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The Honorable Douglas A. Ducey
Governor of Arizona
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85005

Re: Semi-Annual Child Welfare Reporting Requirements

Dear Governor Ducey:

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-526, the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) submits the enclosed semi-annual report on child welfare for the period of April 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016. This report provides information relative to reports of child abuse and neglect, investigations, shelter and receiving home services, foster homes, length of care, and adoptions.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (602) 255-2500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory McKay". The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Gregory McKay
Director

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CHILD WELFARE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD OF

APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016



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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY

CHILD WELFARE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Arizona Revised Statute § 8-526 requires the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) 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. This report is for the semi-annual reporting period beginning on April 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2016.

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Executive Summary

The Arizona Department of Child Safety is pleased to publish this semi-annual report for April 2016 through September 2016 in compliance with A.R.S. § 8-526. This report is intended to provide its readers an opportunity to review the impact of the Department's process improvements in relation to key performance indicators.

In May 2014, the Department of Child Safety was created as a permanent, stand-alone agency with the express mission of safeguarding Arizona's abused and neglected children. The legislation enacted on May 29, 2014 included additional funding for an increase in child safety specialists and case aides.

The data contained within this Semi-Annual Report assists with identifying where continued focus is needed by the Department, stakeholders, policy makers, and advocacy groups. By working collaboratively to address the needs of children and to prevent child abuse, additional targeted resources and strategies that are put in place to improve outcomes for children will be implemented in a timelier manner.

Child Abuse Hotline and Investigations

The statewide Child Abuse Hotline received 24,787 calls that met the statutory criteria for a report. Of these, 384 were within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments and were referred to those jurisdictions. The total number of reports represents a 1.03 percent increase over the prior reporting period, but a 6.3 percent decrease over the same reporting period last year.

In addition to responding to all reports received in this reporting period, the Department closed 22,065 reports this reporting period which is an 18 percent increase over the prior reporting period. The Department continues its effort to reduce the total number of open reports. During this reporting period, DCS achieved a 39.8 percent decrease in total open reports from 22,376 in April 2016 to 13,477 in September 2016. The Department is very excited with this accomplishment as this continues to contribute to reductions in caseloads for investigators and allows them to spend more time engaging with families to complete thorough assessments.

The DCS Strategic Plan for FY 2016, announced in July 2015, identified several goals with deliverables for the Hotline, investigations, ongoing, and foster home capacity and availability. Strategic Objectives for FY 2017 were added in June 2016 to include avoiding population growth through improving safety decisions, targeted activities and prevention work, maintaining fiscal responsibility and continuing work to improve employee retention. To date, the Department has initiated and/or completed several deliverables, including, but not limited to:

Hotline

- Hired a Hotline Practice Improvement Specialist in August 2016 who, alongside with DCS Practice Improvement and Hotline managers, developed a communication review instrument. Starting in January 2017, Hotline communications will be reviewed at random to measure adherence to established policies and procedures and to provide

feedback to Hotline staff outlining identified trends, strengths, and areas needing improvement.

- Created a data dashboard to monitor open report volume and categorize reports by risk factors.
- Created a new Hotline screening decision-making tool that clarifies report and prioritization requirements.
- Instituted notification to callers to the Hotline about false reporting penalties;
- Required minimum staffing at the Hotline to ensure timely call-response and reduced abandoned call rate.
- The Hotline has made significant progress improving the average speed of answering calls to the Hotline; from a mean of 700 seconds in February 2014 (*source: DCS Hotline Improvement Progress Report, 2015*) to 27 seconds in September 2016 (*source: Hotline Monthly Scorecard*).
- The Hotline has also demonstrated substantial improvement reducing the call abandonment rate; from 32 percent calls abandoned in February 2014 (*source: DCS Hotline Improvement Progress Report, 2015*) to 2.4 percent in September 2016 (*source: Hotline Monthly Scorecard*).

Investigations

- Reduced the total number of inactive cases from 10,402 in April 2016 to 4,790 in September 2016, a 54 percent reduction utilizing a statewide backlog reduction plan.
- Created and implemented a dashboard to track overall investigation case management.
- Increased the use of Team Decision Making (TDM) meetings for considered removals to improve outcomes for children and families by keeping children in their homes with supportive services and support. Additionally, TDMs are being conducted for considered changes in the case plan goal for children in out-of-home care; and for children preparing for reunification; and for youth approaching the age of majority.
- Implemented a standard process for timely case transfers from investigation to ongoing units in several offices throughout the state.
- Implemented a field guide that facilitates the collection and documentation of safety and risk assessment information.
- Initiated the renovation and update of Arizona's safety assessment model, the SAFE model developed by Action for Child Protection with attention to practice knowledge and application.

Services

- Sustained the Building Resilient Families program to deliver in-home prevention services in Maricopa County for low risk families who have been the subject of a DCS investigation.
- Began the expansion of the Substance Exposed Newborn Safe Environment (SENSE) program to Mohave, Yavapai, Pinal and Pima Counties.
- Reduce wait list for parent aide services.
- Implementation of a Service Referral Matrix to refine the referral and approval process statewide.
- Implemented faith-based prevention services with the introduction of CARE Portal in Pima Region and planning the rollout of the CARE Portal in Maricopa County.

Continuous Quality Improvement

- Created and implemented supervision guides for investigation and ongoing cases.
- Completed policy analysis on the investigation/assessment of very low risk families.
- Implemented Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) reviews of fatality/near fatality cases and issued the Department's first Annual Fatality/Near Fatality Review Report.
- Partnering with Action for Child Protection on latest science enhancements.
- Begun training staff on safety science supported by Collaborative Safety.

Employee Retention

- Significantly reduced investigations caseloads to a manageable volume. In April 2015, there were about 230 investigators for 33,245 open reports, a caseload ratio of 145:1. In June 2016, there were about 363 investigators for 13,477 open reports, a caseload ratio of 37:1.
- Realigned the pay structure for DCS Specialists to improve employee retention.
- Implemented and refined staff exit interviews.
- Refining and implementing improvements of employee onboarding experience.

Of the reports subject to substantiation during this reporting period, the preliminary number of reports that were substantiated is 1,140 (5 percent). An additional 2,823 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 reports associated with this time period will increase as investigation findings are entered into Children's Information Library and Data Source (CHILDS).

Children in Out-of-Home Care

The Department remains committed to working with the community to keep children safe and prevent the need for children to be removed from their homes. The Department's effort to achieve a strategic plan goal of avoiding population growth through improving safety decisions, targeted activities and prevention work is evidenced by the first decrease by reporting period since September 2009. The number of children in out-of-home care decreased from 18,906 in March 2016 to 17,984 in September 2016, representing a 4.9 percent decrease. Several initiatives referenced above are helping to contribute to this reduction including a reduction in the number of cases in the backlog, efficient case transfers, and cursory reviews of all ongoing cases. During this reporting period, 5,669 children were removed compared to 6,141 removals the prior reporting period. This represents a 7.7 percent reduction in the number of children entering out-of-home placement.

The Department continues to make efforts to place children who have been removed from their home in the most family-like setting possible. As of September 31, 2016, 14,355 children – or 79.7 percent of all children in out-of-home care – were placed with kin or licensed foster parents. An additional 19 children were placed with their parents on a trial home visit and 511 youth were residing in independent living settings.

As part of the strategic plan, the Department is striving to improve capacity to place children in family environments and fully meet the needs of children in care. Of all children in out-of-home

care on the last day of the reporting period, 8,177 (45.6 percent) were placed with kin. During this reporting period DCS was able to accomplish the following:

- Continued to address barriers to licensing by analyzing denials of Life Safety Inspections and implemented improvements to safely reduce the frequency of denials.
- Successfully increased the use of Placement Coordinators to identify available kinship placements upon removal.
- Continued the use of software tools, e.g. Lexis Nexis, to find potential kinship placements.
- Implemented the Fostering Sustainable Connection program's use of Family Engagement Specialists to work with youth to identify relatives or other individuals with a significant relationship to the youth and explore possible permanency options.
- Foster Home Licensing increased the initial submission application approval rate by 43.3 percent while processing 558 more applications than in the prior calendar year.
- Life Safety Inspections increased the initial pass rate of inspections by 36.4 percent while lowering the average days to complete inspection to 65 days.

The state requires monthly face-to-face visitation with children in foster care. The Department has made concerted efforts to improve these contacts by tracking this in monthly Regional scorecards and weekly accountability calls with field managers and supervisors to monitor progress and challenges in meeting this expectation. As a result, the Department has shown a significant improvement by achieving 94.2 percent of the children in foster care receiving their visitation during the last month of the reporting period. This is a 4.4 percent improvement over the last reporting period and demonstrates the Department's commitment to children in foster care. There is a strong correlation between caseworker visits with children and positive outcomes for these children, such as achieving permanency and other indicators of child well-being. The Department continues to make efforts to improve our rate of visitation.

Permanency for Children

The Department demonstrated a significant increase in the number of children safely reunified with their families. A total of 3,386 children exited DCS custody to reunify with their parents or primary caretakers this reporting period compared to 3,102 during the same reporting period last year, which is an 8.8 percent increase.

Arizona is a national leader in the number of finalized adoptions. The Department remains committed to work toward achieving permanency for children placed in out-of-home care as demonstrated by increasing the total number of children achieving permanency through adoption when it is in the best interest of the child(ren). This reporting period there were 1,936 adoptions compared to 1,727 in the previous reporting period; an increase of 12.1 percent. During this period, the number of finalized adoptions exceeded any prior reporting period for second straight reporting period.

As part of the Strategic Plan, the Department continues recruitment efforts of foster and adoptive homes. In November 2015, the Department adjusted foster care reimbursement rates for families who are willing and capable of providing a home for youth ages 12 to 18 years old and sibling groups in this age group. Additionally, as noted above, the Department continues to address issues with the licensing process that cause delays for qualified persons to become licensed foster parents.

The Department is actively tracking the completion rate of initial life safety inspections to monitor trends and ensure attention to this issue remains diligent. The Department continues conducting process improvement projects to reduce the time from application to licensure and is also actively tracking this as part of the DCS Management System.

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 an 11.7 percent increase in the number of new homes being licensed during the reporting period compared to the previous reporting period. There were 882 new homes licensed the last reporting period compared to 985 new homes this period. However, the overall total number of licensed foster homes decreased by 1.8 percent compared to the previous reporting period. There were 4,681 licensed foster homes during the previous reporting period and 4,551 licensed foster homes this reporting period.

Strategic Goals to Address Challenges

The Department's Strategic Plan represents the leadership's commitment to refocus attention and resources on the safety, permanency, and well-being of children in Arizona. Below are the five strategic goals that address several of the most pressing challenges faced by the Department:

1. Improve objective decision-making at the Hotline and investigations.
2. Improve performance and quality of service through employee retention.
3. Reduce length of stay for children in out-of-home care.
4. Reduce recurrence of maltreatment by improving service delivery.
5. Improve capacity to place children in family environments.

As noted previously, the legislation enacted to create the Department included funding to increase the number of child safety specialists. In September 2016, the Department filled 1,321 (94 percent) of its 1,406 budgeted positions for child safety specialists, including staff at the Hotline and in training. The Department restructured the Child Safety Specialist series pay structure to help employee retention.

One of the Department's most significant efforts during this reporting period has been to address the long-standing issue of the 'backlog' or 'inactive' cases, which are those cases that had no case notes or service authorizations for 60 days or more. Ninety-five percent of the inactive cases had an open investigation. In order to address the backlog of inactive cases, a concerted effort was focused on completing investigations that had been open more than 60 days. Prior to 2015, efforts to reduce the backlog did not involve a methodical, focused approach. Current efforts ensure that an inactive case receives careful review and meaningful case management activities that address the safety, well-being and permanency needs of the children and families involved in the case. The Department has been utilizing '*select assistance work teams*' who were assigned to specific field offices to review cases, identify actions required to complete overdue investigations, complete field response activities and complete final quality assurance reviews.

Regional action plans to address the backlog of inactive cases include continuing off-line time for case managers to complete actions on open cases while not being assigned new cases and identifying additional resources at the Regional level to support investigation and clinical reviews.

Regional leadership established accountability for workload completion through data reporting which is monitored weekly and monthly.

As a means of expanding capacity to complete investigations the Department, with grant support from Casey Family Programs, partnered with a qualified local service provider in Maricopa County to support field offices with response activities. Model Field Offices were established that adhere to a standard process to transfer cases from investigations to ongoing and this process has been expanded to several offices throughout the state. This occurs quickly after a child's removal so investigators are no longer case managing dependency cases and are free to focus on investigations. As a result of these exhaustive efforts, the Department has reduced the backlog of inactive cases from a peak of 16,104 in January 2015 to 4,533 in September 2016. This represents a 72 percent sustainable decrease in the backlog. The Arizona Legislature established a requirement for DCS to reduce the backlog to no more than 1,000 cases by June 30, 2017. This means the Department is well ahead of its target benchmark for September 2016 of 5,900. The Arizona Legislature also established a benchmark of having no more than 13,000 open reports by the fourth quarter of FY2017. As of September 2016, the Department has already reduced the number of open reports to 13,477 and is on target to meet the benchmark during the second quarter of FY 2017.

The Department continues to assess processes and program controls to identify ways to address these challenges. Solutions have included partnering with community and stakeholders to ensure that the safety and well-being of children is always paramount. The Department 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

	Oct 2012 through Mar 2013	Apr 2013 through Sep 2013	Oct 2013 through Mar 2014	Apr 2014 through Sep 2014	Oct 2014 through Mar 2015	Apr 2015 through Sep 2015	Oct 2015 through Mar 2016	Apr 2016 through Sep 2016
Number of Reports Received	22,161	22,032	22,956	25,076	25,508	26,455	24,537	24,787
Number of Reports Substantiated ¹	2,588	2,704	3,190	3,456	3,535	3,836	3,199	1,140
Substantiation Rate	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%	15%	13%	5%
Number of Reports Investigated & Closed	10,923	11,212	11,392	12,038	13,045	15,076	18,771	22,065
Number of Reports Responded to	20,253	20,122	22,162	24,435	25,182	26,022	24,193	24,403
Number of new removals	5,101	5,702	5,701	6,461	5,935	6,819	6,141	5,669
Number of new removals with Voluntary under 18	97	118	90	189	131	154	107	109
Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care on the Last Day of Reporting Period	14,314	15,037	15,751	16,990	17,592	18,657	18,906	17,984
Number of Children in Shelter for More than 21 Days	792	824	802	868	900	878	974	1,054
Number and Percentage of Children Receiving Visitation In the Last Month of Reporting Period	12,101 (84.5%)	12,997 (86.4%)	13,818 (87.7%)	14,846 (87.4%)	15,323 (87.1%)	15,746 (84.4%)	16,985 (89.8%)	16,947 (94.2%)
Number and Percentage of Children not Receiving Visitation	2,213 (15.5%)	2,040 (13.6%)	1,933 (12.3%)	2,144 (12.6%)	2,269 (12.9%)	2,911 (15.6%)	1,921 (10.2%)	1,037 (5.8%)
Number and Percentage of Parents Receiving Visitation	1,058 (50.9%)	1,157 (52.4%)	1,344 (53.8%)	1,315 (52.0%)	1,372 (55.7%)	1,576 (50.9%)	2,570 (50.0%)	2,563 (48.6%)
Number of Licensed Foster Homes ²	3,516	3,900	4,329	4,397	4,497	4,551	4,681	4,596
Number of Foster Home Spaces Available to DCS	8,579	8,573	9,049	9,061	9,079	9,114	10,337	10,786
Number of New Foster Homes	722	717	1,050	756	821	774	882	985
Number of Foster Homes Closed	740	715	787	822	785	767	871	994
Number and Percentage of Foster Homes Receiving Visitation In the Last Qtr. Of Reporting Period	3,316 (92.7)	3,491 (89.5%)	3,689 (85.2%)	3,949 (89.8%)	3,881 (86.3%)	3,925 (86.2%)	4,258 (91.0%)	4,365 (95.0%)
Number and Percentage of Foster Homes not Receiving Visitation	260 (7.3%)	409 (10.5%)	640 (14.8%)	448 (10.2%)	616 (13.7%)	626 (13.8%)	423 (9.0%)	231 (5.0%)
Number of Children Leaving DCS Custody	4,668	4,805	4,786	5,042	5,063	5,555	5,668	6,377
Number of Children With a Case Plan Goal of Adoption	2,852	3,311	3,417	3,377	3,449	3,878	4,224	4,623
Number of Children With a Finalized Adoption	1,270	1,215	1,518	1,552	1,629	1,576	1,727	1,936

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.

² The number of available foster homes includes homes reported by the Department's Home Recruitment, Study and Supervision contractors along with foster homes utilized for appropriate children in coordination with the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

³ The report run date was December 17, 2016.

Reports of Child 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 April 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016, there were 24,787 incoming communications to the Child Abuse Hotline that met the criteria for a report of abuse or neglect. Of these, 384 were within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments and were referred to those jurisdictions. Compared to one year ago, there has been a 6.3 percent decrease in communications received by the Child Abuse Hotline meeting the criteria of a report of abuse or neglect.

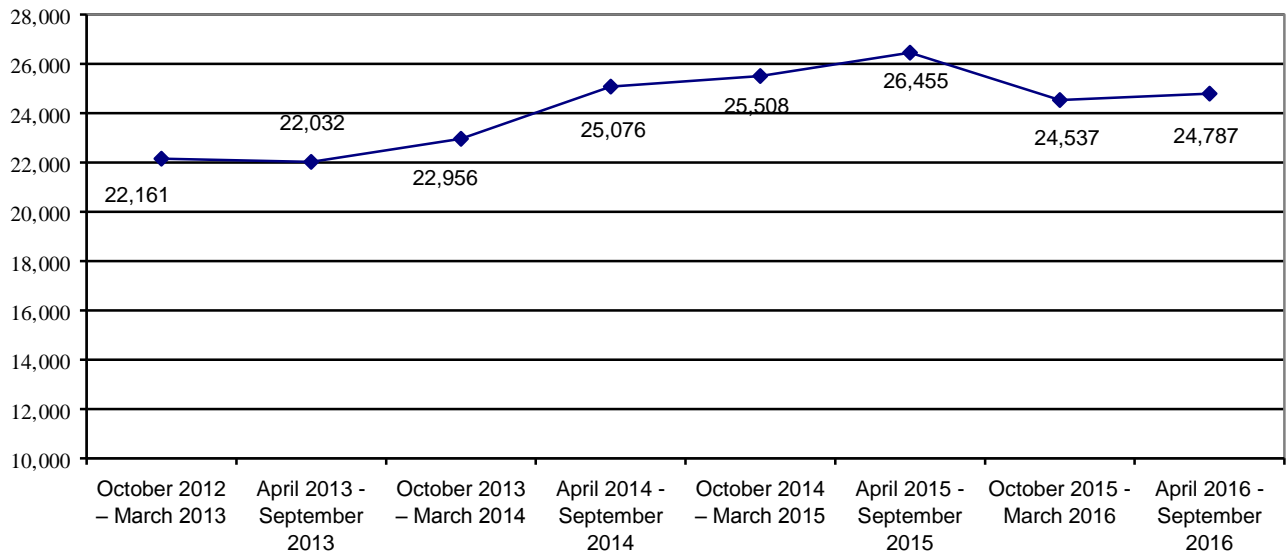
Table 1 shows the number of reports received by the Department by category of maltreatment for the current and past reporting periods. The Department continues to examine current Child Abuse Hotline policies and procedures to improve objectivity within screening tools and improve inter-rater reliability.

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

	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Total
October 2012 – March 2013	14,916 67.2%	6,263 28.3%	815 3.7%	167 0.8%	22,161 100.0%
April 2013 – September 2013	15,560 70.6%	5,607 25.5%	731 3.3%	134 0.6%	22,032 100.0%
October 2013 – March 2014	15,766 68.7%	6,248 27.2%	772 3.4%	170 0.7%	22,956 100.0%
April 2014 – September 2014	18,022 71.9%	6,074 24.2%	847 3.4%	133 0.5%	25,076 100.0%
October 2014 – March 2015	18,338 71.9%	6,254 24.5%	787 3.1%	129 0.5%	25,508 100.0%
April 2015 – September 2015	19,276 72.9%	6,086 23.0%	954 3.6%	139 0.5%	26,455 100.0%
October 2015 – March 2016	17,493 71.3%	6,089 24.8%	788 3.2%	167 0.7%	24,537 100.0%
April 2016 – September 2016	17,415 70.3%	6,206 25.0%	1,030 4.2%	136 0.5%	24,787 100.0%

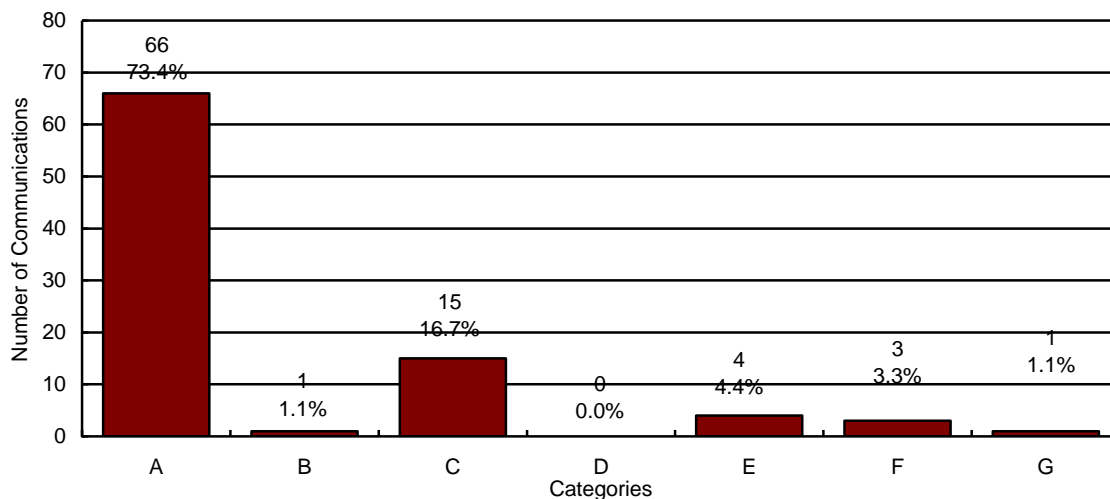
Chart 1 illustrates that the number of reports received by the Centralized Intake Hotline has increased by 250 reports over the prior reporting period. The chart below also shows the significant upward trend in reports received by the Centralized Intake Hotline that continued from FY 2011 through the reporting period one year ago. However, a marked reduction in the number of reports received occurred the prior reporting period as illustrated in Chart 1 below. Despite the marginal increase in reports this reporting period, it still remains lower than the reporting period two years ago in September 2014.

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



The Centralized Intake Hotline received a total of 75,669 calls during the reporting period. Of those, 72,799 were answered by a hotline specialist and 2,067 were abandoned calls. The 75,669 yielded 50,882 communications and 24,787 reports of abuse and neglect. Communications do not meet the statutory criteria of a report of maltreatment. A random sample was selected to represent the types of calls that do not get classified as reports of abuse and neglect. This random sample is contained in the chart below.

CHART 2
SAMPLE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CENTRALIZED INTAKE 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 DCS Jurisdiction**
- C = Call Appropriate for Law Enforcement Jurisdiction³**
- D = Non-Caretaker Neglect/Child No Longer at Risk**
- E = Insufficient Information**
- F = Truancy/Custody Issues**
- G = Current Case Questions or Referrals**

The Department shall conduct a review at least weekly of communications concerning alleged abuse or neglect of a child, which do not meet criteria for a DCS Report, to verify the communications are properly classified.

³ 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.

Chart 3 below provides information on the number of reports that met each of the Centralized Intake Hotline priority classifications in the current and past reporting periods. In Table 2 and Table 3, data on total reports by priority is shown by county for the current and previous reporting periods. The priority determinations are made by personnel at the Child Abuse Hotline after the review of multiple factors, however, below is a high level summary of each response time criteria.

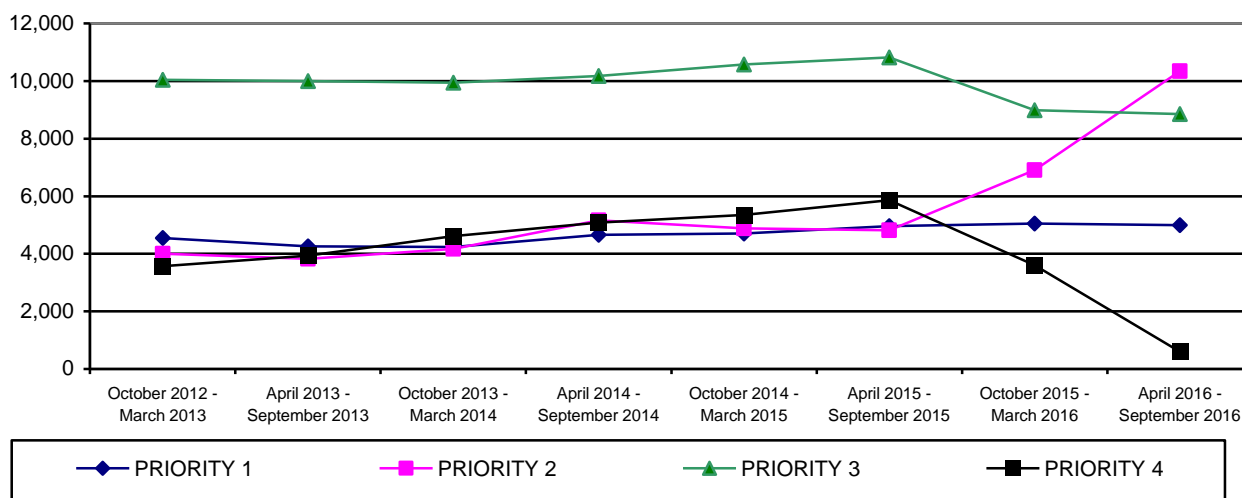
PRIORITY 1: Death of a child, near fatality, abuse or neglect that threatens to immediately cause, or has caused, serious harm or death, Serious physical injuries to a child (including but not limited to fractures, burns, multiple plane injuries, acceleration/deceleration injuries [shaken baby syndrome], injury to internal organs, etc.), child is alone and is not capable of caring for self or other children, evidence or disclosure of sexual abuse toward a child and the perpetrator has access to the child or the perpetrator is unknown, Substance Exposed Newborn (SEN) who is expected to be discharged from the hospital within 24 hours;¹

PRIORITY 2: Abuse or neglect of a child age 0-3, Abuse or neglect of a vulnerable child, and the child or perpetrator has been the subject of a prior report (this includes the child as a victim in a prior report or the adult as a perpetrator in a prior report), All criminal conduct allegations not requiring a Priority 1 response;

PRIORITY 3: Abuse or neglect of a child that occurred within the last 12 months and does not require a Priority 1 or 2 response; and

PRIORITY 4: Private Dependency Petition, abuse or neglect that has occurred over one year ago and does not require a Priority 1, 2 or 3 response.

**CHART 3
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY PRIORITY**



¹ As of February 1, 2016, the definition for each priority level changed. Data from this report and all future reports will use these new definitions.

TABLE 2
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

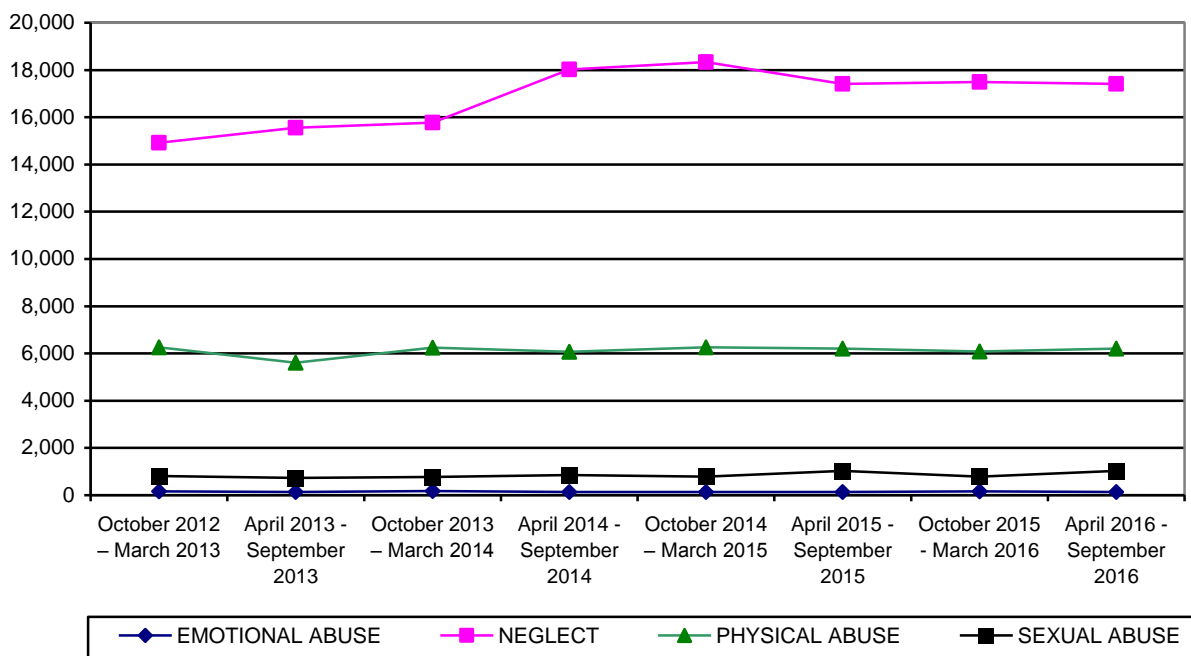
COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	31	45	37	3	116	0.5%
COCHISE	75	196	190	1	462	1.9%
COCONINO	102	172	145	4	423	1.7%
GILA	55	97	69	2	223	0.9%
GRAHAM	30	84	58	4	176	0.7%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	23	34	21	0	78	0.3%
MARICOPA	3,006	5,854	5,046	444	14,350	57.9%
MOHAVE	171	346	285	4	806	3.3%
NAVAJO	106	151	120	6	383	1.5%
PIMA	776	2,131	1,733	76	4,716	19.0%
PINAL	325	675	592	40	1,632	6.6%
SANTA CRUZ	26	41	49	2	118	0.5%
YAVAPAI	127	309	306	7	749	3.0%
YUMA	137	212	197	9	555	2.2%
STATEWIDE	4,990	10,347	8,848	602	24,787	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	20.1%	41.8%	35.7%	2.4%	100.0%	

TABLE 3
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	40	40	46	15	141	0.6%
COCHISE	83	135	160	45	423	1.7%
COCONINO	74	114	142	41	371	1.5%
GILA	48	59	84	29	220	0.9%
GRAHAM	37	51	60	14	162	0.7%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	21	17	21	6	65	0.3%
MARICOPA	3,108	3,925	5,266	2,216	14,515	59.2%
MOHAVE	157	249	239	96	741	3.0%
NAVAJO	112	127	152	62	453	1.8%
PIMA	764	1,351	1,726	645	4,486	18.3%
PINAL	293	451	572	215	1,531	6.2%
SANTA CRUZ	26	30	50	42	148	0.6%
YAVAPAI	136	201	283	111	731	3.0%
YUMA	150	153	181	66	550	2.2%
STATEWIDE	5,049	6,903	8,982	3,603	24,537	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	20.6%	28.1%	36.6%	14.7%	100.0%	

The following chart and tables provide the number of reports categorized by type of maltreatment. The total number of reports received by type of maltreatment is displayed in Chart 4. In Table 4 and Table 5 data on the total reports by type of maltreatment is shown by county for the current and previous reporting periods.

**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 APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	80	29	7	116	0.5%
COCHISE	3	316	122	21	462	1.9%
COCONINO	1	296	105	21	423	1.7%
GILA	1	176	38	8	223	0.9%
GRAHAM	4	116	51	5	176	0.7%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	62	15	1	78	0.3%
MARICOPA	74	9,874	3,769	633	14,350	57.9%
MOHAVE	3	603	166	34	806	3.3%
NAVAJO	3	275	85	20	383	1.5%
PIMA	26	3,442	1,079	169	4,716	19.0%
PINAL	12	1,158	408	54	1,632	6.6%
SANTA CRUZ	0	86	31	1	118	0.5%
YAVAPAI	8	523	189	29	749	3.0%
YUMA	1	408	119	27	555	2.2%
STATEWIDE	136	17,415	6,206	1,030	24,787	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.5%	70.3%	25.0%	4.2%	100.0%	

**TABLE 5
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	115	20	5	141	0.6%
COCHISE	4	309	93	17	423	1.7%
COCONINO	3	285	72	11	371	1.5%
GILA	1	162	47	10	220	0.9%
GRAHAM	1	114	42	5	162	0.7%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	48	15	2	65	0.3%
MARICOPA	92	10,166	3,796	461	14,515	59.2%
MOHAVE	7	544	170	20	741	3.0%
NAVAJO	0	338	96	19	453	1.8%
PIMA	33	3,298	1,015	140	4,486	18.3%
PINAL	11	1,080	387	53	1,531	6.2%
SANTA CRUZ	3	94	45	6	148	0.6%
YAVAPAI	6	547	157	21	731	3.0%
YUMA	5	393	134	18	550	2.2%
STATEWIDE	167	17,493	6,089	788	24,537	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.7%	71.3%	24.8%	3.2%	100.0%	

ASSIGNMENT OF INVESTIGATIONS

During the current reporting period, there were 24,787 calls to the Hotline that met the statutory criteria for a report. Of those, 384 reports fell within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments. All reports had response data entered at the time this report was compiled. The assignment of the remaining 24,403 reports for investigation was as follows:

The following tables and charts in this section provide statewide and county level information on these reports assigned to DCS. Of these, DCS completed 22,065 (90.4 percent) of their assigned investigations. Those not completed remain open when the investigation is still in process, when the 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.

**CHART 5
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND REPORTING PERIOD**

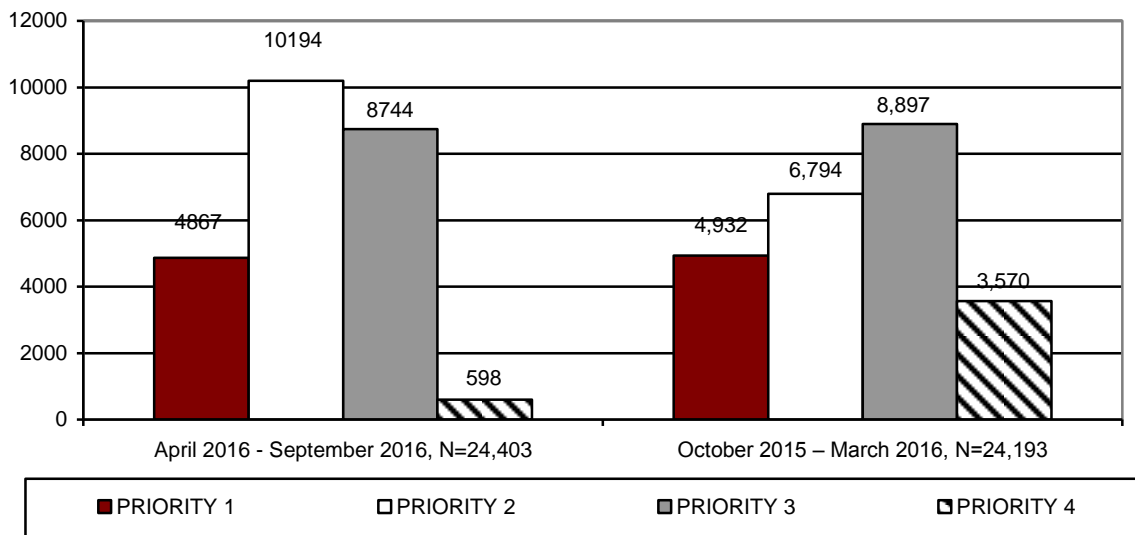


TABLE 6
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY
FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	26	34	26	2	88	0.4%
COCHISE	75	196	189	1	461	1.9%
COCONINO	75	146	126	3	350	1.4%
GILA	46	89	66	2	203	0.8%
GRAHAM	28	78	55	4	165	0.7%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	18	30	18	0	66	0.3%
MARICOPA	2,993	5,837	5,039	443	14,312	58.7%
MOHAVE	166	344	283	4	797	3.3%
NAVAJO	73	121	103	5	302	1.2%
PIMA	764	2,116	1,711	76	4,667	19.1%
PINAL	318	651	581	40	1,590	6.5%
SANTA CRUZ	26	41	49	2	118	0.5%
YAVAPAI	126	303	303	7	739	3.0%
YUMA	133	208	195	9	545	2.2%
STATEWIDE	4,867	10,194	8,744	598	24,403	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	19.9%	41.8%	35.8%	2.5%	100.0%	

TABLE 7
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY
FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	30	32	36	12	110	0.5%
COCHISE	82	135	160	45	422	1.7%
COCONINO	63	95	129	34	321	1.3%
GILA	41	50	77	25	193	0.8%
GRAHAM	34	48	55	14	151	0.6%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	15	16	18	5	54	0.2%
MARICOPA	3,091	3,916	5,259	2,215	14,481	59.9%
MOHAVE	153	247	238	95	733	3.0%
NAVAJO	84	102	140	54	380	1.6%
PIMA	753	1,339	1,716	643	4,451	18.4%
PINAL	280	439	563	211	1,493	6.2%
SANTA CRUZ	26	30	50	42	148	0.6%
YAVAPAI	133	193	276	109	711	2.9%
YUMA	147	152	180	66	545	2.3%
STATEWIDE	4,932	6,794	8,897	3,570	24,193	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	20.4%	28.1%	36.8%	14.8%	100.0%	

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

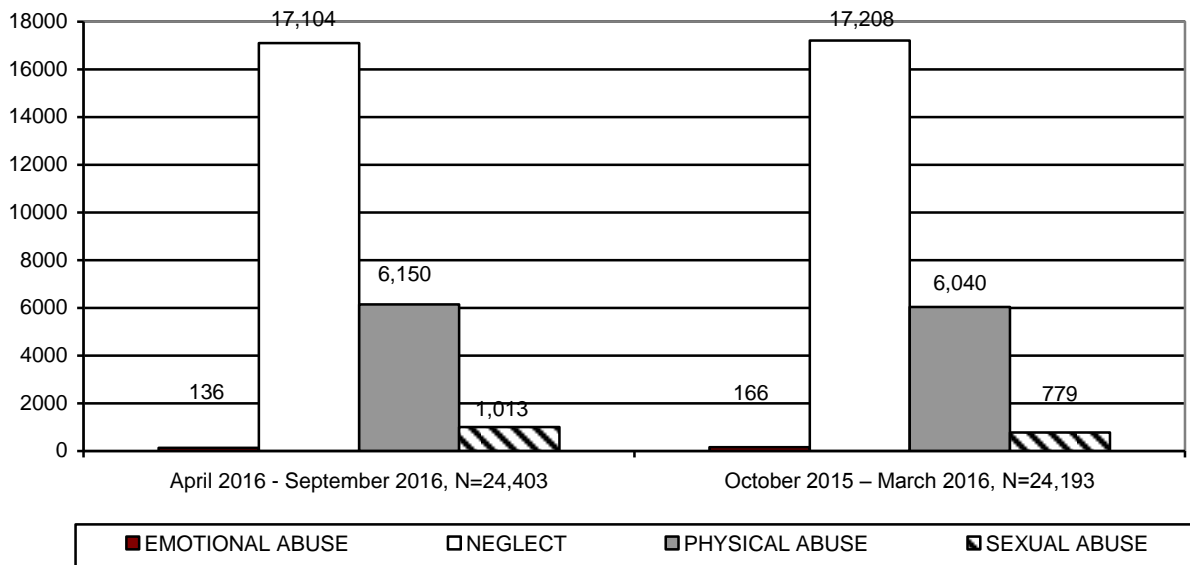


TABLE 8
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
AND COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	61	23	4	88	0.4%
COCHISE	3	315	122	21	461	1.9%
COCONINO	1	236	97	16	350	1.4%
GILA	1	158	37	7	203	0.8%
GRAHAM	4	107	49	5	165	0.7%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	51	14	1	66	0.3%
MARICOPA	74	9,841	3,766	631	14,312	58.7%
MOHAVE	3	595	165	34	797	3.3%
NAVAJO	3	214	66	19	302	1.2%
PIMA	26	3,406	1,067	168	4,667	19.1%
PINAL	12	1,120	407	51	1,590	6.5%
SANTA CRUZ	0	86	31	1	118	0.5%
YAVAPAI	8	514	188	29	739	3.0%
YUMA	1	400	118	26	545	2.2%
STATEWIDE	136	17,104	6,150	1,013	24,403	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.6%	70.0%	25.2%	4.2%	100.0%	

TABLE 9
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
AND COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	89	16	5	110	0.5%
COCHISE	4	308	93	17	422	1.7%
COCONINO	3	241	66	11	321	1.3%
GILA	1	139	43	10	193	0.8%
GRAHAM	1	106	39	5	151	0.6%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	41	12	1	54	0.2%
MARICOPA	92	10,135	3,795	459	14,481	59.9%
MOHAVE	7	537	170	19	733	3.0%
NAVAJO	0	280	83	17	380	1.6%
PIMA	33	3,269	1,010	139	4,451	18.4%
PINAL	11	1,049	381	52	1,493	6.2%
SANTA CRUZ	3	94	45	6	148	0.6%
YAVAPAI	6	531	154	20	711	2.9%
YUMA	5	389	133	18	545	2.3%
STATEWIDE	166	17,208	6,040	779	24,193	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.7%	71.1%	25.0%	3.2%	100.0%	

INVESTIGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

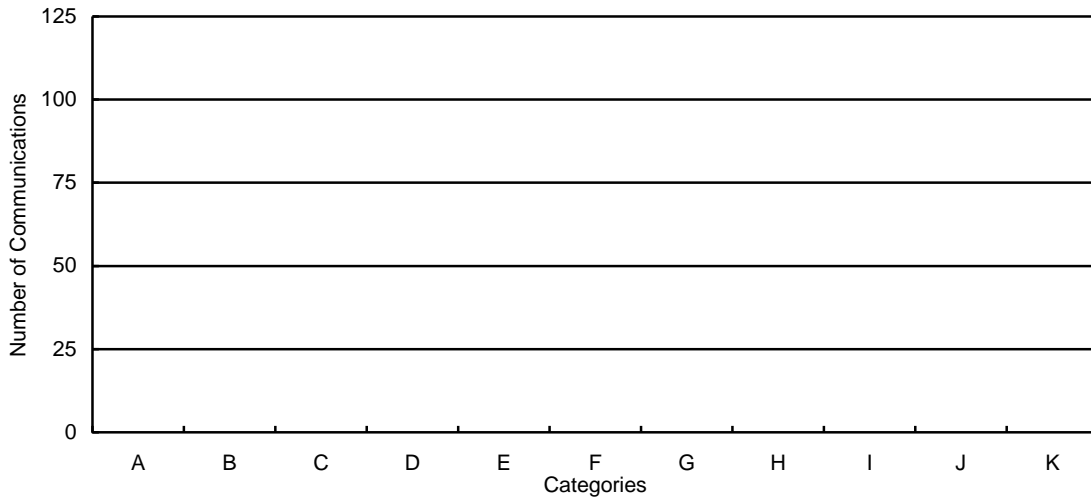
**TABLE 10
NUMBER OF REPORTS WITHOUT RESPONSE DATA BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY FOR
PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 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	0	0	0	0.0%
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	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

By statute, a random sample of reports that do not have data on an investigative response in each reporting period is required. In addition, short descriptions of these reports are also required. As all reports were responded to during this period, there is no data to be displayed in Table 10 or Chart 7. Chart 7 would have displayed the reports in brief descriptive categories.

All reports were responded to during this reporting period. Therefore, no data will be displayed in Chart 7 below.

**CHART 7
NUMBER OF REPORTS WITHOUT RESPONSE DATA BY CATEGORY FOR THE PERIOD
OF APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**



N=0

- 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**
- H = Poor parenting skills**
- I = Left with inappropriate caregiver**
- J = Law Enforcement Issue**
- K = Out of Control Teenager**

CHART 8
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND REPORTING PERIOD FOR REPORTS OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION

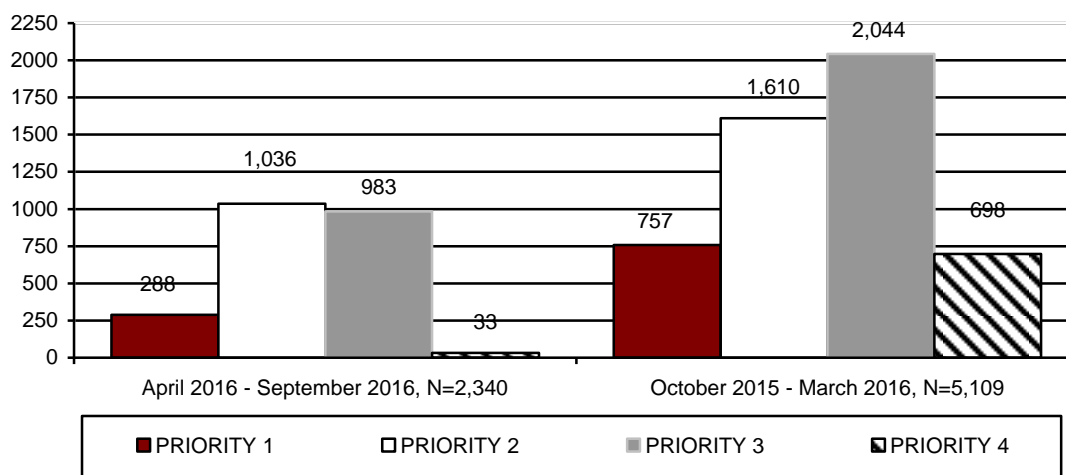


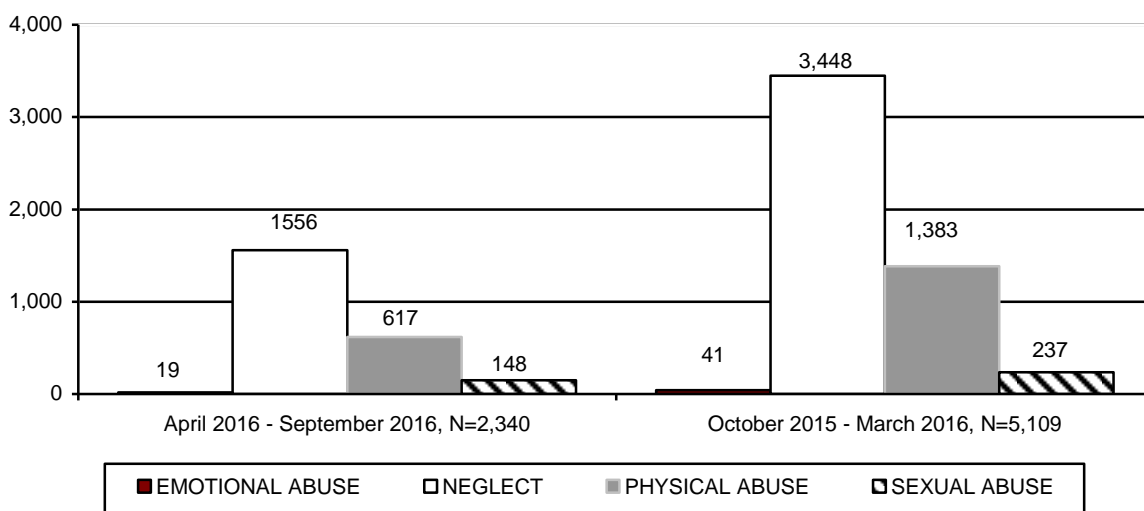
TABLE 11
NUMBER OF REPORTS BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	0	1	0	0	1	0.0%
COCONINO	9	27	12	0	48	2.1%
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	1	4	2	0	7	0.3%
MARICOPA	236	751	721	28	1,736	74.2%
MOHAVE	3	17	13	0	33	1.4%
NAVAJO	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
PIMA	20	82	63	0	165	7.1%
PINAL	8	104	126	5	243	10.4%
SANTA CRUZ	0	1	0	0	1	0.0%
YAVAPAI	8	27	27	0	62	2.6%
YUMA	3	22	19	0	44	1.9%
STATEWIDE	288	1,036	983	33	2,340	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	12.3%	44.3%	42.0%	1.4%	100.0%	

TABLE 12
NUMBER OF REPORTS BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	16	35	30	10	91	1.8%
COCONINO	5	10	3	0	18	0.4%
GILA	8	25	33	13	79	1.5%
GRAHAM	3	7	6	1	17	0.3%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	1	8	10	1	20	0.4%
MARICOPA	556	1,127	1,527	539	3,749	73.3%
MOHAVE	26	82	63	8	179	3.5%
NAVAJO	1	4	3	0	8	0.2%
PIMA	77	158	196	65	496	9.7%
PINAL	30	100	120	36	286	5.6%
SANTA CRUZ	5	6	11	7	29	0.6%
YAVAPAI	7	17	17	4	45	0.9%
YUMA	22	31	25	14	92	1.8%
STATEWIDE	757	1,610	2,044	698	5,109	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	14.8%	31.5%	40.0%	13.7%	100.0%	

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



The number of reports assigned for investigation for reports open for investigation will change each reporting period as investigations are completed and closed by next reporting period.

TABLE 13
NUMBER OF REPORTS BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS
OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	0	1	0	0	1	0.0%
COCONINO	1	36	10	1	48	2.1%
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	4	3	0	7	0.3%
MARICOPA	15	1,135	463	123	1,736	74.2%
MOHAVE	0	25	6	2	33	1.4%
NAVAJO	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
PIMA	0	119	34	12	165	7.1%
PINAL	2	165	70	6	243	10.4%
SANTA CRUZ	0	1	0	0	1	0.0%
YAVAPAI	1	39	21	1	62	2.6%
YUMA	0	31	10	3	44	1.9%
STATEWIDE	19	1,556	617	148	2,340	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.8%	66.5%	26.4%	6.3%	100.0%	

TABLE 14
NUMBER OF REPORTS BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS
OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	2	65	18	6	91	1.8%
COCONINO	0	15	2	1	18	0.4%
GILA	1	48	22	8	79	1.5%
GRAHAM	0	12	4	1	17	0.3%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	14	5	1	20	0.4%
MARICOPA	26	2,528	1,029	166	3,749	73.3%
MOHAVE	1	123	50	5	179	3.5%
NAVAJO	0	5	3	0	8	0.2%
PIMA	5	341	124	26	496	9.7%
PINAL	3	193	78	12	286	5.6%
SANTA CRUZ	0	17	11	1	29	0.6%
YAVAPAI	1	26	14	4	45	0.9%
YUMA	2	61	23	6	92	1.8%
STATEWIDE	41	3,448	1,383	237	5,109	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.8%	67.5%	27.1%	4.6%	100.0%	

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

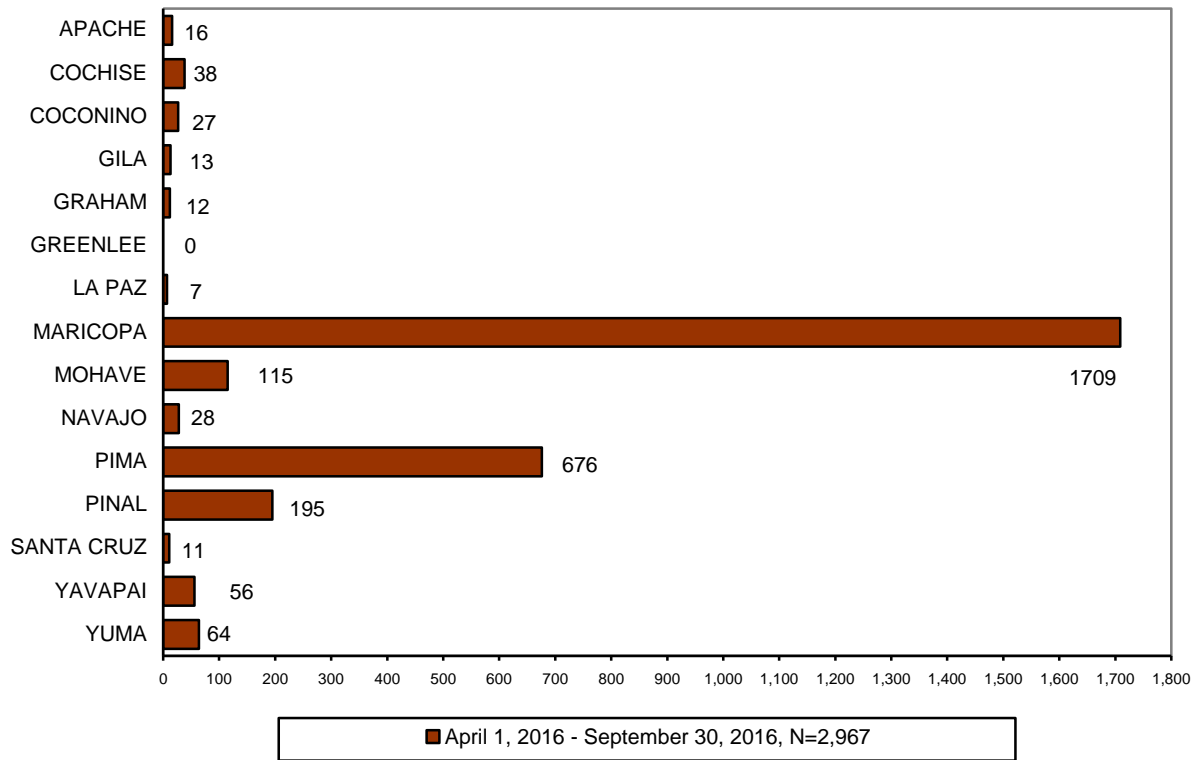


TABLE 15
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY COUNTY WHERE A
REMOVAL OCCURRED FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

COUNTY	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED WITH A REMOVAL	% OF REPORTS WHERE A CHILD REMOVED
APACHE	88	16	18.2%
COCHISE	461	38	8.2%
COCONINO	350	27	7.7%
GILA	203	13	6.4%
GRAHAM	165	12	7.3%
GREENLEE	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	66	7	10.6%
MARICOPA	14,312	1,709	11.9%
MOHAVE	797	115	14.4%
NAVAJO	302	28	9.3%
PIMA	4,667	676	14.5%
PINAL	1,590	195	12.3%
SANTA CRUZ	118	11	9.3%
YAVAPAI	739	56	7.6%
YUMA	545	64	11.7%
STATEWIDE	24,403	2,967	12.2%

TABLE 16
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY COUNTY WHERE A
REMOVAL OCCURRED FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016

COUNTY	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED WITH A REMOVAL	% OF REPORTS WHERE A CHILD WAS REMOVED
APACHE	110	19	17.3%
COCHISE	422	54	12.8%
COCONINO	320	36	11.3%
GILA	192	15	7.8%
GRAHAM	152	15	9.9%
GREENLEE	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	54	5	9.3%
MARICOPA	14,481	1,896	13.1%
MOHAVE	733	104	14.2%
NAVAJO	381	26	6.8%
PIMA	4,451	611	13.7%
PINAL	1,493	150	10.0%
SANTA CRUZ	148	10	6.8%
YAVAPAI	711	88	12.4%
YUMA	545	66	12.1%
STATEWIDE	24,193	3,095	12.8%

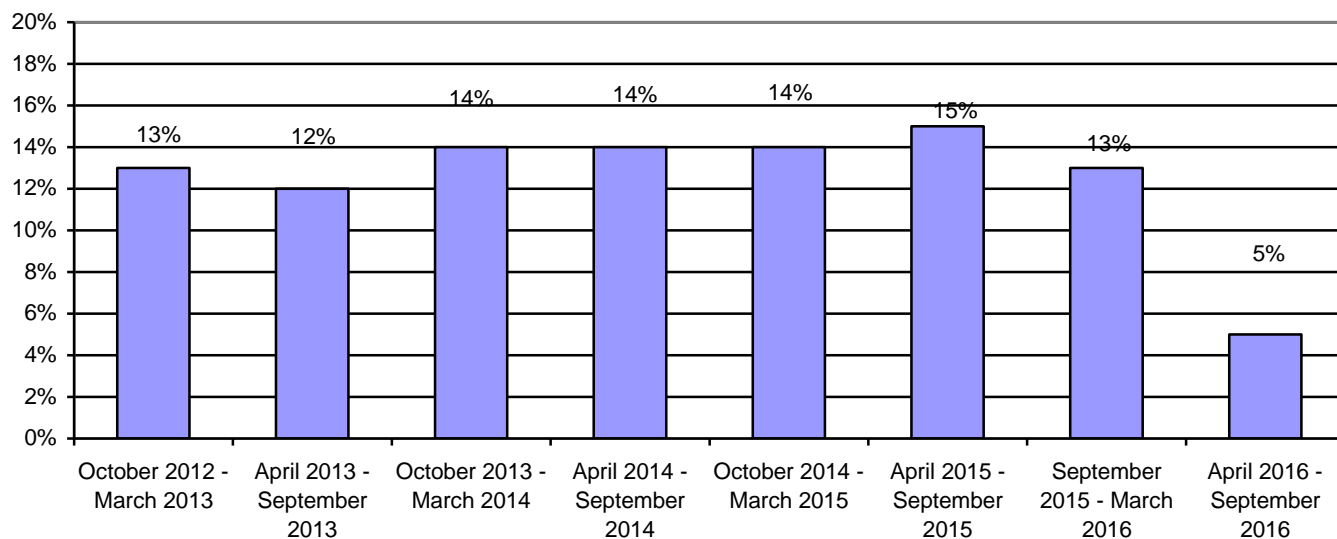
COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS

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 are 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 reports that are substantiated for the current reporting period is 1,140. For the prior reporting period, the number of reports that were assigned for investigation that resulted in substantiated findings was revised from 1,658 to 3,199. This number will change each reporting period as a result of subsequent decisions based on parents’ rights to due process as well as the completion of investigations and findings.

- The preliminary substantiation rate for the current reporting period is 5 percent. However, the substantiation rate for the current period is anticipated to be revised upwards in the next semi-annual report.
- The substantiation rate for the prior reporting period is 13 percent. However, when initially reported, the October 2015 – March 2016 substantiation rate was 7 percent.

**CHART 11
SUBSTANTIATION RATE BY REPORTING PERIOD**



Information on both proposed substantiations and finalized substantiations is provided in the charts and tables below:

- For information on the proposed substantiated investigation findings—classified by priority—for the current and prior reporting period, see Chart 12, Table 17, and Table 18.
- For information on the proposed substantiated investigation findings—classified by type of maltreatment—for the current and prior reporting period, see Chart 13, Table 19, and Table 20.
- For information on the substantiated investigation findings—classified by priority—for the current and prior reporting period, see Chart 14, Table 21, and Table 22.
- For information on the substantiated investigation findings—classified by type of maltreatment—for the current and prior reporting period, see Chart 15, Table 23, and Table 24.

CHART 12
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND REPORTING PERIOD THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION

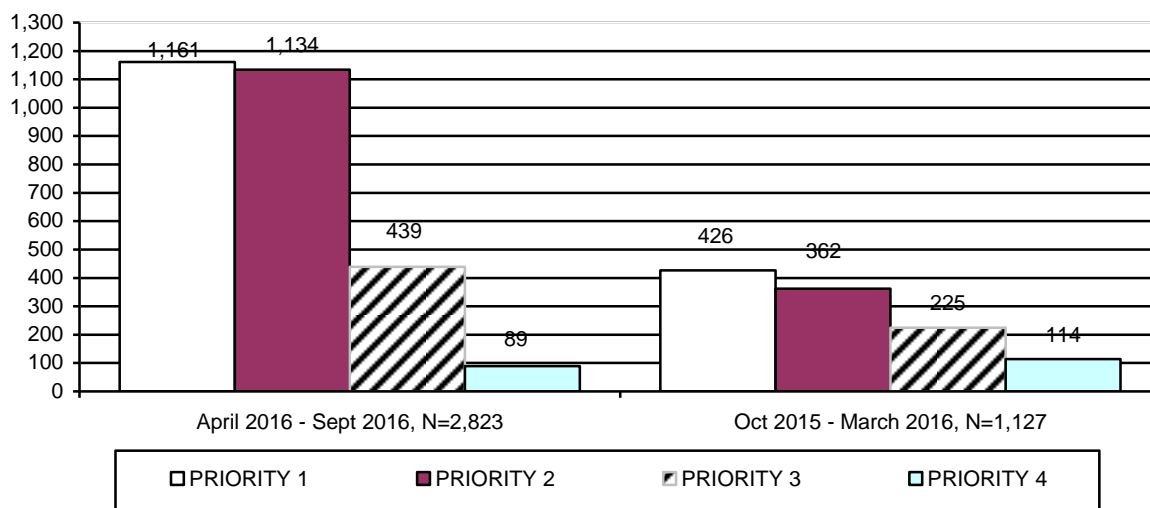


TABLE 17
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY
THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	3	2	1	0	6	0.2%
COCHISE	17	17	15	0	49	1.7%
COCONINO	15	9	9	0	33	1.2%
GILA	9	12	4	0	25	0.9%
GRAHAM	5	8	2	0	15	0.5%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	6	1	2	0	9	0.3%
MARICOPA	784	671	257	81	1,793	63.5%
MOHAVE	42	48	25	0	115	4.1%
NAVAJO	16	3	2	1	22	0.8%
PIMA	135	251	73	2	461	16.3%
PINAL	53	58	28	5	144	5.1%
SANTA CRUZ	8	5	3	0	16	0.6%
YAVAPAI	27	28	12	0	67	2.4%
YUMA	41	21	6	0	68	2.4%
STATEWIDE	1,161	1,134	439	89	2,823	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	41.0%	40.2%	15.6%	3.2%	100.0%	

TABLE 18
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY
THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	8	12	5	0	25	2.2%
COCONINO	3	2	3	0	8	0.7%
GILA	7	3	1	1	12	1.1%
GRAHAM	0	3	1	0	4	0.4%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	2	3	0	0	5	0.4%
MARICOPA	330	250	170	95	845	74.9%
MOHAVE	9	3	5	1	18	1.6%
NAVAJO	2	0	0	1	3	0.3%
PIMA	23	50	25	8	106	9.4%
PINAL	15	15	8	4	42	3.7%
SANTA CRUZ	3	5	1	1	10	0.9%
YAVAPAI	7	9	3	2	21	1.9%
YUMA	17	7	3	1	28	2.5%
STATEWIDE	426	362	225	114	1,127	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	37.8%	32.1%	20.0%	10.1%	100.0%	

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

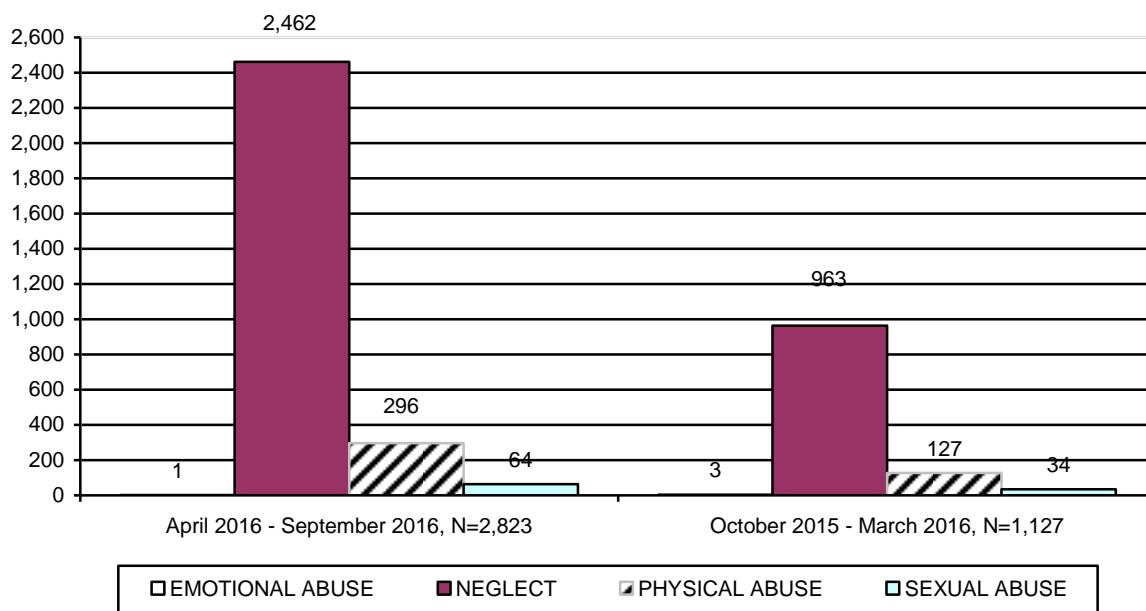


TABLE 19
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	5	1	0	6	0.2%
COCHISE	0	40	8	1	49	1.7%
COCONINO	0	26	6	1	33	1.2%
GILA	0	23	1	1	25	0.9%
GRAHAM	0	14	1	0	15	0.5%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	9	0	0	9	0.3%
MARICOPA	1	1,569	179	44	1,793	63.5%
MOHAVE	0	97	16	2	115	4.1%
NAVAJO	0	16	5	1	22	0.8%
PIMA	0	404	49	8	461	16.3%
PINAL	0	122	20	2	144	5.1%
SANTA CRUZ	0	14	2	0	16	0.6%
YAVAPAI	0	62	5	0	67	2.4%
YUMA	0	61	3	4	68	2.4%
STATEWIDE	1	2,462	296	64	2,823	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.0%	87.2%	10.5%	2.3%	100.0%	

TABLE 20
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	0	21	3	1	25	2.2%
COCONINO	0	8	0	0	8	0.7%
GILA	0	11	0	1	12	1.1%
GRAHAM	0	1	3	0	4	0.4%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	5	0	0	5	0.4%
MARICOPA	3	723	93	26	845	74.9%
MOHAVE	0	16	1	1	18	1.6%
NAVAJO	0	1	0	2	3	0.3%
PIMA	0	92	14	0	106	9.4%
PINAL	0	36	6	0	42	3.7%
SANTA CRUZ	0	6	3	1	10	0.9%
YAVAPAI	0	17	3	1	21	1.9%
YUMA	0	26	1	1	28	2.5%
STATEWIDE	3	963	127	34	1,127	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.3%	85.4%	11.3%	3.0%	100.0%	

CHART 14
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND
REPORTING PERIOD THAT RESULTED IN
SUBSTANTIATION

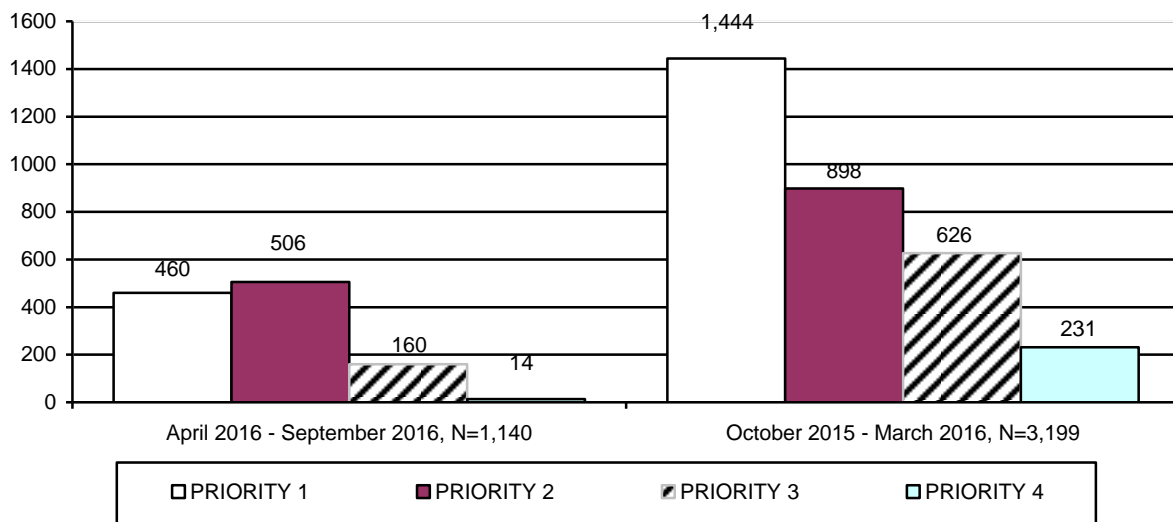


TABLE 21
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY
THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	2	1	0	4	0.4%
COCHISE	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%
COCONINO	9	6	3	0	18	1.6%
GILA	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	1	2	0	0	3	0.3%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%
MARICOPA	274	221	70	10	575	50.3%
MOHAVE	27	17	8	0	52	4.6%
NAVAJO	5	12	2	0	19	1.7%
PIMA	103	202	63	3	371	32.4%
PINAL	21	22	6	1	50	4.4%
SANTA CRUZ	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%
YAVAPAI	11	19	5	0	35	3.1%
YUMA	5	3	2	0	10	0.9%
STATEWIDE	460	506	160	14	1,140	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	40.4%	44.4%	14.0%	1.2%	100.0%	

TABLE 22
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY
THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	10	8	2	0	20	0.6%
COCHISE	17	19	11	1	48	1.5%
COCONINO	22	23	11	1	57	1.8%
GILA	10	1	1	0	12	0.4%
GRAHAM	9	3	2	0	14	0.4%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	3	0	1	1	5	0.2%
MARICOPA	855	422	330	155	1,762	55.1%
MOHAVE	72	42	27	6	147	4.6%
NAVAJO	30	17	15	0	62	1.9%
PIMA	273	275	161	41	750	23.4%
PINAL	64	43	28	13	148	4.6%
SANTA CRUZ	5	3	2	2	12	0.4%
YAVAPAI	32	30	26	8	96	3.0%
YUMA	42	12	9	3	66	2.1%
STATEWIDE	1,444	898	626	231	3,199	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	45.1%	28.1%	19.6%	7.2%	100.0%	

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

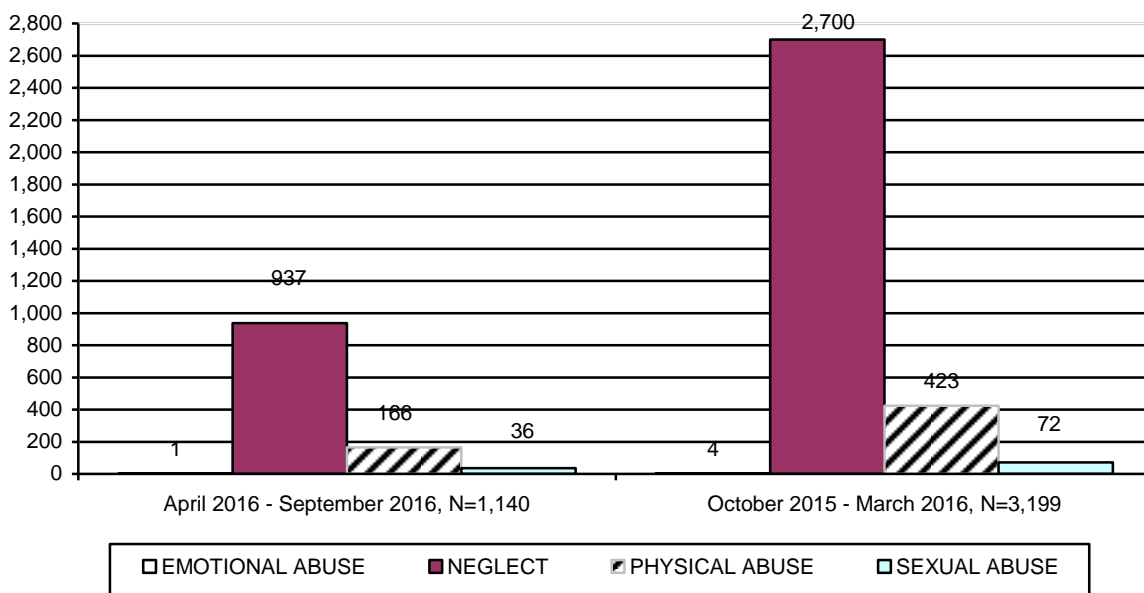


TABLE 23
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	2	1	1	4	0.4%
COCHISE	0	1	0	0	1	0.1%
COCONINO	0	16	2	0	18	1.6%
GILA	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	0	2	1	0	3	0.3%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	1	0	0	1	0.1%
MARICOPA	1	469	85	20	575	50.2%
MOHAVE	0	45	7	0	52	4.6%
NAVAJO	0	14	3	2	19	1.7%
PIMA	0	307	55	9	371	32.5%
PINAL	0	43	5	2	50	4.4%
SANTA CRUZ	0	1	0	0	1	0.1%
YAVAPAI	0	29	5	1	35	3.1%
YUMA	0	7	2	1	10	0.9%
STATEWIDE	1	937	166	36	1,140	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.1%	82.1%	14.6%	3.2%	100.0%	

TABLE 24
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	18	1	1	20	0.6%
COCHISE	0	37	8	3	48	1.5%
COCONINO	0	46	8	3	57	1.8%
GILA	0	12	0	0	12	0.4%
GRAHAM	0	11	1	2	14	0.4%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	4	1	0	5	0.2%
MARICOPA	3	1,476	242	41	1,762	55.1%
MOHAVE	1	124	19	3	147	4.6%
NAVAJO	0	54	6	2	62	1.9%
PIMA	0	645	94	11	750	23.4%
PINAL	0	125	18	5	148	4.6%
SANTA CRUZ	0	12	0	0	12	0.4%
YAVAPAI	0	79	17	0	96	3.0%
YUMA	0	57	8	1	66	2.1%
STATEWIDE	4	2,700	423	72	3,199	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.1%	84.4%	13.2%	2.3%	100.0%	

The preliminary number of investigations that resulted in an unsubstantiated finding for this reporting period was 17,976. Charts 16 and 17 display information on unsubstantiated reports classified by priority and type of maltreatment for the current and prior reporting periods. Tables 25 and 26 provide information on the unsubstantiated investigation findings classified by priority for each county in the current and prior reporting periods. Tables 27 and 28 provide information on the unsubstantiated investigation findings classified by type of maltreatment for each county in the current and prior reporting periods. These figures will change over time as investigations are completed and findings are entered.

CHART 16
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND
REPORTING PERIOD THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION

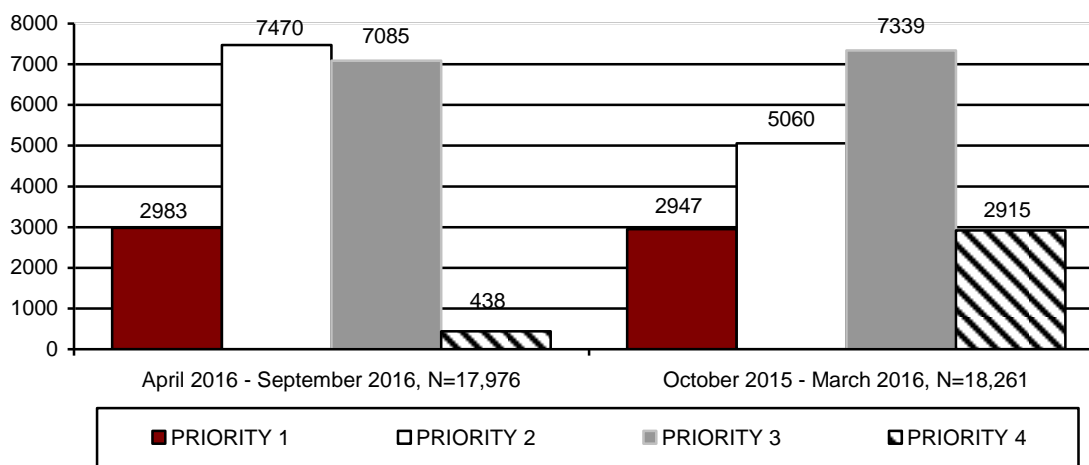


TABLE 25
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY
THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	22	29	23	2	76	0.4%
COCHISE	56	178	172	1	407	2.3%
COCONINO	44	112	104	3	263	1.5%
GILA	37	76	61	2	176	1.0%
GRAHAM	21	66	52	4	143	0.8%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	10	24	15	0	49	0.3%
MARICOPA	1,739	4,188	3,964	307	10,198	56.7%
MOHAVE	93	246	227	4	570	3.2%
NAVAJO	49	100	95	4	248	1.4%
PIMA	505	1,565	1,485	66	3,621	20.1%
PINAL	227	461	413	28	1,129	6.3%
SANTA CRUZ	17	34	45	2	98	0.5%
YAVAPAI	79	230	262	7	578	3.2%
YUMA	84	161	167	8	420	2.3%
STATEWIDE	2,983	7,470	7,085	438	17,976	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	16.6%	41.6%	39.4%	2.4%	100.0%	

TABLE 26
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY
THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	21	24	32	10	87	0.5%
COCHISE	55	101	140	42	338	1.9%
COCONINO	35	79	118	32	264	1.4%
GILA	25	39	69	23	156	0.9%
GRAHAM	25	47	57	15	144	0.8%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	9	12	17	4	42	0.2%
MARICOPA	1,811	2,891	4,185	1,722	10,609	58.0%
MOHAVE	66	156	182	81	485	2.7%
NAVAJO	56	87	126	53	322	1.8%
PIMA	450	975	1,488	572	3,485	19.0%
PINAL	192	329	469	169	1,159	6.3%
SANTA CRUZ	17	21	48	34	120	0.7%
YAVAPAI	97	166	241	97	601	3.3%
YUMA	88	133	167	61	449	2.5%
STATEWIDE	2,947	5,060	7,339	2,915	18,261	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	16.1%	27.7%	40.2%	16.0%	100.0%	

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

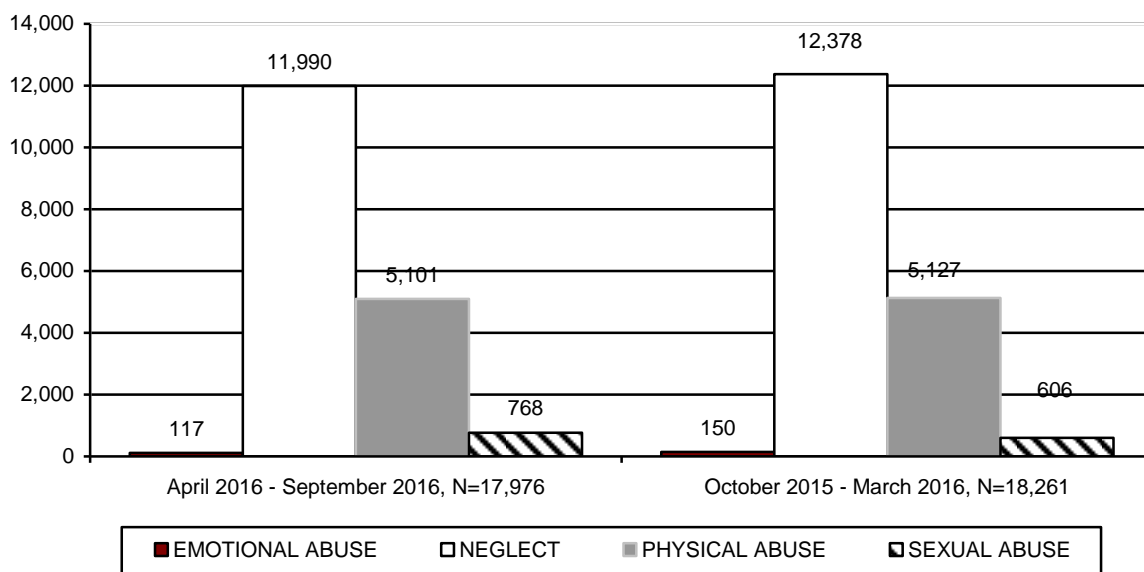


TABLE 27
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	52	21	3	76	0.4%
COCHISE	3	270	114	20	407	2.3%
COCONINO	1	164	84	14	263	1.5%
GILA	1	135	34	6	176	1.0%
GRAHAM	4	87	47	5	143	0.8%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	36	12	1	49	0.3%
MARICOPA	57	6,614	3,072	455	10,198	56.7%
MOHAVE	3	404	135	28	570	3.2%
NAVAJO	3	175	55	15	248	1.4%
PIMA	26	2,530	928	137	3,621	20.1%
PINAL	10	770	310	39	1,129	6.3%
SANTA CRUZ	0	68	29	1	98	0.5%
YAVAPAI	8	385	158	27	578	3.2%
YUMA	1	300	102	17	420	2.3%
STATEWIDE	117	11,990	5,101	768	17,976	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.7%	66.6%	28.4%	4.3%	100.0%	

TABLE 28
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	67	16	4	87	0.5%
COCHISE	4	239	83	12	338	1.9%
COCONINO	3	192	61	8	264	1.4%
GILA	0	110	37	9	156	0.9%
GRAHAM	2	98	41	3	144	0.8%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	30	11	1	42	0.2%
MARICOPA	80	7,033	3,164	332	10,609	58.0%
MOHAVE	6	337	126	16	485	2.7%
NAVAJO	0	227	82	13	322	1.8%
PIMA	31	2,449	878	127	3,485	19.0%
PINAL	10	788	319	42	1,159	6.3%
SANTA CRUZ	3	69	43	5	120	0.7%
YAVAPAI	6	434	142	19	601	3.3%
YUMA	5	305	124	15	449	2.5%
STATEWIDE	150	12,378	5,127	606	18,261	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.8%	67.8%	28.1%	3.3%	100.0%	

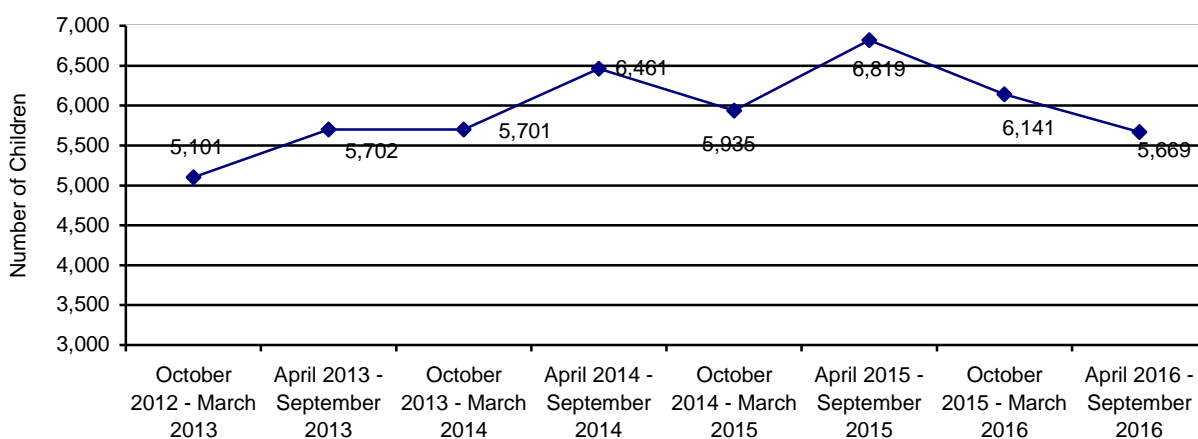
SAFE HAVEN INFANTS

Communications from providers indicate that there were two newborn infant delivered to Safe Haven providers during the April 2016 – September 2016 reporting period. This compares to one newborn infants being delivered to Safe Haven providers during the prior reporting period.

CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE

During the current reporting period, 5,669 children entered care, which represents a 7.7 percent decrease in children entering care over the prior reporting period and a 16.9 percent decrease over the same reporting period last year. Chart 18 displays children entering out-of-home care by reporting period. As can be seen from the chart below, the increase in children entering out-of-home care has continued since FY 2013 until this reporting period. Since FY 2013, the number of children entering out-of-home care remained high, which is a reflection of the growth in the number of reports received by the Hotline (see Chart 1 for number of reports detail).

**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 the current reporting period was 109, which represents 1.9 percent of the children entering care this reporting period. Information on the county level distribution of voluntary placements into out-of-home care can be found in Table 29 for the current reporting period and in Table 30 for the prior reporting period.

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 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.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 unless a dependency petition is pending.

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 APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

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 ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE WHO ARE VOLUNTARY PLACEMENTS
APACHE	28	0.5%	1	3.6%
COCHISE	75	1.3%	0	0.0%
COCONINO	66	1.2%	5	7.6%
GILA	32	0.6%	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	27	0.5%	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	23	0.4%	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	3,276	57.7%	43	1.3%
MOHAVE	229	4.0%	1	0.4%
NAVAJO	40	0.7%	2	5.0%
PIMA	1,280	22.6%	44	3.4%
PINAL	336	5.9%	3	0.9%
SANTA CRUZ	21	0.4%	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	106	1.9%	5	4.7%
YUMA	130	2.3%	5	3.8%
STATEWIDE	5,669	100.0%	109	1.9%

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 OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016

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 ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE WHO ARE VOLUNTARY PLACEMENTS
APACHE	37	0.6%	0	0.0%
COCHISE	111	1.8%	1	0.9%
COCONINO	70	1.1%	0	0.0%
GILA	34	0.6%	3	8.8%
GRAHAM	26	0.4%	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	10	0.2%	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	3,821	62.2%	35	0.9%
MOHAVE	166	2.7%	4	2.4%
NAVAJO	47	0.8%	1	2.1%
PIMA	1,142	18.6%	56	4.9%
PINAL	351	5.7%	0	0.0%
SANTA CRUZ	14	0.2%	1	7.1%
YAVAPAI	172	2.8%	5	2.9%
YUMA	140	2.3%	1	0.7%
STATEWIDE	6,141	100.0%	107	1.7%

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE

The total number of children entering out-of-home care (of which voluntary placements are a subset) in the current reporting period was 5,669, which represents a decrease of 7.7 percent in the total number of children entering out-of-home care from the prior reporting period. Chart 19 displays the number of removed children, and then further differentiates new removals by providing the number with a prior removal in the past 12 months and the past 12 to 24 months. Information on the county level distribution of children entering out-of-home care can be found in Table 31 for the current period and Table 32 for the prior period.

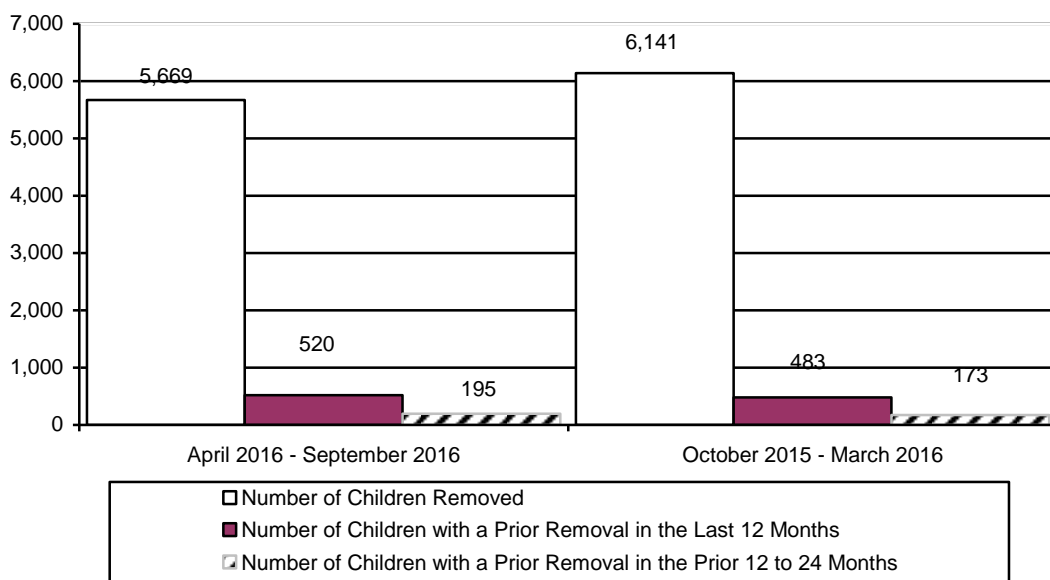
**TABLE 31
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY COUNTY FOR THE
PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

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 REMOVAL IN THE PRIOR 12 TO 24 MONTHS
APACHE	28	0.5%	0	0.0%	1	3.6%
COCHISE	75	1.3%	3	4.0%	4	5.3%
COCONINO	66	1.2%	11	16.7%	1	1.5%
GILA	32	0.6%	2	6.3%	1	3.1%
GRAHAM	27	0.5%	2	7.4%	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	23	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	3,276	57.7%	308	9.4%	111	3.4%
MOHAVE	229	4.0%	8	3.5%	10	4.4%
NAVAJO	40	0.7%	3	7.5%	0	0.0%
PIMA	1,280	22.6%	135	10.6%	50	3.9%
PINAL	336	5.9%	26	7.7%	7	2.1%
SANTA CRUZ	21	0.4%	2	9.5%	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	106	1.9%	13	12.3%	3	2.8%
YUMA	130	2.3%	7	5.4%	7	5.4%
STATEWIDE	5,669	100.0%	520	9.2%	195	3.4%

TABLE 32
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016

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 REMOVAL IN THE PRIOR 12 TO 24 MONTHS
APACHE	37	0.6%	1	2.7%	0	0.0%
COCHISE	111	1.8%	6	5.4%	4	3.6%
COCONINO	70	1.1%	14	20.0%	4	5.7%
GILA	34	0.6%	0	0.0%	2	5.9%
GRAHAM	26	0.4%	0	0.0%	4	15.4%
GREENLEE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	10	0.2%	2	20.0%	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	3,821	62.2%	294	7.7%	82	2.1%
MOHAVE	166	2.7%	7	4.2%	3	1.8%
NAVAJO	47	0.8%	3	6.4%	0	0.0%
PIMA	1,142	18.6%	110	9.6%	59	5.2%
PINAL	351	5.7%	21	6.0%	6	1.7%
SANTA CRUZ	14	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	172	2.8%	10	5.8%	3	1.7%
YUMA	140	2.3%	15	10.7%	6	4.3%
STATEWIDE	6,141	100.0%	483	7.9%	173	2.8%

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



CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE

Chart 20 below shows the number of children in out-of-home care on the last day of the current and past reporting periods.

On the last day of the current reporting period, 14,355 (79.7 percent) children were placed in family settings either with kinship or in foster homes. Placement information for children in out-of-home care for the current and prior reporting periods can be found in Chart 24. See Table 33 for the out-of-home population organized to show the number of children, grouped by age, in each placement type for the current reporting period.

For information on the age distribution of children in out-of-home care, see Chart 24, which displays this information for the current and prior reporting periods. The ethnicity of children in out-of-home care for the current and prior reporting periods is displayed in Chart 25.

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

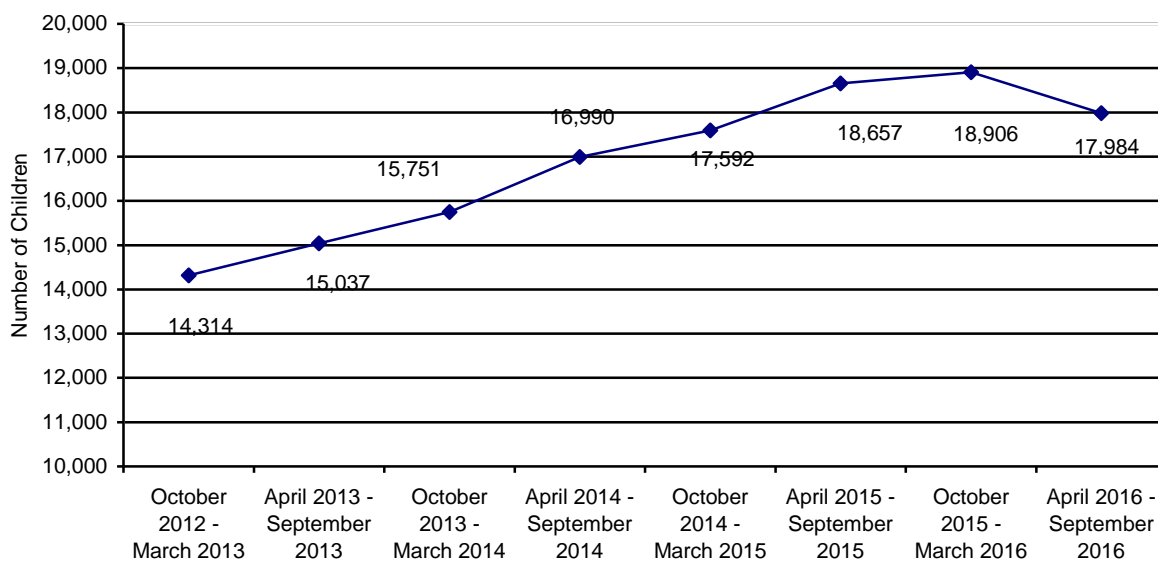


CHART 21
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY AGE

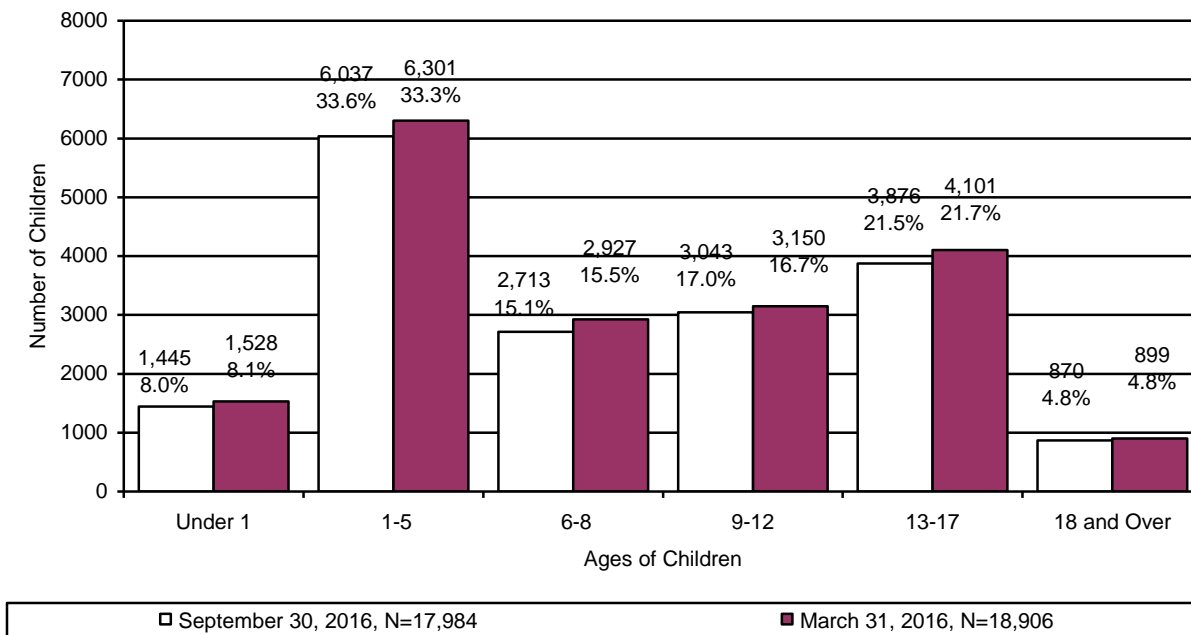
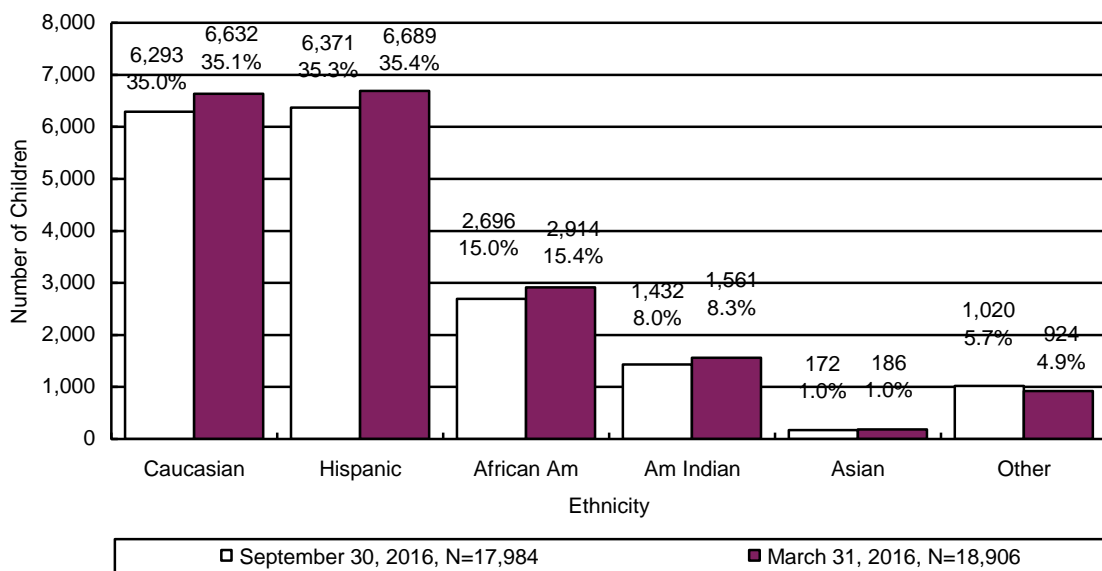


CHART 22
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY ETHNICITY



For 54.8 percent of the children in out-of-home care, family reunification remains the primary case plan goal. See Chart 23 for additional detail on the case plan goals of children in out-of-home care.

CHART 23
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY CASE PLAN GOAL

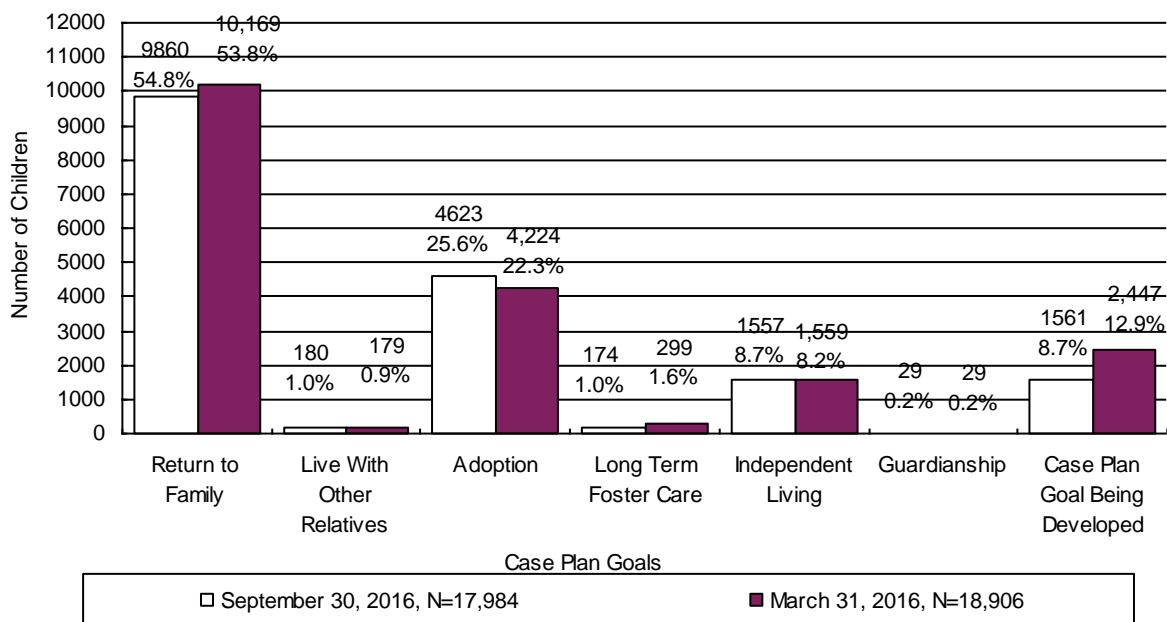
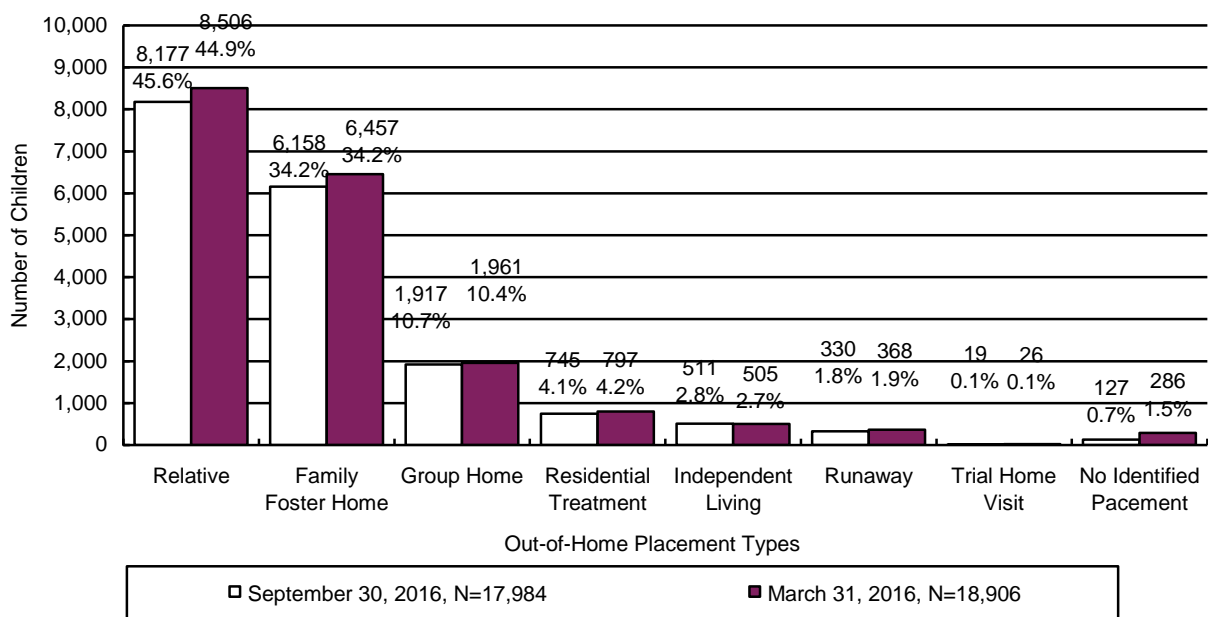


CHART 24
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY PLACEMENT TYPE⁴



⁴ In every reporting cycle DCS has children who, in the CHILDS database, do not have a placement identified when the data extract has run. It has been the historical practice of the Department to proportionally allocate the unidentified children across the placement types. The Department will develop strategies to minimize the need for this allocation in future reports.

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

	RELATIVE	FAMILY FOSTER	GROUP HOME	RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT ⁵	INDEPENDENT LIVING	RUNAWAY / ABSCONDED ⁶	TRIAL HOME VISIT	NO IDENTIFIED PLACEMENT	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
UNDER 1	652	770	1	6	0	1	3	12	1,445	8.1%
1	821	727	2	9	0	4	1	8	1,572	8.9%
2	723	565	11	10	0	3	0	3	1,315	7.3%
3	629	496	10	17	0	1	2	4	1,159	6.4%
4	563	422	20	18	0	1	1	7	1,032	5.7%
5	530	371	31	16	0	4	0	7	959	5.3%
6	502	321	53	25	0	3	3	9	916	5.1%
7	508	310	68	10	0	0	1	3	900	5.0%
8	469	314	96	14	0	2	0	2	897	5.0%
9	477	295	78	11	0	1	1	1	864	4.8%
10	420	260	113	11	0	2	1	3	810	4.5%
11	368	224	132	22	0	1	0	4	751	4.2%
12	285	180	121	22	0	7	0	3	618	3.4%
13	288	179	150	38	0	7	0	2	664	3.7%
14	250	147	179	82	0	22	1	5	686	3.8%
15	241	156	200	98	0	52	2	7	756	4.2%
16	190	170	257	108	0	76	3	12	816	4.5%
17	197	194	272	137	5	135	0	14	954	5.3%
18 AND OLDER	53	68	123	91	506	8	0	21	870	4.8%
TOTAL	8,166	6,169	1,917	745	511	330	19	127	17,984	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	45.5%	34.3%	10.7%	4.1%	2.8%	1.8%	0.1%	0.7%	100.0%	

⁵ This category includes shelter, detention, and hospital placement types.

⁶ This category includes children whose parents absconded with the child(ren) during this reporting period.

During the reporting period 1,054 children remained in a shelter or receiving home for more than 21 consecutive days. Chart 25 displays children by age grouping who remained in shelter more than 21 days for the current reporting period.

CHART 25
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN SHELTER OR RECEIVING HOMES FOR MORE THAN 21 CONSECUTIVE DAYS BY AGE OF CHILD⁷

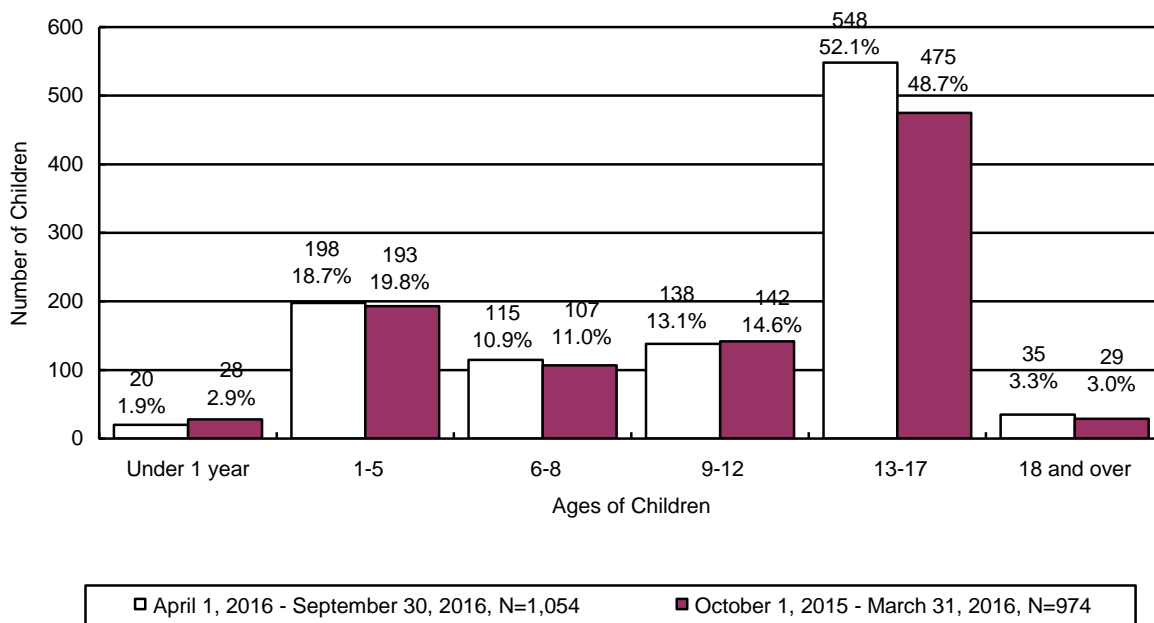
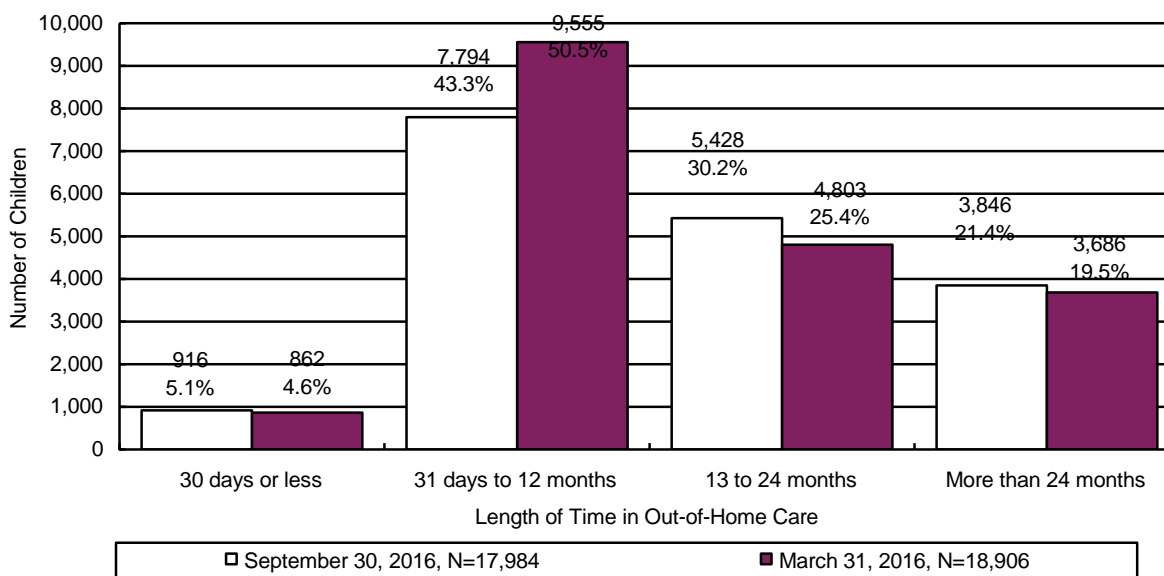


CHART 26
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY LENGTH OF TIME IN CARE



⁷ The chart displays children who spent more than 21 days in a 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.

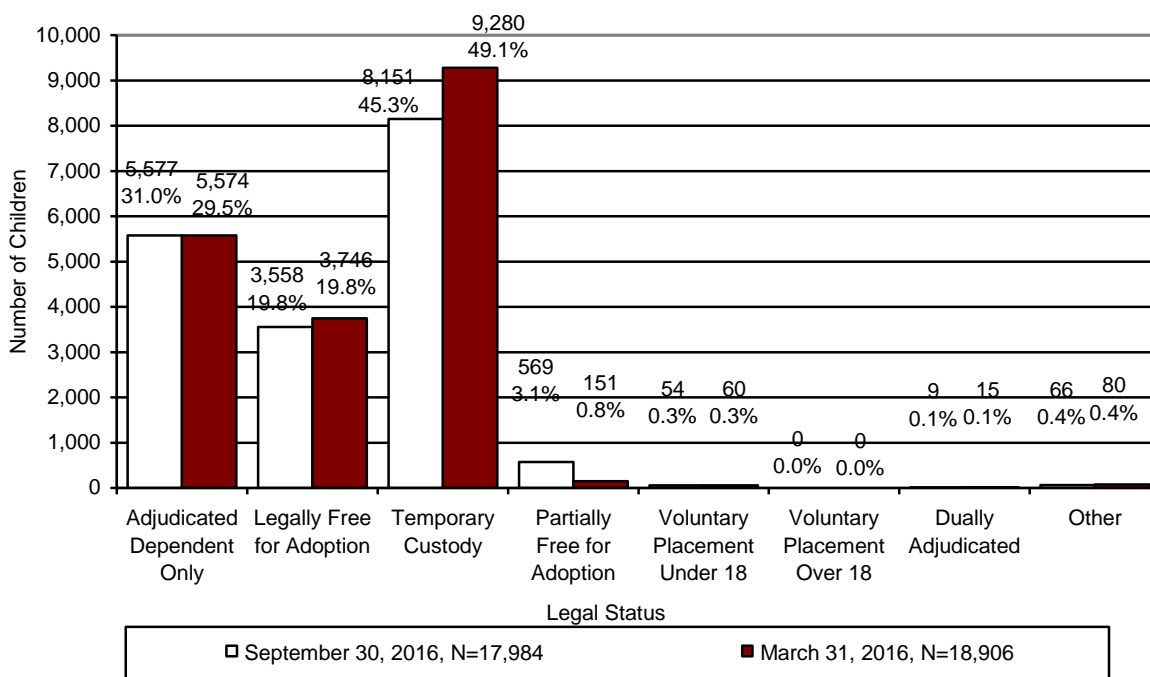
Information on the number of placements in terms of the average, median, and range for children in out-of-home care on the last day of the reporting period is shown in Table 34.

**TABLE 34
PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN IN
OUT-OF-HOME CARE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

	Placements
Average	2.5
Median	2.0
Range Minimum	1
Range Maximum	53 ⁸

Chart 27 displays the legal status of the children in out-of-home care for the current and prior reporting periods. As is shown by the graph, the vast majority of children in out-of-home care fall into one of three legal statuses – adjudicated dependent, legally free for adoption, and children in the Department’s temporary custody.

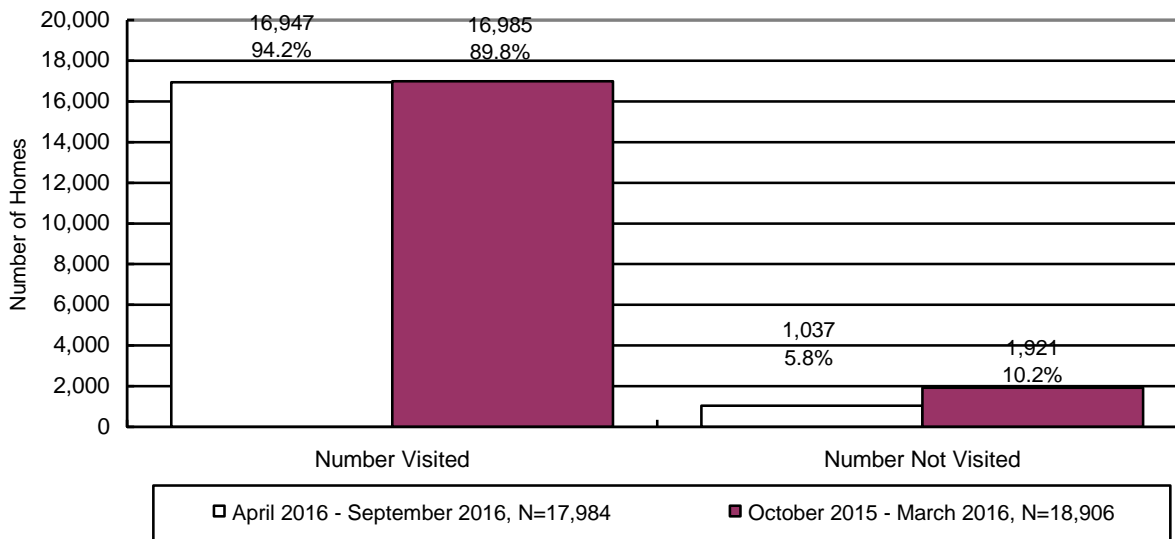
**CHART 27
CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY LEGAL STATUS**



⁸ 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.

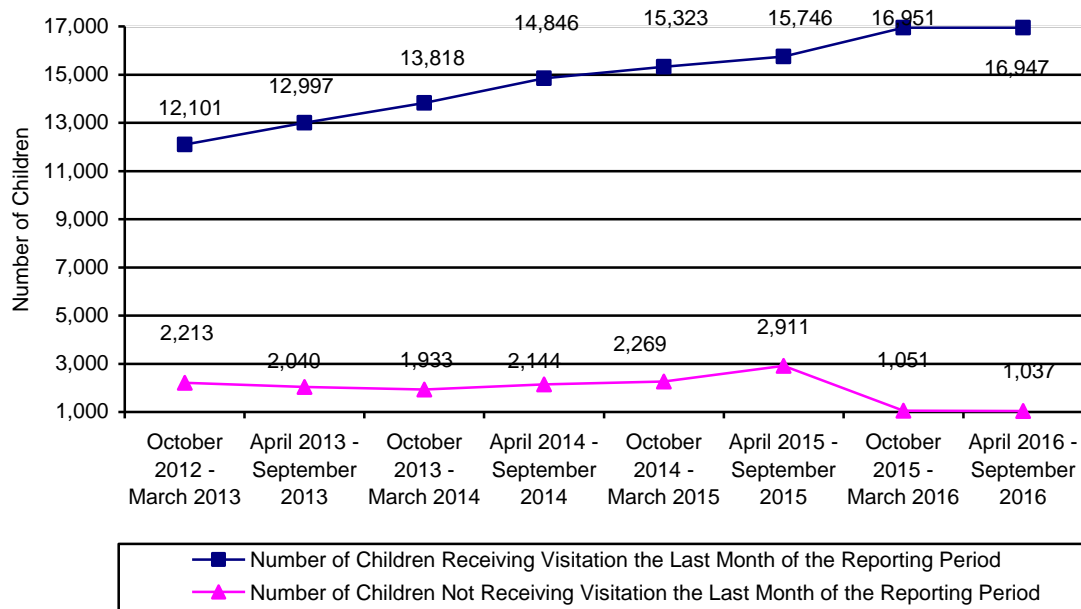
At the end of the reporting period there were 17,984 children in out-of-home care who required visitation. Of these children, visitation was documented in the automated system for 16,947 children.

CHART 28
THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED THE REQUIRED VISITATION



Department policy requires specialists to 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. During the current reporting period, there were 5,276 parents who had a child with the case plan goal of reunification. Of those parents requiring visitation, 2,563 (48.6 percent) received the required visitation. This number does not reflect attempted visitation where contact with the parent(s) did not take place.

CHART 29
NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVING AND NOT RECEIVING VISITATION BY REPORTING PERIOD



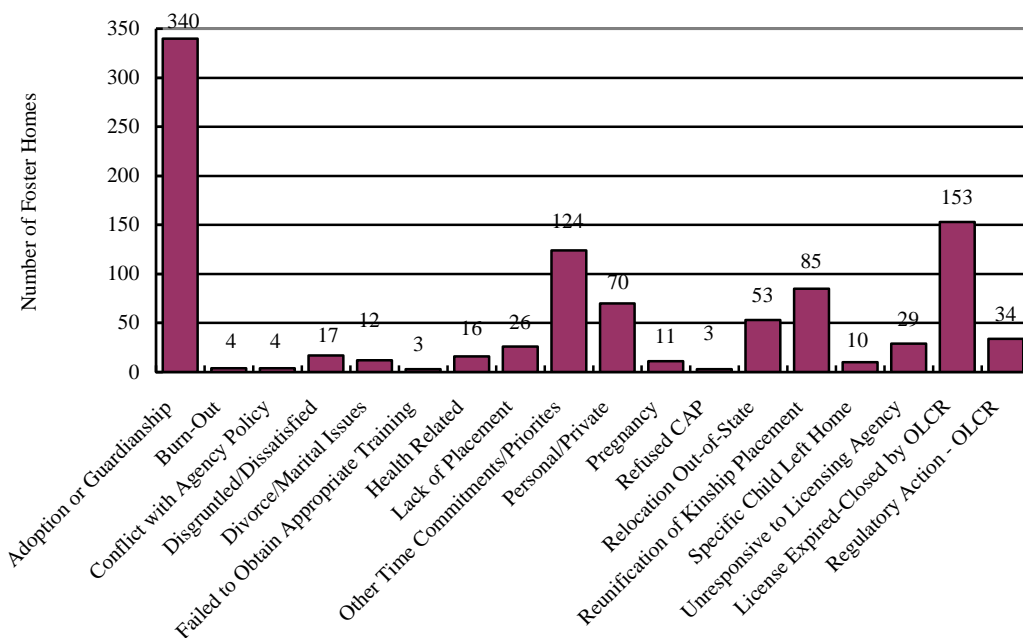
FOSTER HOME LICENSING, CLOSURES, & VISITATION

As of March 31, 2016 there were 4,596⁹ foster homes licensed for a total capacity of 10,786 spaces. Of the spaces, 2,959 are reported by contractors to be unavailable for placements. Reasons for this include, but are not limited to, licensing restrictions on age, bed holds for youth in treatment or hospitalization, foster parents' need for temporary reprieve from placements and corrective action plans.

Licensed foster homes include family foster homes, professional family foster homes (HCTC homes), respite foster homes, receiving foster homes, and developmentally disabled homes with DCS 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 current reporting period, 985 new homes were licensed to provide foster care and 994 homes left the system. This compares to 882 new homes being licensed and 871 homes leaving the system during the prior reporting period. The following chart gives the reasons for foster home closures for the current reporting period. The Department updated the reasons for which foster parents may identify as their reason for closure. The chart below includes reasons not previously captured in this report.

**CHART 30
REASON FOR FOSTER HOME CLOSURE FOR THE PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBET 30, 2016**

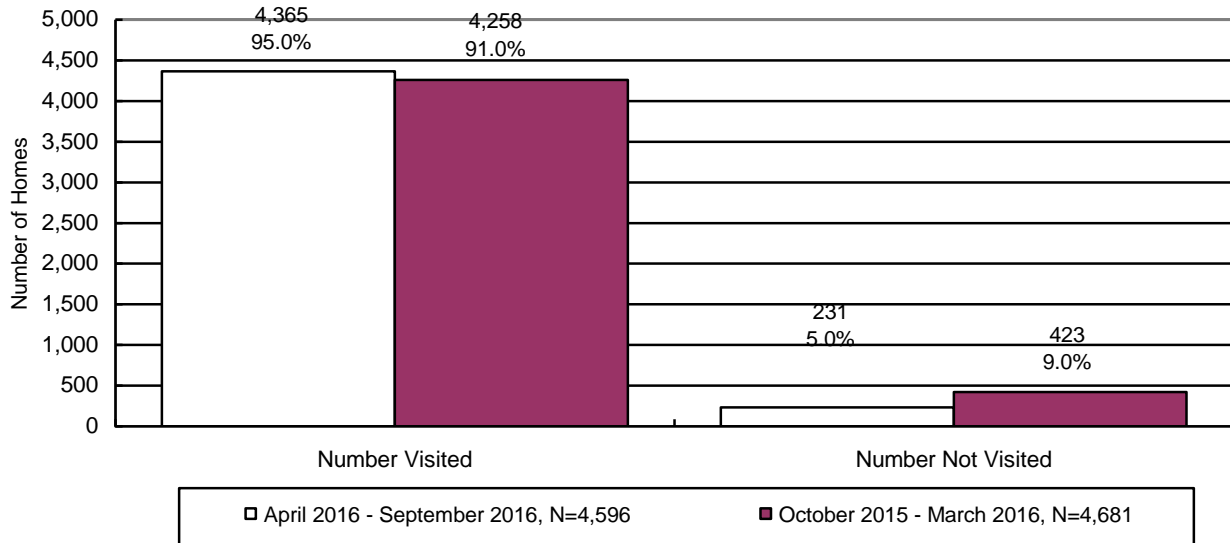


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⁹ The number of homes cited in this report differs from the number cited by the Office of Licensing, Certification & Regulation (OLCR) due to the fact that the DCS utilizes both foster homes managed through HRSS contracts as well as homes that are licensed for developmental disabilities, licensed by the tribes, etc.

Chart 31 displays the number of foster homes that received the required visitation in the current and prior reporting periods. 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 31
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 agency specialist.

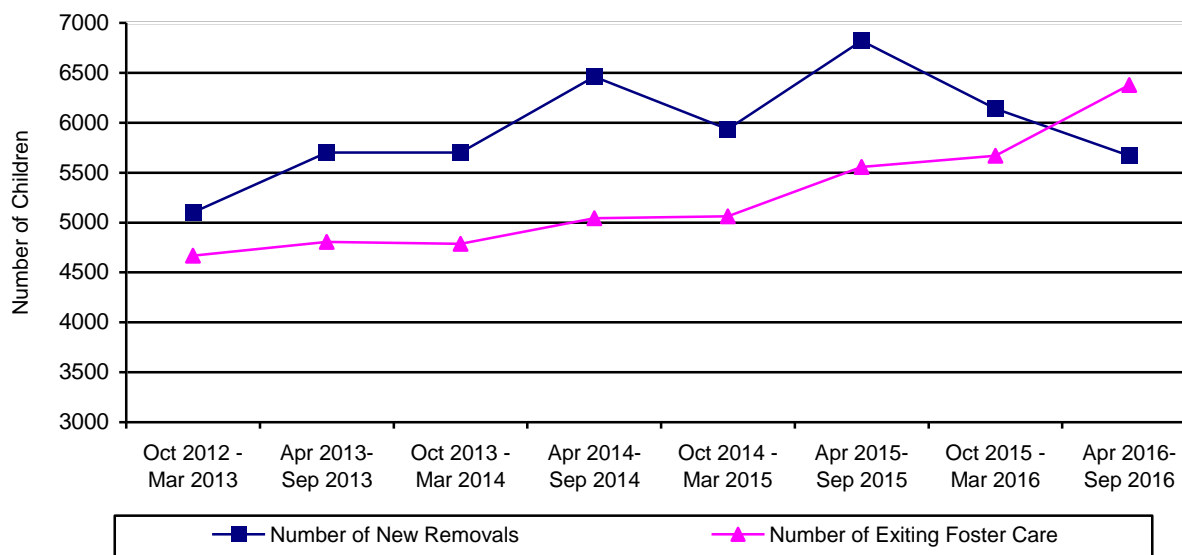
CHILDREN EXITING OUT-OF-HOME CARE

Table 35 below shows the history of the number of children who left the custody of the Department.

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

REPORTING PERIOD	NUMBER OF CHILDREN DISCHARGED	% CHANGE OVER PRIOR PERIOD
OCTOBER 2012 – MARCH 2013	4,668	+19.0%
APRIL 2013 – SEPTEMBER 2013	4,805	+2.9%
OCTOBER 2013 – MARCH 2014	4,786	-0.4%
APRIL 2014 – SEPTEMBER 2014	5,042	+5.3%
OCTOBER 2014 – MARCH 2015	5,063	+0.4%
APRIL 2015 – SEPTEMBER 2015	5,555	+9.7%
OCTOBER 2015 – MARCH 2016	5,668	+2.0%
APRIL 2016 – SEPTEMBER 2016	6,377	+12.5%

**CHART 32
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 reason. 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 EXITING DCS CUSTODY FOR THE END OF THE
REPORTING PERIOD ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	276	4.3%
Ages 1 to 5	2,300	36.2%
Ages 6 to 8	1,028	16.1%
Ages 9 to 12	1,093	17.1%
Ages 13 to 17	1,163	18.2%
18 and Over	517	8.1%
Total	6,377	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	2,289	35.9%
Hispanic	2,176	34.1%
African American	994	15.6%
American Indian	526	8.2%
Asian	74	1.2%
Other	318	5.0%
Total	6,377	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	3,370	52.8%
Two	1,478	23.2%
Three	710	11.1%
Four	343	5.4%
Five	185	2.9%
More than Five	291	4.6%
Total	6,377	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	806	12.6%
31 Days to 12 Months	2,050	32.2%
13 to 24 Months	1,780	27.9%
More than 24 Months	1,741	27.3%
Total	6,377	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	8.63	7.80
By Number of Placements	2.14	1.00
By Months of Time in Care	17.56	14.70

**TABLE 37
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “REUNIFICATION WITH PARENTS OR PRIMARY CARETAKER” FOR
THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	229	6.8%
Ages 1 to 5	1,197	35.3%
Ages 6 to 8	582	17.2%
Ages 9 to 12	678	20.0%
Ages 13 to 17	697	20.6%
18 and Over	3	0.1%
Total	3,386	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	1,171	34.5%
Hispanic	1,147	33.9%
African American	552	16.3%
American Indian	244	7.2%
Asian	40	1.2%
Other	232	6.9%
Total	3,386	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	1,939	57.3%
Two	839	24.8%
Three	340	10.0%
Four	150	4.4%
Five	60	1.8%
More than Five	58	1.7%
Total	3,386	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	717	21.2%
31 Days to 12 Months	1,520	44.9%
13 to 24 Months	915	27.0%
More than 24 Months	234	6.9%
Total	3,386	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	7.90	7.45
By Number of Placements	1.77	1.00
By Months of Time in Care	9.82	8.96

**TABLE 38
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “LIVING WITH OTHER RELATIVES” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	1	3.4%
Ages 1 to 5	10	34.5%
Ages 6 to 8	4	13.8%
Ages 9 to 12	3	10.3%
Ages 13 to 17	11	38.0%
18 and Over	0	0.0%
Total	29	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	11	38.0%
Hispanic	8	27.6%
African American	3	10.3%
American Indian	3	10.3%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	4	13.8%
Total	29	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	25	86.2%
Two	2	6.9%
Three	2	6.9%
Four	0	0.0%
Five	0	0.0%
More than Five	0	0.0%
Total	29	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	11	37.9%
31 Days to 12 Months	11	37.9%
13 to 24 Months	6	20.8%
More than 24 Months	1	3.4%
Total	29	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	9.49	8.87
By Number of Placements	1.21	1.00
By Months of Time in Care	5.68	2.63

**TABLE 39
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS
CUSTODY FOR REASON OF “ADOPTION” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	25	1.3%
Ages 1 to 5	1,014	52.3%
Ages 6 to 8	381	19.7%
Ages 9 to 12	312	16.1%
Ages 13 to 17	203	10.5%
18 and Over	1	0.1%
Total	1,936	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	786	40.6%
Hispanic	660	34.1%
African American	283	14.6%
American Indian	137	7.1%
Asian	19	1.0%
Other	51	2.6%
Total	1,936	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	958	49.4%
Two	466	24.1%
Three	261	13.5%
Four	122	6.3%
Five	68	3.5%
More than Five	61	3.2%
Total	1,936	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	0	0.0%
31 Days to 12 Months	59	3.0%
13 to 24 Months	787	40.7%
More than 24 Months	1,090	56.3%
Total	1936	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	6.42	5.42
By Number of Placements	2.05	2.00
By Months of Time in Care	26.93	25.33

**TABLE 40
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “GUARDIANSHIP” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	3	0.8%
Ages 1 to 5	39	11.0%
Ages 6 to 8	46	12.9%
Ages 9 to 12	81	22.8%
Ages 13 to 17	185	51.9%
18 and Over	2	0.6%
Total	356	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	108	30.3%
Hispanic	139	39.0%
African American	47	13.2%
American Indian	44	12.4%
Asian	6	1.7%
Other	12	3.4%
Total	356	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	225	63.2%
Two	61	17.1%
Three	39	11.0%
Four	16	4.5%
Five	8	2.2%
More than Five	7	2.0%
Total	356	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	23	6.5%
31 Days to 12 Months	125	35.1%
13 to 24 Months	124	34.8%
More than 24 Months	84	23.6%
Total	356	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	12.22	13.31
By Number of Placements	1.76	1.00
By Months of Time in Care	16.45	15.23

**TABLE 41
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY
FOR REASONS OF “REACHING AGE OF MAJORITY” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

By Age	Number	Percentage
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	0	0.0%
18 and Over	504	100.0%
Total	504	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	187	37.0%
Hispanic	183	36.3%
African American	91	18.1%
American Indian	30	6.0%
Asian	7	1.4%
Other	6	1.2%
Total	504	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	126	25.0%
Two	74	14.7%
Three	60	11.9%
Four	44	8.7%
Five	41	8.1%
More than Five	159	31.6%
Total	504	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	3	0.6%
31 Days to 12 Months	97	19.2%
13 to 24 Months	87	17.3%
More than 24 Months	317	62.9%
Total	504	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	18.98	18.42
By Number of Placements	5.30	3.00
By Months of Time in Care	37.61	34.19

TABLE 42
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “TRANSFER TO ANOTHER AGENCY” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	15	13.0%
Ages 1 to 5	40	34.8%
Ages 6 to 8	14	12.2%
Ages 9 to 12	18	15.7%
Ages 13 to 17	25	21.7%
18 and Over	3	2.6%
Total	115	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	17	14.8%
Hispanic	15	13.0%
African American	8	7.0%
American Indian	65	56.5%
Asian	1	0.9%
Other	9	7.8%
Total	115	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	67	58.3%
Two	29	25.2%
Three	6	5.2%
Four	7	6.1%
Five	3	2.6%
More than Five	3	2.6%
Total	115	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	41	35.7%
31 Days to 12 Months	42	36.4%
13 to 24 Months	24	20.9%
More than 24 Months	8	7.0%
Total	115	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	7.59	6.41
By Number of Placements	1.89	1.00
By Months of Time in Care	8.36	4.70

**TABLE 43
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “RUNAWAY” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

By Age	Number	Percentage
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	39	81.3%
18 and Over	9	18.7%
Total	48	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	9	18.8%
Hispanic	22	45.7%
African American	10	20.8%
American Indian	3	6.3%
Asian	1	2.1%
Other	3	6.3%
Total	48	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	28	58.3%
Two	6	12.5%
Three	2	4.2%
Four	4	8.3%
Five	5	10.4%
More than Five	3	6.3%
Total	48	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	10	20.8%
31 Days to 12 Months	17	35.4%
13 to 24 Months	14	29.2%
More than 24 Months	7	14.6%
Total	48	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	16.67	17.32
By Number of Placements	2.35	1.00
By Months of Time in Care	13.42	9.90

**TABLE 44
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “DEATH OF CHILD” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	3	100.0%
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	0	0.0%
18 and Over	0	0.0%
Total	3	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	0	0.0%
Hispanic	2	66.7%
African American	0	0.0%
American Indian	0	0.0%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	1	33.3%
Total	3	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	2	66.7%
Two	1	33.3%
Three	0	0.0%
Four	0	0.0%
Five	0	0.0%
More than Five	0	0.0%
Total	3	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	1	33.3%
31 Days to 12 Months	2	66.7%
13 to 24 Months	0	0.0%
More than 24 Months	0	0.0%
Total	3	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	0.56	0.61
By Number of Placements	1.33	1.00
By Months of Time in Care	3.83	4.47

**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	Waiting autopsy report	Family Foster Care
Maricopa	Natural Causes	Unlicensed Relative Foster Care
Maricopa	Waiting for autopsy report	Unlicensed Relative Foster Care

**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 APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

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	1	0	0	0	0	1	12.5%
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	1	0	0	0	1	12.5%
MARICOPA	3	1	0	0	0	4	50.0%
MOHAVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
NAVAJO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
PIMA	1	0	1	0	0	2	25.0%
PINAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YUMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
STATEWIDE	5	2	1	0	0	8	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	62.5%	25.0%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	

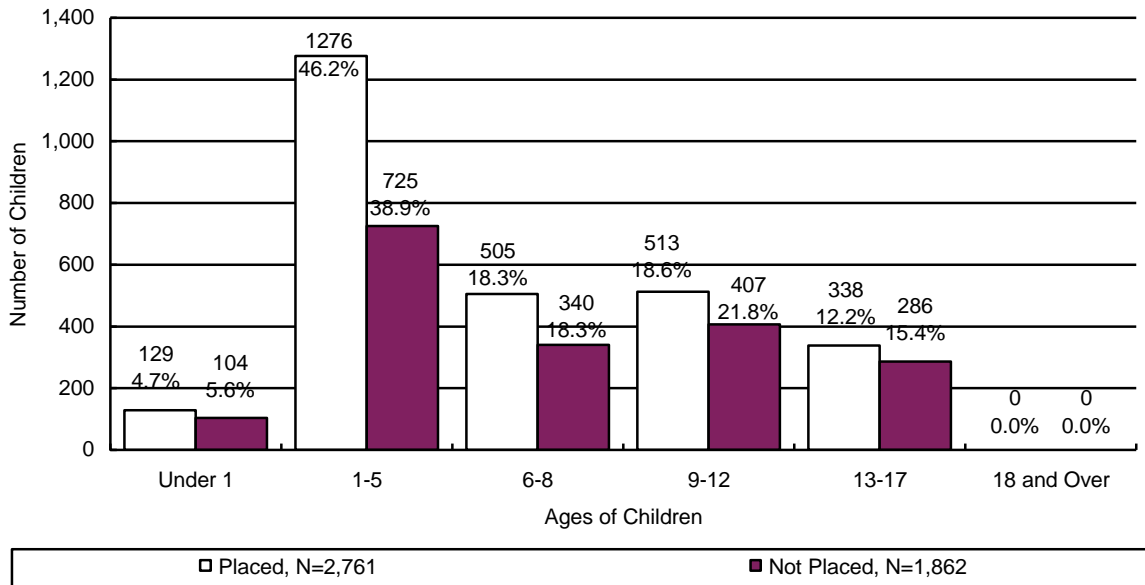
The number of child maltreatment deaths presented in the Semi-Annual Report is not comparable to child maltreatment deaths reported on the website by the Arizona Department of Child Safety (ADCS).

- DCS posts information in accordance with A.R.S. § 8-807 on child fatalities due to abuse or neglect by the child's parent, custodian or caregiver at: <https://dcs.az.gov/news/child-fatalities-near-fatalities-information-releases>.
- This information is posted when the information comes to DCS's attention and a final determination of the fatality due to abuse or neglect has been made by either a substantiated finding or specific criminal charges filed against a parent, guardian or caregiver for causing the fatality.
- The information that comes to DCS's attention and the determination of the fatality due to abuse or neglect may occur sometime after the actual incident for a number of reasons including a determination by a medical professional, a medical examiner, or a criminal child abuse arrest and charge of the perpetrator.

CHILDREN WITH CASE PLAN GOALS OF ADOPTION

Of the 17,984 children in out-of-home care on September 30, 2016, there were 4,623 or 25.7 percent who had a case plan goal of adoption. Of those, 2,761 have been placed and another 1,862 have not been placed. The age and ethnicity of the children with a case plan goal of adoption is displayed in Chart 36 and Chart 37.

**CHART 33
THE PLACEMENT AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY AGE**



**CHART 34
THE PLACEMENT AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY ETHNICITY**

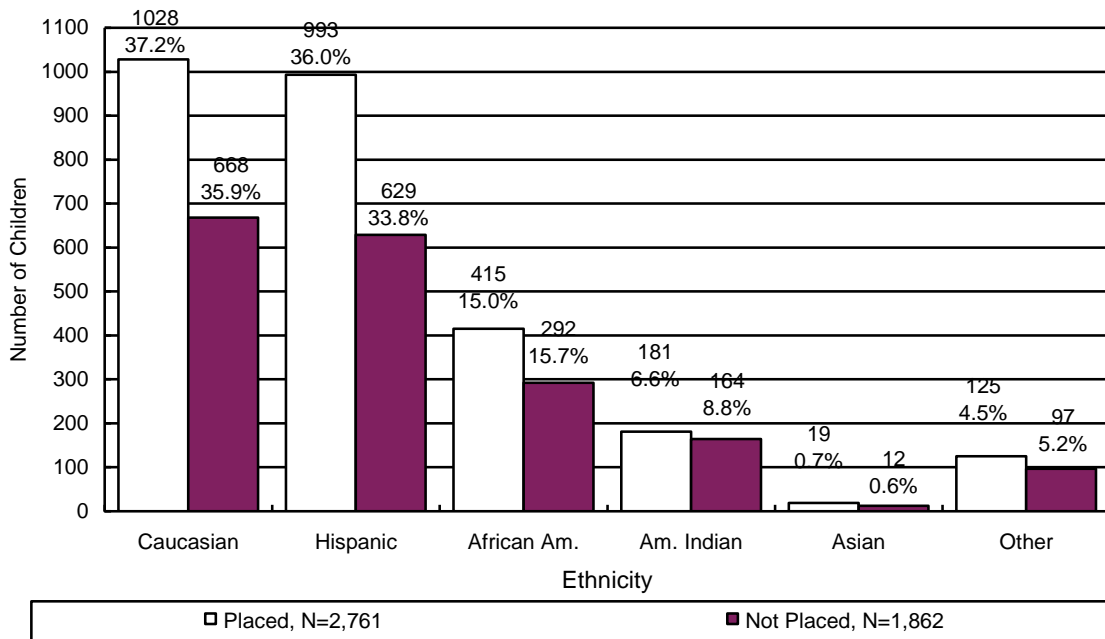


TABLE 47
NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS
BY COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

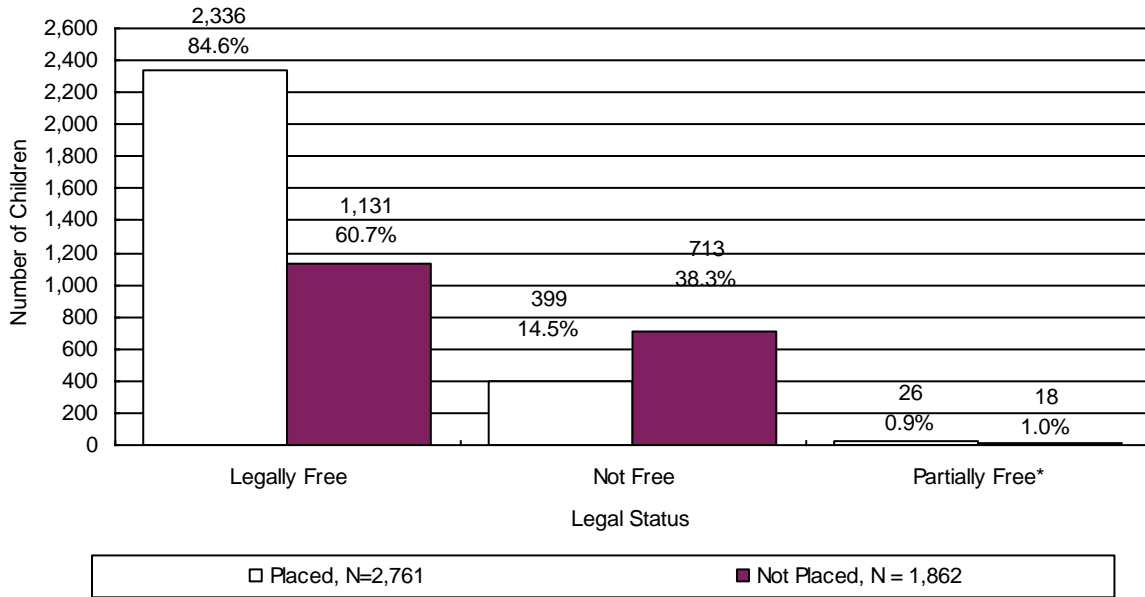
COUNTY	TERMINATION OF RIGHTS GRANTED	TERMINATION OF RIGHTS DENIED	TERMINATION OF RIGHTS GRANTED IN PART/DENIED IN PART	TERMINATION OF RIGHTS WITHDRAWN	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	7	0	0	0	7	0.2%
COCHISE	65	0	0	0	65	2.2%
COCONINO	18	0	0	0	18	0.6%
GILA	37	0	0	0	37	1.3%
GRAHAM	13	0	0	0	13	0.4%
GREENLEE	2	0	0	0	2	0.1%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	1,424	12	0	6	1,442	49.3%
MOHAVE	187	0	0	0	187	6.4%
NAVAJO	16	0	0	0	16	0.5%
PIMA	667	16	0	0	683	23.4%
PINAL	263	0	0	0	263	9.0%
SANTA CRUZ	8	0	0	0	8	0.3%
YAVAPAI	127	0	0	0	127	4.3%
YUMA	60	0	0	0	60	2.0%
STATEWIDE	2,894	28	0	6	2,928	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	98.8%	1.0%	0.0%	0.2%	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 2 years and 22 days. Information on the number of placements in terms of the average, median, and range for children with a case plan goal of adoption is shown below in Table 48.

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

	Placements
Average	2.6
Median	2
Range Minimum	1
Range Maximum	31

CHART 35
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 36
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

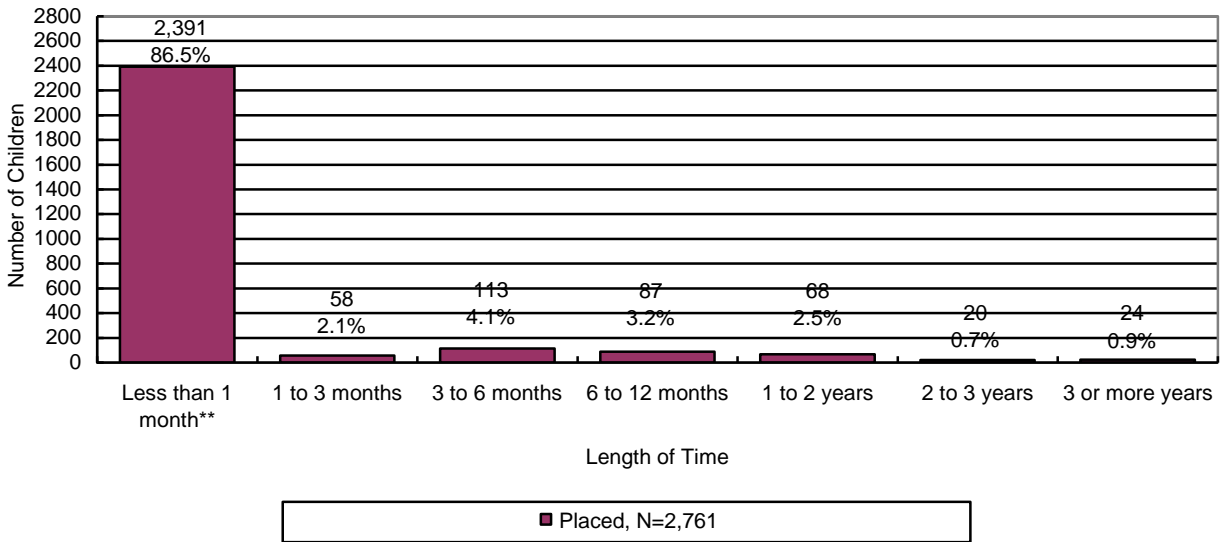


CHART 37
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION WHO WERE IN AN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT BY THE MARITAL STATUS OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT

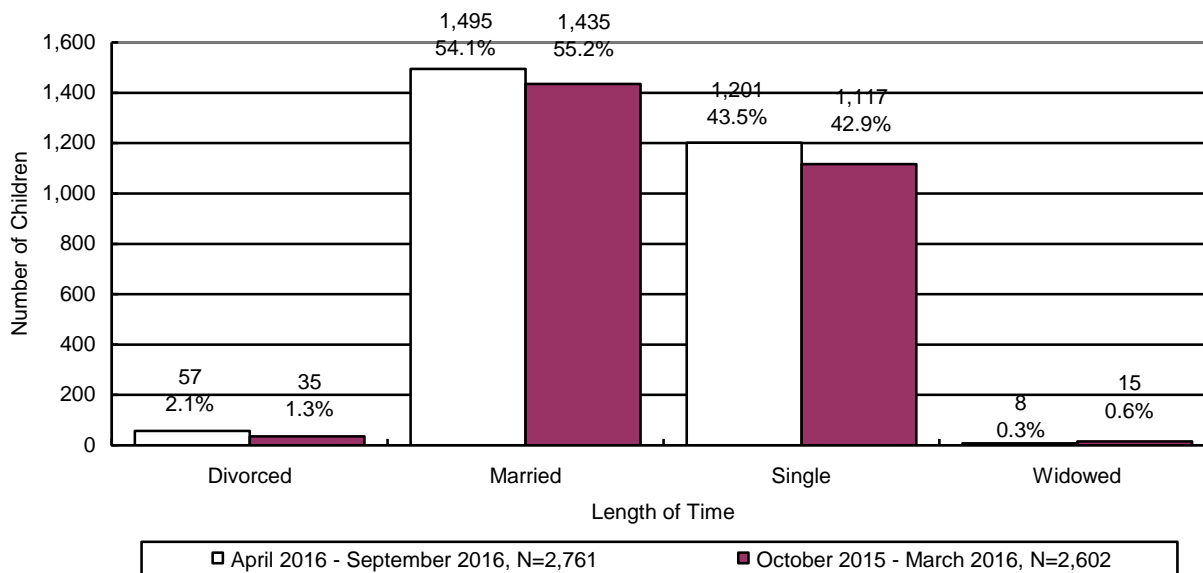
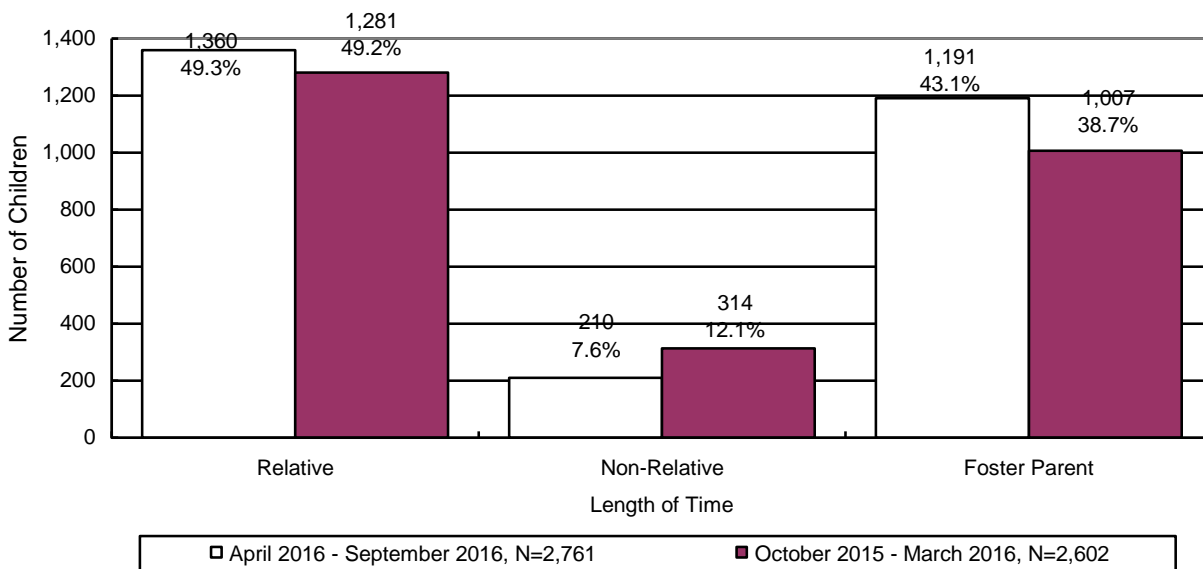


CHART 38
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION WHO WERE IN AN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT BY THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT



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	1	5.9%
Ages 1 – 5	2	11.8%
Ages 6 – 8	4	23.5%
Ages 9 – 12	6	35.3%
Ages 13 – 17	4	23.5%
18 and Over	0	0.0%
Total	17	100.0%

Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	1	5.9%
Hispanic	11	64.7%
African American	0	0.0%
American Indian	2	11.8%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	3	17.6%
Total	17	100.0%

**CHART 39
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**

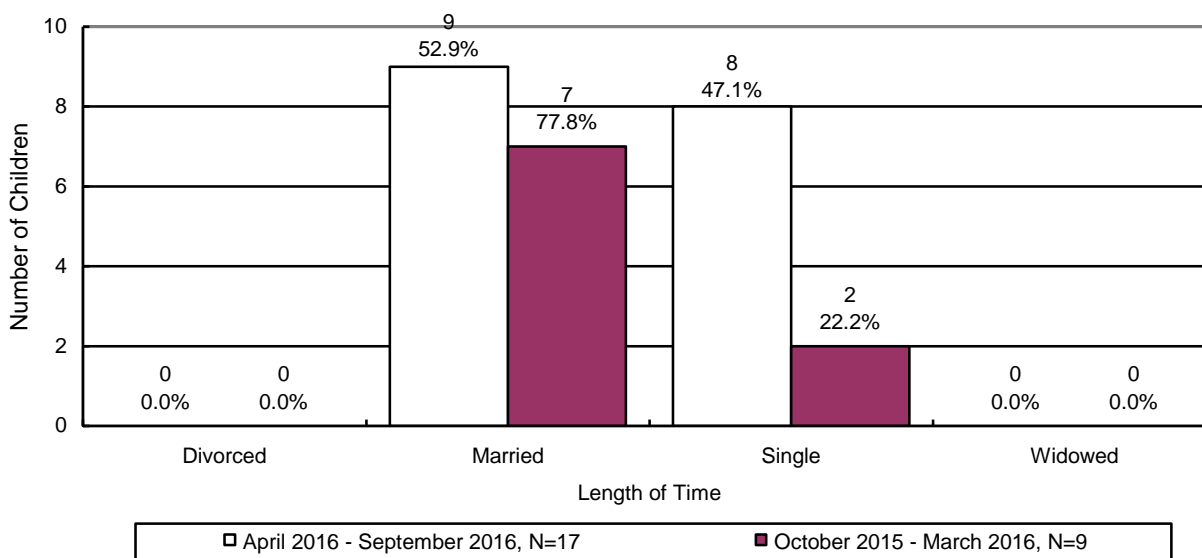
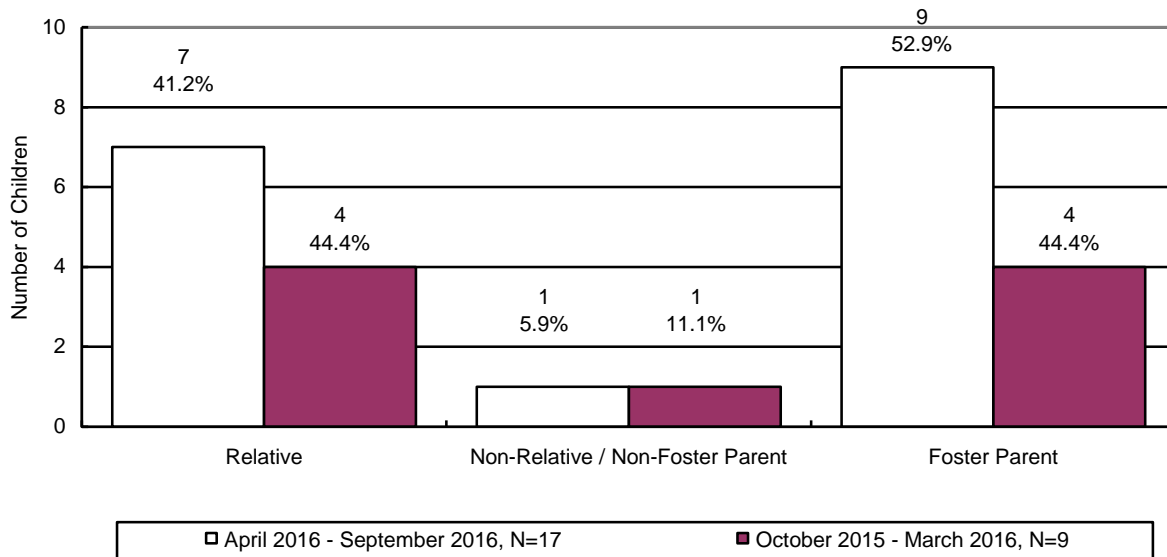
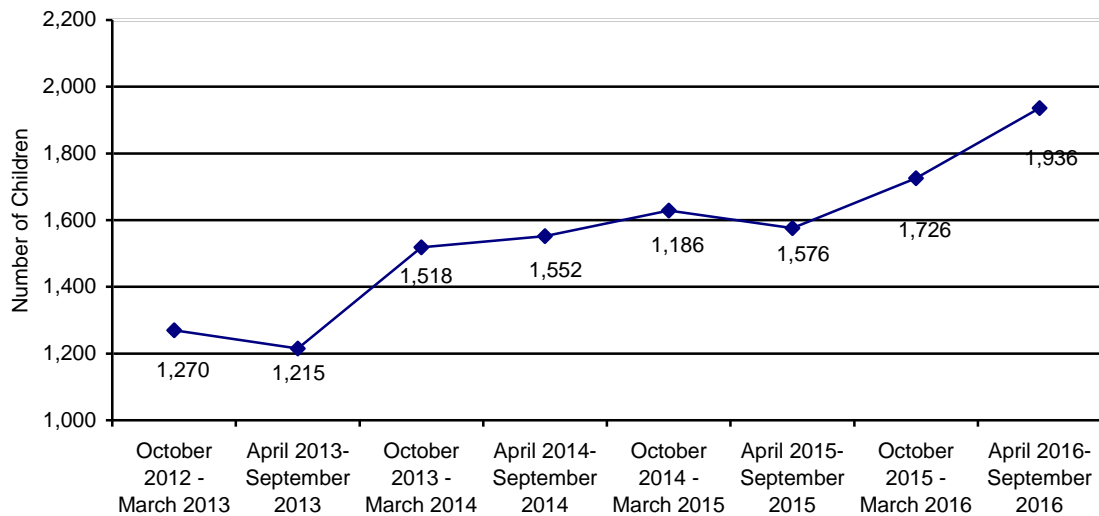


CHART 40
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION WHO WERE IN AN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT AND DISRUPTED BY THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT



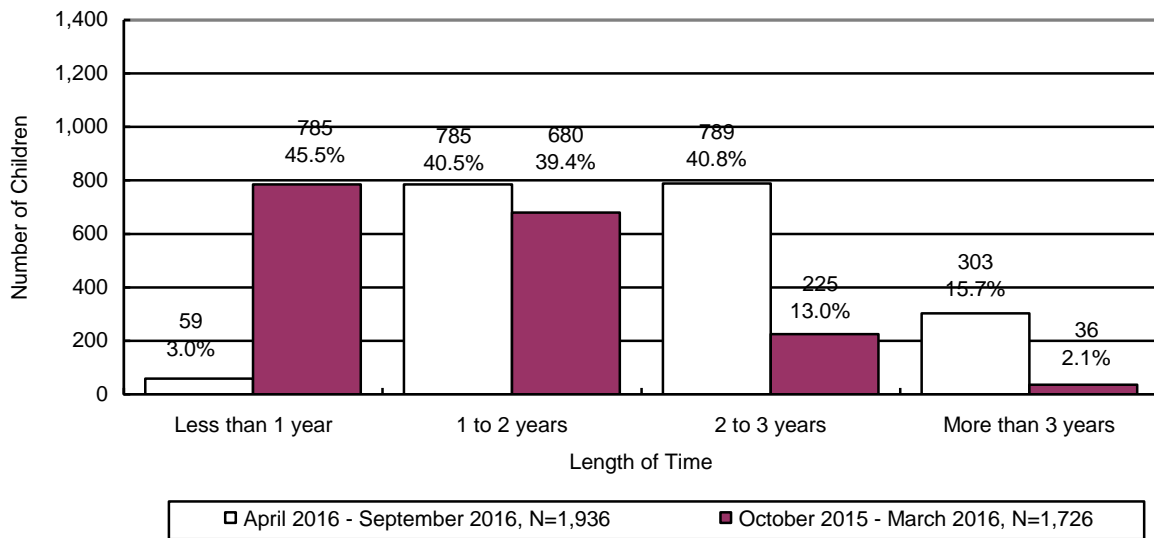
ADOPTIVE SERVICES

CHART 41
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION



There were 1,936 children with a finalized adoption during the reporting period. Chart 42 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 42
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 43
THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT BEFORE THE FINAL ORDER OF ADOPTION

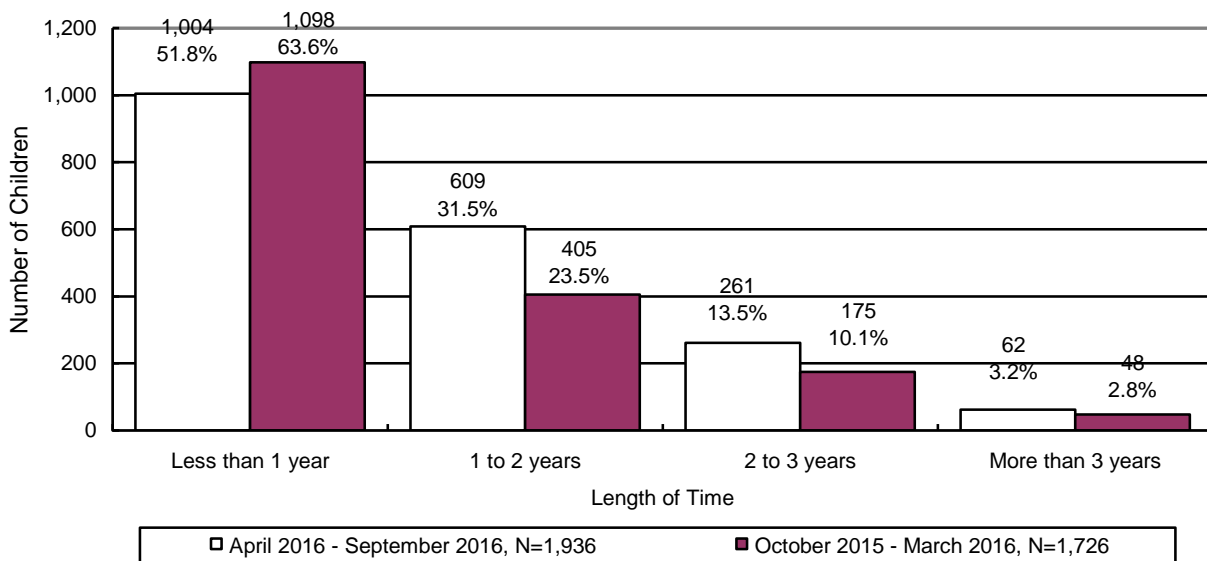


CHART 44
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY THE MARITAL STATUS OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT

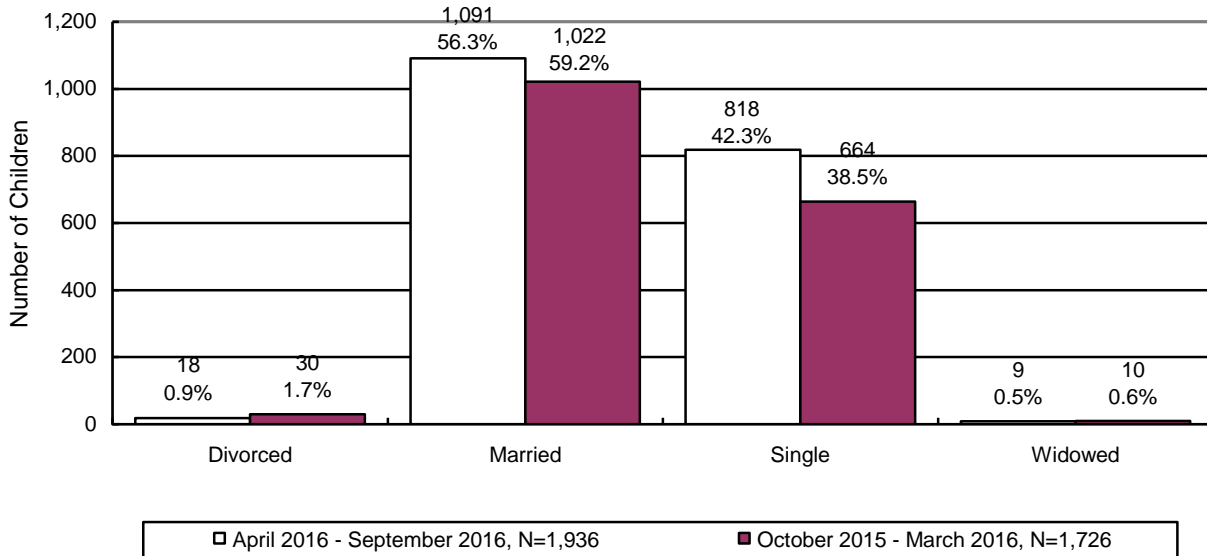


CHART 45
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT TO THE CHILD

