

CHILD WELFARE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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Arizona Revised Statute §8-526, as amended by Laws 2006, Chapter 203 requires the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) to compile information semi-annually and produce a report for the periods ending on March 31st and September 30th of each year regarding the Child Welfare Service Program, including Child Protective Services (CPS). This semi-annual report, submitted in satisfaction of that mandate, is for the period of April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006. It provides information about child abuse and neglect reports, investigations, substantiated investigations, type of services provided, shelter and foster home services, visitation compliance, children in out-of-home care, length of time in care, reason children have left care, children placed for adoption and Child Protective Services staff.

During this reporting period, the Child Protective Services Hotline received 16,781 reports of child abuse, neglect and abandonment. Of these reports, 162 were within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments and were referred to those jurisdictions.

There were 16,619 assigned for investigation during the reporting period. Of those reports, 1,007 reports were closed and substantiated, 158 reports were proposed for substantiation, and 12,090 reports were closed and unsubstantiated. Three thousand three hundred sixty-four (3,364) reports were still open for investigation. During the reporting period there were 1,885 reports that resulted in at least one child being removed.

On September 30, 2006 there were 9,833 children in out-of-home care in Arizona. Of the total number of children in out-of-home care, there were 3,308 children placed with relatives. Two thousand three hundred two (2,302) children of the 9,833 in out-of-home care had a case plan goal of adoption, and 2,094 of the children with a case plan goal of adoption were placed in an adoptive home but the adoption had not yet been finalized. Four thousand eight hundred thirty-five (4,835) children had a case plan goal of “Return to Family”. Seven thousand two hundred fifty-eight (7,258 or 74%) of the total number of children had been in out-of-home care for less than two years. For children who had been in out-of-home care longer than two years, each had a case plan goal developed to lead to permanency.

At the end of the reporting period, 4,117 children were in family foster home settings. There were 3,256 licensed foster homes this reporting period. There were vacancies within these foster homes because not all of the spaces could be matched to the children needing foster home placements. There are many reasons why a child may not be able to use a particular foster home, including the abilities and preferences of the foster family, the need to place the child near his or her family of origin for reunification purposes, and other special placement needs of the child.

A.R.S. §8-516 requires supervision of foster care providers. Visitation must be done by a foster home licensing case manager once a month for receiving foster homes, and once every three months (quarterly) for regular and special foster homes. The required visitation was received by 1,790 (55%) of 3,256 foster homes this reporting period.

A.R.S. §8-516 also requires supervision of children in foster care. During this reporting period, 9,833 children in out-of-home care required visitation by their Child Protective Services case manager. Visitation was accurately documented for 6,437 (65%) of these children.

During the reporting period, 3,595 children left the care, custody and control of DES. The following are the reasons and the number of children who left care: 1,808 of the children were reunified with their parents or primary caretaker; 254 of the children reached the age of majority; 489 children left due to a legal guardianship being established; 151 of the children were placed with other relatives; 121 of the children were transferred to another agency; 7 left care for reason of death; and 29 of the children left due to continued runaway behavior and the Department's inability to locate these children. CPS cannot close a case of a child who is a ward of the court without approval from the Court for case dismissal. In addition, there were 736 children with finalized adoptions.

Semi-Annual Comparisons

	Apr 2003– Sep 2003	Oct 2003 – Mar 2004	Apr 2004– Sep 2004	Oct 2004 - Mar 2005	Apr 2005– Sep 2005	Oct 2005 - Mar 2006	Apr 2006– Sep 2006
Number of Reports	18,680	20,242	19,165	18,839	18,797	17,756	16,781
Number of Reports Substantiated ¹	2,299 (17%)	2,363 (15%)	2,157 (14%)	1,734 (11%)	1,677 (11%)	1,326 (9%)	1,007 (7%)
Number of Reports Investigated	15,729	17,428	19,011	18,663	18,577	17,559	16,619
Number of new removals	3,349	3,504	3,630	3,617	4,078	3,753	3,773
Number of new removals with Voluntary under 18	311	256	279	118	420	290	386
Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care on the Last Day of Reporting Period	7,535	8,246	8,839	9,536	9,906	9,902	9,833
Number of Children in Shelter for More than 21 Days	1,323	1,431	1,319	1,127	1,039	840	744
Number and Percentage of Children Receiving Visitation In the Last Month of Reporting Period	4,890 (65%)	5,266 (64%)	5,475 (62%)	6,506 (68%)	6,045 (61%)	6,411 (65%)	6,437 (65%)
Number and Percentage of Children not Receiving Visitation	2,645 (35%)	2,980 (36%)	3,364 (38%)	3,030 (32%)	3,861 (39%)	3,491 (35%)	3,396 (35%)
Number and Percentage of Parents Receiving Visitation	851 (50%)	973 (51%)	1,049 (50%)	1,255 (56%)	1,080 (48%)	1,154 (52%)	1,131 (52%)
Number of Licensed Foster Homes	1,892	2,007	2,191	2,267	2,288	2,863	3,256
Number of Foster Home Spaces Available to ACYF	3,982	3,691	4,044	5,020	4,905	5,668	6,469
Number of New Foster Homes	308	334	410	400	397	328	426
Number of Foster Homes Closed	281	219	197	410	258	295	166
Number and Percentage of Foster Homes Receiving Visitation In the Last Qtr. Of Reporting Period	1,606 (85%)	1,774 (88%)	1,723 (79%)	1,791 (79%)	1,672 (73%)	1,833 (64%)	1,790 (55%)
Number and Percentage of Foster Homes not Receiving Visitation	286 (15%)	233 (12%)	466 (21%)	476 (21%)	968 (42%)	1,030 (36%)	1,466 (45%)
Number of Children Leaving DES Custody	2,528	2,655	2,883	2,726	3,488	3,506	3,595
Number of Children With a Case Plan Goal of Adoption	1,485	1,629	1,893	2,044	2,170	2,345	2,302
Number of Children With a Finalized Adoption	408	380	373	430	570	586	736

¹ Since the appeals process delays the substantiation of reports, revisions to the substantiation rate for the prior reporting period will occur with every semi-annual report produced.

Reports of Abuse & 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.

Between April 1, 2006 and September 30, 2006, there were 16,781 incoming communications to the Child Abuse Hotline which met the criteria of a report of abuse or neglect. Of these, 162 were within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments and were referred to those jurisdictions. This compares to 17,756 incoming communications received during the last reporting period which met the criteria of a report of abuse or neglect.

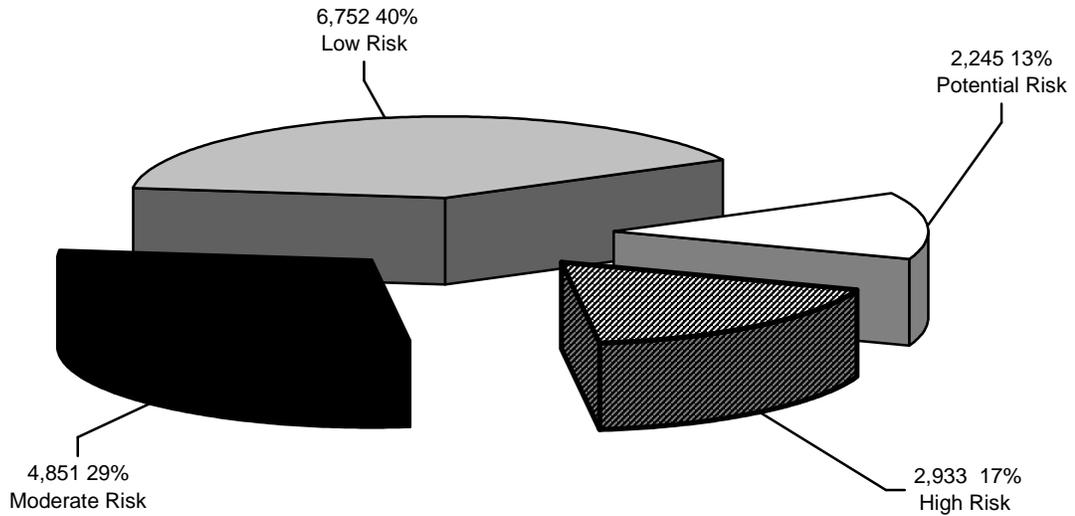
As illustrated on the following page, the period covering April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006, the chart shows reports received by risk level. Based on the type of maltreatment described in the report, a risk level is assigned to the reports of alleged abuse. The pie chart shows 2,933 or 17% of the reports received were High Risk reports, 4,851 or 29% of the reports were Moderate Risk reports, 6,752 or 40% of the reports were classified as Low Risk reports, and 2,245 or 13% of the reports were Potential Risk reports.

The second pie chart, on the following page, provides the number of reports received by category for the period covering April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006. The chart shows 10,201 or 61% of the 16,781 reports of maltreatment were related to allegations of neglect, 5,346 or 32% of the reports were related to allegations of physical abuse, 1,019 or 6% of the reports were related to allegations of sexual abuse, and 215 or 1% of the reports were related to allegations of emotional abuse.

REPORTS BY REPORTING PERIOD AND CATEGORY

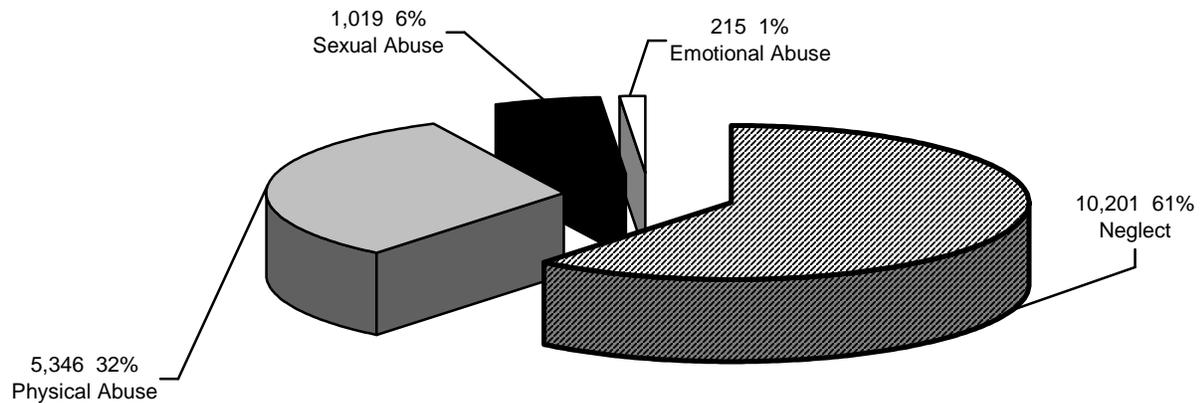
	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Total
April 2000 - September 2000	9,441	5,311	943	352	16,047
October 2000 - March 2001	9,395	5,668	952	379	16,394
April 2001 - September 2001	10,319	5,383	993	369	17,064
October 2001 – March 2002	10,130	5,995	947	432	17,504
April 2002 - September 2002	10,196	5,515	1,055	338	17,104
October 2002 – March 2003	10,299	5,745	1,052	374	17,470
April 2003 - September 2003	11,314	5,864	1,119	383	18,680
October 2003 – March 2004	11,978	6,695	1,164	405	20,242
April 2004 - September 2004	11,604	6,028	1,178	355	19,165
October 2004 – March 2005	10,950	6,504	1,112	273	18,839
April 2005 - September 2005	11,282	6,139	1,135	241	18,797
October 2005 – March 2006	10,592	5,890	1,010	264	17,756
April 2006 - September 2006	10,201	5,346	1,019	215	16,781

**NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY CATEGORY OF RISK LEVEL
FOR PERIOD APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**



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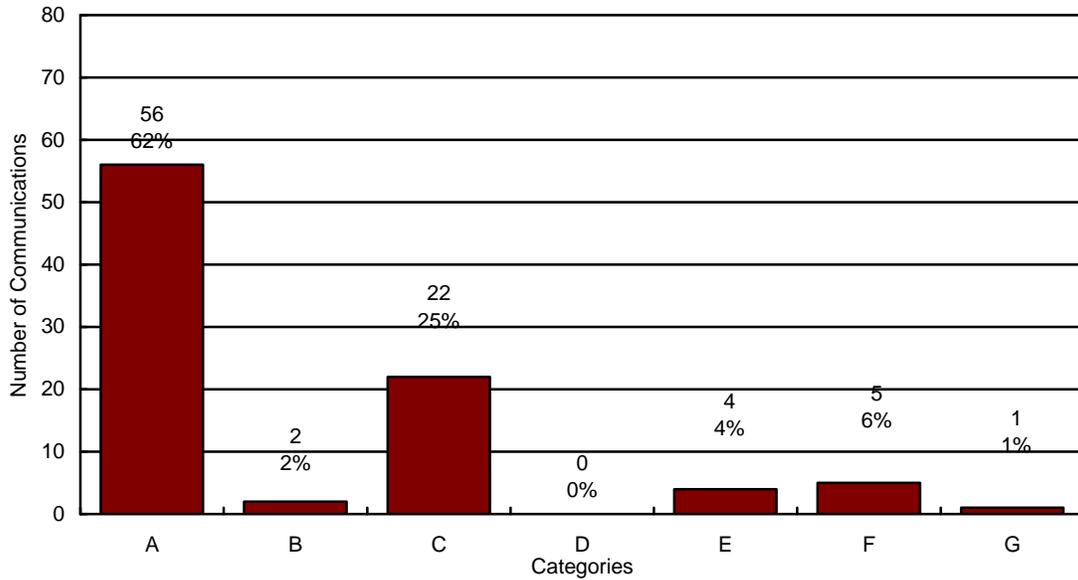
**NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY CATEGORY OF MALTREATMENT
FOR PERIOD APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**



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

In addition to the 16,781 reports during the current reporting period, the Child Abuse Hotline received 12,283 communications that did not meet the statutory criteria of a report of maltreatment. A random sample of these communications is contained in the chart below.

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 Jurisdiction²**
- D = Non-Caretaker Neglect/Child No Longer at Risk**
- E = Insufficient Information**
- 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

Investigation data for the current reporting period:

- 16,781 reports appropriate for investigation
- Of these, 162 reports fell within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments
- 16,619 reports were assigned to be investigated by CPS

² The category “Call Appropriate for Law Enforcement Jurisdiction” refers to a situation where the alleged perpetrator is not a parent or primary caretaker and the allegations, if true, would constitute a crime.

- There were 14,387 reports received during the current reporting period that were subject to substantiation. This results in a 7% substantiation rate for the current reporting period.
- There were 15,007 reports received during the prior reporting period that were subject to substantiation. This results in a 9% substantiation rate for the prior reporting period.

The following tables, on pages 9 through 21, display investigations by risk level, category of maltreatment, and county.

**NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY
FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	14	17	42	7	80	<1%
COCHISE	68	101	171	47	387	2%
COCONINO	75	124	152	44	395	2%
GILA	36	57	88	21	202	1%
GRAHAM	14	32	38	13	97	1%
GREENLEE	2	3	10	3	18	<1%
LA PAZ	7	21	25	7	60	<1%
MARICOPA	1,842	2,786	3,722	1,272	9,622	57%
MOHAVE	103	219	255	58	635	4%
NAVAJO	45	65	114	36	260	2%
PIMA	383	823	1,361	455	3,022	18%
PINAL	192	260	350	113	915	5%
SANTA CRUZ	16	29	37	5	87	1%
YAVAPAI	75	193	229	96	593	4%
YUMA	61	121	158	68	408	2%
STATEWIDE	2,933	4,851	6,752	2,245	16,781	100%
% OF TOTAL	17%	29%	40%	13%	100%	

**NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY
FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2005 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2006**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	13	31	33	8	85	<1%
COCHISE	59	135	202	59	455	3%
COCONINO	77	118	174	47	416	2%
GILA	40	46	80	24	190	1%
GRAHAM	8	21	40	16	85	<1%
GREENLEE	4	3	9	1	17	<1%
LA PAZ	16	14	21	9	60	<1%
MARICOPA	1,895	2,592	4,069	1,463	10,019	56%
MOHAVE	100	188	266	99	653	4%
NAVAJO	78	83	130	44	335	2%
PIMA	456	852	1,597	508	3,413	19%
PINAL	165	238	336	125	864	5%
SANTA CRUZ	25	19	52	13	109	1%
YAVAPAI	63	169	255	97	584	3%
YUMA	101	119	192	59	471	3%
STATEWIDE	3,100	4,628	7,456	2,572	17,756	100%
% OF TOTAL	17%	26%	42%	14%	100%	

**NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR THE
PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	55	17	8	80	<1%
COCHISE	9	244	120	14	387	2%
COCONINO	7	266	104	18	395	2%
GILA	4	132	57	9	202	1%
GRAHAM	2	60	29	6	97	1%
GREENLEE	1	11	5	1	18	<1%
LA PAZ	0	37	22	1	60	<1%
MARICOPA	102	5,773	3,159	588	9,622	57%
MOHAVE	3	421	173	38	635	4%
NAVAJO	3	151	89	17	260	2%
PIMA	62	1,824	951	185	3,022	18%
PINAL	6	552	293	64	915	5%
SANTA CRUZ	0	45	37	5	87	1%
YAVAPAI	11	372	168	42	593	4%
YUMA	5	258	122	23	408	2%
STATEWIDE	215	10,201	5,346	1,019	16,781	100%
% OF TOTAL	1%	61%	32%	6%	100%	

**NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR THE
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2005 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2006**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	2	50	26	7	85	<1%
COCHISE	6	267	155	27	455	3%
COCONINO	4	247	134	31	416	2%
GILA	3	125	57	5	190	1%
GRAHAM	1	57	25	2	85	<1%
GREENLEE	0	7	9	1	17	<1%
LA PAZ	0	49	11	0	60	<1%
MARICOPA	114	6,007	3,345	553	10,019	56%
MOHAVE	11	409	192	41	653	4%
NAVAJO	7	194	114	20	335	2%
PIMA	74	1,903	1,240	196	3,413	19%
PINAL	12	547	246	59	864	5%
SANTA CRUZ	0	59	46	4	109	1%
YAVAPAI	21	360	163	40	584	3%
YUMA	9	314	126	22	471	3%
STATEWIDE	264	10,595	5,889	1,008	17,756	100%
% OF TOTAL	1%	60%	33%	6%	100%	

**NUMBER OF REPORTS NOT RESPONDED TO BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY
FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006³**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0
COCHISE	0	0	0	0	0	0
COCONINO	0	0	0	0	0	0
GILA	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRAHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARICOPA	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOHAVE	0	0	0	0	0	0
NAVAJO	0	0	0	0	0	0
PIMA	0	0	0	0	0	0
PINAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0
YAVAPAI	0	0	0	0	0	0
YUMA	0	0	0	0	0	0
STATEWIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0
% OF TOTAL	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	

By statute a random sample of reports not responded to for the period is required. In addition, short descriptions of these reports are also required. As there were no reports without a response for this reporting period the sample is omitted.

³ All reports received during the reporting period have been responded to, some reports may not have been responded to in a manner consistent with timeframes as prescribed by policy.

**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY
FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	8	16	36	7	67	<1%
COCHISE	68	101	171	47	387	2%
COCONINO	62	114	137	44	357	2%
GILA	32	56	88	21	197	1%
GRAHAM	13	31	38	13	95	1%
GREENLEE	2	3	10	3	18	<1%
LA PAZ	5	18	23	7	53	<1%
MARICOPA	1,831	2,782	3,716	1,265	9,594	58%
MOHAVE	102	219	255	58	634	4%
NAVAJO	40	60	105	35	240	1%
PIMA	377	818	1,350	451	2,996	18%
PINAL	182	257	344	112	895	5%
SANTA CRUZ	16	29	37	5	87	1%
YAVAPAI	75	193	227	96	591	4%
YUMA	61	121	158	68	408	2%
STATEWIDE	2,874	4,818	6,695	2,232	16,619	100%
% OF TOTAL	17%	29%	40%	13%	100%	

**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY
FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2005 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2006**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	7	27	31	8	73	<1%
COCHISE	59	135	202	59	455	3%
COCONINO	62	110	158	42	372	2%
GILA	28	42	79	22	171	1%
GRAHAM	7	19	40	14	80	<1%
GREENLEE	4	3	9	1	17	<1%
LA PAZ	10	14	19	9	52	<1%
MARICOPA	1,881	2,589	4,059	1,461	9,990	57%
MOHAVE	99	188	266	99	652	4%
NAVAJO	66	75	116	42	299	2%
PIMA	452	852	1,588	504	3,396	19%
PINAL	155	233	332	122	842	5%
SANTA CRUZ	25	19	52	13	109	1%
YAVAPAI	63	169	255	97	584	3%
YUMA	98	119	191	59	467	3%
STATEWIDE	3,016	4,594	7,397	2,552	17,559	100%
% OF TOTAL	17%	26%	42%	15%	100%	

NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	48	12	7	67	<1%
COCHISE	9	244	120	14	387	2%
COCONINO	6	235	102	14	357	2%
GILA	4	128	56	9	197	1%
GRAHAM	2	58	29	6	95	1%
GREENLEE	1	11	5	1	18	<1%
LA PAZ	0	33	19	1	53	<1%
MARICOPA	102	5,753	3,152	587	9,594	58%
MOHAVE	3	420	173	38	634	4%
NAVAJO	3	139	82	16	240	1%
PIMA	62	1,810	940	184	2,996	18%
PINAL	5	539	289	62	895	5%
SANTA CRUZ	0	45	37	5	87	1%
YAVAPAI	11	372	167	41	591	4%
YUMA	5	258	122	23	408	2%
STATEWIDE	213	10,093	5,305	1,008	16,619	100%
% OF TOTAL	1%	61%	32%	6%	100%	

NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2005 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2006

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	2	42	24	5	73	<1%
COCHISE	6	267	155	27	455	3%
COCONINO	4	220	119	29	372	2%
GILA	2	111	53	5	171	1%
GRAHAM	1	52	25	2	80	<1%
GREENLEE	0	7	9	1	17	<1%
LA PAZ	0	41	11	0	52	<1%
MARICOPA	114	5,984	3,340	552	9,990	57%
MOHAVE	11	408	192	41	652	4%
NAVAJO	6	172	106	15	299	2%
PIMA	74	1,892	1,234	196	3,396	19%
PINAL	12	530	243	57	842	5%
SANTA CRUZ	0	59	46	4	109	1%
YAVAPAI	21	360	163	40	584	3%
YUMA	9	310	126	22	467	3%
STATEWIDE	262	10,455	5,846	996	17,559	100%
% OF TOTAL	1%	60%	33%	6%	100%	

**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY THAT
RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR THE
PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	2	2	2	0	6	1%
COCHISE	10	16	18	0	44	4%
COCONINO	9	8	12	0	29	3%
GILA	4	4	6	0	14	1%
GRAHAM	3	3	2	0	8	1%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0%
LA PAZ	0	2	1	0	3	<1%
MARICOPA	130	121	103	0	354	35%
MOHAVE	14	12	5	0	31	3%
NAVAJO	11	7	3	0	21	2%
PIMA	106	125	120	0	351	35%
PINAL	10	22	18	0	50	5%
SANTA CRUZ	5	1	3	0	9	1%
YAVAPAI	18	25	16	0	59	6%
YUMA	8	9	11	0	28	3%
STATEWIDE	330	357	320	0	1,007	100%
% OF TOTAL	33%	35%	32%	0%	100%	

**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY THAT
RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR THE
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2005 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2006**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	3	5	0	0	8	1%
COCHISE	12	27	20	0	59	4%
COCONINO	13	22	17	0	52	4%
GILA	7	5	9	0	21	2%
GRAHAM	2	3	1	0	6	<1%
GREENLEE	0	0	1	0	1	<1%
LA PAZ	2	2	0	0	4	<1%
MARICOPA	160	175	201	0	536	40%
MOHAVE	11	4	4	0	19	1%
NAVAJO	17	5	6	0	28	2%
PIMA	136	134	159	0	429	32%
PINAL	18	18	14	0	50	4%
SANTA CRUZ	3	2	4	0	9	1%
YAVAPAI	18	22	20	0	60	5%
YUMA	20	14	10	0	44	3%
STATEWIDE	422	438	466	0	1,326	100%
% OF TOTAL	32%	33%	35%	0%	100%	

NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	5	1	0	6	1%
COCHISE	1	33	8	2	44	4%
COCONINO	0	23	6	0	29	3%
GILA	0	8	6	0	14	1%
GRAHAM	0	4	3	1	8	1%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0%
LA PAZ	0	1	2	0	3	<1%
MARICOPA	1	174	157	22	354	35%
MOHAVE	0	18	10	3	31	3%
NAVAJO	0	13	5	3	21	2%
PIMA	5	235	95	16	351	35%
PINAL	0	22	25	3	50	5%
SANTA CRUZ	0	7	2	0	9	1%
YAVAPAI	3	37	13	6	59	6%
YUMA	1	15	10	2	28	3%
STATEWIDE	11	595	343	58	1,007	100%
% OF TOTAL	1%	59%	34%	6%	100%	

NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2005 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2006

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	4	2	2	8	1%
COCHISE	1	31	24	3	59	4%
COCONINO	0	31	17	4	52	4%
GILA	0	11	9	1	21	2%
GRAHAM	0	4	2	0	6	<1%
GREENLEE	0	0	1	0	1	<1%
LA PAZ	0	3	1	0	4	<1%
MARICOPA	1	240	243	52	536	40%
MOHAVE	0	11	6	2	19	1%
NAVAJO	0	19	8	1	28	2%
PIMA	3	278	124	24	429	32%
PINAL	0	28	13	9	50	4%
SANTA CRUZ	0	2	5	2	9	1%
YAVAPAI	0	39	15	6	60	5%
YUMA	0	33	11	0	44	3%
STATEWIDE	5	734	481	106	1,326	100%
% OF TOTAL	<1%	55%	36%	8%	100%	

**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY THAT
RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR THE
PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0%
COCHISE	0	0	2	0	2	1%
COCONINO	3	1	0	0	4	3%
GILA	3	2	1	0	6	4%
GRAHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0%
MARICOPA	27	32	47	0	106	67%
MOHAVE	1	0	0	0	1	1%
NAVAJO	0	0	0	0	0	0%
PIMA	4	9	18	0	31	20%
PINAL	2	1	1	0	4	3%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0%
YAVAPAI	0	1	0	0	1	1%
YUMA	0	0	3	0	3	2%
STATEWIDE	40	46	72	0	158	100%
% OF TOTAL	25%	29%	46%	0%	100%	

**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY THAT
RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR THE
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2005 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2006⁴**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0%
COCHISE	0	0	0	0	0	0%
COCONINO	0	1	0	0	1	4%
GILA	0	0	1	0	1	4%
GRAHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0%
MARICOPA	2	10	8	0	20	77%
MOHAVE	0	0	0	0	0	0%
NAVAJO	0	0	1	0	1	4%
PIMA	0	1	1	0	2	8%
PINAL	1	0	0	0	1	4%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0%
YAVAPAI	0	0	0	0	0	0%
YUMA	0	0	0	0	0	0%
STATEWIDE	3	12	11	0	26	100%
% OF TOTAL	12%	46%	42%	0%	100%	

⁴ The 26 reports proposed for substantiation for the prior reporting period are in the appeals process.

NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0%
COCHISE	0	1	0	1	2	1%
COCONINO	0	4	0	0	4	3%
GILA	0	6	0	0	6	4%
GRAHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0%
MARICOPA	0	45	49	12	106	67%
MOHAVE	0	1	0	0	1	1%
NAVAJO	0	0	0	0	0	0%
PIMA	0	11	18	2	31	20%
PINAL	0	2	1	1	4	3%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0%
YAVAPAI	0	0	1	0	1	1%
YUMA	0	0	3	0	3	2%
STATEWIDE	0	70	72	16	158	100%
% OF TOTAL	0%	44%	46%	10%	100%	

NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2005 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2006

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0%
COCHISE	0	0	0	0	0	0%
COCONINO	0	1	0	0	1	4%
GILA	0	1	0	0	1	4%
GRAHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0%
MARICOPA	0	8	11	1	20	77%
MOHAVE	0	0	0	0	0	0%
NAVAJO	0	0	1	0	1	4%
PIMA	0	0	2	0	2	8%
PINAL	0	0	1	0	1	4%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0%
YAVAPAI	0	0	0	0	0	0%
YUMA	0	0	0	0	0	0%
STATEWIDE	0	10	15	1	26	100%
% OF TOTAL	0%	38%	58%	4%	100%	

**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY FOR
REPORTS RESULTING IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR THE
PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	6	13	34	6	59	<1%
COCHISE	38	67	124	40	269	2%
COCONINO	33	46	53	23	155	1%
GILA	20	39	73	14	146	1%
GRAHAM	9	22	32	12	75	1%
GREENLEE	1	3	8	3	15	<1%
LA PAZ	5	15	22	7	49	<1%
MARICOPA	1,348	2,005	2,724	973	7,050	58%
MOHAVE	50	153	182	46	431	4%
NAVAJO	27	52	98	35	212	2%
PIMA	232	557	986	393	2,168	18%
PINAL	107	182	249	86	624	5%
SANTA CRUZ	11	26	32	4	73	1%
YAVAPAI	49	139	180	85	453	4%
YUMA	43	92	121	55	311	3%
STATEWIDE	1,979	3,411	4,918	1,782	12,090	100%
% OF TOTAL	16%	28%	41%	15%	100%	

**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY FOR
REPORTS RESULTING IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR THE
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2005 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2006**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	4	21	31	8	64	<1%
COCHISE	34	92	165	57	348	2%
COCONINO	44	67	112	30	253	2%
GILA	20	35	67	22	144	1%
GRAHAM	3	16	37	14	70	<1%
GREENLEE	4	3	8	1	16	<1%
LA PAZ	8	12	19	9	48	<1%
MARICOPA	1,557	2,186	3,493	1,351	8,587	57%
MOHAVE	74	168	238	92	572	4%
NAVAJO	48	69	108	41	266	2%
PIMA	305	689	1,395	498	2,887	19%
PINAL	123	193	280	105	701	5%
SANTA CRUZ	21	17	47	13	98	1%
YAVAPAI	42	140	227	95	504	3%
YUMA	77	103	178	58	416	3%
STATEWIDE	2,364	3,811	6,405	2,394	14,974	100%
% OF TOTAL	16%	25%	43%	16%	100%	

**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND
COUNTY FOR REPORTS RESULTING IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR THE
PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	41	11	7	59	<1%
COCHISE	8	163	92	6	269	2%
COCONINO	2	94	50	9	155	1%
GILA	4	93	40	9	146	1%
GRAHAM	2	47	23	3	75	1%
GREENLEE	1	9	4	1	15	<1%
LA PAZ	0	32	16	1	49	<1%
MARICOPA	83	4,381	2,177	409	7,050	58%
MOHAVE	1	285	117	28	431	4%
NAVAJO	3	122	75	12	212	2%
PIMA	47	1,306	698	117	2,168	18%
PINAL	4	374	202	44	624	5%
SANTA CRUZ	0	36	32	5	73	1%
YAVAPAI	8	288	132	25	453	4%
YUMA	3	207	85	16	311	3%
STATEWIDE	166	7,478	3,754	692	12,090	100%
% OF TOTAL	1%	62%	31%	6%	100%	

**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND
COUNTY FOR REPORTS RESULTING IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR THE
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2005 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2006**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	2	38	21	3	64	<1%
COCHISE	4	202	122	20	348	2%
COCONINO	2	154	77	20	253	2%
GILA	1	96	43	4	144	1%
GRAHAM	1	45	22	2	70	<1%
GREENLEE	0	7	8	1	16	<1%
LA PAZ	0	38	10	0	48	<1%
MARICOPA	102	5,252	2,801	432	8,587	57%
MOHAVE	10	362	172	28	572	4%
NAVAJO	6	149	97	14	266	2%
PIMA	69	1,575	1,087	156	2,887	19%
PINAL	11	443	207	40	701	5%
SANTA CRUZ	0	56	40	2	98	1%
YAVAPAI	21	309	143	31	504	3%
YUMA	9	272	114	21	416	3%
STATEWIDE	238	8,998	4,964	774	14,974	100%
% OF TOTAL	2%	60%	33%	5%	100%	

**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY FOR
REPORTS STILL OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR THE
PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006⁵**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	1	0	1	2	<1%
COCHISE	20	18	27	7	72	2%
COCONINO	17	59	72	21	169	5%
GILA	5	11	8	7	31	1%
GRAHAM	1	6	4	1	12	<1%
GREENLEE	1	0	2	0	3	<1%
LA PAZ	0	1	0	0	1	<1%
MARICOPA	326	624	842	292	2,084	62%
MOHAVE	37	54	68	12	171	5%
NAVAJO	2	1	4	0	7	<1%
PIMA	35	127	226	58	446	13%
PINAL	63	52	76	26	217	6%
SANTA CRUZ	0	2	2	1	5	<1%
YAVAPAI	8	28	31	11	78	2%
YUMA	10	20	23	13	66	2%
STATEWIDE	525	1,004	1,385	450	3,364	100%
% OF TOTAL	16%	30%	41%	13%	100%	

**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY FOR
REPORTS STILL OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR THE
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2005 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2006⁶**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	1	0	0	1	<1%
COCHISE	13	16	17	2	48	4%
COCONINO	5	20	29	12	66	5%
GILA	1	2	2	0	5	<1%
GRAHAM	2	0	2	0	4	<1%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0%
MARICOPA	162	216	352	110	840	69%
MOHAVE	14	16	24	7	61	5%
NAVAJO	1	0	1	1	3	<1%
PIMA	10	28	33	6	77	6%
PINAL	13	22	38	17	90	7%
SANTA CRUZ	1	0	1	0	2	<1%
YAVAPAI	3	7	8	2	20	2%
YUMA	1	2	3	1	7	1%
STATEWIDE	226	330	510	158	1,224	100%
% OF TOTAL	18%	27%	42%	13%	100%	

^{5 & 6} These reports may have findings entered, however, due to untimely data entry the information signifying closure was not available at the time the report was produced. The Department is working to develop monthly reports to track this information.

NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS STILL OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006⁷

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	2	0	0	2	<1%
COCHISE	0	47	20	5	72	2%
COCONINO	4	114	46	5	169	5%
GILA	0	21	10	0	31	1%
GRAHAM	0	7	3	2	12	<1%
GREENLEE	0	2	1	0	3	<1%
LA PAZ	0	0	1	0	1	<1%
MARICOPA	18	1,153	769	144	2,084	62%
MOHAVE	2	116	46	7	171	5%
NAVAJO	0	4	2	1	7	<1%
PIMA	10	258	129	49	446	13%
PINAL	1	141	61	14	217	6%
SANTA CRUZ	0	2	3	0	5	<1%
YAVAPAI	0	47	21	10	78	2%
YUMA	1	36	24	5	66	2%
STATEWIDE	36	1,950	1,136	242	3,364	100%
% OF TOTAL	1%	58%	34%	7%	100%	

NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS STILL OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2005 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2006⁸

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	1	0	1	<1%
COCHISE	1	34	9	4	48	4%
COCONINO	2	34	25	5	66	5%
GILA	1	3	1	0	5	<1%
GRAHAM	0	3	1	0	4	<1%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0%
MARICOPA	11	481	281	67	840	69%
MOHAVE	1	35	14	11	61	5%
NAVAJO	0	3	0	0	3	<1%
PIMA	2	38	21	16	77	6%
PINAL	1	59	22	8	90	7%
SANTA CRUZ	0	1	1	0	2	<1%
YAVAPAI	0	12	5	3	20	2%
YUMA	0	5	1	1	7	1%
STATEWIDE	19	708	382	115	1,224	100%
% OF TOTAL	2%	58%	31%	9%	100%	

^{7 & 8} These reports may have findings entered, however, due to untimely data entry the information signifying closure was not available at the time the report was produced. The Department is working to develop monthly reports to track this information.

**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY
COUNTY WHERE A REMOVAL OCCURRED**

COUNTY	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED WITH A REMOVAL	% REPORTS ASSIGNED WHERE A CHILD WAS PLACED IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE
APACHE	67	12	18%
COCHISE	387	48	12%
COCONINO	357	48	13%
GILA	197	22	11%
GRAHAM	95	10	11%
GREENLEE	18	0	0%
LA PAZ	53	1	2%
MARICOPA	9,594	998	10%
MOHAVE	634	46	7%
NAVAJO	240	29	12%
PIMA	2,996	443	15%
PINAL	895	120	13%
SANTA CRUZ	87	12	14%
YAVAPAI	591	63	11%
YUMA	408	33	8%
STATEWIDE	16,619	1,885	11%

CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE

During the reporting period April 2006 through September 2006, 3,773 children were removed from their home for some period of time. The table below shows the new removals for the period by county.

There were no newborn infants delivered to Safe Haven providers during the April 2006 – September 2006 reporting period. This compares to one infant being delivered to Safe Haven Providers during the October 2005 – March 2006 reporting period.

The following table shows children entering out-of-home care for the current reporting period by county. The table also shows the children entering care, the number of children who entered the foster care system through a voluntary placement and were under the age of 18. Voluntary foster care may be provided when the parents or legal guardians of a child have requested such assistance, and have signed a legally binding written agreement not to exceed ninety days, for the temporary placement of the child in foster care while risk factors are addressed to enable the child to live safely at home. A voluntary foster care agreement may be utilized only when the circumstances that brought the child into foster care are likely to be remedied within the ninety day period of time. A.R.S. §8-806 authorizes the Department to provide voluntary foster care placement for children for a period not to exceed 90 days and no more than two periods within twenty-four consecutive months.

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY COUNTY WHO ARE VOLUNTARY
PLACEMENTS FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN FOR THE PERIOD
OF APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

COUNTY	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REMOVED	% OF TOTAL REMOVALS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN WHO ARE VOLUNTARY PLACEMENTS	% OF CHILDREN REMOVED WHO ARE VOLUNTARY PLACEMENTS
APACHE	19	1%	6	32%
COCHISE	80	2%	2	3%
COCONINO	73	2%	9	12%
GILA	46	1%	1	2%
GRAHAM	23	1%	2	9%
GREENLEE	1	<1%	1	100%
LA PAZ	0	0%	0	0%
MARICOPA	2,013	53%	250	12%
MOHAVE	78	2%	21	27%
NAVAJO	45	1%	12	27%
PIMA	853	23%	45	5%
PINAL	271	7%	8	3%
SANTA CRUZ	22	1%	8	36%
YAVAPAI	150	4%	13	9%
YUMA	99	3%	8	8%
STATEWIDE	3,773	100%	386	10%

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY COUNTY FOR
THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

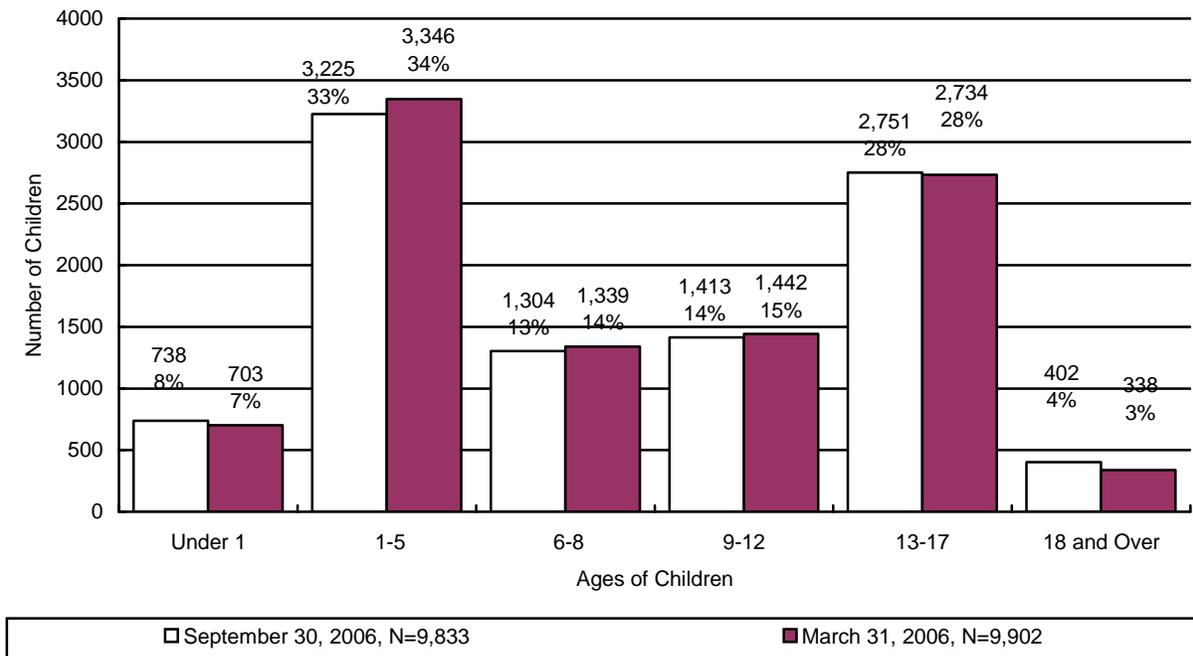
COUNTY	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REMOVED	% OF TOTAL REMOVALS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS	% OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE PRIOR 12 TO 24 MONTHS	% OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE PRIOR 12 TO 24 MONTHS
APACHE	19	1%	0	0%	1	5%
COCHISE	80	2%	7	9%	11	14%
COCONINO	73	2%	2	3%	3	4%
GILA	46	1%	4	9%	2	4%
GRAHAM	23	1%	4	17%	1	4%
GREENLEE	1	<1%	1	100%	0	0%
LA PAZ	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
MARICOPA	2,013	53%	170	8%	83	4%
MOHAVE	78	2%	11	14%	1	1%
NAVAJO	45	1%	3	7%	1	2%
PIMA	853	23%	59	7%	55	6%
PINAL	271	7%	12	4%	7	3%
SANTA	22	1%	2	9%	0	0%
YAVAPAI	150	4%	11	7%	1	1%
YUMA	99	3%	1	1%	2	2%
STATEWIDE	3,773	100%	287	8%	168	4%

The Department recognizes that the unwarranted re-entry into foster care is something to be avoided. We continue to undertake steps to ensure that these re-entries are in the best interests of the child and family. The Department has begun collaboration with the Chapin-Hall Center for Children as a measure to aid the Department in identifying key factors in re-entry into foster care. This will enable the Department to utilize cohort data and help to identify if changes are needed in our policy or practices.

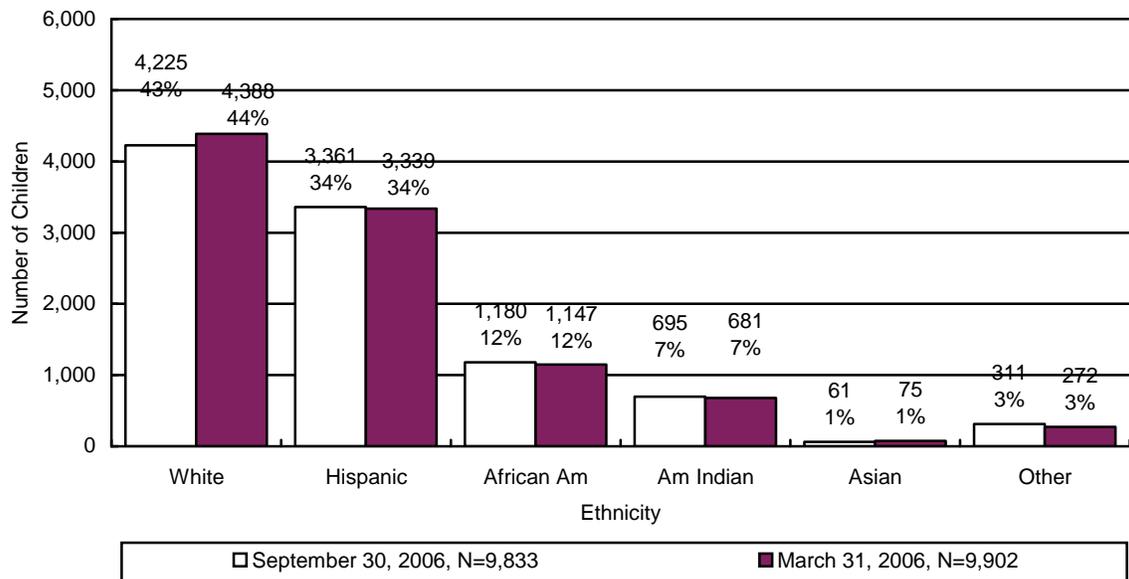
CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE

On September 30, 2006, there were 9,833 children in out-of-home care. During the reporting period of April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006 there were 3,773 children removed from their home for some period of time.

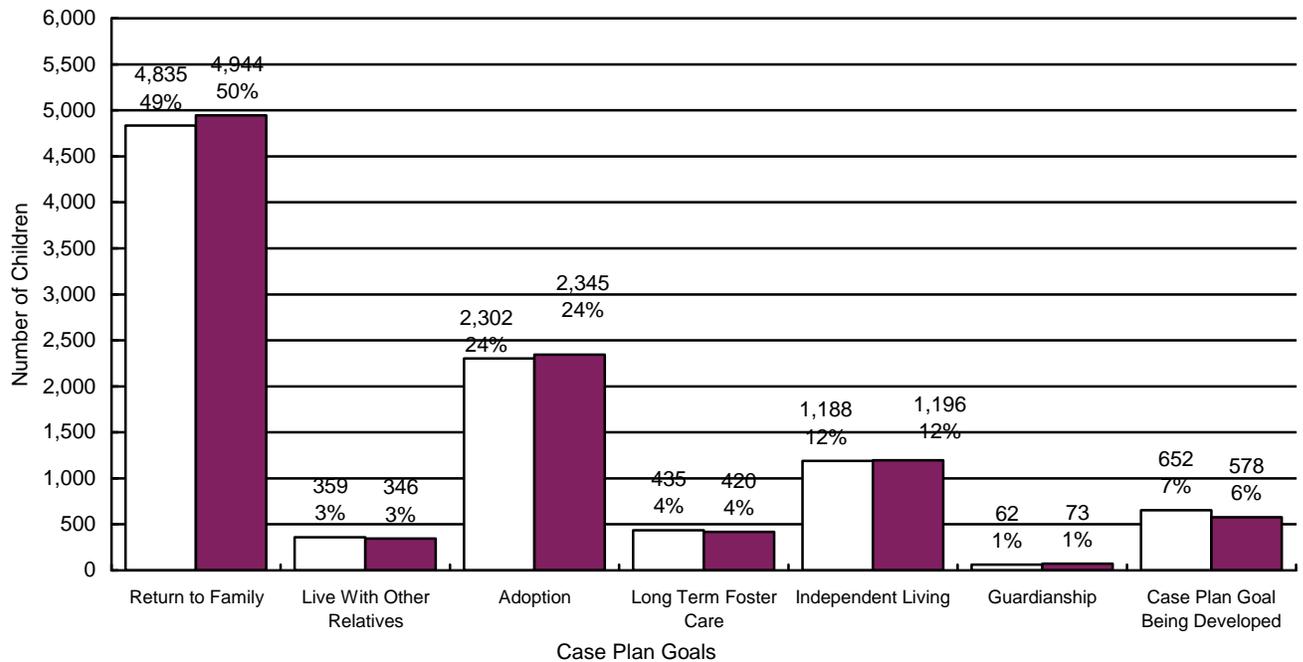
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY AGE



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

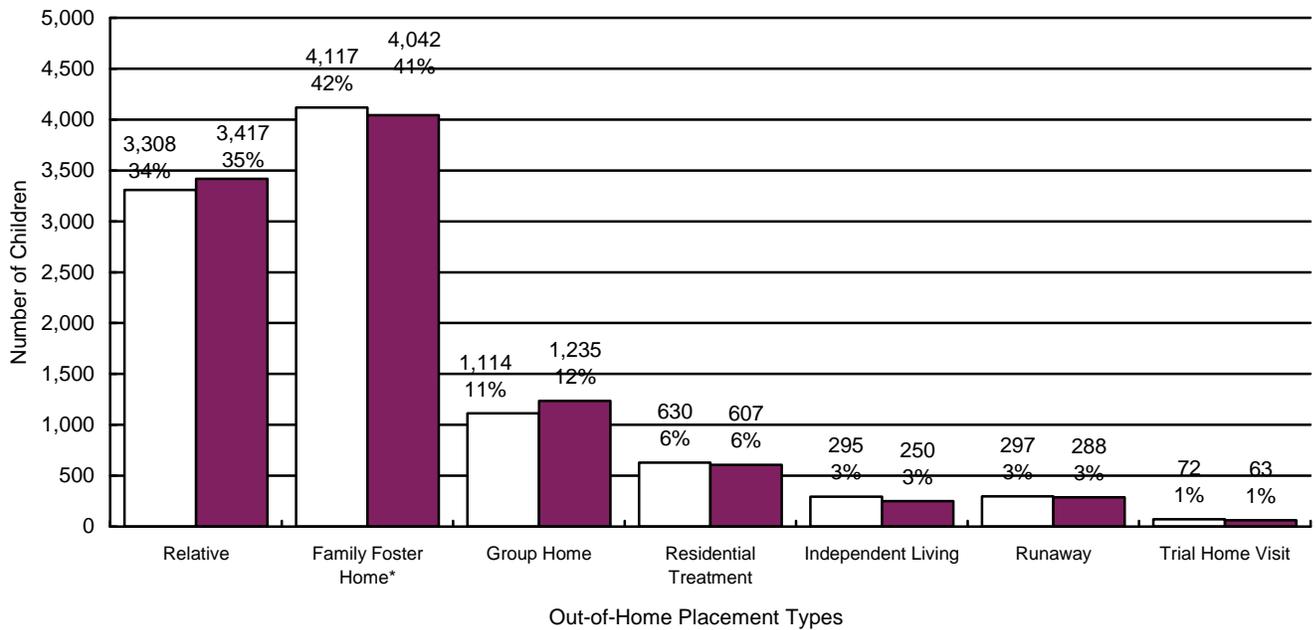


THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY CASE PLAN GOAL



□ September 30, 2006, N=9,833 ■ March 31, 2006, N=9,902

THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY PLACEMENT TYPE



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* Category includes some relative placements.

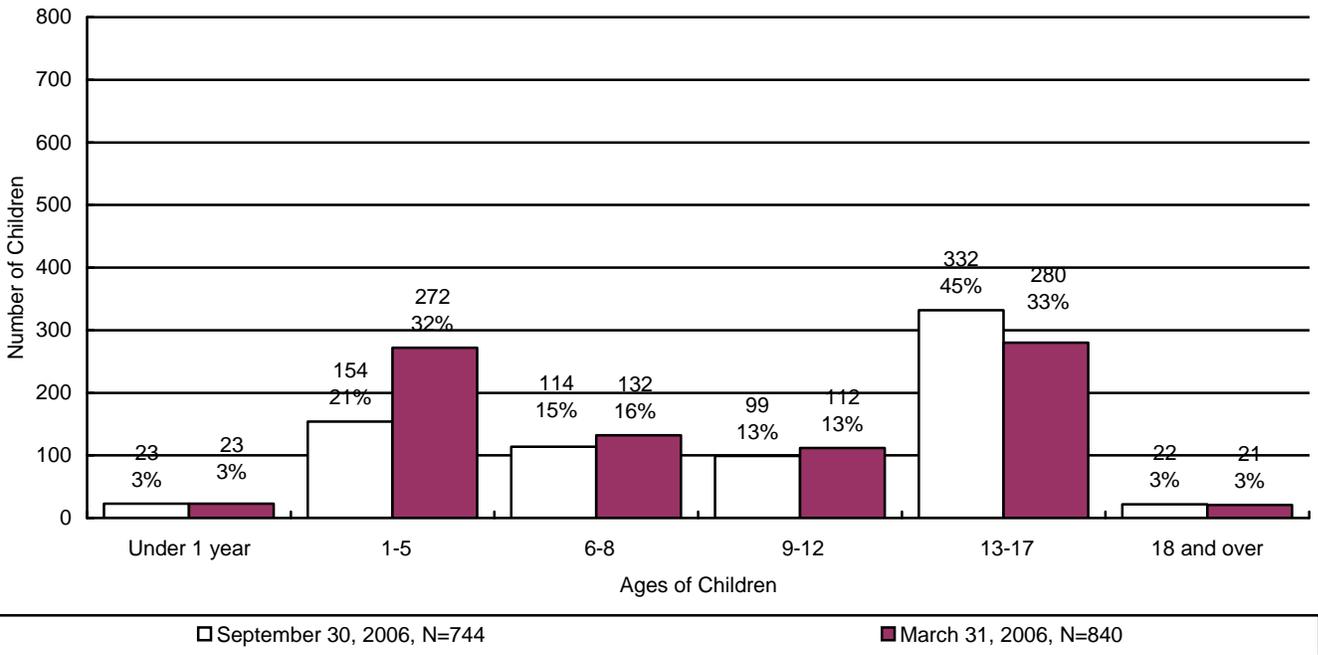
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY PLACEMENT TYPE AND AGE

	RELATIVE	FAMILY FOSTER	GROUP HOME	RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT	INDEPENDENT LIVING	RUNAWAY ⁹	TRIAL HOME VISIT	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
UNDER 1	258	447	10	17	0	3	3	738	8%
1	391	446	6	9	0	3	4	859	9%
2	324	377	3	7	0	1	2	714	7%
3	286	288	5	8	0	0	4	591	6%
4	260	296	3	10	0	2	3	574	6%
5	226	244	6	7	0	0	4	487	5%
6	205	250	3	10	0	0	5	473	5%
7	190	217	15	17	0	1	7	447	5%
8	180	153	31	17	0	1	2	384	4%
9	135	175	38	14	0	0	5	367	4%
10	135	167	45	15	0	1	0	363	4%
11	126	145	59	12	0	0	2	344	3%
12	103	148	68	19	0	1	0	339	3%
13	119	138	105	51	0	9	3	425	4%
14	95	132	123	54	0	22	6	432	4%
15	99	158	185	96	0	48	5	591	6%
16	80	167	181	128	0	69	8	633	6%
17	79	127	188	127	20	122	7	670	7%
18 AND OLDER	18	42	40	12	275	14	1	402	4%
TOTAL	3,308	4,117	1,114	630	295	297	72	9,833	100%
% OF TOTAL	34%	42%	11%	6%	3%	3%	1%	100%	

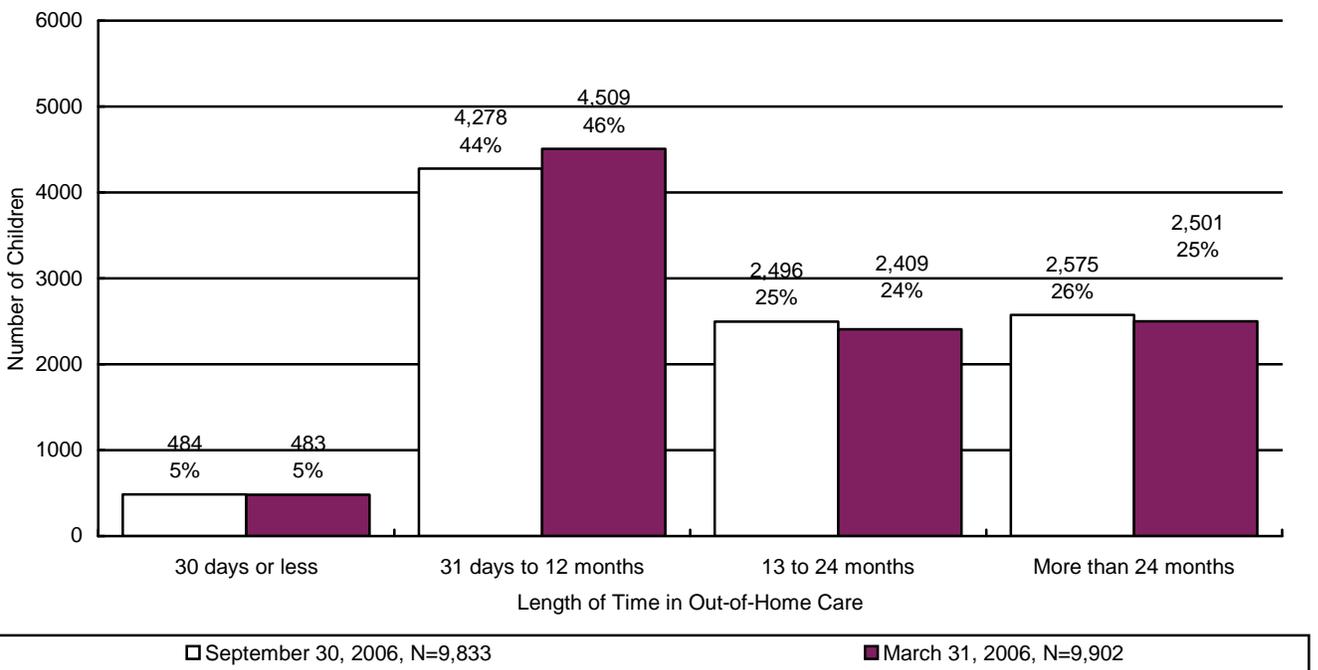
During the reporting period, 744 children remained in a shelter or receiving home for more than 21 consecutive days. (See Chart Below) For the period of April 2006 through September 2006, 567 or 76% of the children were six years of age or older. In addition, 23 or 3% of the children were under one year.

⁹ Of the children age twelve or less, two of these children are on runaway status. The remaining eleven were last reported to be with their parents. Police reports have been filed but the families have not been located. Subsequent to the reporting period the 10 year old child was located.

NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN SHELTER OR RECEIVING HOMES FOR MORE THAN 21 CONSECUTIVE DAYS BY AGE OF CHILD¹⁰



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

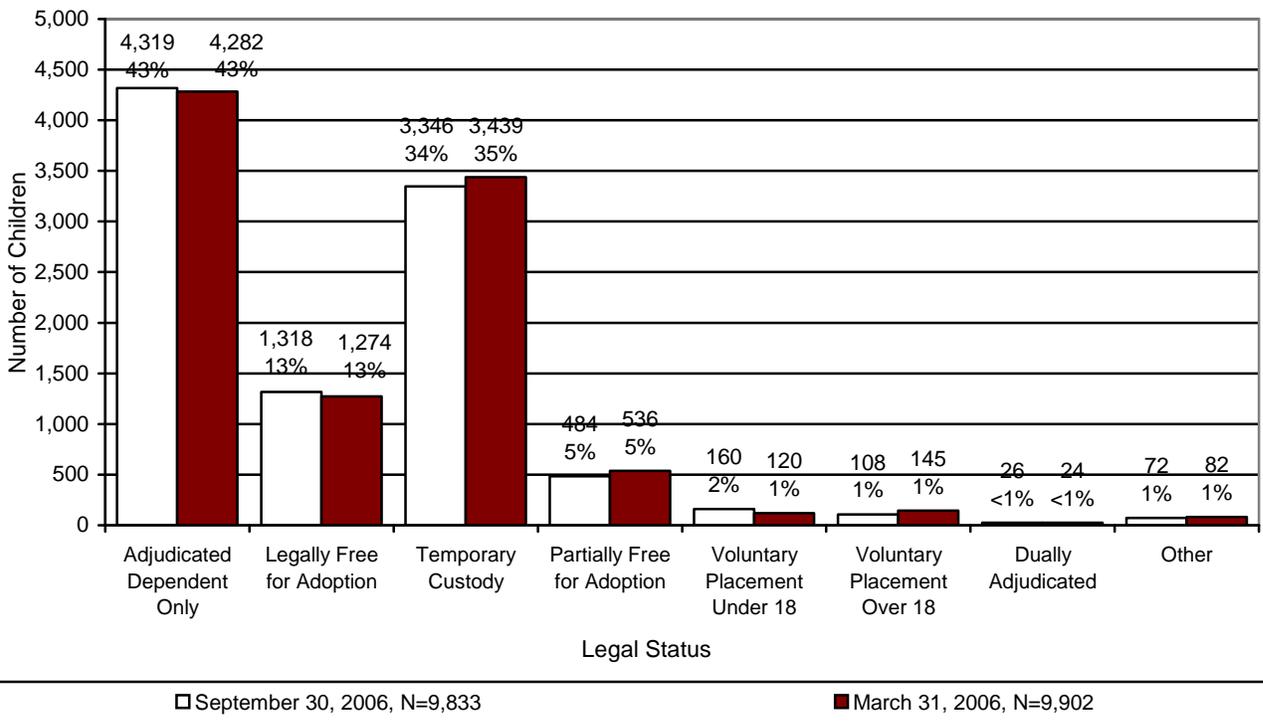


¹⁰ The chart displays children who spent more than 21 days in shelter during the period. This number differs from the other out of home charts as they display children in out-of-home care on the last day of the reporting period.

For the children in out-of-home care on September 30, 2006 the average number of placements was 3.18 , the median number of placements was 2, and the range for the number of placements was 1 to 39 placements during their current removal episode.

	Placements
Average	3.18
Median	2
Range Minimum	1
Range Maximum	39 ¹¹

CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY LEGAL STATUS



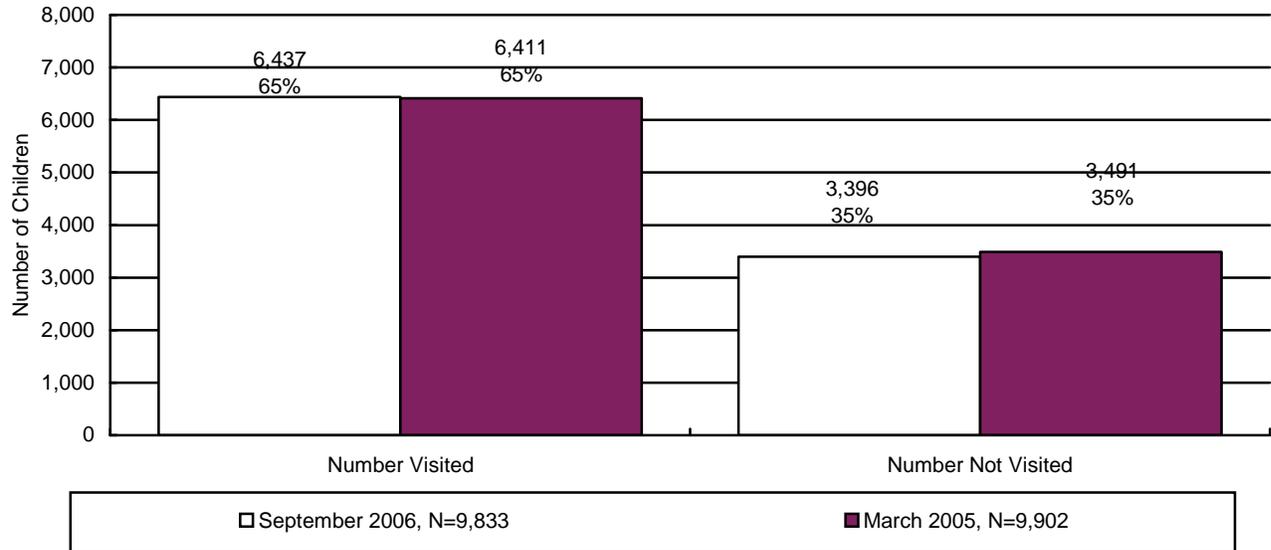
At the end of the reporting period there were 9,833 children in out-of-home care who required visitation. Of these children, visitation was accurately documented in the automated system for 6,437 children or 65%.

The required child visitation is performed monthly by DES case managers, contracted case managers, and/or other professionals as approved by supervisor or as established by policy. The Department has verified that more children received the required visitation than is indicated in the chart below, which displays the number of children receiving the required visitation. This information is clearly documented in the 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

¹¹ The psychodynamics of children are extremely fragile. Some children are so damaged by the severity of the abuse they have suffered that they become unable to form meaningful relationships or to respond to services. These children tend to go through multiple placements with numerous individuals and agencies. The child with 39 placements suffered sexual abuse by his father. His placements include placements with maternal grandparents, professional foster care, therapeutic foster care, and psychiatric hospitalizations.

visitations. A child was deemed to have received the required visitation if the child received the visitation during the last month of the reporting period.

THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED THE REQUIRED VISITATION



According to ACYF policy, 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 2,185 parents who had a child with the case plan goal of return home. Of those parents requiring the visitation, 1,131 or 52% received the required visitation. The 52% visitation rate does not reflect attempted visitation where contact did not take place.

FOSTER HOMES

As of September 30, 2006 there were 3,256¹² licensed foster homes with 6,469 spaces available for Administration for Children, Youth, and Families (ACYF) placements. Licensed foster homes include family foster homes, professional family foster homes, respite foster homes, and receiving foster homes.

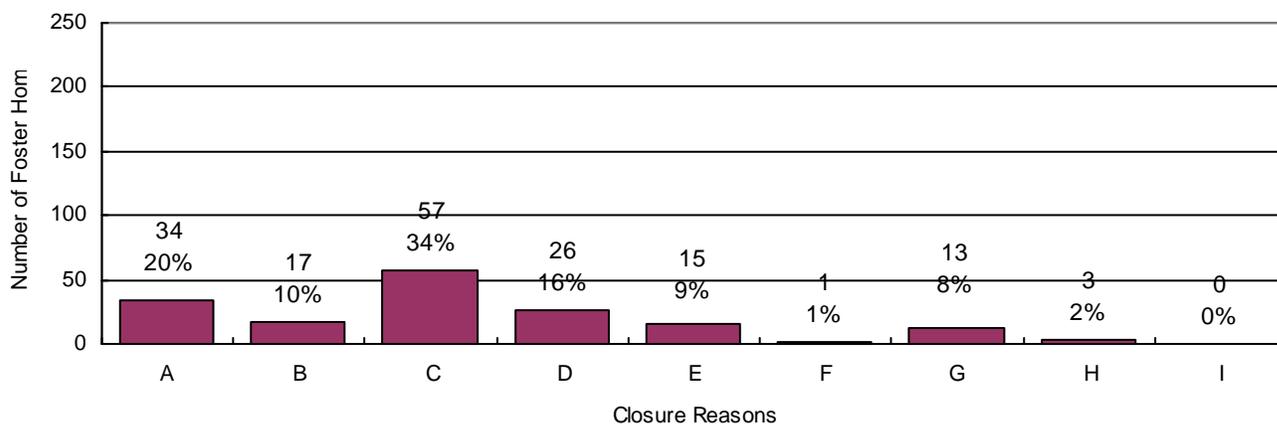
Foster home licenses specify the age range, gender and maximum number of children that can be placed in a home. Foster parents, in consultation with the licensing worker, decide the type of physical, behavioral and psychological needs of children they can effectively parent based upon their own skill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

As of September 30, 2006 there were 2,352 unused spaces within these foster homes. Approximately 1,124 of the 2,352 spaces were unavailable or set aside for receiving and respite care services. Of the unused spaces, a match between the available spaces and children’s needs was not possible.

During the reporting period, 426 new homes were licensed to provide foster care and 166 homes left the system. This compares to 328 new homes being licensed and 295 homes leaving the system for the period covering October 2005 through March 2006.

The chart below gives the reasons for foster home closures for the period of April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006.

**REASON FOR FOSTER HOME CLOSURE FOR THE PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**



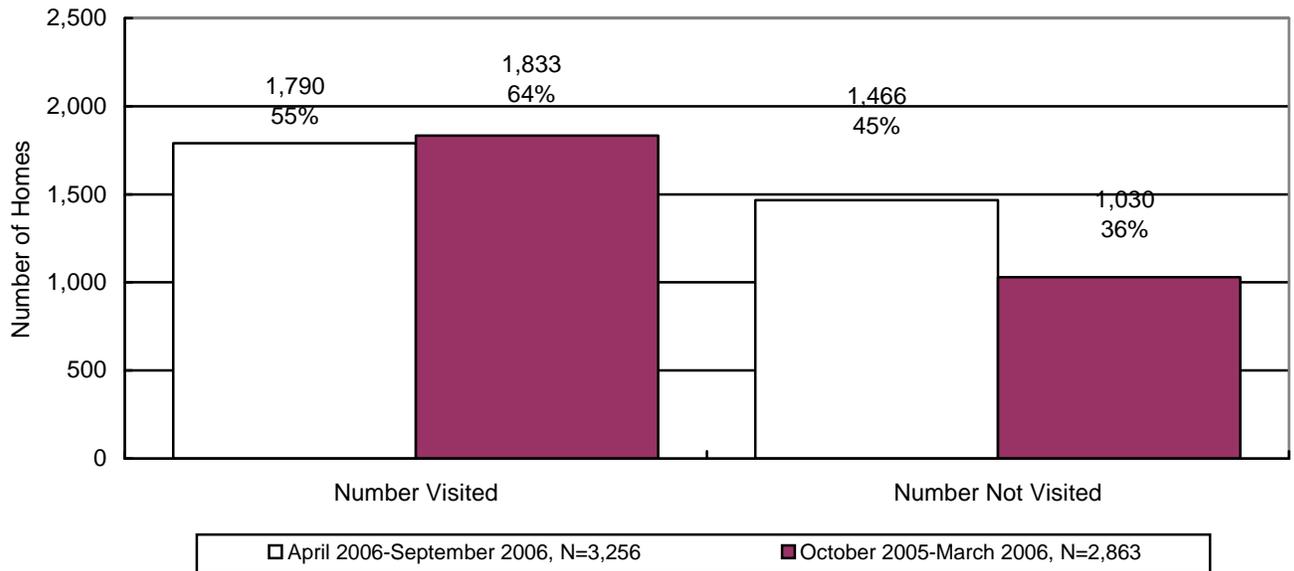
N=166

- A = Personal or Family Issues or Problems
- B = Other or Foster Parent Did Not State Reason
- C = Non-Compliance with Licensing Requirements
- D = Adoption of Foster Child
- E = Family Relocation
- F = Child Left Care
- G = Philosophical Disagreement
- H = Behavior of Child
- I = Transfer to Division of Developmental Disabilities

¹² The 3,256 foster homes is the number of licensed foster homes which includes Division of Developmental Disabilities foster homes that are available to the Division of Children, Youth, & Families and may have had a placement in that home during the period.

During the reporting period, there were 3,256 foster homes that required visitation. Of those homes, 1,790 or 55% received the required visitation. This compares to 1,833¹³ or 64% of the foster homes that received the required visitation for the period October 2005 through March 2006. The Department believes that more foster homes received the required visitation than is indicated in the chart below. The under reporting of foster home visitation is attributable to the lack of automation being used in reporting the foster home visitation process. The Department recognizes this as a problem and is working to correct this issue.

THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF FOSTER HOMES WHO RECEIVED THE REQUIRED VISITATION*



*Required visitations to foster homes, for license monitoring purposes, are performed by licensing case managers.

¹³ The Department has continued to make improvements in the automated system to more accurately capture information regarding foster homes. This has resulted in a revision to the prior period's numbers using a methodology which more accurately reflects the number of foster homes.

CHILDREN EXITING OUT-OF-HOME CARE

During the reporting period 3,595 children left the custody of the Department. This compares to 3,506 children exiting care during the prior reporting period. The comparison between the two reporting periods shows that 3% more children left care this reporting period, compared to last.

CHILDREN DISCHARGED BY PERIOD

	NUMBER OF CHILDREN DISCHARGED	% CHANGE OVER PRIOR PERIOD
APRIL 2000 – SEPTEMBER 2000	2,598	+11%
OCTOBER 2000 – MARCH 2000	2,337	-10%
APRIL 2001 – SEPTEMBER 2001	2,394	+2%
OCTOBER 2001 – MARCH 2002	2,417	+1%
APRIL 2002 – SEPTEMBER 2002	2,376	-2%
OCTOBER 2002 – MARCH 2003	2,275	-4%
APRIL 2003 – SEPTEMBER 2003	2,528	+11%
OCTOBER 2003 – MARCH 2004	2,655	+5%
APRIL 2004 – SEPTEMBER 2004	2,883	+9%
OCTOBER 2004 – MARCH 2005	2,726	-5%
APRIL 2004 – SEPTEMBER 2004	3,488	+28%
OCTOBER 2004 – MARCH 2005	3,506	+<1%
APRIL 2006 – SEPTEMBER 2006	3,595	+3%

The following nine tables depict the children who exited out-of-home care by the reason for leaving care. The tables display the following information: reasons the child left custody, their age, their ethnicity, the number of placements each child had, the length of time in out-of-home care.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY FOR THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	249	7%
Ages 1 - 5	1,297	36%
Ages 6 – 8	511	14%
Ages 9 - 12	512	14%
Ages 13 - 17	782	22%
18 and Over	244	7%
Total	3,595	100%

Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
White	1,531	43%
Hispanic	1,270	35%
African American	390	11%
American Indian	261	7%
Asian	36	1%
Other	107	3%
Total	3,595	100%

By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	1,917	53%
Two	698	19%
Three	371	10%
Four	218	6%
Five	135	4%
More than Five	256	7%
Total	3,595	100%

By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	1,037	29%
31 Days to 12 Months	970	27%
13 to 24 Months	802	22%
More than 24 Months	786	22%
Total	3,595	100%

	Average	Median
By Age	8.51	7.32
By Number of Placements	2.38	1.00
By Months of Time in Care	14.88	10.20

**NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “REUNIFICATION WITH PARENTS OR PRIMARY CARETAKER” FOR
THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	174	10%
Ages 1 – 5	633	34%
Ages 6 – 8	242	13%
Ages 9 - 12	270	15%
Ages 13 - 17	482	27%
18 and Over	7	<1%
Total	1,808	100%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
White	801	45%
Hispanic	610	34%
African American	207	11%
American Indian	113	6%
Asian	17	1%
Other	60	3%
Total	1,808	100%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	1,157	64%
Two	331	18%
Three	149	8%
Four	84	5%
Five	31	2%
More than Five	56	3%
Total	1,808	100%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	742	41%
31 Days to 12 Months	676	37%
13 to 24 Months	303	17%
More than 24 Months	87	5%
Total	1,808	100%

	Average	Median
By Age	8.09	7.25
By Number of Placements	1.77	1.00
By Months of Time in Care	6.81	2.93

**NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “LIVING WITH OTHER RELATIVES” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	25	17%
Ages 1 - 5	40	26%
Ages 6 – 8	25	17%
Ages 9 - 12	24	16%
Ages 13 - 17	36	23%
18 and Over	1	1%
Total	151	100%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
White	48	32%
Hispanic	71	47%
African American	15	10%
American Indian	8	5%
Asian	2	1%
Other	7	5%
Total	151	100%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	133	89%
Two	11	7%
Three	2	1%
Four	2	1%
Five	1	1%
More than Five	2	1%
Total	151	100%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	122	80%
31 Days to 12 Months	24	16%
13 to 24 Months	4	3%
More than 24 Months	1	1%
Total	151	100%

	Average	Median
By Age	7.89	7.09
By Number of Placements	1.23	1.00
By Months of Time in Care	1.58	.13

**NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES
CUSTODY FOR REASON OF “ADOPTION” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	0	0%
Ages 1 - 5	421	57%
Ages 6 – 8	160	22%
Ages 9 - 12	111	15%
Ages 13 - 17	44	6%
18 and Over	0	0%
Total	736	100%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
White	319	43%
Hispanic	302	41%
African American	71	10%
American Indian	31	4%
Asian	5	1%
Other	8	1%
Total	736	100%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	222	30%
Two	182	25%
Three	136	18%
Four	79	11%
Five	58	8%
More than Five	59	8%
Total	736	100%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	0	0%
31 Days to 12 Months	13	2%
13 to 24 Months	226	31%
More than 24 Months	497	67%
Total	736	100%

	Average	Median
By Age	5.97	5.17
By Number of Placements	2.80	2.00
By Months of Time in Care	29.38	27.83

**NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “GUARDIANSHIP” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	34	7%
Ages 1 - 5	157	33%
Ages 6 – 8	70	14%
Ages 9 - 12	95	19%
Ages 13 - 17	133	27%
18 and Over	0	0%
Total	489	100%
Ethnicity		
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
White	200	40%
Hispanic	159	33%
African American	54	11%
American Indian	48	10%
Asian	9	2%
Other	19	4%
Total	489	100%
By Number of Placements		
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	290	60%
Two	97	20%
Three	51	10%
Four	20	4%
Five	16	3%
More than Five	15	3%
Total	489	100%
By Length of Time in Care		
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	105	21%
31 Days to 12 Months	154	31%
13 to 24 Months	183	38%
More than 24 Months	47	10%
Total	489	100%

	Average	Median
By Age	8.57	8.11
By Number of Placements	1.90	1.00
By Months of Time in Care	12.78	12.66

**NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY
FOR REASONS OF “REACHING AGE OF MAJORITY” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	0	0%
Ages 1 - 5	0	0%
Ages 6 – 8	0	0%
Ages 9 - 12	0	0%
Ages 13 - 17	19	7%
18 and Over	235	93%
Total	254	100%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
White	105	42%
Hispanic	86	34%
African American	29	11%
American Indian	26	10%
Asian	3	1%
Other	5	2%
Total	254	100%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	21	8%
Two	34	13%
Three	24	9%
Four	31	12%
Five	25	10%
More than Five	119	48%
Total	254	100%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	2	1%
31 Days to 12 Months	46	18%
13 to 24 Months	59	23%
More than 24 Months	147	58%
Total	254	100%

	Average	Median
By Age	18.40	18.00
By Number of Placements	7.48	5.00
By Months of Time in Care	46.06	29.38

**NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “TRANSFER TO ANOTHER AGENCY” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	13	11%
Ages 1 – 5	46	38%
Ages 6 – 8	14	11%
Ages 9 – 12	11	9%
Ages 13 – 17	37	31%
18 and Over	0	0%
Total	121	100%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
White	39	32%
Hispanic	31	26%
African American	10	8%
American Indian	34	28%
Asian	0	0%
Other	7	6%
Total	121	100%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	68	57%
Two	39	32%
Three	5	4%
Four	2	2%
Five	4	3%
More than Five	3	2%
Total	121	100%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	40	33%
31 Days to 12 Months	49	41%
13 to 24 Months	27	22%
More than 24 Months	5	4%
Total	121	100%

	Average	Median
By Age	8.05	6.50
By Number of Placements	1.74	1.00
By Months of Time in Care	8.57	6.02

**NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “RUNAWAY” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	0	0%
Ages 1 – 5	0	0%
Ages 6 – 8	0	0%
Ages 9 – 12	1	3%
Ages 13 – 17	27	94%
18 and Over	1	3%
Total	29	100%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
White	17	59%
Hispanic	8	28%
African American	3	10%
American Indian	0	0%
Asian	0	0%
Other	1	3%
Total	29	100%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	24	83%
Two	4	14%
Three	1	3%
Four	0	0%
Five	0	0%
More than Five	0	0%
Total	29	100%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	24	83%
31 Days to 12 Months	5	17%
13 to 24 Months	0	0%
More than 24 Months	0	0%
Total	29	100%

	Average	Median
By Age	15.81	15.86
By Number of Placements	1.21	1.00
By Months of Time in Care	1.27	.60

**NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “DEATH OF CHILD” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	3	43%
Ages 1 - 5	0	0%
Ages 6 – 8	0	0%
Ages 9 - 12	0	0%
Ages 13 - 17	4	57%
18 and Over	0	0%
Total	7	100%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
White	2	29%
Hispanic	3	43%
African American	1	14%
American Indian	1	14%
Asian	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total	7	100%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	2	29%
Two	0	0%
Three	3	43%
Four	0	0%
Five	0	0%
More than Five	2	29%
Total	7	100%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	2	29%
31 Days to 12 Months	3	43%
13 to 24 Months	0	0%
More than 24 Months	2	29%
Total	7	100%

	Average	Median
By Age	9.45	14.52
By Number of Placements	3.57	3.00
By Months of Time in Care	9.79	3.95

**CHILDREN EXITING CARE FOR REASON OF DEATH BY CAUSE OF DEATH, PLACEMENT TYPE
AT TIME OF DEATH, AND COUNTY**

COUNTY	CAUSE OF DEATH	TYPE OF PLACEMENT AT TIME OF DEATH
MARICOPA	Pending ¹⁴	Family Foster Home
MARICOPA	Homicide – Drive by Shooting	Trial Home Visit
MARICOPA	Medical – Cystic Fibrosis	Family Foster Home - Hospice
MOHAVE	Motor Vehicle Accident	Relative - Kinship Placement
PIMA	Drowning	Group Home
PIMA	Medical – Premature Birth	Residential Treatment - Hospital
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¹⁴ The cause of death that has been classified as pending was not determined to be due to abuse at the time of this report.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN AN OPEN CASE WHO DIED AS A RESULT OF ALLEGED ABUSE AS CATEGORIZED BY THE CUSTODIAL RELATIONSHIP AND COUNTY

COUNTY	BIOLOGICAL PARENT(S)	OTHER FAMILY MEMBER	ADOPTIVE PARENT(S)	FOSTER CARE PARENT(S)	OTHER OUT-OF-HOME CARE PROVIDER	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COCHISE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COCONINO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GILA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRAHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARICOPA	3	0	0	0	0	3	100%
MOHAVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NAVAJO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PIMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PINAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YAVAPAI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YUMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STATEWIDE	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
% OF TOTAL	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%		100%

There were no children in an open case who died as a result of abuse from a household adult not accounted for in the prior table.

The Department faces many challenges in pursuing the safety and permanency of abused and neglected children. Some of the challenges the Department has faced in meeting these goals are:

- The recruitment and retention of skilled case managers. The Department continues to struggle with an inexperienced work force that is unable to deal with the complex issues present in the child welfare system.
- Lack of economic stability. The Department tends to deal with families near the bottom of the socio economic scale. These families have great difficulty in providing the basic necessities for their children. We continue to search for ways to integrate services to aid us in addressing this issue.
- The use of alcohol and drugs. The Department continues to encounter challenges in providing safety and permanency for children whose parents are abusing alcohol and drugs.
- The state's continued population growth. The Department faces a challenge in providing services to a rapidly expanding population. This population growth continues to strain the Department's resources to provide a level of service that is deserved by our clients.

CHILDREN WITH ADOPTIVE CASE PLAN GOALS**NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS BY COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

COUNTY	TERMINATION OF RIGHTS GRANTED	TERMINATION OF RIGHTS DENIED	TERMINATION OF RIGHTS GRANTED IN PART/DENIED IN PART	TERMINATION OF RIGHTS WITHDRAWN	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	3	0	0	5	8	2%
COCHISE	11	0	0	0	11	3%
COCONINO	12	0	0	0	12	3%
GILA	0	0	0	0	0	0%
GRAHAM	7	0	0	0	7	2%
GREENLEE	2	0	0	0	2	<1%
LA PAZ	1	0	0	0	1	<1%
MARICOPA	89	0	0	1	90	22%
MOHAVE	14	0	0	0	14	3%
NAVAJO	5	0	2	0	7	2%
PIMA	146	3	0	17	166	41%
PINAL	3	0	0	0	3	1%
SANTA CRUZ	4	0	0	0	4	1%
YAVAPAI	40	0	0	3	43	11%
YUMA	33	0	0	1	34	8%
STATEWIDE	370	3	2	27	402	100%
% OF TOTAL	1%	92%	<1%	7%	100%	

Termination of rights granted = Parental rights were terminated

Termination of rights denied = Parental rights not terminated

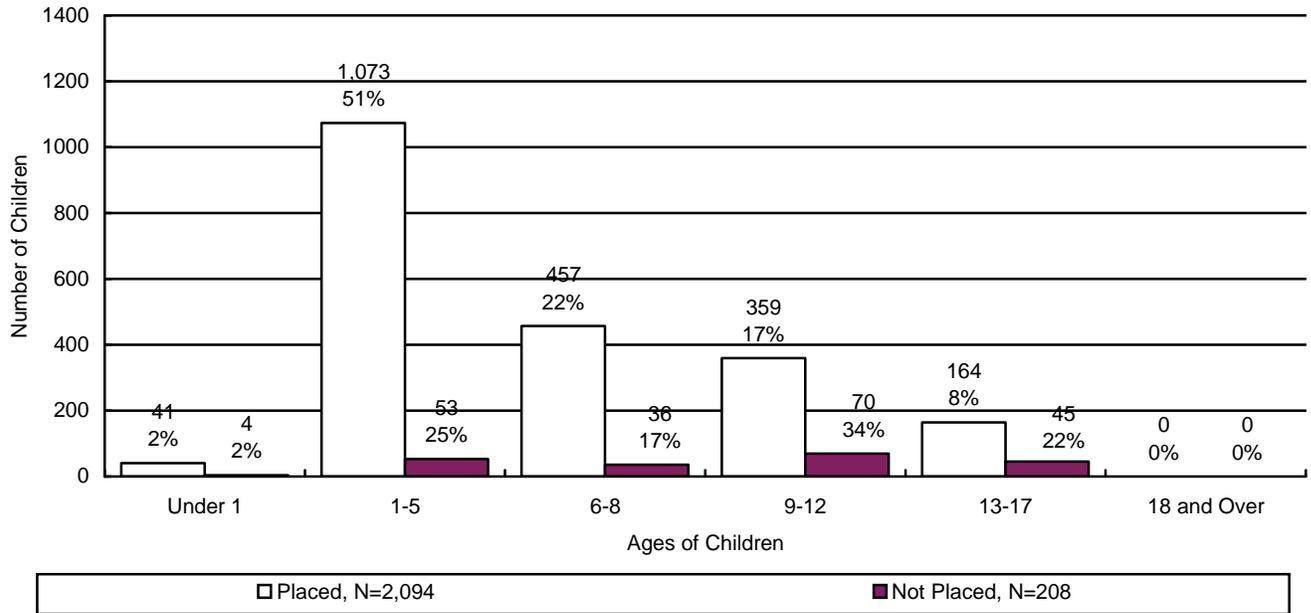
Termination of rights granted in part / denied in part = Parental rights terminated as to one parent and denied as to the other

Termination of rights withdrawn = Petition / Motion for termination of parental rights withdrawn by filing party due to an agreement between the parties

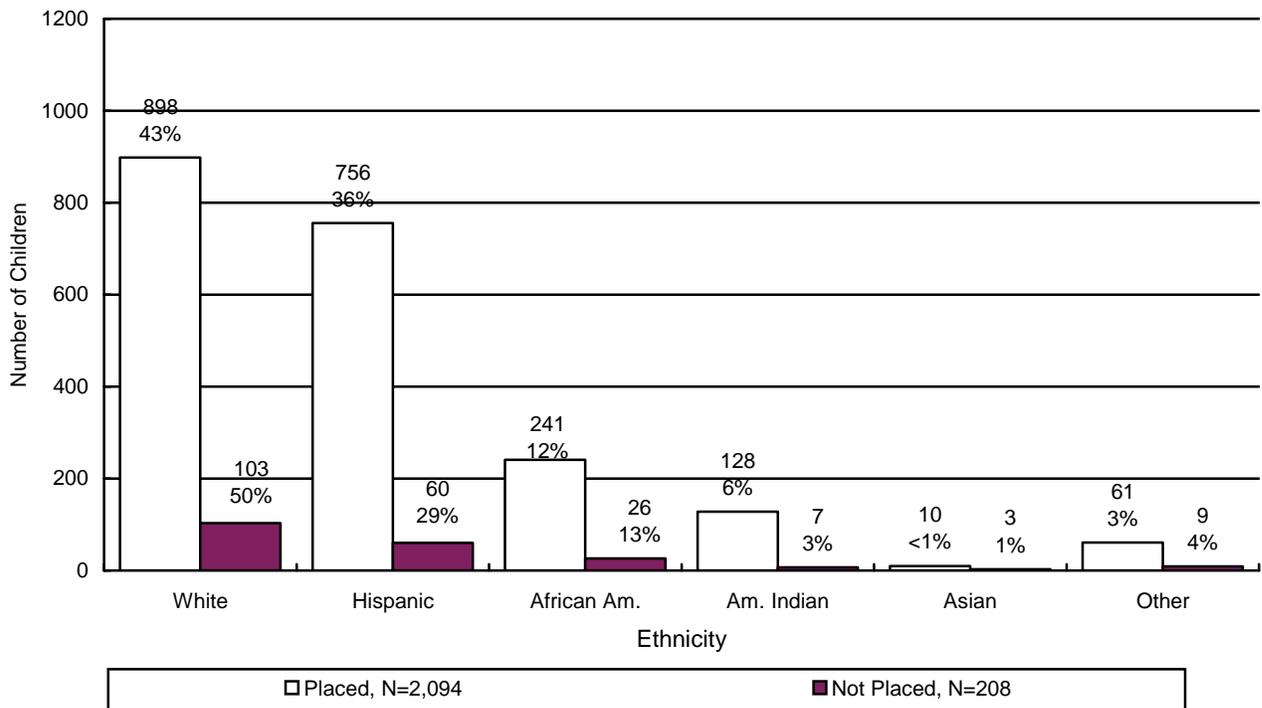
The average length of time that a child with a case plan goal of “adoption” has spent in out-of-home care is 2 years, 1 month. There were a total of 2,302 children with case plan goals of adoption during this reporting period. Of this total 2,094 were placed and 208 were not placed. The population of children with case plan goals of adoption averaged 3.16 placements and had a median placement count of 2. Their placement count ranged from 1 to 23.

	Placements
Average	3.16
Median	2
Range Minimum	1
Range Maximum	23

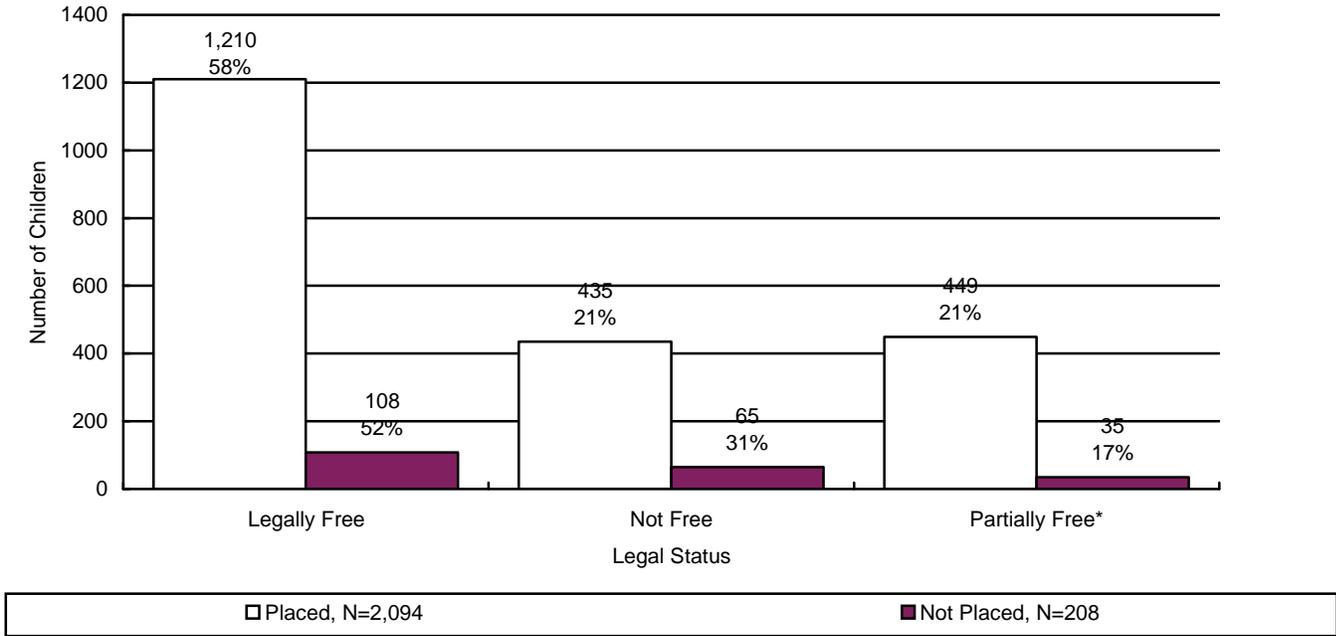
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY AGE



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

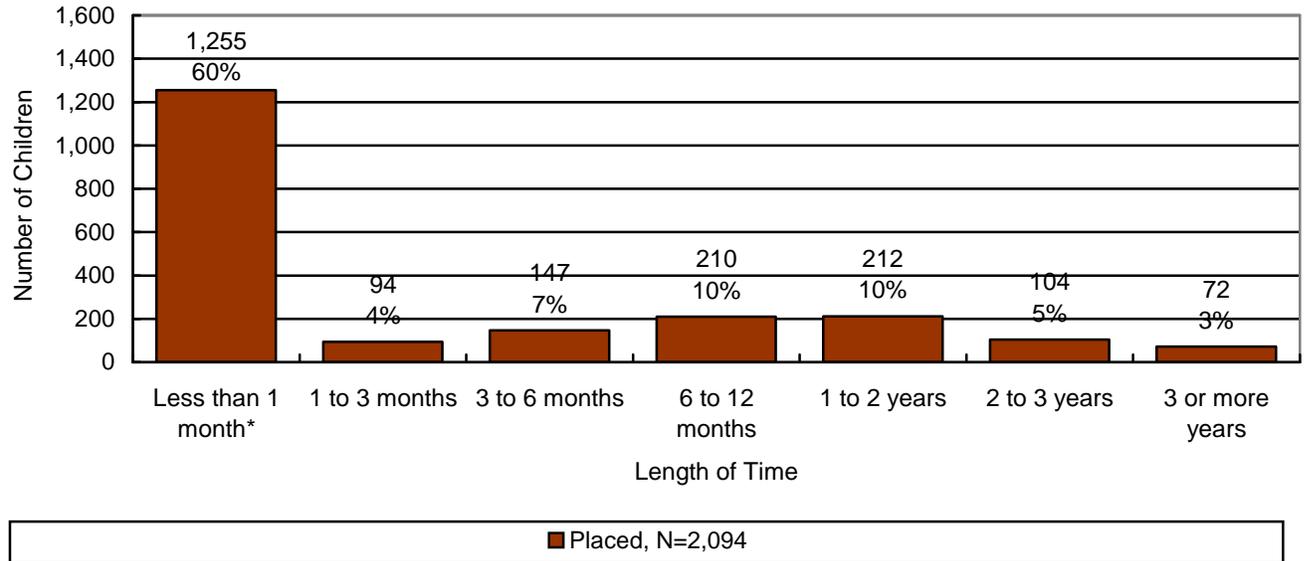


THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY LEGAL STATUS



*Partially free refers to a situation where only one of the parent’s rights has been severed.

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

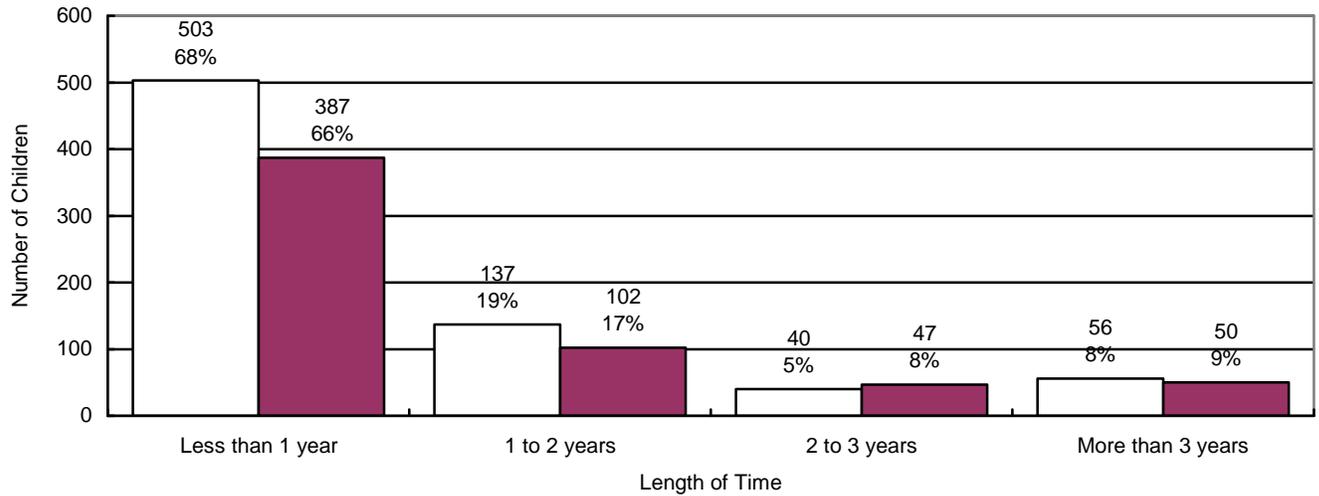


*About 70% of children are adopted by relatives or their foster parents and are already in their prospective adoptive placement at the time the case plan goal changes to adoption.

ADOPTIVE SERVICES

There were 736 children with a finalized adoption during the reporting period. The chart below 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.

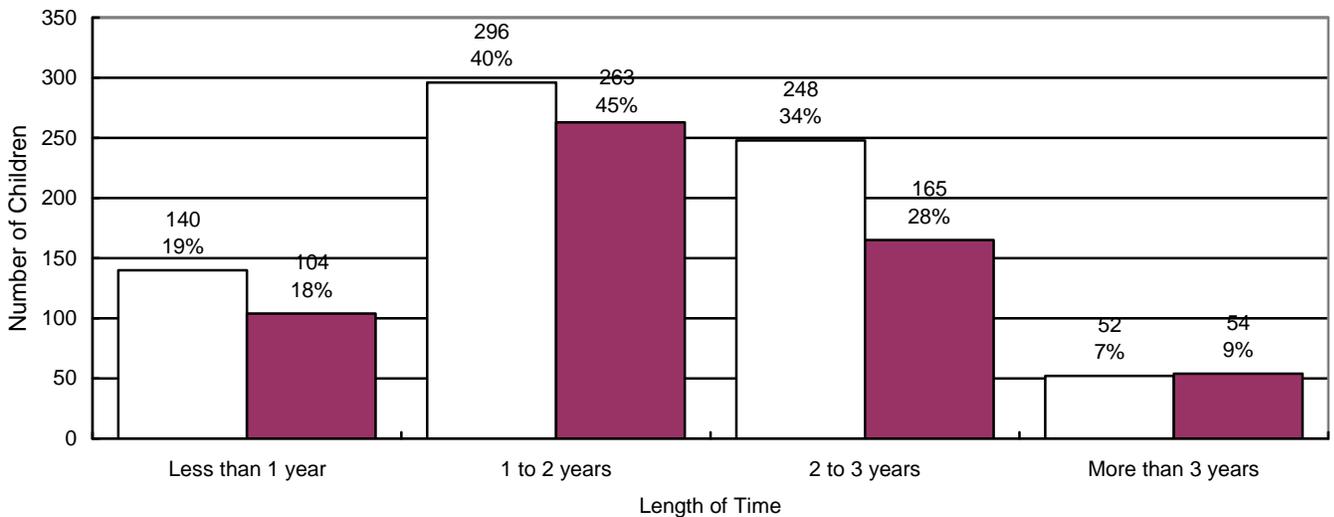
THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT BEFORE ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT



□ April 2006-September 2006, N=736 ■ October 2005-March 2006, N=586

The chart below displays the number of children with a finalized adoption by average length of time in adoptive placement before the final order of adoption.

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



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