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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 October 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017. 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 that reads "Shalom Jacobs for". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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CHILD WELFARE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD OF

OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017



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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 October 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2017.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) is pleased to publish this semi-annual report for October 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 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 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.

Pursuant to Laws 2014, 2nd Special Session, Chapter 1, Section 160 the Department in collaboration with the Director of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC), the Director of the Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) were to make recommendations to the Governor, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives on consolidating child welfare reports by September 1, 2016. This report was developed after multiple meetings with stakeholders. Additional recommendations will be providing to the JLBC in December 2017 to consolidate elements of this report with other Department reports. The Department continues to conduct stakeholder meetings to inform not only consolidation efforts but the identification of outcome metrics to better inform policy and practice decision-making by DCS and stakeholders.

The Department discussed with stakeholders changing part of the narrative structure of this report to eliminate redundancy and streamline the presentation of data. Stakeholders agreed that the removal of narrative that simply reiterated data in charts and tables was acceptable as long as the narrative did not provide an analysis of the data or impact the executive summary. Therefore, this report will differ from prior versions and future reports may be structured differently depending on the outcome of future DCS and stakeholder recommendations that will be reviewed by the JLBC.

Child Abuse Hotline and Investigations

The statewide Child Abuse Hotline received 23,579 calls that met the statutory criteria for a report. Of these, 353 were within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments and were referred to those jurisdictions. The total number of reports represents a 5 percent decrease over the prior reporting period, but a 4 percent decrease over the same reporting period last year.

In addition to responding to all reports received in this reporting period, the Department closed 22,220 reports this reporting period which is a 0.7 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 53 percent decrease in total open reports from 13,477 in October 2016 to

6,401 in March 2017. The Department continues to recognize this accomplishment as this contributes to reductions in caseloads for investigators and allows them to spend more time engaging with families to complete thorough assessments.

Of the reports subject to substantiation during this reporting period, the preliminary number of reports that were substantiated is 511 (2.2 percent). An additional 3,150 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).

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 slowing the rate of out-of-home population growth, 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

- 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;

Investigations

- Reduced the total number of inactive cases from 4,790 in October 2016 to 746 in March 2017, an 84 percent reduction.
- 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.
- Developing new and revised policies and forms related to SAFE AZ model.
- Action for Child Protection scheduled to deliver a 2 week "boot camp" training for 30 Safety Practice Experts (SPEs) – supervisors, trainers, policy, and identified program specialists. SPEs will participate in site-based teams to support implementation.
- Developed and implementing SAFE AZ model training for all field staff including Specialists, Supervisors, and Program Managers. It is anticipated that training will be completed in August 2017.
- Implemented a field guide that facilitates the collection and documentation of safety and risk assessment information;
- Created and implemented a dashboard to track overall investigation case management.
- Created and implemented a dashboard to monitor all overdue reports.
- 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 timely case transfers from investigation to ongoing units in several offices throughout the state;
- Initiated the development of Safe Services Pathways to better engage families in services when the Family Functioning Assessment determines the children in the family are safe. This practice is intended to help connect families in the most appropriate level of services to prevent future reports or involvement with the Department.

Services

- Sustained the Building Resilient Families (BRF) program to deliver in-home prevention services in Maricopa County for low risk families who have been the subject of a DCS investigation. Referrals to BRF have increased significantly, from 341 in the second quarter of SFY 2017 to 521 in the third quarter (a 55 percent increase).
- Initiated planning to expand the BRF program statewide.
- Continue to monitor and 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 and Maricopa Counties.
- Increased utilization of In-Home prevention services.
- Expansion of Substance Exposed Newborn Safe Environment (SENSE) program. In December 2015, the Department implemented the SENSE program in Mohave County, while maintaining it in Maricopa and Yuma County. Due to challenges the Mohave County Health Department and community providers faced hiring nursing staff, the program has been temporarily put on hold as the nursing component could not be provided. DCS is in the process of implementing SENSE in Yavapai, Pima, and Pinal Counties. with plans to expand the program to all counties.
- Implemented the Safe Sleep prevention program as well as the Baby Box Program to reduce the number of infant deaths related to unsafe sleep environments.

Continuous Quality Improvement

- In January 2017, the Department implemented the Systemic Critical Incident Review Process. Systemic Critical Incident Reviews are conducted by the Safety Analysis Review Team who reviews all critical incident cases received by DCS in order to identify and analyze systemic issues and generate recommendations for improvements.
- DCS received training and technical assistance from the Safety Collaborative on implementing Safety Science principles in the DCS culture and critical incident review process.
- Created and implemented supervision guides for investigation and ongoing cases;
- Completed policy analysis on the investigation/assessment of very low risk families;
- Partnering with Action for Child Protection on latest enhancements of their nationally recognized safety assessment model;
- Implementing first phase of the roll-out for Guardian Mobile solutions; part of the process to replace the old statewide automated child welfare information system (CHILDS) with a

more robust system. The first group of users of the mobile system are expected to begin July 2017.

Employee Retention

- Realigned the pay structure for DCS Specialists to permit them to reach their maximum pay range more expeditiously.
- Realigned the pay structure for Case Aides to increase the introductory pay rate to improve employee retention.
- Increased the pay rate for many support staff who make it possible for Specialists and Supervisors to perform at their best.
- Implemented and refined staff exit interviews;
- Improved case aide ratios;
- Refining and implementing improvements of employee onboarding experience.
- Renovations to the DCS Specialist Core training were completed. During SFY 2016, the Department continued its improvements to the DCS Specialist core training program, including shifting much of the learning for new DCS Specialists to on the job training.

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 slowing the out-of-home (OOH) population rate is evidenced by a sustained decrease of children in OOH care. The number of children in out-of-home care decreased from 18,906 in March 2016 to 16,899 in March 2017, representing a 10.6 percent decrease. Additionally, the department experienced more children exiting than entering OOH care for 10 of 12 months between April 2016 and March 2017. 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, utilization of in-home prevention services and focused attention on improved family assessment during investigations. During this reporting period, 5,236 children were removed compared to 5,669 removals the prior reporting period. This represents a 7.6 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 March 31, 2017, 13,398 children – or 79.3 percent of all children in out-of-home care – were placed with kinship or licensed foster parents. An additional 12 children were placed with their parents on a trial home visit and 516 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, 7,558 (45.1 percent) were placed with kin. Additionally, the number of children in shelter care more than 21 days significantly reduced from 1054 last reporting period to 854 this period which is a 17 percent decrease. Also 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;
- Continued work by 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;

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 95.7 percent of the children in foster care receiving their visitation during the last month of the reporting period. This is a 1.5 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

A total of 2,954 children exited DCS custody to reunify with their parents or primary caretakers or to live with other relatives this reporting period compared to 3,386 during the same reporting period last year, which is a 12.9 percent decrease. This reduction is proportional to the decrease in OOH care over the same reporting period last year of 10.6 percent.

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 2,195 adoptions compared to 1,936 in the previous reporting period; an increase of 13.4 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. The Department has been working to improve processes to identify bed capacity and availability. The Bed Management Unit was created in 2016 to examine 'bed holds' definitions, restricted beds and bed status. Additionally, this unit is working to gain a better understanding of the needs of the Department when addressing the consistency and accuracy of how we collect information on the usable contracted beds.

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 8.7 percent increase in the number of new homes being licensed during the reporting period compared to the previous reporting period. There were 985 new homes licensed the last reporting period compared to 1,071 new homes this period. Additionally, the overall total number of licensed foster homes increased by 8.73 percent compared to the previous reporting period. There were 4,596 licensed foster homes during the previous reporting period and 5,000 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.

In addition, three strategic objectives were identified for FY 2017 which are aimed at being responsive to immediate needs while continuing to work towards building systems to ensure sustainability and success over the long term:

1. Avoid historic 10%+ out-of-home population growth through improving safety decisions, targeted activities, and prevention work.
2. Maintain Fiscal Responsibility.
3. Improve Employee Retention.

Each strategic objective consists of initiatives and key actions that have been identified as moving the Department towards successful completion. Additionally, each strategic initiative has an assigned team lead and a project manager to guide the efforts and track timely delivery. Monthly reporting is required and allows the management team to address unforeseen barriers as well as make any necessary modifications to project plans as needed.

In March 2017, the Department filled 1,353 (96 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, Case Aide and support staff pay structure to help employee retention. In addition, the Department has been working with Arizona State University and Northern Arizona University to improve accountability and completion of the Title IV-E University child welfare program.

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. 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 utilized '*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. Additionally, the Arizona Legislature dedicated funds in SFY 2017 to help provided for private contractors to assist the Department in reducing the backlog. Finally, Model Field Offices were established that adhere to a standard process to transfer cases from investigations to ongoing. This has been expanded to several other offices throughout the state. The case transfer 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 746 at the end of March 2017. This represents a 95.4 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. The Department was well below that benchmark in early March 2017 at 966.

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

	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	Oct 2016 through Mar 2017
Number of Reports Received	22,032	22,956	25,076	25,508	26,455	24,537	24,787	23,579
Number of Reports Substantiated ¹	2,704	3,190	3,456	3,535	3,836	3,199	3,042	511
Substantiation Rate	12%	14%	14%	14%	15%	13%	13%	2.2%
Number of Reports Investigated & Closed	11,212	11,392	12,038	13,045	15,076	18,771	22,065	22,678
Number of Reports Responded to	20,122	22,162	24,435	25,182	26,022	24,193	24,403	23,226
Number of new removals	5,702	5,701	6,461	5,935	6,819	6,141	5,669	5,236
Number of new removals with Voluntary under 18	118	90	189	131	154	107	109	102
Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care on the Last Day of Reporting Period	15,037	15,751	16,990	17,592	18,657	18,906	17,984	16,899
Number of Children in Shelter for More than 21 Days	824	802	868	900	878	974	1,054	875
Number and Percentage of Children Receiving Visitation In the Last Month of Reporting Period	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%)	16,169 (95.7%)
Number and Percentage of Children not Receiving Visitation	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%)	730 (4.3%)
Number and Percentage of Parents Receiving Visitation	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%)	2,905 (55.2%)
Number of Licensed Foster Homes ²	3,900	4,329	4,397	4,497	4,551	4,681	4,596	5,000
Number of Foster Home Spaces Available to DCS	8,573	9,049	9,061	9,079	9,114	10,337	10,786	11,405
Number of New Foster Homes	717	1,050	756	821	774	882	985	1,071
Number of Foster Homes Closed	715	787	822	785	767	871	994	963
Number and Percentage of Foster Homes Receiving Visitation In the Last Qtr. Of Reporting Period ⁴	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%)	4,969 (99.4%)
Number and Percentage of Foster Homes not Receiving Visitation ⁴	409 (10.5%)	640 (14.8%)	448 (10.2%)	616 (13.7%)	626 (13.8%)	423 (9.0%)	231 (5.0%)	31 (0.6%)
Number of Children Leaving DCS Custody	4,805	4,786	5,042	5,063	5,555	5,668	6,377	6,153
Number of Children With a Case Plan Goal of Adoption	3,311	3,417	3,377	3,449	3,878	4,224	4,623	4,790
Number of Children With a Finalized Adoption	1,215	1,518	1,552	1,629	1,576	1,727	1,936	2,195

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 June 21, 2017.

⁴ Data is provided by HRSS provider agencies.

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 October 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017, there were 23,579 incoming communications to the Child Abuse Hotline that met the criteria for a report of abuse or neglect. Of these, 353 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 reports received by the Child Abuse Hotline meeting the criteria of a report of abuse or neglect.

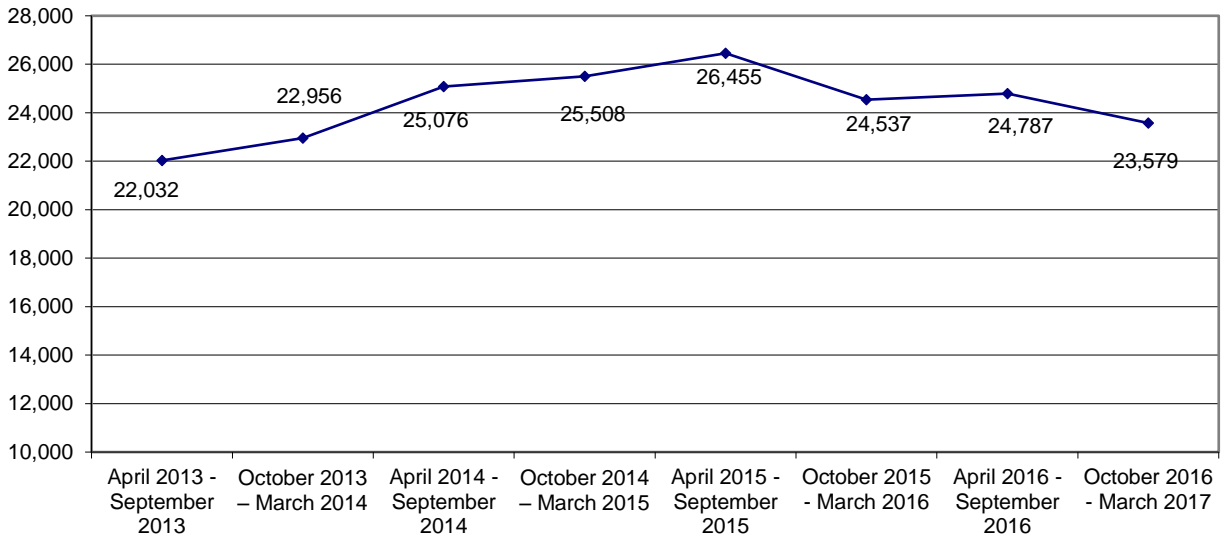
Table 1 shows the number of reports received by the Department by category of maltreatment for the current and past reporting periods. The Department continues to examine current Child Abuse Hotline policies and procedures to improve objectivity within screening tools and improve inter-rater reliability.

**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%
October 2016 – March 2017	16,295 69.1%	6,221 26.4%	950 4.0%	113 0.5%	23,579 100.0%

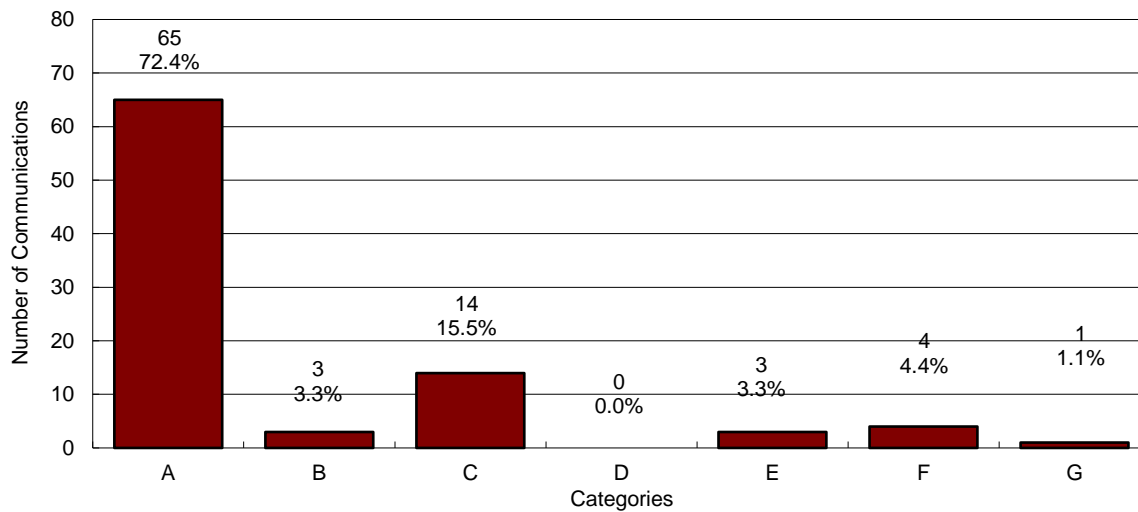
Chart 1 illustrates that the number of reports received by the Centralized Intake Hotline has decreased by 1,208 reports over the prior reporting period. The chart below also shows the significant upward trend in reports received by the Centralized Intake Hotline that continued from FY 2011 through September 2015. However, a marked reduction in the number of reports received occurred the prior reporting period as illustrated in Chart 1 below.

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



The Centralized Intake Hotline received a total of 74,352 calls offered during the reporting period. 1,796 were abandoned before the Specialist answered. 23,579 calls met the statutory requirements for abuse and neglect. A random sample was selected from 50,773 communications 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 ensure accurate assessments and proper classification of communications containing concerns of abuse or neglect of a child which have been determined not to meet statutory criteria for a DCS report by performing weekly quality assurance reviews of these communications.

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.

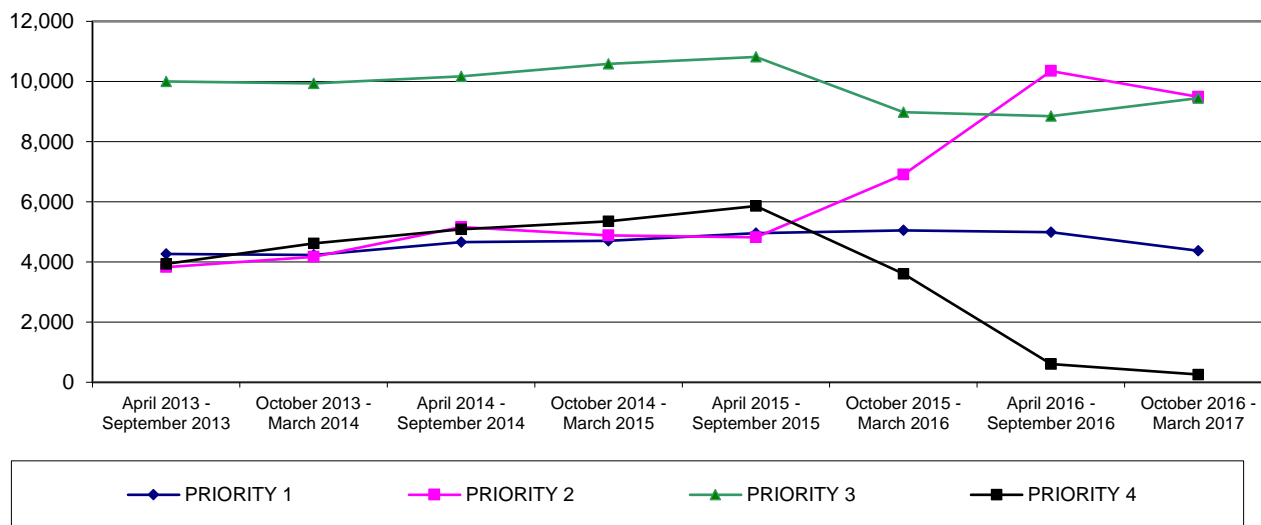
PRIORITY 1: Death of a child, near fatality, abuse or neglect that threatens to immediately cause, or has caused, serious harm or death, Serious physical injuries to a child (including but not limited to fractures, burns, multiple plane injuries, acceleration/deceleration injuries [shaken baby syndrome], 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**



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
OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	11	45	52	0	108	0.4%
COCHISE	78	172	180	2	432	1.8%
COCONINO	75	157	172	3	407	1.7%
GILA	48	92	64	2	206	0.9%
GRAHAM	34	73	86	1	194	0.8%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	14	28	24	0	66	0.3%
MARICOPA	2,623	5,324	5,487	168	13,602	57.8%
MOHAVE	155	273	263	5	696	2.9%
NAVAJO	85	143	126	1	355	1.5%
PIMA	675	1,930	1,847	45	4,497	19.1%
PINAL	308	695	632	26	1,661	7.0%
SANTA CRUZ	18	49	42	0	109	0.5%
YAVAPAI	127	285	285	6	703	3.0%
YUMA	126	228	189	0	543	2.3%
STATEWIDE	4,377	9,494	9,449	259	23,579	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	18.6%	40.3%	40.0%	1.1%	100.0%	

TABLE 3
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%	

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 are shown by county for the current and previous reporting periods.

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

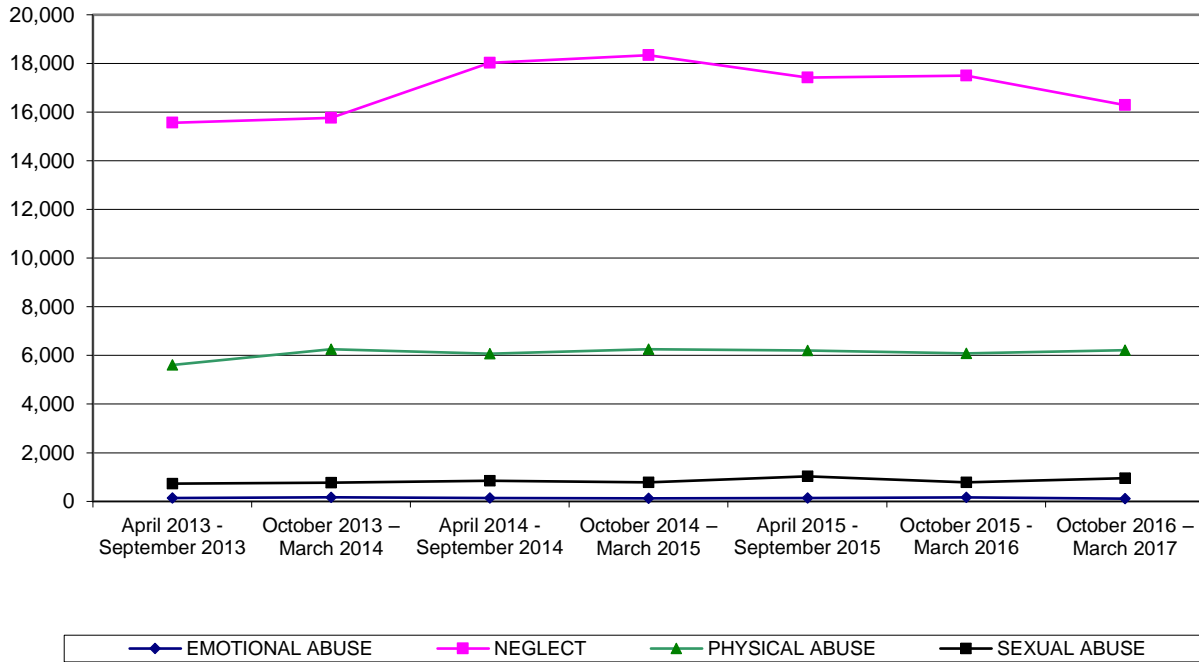


TABLE 4
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	2	76	23	7	108	0.5%
COCHISE	1	305	108	18	432	1.8%
COCONINO	1	285	107	14	407	1.7%
GILA	2	157	36	11	206	0.9%
GRAHAM	0	149	36	9	194	0.8%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	46	16	4	66	0.3%
MARICOPA	61	9,184	3,818	539	13,602	57.6%
MOHAVE	3	513	161	19	696	3.0%
NAVAJO	2	268	74	11	355	1.5%
PIMA	24	3,214	1,114	145	4,497	19.1%
PINAL	13	1,139	412	97	1,661	7.0%
SANTA CRUZ	0	72	32	5	109	0.5%
YAVAPAI	2	507	153	41	703	3.0%
YUMA	2	380	131	30	543	2.3%
STATEWIDE	113	16,295	6,221	950	23,579	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.5%	69.1%	26.4%	4.0%	100.0%	

TABLE 5
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%	

ASSIGNMENT OF INVESTIGATIONS

The following tables and charts in this section provide statewide and county level information for reports assigned to DCS (excluding those that fell within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments). Of these, DCS completed 22,678 (97.6 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**

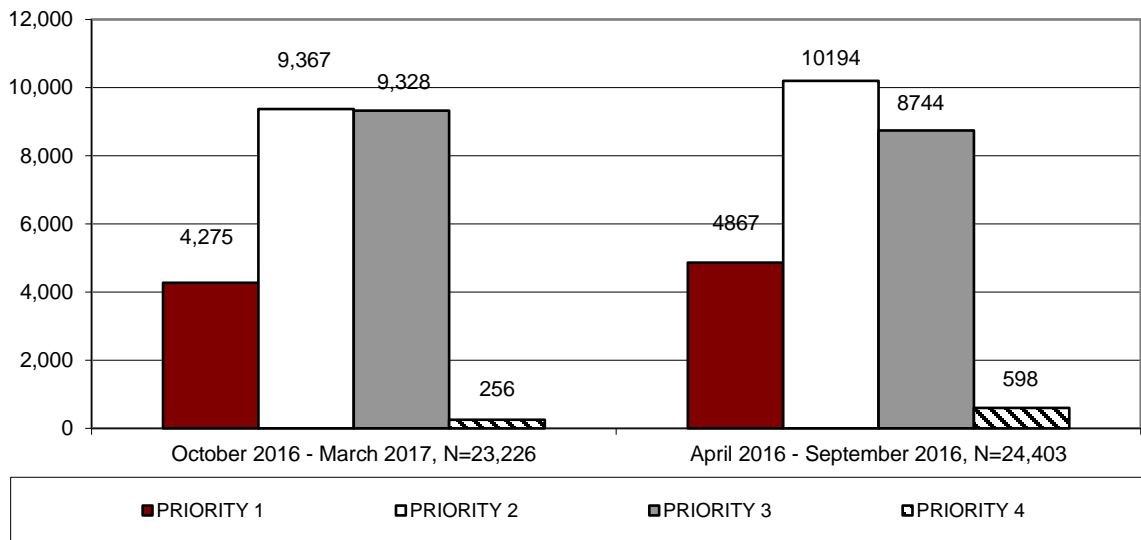


TABLE 6
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY
FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	6	31	38	0	75	0.3%
COCHISE	78	172	180	2	432	1.9%
COCONINO	62	137	150	2	351	1.5%
GILA	42	86	58	2	188	0.8%
GRAHAM	29	70	79	1	179	0.8%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	11	24	17	0	52	0.2%
MARICOPA	2,609	5,313	5,478	168	13,568	58.4%
MOHAVE	146	267	263	4	680	2.9%
NAVAJO	60	119	106	1	286	1.2%
PIMA	667	1,909	1,831	44	4,451	19.2%
PINAL	297	681	618	26	1,622	7.0%
SANTA CRUZ	18	49	42	0	109	0.5%
YAVAPAI	127	282	280	6	695	3.0%
YUMA	123	227	188	0	538	2.3%
STATEWIDE	4,275	9,367	9,328	256	23,226	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	18.4%	40.3%	40.2%	1.1%	100.0%	

TABLE 7
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%	

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

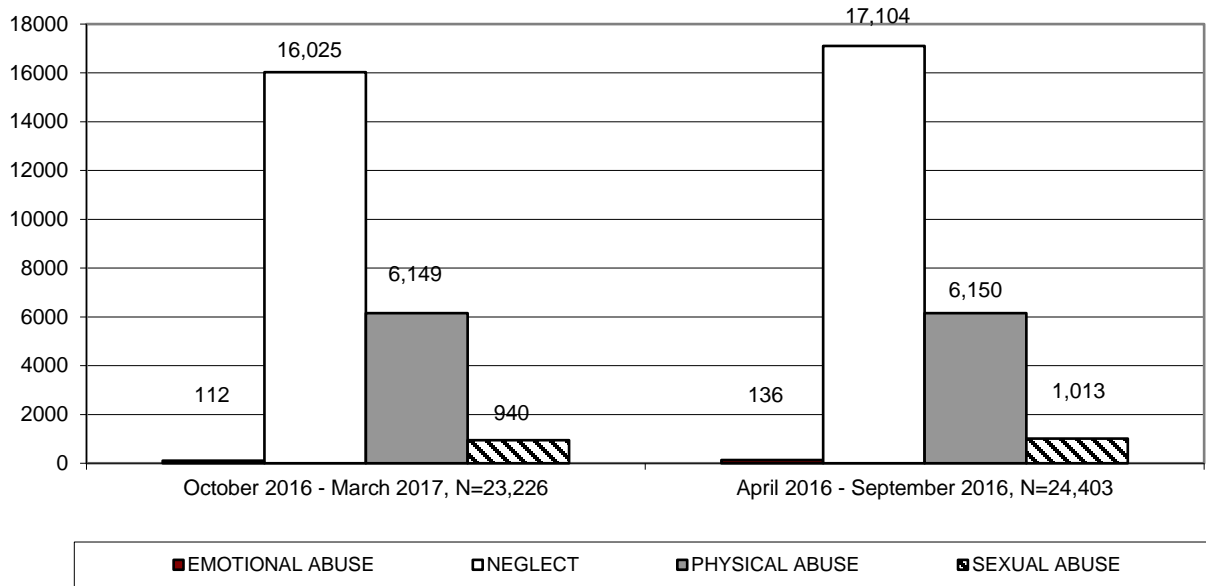


TABLE 8
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
AND COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	53	17	4	75	0.3%
COCHISE	1	305	108	18	432	1.9%
COCONINO	1	242	95	13	351	1.5%
GILA	2	139	36	11	188	0.8%
GRAHAM	0	137	34	8	179	0.8%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	38	11	3	52	0.2%
MARICOPA	61	9158	3812	537	13568	58.4%
MOHAVE	3	497	161	19	680	2.9%
NAVAJO	2	210	63	11	286	1.2%
PIMA	24	3185	1097	145	4451	19.2%
PINAL	13	1111	403	95	1622	7.0%
SANTA CRUZ	0	72	32	5	109	0.5%
YAVAPAI	2	501	151	41	695	3.0%
YUMA	2	377	129	30	538	2.3%
STATEWIDE	112	16,025	6,149	940	23,226	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.5%	69.0%	26.5%	4.0%	100.0%	

TABLE 9
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%	

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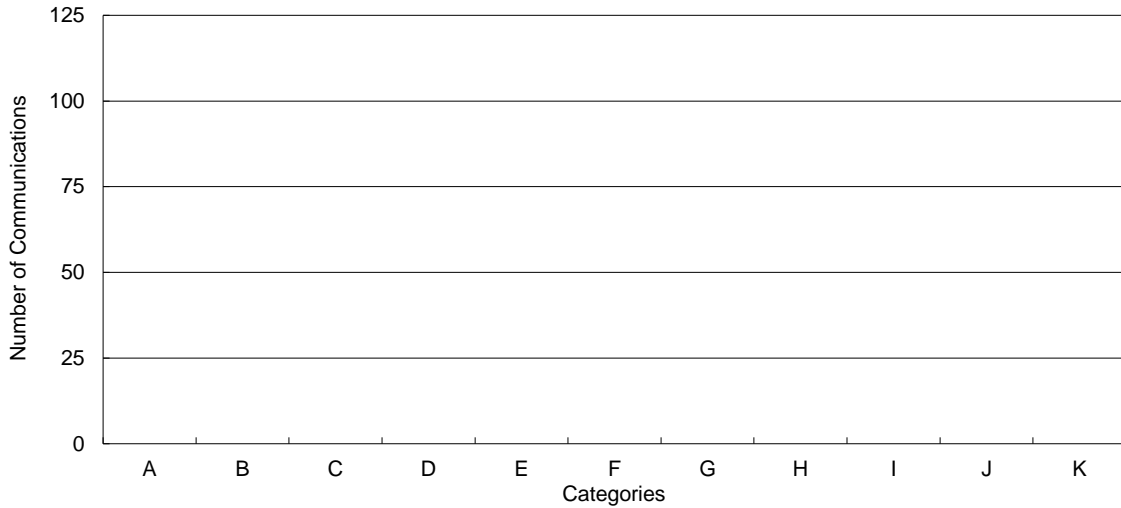
**TABLE 10
NUMBER OF REPORTS WITHOUT RESPONSE DATA BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY FOR
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017**

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%	0.0%

By statute, DCS is required to provide the “number of reports not responded to, by priority, by county and statewide. The report shall include a description of some of these cases as chosen by random sample.” This sample is to describe why the Department did not respond to a report regardless of whether the response was mitigated, timely or aggravated. 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.

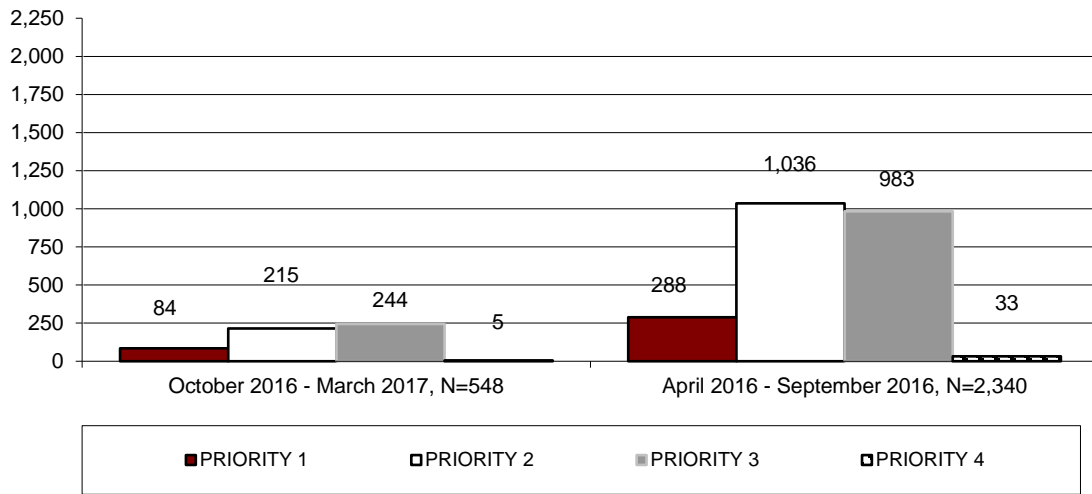
**CHART 7
NUMBER OF REPORTS WITHOUT RESPONSE DATA BY CATEGORY FOR THE PERIOD
OF OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017**



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**



The Department has been working diligently to reduce the total number backlog cases and overdue investigations. This effort has led to a significant reduction in overall open reports as noted previously and thus has demonstrated a significant decrease in the number of reports assigned for investigation by priority for reports open for investigation compared to the prior reporting period.

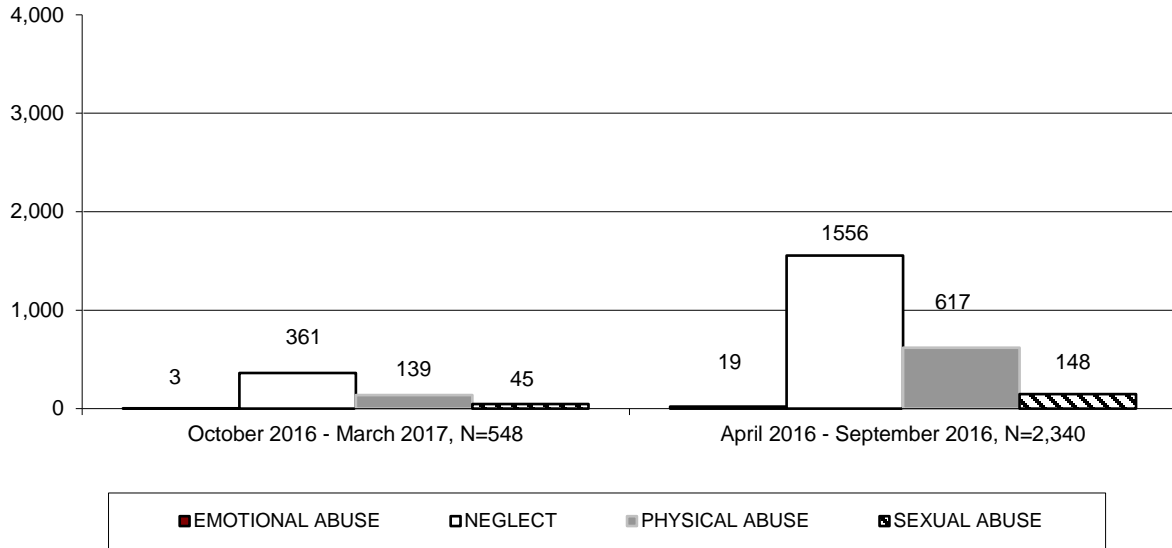
**TABLE 11
NUMBER OF REPORTS BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS OPEN FOR
INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017**

COUNTY	PRIORITY Y 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	1	1	0	0	2	0.4%
COCONINO	3	3	8	0	14	2.6%
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	62	108	127	4	301	54.8%
MOHAVE	2	7	7	1	17	3.1%
NAVAJO	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
PIMA	4	45	50	0	99	18.1%
PINAL	10	47	49	0	106	19.3%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	2	4	2	0	8	1.5%
YUMA	0	0	1	0	1	0.2%
STATEWIDE	84	215	244	5	548	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	15.3%	39.2%	44.6%	0.9%	100.0%	

**TABLE 12
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%	

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
OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	0	1	0	1	2	0.4%
COCONINO	0	8	5	1	14	2.6%
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	2	189	86	24	301	54.8%
MOHAVE	0	13	4	0	17	3.1%
NAVAJO	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
PIMA	1	68	21	9	99	18.1%
PINAL	0	76	22	8	106	19.3%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	0	6	0	2	8	1.5%
YUMA	0	0	1	0	1	0.2%
STATEWIDE	3	361	139	45	548	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.5%	65.9%	25.4%	8.2%	100.0%	

TABLE 14
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%	

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

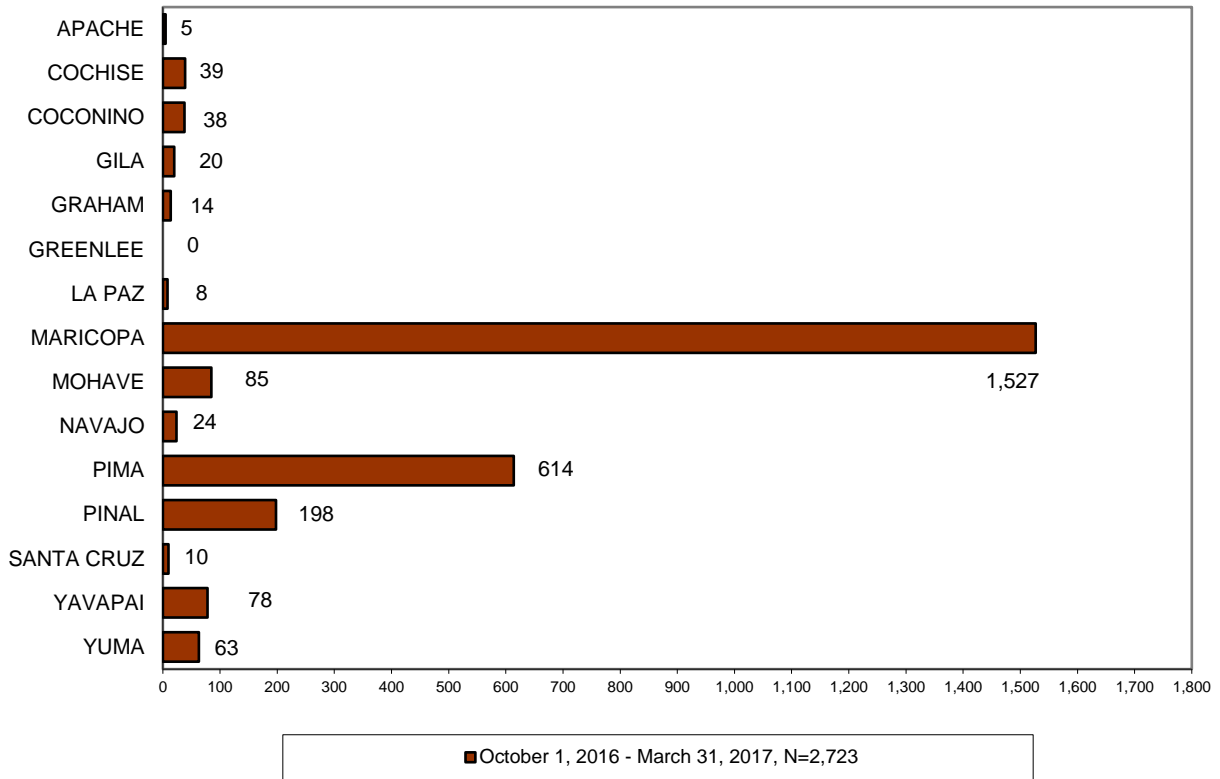


TABLE 15
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY COUNTY WHERE A
REMOVAL OCCURRED FOR THE PERIOD
OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017

COUNTY	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED WITH A REMOVAL	% OF REPORTS WHERE A CHILD WAS REMOVED
APACHE	75	5	6.7%
COCHISE	432	39	9.0%
COCONINO	351	38	10.8%
GILA	188	20	10.6%
GRAHAM	179	14	7.8%
GREENLEE	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	52	8	15.4%
MARICOPA	13,568	1,527	11.3%
MOHAVE	680	85	12.5%
NAVAJO	286	24	8.4%
PIMA	4,451	614	13.8%
PINAL	1,622	198	12.2%
SANTA CRUZ	109	10	9.2%
YAVAPAI	695	78	11.2%
YUMA	538	63	11.7%
STATEWIDE	23,226	2,723	11.7%

TABLE 16
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY COUNTY WHERE A
REMOVAL OCCURRED FOR THE PERIOD
APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

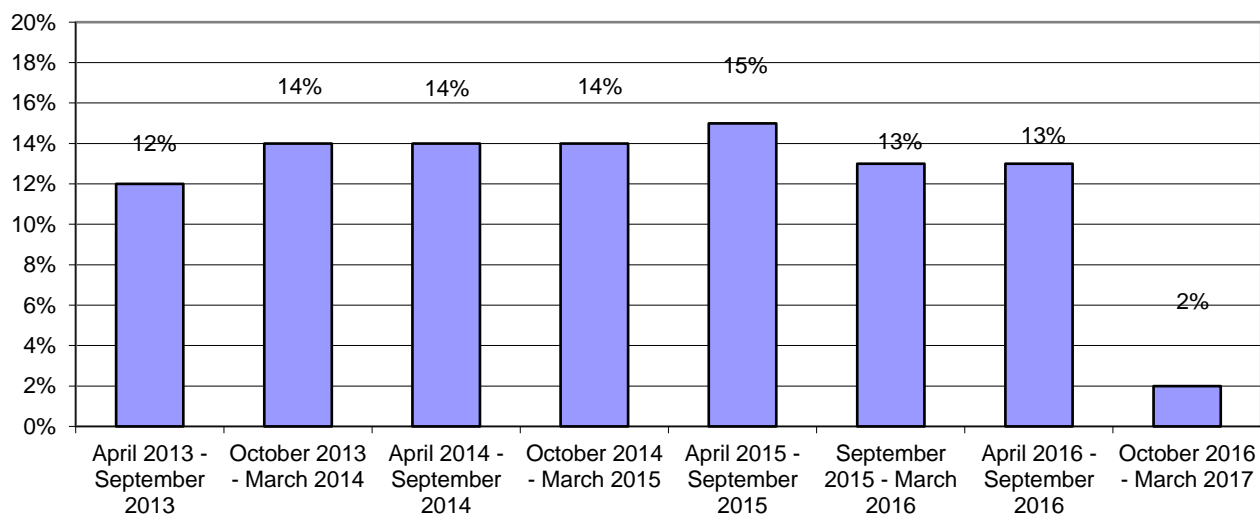
COUNTY	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED WITH A REMOVAL	% OF REPORTS WHERE A CHILD REMOVED
APACHE	88	16	18.2%
COCHISE	461	38	8.2%
COCONINO	350	27	7.7%
GILA	203	13	6.4%
GRAHAM	165	12	7.3%
GREENLEE	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	66	7	10.6%
MARICOPA	14,312	1,709	11.9%
MOHAVE	797	115	14.4%
NAVAJO	302	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%

COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS

A substantiated report occurs when 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 511. For the prior reporting period, the number of reports that were assigned for investigation that resulted in substantiated findings was revised from 1,140 to 3,042. 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. As noted previously, the number of removals this reporting have decreased but the preliminary number of reports that are substantiated may also be a result of the high volume of cases still requiring review by the Protective Services Review Team and cases awaiting trial in Juvenile Court.

**CHART 11
SUBSTANTIATION RATE BY REPORTING PERIOD**



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

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

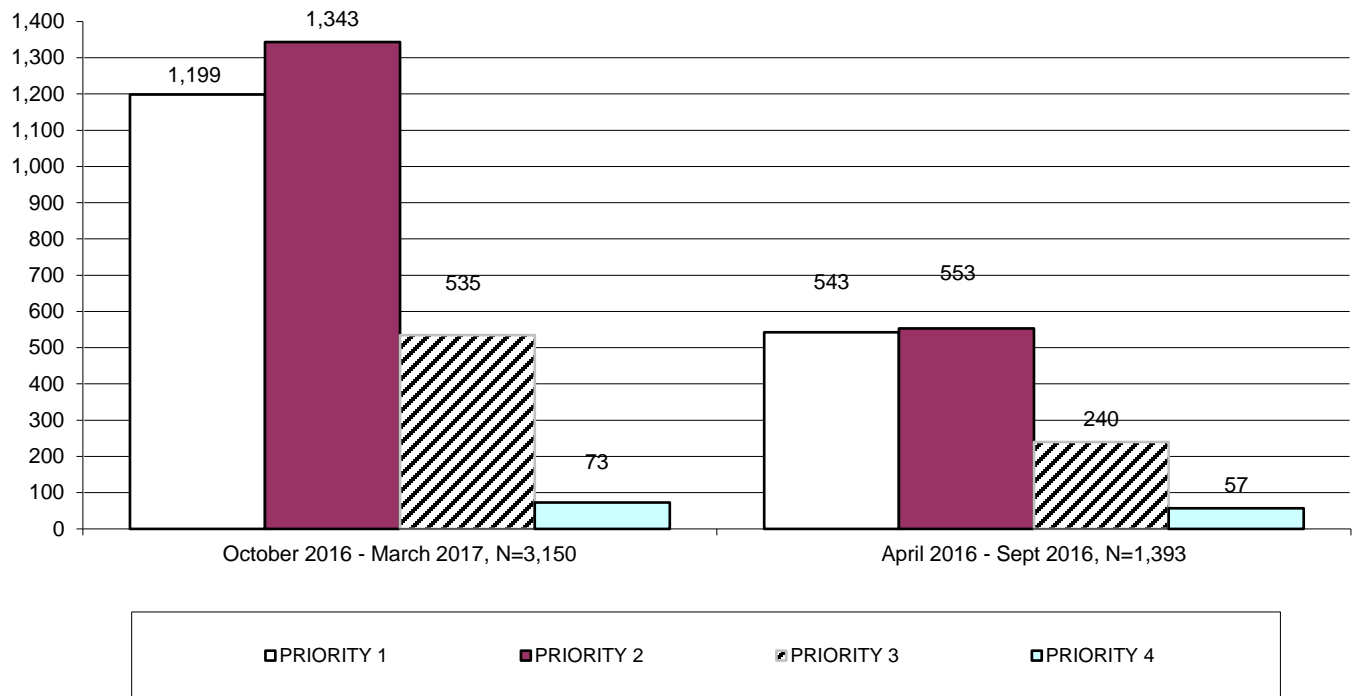


TABLE 17
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY
THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	1	1	0	2	0.1%
COCHISE	17	20	12	0	49	1.6%
COCONINO	18	30	10	1	59	1.9%
GILA	11	15	6	0	32	1.0%
GRAHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	6	10	4	0	20	0.6%
LA PAZ	4	4	2	0	10	0.3%
MARICOPA	795	712	323	57	1,887	59.9%
MOHAVE	52	60	18	0	130	4.1%
NAVAJO	10	6	3	0	19	0.6%
PIMA	162	305	104	6	577	18.3%
PINAL	63	108	31	8	210	6.7%
SANTA CRUZ	6	11	2	0	19	0.6%
YAVAPAI	26	40	10	1	77	2.4%
YUMA	29	21	9	0	59	1.9%
STATEWIDE	1,199	1,343	535	73	3,150	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	38.1%	42.6%	17.0%	2.3%	100.0%	

TABLE 18
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	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	6	4	5	0	15	1.1%
COCONINO	8	4	1	0	13	0.9%
GILA	2	3	2	0	7	0.5%
GRAHAM	2	2	0	0	4	0.3%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	3	1	2	0	6	0.4%
MARICOPA	376	358	159	52	945	67.8%
MOHAVE	6	8	5	0	19	1.4%
NAVAJO	5	0	0	0	5	0.4%
PIMA	64	115	32	1	212	15.2%
PINAL	34	34	20	4	92	6.6%
SANTA CRUZ	2	2	1	0	5	0.4%
YAVAPAI	10	8	7	0	25	1.8%
YUMA	25	14	6	0	45	3.2%
STATEWIDE	543	553	240	57	1,393	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	39.0%	39.7%	17.2%	4.1%	100.0%	

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

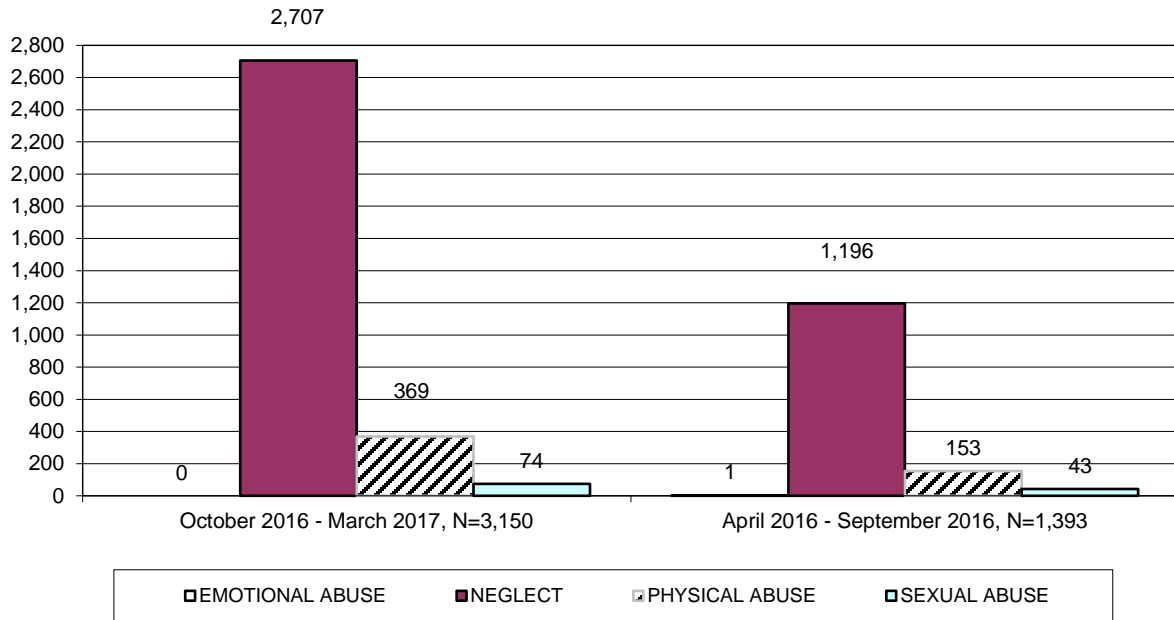


TABLE 19
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	1	1	0	2	0.1%
COCHISE	0	42	6	1	49	1.6%
COCONINO	0	54	5	0	59	1.9%
GILA	0	27	5	0	32	1.0%
GRAHAM	0	19	0	1	20	0.6%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	8	2	0	10	0.3%
MARICOPA	0	1,614	227	46	1,887	59.9%
MOHAVE	0	112	15	3	130	4.1%
NAVAJO	0	18	0	1	19	0.6%
PIMA	0	506	59	12	577	18.3%
PINAL	0	168	33	9	210	6.7%
SANTA CRUZ	0	18	1	0	19	0.6%
YAVAPAI	0	68	9	0	77	2.4%
YUMA	0	52	6	1	59	1.9%
STATEWIDE	0	2,707	369	74	3,150	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.0%	86.0%	11.7%	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
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	14	1	0	15	1.1%
COCONINO	0	12	1	0	13	0.9%
GILA	0	6	1	0	7	0.5%
GRAHAM	0	4	0	0	4	0.3%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	6	0	0	6	0.4%
MARICOPA	1	812	97	35	945	67.8%
MOHAVE	0	15	2	2	19	1.4%
NAVAJO	0	3	2	0	5	0.4%
PIMA	0	181	28	3	212	15.2%
PINAL	0	78	13	1	92	6.6%
SANTA CRUZ	0	3	2	0	5	0.4%
YAVAPAI	0	22	3	0	25	1.8%
YUMA	0	40	3	2	45	3.2%
STATEWIDE	1	1,196	153	43	1,393	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.1%	85.8%	11.0%	3.1%	100.0%	

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

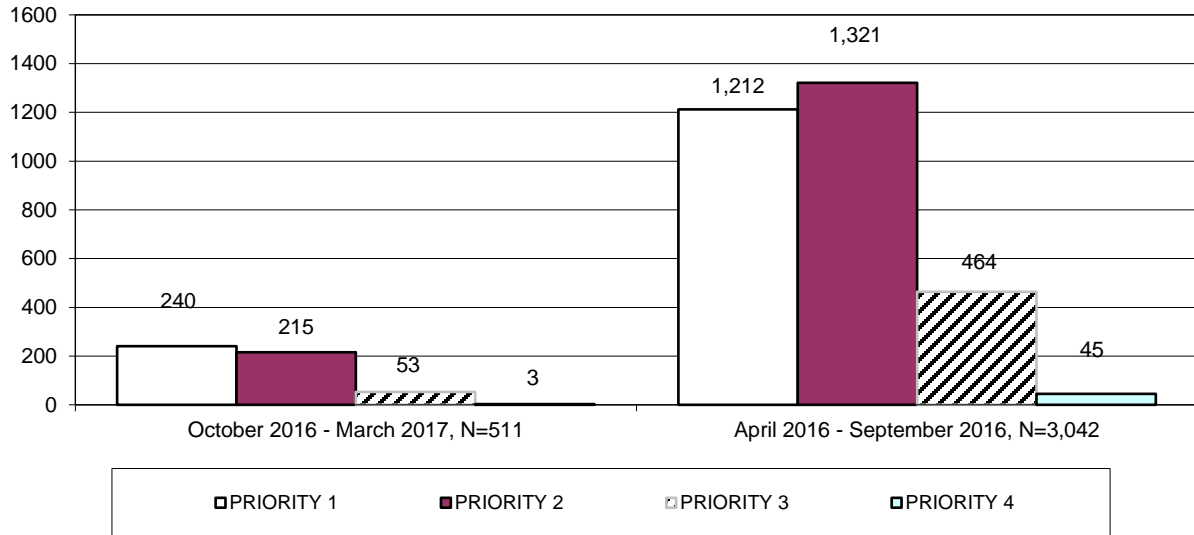


TABLE 21
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY
THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	0	0	0	1	0.2%
COCHISE	1	3	2	0	6	1.2%
COCONINO	6	3	0	0	9	1.8%
GILA	0	1	0	0	1	0.2%
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	145	110	33	3	291	56.9%
MOHAVE	17	9	4	0	30	5.9%
NAVAJO	7	2	1	0	10	2.0%
PIMA	38	74	11	0	123	24.1%
PINAL	7	4	1	0	12	2.3%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	8	6	1	0	15	2.9%
YUMA	10	3	0	0	13	2.5%
STATEWIDE	240	215	53	3	511	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	47.0%	42.0%	10.4%	0.6%	100.0%	

TABLE 22
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	10	6	2	0	18	0.6%
COCHISE	18	23	10	0	51	1.7%
COCONINO	21	18	10	0	49	1.6%
GILA	14	7	1	0	22	0.7%
GRAHAM	6	12	4	0	22	0.7%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	4	0	1	0	5	0.2%
MARICOPA	741	644	224	38	1,647	54.0%
MOHAVE	68	69	32	0	169	5.6%
NAVAJO	20	17	3	1	41	1.3%
PIMA	203	410	136	4	753	24.8%
PINAL	47	55	18	2	122	4.0%
SANTA CRUZ	7	3	1	0	11	0.4%
YAVAPAI	31	43	19	0	93	3.1%
YUMA	22	14	3	0	39	1.3%
STATEWIDE	1,212	1,321	464	45	3,042	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	39.8%	43.4%	15.3%	1.5%	100.0%	

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

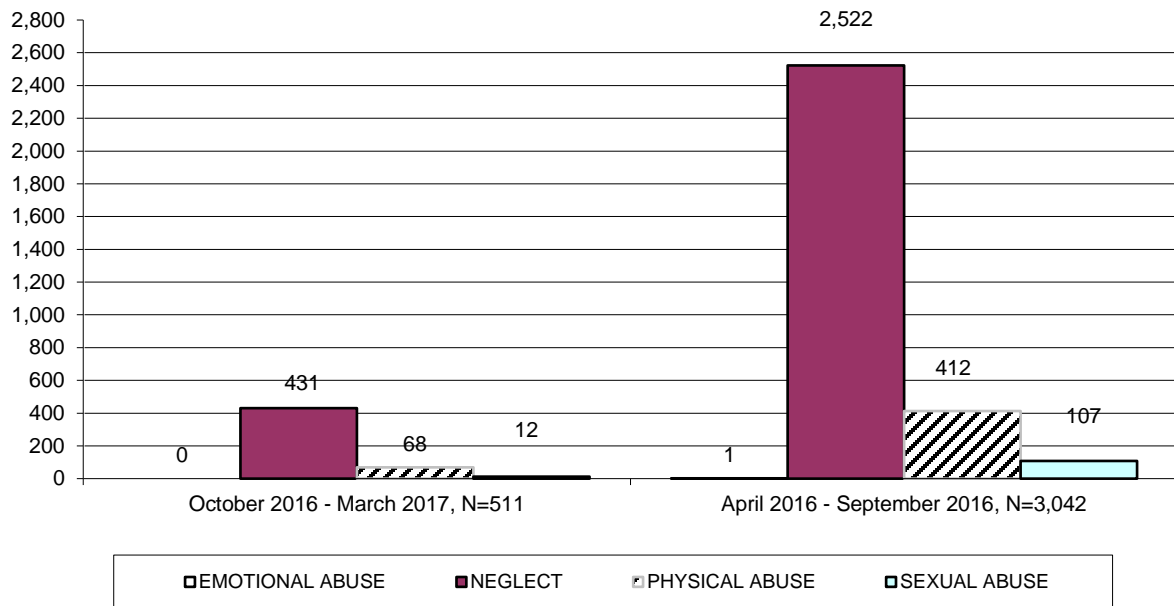


TABLE 23
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	1	0	0	1	0.2%
COCHISE	0	6	0	0	6	1.2%
COCONINO	0	7	2	0	9	1.8%
GILA	0	1	0	0	1	0.2%
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	248	37	6	291	56.9%
MOHAVE	0	26	3	1	30	5.9%
NAVAJO	0	7	3	0	10	2.0%
PIMA	0	102	18	3	123	24.1%
PINAL	0	9	2	1	12	2.3%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	0	13	2	0	15	2.9%
YUMA	0	11	1	1	13	2.5%
STATEWIDE	0	431	68	12	511	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.0%	84.4%	13.3%	2.3%	100.0%	

TABLE 24
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	13	3	2	18	0.6%
COCHISE	0	34	16	1	51	1.7%
COCONINO	0	37	9	3	49	1.6%
GILA	0	21	0	1	22	0.7%
GRAHAM	0	15	7	0	22	0.7%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	5	0	0	5	0.2%
MARICOPA	1	1,364	222	60	1,647	54.0%
MOHAVE	0	144	24	1	169	5.6%
NAVAJO	0	32	5	4	41	1.3%
PIMA	0	634	94	25	753	24.8%
PINAL	0	104	15	3	122	4.0%
SANTA CRUZ	0	11	0	0	11	0.4%
YAVAPAI	0	78	13	2	93	3.1%
YUMA	0	30	4	5	39	1.3%
STATEWIDE	1	2,522	412	107	3,042	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.0%	83.0%	13.5%	3.5%	100.0%	

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

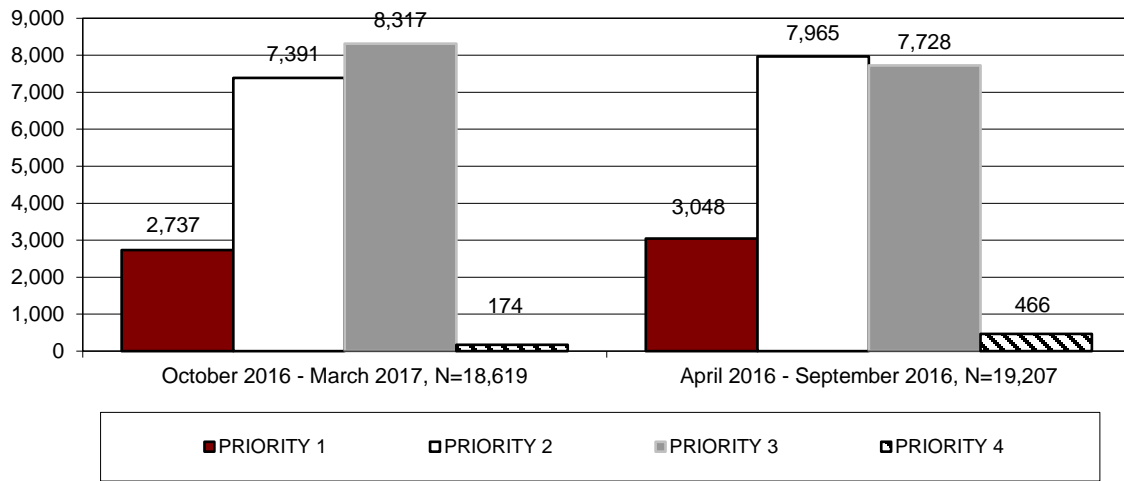


TABLE 25
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY
THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	5	30	37	0	72	0.4%
COCHISE	58	148	165	2	373	2.0%
COCONINO	34	99	127	1	261	1.4%
GILA	31	68	51	2	152	0.8%
GRAHAM	22	56	73	1	152	0.8%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	7	20	15	0	42	0.2%
MARICOPA	1,605	4,225	4,869	103	10,802	58.0%
MOHAVE	70	187	225	3	485	2.6%
NAVAJO	42	108	102	1	253	1.4%
PIMA	461	1,474	1,639	38	3,612	19.3%
PINAL	216	511	537	18	1,282	6.9%
SANTA CRUZ	10	38	39	0	87	0.5%
YAVAPAI	92	226	264	5	587	3.2%
YUMA	84	201	174	0	459	2.5%
STATEWIDE	2,737	7,391	8,317	174	18,619	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	14.7%	39.7%	44.7%	0.9%	100.0%	

TABLE 26
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	16	27	23	2	68	0.4%
COCHISE	50	169	172	1	392	2.0%
COCONINO	45	113	110	3	271	1.4%
GILA	30	78	62	2	172	0.9%
GRAHAM	19	62	50	4	135	0.7%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	11	27	15	0	53	0.3%
MARICOPA	1,833	4,607	4,454	330	11,224	58.4%
MOHAVE	93	246	231	4	574	3.0%
NAVAJO	45	99	96	4	244	1.3%
PIMA	489	1,545	1,492	66	3,592	18.7%
PINAL	230	536	521	33	1,320	6.9%
SANTA CRUZ	17	35	46	2	100	0.5%
YAVAPAI	84	244	276	7	611	3.2%
YUMA	86	177	180	8	451	2.3%
STATEWIDE	3,048	7,965	7,728	466	19,207	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	15.9%	41.5%	40.2%	2.4%	100.0%	

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

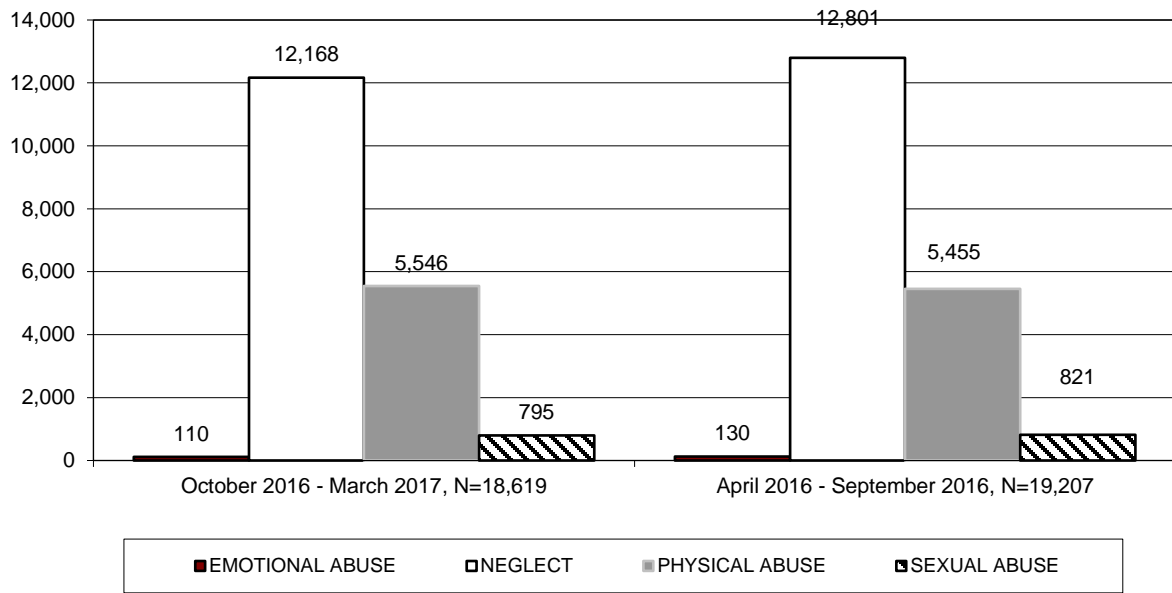


TABLE 27
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	51	16	4	72	0.4%
COCHISE	1	254	102	16	373	2.0%
COCONINO	1	168	80	12	261	1.4%
GILA	2	109	30	11	152	0.8%
GRAHAM	0	112	34	6	152	0.8%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	30	9	3	42	0.2%
MARICOPA	59	6,854	3,441	448	10,802	58.0%
MOHAVE	3	329	139	14	485	2.6%
NAVAJO	2	181	60	10	253	1.4%
PIMA	24	2,466	998	124	3,612	19.3%
PINAL	13	846	347	76	1,282	6.9%
SANTA CRUZ	0	51	31	5	87	0.5%
YAVAPAI	2	408	139	38	587	3.2%
YUMA	2	309	120	28	459	2.5%
STATEWIDE	110	12,168	5,546	795	18,619	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.6%	65.4%	29.7%	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
APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

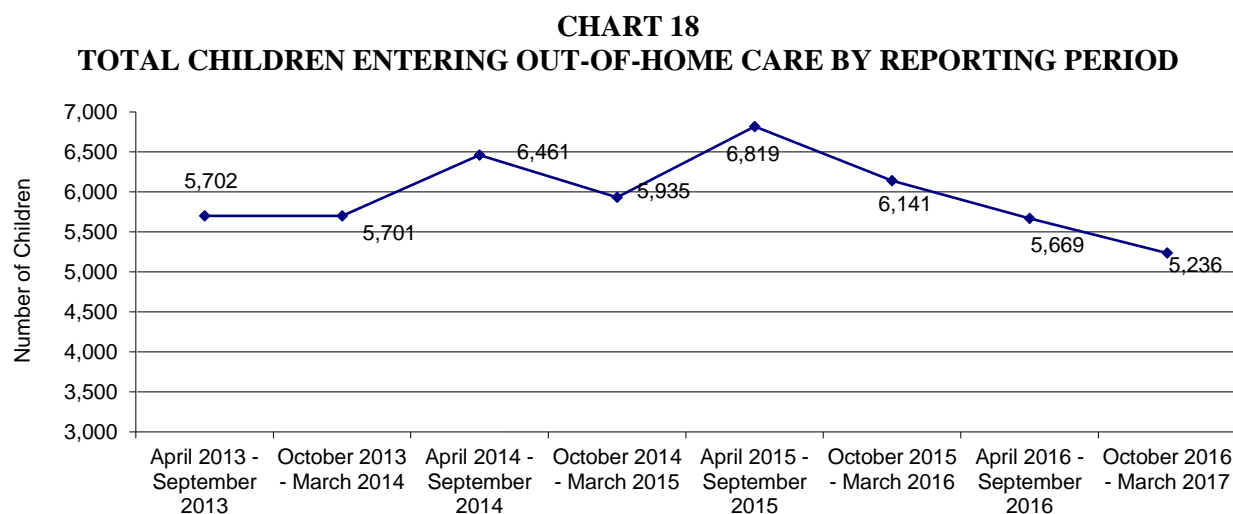
COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	46	20	2	68	0.4%
COCHISE	3	264	105	20	392	2.0%
COCONINO	1	170	88	12	271	1.4%
GILA	1	131	34	6	172	0.9%
GRAHAM	4	84	42	5	135	0.7%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	38	14	1	53	0.3%
MARICOPA	68	7,294	3,353	509	11,224	58.4%
MOHAVE	3	406	136	29	574	3.0%
NAVAJO	3	170	56	15	244	1.3%
PIMA	26	2,504	929	133	3,592	18.7%
PINAL	12	897	368	43	1,320	6.9%
SANTA CRUZ	0	70	29	1	100	0.5%
YAVAPAI	8	405	171	27	611	3.2%
YUMA	1	322	110	18	451	2.3%
STATEWIDE	130	12,801	5,455	821	19,207	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.7%	66.6%	28.4%	4.3%	100.0%	

SAFE HAVEN INFANTS

Communications from providers indicate that there were zero newborn infants delivered to Safe Haven providers during the October 2016 – March 2017 reporting period. This compares to one newborn infant being delivered to Safe Haven providers during the prior reporting period.

CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE

During the current reporting period, 5,236 children entered care, which represents a 7.6 percent decrease in children entering care over the prior reporting period and a 14.7 percent decrease over the same reporting period last year. The number of children exiting care is now outpacing the number of children entering care (see Table 35 for children exiting care).



CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE – VOLUNTARY SERVICES

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 OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017

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	6	0.1%	1	16.7%
COCHISE	84	1.6%	0	0.0%
COCONINO	57	1.1%	1	1.8%
GILA	32	0.6%	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	37	0.7%	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	20	0.4%	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	2,969	56.7%	44	1.5%
MOHAVE	179	3.4%	1	0.6%
NAVAJO	40	0.8%	2	5.0%
PIMA	1,179	22.5%	46	3.9%
PINAL	341	6.5%	2	0.6%
SANTA CRUZ	22	0.4%	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	150	2.9%	1	0.7%
YUMA	120	2.3%	4	3.3%
STATEWIDE	5,236	100.0%	102	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 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%

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 5,236, which represents a decrease of 7.6 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.

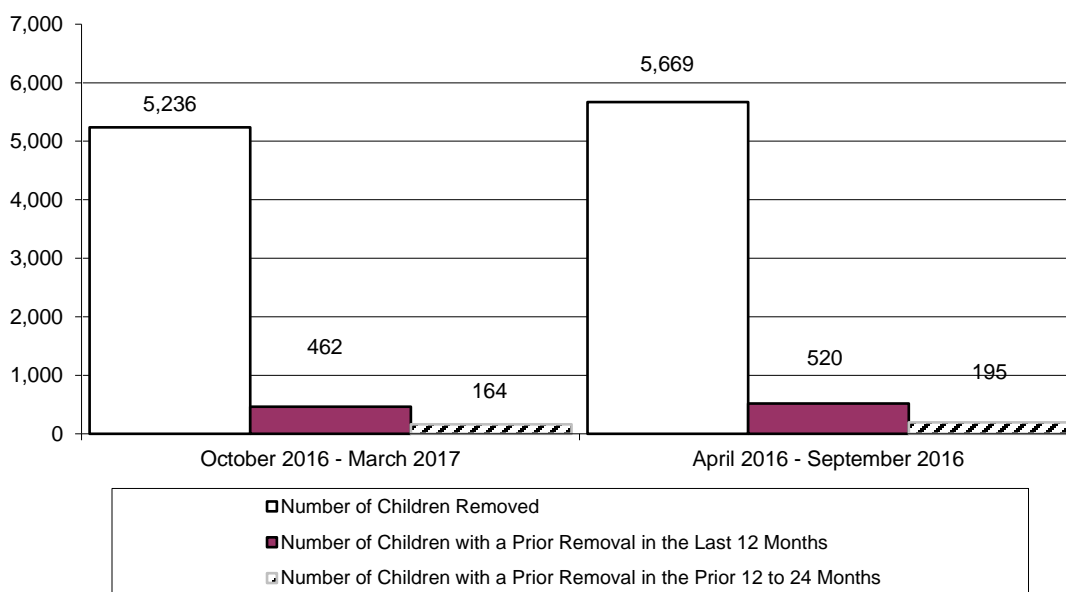
**TABLE 31
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY COUNTY FOR THE
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017**

COUNTY	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REMOVED	% OF TOTAL REMOVALS	NUMBER CHILDREN WITH 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	6	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	16.7%
COCHISE	84	1.6%	3	3.6%	3	3.6%
COCONINO	57	1.1%	4	7.0%	3	5.3%
GILA	32	0.6%	0	0.0%	1	3.1%
GRAHAM	37	0.7%	2	5.4%	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	20	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	2,969	56.7%	270	9.1%	93	3.1%
MOHAVE	179	3.4%	11	6.1%	7	3.9%
NAVAJO	40	0.8%	3	7.5%	0	0.0%
PIMA	1,179	22.5%	127	10.8%	39	3.3%
PINAL	341	6.5%	23	6.7%	7	2.1%
SANTA CRUZ	22	0.4%	2	9.1%	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	150	2.9%	11	7.3%	3	2.0%
YUMA	120	2.3%	6	5.0%	7	5.8%
STATEWIDE	5,236	100.0%	462	8.8%	164	3.1%

TABLE 32
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%

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 13,381 (79.2 percent) children were placed in family settings either with relatives or in foster homes.

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

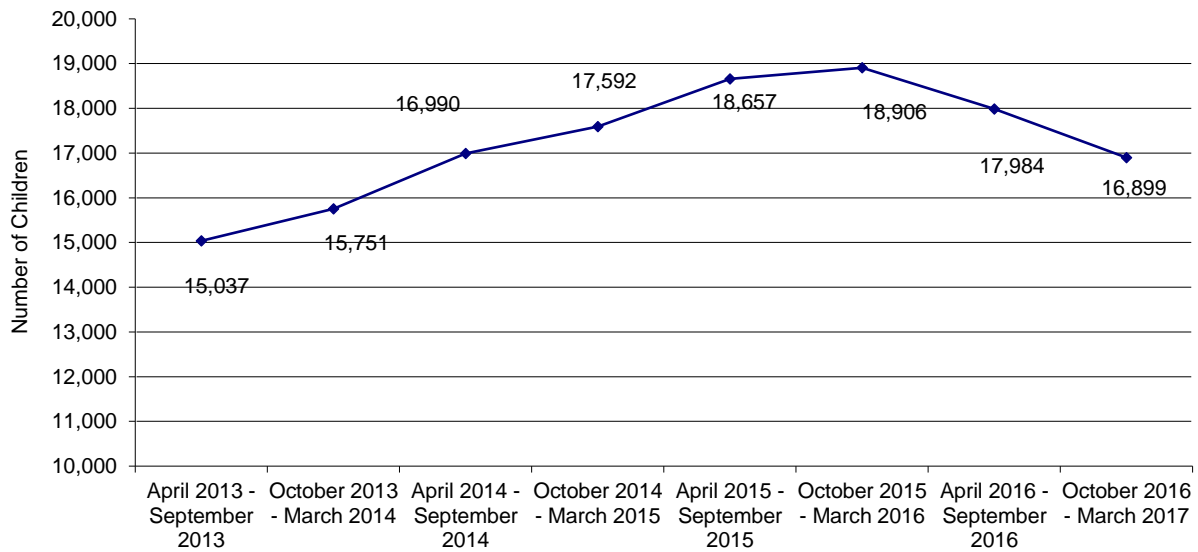


CHART 21
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY AGE

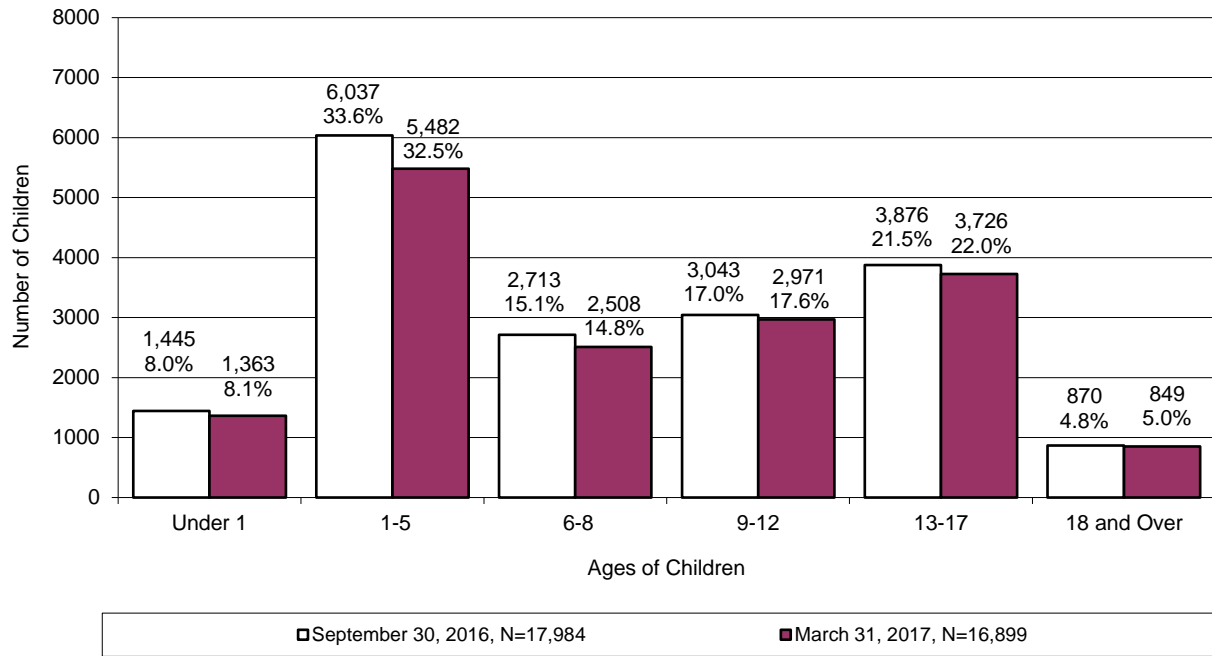


CHART 22
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY ETHNICITY

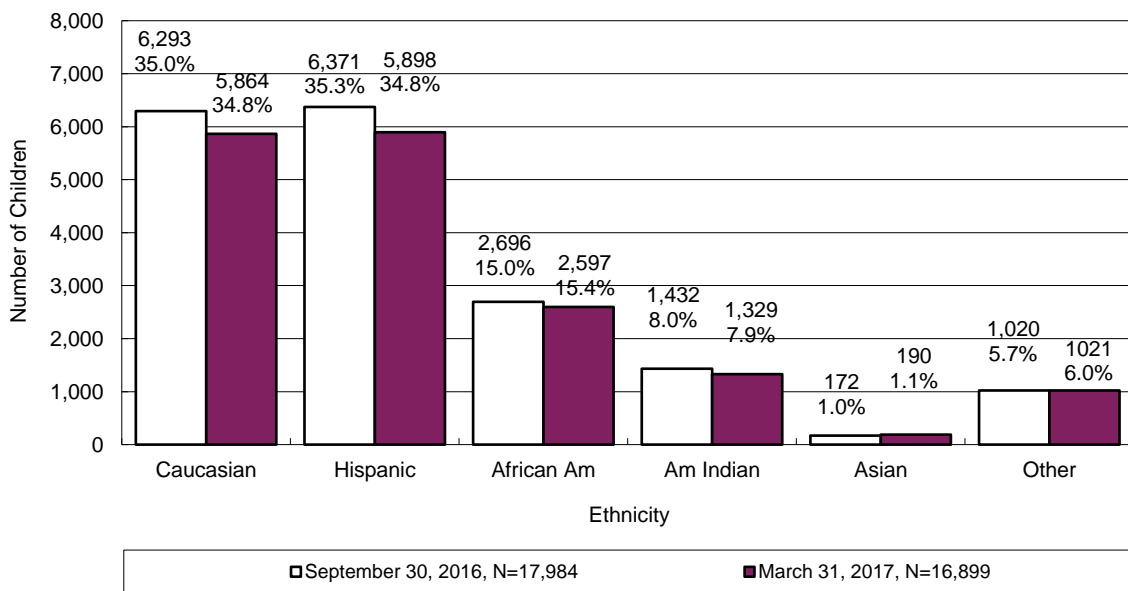


CHART 23
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY CASE PLAN GOAL

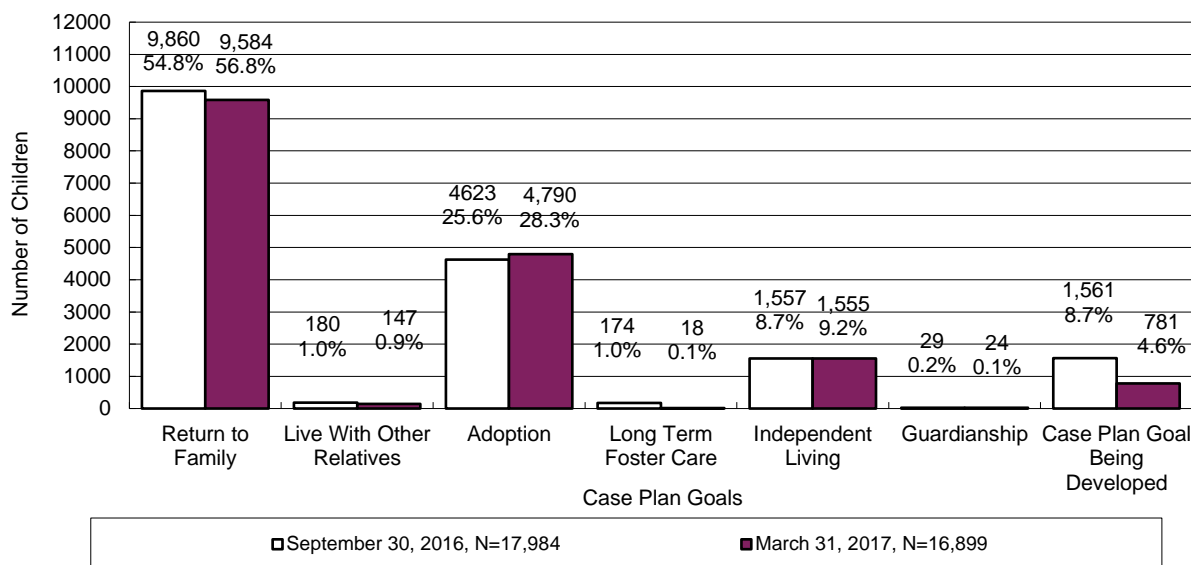
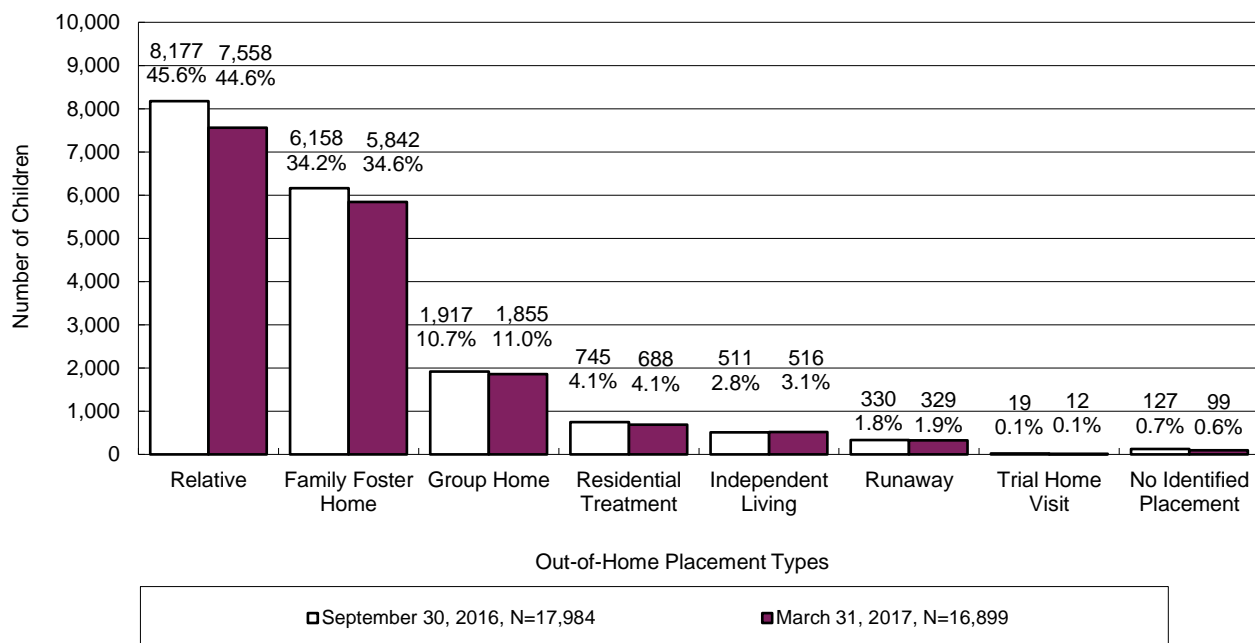


CHART 24
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY PLACEMENT TYPE⁴



⁴ When children do not have a placement identified in the CHILDS database, this is most often attributable to a lag in data entry or data errors. This data is updated on an ongoing basis through a continuous quality assurance process.

**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	662	687	2	4	0	3	1	4	1,363	8.1%
1	723	692	3	1	0	1	4	2	1,426	8.4%
2	625	522	8	3	0	2	1	5	1,166	6.8%
3	572	429	16	8	0	2	1	1	1,029	6.1%
4	562	404	16	12	0	3	0	0	997	5.8%
5	469	355	35	2	0	1	0	2	864	5.1%
6	448	346	39	11	0	1	0	2	847	5.0%
7	454	290	59	12	0	1	0	5	821	4.9%
8	457	296	74	6	0	0	0	7	840	5.0%
9	440	269	84	12	0	2	0	4	811	4.8%
10	386	280	86	11	0	1	0	6	770	4.6%
11	351	235	123	19	0	2	0	7	737	4.4%
12	289	190	131	34	0	4	0	5	653	3.9%
13	251	166	146	34	0	8	0	4	609	3.6%
14	246	146	183	66	0	20	0	8	669	4.0%
15	218	154	215	112	0	44	2	7	752	4.4%
16	210	159	214	147	0	98	0	9	837	5.0%
17	153	153	287	123	1	132	2	8	859	5.1%
18 AND OLDER	42	69	134	71	515	4	1	13	849	5.0%
TOTAL	7,558	5,842	1,855	688	516	329	12	99	16,899	100.0
% OF TOTAL	44.6%	34.6%	11.0%	4.1%	3.1%	1.9%	0.1%	0.6%	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.

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

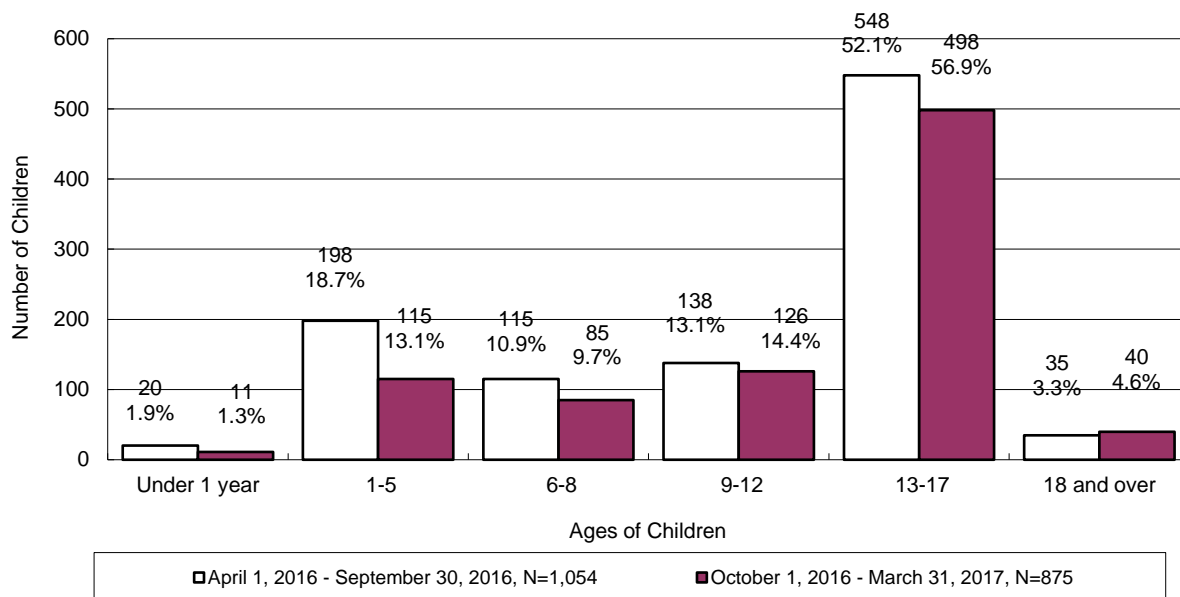
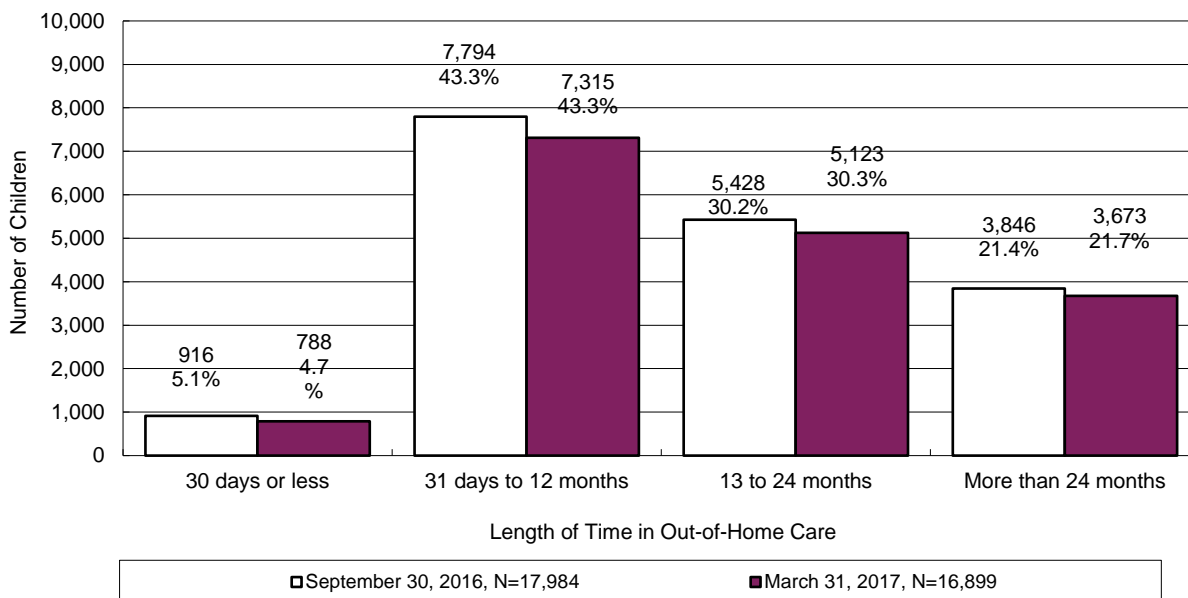


CHART 26
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY LENGTH OF TIME IN CARE



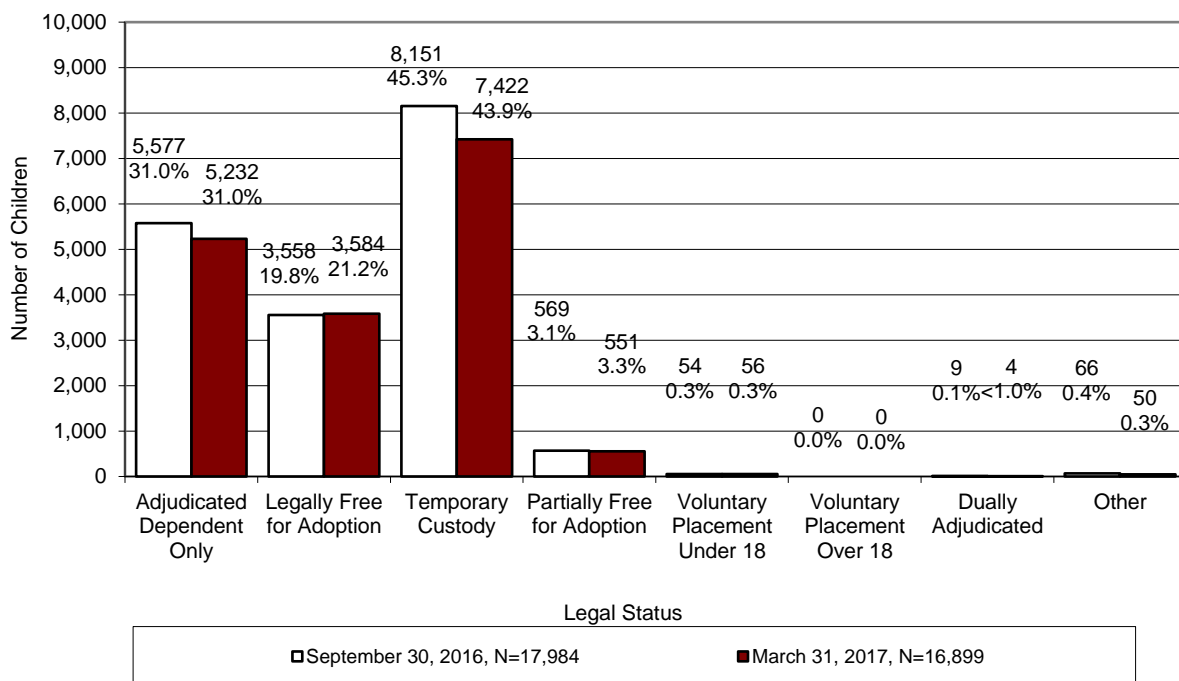
⁷ The chart displays children who spent more than 21 days in a shelter during the period. This number differs from the other out-of-home charts as they display children in out-of-home care on the last day of the reporting period.

TABLE 34
PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN IN
OUT-OF-HOME CARE ON March 31, 2017

	Placements
Average	2.5
Median	2.0
Range Minimum	1
Range Maximum	57 ⁸

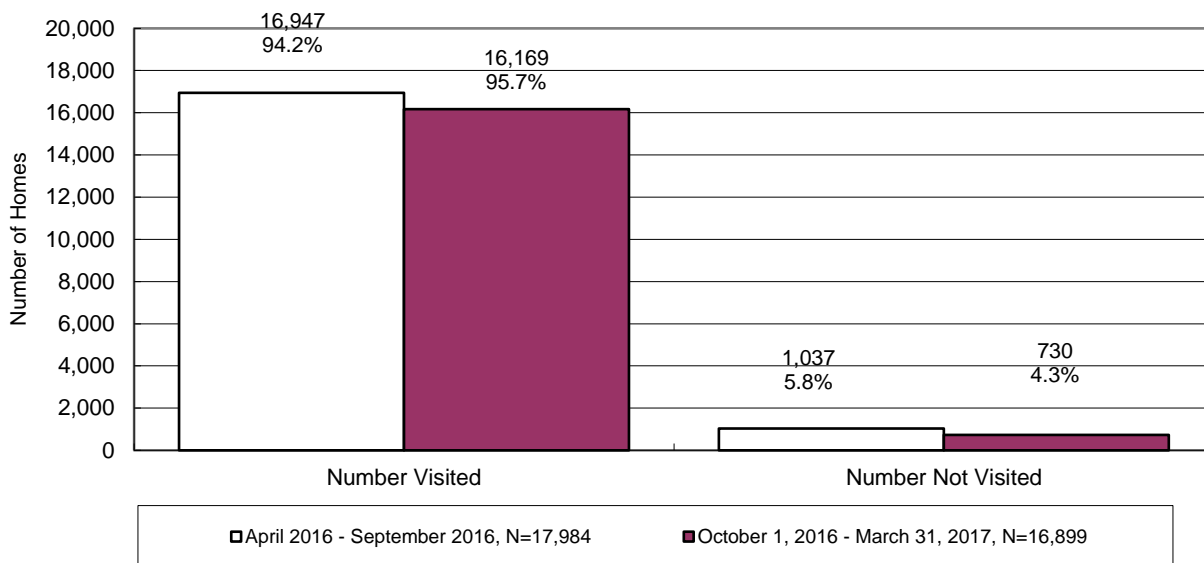
Chart 27 demonstrates that the vast majority of children in out-of-home care fall into one of three legal statuses – adjudicated dependent, legally free for adoption, and children in the Department’s temporary custody.

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



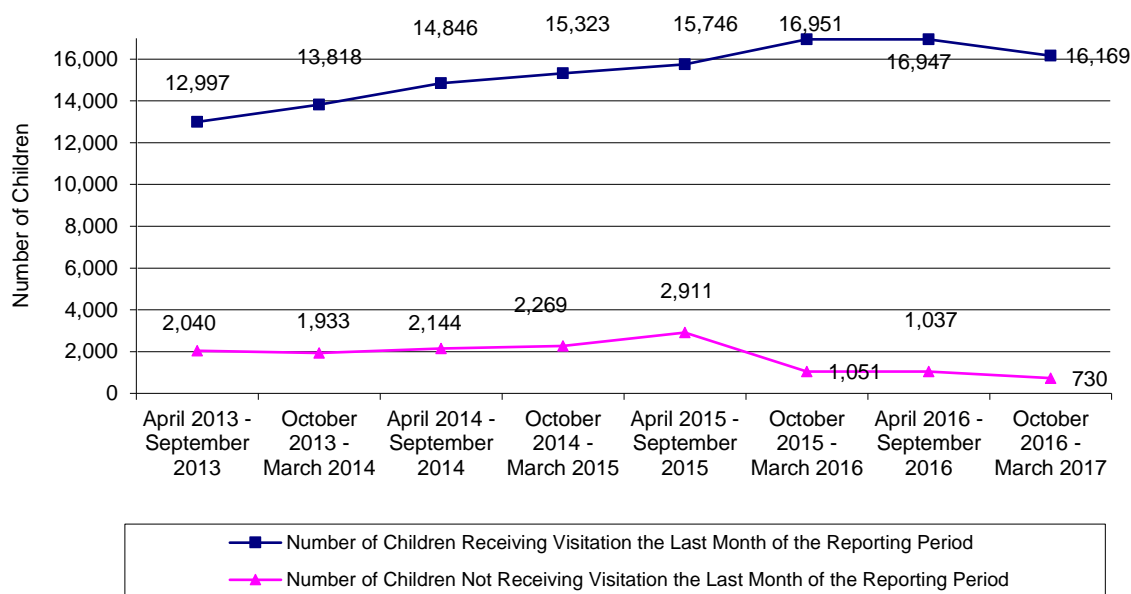
⁸ Some children are so impacted by the severity of the abuse they have suffered, that they become unable to form meaningful relationships or to respond to services. These children tend to go through multiple placements with numerous individuals and agencies.

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 5,262 parents who had a child with the case plan goal of reunification. Of those parents requiring visitation, 2,905 (55.2 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, 2017 there were 5,000⁹ foster homes licensed for a total capacity of 11,405 spaces. Of these spaces, 3,124 are reported by contractors to be unavailable for placements. Reasons for this include, but are not limited to, beds held for respite, readiness assessment by the contractor, specific high needs of a child currently placed in the home, foster parents' need for temporary reprieve from placements and investigations or corrective action plans.

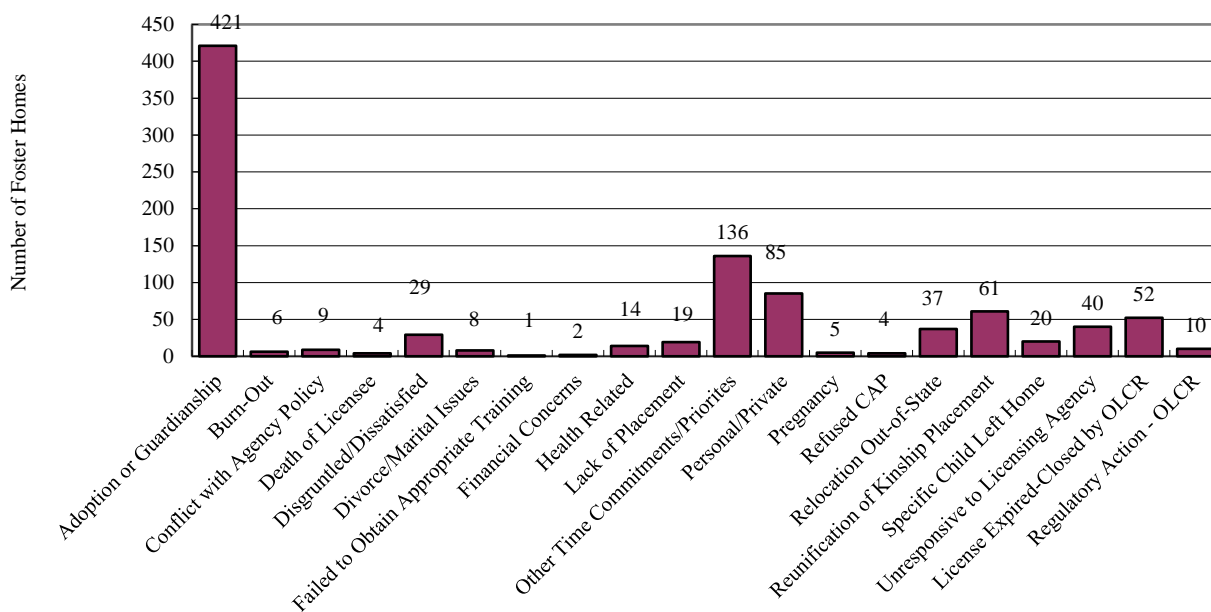
As mentioned previously, the Department has been working to improve processes to identify bed capacity and availability. The Bed Management Unit examined 'bed hold' definitions, restricted beds and bed status. Additionally, this unit is working to gain a better understanding of the needs of the Department when addressing the consistency and accuracy of how we collect information on the usable contracted beds.

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, 1,071 new homes were licensed to provide foster care and 963 homes left the system. This compares to 985 new homes being licensed and 994 homes leaving the system during the prior reporting period. The following chart gives the reasons for foster home closures for the current reporting period.

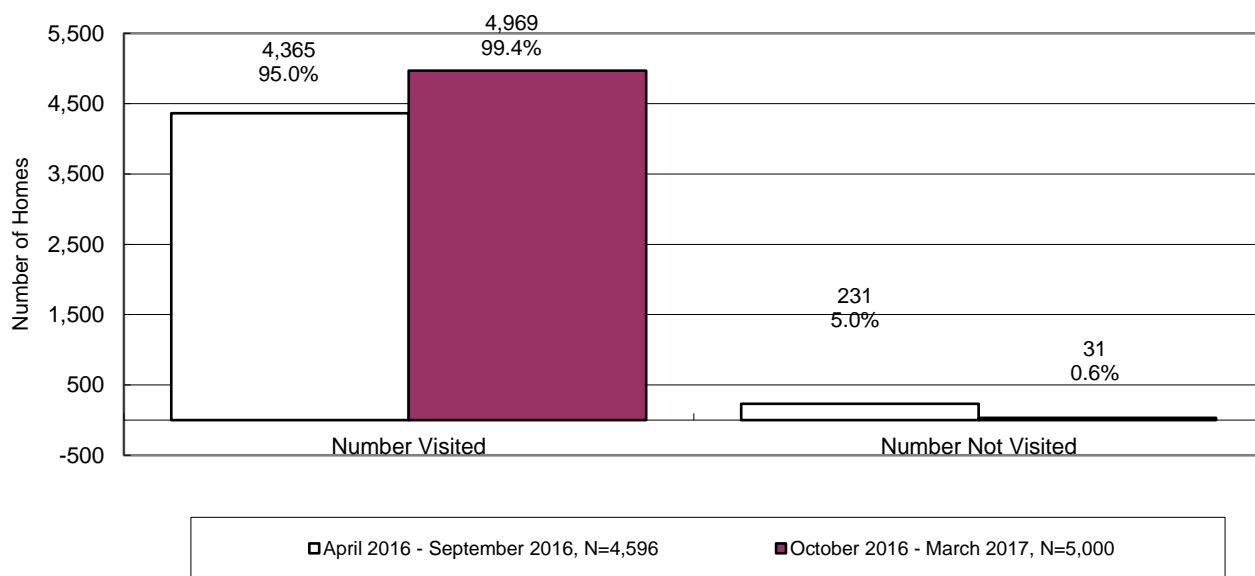
⁹ The number of homes cited in this report differs from the number cited by the Office of Licensing, Certification & Regulation (OLCR) due to the fact that the DCS utilizes both foster homes managed through HRSS contracts as well as homes that are licensed for developmental disabilities, licensed by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

CHART 30
REASON FOR FOSTER HOME CLOSURE FOR THE PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017



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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 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
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%
OCTOBER 2016 – MARCH 2017	6,153	-3.5%

**CHART 32
CHILDREN ENTERING AND EXITING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY REPORTING PERIOD**

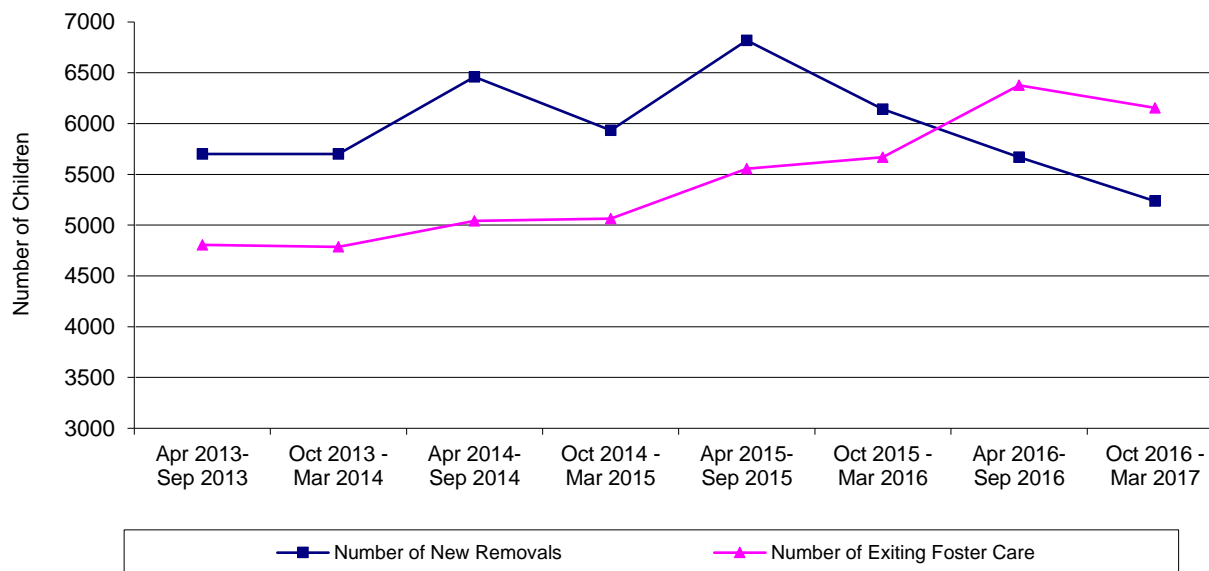


TABLE 36
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY FOR THE END OF THE
REPORTING PERIOD ENDING ON MARCH 31, 2017

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	285	4.6%
Ages 1 to 5	2,307	37.5%
Ages 6 to 8	944	15.3%
Ages 9 to 12	1,043	17.0%
Ages 13 to 17	1,057	17.2%
18 and Over	517	8.4%
Total	6,153	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	2,184	35.5%
Hispanic	2,202	35.8%
African American	851	13.8%
American Indian	513	8.3%
Asian	55	0.9%
Other	348	5.7%
Total	6,153	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	3,123	50.7%
Two	1,460	23.7%
Three	780	12.7%
Four	346	5.6%
Five	157	2.6%
More than Five	287	4.7%
Total	6,153	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	721	11.7%
31 Days to 12 Months	1,551	25.2%
13 to 24 Months	2,170	35.3%
More than 24 Months	1,711	27.8%
Total	6,153	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	8.44	7.49
By Number of Placements	2.14	1.00
By Months of Time in Care	18.29	16.05

TABLE 37
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “REUNIFICATION WITH PARENTS OR PRIMARY CARETAKER” FOR
THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2017

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	216	7.3%
Ages 1 to 5	1,087	36.8%
Ages 6 to 8	488	16.5%
Ages 9 to 12	545	18.5%
Ages 13 to 17	612	20.7%
18 and Over	6	0.2%
Total	2,954	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	1,018	34.5%
Hispanic	1,060	35.9%
African American	394	13.3%
American Indian	237	8.0%
Asian	27	0.9%
Other	218	7.4%
Total	2,954	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	1,658	56.1%
Two	710	24.0%
Three	346	11.7%
Four	138	4.7%
Five	50	1.7%
More than Five	52	1.8%
Total	2,954	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	641	21.7%
31 Days to 12 Months	1,246	42.2%
13 to 24 Months	871	29.5%
More than 24 Months	196	6.6%
Total	2,954	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	7.72	7.05
By Number of Placements	1.77	1.00
By Months of Time in Care	9.94	8.65

TABLE 38
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “LIVING WITH OTHER RELATIVES” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING MARCH 31, 2017

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	0	0.0%
Ages 1 to 5	6	37.4%
Ages 6 to 8	4	25.0%
Ages 9 to 12	3	18.8%
Ages 13 to 17	2	12.5%
18 and Over	1	6.3%
Total	16	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	5	31.3%
Hispanic	9	56.2%
African American	2	12.5%
American Indian	0	0.0%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total	16	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	10	62.4%
Two	2	12.5%
Three	0	0.0%
Four	1	6.3%
Five	3	18.8%
More than Five	0	0.0%
Total	16	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	9	56.2%
31 Days to 12 Months	3	18.8%
13 to 24 Months	3	18.8%
More than 24 Months	1	6.2%
Total	16	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	8.55	7.55
By Number of Placements	2.06	1.00
By Months of Time in Care	7.56	0.480

**TABLE 39
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS
CUSTODY FOR REASON OF “ADOPTION” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING MARCH 31, 2017**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	48	2.2%
Ages 1 to 5	1,132	51.6%
Ages 6 to 8	392	17.9%
Ages 9 to 12	394	17.9%
Ages 13 to 17	224	10.2%
18 and Over	5	0.2%
Total	2,195	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	818	37.3%
Hispanic	812	37.0%
African American	294	13.4%
American Indian	158	7.2%
Asian	16	0.7%
Other	97	4.4%
Total	2,195	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	1,020	46.4%
Two	596	27.2%
Three	318	14.5%
Four	134	6.1%
Five	57	2.6%
More than Five	70	3.2%
Total	2,195	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	0	0.0%
31 Days to 12 Months	98	4.5%
13 to 24 Months	970	44.2%
More than 24 Months	1,127	51.3%
Total	2,195	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	6.451	5.35
By Number of Placements	2.08	2.00
By Months of Time in Care	26.21	24.38

TABLE 40
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “GUARDIANSHIP” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING MARCH 31, 2017

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	6	1.6%
Ages 1 to 5	46	12.2%
Ages 6 to 8	51	13.6%
Ages 9 to 12	93	24.7%
Ages 13 to 17	179	47.6%
18 and Over	1	0.3%
Total	376	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	134	35.6%
Hispanic	120	31.9%
African American	54	14.4%
American Indian	53	14.1%
Asian	3	0.8%
Other	12	3.2%
Total	376	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	223	59.2%
Two	60	16.0%
Three	56	14.9%
Four	16	4.3%
Five	14	3.7%
More than Five	7	1.9%
Total	376	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	25	6.6%
31 Days to 12 Months	93	24.7%
13 to 24 Months	195	51.9%
More than 24 Months	63	16.8%
Total	376	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	11.71	12.531
By Number of Placements	1.84	1.00
By Months of Time in Care	16.241	15.641

TABLE 41
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY
FOR REASONS OF “REACHING AGE OF MAJORITY” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING MARCH 31, 2017

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	506	100.0%
Total	506	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	194	38.3%
Hispanic	169	33.4%
African American	92	18.2%
American Indian	30	5.9%
Asian	8	1.6%
Other	13	2.6%
Total	506	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	147	29.1%
Two	75	14.8%
Three	52	10.3%
Four	52	10.3%
Five	29	5.7%
More than Five	151	29.8%
Total	506	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	6	1.2%
31 Days to 12 Months	78	15.4%
13 to 24 Months	117	23.1%
More than 24 Months	305	60.3%
Total	506	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	18.89	18.27
By Number of Placements	4.69	3.00
By Months of Time in Care	36.52	31.76

TABLE 42
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “TRANSFER TO ANOTHER AGENCY” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING MARCH 31, 2017

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	12	15.0%
Ages 1 to 5	32	39.9%
Ages 6 to 8	9	11.3%
Ages 9 to 12	6	7.5%
Ages 13 to 17	21	26.3%
18 and Over	0	0.0%
Total	80	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	12	15.0%
Hispanic	21	26.3%
African American	13	16.3%
American Indian	30	37.4%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	4	5.0%
Total	80	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	49	61.2%
Two	14	17.5%
Three	8	10.0%
Four	3	3.8%
Five	2	2.5%
More than Five	4	5.0%
Total	80	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	35	43.7%
31 Days to 12 Months	22	27.5%
13 to 24 Months	12	15.0%
More than 24 Months	11	13.8%
Total	80	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	7.27	4.54
By Number of Placements	2.08	1.00
By Months of Time in Care	8.33	2.40

TABLE 43
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “RUNAWAY” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING MARCH 31, 2017

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	0	0.0%
Ages 1 to 5	2*	11.1%
Ages 6 to 8	0	0.0%
Ages 9 to 12	1*	5.6%
Ages 13 to 17	12	66.6%
18 and Over	3	16.7%
Total	18	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	3	16.7%
Hispanic	7	38.8%
African American	2	11.1%
American Indian	3	16.7%
Asian	1	5.6%
Other	2	11.1%
Total	18	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	11	61.1%
Two	2	11.1%
Three	1	5.6%
Four	2	11.1%
Five	2	11.1%
More than Five	0	0.0%
Total	18	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	3	16.7%
31 Days to 12 Months	7	38.9%
13 to 24 Months	2	11.1%
More than 24 Months	6	33.3%
Total	18	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	15.03	16.55
By Number of Placements	2.28	1.00
By Months of Time in Care	14.01	10.59

*These children were taken by their families, on an unauthorized basis, and had not been located at the time the juvenile court dismissed the dependency.

**TABLE 44
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “DEATH OF CHILD” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING
MARCH 31, 2017**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	3	37.5%
Ages 1 to 5	2	25.0%
Ages 6 to 8	0	0.0%
Ages 9 to 12	1	12.5%
Ages 13 to 17	2	25.0%
18 and Over	0	0.0%
Total	8	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	2	25.0%
Hispanic	4	50.0%
African American	0	0.0%
American Indian	2	25.0%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total	8	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	5	62.5%
Two	1	12.5%
Three	0	0.0%
Four	1	12.5%
Five	0	0.0%
More than Five	1	12.5%
Total	8	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	2	25.0%
31 Days to 12 Months	0	0.0%
13 to 24 Months	4	50.0%
More than 24 Months	2	25.0%
Total	8	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	6.56	3.55
By Number of Placements	2.13	1.00
By Months of Time in Care	11.60	4.08

**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	TRAUMA – MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	RUNAWAY
MARICOPA	TRAUMA – MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	LICENSED FOSTER HOME
PIMA	SURGICAL COMPLICATIONS	LICENSED FOSTER HOME
MARICOPA	PNEUMONIA	UNLICENSED RELATIVE
YAVAPAI	DISLODGED TRACHEOSTOMY TUBE	LICENSED DDD FOSTER HOME
MARICOPA	FULMINANT HEPATIC FAILURE	HOSPITAL
LA PAZ	AUTOPSY REPORT PENDING	UNLICENSED RELATIVE
MARICOPA	LEUKEMIA COMPLICATIONS	HOSPITAL
MARICOPA	AUTOPSY REPORT PENDING	UNLICENSED RELATIVE
MARICOPA	AUTOPSY REPORT PENDING	LICENSED FOSTER HOME
MARICOPA	HYPOPLASTIC HEART SYNDROME	HOSPITAL

*Three children listed in Table 45 exited care for reason of death in the prior reporting period but due to data lag in CHILDS were not identified in the prior report. Therefore, they are included in this report.

**TABLE 46
NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN AN OPEN OR ACTIVE CHILD SAFETY SERVICES CASE WHO
DIED AS A RESULT OF ABUSE AS CATEGORIZED BY THE CUSTODIAL RELATIONSHIP
AND COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017**

COUNTY	BIOLOGICAL PARENT(S)	OTHER FAMILY MEMBER	ADOPTIVE PARENT(S)	FOSTER CARE PARENT(S)	OTHER OUT-OF-HOME CARE PROVIDER	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCONINO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GILA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	1	0	0	0	0	1	50.0%
MOHAVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
NAVAJO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
PIMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
PINAL	1	0	0	0	0	1	50.0%
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	2	0	0	0	0	2	100%
% OF TOTAL	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	

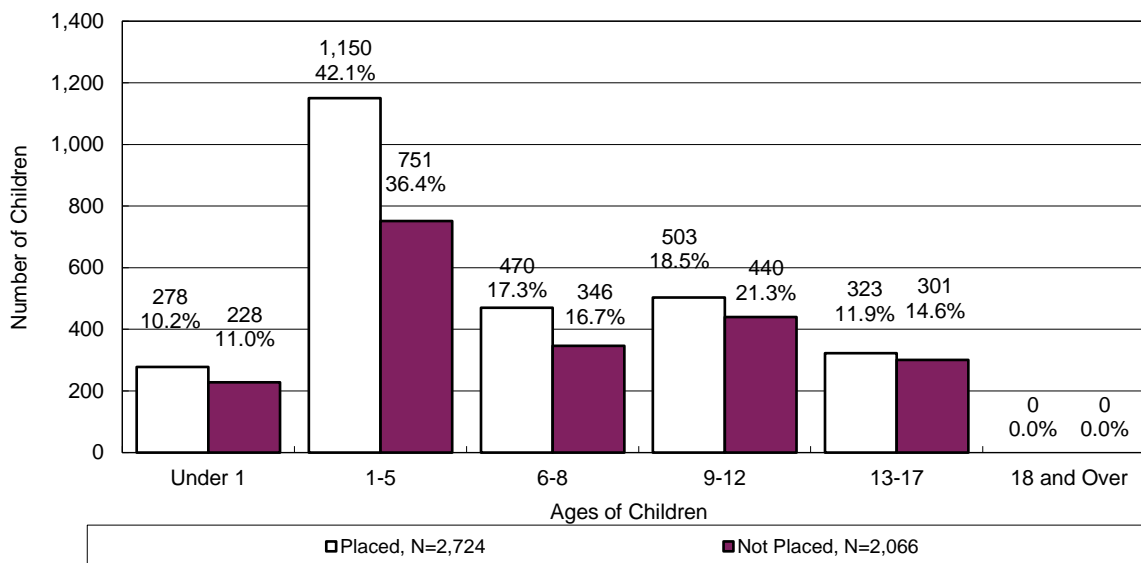
The number of child maltreatment deaths presented in the Semi-Annual Report is not comparable to child maltreatment deaths reported on the website by the Arizona Department of Child Safety (ADCS).

- 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.

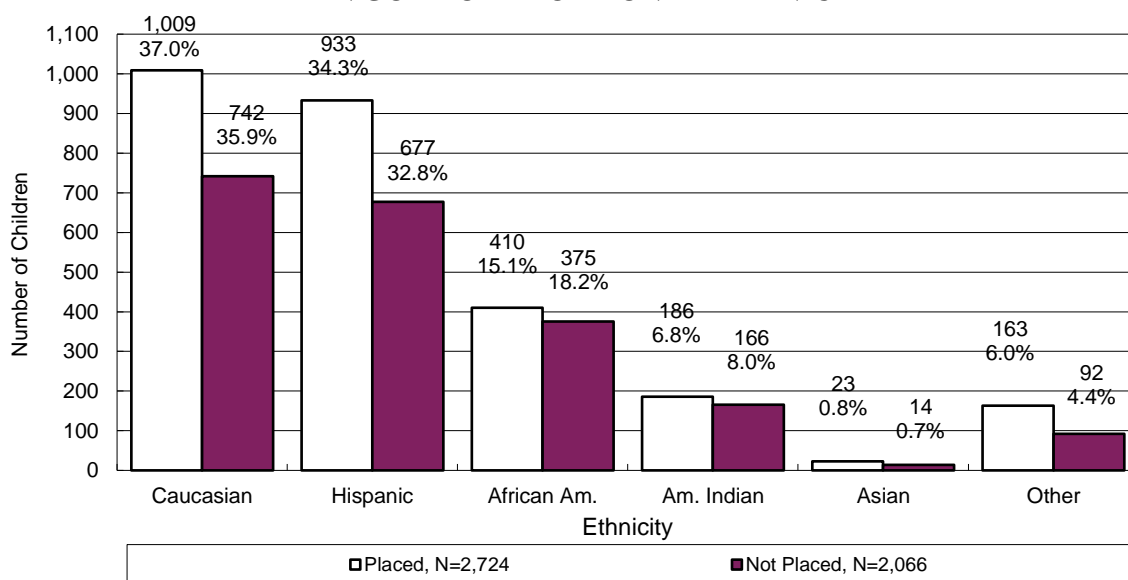
CHILDREN WITH CASE PLAN GOALS OF ADOPTION

Of the 16,899 children in out-of-home care on March 31, 2017, there were 4,790 or 28.3 percent who had a case plan goal of adoption. The age and ethnicity of the children with a case plan goal of adoption are 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 OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017**

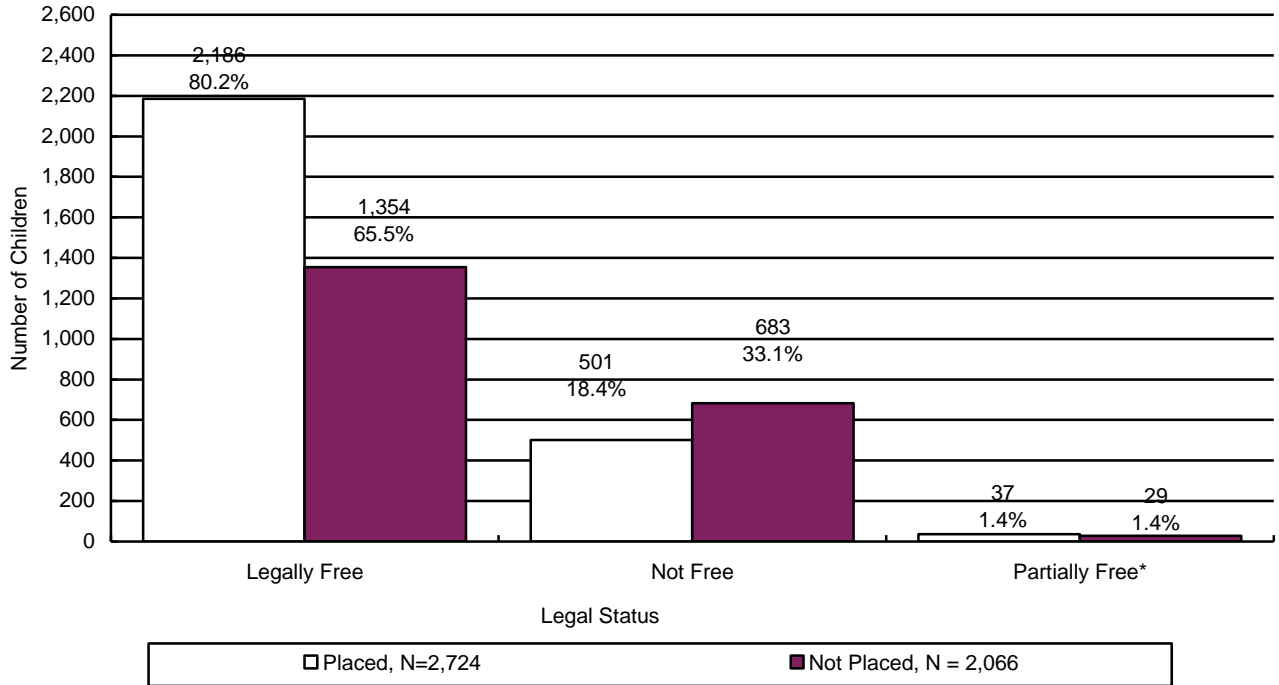
COUNTY	TERMINATION OF RIGHTS GRANTED	TERMINATION OF RIGHTS DENIED	TERMINATION OF RIGHTS GRANTED IN PART/DENIED IN PART	TERMINATION OF RIGHTS WITHDRAWN	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	8	0	0	0	8	0.3%
COCHISE	71	0	0	0	71	2.4%
COCONINO	35	0	0	0	35	1.2%
GILA	25	0	0	0	25	0.9%
GRAHAM	14	0	0	0	14	0.5%
GREENLEE	2	0	0	0	2	0.1%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	1,440	2	0	0	1,442	49.6%
MOHAVE	91	0	0	0	91	3.1%
NAVAJO	34	0	0	0	34	1.2%
PIMA	733	0	0	0	733	25.2%
PINAL	247	1	0	0	248	8.5%
SANTA CRUZ	25	0	0	0	25	0.9%
YAVAPAI	99	1	0	0	100	3.4%
YUMA	77	0	0	0	77	2.7%
STATEWIDE	2,901	4	0	0	2,905	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	99.9%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	

The average length of time that a child with a case plan goal of “adoption” has spent in out-of-home care is 1 years and 202 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	2.75
Median	2
Range Minimum	1
Range Maximum	39

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

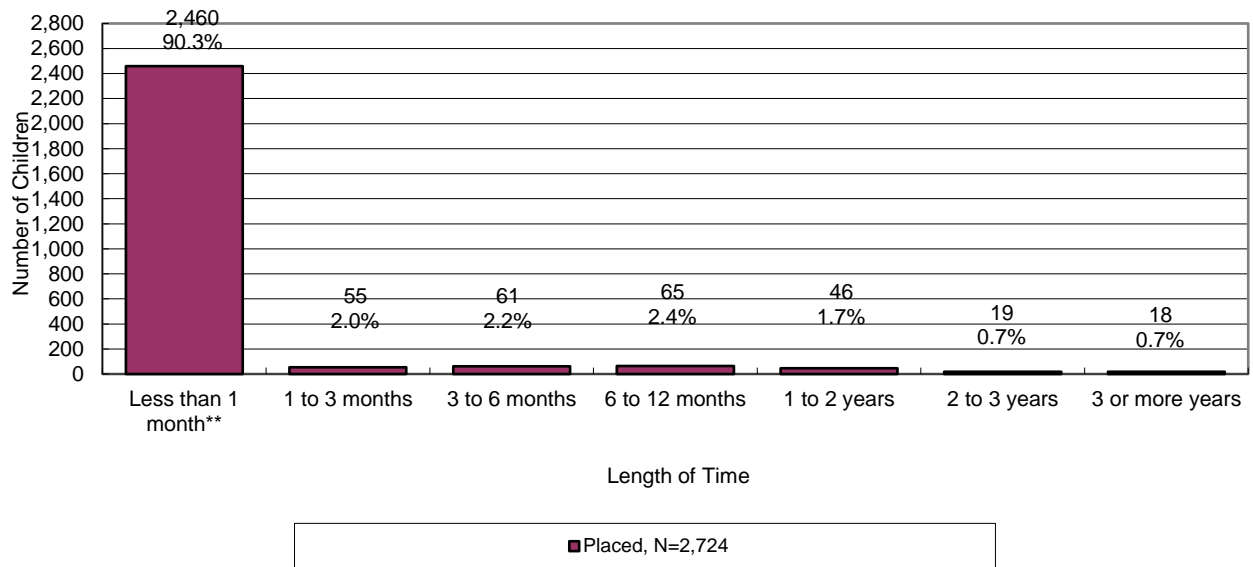


CHART 37
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION WHO WERE IN AN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT BY THE MARITAL STATUS OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT

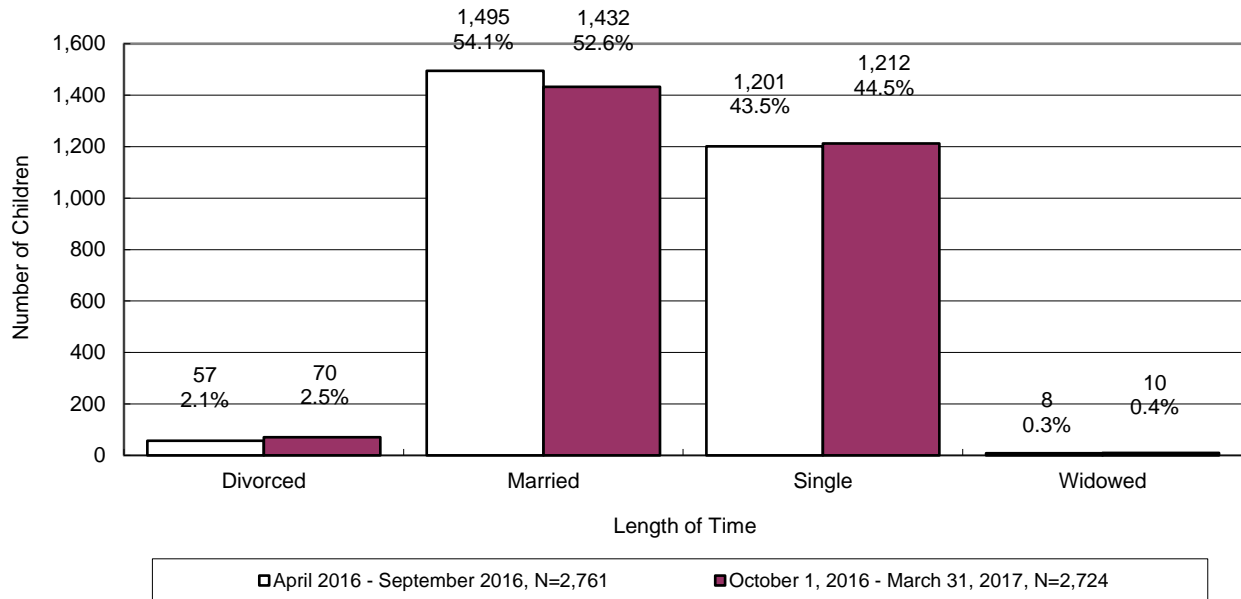
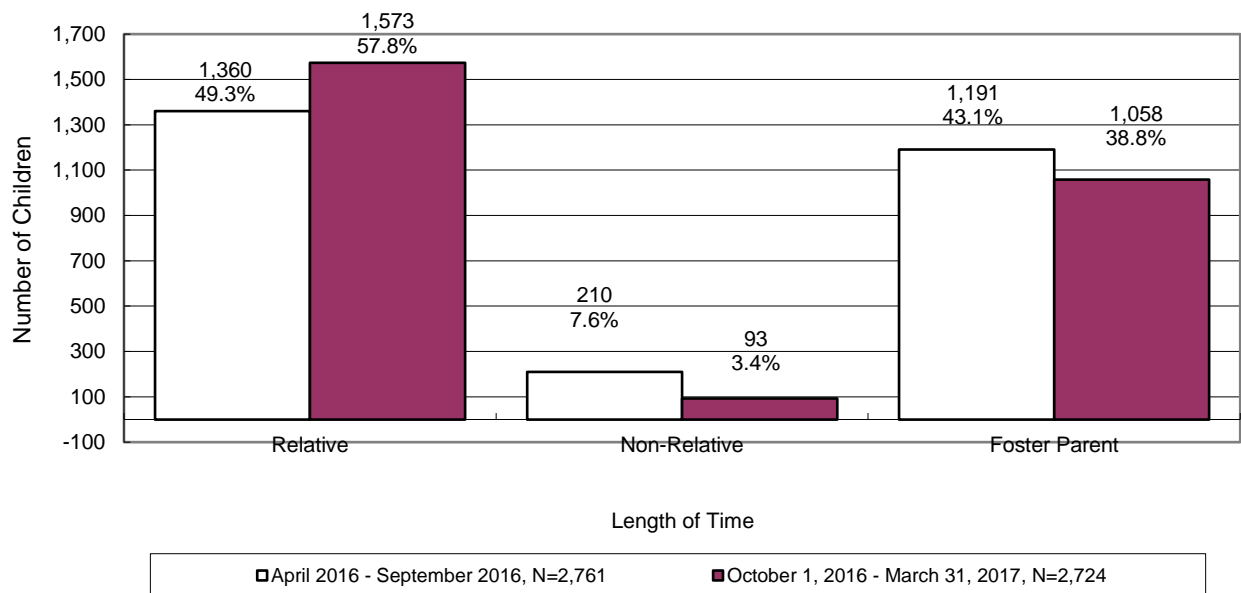


CHART 38
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION WHO WERE IN AN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT BY THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT



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	0	0%
Ages 1 – 5	2	13.3%
Ages 6 – 8	2	13.3%
Ages 9 – 12	6	40.0%
Ages 13 – 17	5	33.1%
18 and Over	0	0.0%
Total	15	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	8	53.3%
Hispanic	3	20.0%
African American	4	26.7%
American Indian	0	0.0%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total	15	100%

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

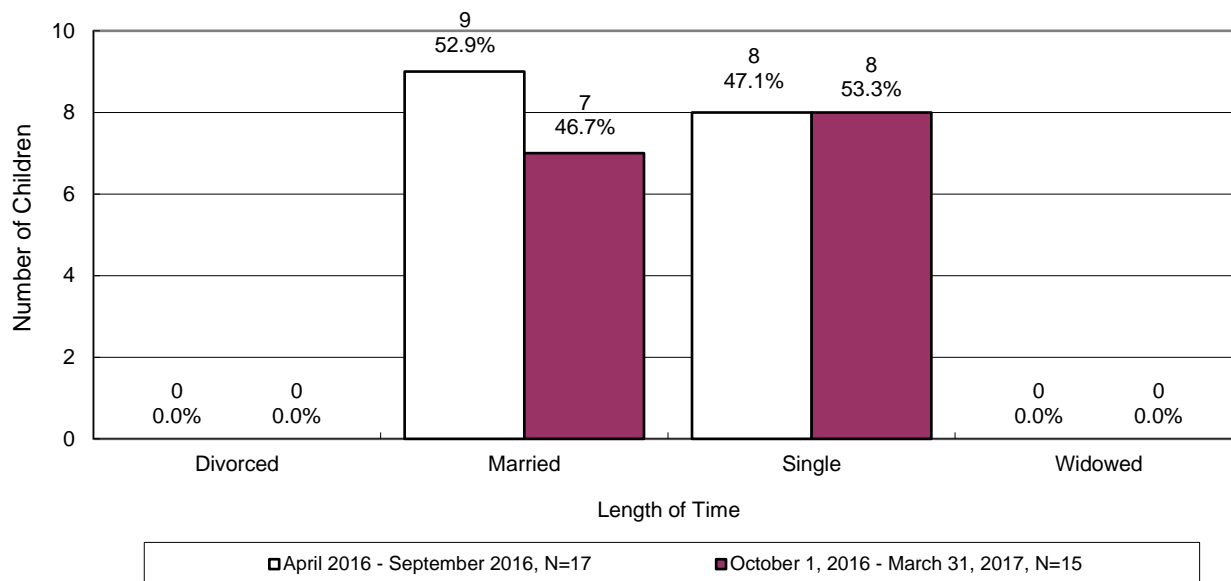
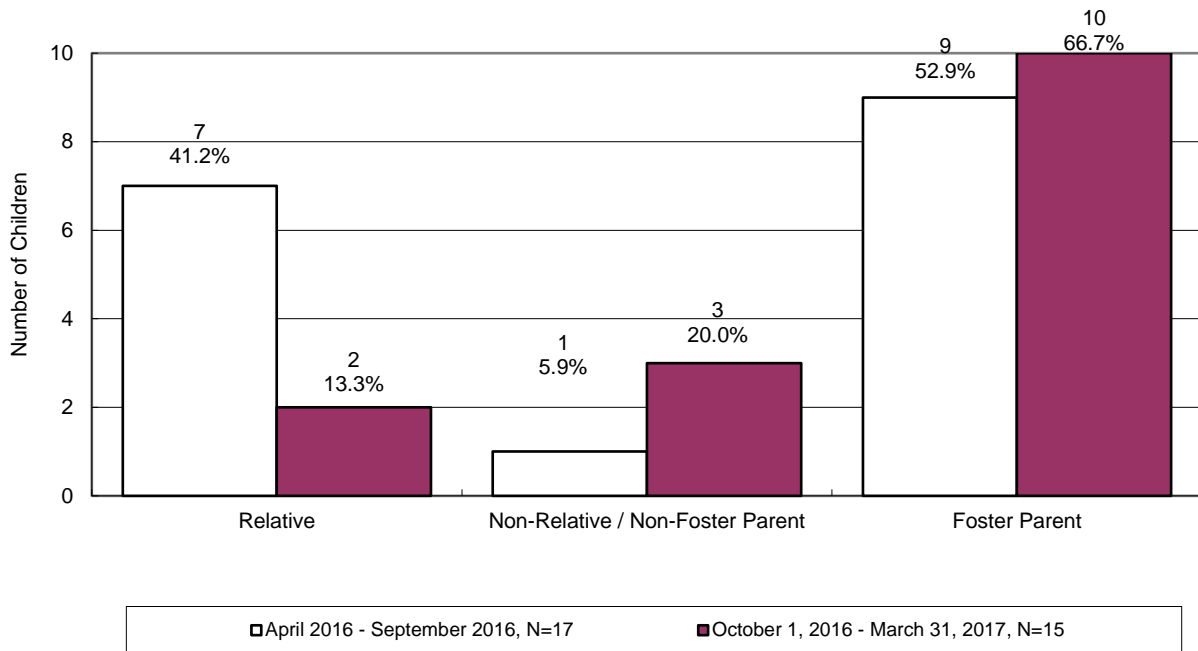


CHART 40
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION WHO WERE IN AN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT AND DISRUPTED BY THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT



ADOPTIVE SERVICES

CHART 41
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION

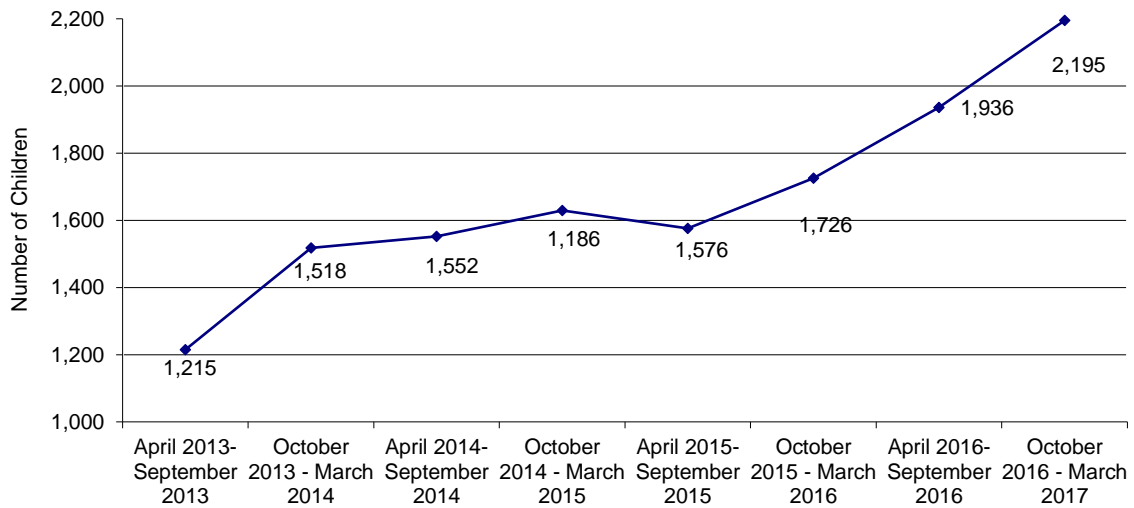


CHART 42
THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT BEFORE ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT

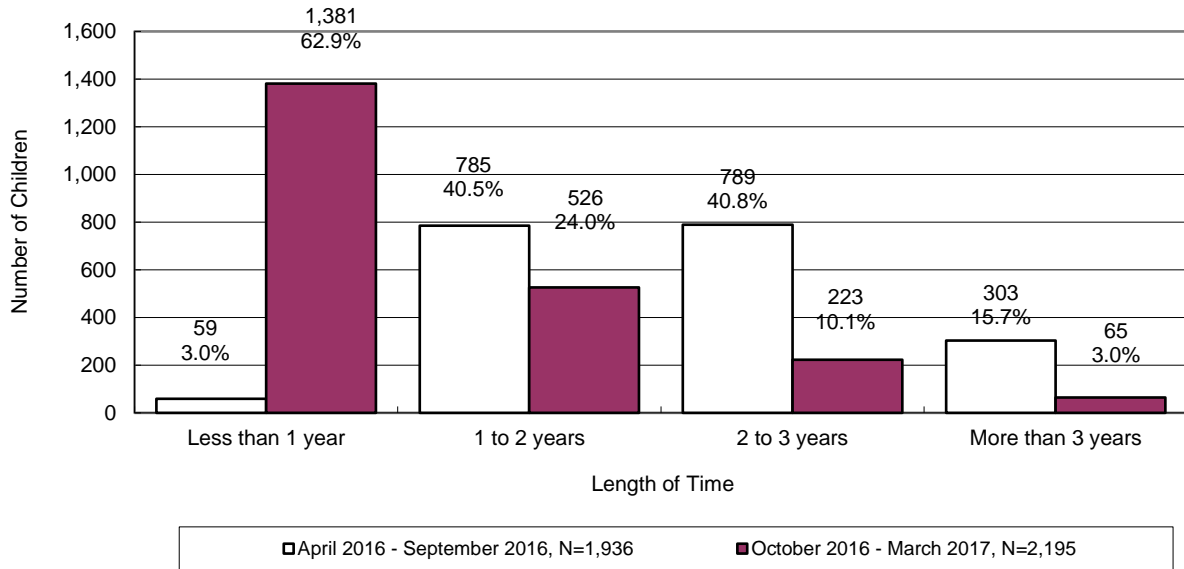


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THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT BEFORE THE FINAL ORDER OF ADOPTION

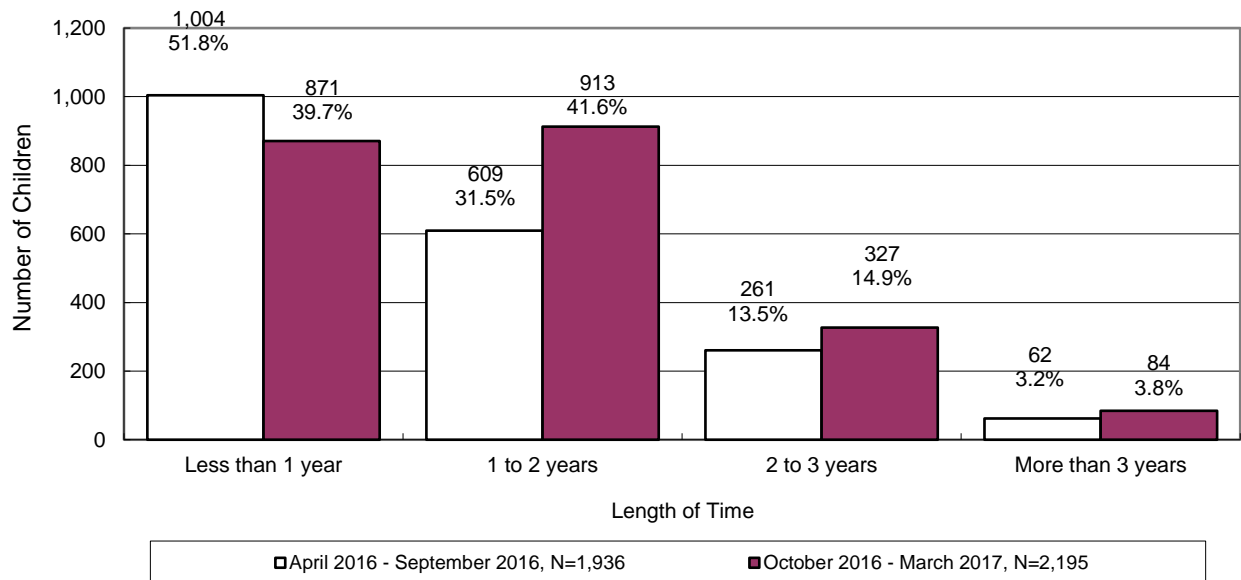


CHART 44
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY THE MARITAL STATUS OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT

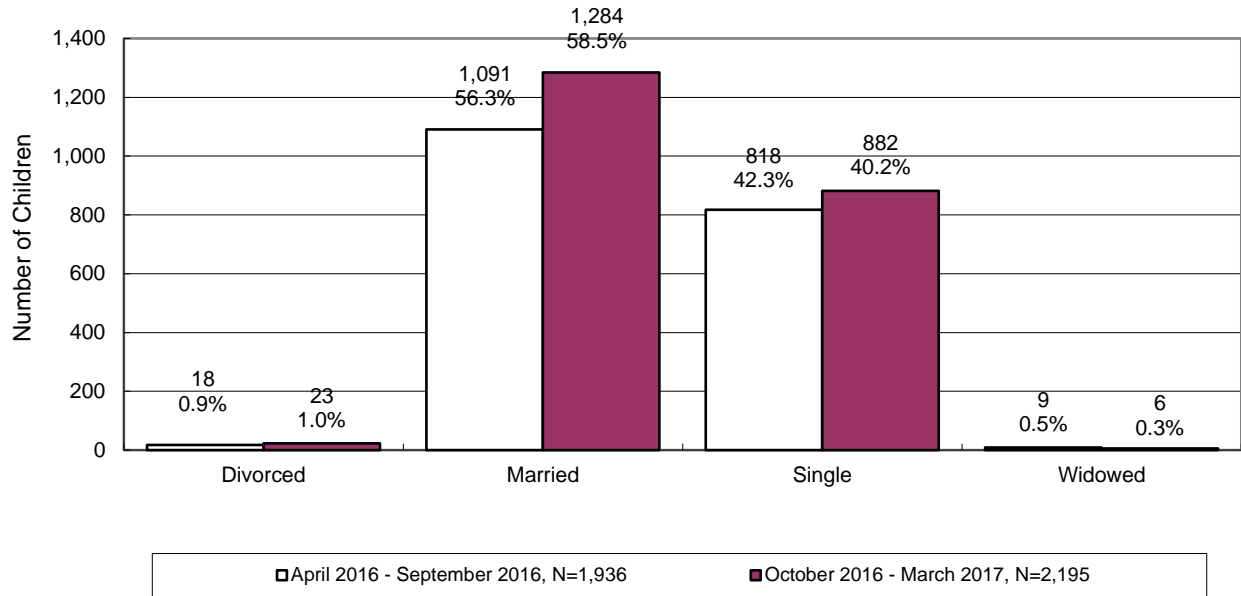


CHART 45
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT TO THE CHILD

