

**CHILD WELFARE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

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Arizona Revised Statute § 8-526, as amended by Laws 2011, Chapter 147 requires the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) to compile information and produce a semi-annual report for the periods ending on March 31st and September 30th of each year regarding Child Welfare Services, including Child Protective Services (CPS). This report, submitted in satisfaction of that mandate, is for the semi-annual reporting period beginning on October 1, 2011 and ending on March 31, 2012.

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## Executive Summary

The Arizona Department of Economic Security's Division of Children, Youth and Families (Division) is pleased to publish this semi-annual report for October 2011 through March 2012 in compliance with A.R.S. § 8-526. This report is intended to provide its readers an opportunity to review the Division's progress in implementing systemic improvement strategies as they impact key performance indicators.

The Division has continuously pursued strategies to achieve improved outcomes for children and families. Many of these strategies have been highlighted in previous editions of this report and other Division publications, and have included strengthening of the Division's quality improvement system, increasing staff skill in the application of the Division's integrated child safety assessment and risk assessment tools, and strengthening in-home services to safely avoid removing children from their homes. Current areas of focus and development include conducting targeted case reviews to identify specific opportunities to move toward reunification or other permanency plans in a more timely fashion; enhancing and strengthening Child Protective Services (CPS) clinical supervision through training and coaching experiences.

The data contained within this Semi-Annual Report, when combined with other child welfare-related information in the Department, highlights progress made in certain areas while also helping to identify where continued focus is needed.

### **Child Abuse Hotline and Child Protective Services (CPS) Investigations**

The statewide Child Abuse Hotline received 30,383 calls during this reporting period. Of those, 9,917 – or 32.6 percent – *did not meet* the statutory criteria for a CPS report. Calls that did not meet the criteria for a CPS report included: requests for information or referrals for services; questions about current cases; and allegations of abuse or neglect where the alleged perpetrator was not the child's parent, guardian or custodian (those calls are referred to law enforcement for response). Every call that does not meet the criteria for a CPS report is reviewed within 48 hours by quality assurance staff to ensure the accuracy of that decision.

The statewide Child Abuse Hotline received 20,466 calls during this reporting period that met the statutory criteria for a CPS report. Of those, 252 were referred to other jurisdictions, the military or tribal governments for investigation and an additional 940 reports were not assigned for investigation. This resulted in 19,274 CPS reports being assigned to child welfare specialists for investigation. Compared to the same reporting period last year, this represents an increase of 1,896 CPS reports assigned for investigation – or 10.9 percent. This increase in CPS reports requiring an investigation has primarily occurred in Pinal and Coconino counties.

Of the 19,274 CPS reports assigned for investigation during this reporting period, 10,345 reports – or 53.7 percent – had investigation closures entered into the Children's Information Library and Data Source (CHILDS) statewide case management information system. Closing a case means that the initial investigation of the original allegations of abuse or neglect has been completed and the appropriate case plan is put in place, as needed. Many factors can impact the closure of an investigation, including time needed for the child welfare specialists to obtain all information needed to complete an accurate and thorough assessment.

Of the 19,274 CPS reports subject to substantiation during this reporting period, 1,310 – or 6.8 percent – were substantiated. An additional 773 CPS reports – or 4.0 percent – were proposed for substantiation by child welfare specialists and are currently awaiting the results of the appeals process. Over time, the number of substantiated and proposed substantiated CPS reports associated with this time period will

increase as investigation findings are entered into CHILDS. It is sometimes difficult to substantiate allegations of abuse or neglect because current state laws that define child maltreatment do not include many situations related to child neglect or sexual abuse.

### **Children in Out-of-Home Care**

The Division remains committed to working with the community to keep children safe, strengthen families, and prevent the need for children to be removed from their homes. The number of children in out-of-home care increased from 11,535 in the prior reporting period to 12,453 in March 2012. Of the children in out-of-home care, the Division continues its success in placing children in the most family-like setting possible. In March 2012, 10,048 children – or 80.6 percent of all children in out-of-home care – were placed with relatives or licensed foster parents. An additional 44 children were placed with their parents on a trial home visit and 299 youth were residing in independent living settings. Efforts to increase the number of licensed foster parents who are able to meet the needs of children requiring out-of-home placement resulted in 663 new homes being licensed during this reporting period.

The Division continues to focus on the number of young children in shelter and group home care. In March 2012, there were 25 young children ages 0 through 3 in shelter care. Placement of young children in shelter care continues to be influenced by the need to place some children after regular work hours, such as weekends, as well as the placement of children in a specialized shelter in Pima County for medically fragile children. The Division has also worked diligently to reduce the number of very young children in group homes. In March 2012, there were 20 young children ages 0 to 6 in group homes. There are times when placement of young children in group homes is in the best interests of the children; for example, when group placement would allow siblings to stay together or when group placement is considered the least restrictive placement for a child with behavioral issues.

The state requires that CPS conducts monthly face-to-face visitation with children in foster care. The current report shows that 78.1 percent of the children in foster care received their visitation during the last month of the reporting period. This compares to 81.2 percent receiving their visit during the last month of the reporting period ending September 2011. The Department recognizes a strong correlation between CPS specialist visits with children and positive outcomes for these children, such as achieving permanency and other indicators of child well-being, and continues to make efforts to improve our rate of visitation.

### **Permanency for Children**

The Division continues to work toward achieving permanency for children placed in out-of-home care. The total number of children achieving permanency through family reunification, adoption or legal guardianship was 3,328 this reporting period, compared to 3,188 the same reporting period last year. As evidenced below, the Division increased adoptions by 3.2 percent over the same period a year ago and guardianship increased by 9.9 percent for the same period. The reunification of children with their parents for the same period a year ago increased by 4.5 percent.

Compared to the same reporting period last year, in this reporting period:

- 1,848 children exited the system to family reunification, an increase of 79 children – or 4.5 percent.
- 1,224 children exited to adoption, an increase of 38 children – or 3.2 percent.
- 256 children exited to guardianship, an increase of 23 children – or 9.9 percent.

**Challenges**

The Division continues to face challenges in its efforts to ensure safety and promote permanency for abused and neglected children. Some of the challenges the Division has faced in meeting these goals are:

- Recruiting, hiring and retaining trained and qualified staff.
- Recruitment of foster and adoptive homes for older youth ages 12 to 18 years old.
- Impact of reductions in behavioral health services for both children and adults.
- Increase in the number of Child Abuse Hotline reports in the urban counties.

Despite these challenges, the Division has implemented and will continue to implement process improvements that child welfare staff has the tools they need to do their jobs effectively. The Division continues to work in partnership with the federal government to meet the federal Child and Family Service Review (CFSR) standards to improve outcomes for the children and families it serves.

## Semi-Annual Comparisons

	Apr 2008 through Sep 2008	Oct 2008 through Mar 2009	Apr 2009 through Sep 2009	Oct 2009 through Mar 2010	Apr 2010 through Sep 2010	Oct 2010 through Mar 2011	Apr 2011 through Sep 2011	Oct 2011 through Mar 2012
Number of Reports Received	17,493	17,094	16,134	17,110	17,068	17,586	19,666	20,466
Number of Reports Substantiated <sup>1</sup>	1,331	1,238	1,296	2,122	2,264	2,274	2,522	1,310
Substantiation Rate	9%	9%	9%	13%	13%	13%	15%	7%
Number of Reports Investigated & Closed	10,064	10,686	10,397	8,149	8,403	8,481	9,953	10,345
Number of Reports Responded To	17,310	16,820	15,496	16,602	16,853	17,378	19,245	19,274
Number of new removals	4,546	3,889	3,819	3,936	4,010	3,978	4,531	4,968
Number of new removals with Voluntary under 18	370	319	148	125	135	192	155	150
Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care on the Last Day of Reporting Period	10,303	10,404	10,112	10,207	10,514	10,707	11,535	12,453
Number of Children in Shelter for More than 21 Days	585	529	450	423	471	534	842	713
Number and Percentage of Children Receiving Visitation In the Last Month of Reporting Period	7,664 (74.4%)	7,247 (69.7%)	8,201 (81.1%)	8,973 (87.9%)	8,930 (84.9%)	8,838 (82.5%)	9,363 (81.2%)	9,728 (78.1%)
Number and Percentage of Children not Receiving Visitation	2,639 (25.6%)	3,157 (30.3%)	1,911 (18.9%)	1,234 (12.1%)	1,584 (15.1%)	1,869 (17.5%)	2,172 (18.8%)	2,725 (21.9%)
Number and Percentage of Parents Receiving Visitation	1,022 (60.2%)	939 (53.6%)	1,364 (59.6%)	1,578 (64.8%)	1,128 (56.4%)	1,144 (57.3%)	994 (54.5%)	1,081 (57.1%)
Number of Licensed Foster Homes	3,615	3,923	3,954	3,932	3,747	3,595	3,496	3,480
Number of Foster Home Spaces Available to DCYF	7,116	8,293	8,625	8,789	8,693	8,483	8,191	8,572
Number of New Foster Homes	162	648	107	560	718	524	582	663
Number of Foster Homes Closed	139	340	76	582	903	676	681	679
Number and Percentage of Foster Homes Receiving Visitation In the Last Qtr. Of Reporting Period	2,412 (66.7%)	2,993 (76.3%)	3,224 (81.6%)	3,240 (82.4%)	3,102 (82.8%)	3,182 (88.5%)	3,121 (89.3%)	3,132 (79.9%)
Number and Percentage of Foster Homes not Receiving Visitation	1,203 (33.3%)	930 (23.7%)	730 (18.4%)	692 (17.6)	645 (17.2%)	413 (11.5%)	375 (10.7%)	790 (20.1)
Number of Children Leaving DES Custody	3,773	3,590	3,894	3,650	3,559	3,649	3,574	3,826
Number of Children With a Case Plan Goal of Adoption	1,856	2,047	2,505	2,411	2,450	2,426	2,561	2,663
Number of Children With a Finalized Adoption	797	764	891	1,034	991	1,186	1,078	1,224

<sup>1</sup> 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**

Child abuse and 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 October 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012, there were 20,466 incoming communications to the Child Abuse Hotline that met the criteria for a report of abuse or neglect. Of these, 252 were within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments and were referred to those jurisdictions. This compares to 19,666 incoming communications received during the last reporting period which met the criteria of a report of abuse or neglect.

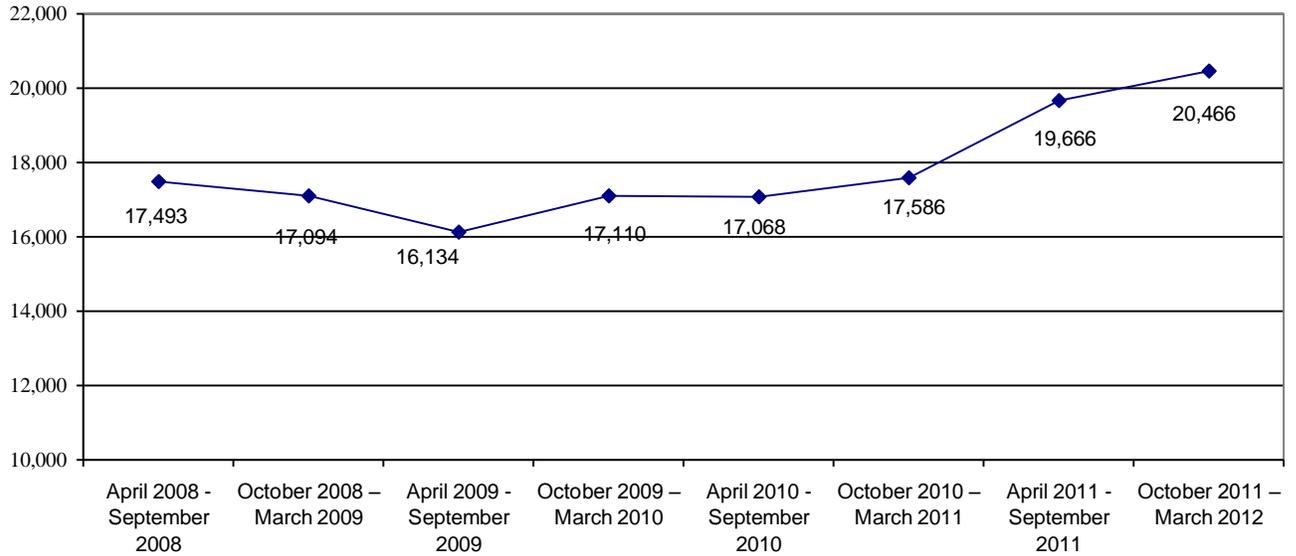
Table 1 shows the number of reports received by the Department by category of maltreatment for the last eight reporting periods. The table shows that for the current reporting period 13,369 or 65.3 percent of the 20,466 reports of maltreatment were related to allegations of neglect, 6,198 or 30.2 percent of the reports were related to allegations of physical abuse, 739 or 3.6 percent of the reports were related to allegations of sexual abuse, and 160 or 0.8 percent of the reports were related to allegations of emotional abuse.

**TABLE 1  
REPORTS BY REPORTING PERIOD AND TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**

	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Total
April 2008 – September 2008	10,539 60.2%	5,737 32.8%	1,028 5.9%	189 1.1%	17,493 100.0%
October 2008 – March 2009	9,845 57.6%	6,064 35.5%	975 5.7%	210 1.2%	17,094 100.0%
April 2009 – September 2009	9,666 59.9%	5,372 33.3%	919 5.7%	177 1.1%	16,134 100.0%
October 2009 – March 2010	10,127 59.2%	5,866 34.3%	930 5.4%	187 1.1%	17,110 100.0%
April 2010 – September 2010	10,561 61.8%	5,515 32.3%	812 4.8%	180 1.1%	17,068 100.0%
October 2010 – March 2011	10,960 62.3%	5,755 32.7%	712 4.1%	159 0.9%	17,586 100.0%
April 2011 – September 2011	13,158 66.8%	5,615 28.6%	739 3.8%	154 0.8%	19,666 100.0%
October 2011 – March 2012	13,369 65.3%	6,198 30.2%	739 3.6%	160 0.8%	20,466 100.0%

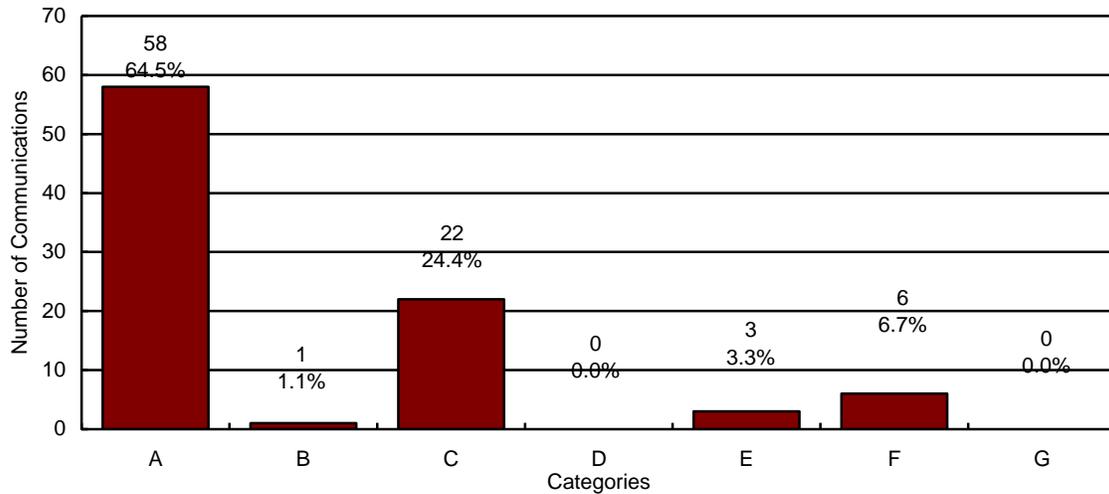
Chart 1 shows that the number of CPS reports received by the CPS Hotline has increased 2,880 reports or 16.4 percent over the past year. Comparing the current reporting period to the prior reporting period, the number of reports received increased by 800 reports or 4.1 percent.

**CHART 1**  
**REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT BY REPORTING PERIOD**



In addition to the 20,466 reports during the current reporting period, the Child Abuse Hotline received 9,917 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.

**CHART 2**  
**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<sup>2</sup>**
- D = Non-Caretaker Neglect/Child No Longer at Risk**
- E = Insufficient Information**
- F = Truancy/Custody Issues**
- G = Current Case Questions or Referrals**

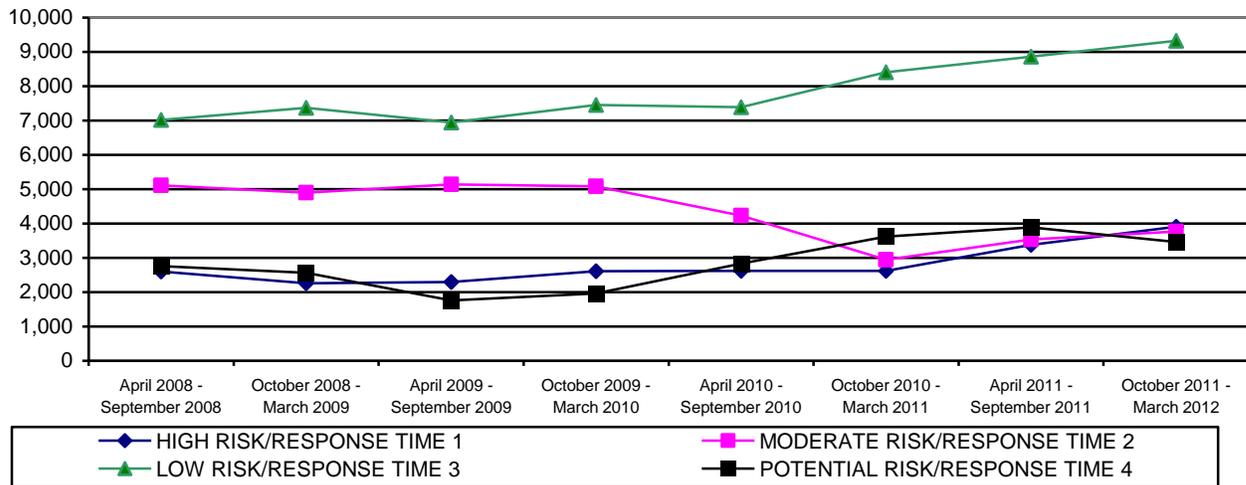
All communications that do not meet the statutory requirements for a field investigation of abuse or neglect are reviewed within 48 hours by DES quality assurance staff.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

For the current reporting period, the CPS Hotline classified 19.1 percent of the reports received as response time 1; 18.4 percent as response time 2; 45.6 percent as response time 3; and 16.9 percent as response time 4.

For the current reporting period, the CPS Hotline classified 0.8 percent of CPS reports as emotional abuse; 65.3 percent as neglect; 30.3 percent as physical abuse; and 3.6 percent as sexual abuse.

**CHART 3  
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY RESPONSE TIME**



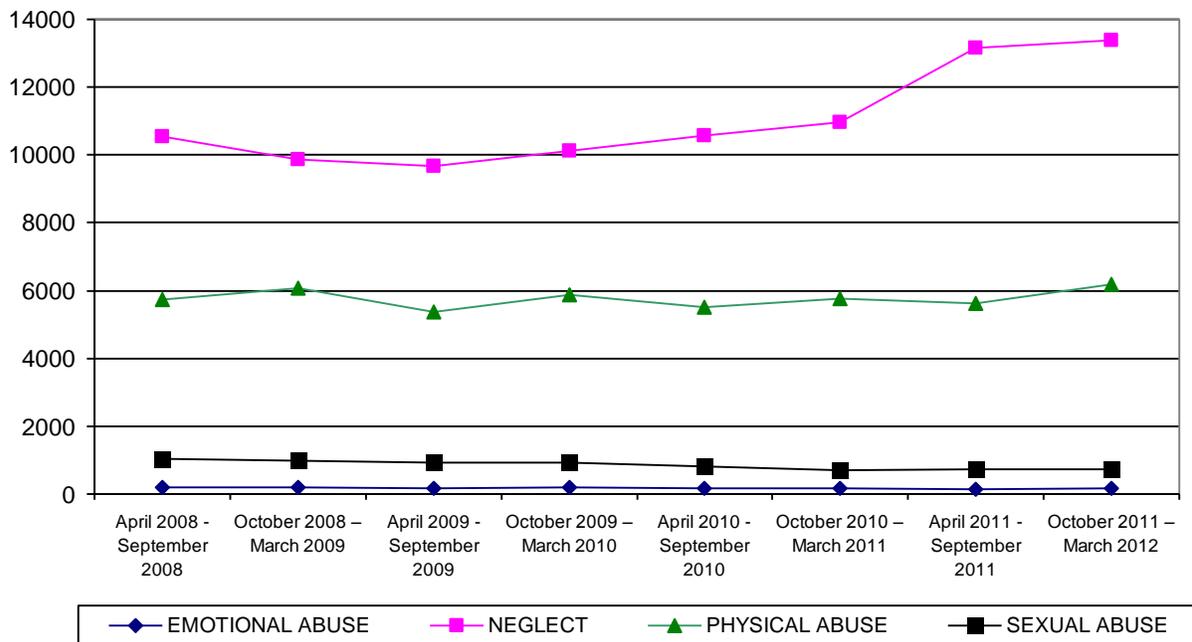
**TABLE 2  
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY RISK LEVEL/RESPONSE TIME AND COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**

COUNTY	RESPONSE TIME 1	RESPONSE TIME 2	RESPONSE TIME 3	RESPONSE TIME 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	22	16	34	12	84	0.4%
COCHISE	69	99	199	61	428	2.1%
COCONINO	61	85	207	74	427	2.1%
GILA	30	34	97	32	193	0.9%
GRAHAM	17	30	45	21	113	0.6%
GREENLEE	1	10	7	3	21	0.1%
LA PAZ	11	15	32	14	72	0.4%
MARICOPA	2,411	2,101	5,382	2,041	11,935	58.2%
MOHAVE	125	142	254	91	612	3.0%
NAVAJO	58	60	123	45	286	1.4%
PIMA	620	725	1,754	657	3,756	18.4%
PINAL	286	259	623	210	1,378	6.7%
SANTA CRUZ	18	12	41	13	84	0.4%
YAVAPAI	83	111	280	98	572	2.8%
YUMA	94	72	247	92	505	2.5%
STATEWIDE	3,906	3,771	9,325	3,464	20,466	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	19.1%	18.4%	45.6%	16.9%	100.0%	

**TABLE 3  
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY RESPONSE TIME AND COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF  
APRIL 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

COUNTY	RESPONSE TIME 1	RESPONSE TIME 2	RESPONSE TIME 3	RESPONSE TIME 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	12	10	43	20	85	0.4%
COCHISE	74	81	189	68	412	2.1%
COCONINO	56	63	177	69	365	1.9%
GILA	19	44	87	31	181	0.9%
GRAHAM	13	22	51	20	106	0.5%
GREENLEE	1	4	4	4	13	0.1%
LA PAZ	15	16	32	12	75	0.4%
MARICOPA	2,094	2,052	4,986	2,260	11,392	58.0%
MOHAVE	113	112	293	123	641	3.3%
NAVAJO	46	59	124	49	278	1.4%
PIMA	520	623	1,740	684	3,567	18.1%
PINAL	238	264	645	331	1,478	7.5%
SANTA CRUZ	12	17	38	11	78	0.4%
YAVAPAI	88	95	259	113	555	2.8%
YUMA	82	71	194	93	440	2.2%
STATEWIDE	3,383	3,533	8,862	3,888	19,666	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	17.2%	18.0%	45.0%	19.8%	100.0%	

**CHART 4  
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**



**TABLE 4**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR**  
**PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	60	17	7	84	0.4%
COCHISE	2	277	129	20	428	2.1%
COCONINO	1	269	140	17	427	2.1%
GILA	1	128	55	9	193	0.9%
GRAHAM	1	87	20	5	113	0.6%
GREENLEE	0	17	4	0	21	0.1%
LA PAZ	1	47	21	3	72	0.4%
MARICOPA	88	7,703	3,723	421	11,935	58.2%
MOHAVE	5	428	162	17	612	3.0%
NAVAJO	0	195	79	12	286	1.4%
PIMA	36	2,474	1,126	120	3,756	18.4%
PINAL	13	910	399	56	1,378	6.7%
SANTA CRUZ	1	52	25	6	84	0.4%
YAVAPAI	6	379	158	29	572	2.8%
YUMA	5	343	140	17	505	2.5%
STATEWIDE	160	13,369	6,198	739	20,466	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.8%	65.3%	30.3%	3.6%	100.0%	

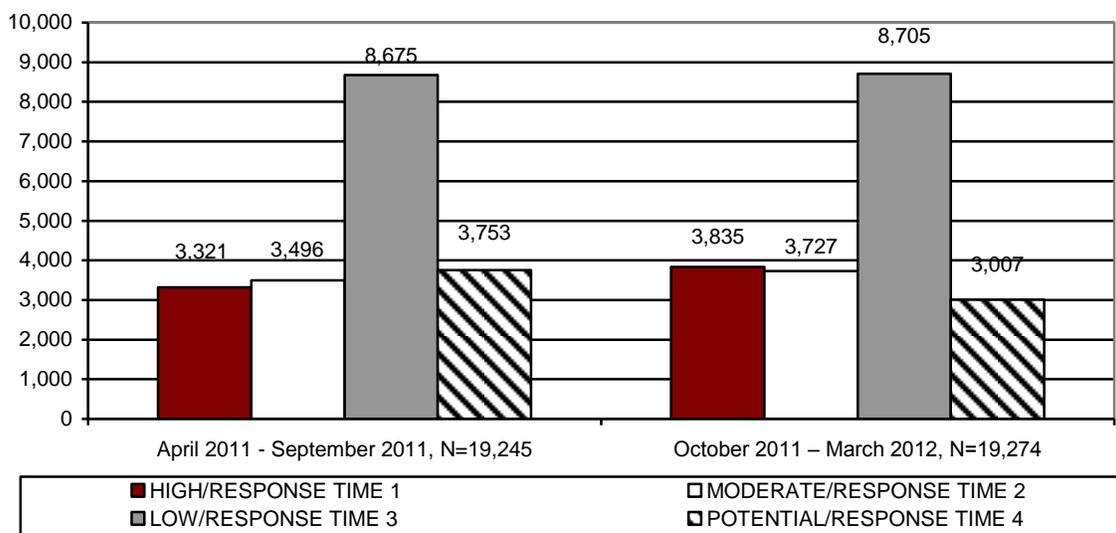
**TABLE 5**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR**  
**PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	62	21	1	85	0.4%
COCHISE	2	288	100	22	412	2.1%
COCONINO	8	239	104	14	365	1.9%
GILA	2	135	38	6	181	0.9%
GRAHAM	0	69	29	8	106	0.5%
GREENLEE	0	7	6	0	13	0.1%
LA PAZ	3	47	24	1	75	0.4%
MARICOPA	80	7,541	3,371	400	11,392	58.0%
MOHAVE	2	461	154	24	641	3.3%
NAVAJO	3	185	78	12	278	1.4%
PIMA	30	2,466	951	120	3,567	18.1%
PINAL	13	943	440	82	1,478	7.5%
SANTA CRUZ	2	53	19	4	78	0.4%
YAVAPAI	5	381	134	35	555	2.8%
YUMA	3	281	146	10	440	2.2%
STATEWIDE	154	13,158	5,615	739	19,666	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.8%	66.8%	28.6%	3.8%	100.0%	

**ASSIGNMENT OF INVESTIGATIONS**

During the reporting period, there were 20,466 calls to the hotline that met the statutory criteria for a report. Of those, 252 reports fell within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments and 940 reports were not investigated. This left 19,274 reports that were assigned to be investigated by CPS. The following tables and charts in this section provide statewide and county level information on these reports.

**CHART 5  
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL/RESPONSE TIME AND REPORTING PERIOD**



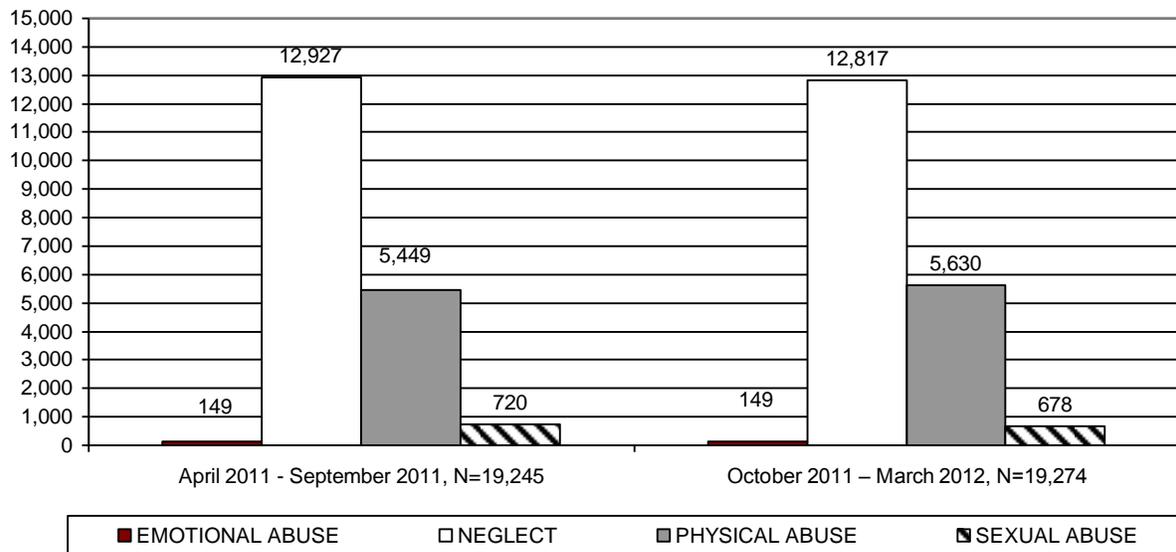
**TABLE 6  
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL/RESPONSE TIME AND COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**

COUNTY	RESPONSE TIME 1	RESPONSE TIME 2	RESPONSE TIME 3	RESPONSE TIME 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	14	11	28	10	63	0.3%
COCHISE	68	99	199	61	427	2.2%
COCONINO	48	71	175	62	356	1.9%
GILA	27	34	89	31	181	0.9%
GRAHAM	17	30	45	21	113	0.6%
GREENLEE	1	10	7	3	21	0.1%
LA PAZ	9	14	26	8	57	0.3%
MARICOPA	2,400	2,096	4,908	1,656	11,060	57.3%
MOHAVE	123	141	253	91	608	3.2%
NAVAJO	45	53	110	42	250	1.3%
PIMA	613	721	1,750	652	3,736	19.4%
PINAL	275	253	550	167	1,245	6.5%
SANTA CRUZ	18	12	41	13	84	0.4%
YAVAPAI	83	111	279	98	571	3.0%
YUMA	94	71	245	92	502	2.6%
STATEWIDE	3,835	3,727	8,705	3,007	19,274	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	19.9%	19.3%	45.2%	15.6%	100.0%	

**TABLE 7**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RESPONSE TIME AND COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

COUNTY	RESPONSE TIME 1	RESPONSE TIME 2	RESPONSE TIME 3	RESPONSE TIME 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	12	9	38	16	75	0.4%
COCHISE	74	81	189	67	411	2.1%
COCONINO	45	55	156	52	308	1.6%
GILA	18	41	81	27	167	0.9%
GRAHAM	12	22	50	20	104	0.5%
GREENLEE	1	4	4	4	13	0.1%
LA PAZ	12	14	25	10	61	0.3%
MARICOPA	2,081	2,049	4,879	2,181	11,190	58.1%
MOHAVE	110	112	291	122	635	3.3%
NAVAJO	32	53	109	40	234	1.2%
PIMA	516	621	1,735	677	3,549	18.4%
PINAL	228	257	628	321	1,434	7.5%
SANTA CRUZ	12	17	38	11	78	0.4%
YAVAPAI	88	91	259	112	550	2.9%
YUMA	80	70	193	93	436	2.3%
STATEWIDE	3,321	3,496	8,675	3,753	19,245	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	17.3%	18.2%	45.0%	19.5%	100.0%	

**CHART 6**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND REPORTING PERIOD**



**TABLE 8**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**BY COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	45	13	5	63	0.3%
COCHISE	2	276	129	20	427	2.2%
COCONINO	1	217	122	16	356	1.9%
GILA	1	120	51	9	181	0.9%
GRAHAM	1	87	20	5	113	0.6%
GREENLEE	0	17	4	0	21	0.1%
LA PAZ	1	41	14	1	57	0.3%
MARICOPA	78	7,349	3,253	380	11,060	57.3%
MOHAVE	5	426	160	17	608	3.2%
NAVAJO	0	170	71	9	250	1.3%
PIMA	36	2,459	1,123	118	3,736	19.4%
PINAL	12	838	349	46	1,245	6.5%
SANTA CRUZ	1	52	25	6	84	0.4%
YAVAPAI	6	379	157	29	571	3.0%
YUMA	5	341	139	17	502	2.6%
STATEWIDE	149	12,817	5,630	678	19,274	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.8%	66.5%	29.2%	3.5%	100.0%	

**TABLE 9**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**BY COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	53	20	1	75	0.4%
COCHISE	2	288	99	22	411	2.1%
COCONINO	6	202	87	13	308	1.6%
GILA	2	122	37	6	167	0.9%
GRAHAM	0	68	29	7	104	0.5%
GREENLEE	0	7	6	0	13	0.1%
LA PAZ	3	41	16	1	61	0.3%
MARICOPA	77	7,460	3,266	387	11,190	58.1%
MOHAVE	2	456	153	24	635	3.3%
NAVAJO	3	151	69	11	234	1.2%
PIMA	30	2,454	946	119	3,549	18.4%
PINAL	13	918	422	81	1,434	7.5%
SANTA CRUZ	2	53	19	4	78	0.4%
YAVAPAI	5	377	134	34	550	2.9%
YUMA	3	277	146	10	436	2.3%
STATEWIDE	149	12,927	5,449	720	19,245	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.8%	67.2%	28.3%	3.7%	100.0%	

During this reporting period, there were 19,274 reports assigned for investigation. Of these, CPS completed 10,345 investigations or 53.7 percent. Investigations not completed remain open when the investigation is still in process, when the CPS specialist is waiting for the results of a law enforcement investigation and/or receipt of records that impact the investigation finding, or when the investigation has been completed but is awaiting supervisory review and approval.

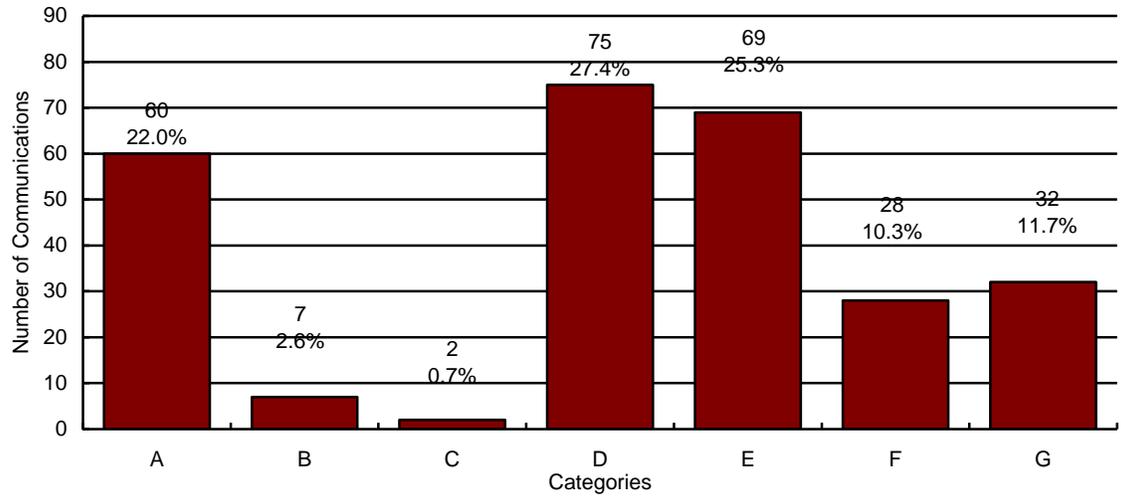
### **INVESTIGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

**TABLE 10  
NUMBER OF REPORTS NOT RESPONDED TO BY RISK LEVEL/RESPONSE TIME AND  
COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**

COUNTY	RESPONSE TIME 1	RESPONSE TIME 2	RESPONSE TIME 3	RESPONSE TIME 4	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	0	0	460	381	841	89.5%
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	61	38	99	10.5%
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	0	0	521	419	940	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.0%	0.0%	55.4%	44.6%	100.0%	

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. For the current reporting period, there were 940 reports that were not responded to. A random sample of 273 reports not responded to were reviewed. Chart 7 displays the 273 reports in brief descriptive categories.

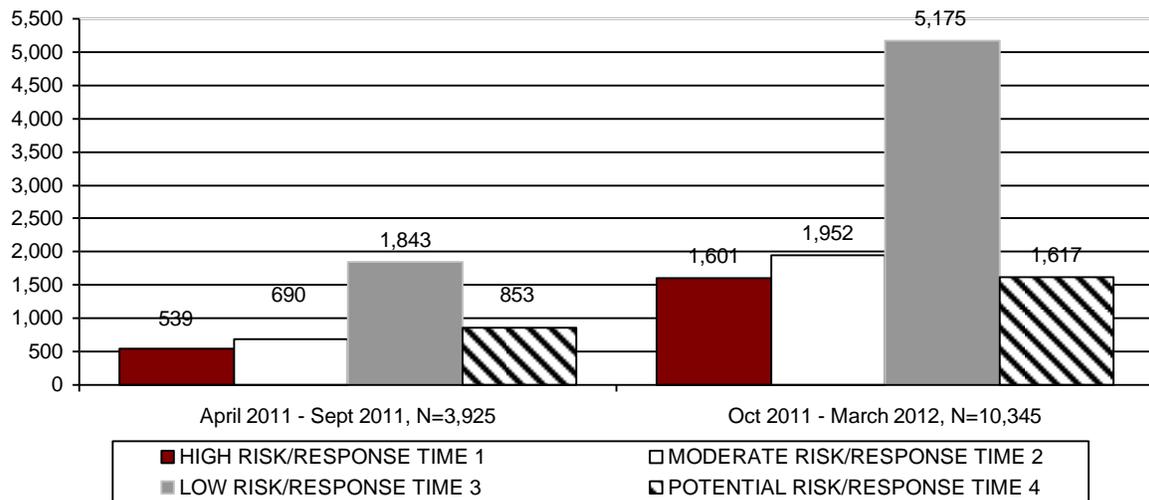
**CHART 7**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS NOT RESPONDED TO BY CATEGORY FOR THE PERIOD OF**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**



N=273

- A = Adolescent, Past Abuse, No Current Injuries**
- B = Inadequate Housekeeping Standards**
- C = Inappropriate Vehicle Operation**
- D = No Specific Allegations**
- E = Past Abuse no current injuries**
- F = Adolescent, current minor injuries**
- G = Non-adolescent, current minor injuries**

**CHART 8**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL/RESPONSE**  
**TIME AND REPORTING PERIOD FOR REPORTS OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION**



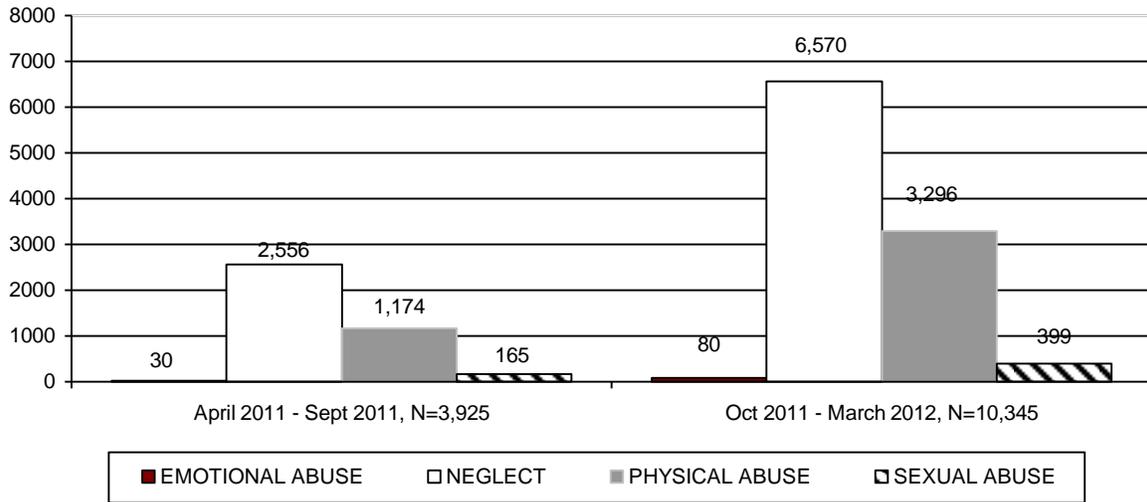
**TABLE 11**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS BY RISK LEVEL/RESPONSE TIME AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS**  
**OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31,**  
**2012**

COUNTY	RESPONSE TIME 1	RESPONSE TIME 2	RESPONSE TIME 3	RESPONSE TIME 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	4	3	5	1	13	0.1%
COCHISE	21	32	68	16	137	1.3%
COCONINO	26	46	117	34	223	2.2%
GILA	13	15	36	10	74	0.7%
GRAHAM	10	16	22	15	63	0.6%
GREENLEE	1	6	5	1	13	0.1%
LA PAZ	3	2	8	4	17	0.2%
MARICOPA	1,029	1,143	2,979	876	6,027	58.2%
MOHAVE	54	82	151	50	337	3.3%
NAVAJO	16	15	31	11	73	0.7%
PIMA	221	322	1,062	390	1,995	19.3%
PINAL	141	194	433	117	885	8.6
SANTA CRUZ	4	5	20	5	34	0.3%%
YAVAPAI	19	35	116	41	211	2.0
YUMA	39	36	122	46	243	2.4%
STATEWIDE	1,601	1,952	5,175	1,617	10,345	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	15.5%	18.9%	50.0%	15.6%	100.0%	

**TABLE 12**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS BY RISK LEVEL/RESPONSE TIME AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS**  
**OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30,**  
**2011**

COUNTY	RESPONSE TIME 1	RESPONSE TIME 2	RESPONSE TIME 3	RESPONSE TIME 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	1	6	6	14	0.4%
COCHISE	6	3	14	6	29	0.7%
COCONINO	9	16	32	7	64	1.6%
GILA	3	3	5	2	13	0.3%
GRAHAM	1	2	3	1	7	0.2%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	0	2	0	2	0.1%
MARICOPA	379	434	1,051	499	2,363	60.2%
MOHAVE	27	30	82	34	173	4.4%
NAVAJO	2	2	3	2	9	0.2%
PIMA	66	98	384	150	698	17.8%
PINAL	33	87	231	131	482	12.3%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	2	0	2	0.1%
YAVAPAI	8	7	14	8	37	0.9%
YUMA	4	7	14	7	32	0.8%
STATEWIDE	539	690	1,843	853	3,925	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	13.7%	17.6%	47.0%	21.7%	100.0%	

**CHART 9  
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT  
FOR REPORTS OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION**



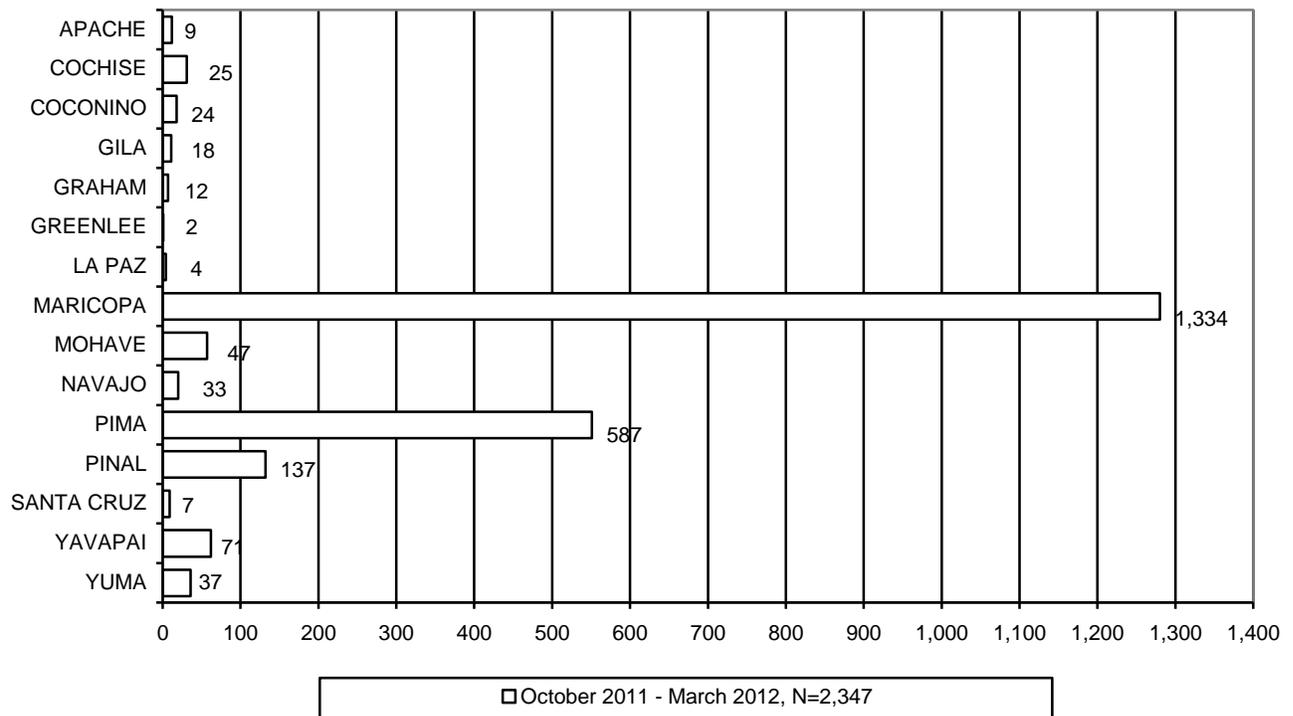
**TABLE 13  
NUMBER OF REPORTS BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS  
OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF  
OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	8	4	1	13	0.1%
COCHISE	0	95	33	9	137	1.3%
COCONINO	0	136	79	8	223	2.2%
GILA	0	48	23	3	74	0.7%
GRAHAM	0	49	10	4	63	0.6%
GREENLEE	0	11	2	0	13	0.1%
LA PAZ	1	11	4	1	17	0.2%
MARICOPA	45	3,805	1,947	230	6,027	58.2%
MOHAVE	3	234	91	9	337	3.3%
NAVAJO	0	49	21	3	73	0.7%
PIMA	16	1,259	647	73	1,995	19.3%
PINAL	11	562	274	38	885	8.6%
SANTA CRUZ	0	20	12	2	34	0.3%
YAVAPAI	1	126	77	7	211	2.0%
YUMA	3	157	72	11	243	2.4%
STATEWIDE	80	6,570	3,296	399	10,345	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.8%	63.4%	31.9%	3.9%	100.0%	

**TABLE 14**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS**  
**OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF**  
**APRIL 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	9	5	0	14	0.4%
COCHISE	0	19	8	2	29	0.7%
COCONINO	2	50	11	1	64	1.6%
GILA	1	7	5	0	13	0.3%
GRAHAM	0	4	2	1	7	0.2%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	2	0	0	2	0.1%
MARICOPA	13	1,517	727	106	2,363	60.2%
MOHAVE	1	128	38	6	173	4.4%
NAVAJO	0	5	4	0	9	0.2%
PIMA	10	474	196	18	698	17.8%
PINAL	3	298	154	27	482	12.3%
SANTA CRUZ	0	1	1	0	2	0.1%
YAVAPAI	0	23	12	2	37	0.9%
YUMA	0	19	11	2	32	0.8%
STATEWIDE	30	2,556	1,174	165	3,925	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.8%	65.1%	29.9%	4.2%	100.0%	

**CHART 10**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION WHERE A REMOVAL OCCURRED**



**TABLE 15**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY COUNTY WHERE A**  
**REMOVAL OCCURRED FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**

COUNTY	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED WITH A REMOVAL	% OF REPORTS WHERE A CHILD WAS PLACED IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE
APACHE	63	9	14.3%
COCHISE	427	25	5.9%
COCONINO	356	24	6.7%
GILA	181	18	9.9%
GRAHAM	113	12	10.6%
GREENLEE	21	2	9.5%
LA PAZ	57	4	7.0%
MARICOPA	11,060	1,334	12.1%
MOHAVE	608	47	7.7%
NAVAJO	250	33	13.2%
PIMA	3,736	587	15.7%
PINAL	1,245	137	11.0%
SANTA CRUZ	84	7	8.3%
YAVAPAI	571	71	12.4%
YUMA	502	37	7.4%
STATEWIDE	19,274	2,347	12.2%

**TABLE 16**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY COUNTY WHERE A**  
**REMOVAL OCCURRED FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

COUNTY	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED WITH A REMOVAL	% OF REPORTS WHERE A CHILD WAS PLACED IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE
APACHE	75	12	16.0%
COCHISE	411	31	7.5%
COCONINO	308	18	5.8%
GILA	167	11	6.6%
GRAHAM	104	7	6.7%
GREENLEE	13	1	7.7%
LA PAZ	61	4	6.6%
MARICOPA	11,190	1,280	11.4%
MOHAVE	635	57	9.0%
NAVAJO	234	20	8.5%
PIMA	3,549	551	15.5%
PINAL	1,434	132	9.2%
SANTA CRUZ	78	9	11.5%
YAVAPAI	550	62	11.3%
YUMA	436	36	8.3%
STATEWIDE	19,245	2,231	11.6%

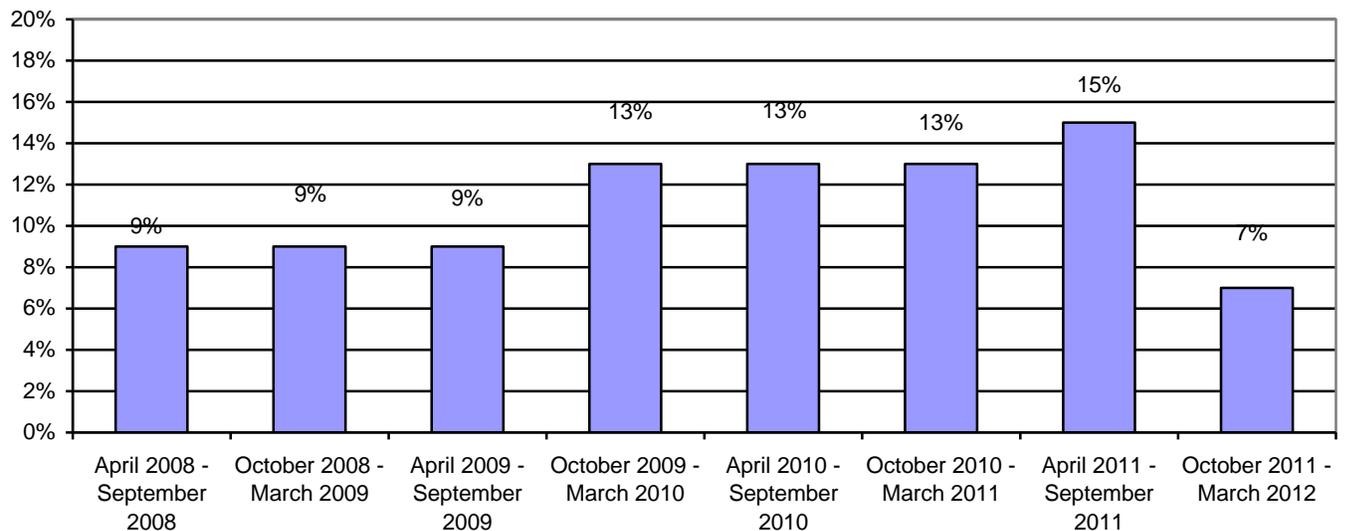
**COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS**

Substantiated reports are reports where the Department has determined that at least one of the allegations in the report of abuse and/or neglect is true. The number of reports that is considered substantiated are a subset of the total number of reports that were received, investigated, and closed during the reporting period.

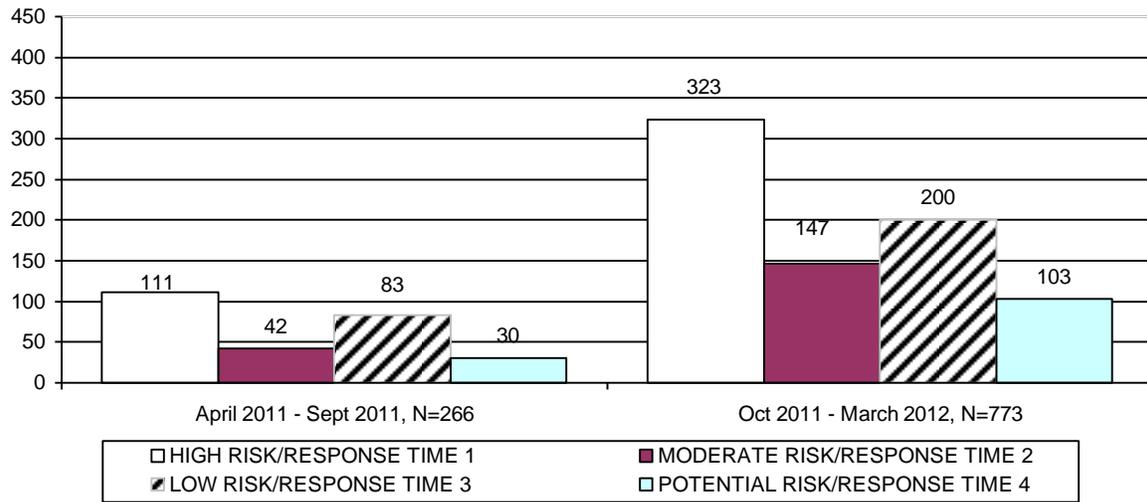
The preliminary number of CPS reports that are substantiated for this reporting period is 1,310. For the prior reporting period, the number of CPS reports that were assigned for investigation that resulted in substantiated findings was revised from 1,465 to 2,522 to reflect subsequent decisions based on parents' rights to due process. For the current reporting period, 47.5 percent of substantiated investigative findings were classified as response time 1; 23.3 percent as response time 2; 20.3 percent as response time 3; and 8.9 percent as response time 4. Prior to October 1, 2009 potential risk reports were not substantiated by CPS. For the prior reporting period, 40.0 percent of substantiated investigative findings were classified as high risk/response time 1; 23.6 percent as moderate risk/response time 2; 27.1 percent as low risk/response time 3; and 9.3 percent as potential risk/response time 4.

- There were 19,274 reports received during the current reporting period that were subject to substantiation. This results in a preliminary substantiation rate of 7 percent for the current reporting period.
- There were 19,245 reports received during the prior reporting period that were subject to substantiation. This results in a 15 percent substantiation rate for the prior reporting period.

**CHART 11  
SUBSTANTIATION RATE BY REPORTING PERIOD**



**CHART 12**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL/RESPONSE TIME AND REPORTING PERIOD THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION**



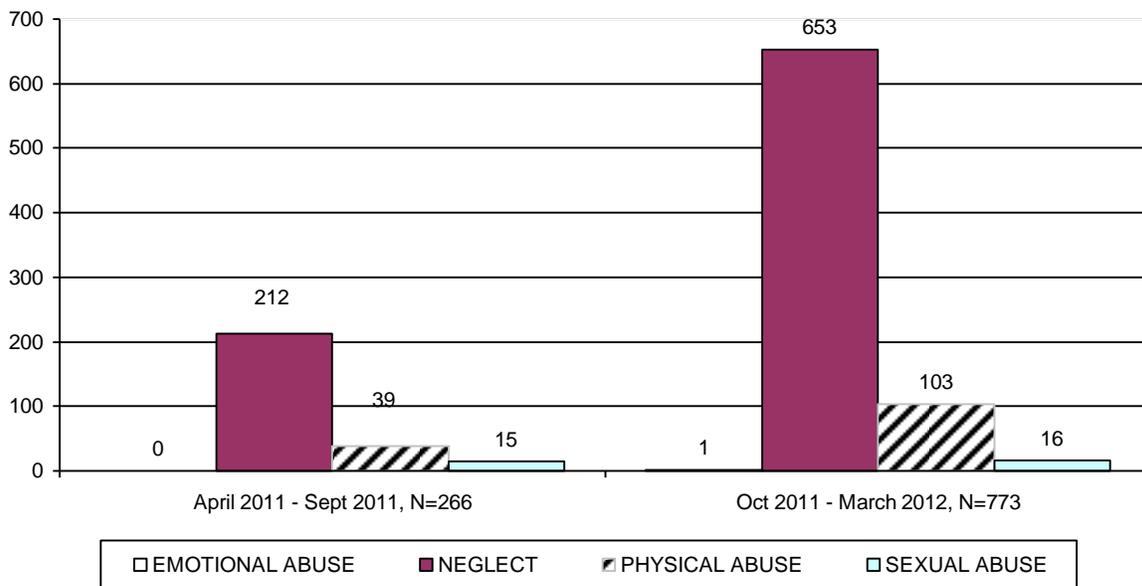
**TABLE 17**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL/RESPONSE TIME AND COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**

COUNTY	RESPONSE TIME 1	RESPONSE TIME 2	RESPONSE TIME 3	RESPONSE TIME 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	2	0	2	0	4	0.5%
COCHISE	6	2	3	0	11	1.4%
COCONINO	1	1	4	0	6	0.8%
GILA	4	1	3	0	8	1.0%
GRAHAM	0	1	1	0	2	0.3%
GREENLEE	0	1	0	0	1	0.1%
LA PAZ	2	3	2	0	7	0.9%
MARICOPA	197	65	90	70	422	54.6%
MOHAVE	12	6	7	0	25	3.2%
NAVAJO	6	5	6	0	17	2.2%
PIMA	41	46	53	17	157	20.3%
PINAL	28	2	8	8	46	6.0%
SANTA CRUZ	2	0	0	0	2	0.3%
YAVAPAI	12	10	6	6	34	4.4%
YUMA	10	4	15	2	31	4.0%
STATEWIDE	323	147	200	103	773	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	41.8%	19.0%	25.9%	13.3%	100.0%	

**TABLE 18**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL/RESPONSE**  
**TIME AND COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD**  
**OF APRIL 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

COUNTY	RESPONSE TIME 1	RESPONSE TIME 2	RESPONSE TIME 3	RESPONSE TIME 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	3	1	2	1	7	2.6%
COCHISE	2	0	0	1	3	1.1%
COCONINO	0	1	3	1	5	1.9%
GILA	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	0	2	1	0	3	1.1%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	4	1	1	0	6	2.3%
MARICOPA	54	20	41	17	132	49.6%
MOHAVE	14	4	7	3	28	10.5%
NAVAJO	2	1	1	0	4	1.5%
PIMA	6	2	6	2	16	6.0%
PINAL	5	3	5	2	15	5.6%
SANTA CRUZ	0	1	0	0	1	0.4%
YAVAPAI	11	2	9	1	23	8.7%
YUMA	10	4	7	2	23	8.7%
STATEWIDE	111	42	83	30	266	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	41.7%	15.8%	31.2%	11.3%	100.0%	

**CHART 13**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION**



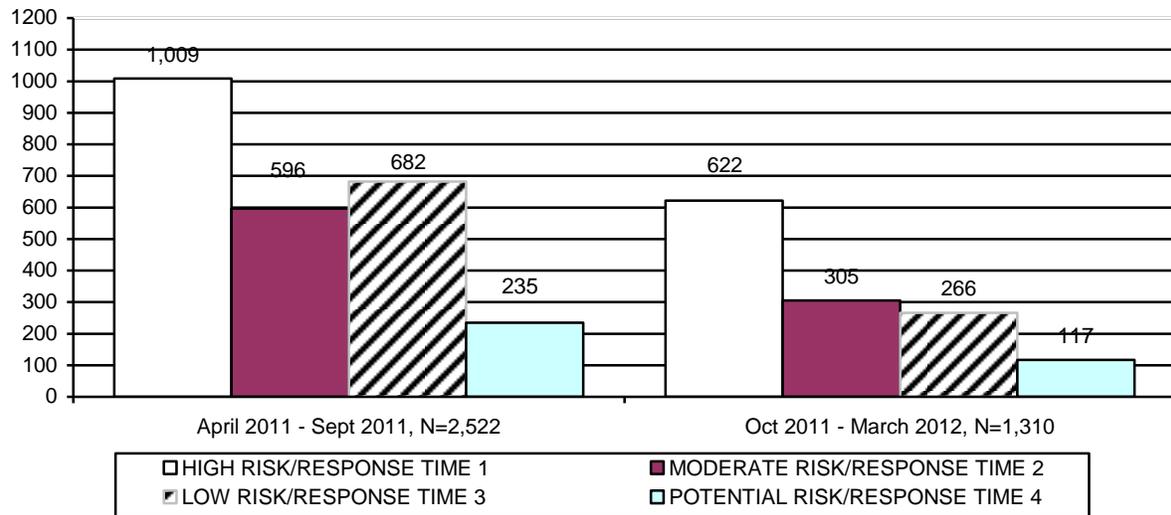
**TABLE 19**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	4	0	00	4	0.5%
COCHISE	0	9	2		11	1.4%
COCONINO	0	3	2	1	6	0.8%
GILA	0	7	1	0	8	1.0%
GRAHAM	0	1	0	1	2	0.3%
GREENLEE	0	1	0	0	1	0.1%
LA PAZ	0	6	1	0	7	0.9%
MARICOPA	0	359	54	9	422	54.6%
MOHAVE	0	22	3	0	25	3.2%
NAVAJO	0	15	2	0	17	2.2%
PIMA	1	129	26	1	157	20.3%
PINAL	0	40	6	0	46	6.0%
SANTA CRUZ	0	2	0	0	2	0.3%
YAVAPAI	0	29	2	3	34	4.4%
YUMA	0	26	4	1	31	4.0%
STATEWIDE	1	653	103	16	773	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.1%	84.5%	13.3%	2.1%	100.0%	

**TABLE 20**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF**  
**APRIL 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	4	2	1	7	2.6%
COCHISE	0	2	1	0	3	1.1%
COCONINO	0	3	2	0	5	1.9%
GILA	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	0	3	0	0	3	1.1%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	5	0	1	6	2.3%
MARICOPA	0	109	15	8	132	49.6%
MOHAVE	0	25	0	3	28	10.5%
NAVAJO	0	4	0	0	4	1.5%
PIMA	0	10	6	0	16	6.0%
PINAL	0	13	2	0	15	5.6%
SANTA CRUZ	0	1	0	0	1	0.4%
YAVAPAI	0	18	4	1	23	8.7%
YUMA	0	15	7	1	23	8.7%
STATEWIDE	0	212	39	15	266	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.0%	79.7%	14.7%	5.6%	100.0%	

**CHART 14  
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL/RESPONSE  
TIME AND REPORTING PERIOD THAT RESULTED IN  
SUBSTANTIATION**



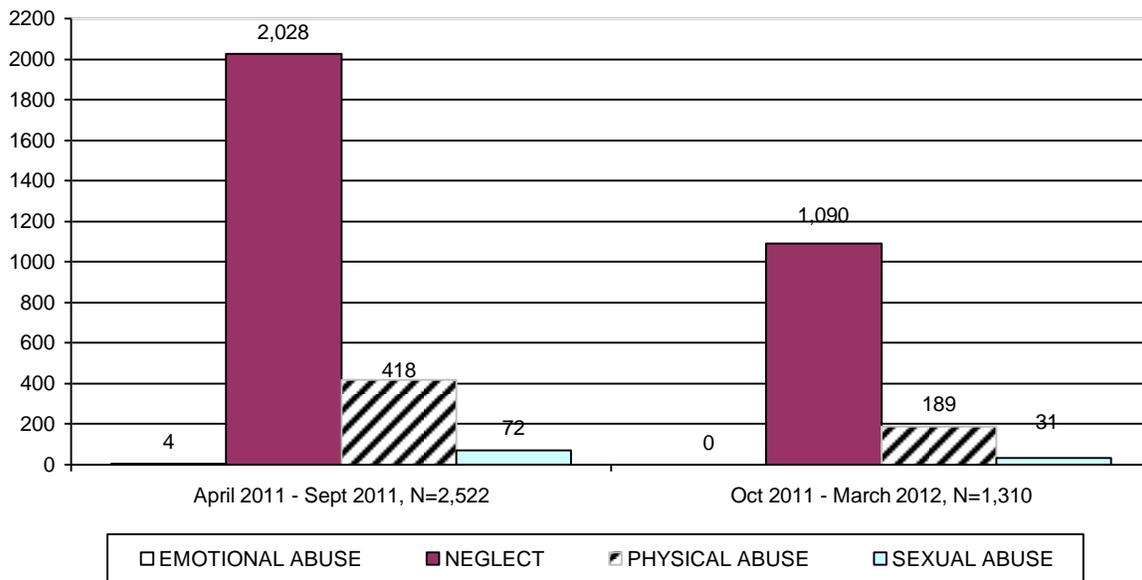
**TABLE 21  
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL/RESPONSE  
TIME AND COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF  
OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**

COUNTY	RESPONSE TIME 1	RESPONSE TIME 2	RESPONSE TIME 3	RESPONSE TIME 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	1	1	0	2	0.2%
COCHISE	2	1	8	0	11	0.8%
COCONINO	3	3	3	0	9	0.7%
GILA	0	4	3	2	9	0.7%
GRAHAM	3	0	2	0	5	0.4%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	0	1	0	1	0.1%
MARICOPA	416	187	149	92	844	64.3%
MOHAVE	14	5	1	2	22	1.7%
NAVAJO	5	2	2	0	9	0.7%
PIMA	136	85	64	13	298	22.7%
PINAL	18	6	9	2	35	2.7%
SANTA CRUZ	2	0	2	0	4	0.3%
YAVAPAI	14	7	15	2	38	2.9%
YUMA	9	4	6	4	23	1.8%
STATEWIDE	622	305	266	117	1,310	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	47.5%	23.3%	20.3%	8.9%	100.0%	

**TABLE 22**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL/RESPONSE**  
**TIME AND COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF**  
**APRIL 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

COUNTY	RESPONSE TIME 1	RESPONSE TIME 2	RESPONSE TIME 3	RESPONSE TIME 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	12	0	3	0	5	0.2%
COCHISE	19	12	3	0	34	1.4%
COCONINO	5	1	4	0	10	0.4%
GILA	3	5	5	0	13	0.5%
GRAHAM	0	2	3	0	5	0.2%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	1	0	0	0	1	<0.1%
MARICOPA	646	332	386	183	1,547	61.3%
MOHAVE	21	9	8	0	38	1.5%
NAVAJO	5	5	1	0	11	0.4%
PIMA	192	169	211	41	613	24.3%
PINAL	66	40	23	6	135	5.4%
SANTA CRUZ	5	0	2	1	8	0.3%
YAVAPAI	24	14	17	1	56	2.2%
YUMA	20	7	16	3	46	1.8%
STATEWIDE	1,009	596	682	235	2,522	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	40.0%	23.6%	27.1%	9.3%	100.0%	

**CHART 15**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION**



**TABLE 23**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**

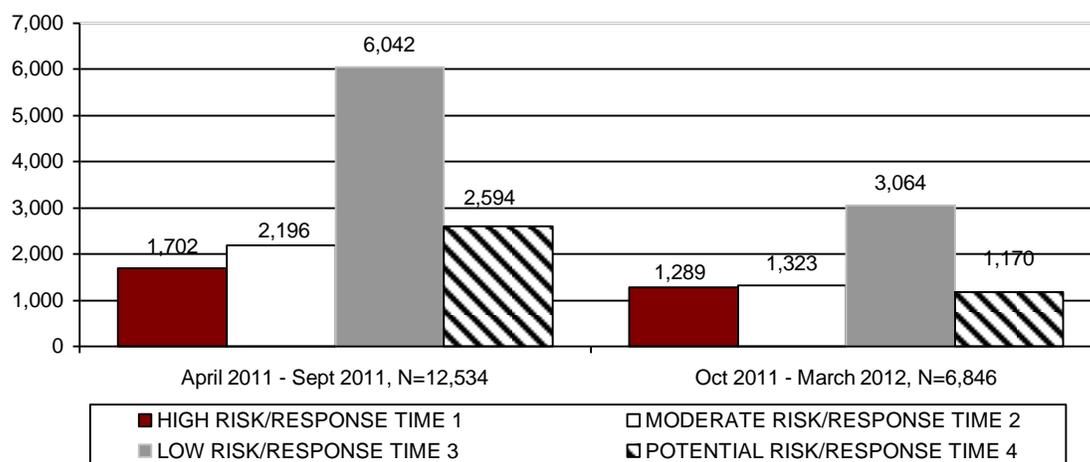
COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	2	0	0	2	0.2%
COCHISE	0	6	5	0	11	0.8%
COCONINO	0	6	3	0	9	0.7%
GILA	0	5	3	1	9	0.7%
GRAHAM	0	5	0	0	5	0.4%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	1	0	0	1	0.1%
MARICOPA	0	708	112	24	844	64.3%
MOHAVE	0	21	1	0	22	1.7%
NAVAJO	0	7	2	0	9	0.7%
PIMA	0	244	49	5	298	22.7%
PINAL	0	28	6	1	35	2.7%
SANTA CRUZ	0	3	1	0	4	0.3%
YAVAPAI	0	33	5	0	38	2.9%
YUMA	0	21	2	0	23	1.8%
STATEWIDE	0	1,090	189	31	1,310	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.0%	83.2%	14.4%	2.4%	100.0%	

**TABLE 24**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF**  
**APRIL 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	3	1	0	5	0.2%
COCHISE	0	27	7	0	34	1.4%
COCONINO	0	7	2	1	10	0.4%
GILA	0	11	2	0	13	0.5%
GRAHAM	0	3	1	1	5	0.2%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	1	0	0	1	<0.1%
MARICOPA	0	1,256	251	40	1,547	61.3%
MOHAVE	0	33	4	1	38	1.5%
NAVAJO	0	10	1	0	11	0.4%
PIMA	2	481	108	22	613	24.3%
PINAL	0	109	21	5	135	5.4%
SANTA CRUZ	0	8	0	0	8	0.3%
YAVAPAI	1	49	5	1	56	2.2%
YUMA	0	30	15	1	46	1.8%
STATEWIDE	4	2,028	418	72	2,522	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.2%	80.3%	16.6%	2.9%	100.0%	

The preliminary number of CPS investigations that resulted in an unsubstantiated finding for this reporting period was 6,846. For the prior reporting period, the number of CPS reports that were unsubstantiated was revised from 7,917 to 12,534 to reflect updated information in the CHILDS case management information system. For the prior reporting period, 13.6 percent of unsubstantiated reports were classified as high risk/response time 1, 17.5 percent as moderate risk/response time 2, 48.2 percent as low risk/response time 3, and 20.7 percent as potential risk/response time 4. Less than one percent of these unsubstantiated reports related to emotional abuse, 65.0 percent to neglect, 30.4 percent to physical abuse, and 3.7 percent to sexual abuse.

**CHART 16  
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL/RESPONSE TIME AND REPORTING PERIOD THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION**



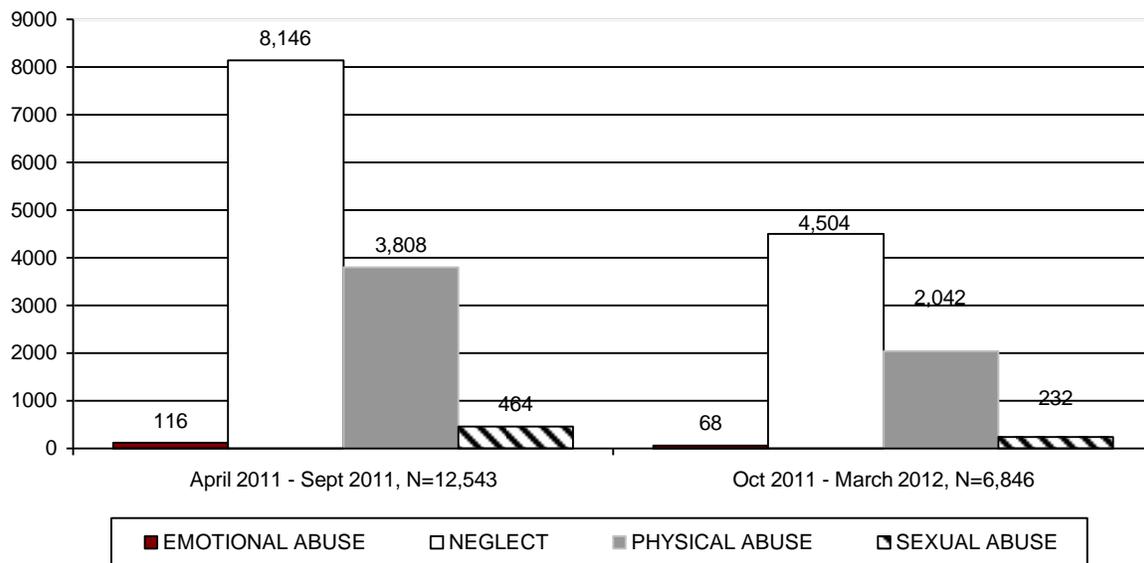
**TABLE 25  
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL/RESPONSE TIME AND COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**

COUNTY	RESPONSE TIME 1	RESPONSE TIME 2	RESPONSE TIME 3	RESPONSE TIME 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	8	7	20	9	44	0.6%
COCHISE	39	64	120	45	268	3.9%
COCONINO	18	21	51	28	118	1.7%
GILA	10	14	47	19	90	1.3%
GRAHAM	4	13	20	6	43	0.6%
GREENLEE	0	3	2	2	7	0.1%
LA PAZ	4	9	15	4	32	0.5%
MARICOPA	758	701	1,690	618	3,767	55.1%
MOHAVE	43	48	94	39	224	3.3%
NAVAJO	18	31	71	31	151	2.2%
PIMA	215	268	571	232	1,286	18.8%
PINAL	88	51	100	40	279	4.1%
SANTA CRUZ	10	7	19	8	44	0.6%
YAVAPAI	38	59	142	49	288	4.2%
YUMA	36	27	102	40	205	3.0%
STATEWIDE	1,289	1,323	3,064	1,170	6,846	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	18.8%	19.3%	44.8%	17.1%	100.0%	

**TABLE 26  
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL/RESPONSE  
TIME AND COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF  
APRIL 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

COUNTY	RESPONSE TIME 1	RESPONSE TIME 2	RESPONSE TIME 3	RESPONSE TIME 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	6	7	27	9	49	0.4%
COCHISE	49	68	170	58	345	2.8%
COCONINO	31	37	117	43	228	1.8%
GILA	12	4	70	25	141	1.1%
GRAHAM	11	17	44	18	90	0.7%
GREENLEE	1	3	4	4	12	0.1%
LA PAZ	7	13	22	10	52	0.4%
MARICOPA	1,025	1,281	3,385	1,461	7,152	57.0%
MOHAVE	51	71	191	84	397	3.2%
NAVAJO	25	44	103	38	210	1.7%
PIMA	255	358	1,133	476	2,222	17.7%
PINAL	130	127	367	176	800	6.4%
SANTA CRUZ	7	16	34	10	67	0.5%
YAVAPAI	46	68	219	101	434	3.5%
YUMA	46	52	156	81	335	2.7%
STATEWIDE	1,702	2,196	6,042	2,594	12,534	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	13.6%	17.5%	48.2%	20.7%	100.0%	

**CHART 17  
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT  
THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION BY REPORTING PERIOD**



**TABLE 27**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	31	9	4	44	0.6%
COCHISE	2	166	89	11	268	3.9%
COCONINO	1	72	38	7	118	1.7%
GILA	1	60	24	5	90	1.3%
GRAHAM	1	32	10	0	43	0.6%
GREENLEE	0	5	2	0	7	0.1%
LA PAZ	0	23	9	0	32	0.5%
MARICOPA	33	2,477	1,140	117	3,767	55.1%
MOHAVE	2	149	65	8	224	3.3%
NAVAJO	0	99	46	6	151	2.2%
PIMA	19	827	401	39	1,286	18.8%
PINAL	1	208	63	7	279	4.1%
SANTA CRUZ	1	27	12	4	44	0.6%
YAVAPAI	5	191	73	19	288	4.2%
YUMA	2	137	61	5	205	3.0%
STATEWIDE	68	4,504	2,042	232	6,846	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	1.0%	65.8%	29.8%	3.4%	100.0%	

**TABLE 28**  
**NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**  
**BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF**  
**APRIL 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	37	12	0	49	0.4%
COCHISE	2	240	83	20	345	2.8%
COCONINO	4	142	71	11	228	1.8%
GILA	1	104	30	6	141	1.1%
GRAHAM	0	59	26	5	90	0.7%
GREENLEE	0	6	6	0	12	0.1%
LA PAZ	3	33	16	0	52	0.4%
MARICOPA	64	4,596	2,261	231	7,152	57.0%
MOHAVE	1	271	111	14	397	3.2%
NAVAJO	3	133	63	11	210	1.7%
PIMA	18	1,488	638	78	2,222	17.7%
PINAL	11	494	247	48	800	6.4%
SANTA CRUZ	2	43	18	4	67	0.5%
YAVAPAI	4	287	113	30	434	3.5%
YUMA	3	213	113	6	335	2.7%
STATEWIDE	116	8,146	3,808	464	12,534	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.9%	65.0%	30.4%	3.7%	100.0%	

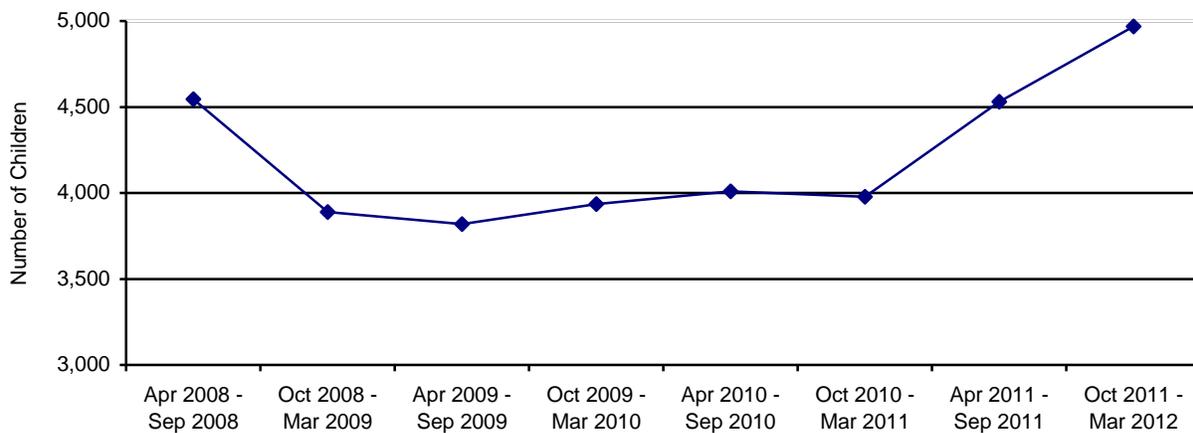
**SAFE HAVEN INFANTS**

There were no newborn infants delivered to Safe Haven providers during the October 2011 – March 2012 reporting period. This compares to no infants being delivered to Safe Haven providers during the April 2011 – September 2011 reporting period.

**CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE**

During this reporting period, 4,968 children entered care as compared to 4,531 children for the April 2011 through September 2011 reporting period. Chart 18 displays children entering out-of-home care by reporting period.

**CHART 18  
TOTAL CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY REPORTING PERIOD**



**CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE – VOLUNTARY SERVICES**

The number of children entering out-of-home placement through voluntary foster care agreements for this reporting period was 150, which represents 3.0 percent of the children entering care this reporting period. Table 29 shows the number of children entering out-of-home care through voluntary placements for the current reporting period by county. 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 90 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 90 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 twice within 24 consecutive months.

**TABLE 29**  
**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 OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**

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	20	0.4%	0	0.0%
COCHISE	43	0.9%	0	0.0%
COCONINO	51	1.0%	12	8.0%
GILA	24	0.5%	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	31	0.6%	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	6	0.1%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	14	0.3%	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	2,847	57.3%	53	35.3%
MOHAVE	115	2.3%	4	2.7%
NAVAJO	79	1.6%	7	4.7%
PIMA	1,190	24.0%	68	45.3
PINAL	302	6.1%	2	1.3%
SANTA CRUZ	17	0.3%	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	150	3.0%	1	0.7%
YUMA	79	1.6%	3	2.0%
STATEWIDE	4,968	100.0%	150	100.0%

**TABLE 30**  
**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, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

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	30	0.7%	0	0.0%
COCHISE	64	1.4%	2	1.3%
COCONINO	34	0.8%	5	3.2%
GILA	31	0.7%	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	22	0.5%	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	2	<0.1%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	5	0.1%	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	2,682	59.2%	71	45.7%
MOHAVE	115	2.5%	7	4.5%
NAVAJO	42	0.9%	1	0.7%
PIMA	1,013	22.4%	61	39.4%
PINAL	280	6.2%	1	0.7%
SANTA CRUZ	19	0.4%	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	116	2.6%	3	1.9%
YUMA	76	1.6%	4	2.6%
STATEWIDE	4,531	100.0%	155	100.0%

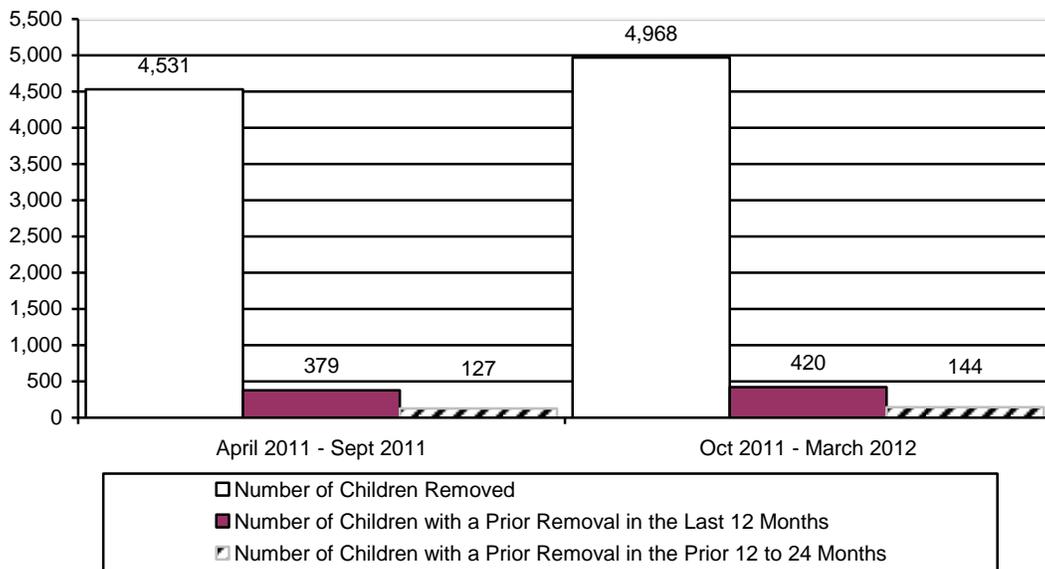
**TABLE 31**  
**NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY COUNTY FOR THE**  
**PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**

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 REMOVAL IN THE PRIOR 12 TO 24 MONTHS	% OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE PRIOR 12 TO 24 MONTHS
APACHE	20	0.4%	2	10.0%	0	0.0%
COCHISE	43	0.9%	2	4.7%	0	0.0%
COCONINO	51	1.0%	5	9.8%	3	5.9%
GILA	24	0.5%	2	8.3%	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	31	0.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	6	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	14	0.3%	1	7.1%	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	2,847	57.3%	225	7.9%	71	2.5%
MOHAVE	115	2.3%	15	13.0%	1	0.9%
NAVAJO	79	1.6%	19	24.1%	5	6.3%
PIMA	1,190	24.0%	118	9.9%	62	5.2%
PINAL	302	6.1%	22	7.3%	2	0.7%
SANTA CRUZ	17	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	150	3.0%	8	5.3%	0	0.0%
YUMA	79	1.6%	1	1.3%	0	0.0%
STATEWIDE	4,968	100.0%	420	8.5%	144	2.9%

**TABLE 32  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY COUNTY FOR THE  
PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

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 REMOVAL IN THE PRIOR 12 TO 24 MONTHS	% OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE PRIOR 12 TO 24 MONTHS
APACHE	30	0.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
COCHISE	64	1.4%	0	0.0%	4	6.3%
COCONINO	34	0.8%	5	14.7%	0	0.0%
GILA	31	0.7%	9	29.0%	1	3.2%
GRAHAM	22	0.5%	4	18.2%	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	2	<0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	5	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	2,682	59.2%	195	7.3%	77	2.9%
MOHAVE	115	2.5%	14	12.2%	2	1.7%
NAVAJO	42	0.9%	8	19.0%	3	7.1%
PIMA	1,013	22.4%	113	11.2%	28	2.8%
PINAL	280	6.2%	19	6.8%	7	2.5%
SANTA CRUZ	19	0.4%	1	5.3%	1	5.3%
YAVAPAI	116	2.6%	8	6.9%	1	0.9%
YUMA	76	1.6%	3	3.9%	3	3.9%
STATEWIDE	4,531	100.0%	379	8.4%	127	2.8%

**CHART 19  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY REPORTING PERIOD**



**CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE**

On March 31, 2012, there were 12,453 children in out-of-home care as compared to 11,535 children on September 30, 2011, an increase of 918 children. During this reporting period, 10,048 children or 80.6 percent were placed in family settings either with relatives or in foster homes. This compares to 9,326 or 80.7 percent of the children in the prior reporting period.

**CHART 20  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE ON THE LAST DAY OF THE REPORTING PERIOD BY REPORTING PERIOD**

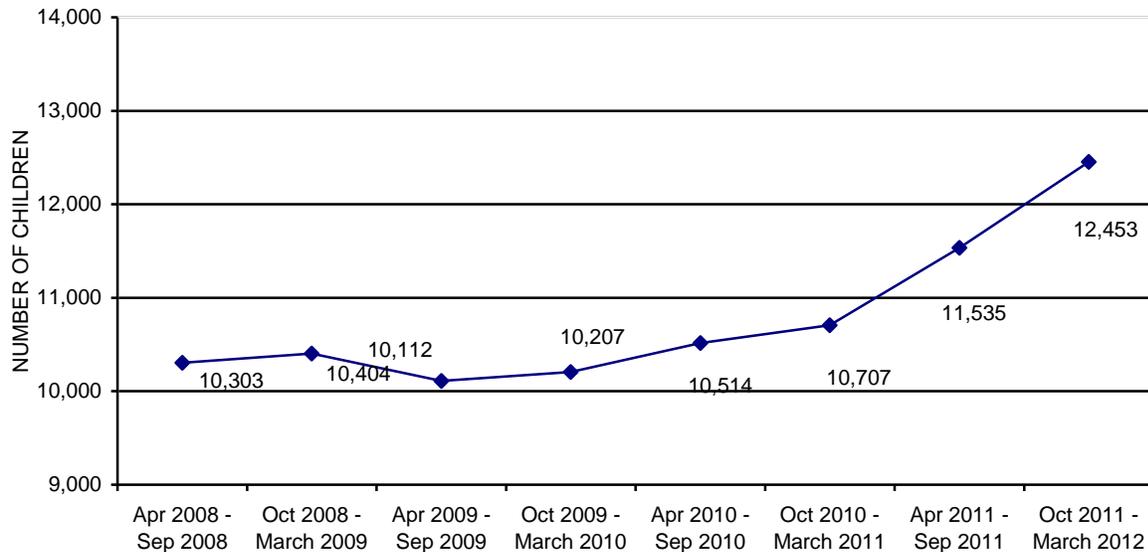
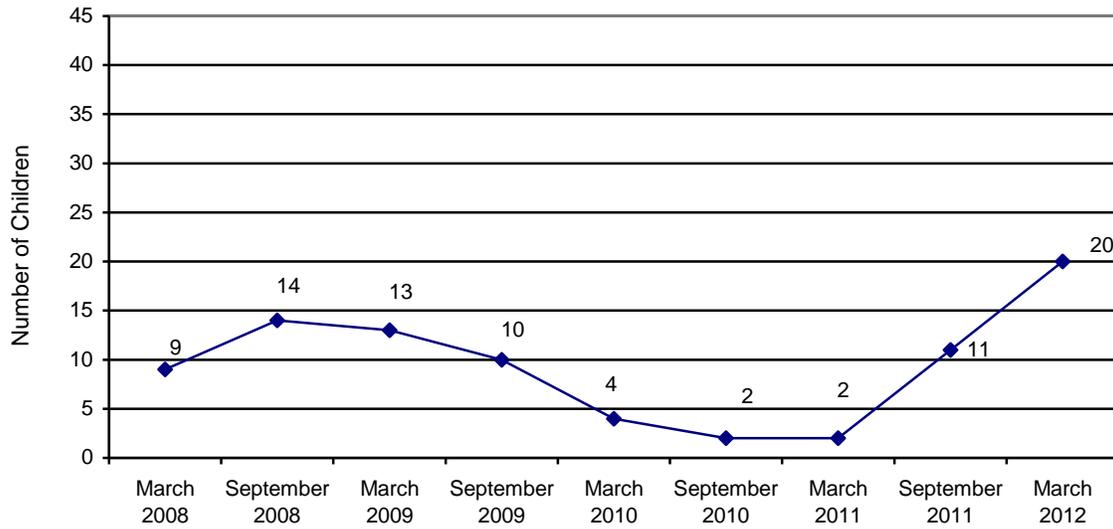


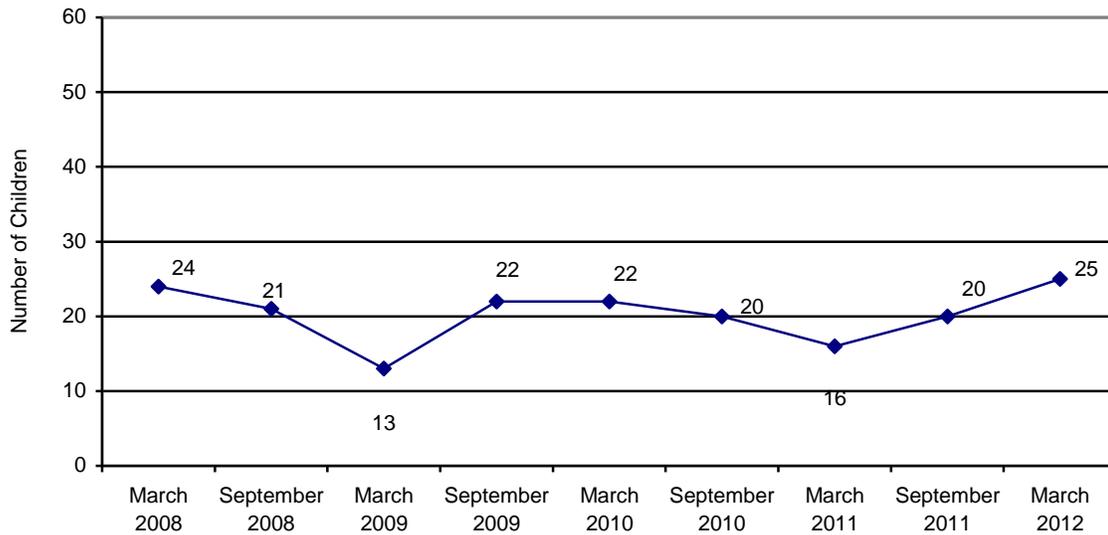
Chart 21 displays an increase in the number of young children ages 0-6 placed in group homes. Comparing March 2008 to March 2012, the number of young children in group homes increased by 11 children.

Chart 22 displays the increase in the number of young children ages 0-3 placed in shelter care. Comparing March 2008 to March 2012, the number of young children in shelters increased by 1 child. Chart 23 shows that the average length of time in shelter care has increased; comparing March 2008 to March 2012, the average length of stay in shelter increased from 103.4 to 164.3 days, an increase of 60.9 days or 58.9 percent.

**CHART 21**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN GROUP HOMES AGES 0 THROUGH 6<sup>3</sup>**

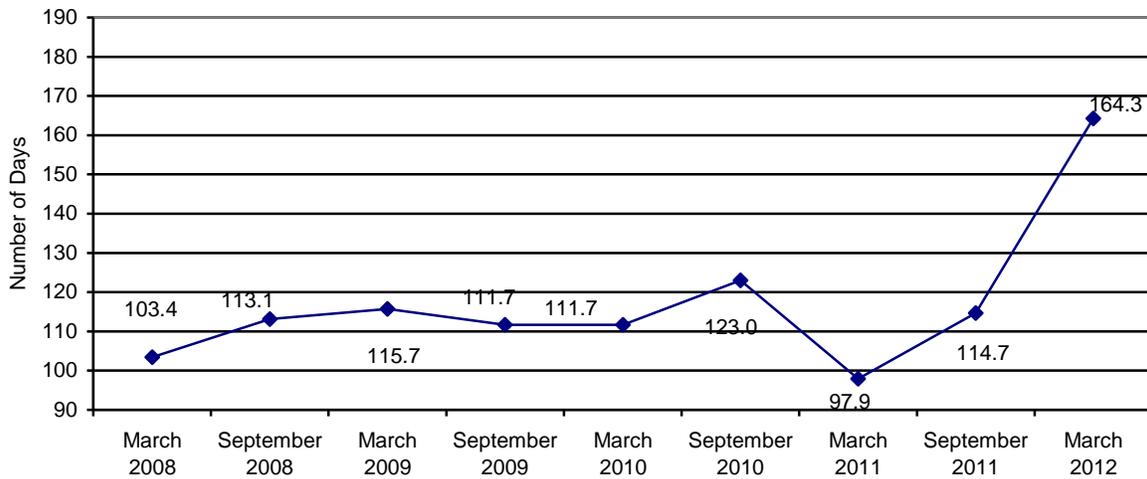


**CHART 22**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN SHELTER CARE AGES 0 THROUGH 3**



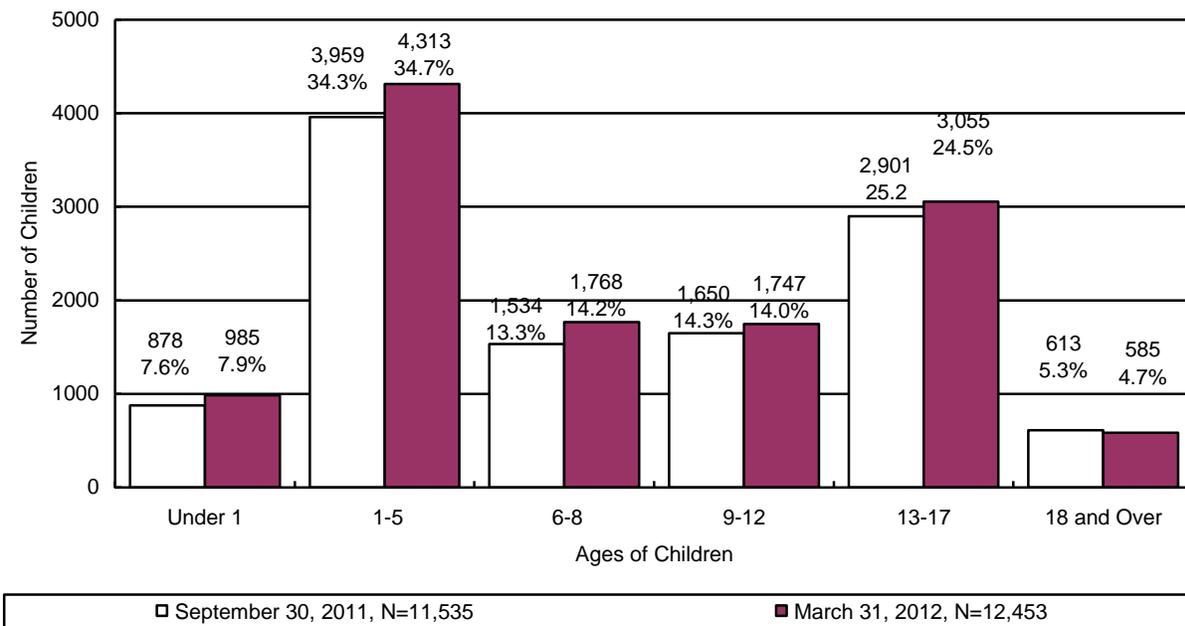
<sup>3</sup> Excludes infants placed with their mothers and children placed in foster home group models.

**CHART 23**  
**THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY FOR CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 3 IN A SHELTER PLACEMENT ON THE LAST DAY OF THE REPORTING PERIOD**

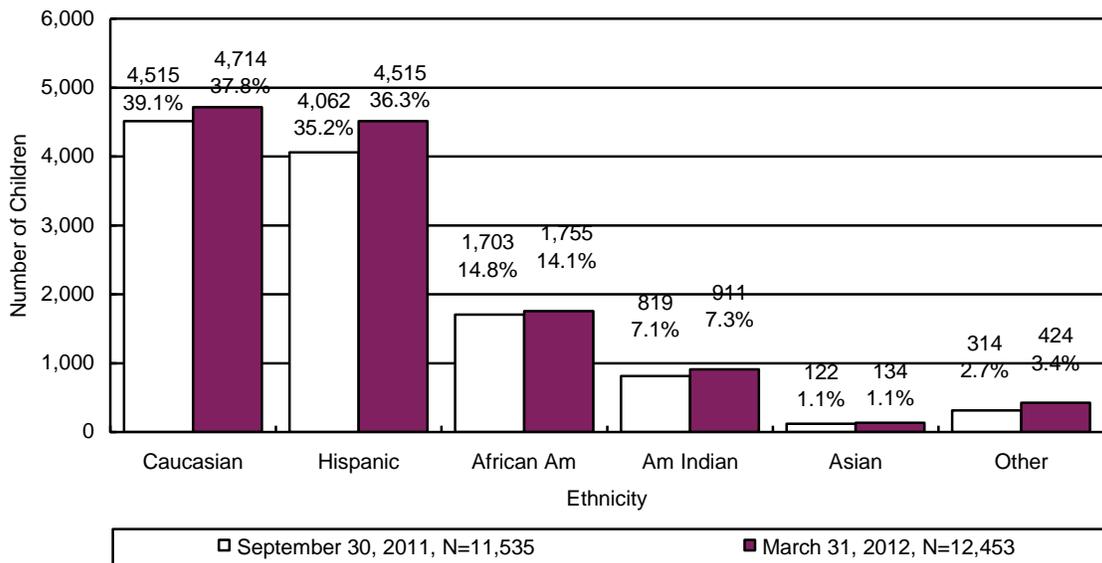


The majority of children in out-of-home care fall within the 1-5 age range (34.7 percent) and the 13-17 age range (24.5 percent). The majority of children in out-of-home care are either Caucasian (37.8 percent) or Hispanic (36.3 percent), followed by African American (14.1 percent).

**CHART 24**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY AGE**

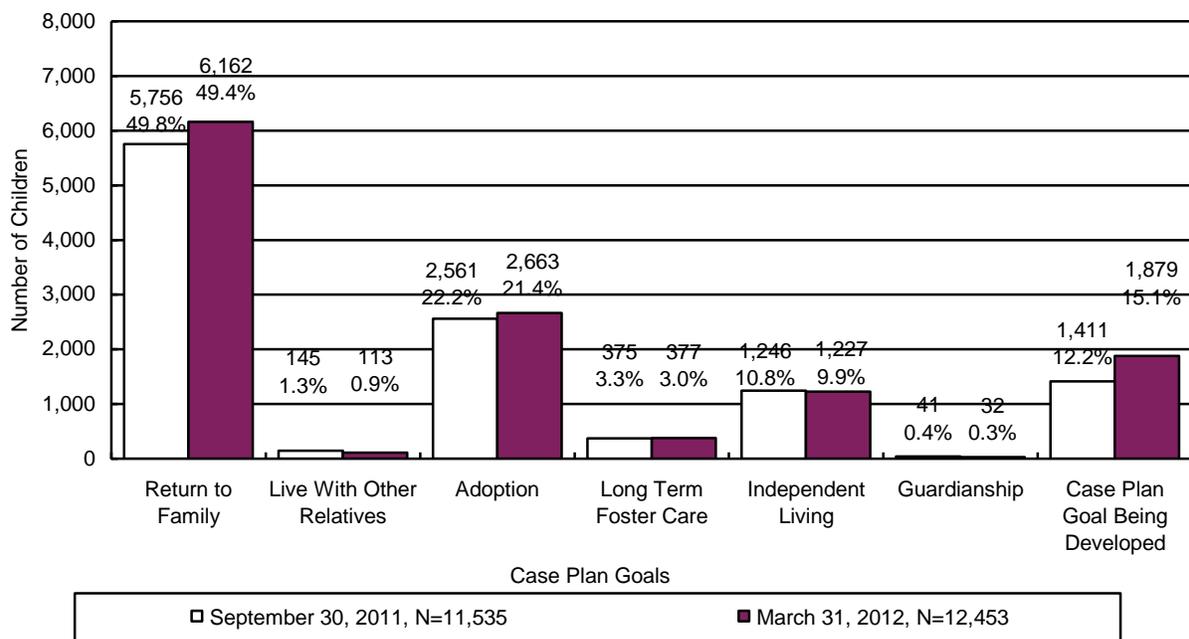


**CHART 25**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY ETHNICITY**

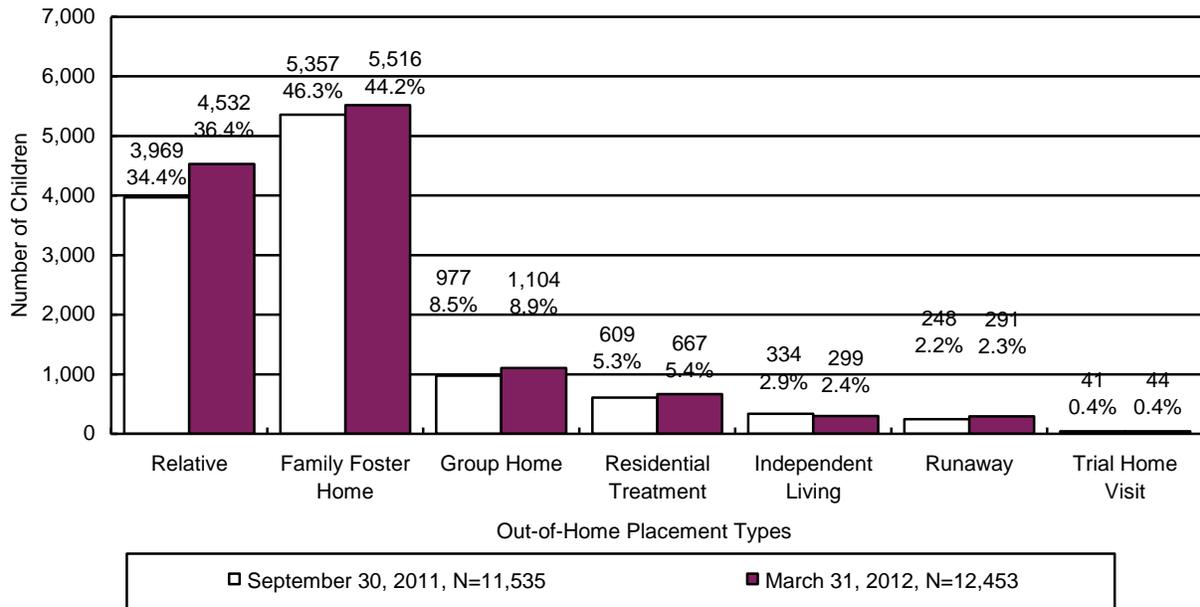


For 49.4 percent of the children in out-of-home care, family reunification remains the primary case plan goal. This is followed by: adoption, 21.4 percent; independent living, 9.9 percent; long-term foster care, 3.0 percent; live with other relative, 0.9 percent; and, guardianship at 0.3 percent. For the remaining 15.1 percent of the children, the case plan goal is in the process of development.

**CHART 26**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY CASE PLAN GOAL**



**CHART 27**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY PLACEMENT TYPE**



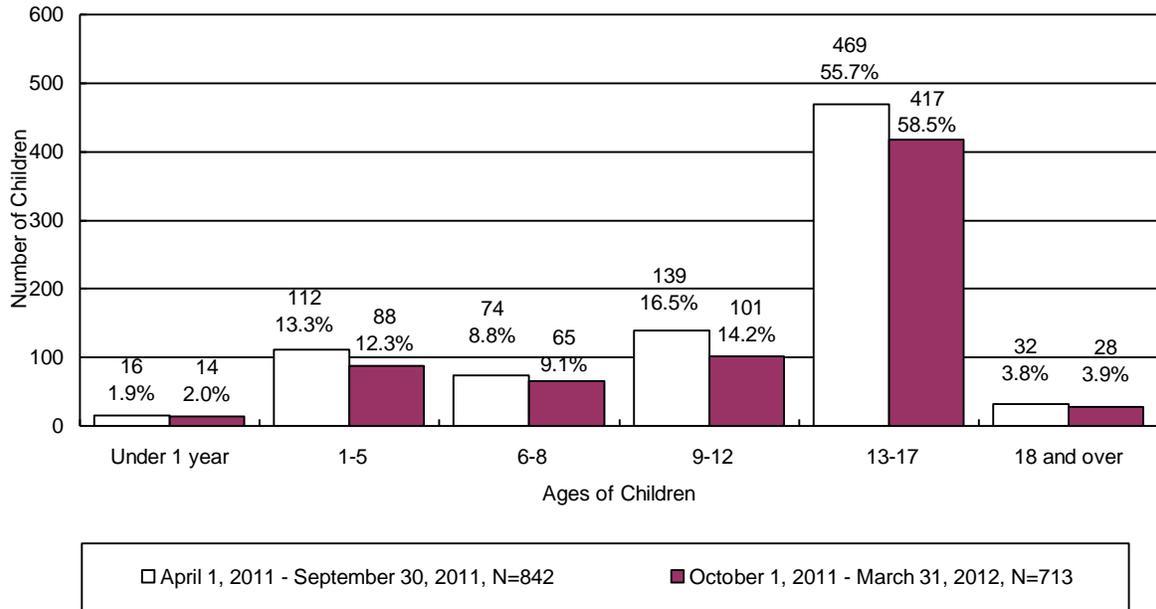
**TABLE 33**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY PLACEMENT TYPE AND AGE**

	RELATIVE	FAMILY FOSTER	GROUP HOME	RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT <sup>4</sup>	INDEPENDENT LIVING	RUNAWAY	TRIAL HOME VISIT	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
<b>UNDER 1</b>	367	607	1	7	0	2	1	985	7.8%
<b>1</b>	446	574	1	5	0	0	2	1,028	8.2%
<b>2</b>	447	470	2	9	0	0	4	932	7.4%
<b>3</b>	385	436	9	10	0	0	4	844	6.8%
<b>4</b>	383	400	4	21	0	1	3	812	6.5%
<b>5</b>	296	371	11	16	0	0	3	697	5.6%
<b>6</b>	306	306	13	14	0	0	4	643	5.2%
<b>7</b>	266	288	16	9	0	0	4	583	4.7%
<b>8</b>	251	254	19	15	0	0	3	542	4.4%
<b>9</b>	225	239	23	15	0	0	2	504	4.1%
<b>10</b>	164	202	30	21	0	0	0	417	3.4%
<b>11</b>	177	186	45	13	0	0	0	421	3.4%
<b>12</b>	141	188	50	23	0	2	1	405	3.3%
<b>13</b>	150	180	88	39	0	10	0	467	3.8%
<b>14</b>	128	172	122	61	0	15	3	501	4.0%
<b>15</b>	135	194	154	86	0	45	1	615	4.9%
<b>16</b>	118	181	224	99	0	61	4	687	5.5%
<b>17</b>	121	175	240	106	6	133	4	785	6.3%
<b>18 AND OLDER</b>	26	93	52	98	293	22	1	585	4.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	4,532	5,516	1,104	667	299	291	44	12,453	100.0%
<b>% OF TOTAL</b>	36.4%	44.2%	8.9%	5.4%	2.4%	2.3%	0.4%	100.0%	

<sup>4</sup> This category includes shelter, detention, and hospital placement types.

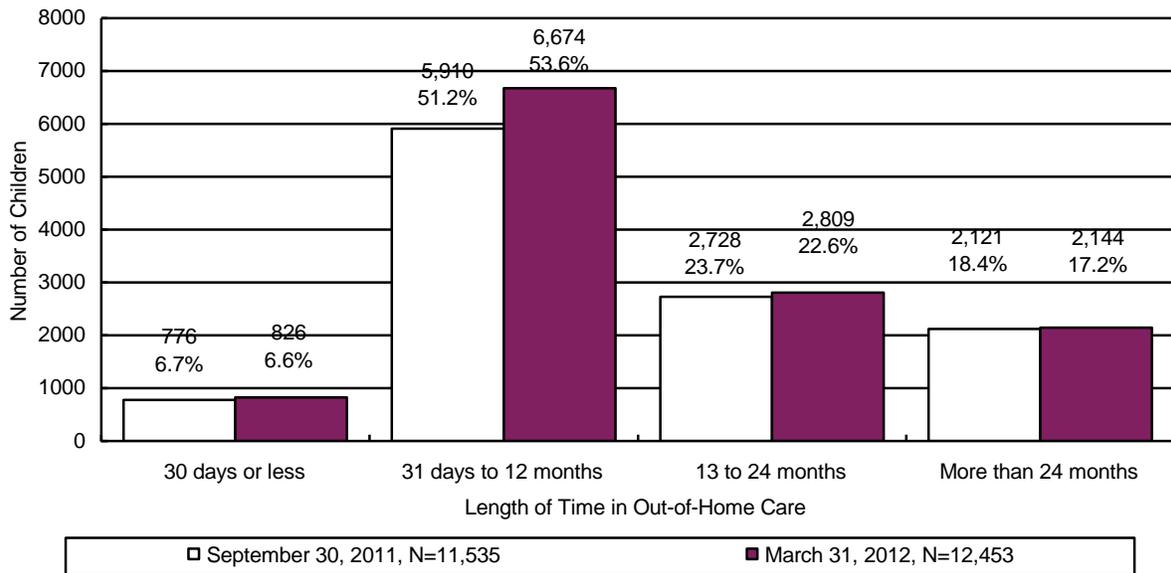
During the reporting period 713 children remained in a shelter or receiving home for more than 21 consecutive days. Chart 28 displays children in shelter more than 21 days for the period of October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012 and shows that 611 or 85.7 percent of the children were six years of age or older. In addition, 14 or 2 percent of the children were under one year old.

**CHART 28**  
**NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN SHELTER OR RECEIVING HOMES FOR MORE THAN 21 CONSECUTIVE DAYS BY AGE OF CHILD<sup>5</sup>**



<sup>5</sup> 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.

**CHART 29**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY LENGTH OF TIME IN CARE**



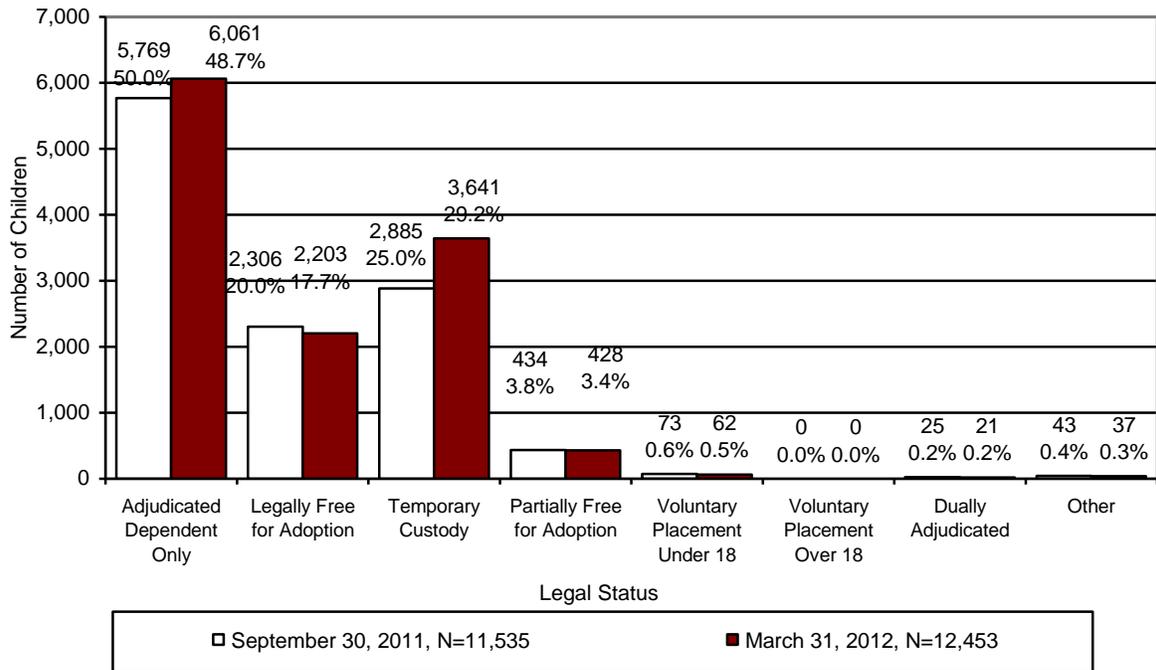
For the children in out-of-home care on March 31, 2012 the average number of placements was 2.6, the median number of placements was 2.0, and the range for the number of placements was 1 to 30 placements during their current removal episode.

**TABLE 34**  
**PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE ON MARCH 31, 2012**

	Placements
<b>Average</b>	2.6
<b>Median</b>	2.0
<b>Range Minimum</b>	1
<b>Range Maximum</b>	30 <sup>6</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Some children are so impacted 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.

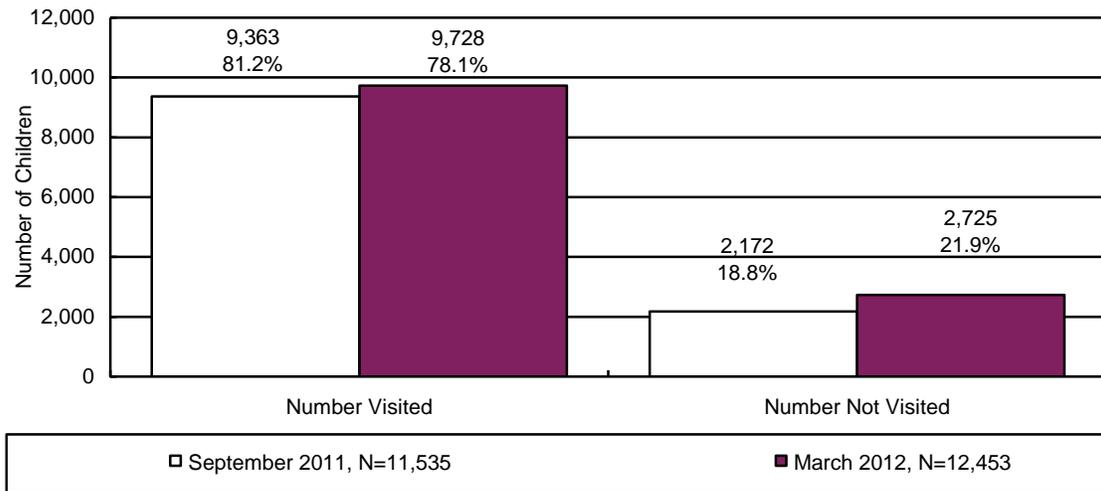
**CHART 30  
CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY LEGAL STATUS**



At the end of the reporting period there were 12,453 children in out-of-home care who required visitation. Of these children, visitation was accurately documented in the automated system for 9,728 children. As displayed in Chart 31, during this reporting period, the percent of children receiving required visits by CPS decreased by 3.1 percent to 78.1 percent.

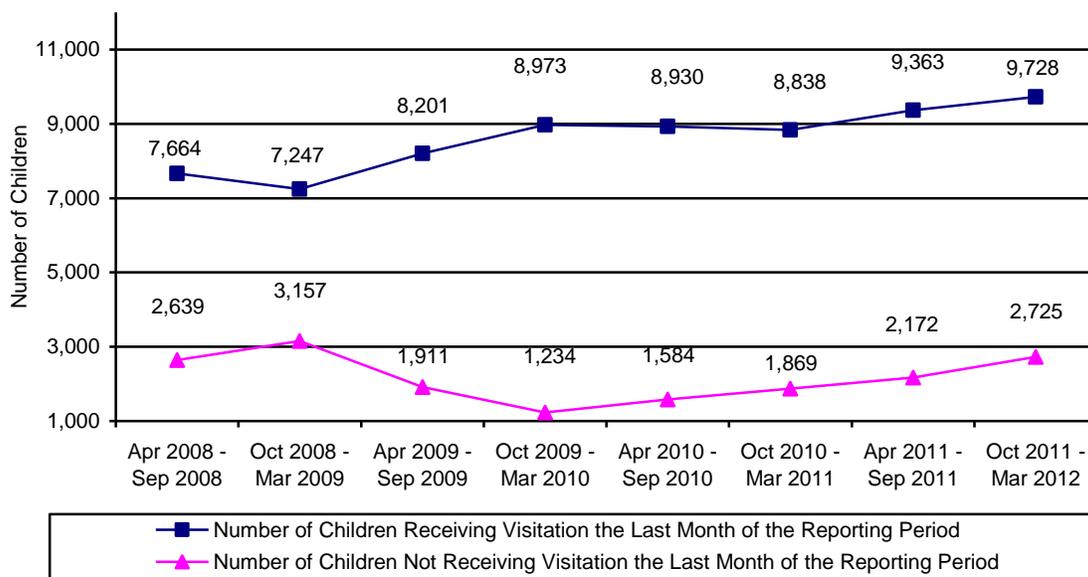
The required child visitation is performed monthly by CPS, contracted case managers, and/or other professionals as approved by a supervisor or as established by policy. The Department has verified that more children received the required visitation than is indicated in Chart 31. This information is clearly documented in the automated case notes. However, the Department is unable to compile and tabulate data based solely upon case note text. The Department continues to issue instructions to all direct service staff regarding the system requirements for capturing all 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.

**CHART 31  
THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED THE REQUIRED VISITATION**



According to the Division for Children, Youth and Families policy, CPS specialists 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 1,894 parents who had a child with the case plan goal of return home. Of those parents requiring visitation, 1,081 or 57.1 percent received the required visitation. The 57.1 percent visitation rate does not reflect attempted visitation where contact with the parent(s) did not take place.

**CHART 32  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVING AND NOT RECEIVING VISITATION BY REPORTING PERIOD**



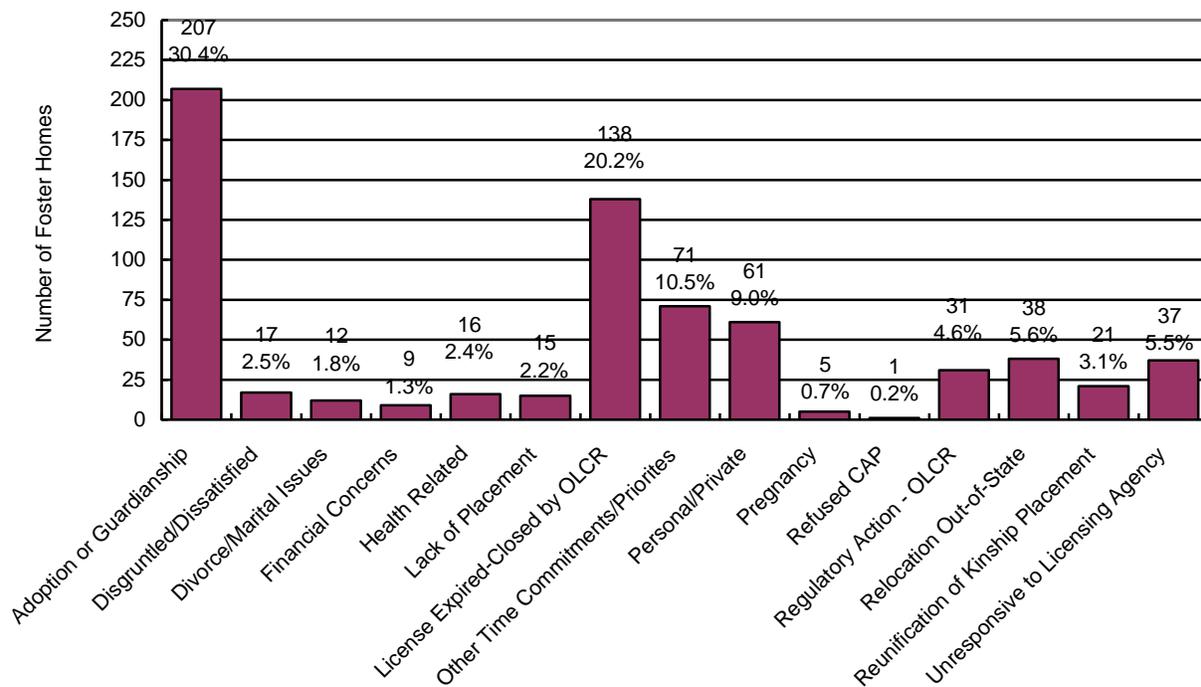
**FOSTER HOMES**

As of March 31, 2012, there were 3,922<sup>7</sup> foster homes licensed for a total capacity of 8,572 spaces. Of these, 1,880 are reported by contractors to be unavailable for placements. An additional 1,879 were unused spaces within these foster homes. Of the unused spaces, a match between the available spaces and children’s needs was not possible.

Licensed foster homes include family foster homes, professional family foster homes, respite foster homes, receiving foster homes, and developmentally disabled homes with DCYF children placed in them. 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.

During the reporting period, 663 new homes were licensed to provide foster care and 679 homes left the system. This compares to 582 new homes being licensed and 681 homes leaving the system for the period covering April 2011 through September 2011. The chart below gives the reasons for foster home closures for the period of October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012.

**CHART 33  
REASON FOR FOSTER HOME CLOSURE FOR THE PERIOD OF  
OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**

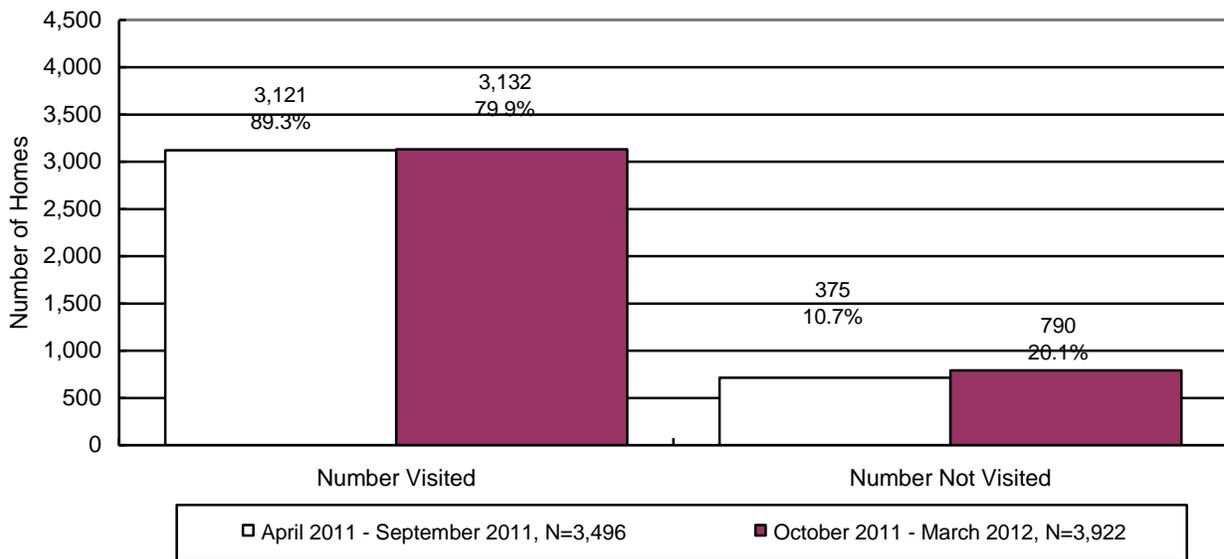


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<sup>7</sup> The number of homes cited in this report differs from the number cited by the Office of Licensing, Certification & Regulation (OLCR) due to the fact that the Division for Children, Youth & Families utilizes foster homes that are licensed for developmental disabilities, licensed by the tribes, etc.

During the reporting period, there were 3,922 foster homes that required visitation. Of the 3,922 foster homes requiring visitation, 3,132 or 79.9 percent foster homes received their required visitation. This compares to 3,121 or 89.3 percent of the foster homes that received the required visitation for the period April 2011 through September 2011. 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.

**CHART 34**  
**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.

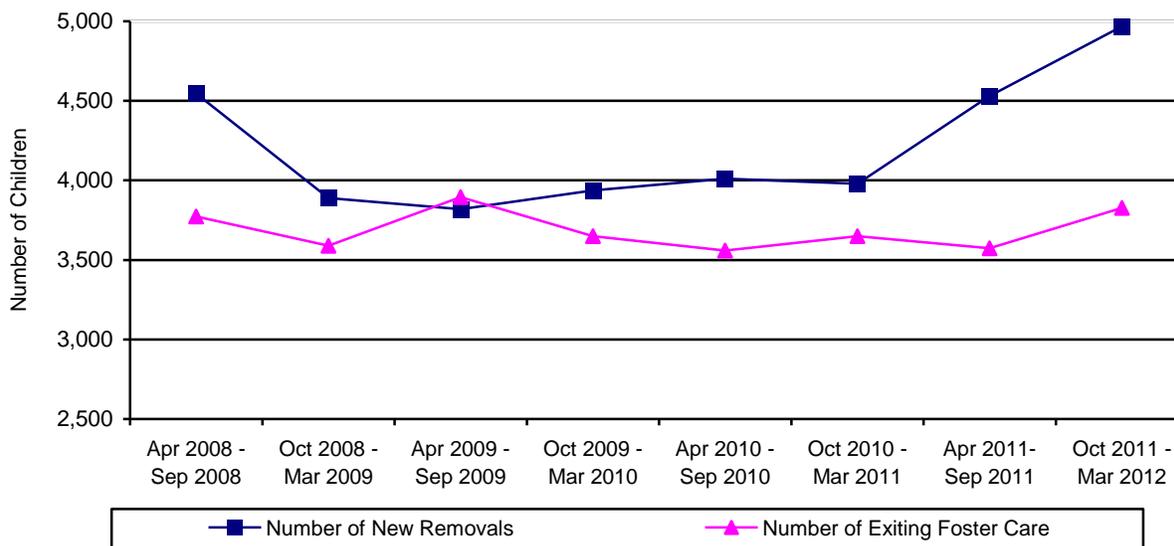
**CHILDREN EXITING OUT-OF HOME CARE**

During the reporting period, 3,826 children left the custody of the Department. This compares to 3,574 children exiting care during the prior reporting period. The comparison between the two reporting periods shows that 7.1 percent more children left care this reporting period for an increase of 252 children exiting care.

**TABLE 35  
CHILDREN EXITING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY PERIOD**

REPORTING PERIOD	NUMBER OF CHILDREN DISCHARGED	% CHANGE OVER PRIOR PERIOD
APRIL 2008 – SEPTEMBER 2008	3,773	+7.4%
OCTOBER 2008 – MARCH 2009	3,590	-4.9%
APRIL 2009 – SEPTEMBER 2009	3,894	+8.5%
OCTOBER 2009 – MARCH 2010	3,650	-6.3%
APRIL 2010 – SEPTEMBER 2010	3,559	-2.5%
OCTOBER 2010 – MARCH 2011	3,649	+2.5%
APRIL 2011 – SEPTEMBER 2011	3,574	-2.1%
OCTOBER 2011 – MARCH 2012	3,826	+7.1%

**CHART 35  
CHILDREN ENTERING AND EXITING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY REPORTING PERIOD**



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, and the length of time in out-of-home care.

**TABLE 36  
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY FOR THE END OF THE  
REPORTING PERIOD ENDING ON MARCH 31, 2012**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	209	5.5%
Ages 1 to 5	1,435	37.4%
Ages 6 to 8	526	13.8%
Ages 9 to 12	580	15.2%
Ages 13 to 17	731	19.1%
18 and Over	345	9.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,826</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Caucasian	1,489	38.8%
Hispanic	1,305	34.1%
African American	580	15.2%
American Indian	293	7.7%
Asian	42	1.1%
Other	117	3.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,826</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	2,087	54.5%
Two	848	22.1%
Three	356	9.3%
Four	228	6.0%
Five	106	2.8%
More than Five	201	5.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,826</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less than 30 Days	727	19.0%
31 Days to 12 Months	1,181	30.8%
13 to 24 Months	1,078	28.2%
More than 24 Months	840	22.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,826</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	<b>Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>By Age</b>	8.6	7.4
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	2.1	1.0
<b>By Months of Time in Care</b>	16.0	13.1

**TABLE 37  
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY  
FOR REASON OF "REUNIFICATION WITH PARENTS OR PRIMARY CARETAKER" FOR  
THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2012**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	151	8.2%
Ages 1 to 5	663	35.9%
Ages 6 to 8	270	14.6%
Ages 9 to 12	316	17.1%
Ages 13 to 17	444	24.0%
18 and Over	4	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,848</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Caucasian	761	41.2%
Hispanic	567	30.7%
African American	272	14.7%
American Indian	132	7.1%
Asian	30	1.6%
Other	86	4.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,848</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	1,245	67.3%
Two	345	18.7%
Three	134	7.3%
Four	63	3.4%
Five	28	1.5%
More than Five	33	1.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,848</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less than 30 Days	617	33.4%
31 Days to 12 Months	831	44.9%
13 to 24 Months	334	18.1%
More than 24 Months	66	3.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,848</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	<b>Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>By Age</b>	7.9	7.2
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	1.6	1.0
<b>By Months of Time in Care</b>	7.2	5.0

**TABLE 38  
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY  
FOR REASON OF "LIVING WITH OTHER RELATIVES" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD  
ENDING MARCH 31, 2012**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	6	16.7%
Ages 1 to 5	8	22.2%
Ages 6 to 8	5	13.9%
Ages 9 to 12	6	16.7%
Ages 13 to 17	10	27.7%
18 and Over	1	2.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Caucasian	15	41.7%
Hispanic	10	27.7%
African American	6	16.7%
American Indian	2	5.6%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	3	8.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	30	83.3%
Two	5	13.9%
Three	0	0.0%
Four	1	2.8%
Five	0	11.1%
More than Five	0	5.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less than 30 Days	29	80.5%
31 Days to 12 Months	1	2.8%
13 to 24 Months	4	11.1%
More than 24 Months	2	5.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	<b>Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>By Age</b>	8.6	7.6
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	1.2	1.0
<b>By Months of Time in Care</b>	2.8	0.1

**TABLE 39  
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES  
CUSTODY FOR REASON OF "ADOPTION" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD  
ENDING MARCH 31, 2012**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	37	3.0%
Ages 1 to 5	679	55.5%
Ages 6 to 8	203	16.6%
Ages 9 to 12	190	15.5%
Ages 13 to 17	115	9.4%
18 and Over	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Caucasian	452	37.0%
Hispanic	492	40.2%
African American	196	16.0%
American Indian	69	5.6%
Asian	4	0.3%
Other	11	0.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	531	43.3%
Two	362	29.6%
Three	135	11.0%
Four	100	8.2%
Five	41	3.4%
More than Five	55	4.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less than 30 Days	1	0.1%
31 Days to 12 Months	109	8.9%
13 to 24 Months	562	45.9%
More than 24 Months	552	45.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	<b>Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>By Age</b>	6.1	4.8
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	2.2	2.0
<b>By Months of Time in Care</b>	25.7	22.8

**TABLE 40  
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY  
FOR REASON OF "GUARDIANSHIP" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD  
ENDING MARCH 31, 2012**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	3	1.2%
Ages 1 to 5	55	21.5%
Ages 6 to 8	37	14.5%
Ages 9 to 12	53	20.7%
Ages 13 to 17	108	42.1%
18 and Over	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Caucasian	100	39.0%
Hispanic	78	30.5%
African American	34	13.3%
American Indian	35	13.7%
Asian	2	0.8%
Other	7	2.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	127	49.7%
Two	56	21.9%
Three	40	15.6%
Four	19	7.4%
Five	8	3.1%
More than Five	6	2.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less than 30 Days	22	8.6%
31 Days to 12 Months	89	34.8%
13 to 24 Months	100	39.0%
More than 24 Months	45	17.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	<b>Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>By Age</b>	10.7	11.9
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	2.0	2.0
<b>By Months of Time in Care</b>	16.0	15.1

**TABLE 41  
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY  
FOR REASONS OF "REACHING AGE OF MAJORITY" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD  
ENDING MARCH 31, 2012**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	0	0.0%
Ages 1 to 5	0	0.0%
Ages 6 to 8	0	0.0%
Ages 9 to 12	0	0.0%
Ages 13 to 17	4	1.2%
18 and Over	329	98.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Caucasian	133	40.0%
Hispanic	116	34.8%
African American	59	17.7%
American Indian	16	4.8%
Asian	5	1.5%
Other	4	1.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	73	21.9%
Two	50	15.0%
Three	37	11.1%
Four	42	12.6%
Five	28	8.4%
More than Five	103	31.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less than 30 Days	5	1.5%
31 Days to 12 Months	96	28.8%
13 to 24 Months	67	20.1%
More than 24 Months	165	49.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	<b>Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>By Age</b>	18.8	18.0
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	5.1	4.0
<b>By Months of Time in Care</b>	34.4	23.9

**TABLE 42**  
**NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY**  
**FOR REASON OF “TRANSFER TO ANOTHER AGENCY” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD**  
**ENDING MARCH 31, 2012**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	11	13.9%
Ages 1 to 5	29	36.8%
Ages 6 to 8	11	13.9%
Ages 9 to 12	14	17.7%
Ages 13 to 17	11	13.9%
18 and Over	3	3.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Caucasian	12	15.2%
Hispanic	17	21.5%
African American	9	11.4%
American Indian	37	46.8%
Asian	1	1.3%
Other	3	3.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	48	60.7%
Two	25	31.6%
Three	4	5.1%
Four	1	1.3%
Five	0	0.0%
More than Five	1	1.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less than 30 Days	30	38.0%
31 Days to 12 Months	40	50.6%
13 to 24 Months	8	10.1%
More than 24 Months	1	1.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	<b>Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>By Age</b>	7.2	5.8
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	1.6	1.0
<b>By Months of Time in Care</b>	5.0	2.6

**TABLE 43  
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY  
FOR REASON OF "RUNAWAY" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD  
ENDING MARCH 31, 2012**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	0	0.0%
Ages 1 to 5	0	0.0%
Ages 6 to 8	0	0.0%
Ages 9 to 12	1	2.1%
Ages 13 to 17	39	81.2%
18 and Over	8	16.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Caucasian	16	33.3%
Hispanic	25	52.1%
African American	2	4.2%
American Indian	2	4.2%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	3	6.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	31	64.5%
Two	5	10.4%
Three	6	12.5%
Four	2	4.2%
Five	1	2.1%
More than Five	3	6.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less than 30 Days	23	47.9%
31 Days to 12 Months	11	22.9%
13 to 24 Months	5	10.4%
More than 24 Months	9	18.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	<b>Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>By Age</b>	16.9	17.2
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	2.0	1.0
<b>By Months of Time in Care</b>	11.4	1.8

**TABLE 44  
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY  
FOR REASON OF “DEATH OF CHILD” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING  
MARCH 31, 2012**

<b>By Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 1	1	50.0%
Ages 1 to 5	1	50.0%
Ages 6 to 8	0	0.0%
Ages 9 to 12	0	0.0%
Ages 13 to 17	0	0.0%
18 and Over	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Caucasian	0	0.0%
Hispanic	0	0.0%
African American	2	100.0%
American Indian	0	0.0%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	2	100.0%
Two	0	0.0%
Three	0	0.0%
Four	0	0.0%
Five	0	0.0%
More than Five	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>By Length of Time in Care</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less than 30 Days	0	0.0%
31 Days to 12 Months	1	50.0%
13 to 24 Months	1	50.0%
More than 24 Months	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	<b>Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>By Age</b>	2.5	2.5
<b>By Number of Placements</b>	1.0	1.0
<b>By Months of Time in Care</b>	8.8	8.8

**TABLE 45**  
**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	Medical Condition	Family Foster Home
Maricopa	Medical Condition	Family Foster Home - Relative

**TABLE 46**  
**NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN AN OPEN CASE WHO DIED AS A RESULT OF ALLEGED**  
**ABUSE AS CATEGORIZED BY THE CUSTODIAL RELATIONSHIP AND COUNTY FOR THE**  
**PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**

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	0.0%
COCHISE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCONINO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GILA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	3	0	0	0	0	3	60.0%
MOHAVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
NAVAJO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
PIMA	1	0	0	0	0	1	20.0%
PINAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	1	0	0	0	0	1	20.0%
YUMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
STATEWIDE	5	0	0	0	0	5	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	

**CHILDREN WITH ADOPTIVE CASE PLAN GOALS**

Of the 12,453 children in out-of-home care on March 31, 2012, 2,663 or 21.4 percent had a case plan goal of adoption. The majority of those children, 46.3 percent, are in the 1-5 year old age range, followed by 18.7 percent in the 9-12 year old age range, and 17.5 percent in the 6-8 year old age range. The remaining children, 466 or 17.5 percent, fall within the under one or 13 and over age range. The majority of these children are Hispanic (1,036 or 38.9 percent), Caucasian (1,026 or 38.5 percent), or African American (398 or 15.0 percent). The remaining 203 children or 7.6 percent are American Indian, Asian or other. Seventy-one and two tenths of a percent, or 1,896 of the children free for adoption, are currently placed in their adoptive homes.

**TABLE 47  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS  
BY COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**

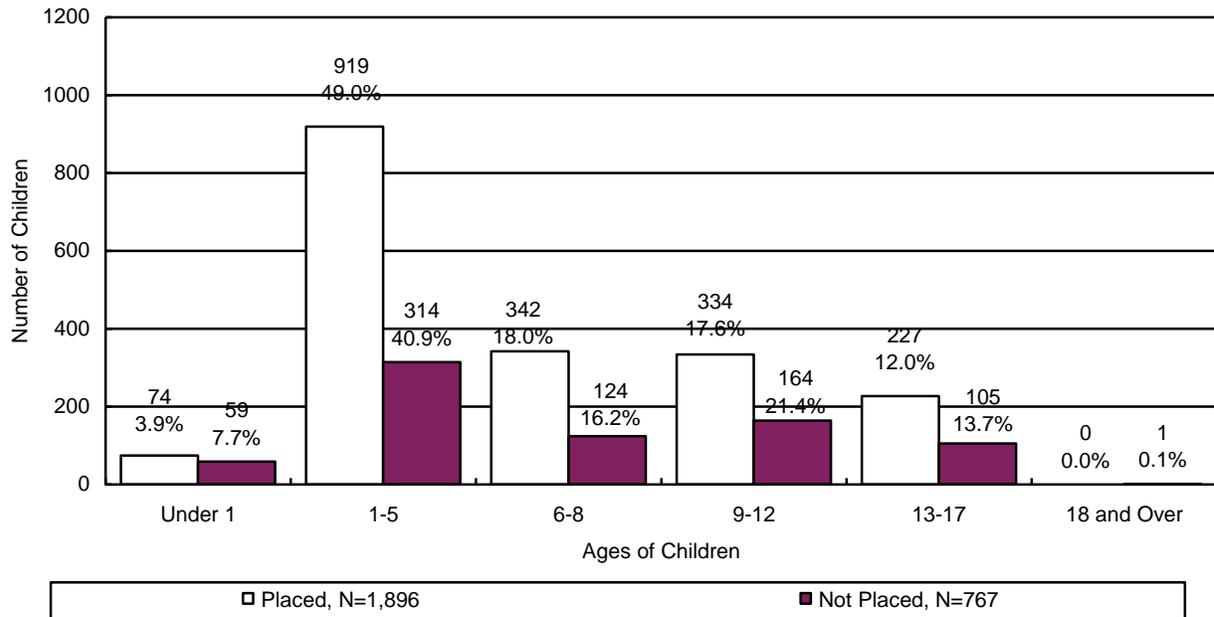
COUNTY	TERMINATION OF RIGHTS GRANTED	TERMINATION OF RIGHTS DENIED	TERMINATION OF RIGHTS GRANTED IN PART/DENIED IN PART	TERMINATION OF RIGHTS WITHDRAWN	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	2	0	0	0	2	0.2%
COCHISE	39	1	0	2	42	3.7%
COCONINO	14	0	0	0	14	1.3%
GILA	14	0	0	0	14	1.3%
GRAHAM	9	0	0	0	9	0.8%
GREENLEE	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%
LA PAZ	5	0	0	0	5	0.5%
MARICOPA	553	2	0	0	555	49.3%
MOHAVE	58	0	0	0	58	5.2%
NAVAJO	4	0	0	2	6	0.5%
PIMA	311	5	0	0	316	28.1%
PINAL	37	0	0	0	37	3.3%
SANTA CRUZ	7	1	0	0	8	0.7%
YAVAPAI	31	0	0	0	31	2.8%
YUMA	25	0	0	0	25	2.2%
STATEWIDE	1,110	9	0	4	1,123	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	98.8%	0.8%	0.0%	0.4%	100.0%	

The average length of time that a child with a case plan goal of “adoption” has spent in out-of-home care is 1 year 10 months. There were a total of 2,663 children with case plan goals of adoption during this reporting period. Of this total, 1,896 were placed and 767 were not placed. The population of children with case plan goals of adoption averaged 2.6 placements and had a median placement count of 2.0. Their placement count ranged from 1 to 30.

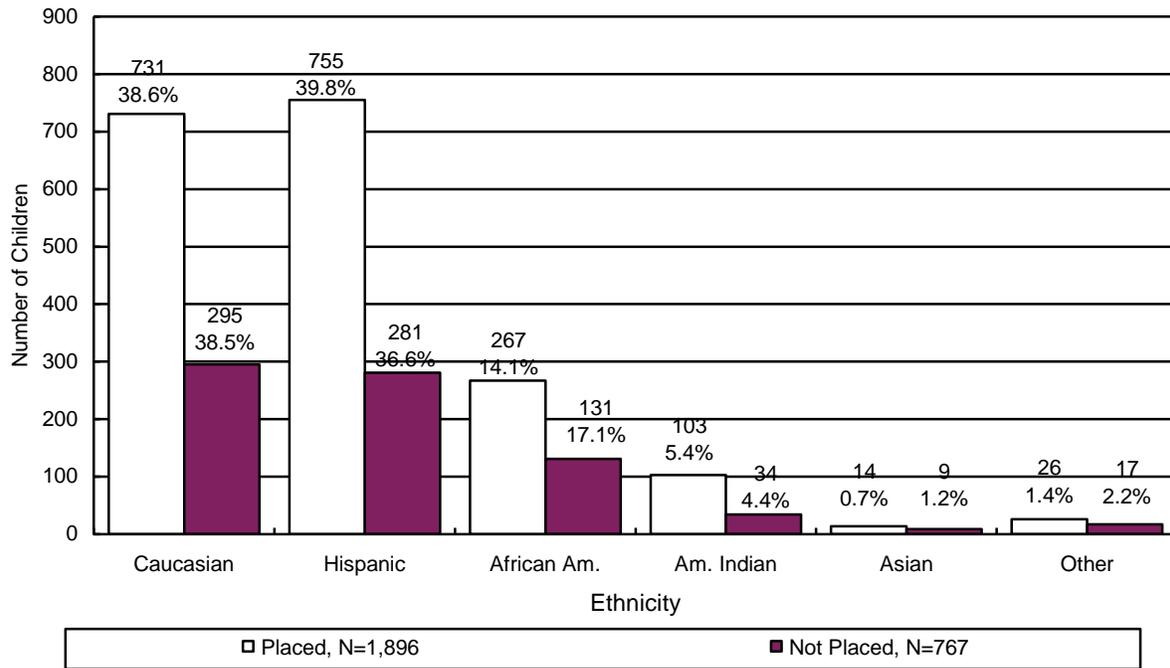
**TABLE 48  
PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION**

	<b>Placements</b>
<b>Average</b>	2.6
<b>Median</b>	2.0
<b>Range Minimum</b>	1
<b>Range Maximum</b>	30

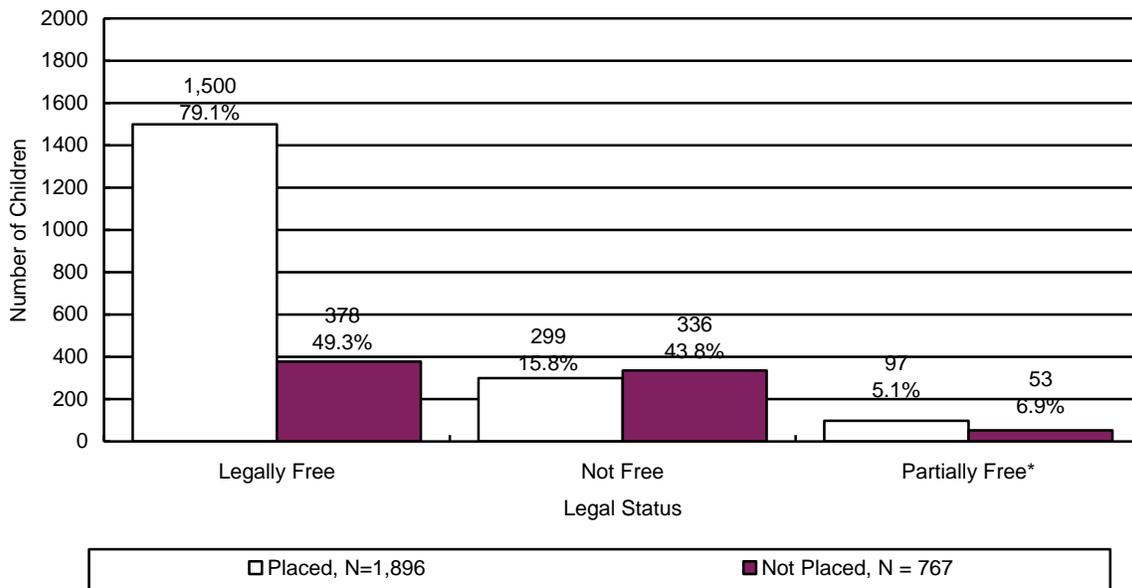
**CHART 36  
THE PLACEMENT AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY AGE**



**CHART 37**  
**THE PLACEMENT AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY ETHNICITY**

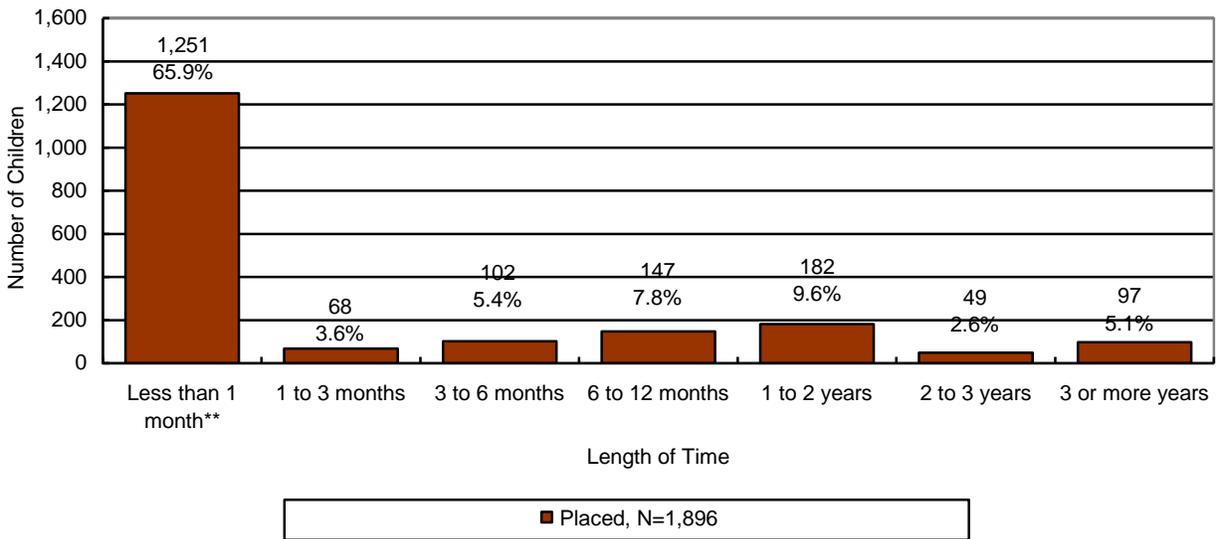


**CHART 38**  
**THE PLACEMENT AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY LEGAL STATUS**



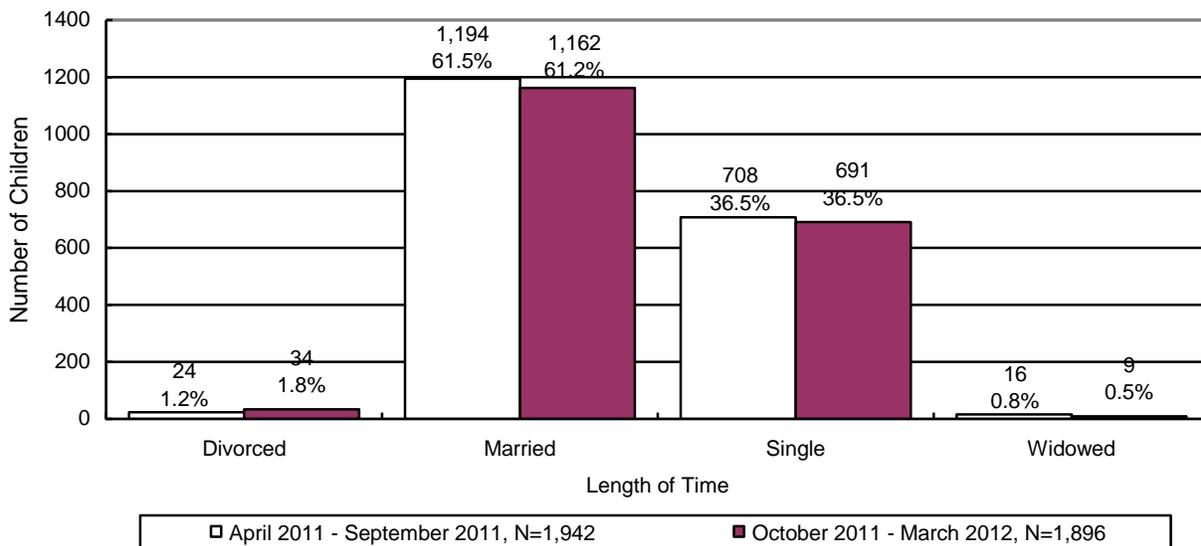
\*Partially free refers to a situation where only one of the parent's rights has been severed.

**CHART 39**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY LENGTH OF TIME FROM CHANGE OF CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION TO ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT**

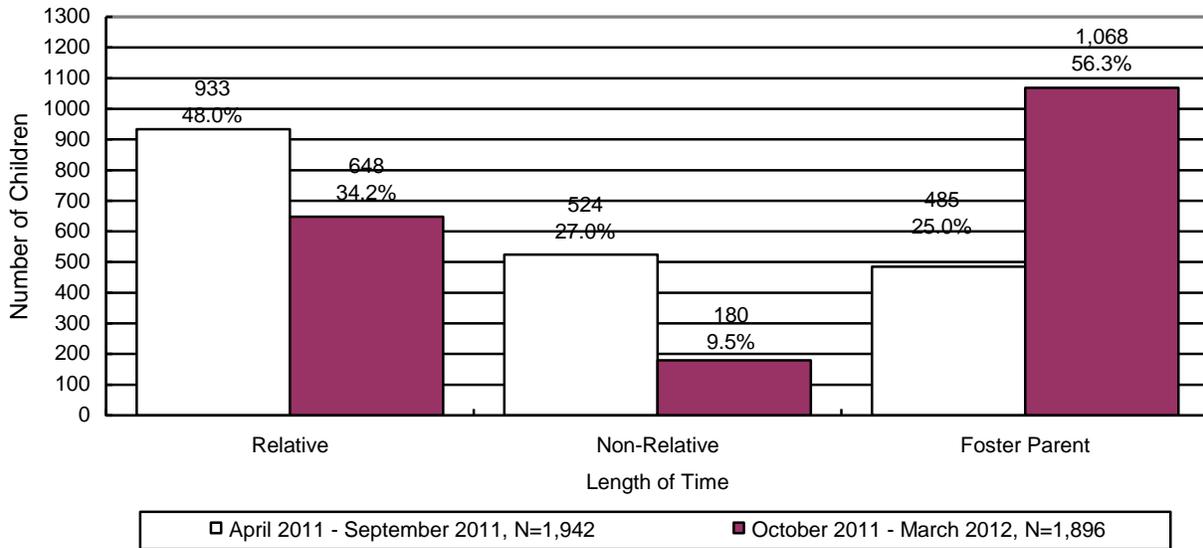


\*\*Approximately 70 percent of children are adopted by relatives or their foster parents and are already in their prospective adoptive placement at the time the case plan goal changes to adoption.

**CHART 40**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION WHO WERE IN AN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT BY THE MARITAL STATUS OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT**



**CHART 41**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION WHO WERE IN AN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT BY THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT**



**DISRUPTIONS**

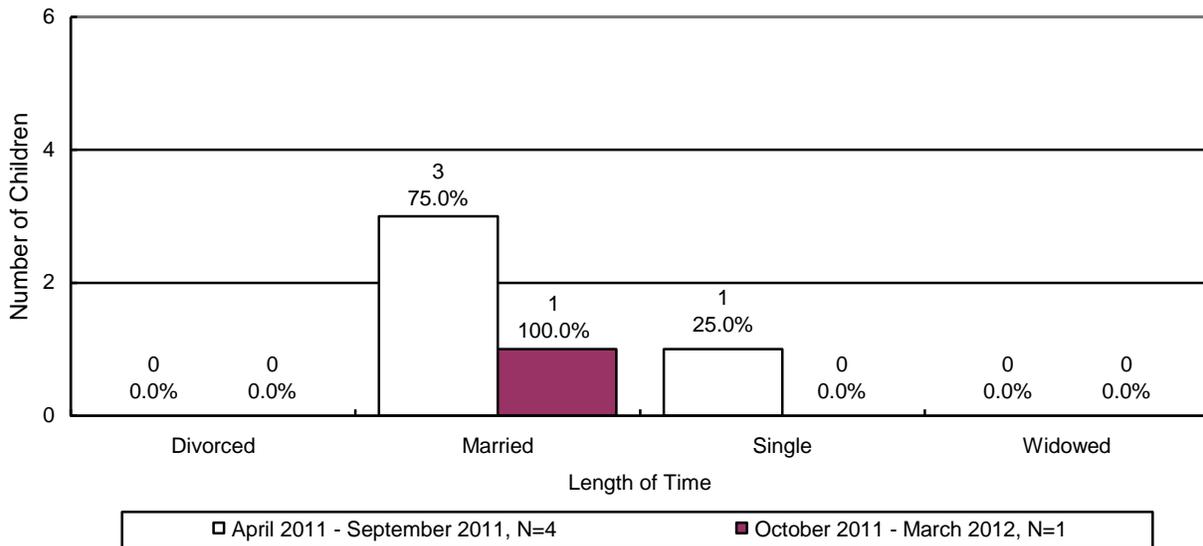
**TABLE 49**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION WHO WERE IN AN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT AND DISRUPTED BY AGE AND ETHNICITY**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	0	0.0%
Ages 1 – 5	0	0.0%
Ages 6 – 8	0	0.0%
Ages 9 – 12	0	0.0%
Ages 13 – 17	1	100.0%
18 and Over	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

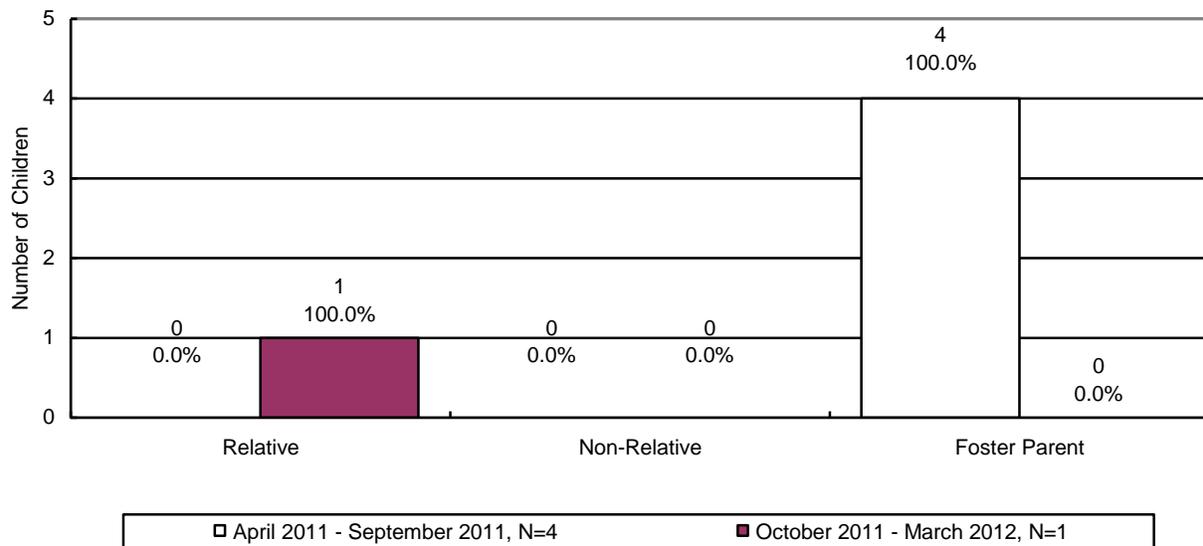
  

Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	0	0.0%
Hispanic	0	0.0%
African American	1	100.0%
American Indian	0	0.0%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**CHART 42**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION WHO WERE IN AN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT AND DISRUPTED BY THE MARITAL STATUS OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT**

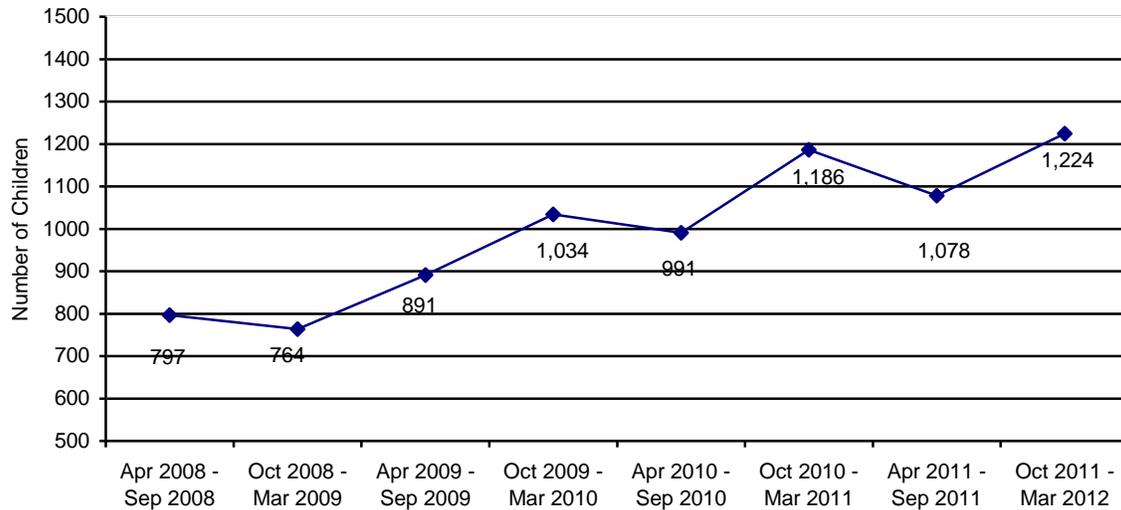


**CHART 43**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION WHO WERE IN AN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT AND DISRUPTED BY THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT**



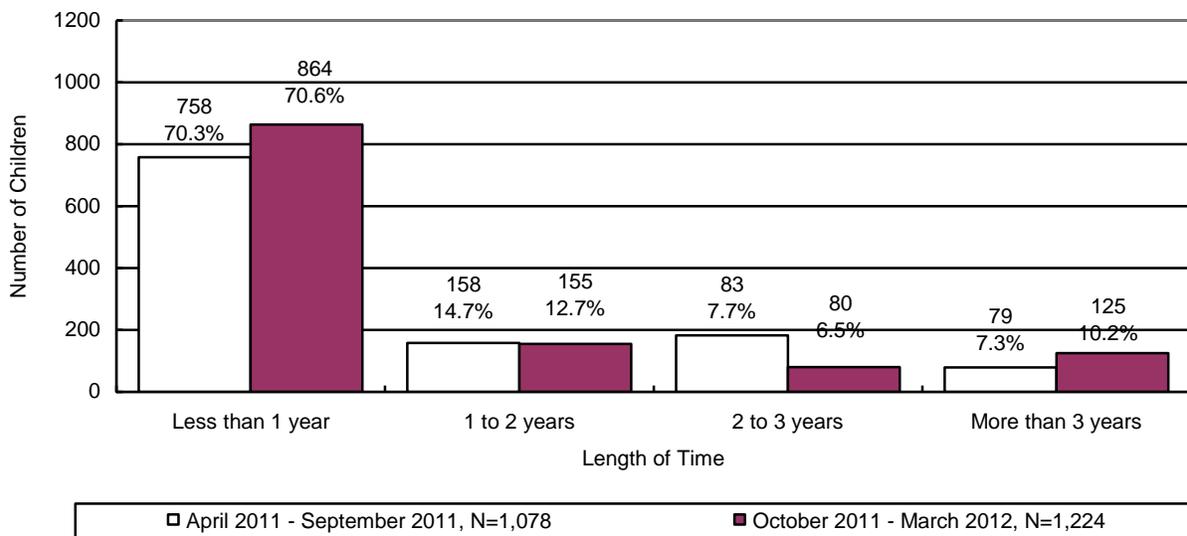
**ADOPTIVE SERVICES**

**CHART 44  
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION**



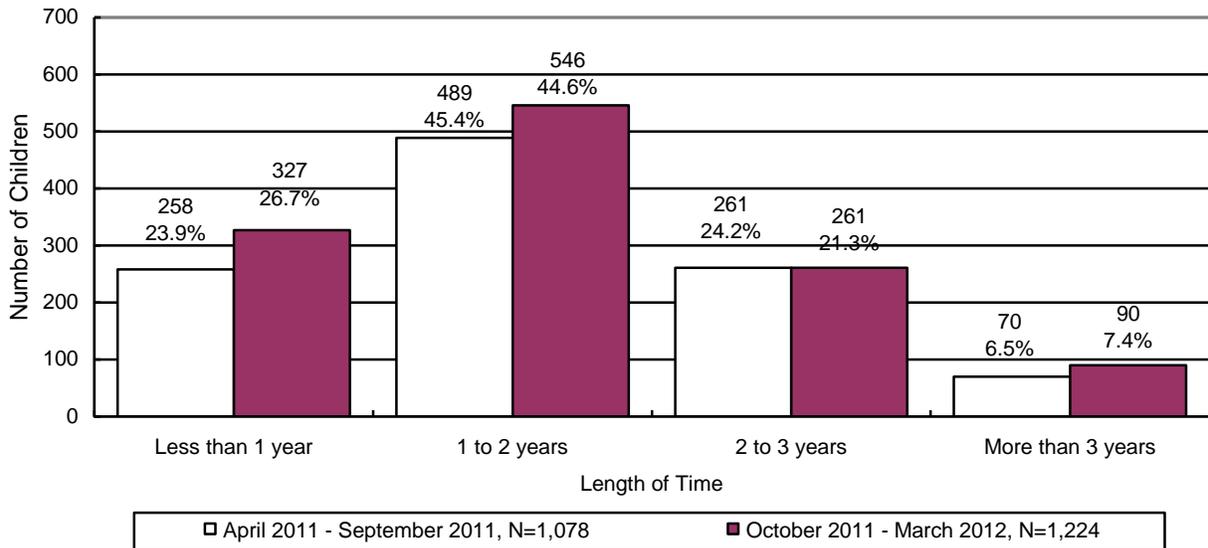
There were 1,224 children with a finalized adoption during the reporting period. Chart 45 displays the number of children with a finalized adoption during the reporting period by the average length of time in out-of-home placement before adoptive placement.

**CHART 45  
THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT BEFORE ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT**

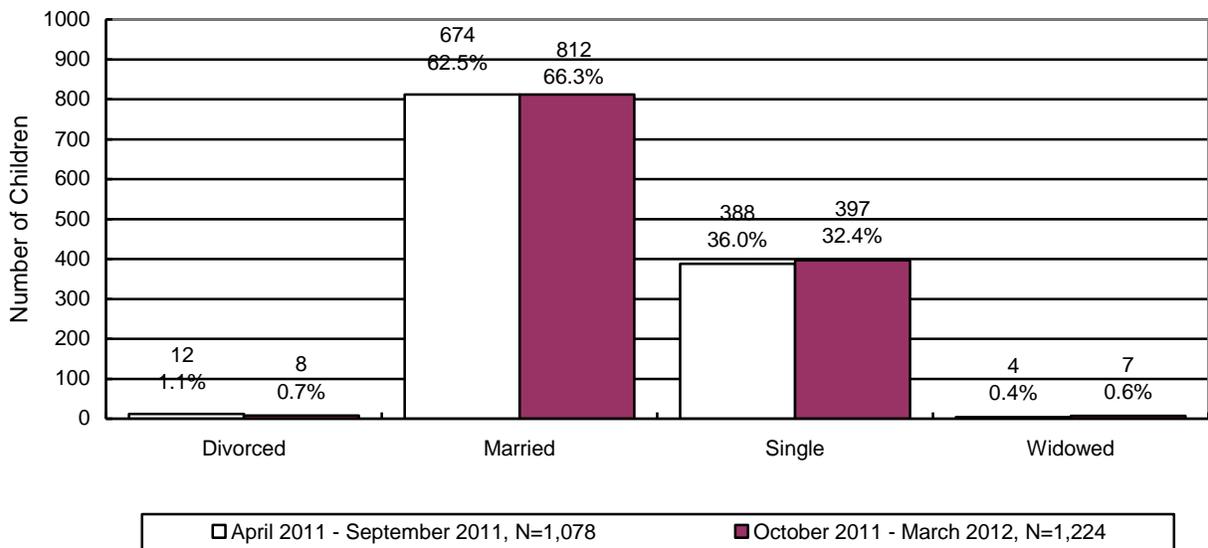


The chart below displays the number of children with a finalized adoption by average length of time in adoptive placement before the final order of adoption.

**CHART 46**  
**THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT BEFORE THE FINAL ORDER OF ADOPTION**



**CHART 47**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY THE MARITAL STATUS OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT**



**CHART 48**  
**THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY THE RELATIONSHIP**  
**OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT TO THE CHILD**

