	1,546
PINAL	17	10	152	0	123	23	325
SANTA CRUZ	8	4	19	0	13	4	48
YAVAPAI	16	9	121	0	96	24	266
YUMA	14	7	85	0	63	16	185
STATEWIDE	603	201	4,029	15	2,742	457	8,047

**Table 2B****NUMBER OF REPORTS RESPONDED TO BY MAJOR CATEGORY AND BY COUNTY  
FOR THE QUARTER OF JULY 1, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1999**

COUNTY	ABANDONED	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	EXPLOITATION	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL
APACHE	4	0	20	0	10	2	36
COCHISE	22	5	97	1	83	9	217
COCONINO	27	4	98	0	74	14	217
GILA	11	2	54	0	25	4	96
GRAHAM	4	1	21	0	9	2	37
GREENLEE	0	0	4	0	7	2	13
LA PAZ	2	0	14	0	14	0	30
MARICOPA	412	66	2,323	7	1,559	244	4,611
MOHAVE	19	6	143	0	92	21	281
NAVAJO	11	2	78	0	34	8	133
PIMA	83	43	779	6	568	112	1,591
PINAL	18	7	140	0	105	14	284
SANTA CRUZ	6	2	11	1	11	1	32
YAVAPAI	17	6	142	1	109	15	290
YUMA	14	4	97	0	63	12	190
STATEWIDE	650	148	4,021	16	2,763	460	8,058

**SUBSTANTIATED AFTER INVESTIGATION FINDINGS  
A.R.S. §8-526(A)(4)(a)(b)(c)**

**THE NUMBER OF REPORTS WITH A SUBSTANTIATED FINDING AFTER INVESTIGATION, BY PRIORITY, BY COUNTY, AND STATEWIDE THAT RESULTED IN:**

- (a) THE CASE BEING CLOSED AFTER AN INVESTIGATION.**
- (b) IN-HOME SERVICES BEING PROVIDED AFTER AN INVESTIGATION.**
- (c) OUT-OF-HOME SERVICES BEING PROVIDED AFTER AN INVESTIGATION.**

During the reporting period 12,380 reports were investigated, with 1,577 or 13% of the reports resulting in a substantiated finding of child abuse or neglect.<sup>4</sup>

**Table 3<sup>5</sup>**

**NUMBER OF REPORTS WITH SUBSTANTIATED FINDINGS IN WHICH THE CASE WAS CLOSED AFTER INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1999**

COUNTY	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Total
APACHE	2	0	0	0	2
COCHISE	12	5	13	0	30
COCONINO	7	3	8	0	18
GILA	3	1	6	0	10
GRAHAM	2	1	4	0	7
GREENLEE	0	0	2	0	2
LA PAZ	1	0	0	0	1
MARICOPA	95	220	199	0	514
MOHAVE	6	6	5	0	17
NAVAJO	7	3	4	0	14
PIMA	42	49	78	0	169
PINAL	10	7	17	0	34
SANTA CRUZ	2	1	2	0	5
YAVAPAI	3	5	13	0	21
YUMA	2	5	10	0	17
STATEWIDE	194	306	361	0	861

Of the reports with substantiated findings that were closed after investigation, one or more of the following actions took place: the parent(s) refused services<sup>6</sup>; appropriate referrals to community providers were made; or short-term services, such as child care, parent aide, parenting classes, substance abuse treatment or mental health services, were provided.

<sup>4</sup> As of January 25, 1998 the Department does not substantiate priority four reports.

<sup>5</sup> The reports in Tables 3 through 5 are not mutually exclusive. The reports may simultaneously receive in-home services, out-of-home services, as well as services through the community.

<sup>6</sup> A.R.S. §8-546.02(A) provides that the department has "no legal authority to compel the family to cooperate with the investigation or to receive protective services offered pursuant to the investigation."

**Table 3A**

**NUMBER OF REPORTS WITH SUBSTANTIATED FINDINGS IN  
WHICH THE CASE WAS CLOSED AFTER INVESTIGATION  
BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY FOR THE QUARTER OF  
APRIL 1, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1999**

COUNTY	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Total
APACHE	2	0	0	0	2
COCHISE	5	2	7	0	14
COCONINO	5	0	5	0	10
GILA	1	1	3	0	5
GRAHAM	1	0	3	0	4
GREENLEE	0	0	1	0	1
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0
MARICOPA	60	144	138	0	342
MOHAVE	4	4	3	0	11
NAVAJO	2	3	3	0	8
PIMA	15	24	46	0	85
PINAL	3	5	12	0	20
SANTA CRUZ	2	0	1	0	3
YAVAPAI	0	3	7	0	10
YUMA	2	3	6	0	11
STATEWIDE	102	189	235	0	526

**Table 3B**

**NUMBER OF REPORTS WITH SUBSTANTIATED FINDINGS IN  
WHICH THE CASE WAS CLOSED AFTER INVESTIGATION  
BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY FOR THE QUARTER OF  
JULY 1, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1999**

COUNTY	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Total
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0
COCHISE	7	3	6	0	16
COCONINO	2	3	3	0	8
GILA	2	0	3	0	5
GRAHAM	1	1	1	0	3
GREENLEE	0	0	1	0	1
LA PAZ	1	0	0	0	1
MARICOPA	35	76	61	0	172
MOHAVE	2	2	2	0	6
NAVAJO	5	0	1	0	6
PIMA	27	25	32	0	84
PINAL	7	2	5	0	14
SANTA CRUZ	0	1	1	0	2
YAVAPAI	3	2	6	0	11
YUMA	0	2	4	0	6
STATEWIDE	92	117	126	0	335

**Table 4**

**NUMBER OF REPORTS WITH SUBSTANTIATED FINDINGS AFTER  
INVESTIGATION IN WHICH IN-HOME SERVICES WERE PROVIDED  
BY PRIORITY AND BY COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF  
APRIL 1, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1999**

COUNTY	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Total
APACHE	1	1	0	0	2
COCHISE	22	9	7	0	38
COCONINO	1	2	0	0	3
GILA	6	4	6	0	16
GRAHAM	2	0	4	0	6
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0
MARICOPA	95	90	94	0	279
MOHAVE	5	3	3	0	11
NAVAJO	2	1	8	0	11
PIMA	70	45	68	0	183
PINAL	12	8	10	0	30
SANTA CRUZ	1	1	1	0	3
YAVAPAI	9	6	8	0	23
YUMA	4	7	5	0	16
STATEWIDE	230	177	214	0	621

**Table 4A**

**NUMBER OF REPORTS WITH SUBSTANTIATED FINDINGS AFTER  
INVESTIGATION IN WHICH IN-HOME SERVICES WERE PROVIDED  
BY PRIORITY AND BY COUNTY FOR THE QUARTER OF  
APRIL 1, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1999**

COUNTY	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Total
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0
COCHISE	11	4	5	0	20
COCONINO	1	1	0	0	2
GILA	4	3	4	0	11
GRAHAM	0	0	2	0	2
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0
MARICOPA	57	60	62	0	179
MOHAVE	2	2	1	0	5
NAVAJO	2	1	5	0	8
PIMA	43	22	42	0	107
PINAL	7	5	7	0	19
SANTA CRUZ	0	1	1	0	2
YAVAPAI	8	4	6	0	18
YUMA	1	2	0	0	3
STATEWIDE	136	105	135	0	376

**Table 4B**

**NUMBER OF REPORTS WITH SUBSTANTIATED FINDINGS AFTER  
INVESTIGATION IN WHICH IN-HOME SERVICES WERE PROVIDED  
BY PRIORITY AND BY COUNTY FOR THE QUARTER OF  
JULY 1, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1999**

COUNTY	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Total
APACHE	1	1	0	0	2
COCHISE	11	5	2	0	18
COCONINO	0	1	0	0	1
GILA	2	1	2	0	5
GRAHAM	2	0	2	0	4
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0
MARICOPA	38	30	32	0	100
MOHAVE	3	1	2	0	6
NAVAJO	0	0	3	0	3
PIMA	27	23	26	0	76
PINAL	5	3	3	0	11
SANTA CRUZ	1	0	0	0	1
YAVAPAI	1	2	2	0	5
YUMA	3	5	5	0	13
STATEWIDE	94	72	79	0	245

**Table 5**

**NUMBER OF REPORTS WITH SUBSTANTIATED FINDINGS IN WHICH  
OUT- OF- HOME SERVICES WERE PROVIDED BY PRIORITY  
AND BY COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF  
APRIL 1, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1999**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>Priority 1</b>	<b>Priority 2</b>	<b>Priority 3</b>	<b>Priority 4</b>	<b>Total</b>
APACHE	2	0	0	0	2
COCHISE	25	2	3	0	30
COCONINO	4	1	0	0	5
GILA	6	3	1	0	10
GRAHAM	1	0	2	0	3
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0
LA PAZ	1	0	0	0	1
MARICOPA	88	34	67	0	189
MOHAVE	7	5	1	0	13
NAVAJO	8	3	9	0	20
PIMA	87	44	56	0	187
PINAL	14	4	10	0	28
SANTA CRUZ	1	0	1	0	2
YAVAPAI	10	7	7	0	24
YUMA	6	7	6	0	19
STATEWIDE	260	110	163	0	533

**Table 5A**

**NUMBER OF REPORTS WITH SUBSTANTIATED FINDINGS IN WHICH  
OUT- OF- HOME SERVICES WERE PROVIDED BY PRIORITY  
AND BY COUNTY FOR THE QUARTER OF  
APRIL 1, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1999**

COUNTY	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Total
APACHE	1	0	0	0	1
COCHISE	14	2	3	0	19
COCONINO	4	0	0	0	4
GILA	4	3	0	0	7
GRAHAM	0	0	1	0	1
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0
MARICOPA	54	27	41	0	122
MOHAVE	3	3	0	0	6
NAVAJO	5	3	6	0	14
PIMA	47	24	34	0	105
PINAL	7	2	7	0	16
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0
YAVAPAI	8	5	6	0	19
YUMA	2	2	1	0	5
STATEWIDE	149	71	99	0	319

**Table 5B**

**NUMBER OF REPORTS WITH SUBSTANTIATED FINDINGS IN WHICH  
OUT- OF- HOME SERVICES WERE PROVIDED BY PRIORITY  
AND BY COUNTY FOR THE QUARTER OF  
JULY 1, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1999**

COUNTY	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Total
APACHE	1	0	0	0	1
COCHISE	11	0	0	0	11
COCONINO	0	1	0	0	1
GILA	2	0	1	0	3
GRAHAM	1	0	1	0	2
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0
LA PAZ	1	0	0	0	1
MARICOPA	34	7	26	0	67
MOHAVE	4	2	1	0	7
NAVAJO	3	0	3	0	6
PIMA	40	20	22	0	82
PINAL	7	2	3	0	12
SANTA CRUZ	1	0	1	0	2
YAVAPAI	2	2	1	0	5
YUMA	4	5	5	0	14
STATEWIDE	111	39	64	0	214



**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES DIRECT SERVICE STAFF**

**A.R.S. §8-526(A)(5)**

**THE NUMBER OF DIRECT CLIENT SERVICE POSITIONS THAT ARE VACANT AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.**

On September 30, 1999 there were no authorized direct client service positions vacant.

**CHILDREN IN SHELTER OR RECEIVING HOMES**

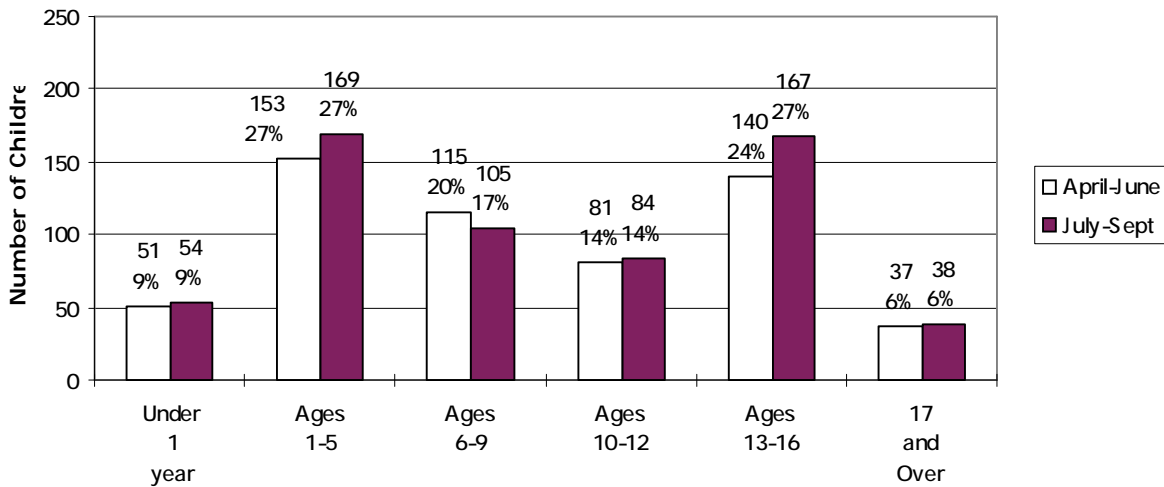
**A.R.S. §8-526(A)(6)**

**THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE REMAINED IN A SHELTER OR RECEIVING HOME FOR MORE THAN TWENTY-ONE CONSECUTIVE DAYS, BY THE CHILD’S AGE GROUP.**

The number of children, by the child’s age group, that remained in a shelter or receiving home for more than 21 consecutive days for the first semi-annual period is shown in *Chart 4*. For the first quarter, 64% of the children were six years of age or older. In addition, 9% of the children were under one year. For the second quarter, 64% of the children were six years of age or older. For second quarter, 9% of the children were under one year.

**Chart 4**

**NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN SHELTER OR RECEIVING HOMES FOR MORE THAN 21 CONSECUTIVE DAYS BY AGE OF CHILD AND BY QUARTER**



N=577 Qtr. 1 N=617 Qtr. 2

**FOSTER HOME AVAILABILITY**

**A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(7)**

**THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF LICENSED FOSTER HOMES AND THE NUMBER OF LICENSED AND AVAILABLE SPACES IN THOSE HOMES.**

As of September 30, 1999 there were 1,759 licensed foster homes with 4,691 spaces available for ACYF placements. Licensed foster homes include family foster homes, professional family foster homes, respite foster homes, and receiving foster homes.

Foster home licenses specify the age range, gender and maximum number of children that can be placed in a home. Foster parents, in consultation with the licensing worker, decide the type of physical, behavioral and psychological needs of children they can effectively parent based upon their own skill level, experiences and desires.

As of September 30, 1999 there were 692 vacant spaces within these foster homes. Approximately 332 additional spaces were unavailable or set aside for receiving and respite care services. Of the vacant spaces, a match between the available spaces and children's needs was not possible.

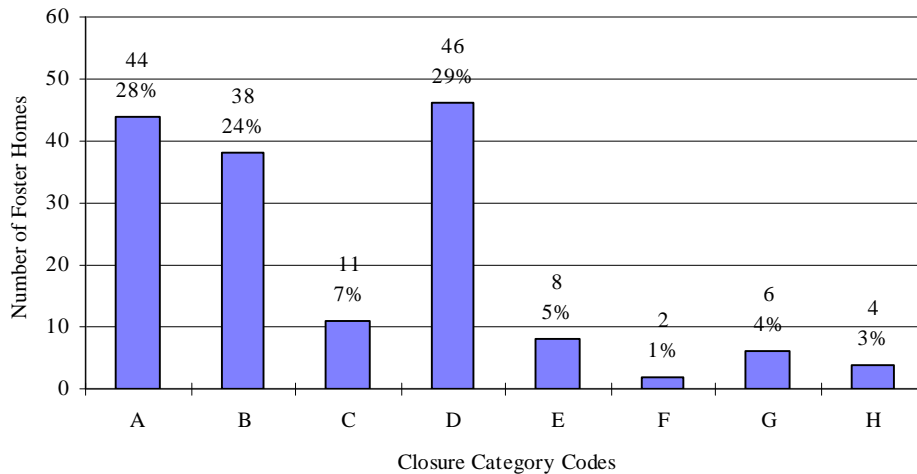
**FOSTER HOME ACTIVITY  
A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(8)**

**THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF LICENSED FOSTER HOMES THAT LEAVE THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND THE REASON FOR THE EXIT.**

During the reporting period 180 new homes were licensed to provide foster care and 159 homes left the system.

*Chart 5* gives the reasons for foster home closures for the period of April 1, 1999 through September 30, 1999.

**Chart 5  
REASON FOR FOSTER HOME CLOSURE FOR THE PERIOD OF  
APRIL 1, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1999**



N=159

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>A = Personal or Family Issues or Problems</b>       | <b>E = Family Relocation</b>          |
| <b>B = Other or Foster Parent Did Not State Reason</b> | <b>F = Child Left Care</b>            |
| <b>C = Non-Compliance with Licensing Requirements</b>  | <b>G = Philosophical Disagreement</b> |
| <b>D = Adoption of Foster Child</b>                    | <b>H = Behavior of Child</b>          |

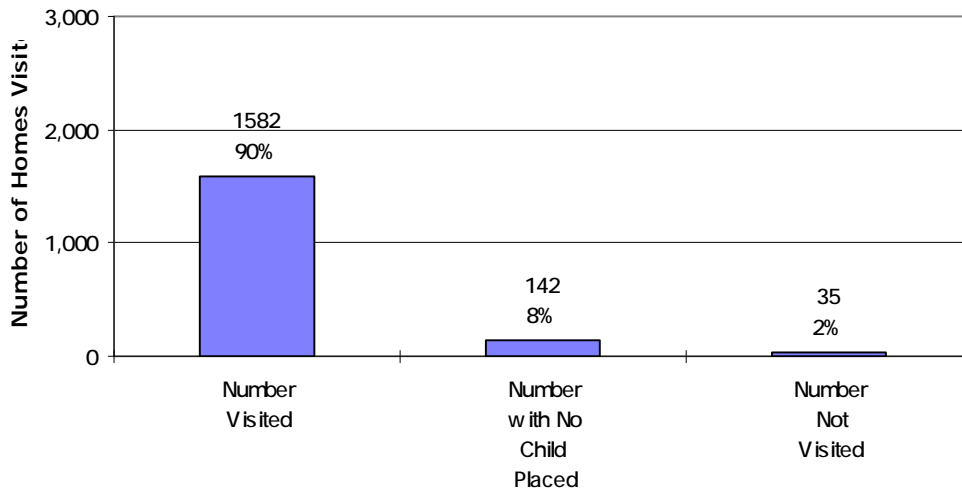
**FOSTER HOME ACTIVITY-VISITATION(Cont.)  
A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(9)**

**THE NUMBER OF LICENSED FOSTER HOMES THAT RECEIVE THE REQUIRED VISITATION BY CASE MANAGERS PURSUANT TO SECTION §8-516.**

During the reporting period there were 1,759 foster homes that required visitation. Of those homes 1582 or 90% received the required visitation. Of the 177 homes not visited, 142 had no children placed in them.

**Chart 6**

**THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF FOSTER HOMES THAT RECEIVED THE REQUIRED VISITATION\***



N=1,759

\*Required visitations to foster homes are performed by licensing caseworkers.

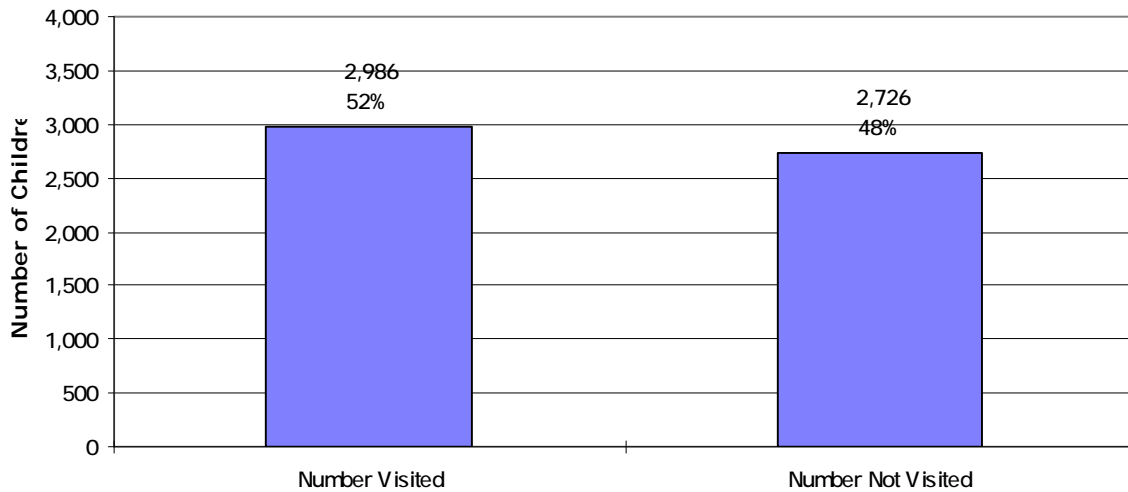
**FOSTER HOME ACTIVITY-CHILD VISITATION(Cont.)  
A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(10)**

**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PLACED IN THE CARE, CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD AND THE NUMBER OF THESE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE THE REQUIRED VISITATION BY CASE MANAGERS PURSUANT TO SECTION §8-516.**

At the end of the reporting period there were 6,292 children in out of home care who required visitation. Of these children, visitation was accurately documented<sup>7</sup> in the automated system for 3,154<sup>8</sup> children, or 50%.

**Chart 7**

**THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED THE REQUIRED VISITATION\***



N=5,712

\*Required visitation is performed by DES case managers, contracted case managers, and/or other professionals as approved by supervisor.

<sup>7</sup> The Department is aware that more children received the required visitation than is indicated in Chart 7. This information is clearly documented in automated case notes. However, the Department is unable to compile and tabulate data based solely upon case note text. We continue to issue instructions to all direct service staff regarding the system requirements for capturing all visitations.

<sup>8</sup> A child was deemed to have received the required visitation if the child received the visitation during the last month of the reporting period.

**OUT OF HOME CARE**

**A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(11)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)**

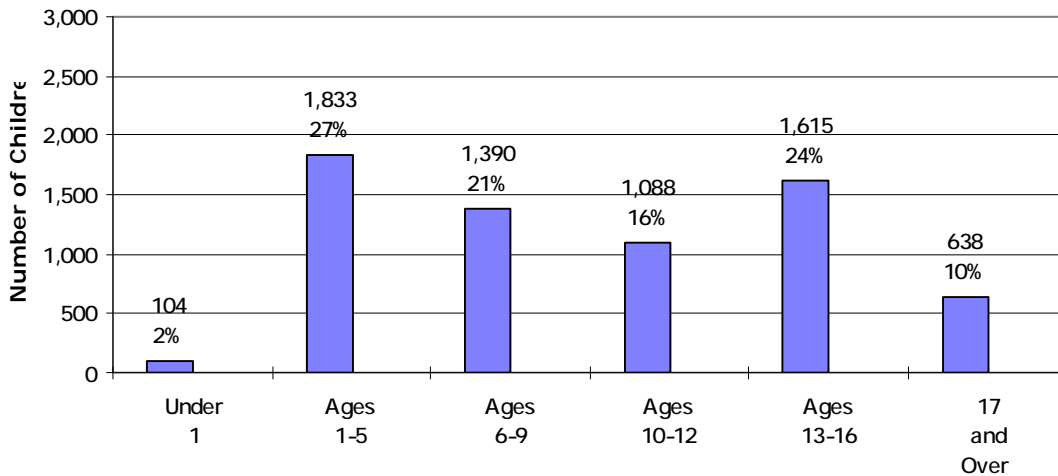
**THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO ARE IN THE CARE, CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD WHO ARE IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT AND AS CATEGORIZED BY:**

- (a) AGE.**
- (B) ETHNICITY.**
- (C) CASE PLAN GOAL.**
- (D) TYPE OF OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT.**
- (E) LENGTH OF TIME IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT OF LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS, THIRTY-ONE DAYS TO TWELVE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS, TWELVE TO TWENTY-FOUR CONSECUTIVE MONTHS AND MORE THAN TWENTY-FOUR CONSECUTIVE Months.**

On September 30, 1999, there were 6,668 children in out-of-home care.

**Chart 8**

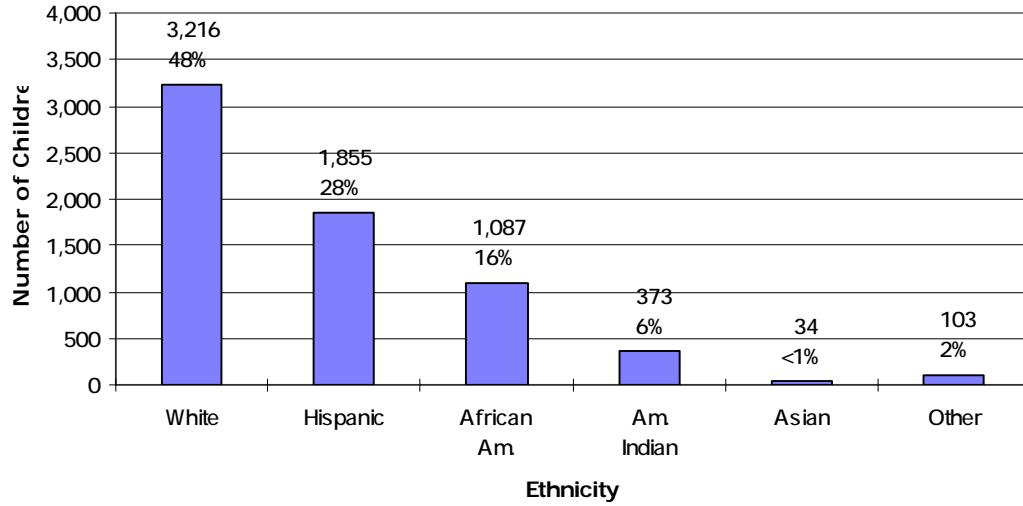
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY AGE**



N=6,668

**Chart 9**

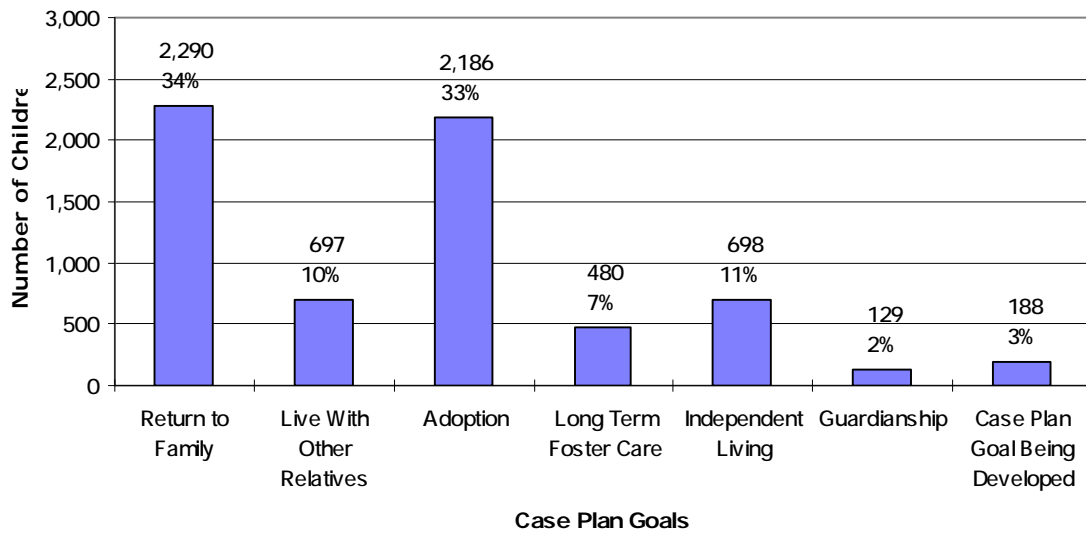
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY ETHNICITY**



N=6,668

**Chart 10**

**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY CASE PLAN GOAL**

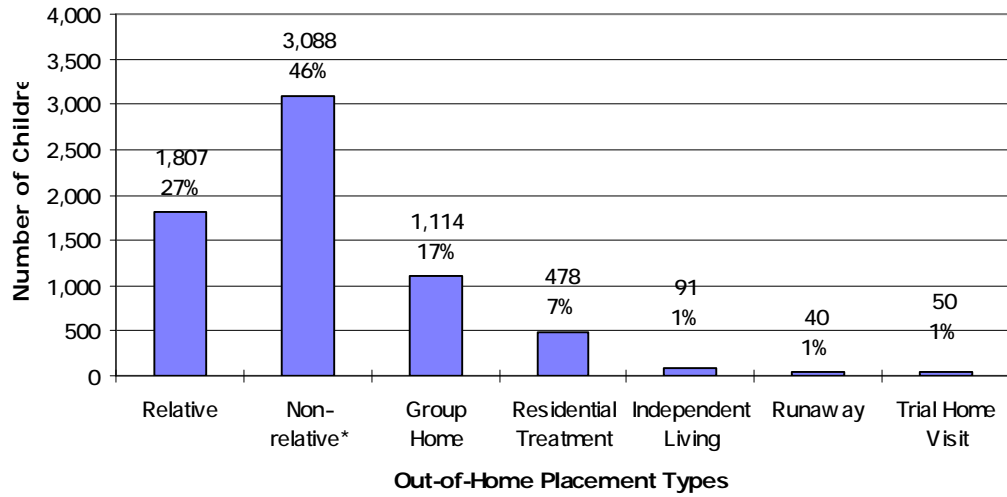


N= 6,668



**Chart 11**

**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CARE BY PLACEMENT TYPE**

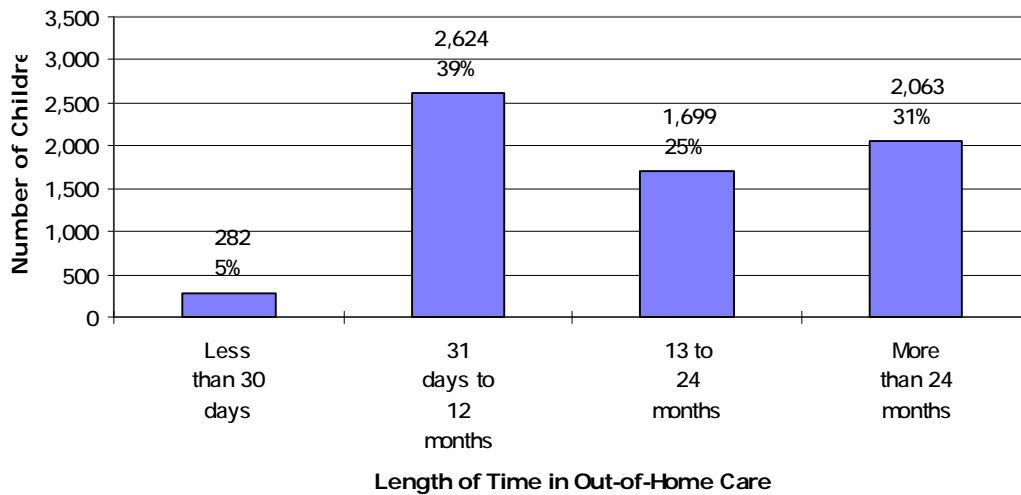


N= 6,668

\* Category includes family foster homes.

**Chart 12**

**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY LENGTH OF TIME IN CARE**



N=6,668

**A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(12)****IF THE CASE PLAN IS TO RETURN THE CHILD TO THE PARENT, THE PERCENTAGE OF PARENTS WHO RECEIVE THE REQUIRED CONTACT BY CASE MANAGERS.**

Case managers shall have face to face contact with all parents at least once a month, including any alleged parents and parents residing outside of the child's home where the case plan goal is family reunification or remain with family. During the reporting period there were 994 parents who had a child with the case plan goal of return home. Of those parents requiring the visitation, 498 or 50% received the required visitation. The 50% visitation rate does not reflect attempted visitation where contact did not take place.

**REASON FOR LEAVING DES CUSTODY****A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(13)(a)(b)(c)(d)****THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO LEFT THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT  
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD BY REASON FOR LEAVING CARE AND AS CATEGORIZED BY:**

- (a) AGE.**
- (b) ETHNICITY.**
- (c) NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS.**
- (d) AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN FOSTER CARE.**

During the reporting period 1,515 children left the custody of the Department. Tables 6 through 11 state the reasons the children left custody, their age, their ethnicity, the number of placements each child had, and the average length of time in foster care.

**Table 6**  
**Number and Percentage of Children Leaving DES Custody**  
**for Reason of “Reunification with Parents or Primary Caretaker” for the end of the**  
**Reporting Period of September 30, 1999**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	16	1%
Ages 1 to 5	277	28%
Ages 6 to 9	189	19%
Ages 10 to 12	127	13%
Ages 13 to 16	243	25%
Over 17	136	14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
White	495	50%
Hispanic	282	29%
African American	124	12%
American Indian	53	5%
Asian	9	1%
Other	25	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	622	63%
Two	179	18%
Three	61	6%
Four	37	4%
Five	35	4%
More than Five	54	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less Than 30 days	462	47%
31 Days to 12 Months	340	34%
13 to 24 Months	96	10%
More than 24 Months	90	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 7**  
**Number and Percentage of Children Leaving DES Custody**  
**for Reason of “Living with Other Relatives” for the end of the**  
**Reporting Period of September 30, 1999**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	0	0%
Ages 1 to 5	16	31%
Ages 6 to 9	20	39%
Ages 10 to 12	12	24%
Ages 13 to 16	1	2%
Over 17	2	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
White	27	53%
Hispanic	14	27%
African American	6	11%
American Indian	4	9%
Asian	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	12	24%
Two	12	24%
Three	12	24%
Four	8	16%
Five	2	3%
More than Five	5	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less Than 30 days	0	0%
31 Days to 12 Months	8	16%
13 to 24 Months	22	43%
More than 24 Months	21	41%
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 8**  
**Number and Percentage of Children Leaving DES Custody**  
**for Reason of “Adoption” for the end of the**  
**Reporting Period of September 30, 1999**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	0	0%
Ages 1 to 5	88	42%
Ages 6 to 9	64	30%
Ages 10 to 12	32	15%
Ages 13 to 16	23	11%
Over 17	5	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
White	108	51%
Hispanic	52	24%
African American	36	17%
American Indian	14	7%
Asian	1	<1%
Other	1	<1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	38	18%
Two	27	13%
Three	37	17%
Four	41	19%
Five	28	13%
More than Five	41	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less Than 30 days	1	<1%
31 Days to 12 Months	20	9%
13 to 24 Months	34	16%
More than 24 Months	157	75%
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 9**  
**Number and Percentage of Children Leaving DES Custody**  
**for Reason of “Reaching Age of Majority” and “Transferred to Another Agency” for the end of**  
**the Reporting Period of September 30, 1999**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	0	0%
Ages 1 to 5	61	24%
Ages 6 to 9	23	9%
Ages 10 to 12	13	5%
Ages 13 to 16	25	10%
Over 17	131	52%
<b>Total</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
White	114	44%
Hispanic	55	22%
African American	37	15%
American Indian	36	14%
Asian	2	1%
Other	9	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	113	44%
Two	32	13%
Three	23	9%
Four	14	6%
Five	19	8%
More than Five	52	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less Than 30 days	79	31%
31 Days to 12 Months	57	22%
13 to 24 Months	42	17%
More than 24 Months	75	30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 10**  
**Number and Percentage of Children Leaving DES Custody**  
**for Reason of “Guardianship” for the end of the**  
**Reporting Period of September 30, 1999**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	0	0%
Ages 1 to 5	0	0%
Ages 6 to 9	0	0%
Ages 10 to 12	0	0%
Ages 13 to 16	2	50%
Over 17	2	50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
White	0	0%
Hispanic	4	100%
African American	0	0%
American Indian	0	0%
Asian	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	0	0%
Two	2	50%
Three	2	50%
Four	0	0%
Five	0	0%
More than Five	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less Than 30 days	1	25%
31 Days to 12 Months	2	50%
13 to 24 Months	0	0%
More than 24 Months	1	25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100%</b>



**Table 11**  
**Number and Percentage of Children Leaving DES Custody**  
**for Reason of “Runaway” for the end of the**  
**Reporting Period of September 30, 1999**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	0	0%
Ages 1 to 5	0	0%
Ages 6 to 9	0	0%
Ages 10 to 12	0	0%
Ages 13 to 16	4	57%
Over 17	3	43%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
White	3	43%
Hispanic	1	14%
African American	2	29%
American Indian	1	14%
Asian	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	3	43%
Two	1	14%
Three	0	0%
Four	0	0%
Five	0	0%
More than Five	3	43%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less Than 30 days	2	29%
31 Days to 12 Months	2	29%
13 to 24 Months	0	0%
More than 24 Months	3	42%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100%</b>

**ADOPTIVE CASE PLAN GOALS**

**A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(14) & (15)**

**THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION AND WHO ARE NOT PLACED IN AN ADOPTIVE HOME AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD**

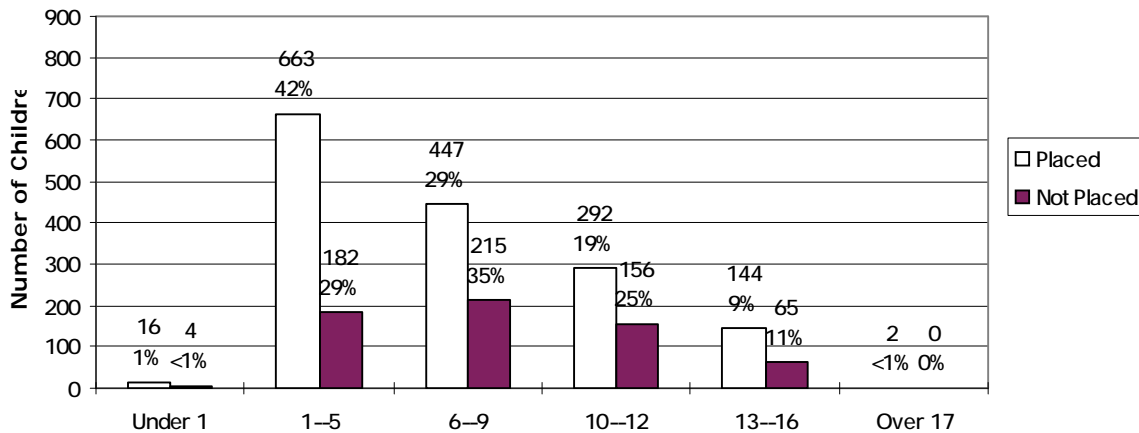
**THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION AND WHO ARE PLACED IN AN ADOPTIVE HOME AT THE END OF THE REPORT PERIOD AND AS CATEGORIZED BY:**

- (a) AGE.
- (b) ETHNICITY.
- (c) AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN OUT OF HOME CARE.
- (d) LEGAL STATUS.
- (d) (A)(15) LENGTH OF TIME FROM CHANGE OF CASE PLAN GOAL TO ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT.

The average length of time in out-of-home care for children with a case plan goal of adoption, who were in an adoptive placement, was 2 years 8 months. The average length of time in out-of-home care for children with a case plan goal of adoption, but not placed in an adoptive home, was 2 years 9 months.

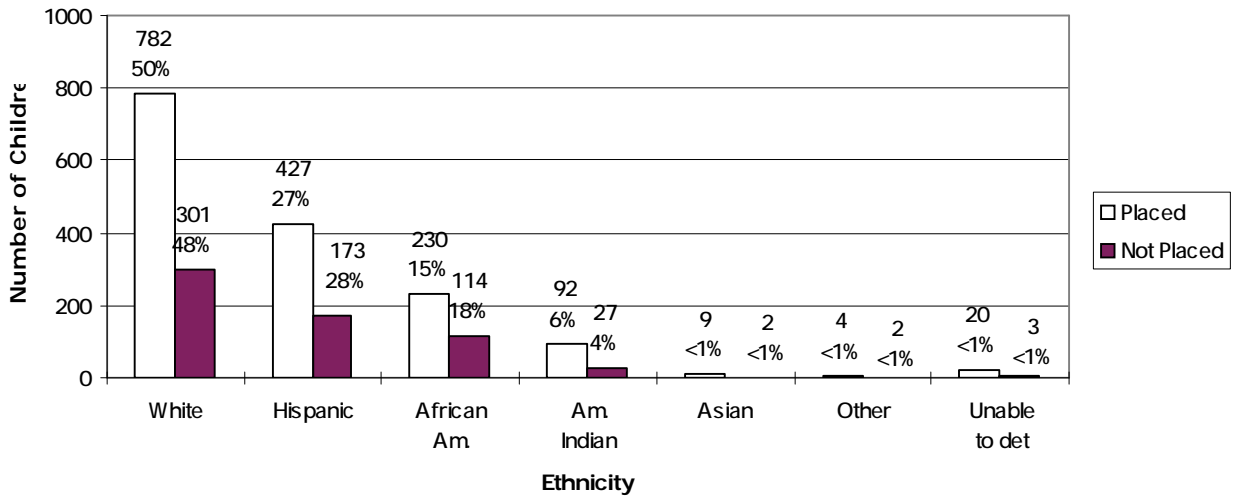
**Chart 13**

**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY AGE**



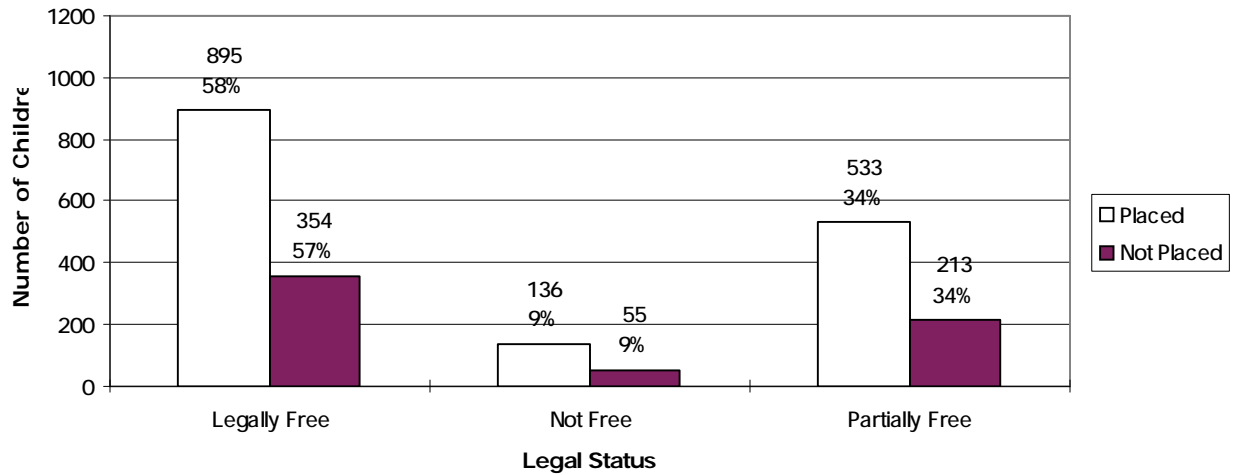
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**Chart 14**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY ETHNICITY**



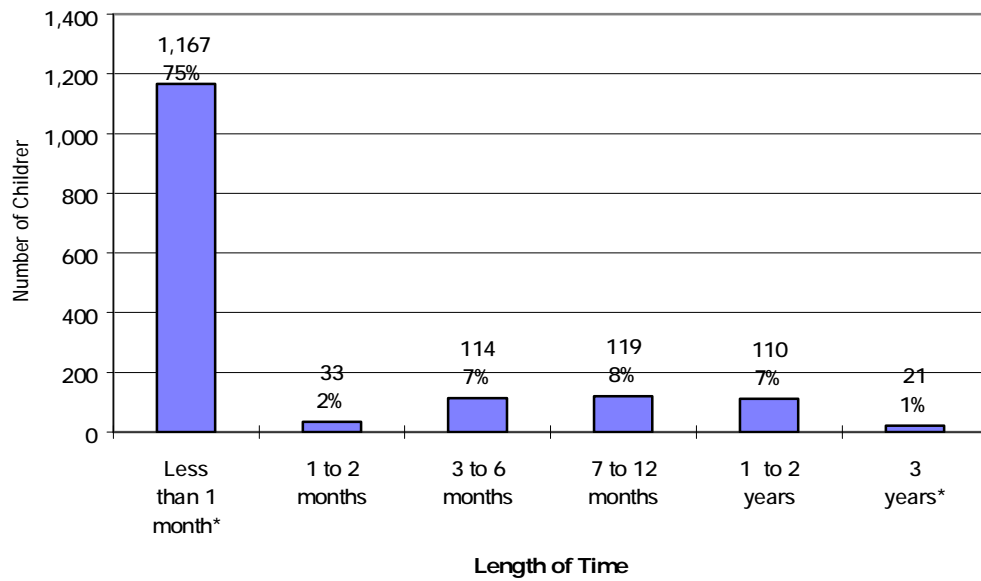
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**Chart 15**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY LEGAL STATUS**



N= 1,564 Placed    N= 622 Not Placed

**Chart 16**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN BY LENGTH OF TIME FROM CHANGE** **OF**  
**CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION TO ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT**



N= 1,564

\*About 70% of children are adopted by relatives or their foster parents and are already in their prospective adoptive placement at the time the case plan goal changes to adoption.

\*There were no children over three years.

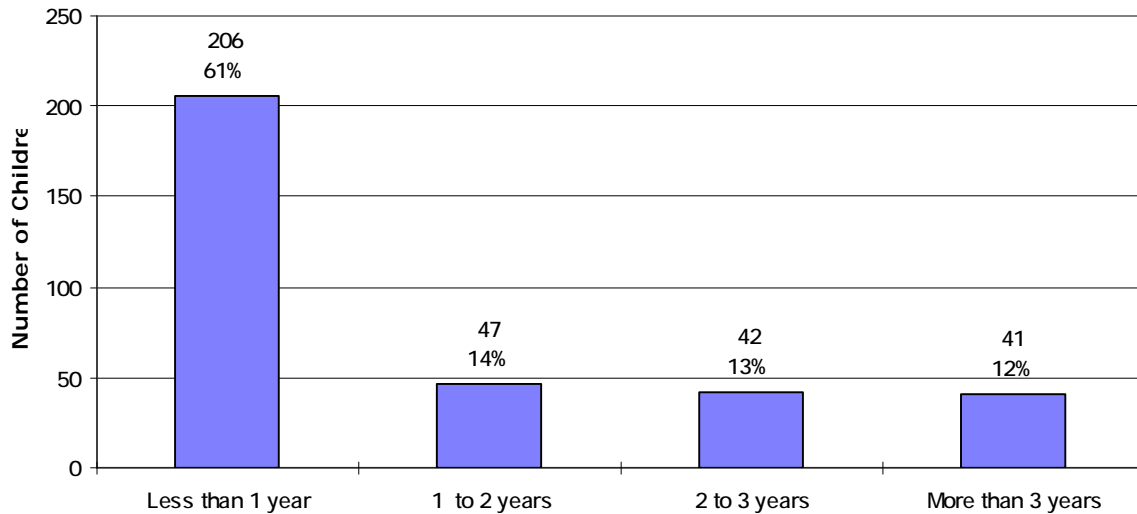
**ADOPTION SERVICES**  
**A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(16)(a)(b)**

**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHOSE ADOPTIONS WERE FINALIZED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND AS CATEGORIZED BY:**

- (a) **AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT BEFORE ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT.**
- (b) **AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT BEFORE THE FINAL ORDER OF ADOPTION.**

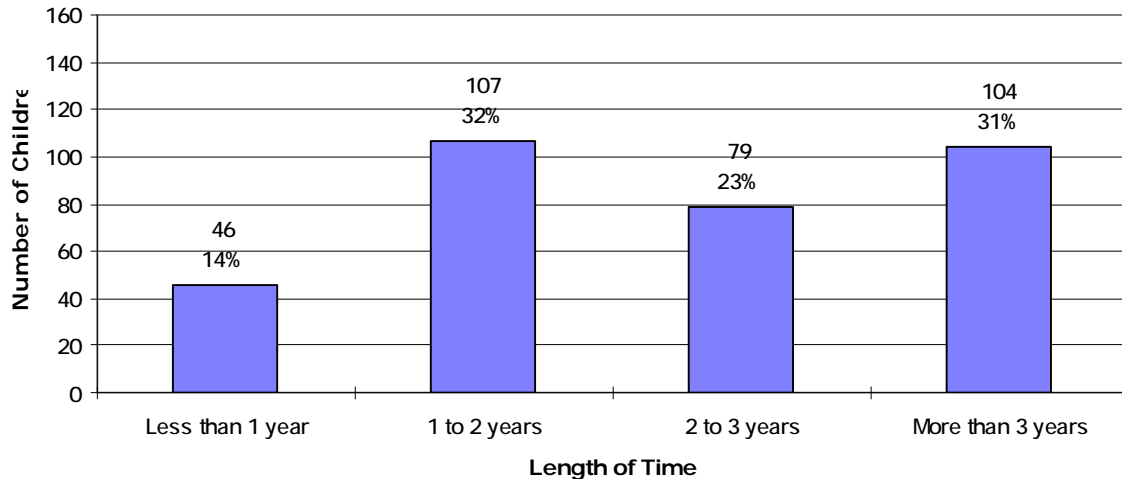
There were 336 children with a finalized adoption during the reporting period. *Chart 17* displays the number of children with a finalized adoption during the reporting period by the average length of time in out-of-home placement before adoptive placement. *Chart 18* displays the number of children with a finalized adoption by average length of time in adoptive placement before the final order of adoption.

**Chart 17**  
**THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT BEFORE ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT**



N=336

**Chart 18**  
**THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT BEFORE THE FINAL ORDER OF ADOPTION**



N=336