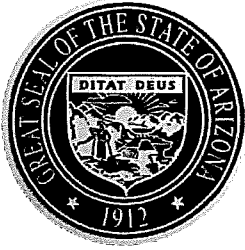


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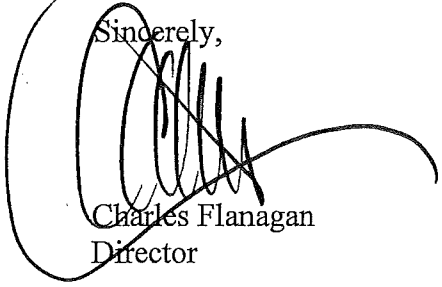
Dear Governor Brewer:

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-526, the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) submits the enclosed semi-annual report on child welfare for the period of October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014. 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.

We continue to work diligently to improve the quality of services for children and their families. Compiling this report provides us another opportunity to review our work and consider new ways to improve.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (602) 364-1503.

Sincerely,


Charles Flanagan
Director

Enclosure

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CHILD WELFARE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD OF

OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014

ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES

[LAWS 2011, CHAPTER 147]

DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY

CHILD WELFARE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Arizona Revised Statute § 8-526, as amended by Laws 2011, Chapter 147 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, submitted by the newly created Department of Child Safety, is for the semi-annual reporting period beginning on October 1, 2013 and ending on March 31, 2014. A more comprehensive discussion of the new Department is contained in the Executive Summary of this report.

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Executive Summary

The Arizona Department of Child Safety is pleased to publish this semi-annual report for October 2013 through March 2014 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.

As a result of the identification of the practice of designating cases as “not investigated” (NI), Governor Brewer created an independent Child Advocate Response Examination Team (CARE Team) charged with providing oversight of the investigation of all NI reports. When the CARE Team started its work, the Children’s Information Library and Data Source (CHILDS system) database showed 6,552 total NI reports. After further review, the number of NI reports totaled 6,596. As of June 10, 2014, all 6,596 reports have been assigned and responded to. Of those, 1,194 had additional reports subsequent to the original NI reports. To date, a total of 342 NI reports resulted in the removal of 567 children from their homes with 316 of those removals as a result of the initial NI report. Of the 6,596 NI report, 6,494 report investigations have been closed with 6,164 of those not requiring ongoing monitoring or services.

With the help of our law enforcement partners, the Department is ensuring child safety by locating the children, performing a welfare check, and a subsequent investigation on all NI cases. While every NI case has been assigned to a caseworker and the CARE Team has submitted its report to Governor Brewer, efforts will continue until all of the investigations are complete. For updated information on the number of NI cases that have received a response, see the CARE Team website (www.careteam.az.gov).

On May 29, 2014, during a Legislative special session, Governor Brewer signed into law Senate Bills 1001 and 1002, statutorily creating and funding the new Department of Child Safety (DCS) – a permanent, stand-alone agency with the express mission of safeguarding Arizona’s abused and neglected children. The enacted legislation includes additional funding to cover the cost of adding additional staff, including caseworkers and case aides as well as administrative and operational support staff needed to establish the new agency. The newly created Department is being reorganized to support the evolution of the agency, including three new bureaus within the Department. With these and many other improvements, the Department will pursue strategies to achieve better outcomes for children and families.

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 more coordinated and timely manner.

Child Abuse Hotline and Investigations

The statewide Child Abuse Hotline received 22,956 calls that met the statutory criteria for a report. Of the 22,547 reports subject to substantiation during this reporting period, 1,576 (7%) were substantiated. An additional 1,190 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 CHILDS.

Children in Out-of-Home Care

The Department remains committed to working with the community to keep children safe and prevent the need for children to be removed from their homes. Notwithstanding this commitment, the number of children in out-of-home care increased from 15,037 in the prior reporting period to 15,751 in March 2014. Approximately 23% to 25% of reports result in removals and about 80% of all reports into the Hotline are

due to allegations of neglect. The Department is focusing on reducing the number of children being removed from their home by creating a "risk-and-needs assessment" that will be vital to tailoring specific responses to neglect reports. In addition, the Department of Child Safety has submitted an application to the federal government that would grant Arizona a waiver for the Title IV-E funds it receives to create a new differential response system and re-engineered service array. These new services would address cases that do not require an investigation and will provide families the services they need.

The Department continues to make tremendous strides in placing children who have been removed from their home in the most family-like setting possible. In March 2014, 12,837 children – or approximately 81.3 percent of all children in out-of-home care – were placed with relatives or licensed foster parents. An additional 29 children were placed with their parents on a trial home visit and 386 youth were residing in independent living settings. Efforts to increase the number of licensed foster parents who are able to meet the needs of children requiring out-of-home placement resulted in 1,051 new homes being licensed during the reporting period.

The state requires monthly face-to-face visitation with children in foster care. The current report shows that 84.9 percent of the children in foster care received their visitation during the last month of the reporting period. There is a strong correlation between caseworker visits with children and positive outcomes for these children, such as achieving permanency and other indicators of child well-being. The Department continues to make efforts to improve our rate of visitation.

Permanency for Children

The Department continues to work toward achieving permanency for children placed in out-of-home care. Arizona is a national leader in the number of finalized adoptions. The total number of children achieving permanency through adoption was 1,518 during this reporting period, compared to 1,215 the same reporting period last year.

Challenges

The Department continues to face both workload and process challenges in its efforts to ensure safety and promote permanency for abused and neglected children. Examples of the more pressing challenges the Department continues to face include:

- Increased number of children in out-of-home care.
- Retention of trained and qualified staff.
- Complex family situations as noted by staff who conduct investigations and work with families.

Additionally, the Department continues to develop strategies to mitigate challenges that include:

- The high prevalence of substance abuse in clients which exacerbates client problems.
- The recruitment of foster and adoptive homes for youth ages 12 to 18 years old and sibling groups.

In conjunction with the Governor's Office and the Legislature, the Department has identified ways to address these challenges and has begun partnering with the community and stakeholders to ensure that the safety and wellbeing of the children is always the top priority. 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.

To begin to address these challenges, in February 2014 the Legislature approved a supplemental appropriation of \$5.7 million from the General Fund and \$1.1 million in federal expenditure authority for 192 FTE positions, including 126 case-carrying along with the associated support staff. By June 30, 2014, 1,283 of 1,320 authorized child safety specialist positions were filled, up from 1,190 in January.

Semi-Annual Comparisons

	Apr 2010 through Sep 2010	Oct 2010 through Mar 2011	Apr 2011 through Sep 2011	Oct 2011 through Mar 2012	Apr 2012 through Sep 2012	Oct 2012 through Mar 2013	Apr 2013 through Sep 2013	Oct 2013 through Mar 2014
Number of Reports Received	17,068	17,586	19,666	20,466	21,625	22,161	22,032	22,956
Number of Reports Substantiated ¹	2,264	2,274	2,522	2,748	2,809	2,588	2,704	1,576
Substantiation Rate	13%	13%	15%	14%	14%	13%	12%	7%
Number of Reports Investigated & Closed	8,403	8,481	9,953	10,345	9,168	10,923	11,212	11,392
Number of Reports Responded to	16,853	17,378	19,245	19,274	20,413	20,253	20,122	22,162
Number of new removals	4,010	3,978	4,531	4,968	5,716	5,101	5,702	5,701
Number of new removals with Voluntary under 18	135	192	155	150	116	97	118	90
Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care on the Last Day of Reporting Period	10,514	10,707	11,535	12,453	14,111	14,314	15,037	15,751
Number of Children in Shelter for More than 21 Days	471	534	842	713	764	792	824	802
Number and Percentage of Children Receiving Visitation In the Last Month of Reporting Period	8,930 (84.9%)	8,838 (82.5%)	9,363 (81.2%)	9,728 (78.1%)	10,404 (73.7%)	12,101 (84.5%)	12,997 (86.4%)	13,818 (87.7%)
Number and Percentage of Children not Receiving Visitation	1,584 (15.1%)	1,869 (17.5%)	2,172 (18.8%)	2,725 (21.9%)	3,707 (26.3%)	2,213 (15.5%)	2,040 (13.6%)	1,933 (12.3%)
Number and Percentage of Parents Receiving Visitation	1,128 (56.4%)	1,144 (57.3%)	994 (54.5%)	1,081 (57.1%)	1,017 (51.2%)	1,058 (50.9%)	1,157 (52.4%)	1,344 (53.8%)
Number of Licensed Foster Homes	3,747	3,595	3,496	3,480	3,748	3,516	3,900 ²	4,329
Number of Foster Home Spaces Available to DCYF	8,693	8,483	8,191	8,572	7,716	8,579	8,573	9,049
Number of New Foster Homes	718	524	582	663	999	722	717	1,050
Number of Foster Homes Closed	903	676	681	679	747	740	715	787
Number and Percentage of Foster Homes Receiving Visitation In the Last Qtr. Of Reporting Period	3,102 (82.8%)	3,182 (88.5%)	3,121 (89.3%)	3,132 (79.9%)	3,095 (82.6%)	3,316 (92.7)	3,491 (89.5%)	3,689 (85.2)
Number and Percentage of Foster Homes not Receiving Visitation	645 (17.2%)	413 (11.5%)	375 (10.7%)	790 (20.1)	653 (17.4%)	260 (7.3%)	409 (10.5%)	640 (14.8)
Number of Children Leaving DES Custody	3,559	3,649	3,574	3,826	3,923	4,668	4,805	4,786
Number of Children With a Case Plan Goal of Adoption	2,450	2,426	2,561	2,663	2,719	2,852	3,311	3,417
Number of Children With a Finalized Adoption	991	1,186	1,078	1,224	1,025	1,270	1,215	1,518

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.

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, 2013 and March 31, 2014, there were 22,956 incoming communications to the Child Abuse Hotline that met the criteria for a report of abuse or neglect. Of these, 277 were within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments and were referred to those jurisdictions. Compared to one year ago, there has been a 3.6% increase in reports received by the Child Abuse Hotline meeting the criteria of a report of abuse or neglect.

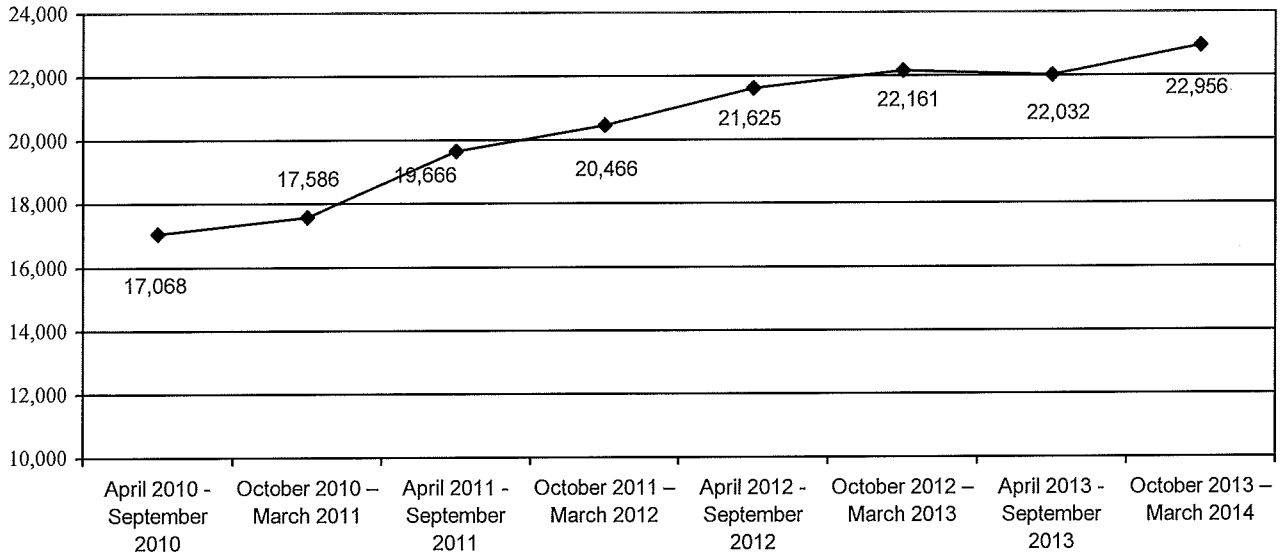
Table 1 shows the number of reports received by the Department by category of maltreatment for the current and past reporting periods. One consistent trend is the increase in the proportion of reports that meet the criteria of neglect. To address this trend, the Department is working internally and with community partners to configure services so that the availability of services with a preventative focus is increased.

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

	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Total
April 2010 – September 2010	10,561 61.8%	5,515 32.3%	812 4.8%	180 1.1%	17,068 100.0%
October 2010 – March 2011	10,960 62.3%	5,755 32.7%	712 4.1%	159 0.9%	17,586 100.0%
April 2011 – September 2011	13,158 66.8%	5,615 28.6%	739 3.8%	154 0.8%	19,666 100.0%
October 2011 – March 2012	13,369 65.3%	6,198 30.3%	739 3.6%	160 0.8%	20,466 100.0%
April 2012 – September 2012	14,722 68.1%	5,974 27.6%	764 3.5%	165 0.8%	21,625 100.0%
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%

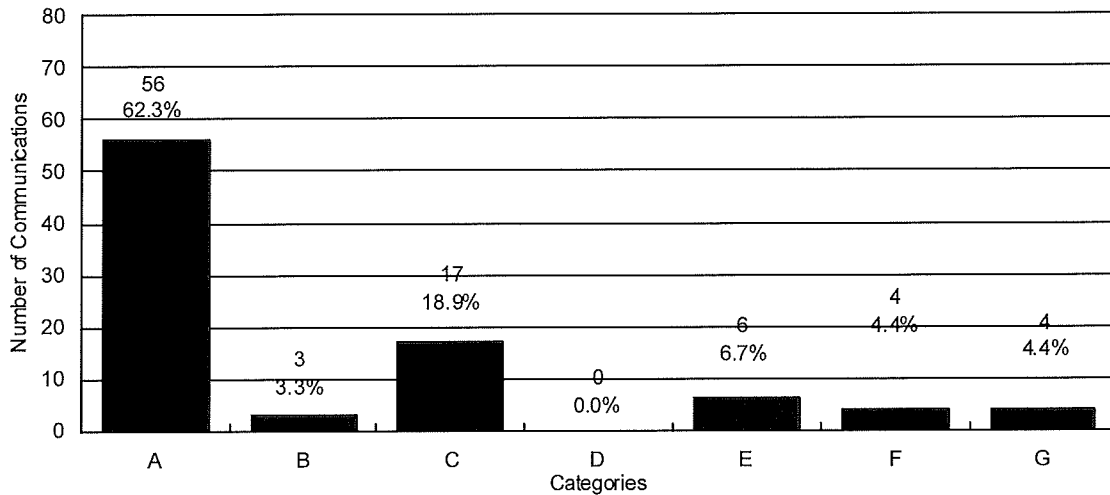
Chart 1 illustrates that the number of reports received by the Centralized Intake Hotline has increased by 795 reports over the same reporting period last year. The chart below also shows that the significant upward trend in reports received by the Centralized Intake Hotline began at the end of FY 2011. This in turn resulted in more children entering out-of-home care (see Chart 18 for information on the out-of-home population).

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



The Centralized Intake Hotline received a total of 81,834 calls during the reporting period. Of those, 59,102 were answered by a hotline specialist and 22,732 were abandoned calls. The 59,102 yielded 36,146 communications and 22,956 reports of abuse and neglect. Communications do not meet the statutory criteria of a report of maltreatment. A random sample was selected to represent the types of calls that do not get classified as reports of abuse and neglect. This random sample is contained in the chart below.

CHART 2
SAMPLE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CENTRALIZED INTAKE HOTLINE THAT DO NOT MEET THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS OF A REPORT OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT



N=90

- A = Concern Only/No Allegation of Child Abuse or Neglect**
- B = Out of DCS Jurisdiction**
- C = Call Appropriate for Law Enforcement Jurisdiction³**
- D = Non-Caretaker Neglect/Child No Longer at Risk**
- E = Insufficient Information**
- F = Truancy/Custody Issues**
- G = Current Case Questions or Referrals**

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

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: Present danger refers to an immediate, significant and clearly observable family condition present now which has resulted in or is likely to result in serious or severe harm requiring an immediate initial response.

PRIORITY 2: Impending danger may not be occurring in the present but is likely to occur in the immediate to near future and will likely result in serious or severe harm to a child.

PRIORITY 3: Reports that do not rise to the level of present or impending danger, but there is an incident of abuse or neglect that has happened in the past 30 days. This includes a current minor injury to the child.

PRIORITY 4: Reports that do not rise to the level of present or impending danger, but 1) there is an incident of abuse or neglect that happened more than 30 days ago, or 2) the date of last occurrence is unknown and there is no current physical indicator of maltreatment, or 3) there is unreasonable risk of harm to the child’s health or welfare.

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

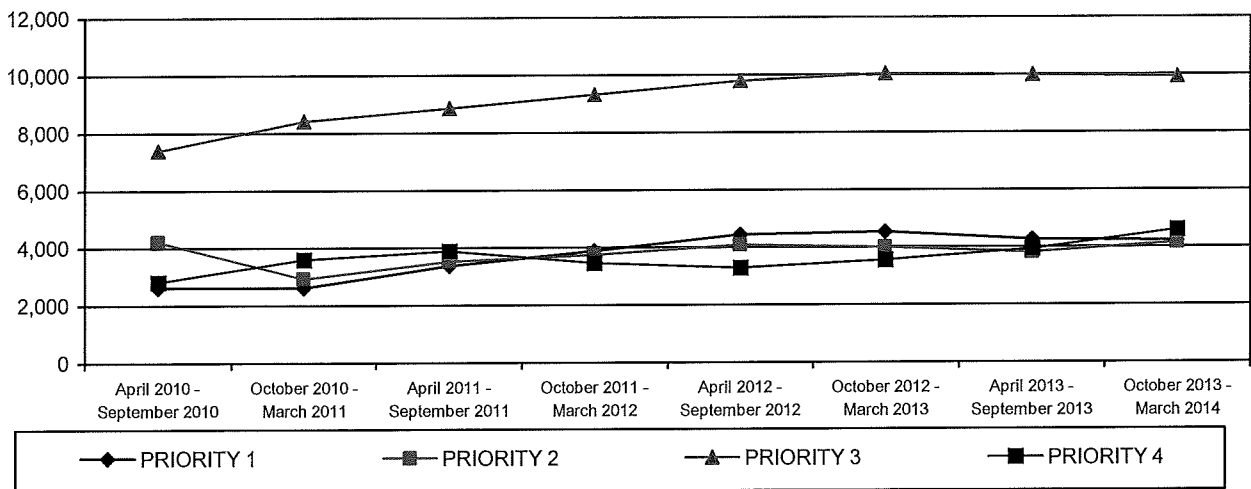


TABLE 2
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF
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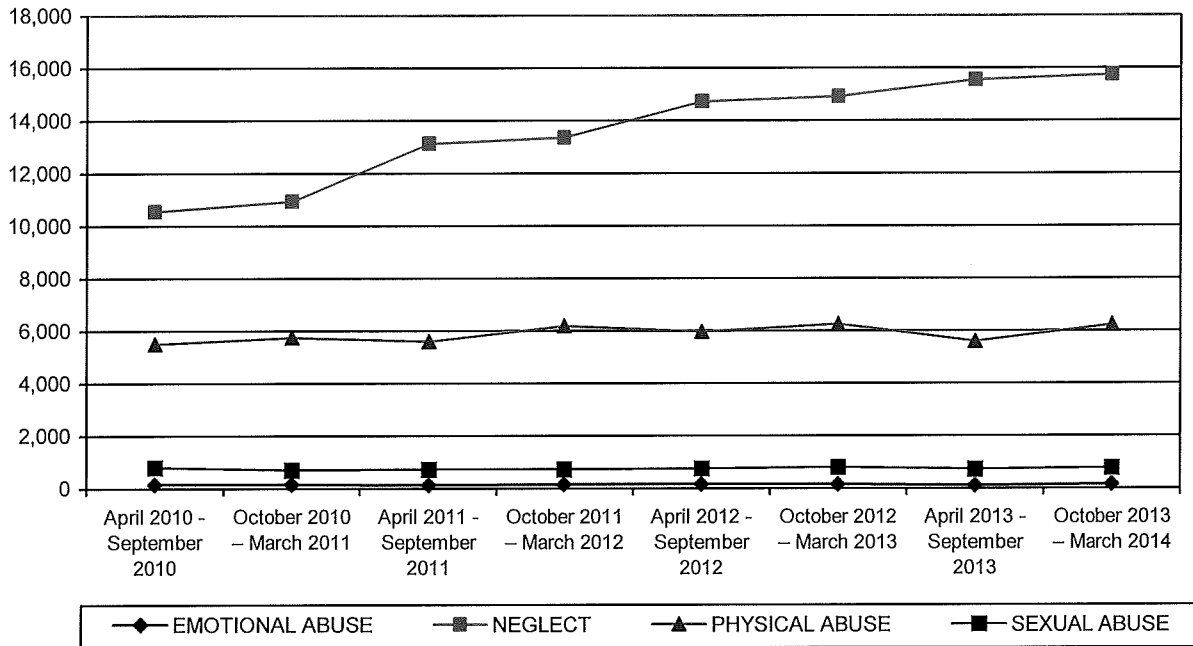
COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	18	17	44	18	97	0.4%
COCHISE	75	74	196	86	431	1.9%
COCONINO	79	62	201	67	409	1.8%
GILA	56	46	111	33	246	1.1%
GRAHAM	24	26	55	24	129	0.6%
GREENLEE	3	8	9	7	27	0.1%
LA PAZ	15	11	34	13	73	0.3%
MARICOPA	2,711	2,587	6,048	2,974	14,320	62.3%
MOHAVE	120	128	274	119	641	2.8%
NAVAJO	80	69	165	64	378	1.7%
PIMA	658	756	1,884	814	4,112	17.8%
PINAL	184	169	318	157	828	3.6%
SANTA CRUZ	15	21	48	22	106	0.5%
YAVAPAI	95	110	303	128	636	2.8%
YUMA	99	87	247	90	523	2.3%
STATEWIDE	4,232	4,171	9,937	4,616	22,956	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	18.4%	18.2%	43.3%	20.1%	100.0%	

TABLE 3
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	8	14	29	14	65	0.3%
COCHISE	83	69	165	59	376	1.7%
COCONINO	80	59	182	72	393	1.8%
GILA	37	49	83	35	204	0.9%
GRAHAM	22	27	75	20	144	0.7%
GREENLEE	4	4	16	2	26	0.1%
LA PAZ	10	11	36	7	64	0.3%
MARICOPA	2,651	2,215	5,671	2,387	12,924	58.6%
MOHAVE	153	145	316	104	718	3.3%
NAVAJO	57	61	156	73	347	1.6%
PIMA	675	709	1,942	655	3,981	18.0%
PINAL	261	265	771	309	1,606	7.3%
SANTA CRUZ	17	11	40	19	87	0.4%
YAVAPAI	102	109	313	111	635	2.9%
YUMA	105	80	204	73	462	2.1%
STATEWIDE	4,265	3,828	9,999	3,940	22,032	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	19.4%	17.4%	45.3%	17.9%	100.0%	

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

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



**TABLE 4
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	62	28	6	97	0.4%
COCHISE	2	301	113	15	431	1.9%
COCONINO	3	286	105	15	409	1.8%
GILA	1	176	64	5	246	1.1%
GRAHAM	0	96	30	3	129	0.6%
GREENLEE	0	20	6	1	27	0.1%
LA PAZ	1	56	14	2	73	0.3%
MARICOPA	107	9,625	4,090	498	14,320	62.3%
MOHAVE	2	479	139	21	641	2.8%
NAVAJO	3	269	89	17	378	1.7%
PIMA	31	2,915	1,055	111	4,112	17.8%
PINAL	6	584	207	31	828	3.6%
SANTA CRUZ	1	71	30	4	106	0.5%
YAVAPAI	4	448	160	24	636	2.8%
YUMA	8	378	118	19	523	2.3%
STATEWIDE	170	15,766	6,248	772	22,956	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.7%	68.7%	27.2%	3.4%	100.0%	

**TABLE 5
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR
PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	47	17	1	65	0.3%
COCHISE	2	278	87	9	376	1.7%
COCONINO	2	274	97	20	393	1.8%
GILA	0	160	39	5	204	0.9%
GRAHAM	1	94	42	7	144	0.7%
GREENLEE	0	15	10	1	26	0.1%
LA PAZ	1	45	14	4	64	0.3%
MARICOPA	76	8,975	3,394	479	12,924	58.6%
MOHAVE	5	523	170	20	718	3.3%
NAVAJO	3	258	71	15	347	1.6%
PIMA	29	2,871	995	86	3,981	18.0%
PINAL	8	1,138	412	48	1,606	7.3%
SANTA CRUZ	0	59	26	2	87	0.4%
YAVAPAI	6	480	131	18	635	2.9%
YUMA	1	343	102	16	462	2.1%
STATEWIDE	134	15,560	5,607	731	22,032	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.6%	70.6%	25.5%	3.3%	100.0%	

ASSIGNMENT OF INVESTIGATIONS

During the current reporting period, there were 22,956 calls to the Hotline that met the statutory criteria for a report. Of those, 277 reports fell within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments and an additional 517 reports did not have response data entered at the time this report was compiled. The assignment of the remaining 22,547 reports for investigation was as follows:

The following tables and charts in this section provide statewide and county level information on these reports assigned to DCS. Of these, DCS completed 11,392 (50.5%) 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**

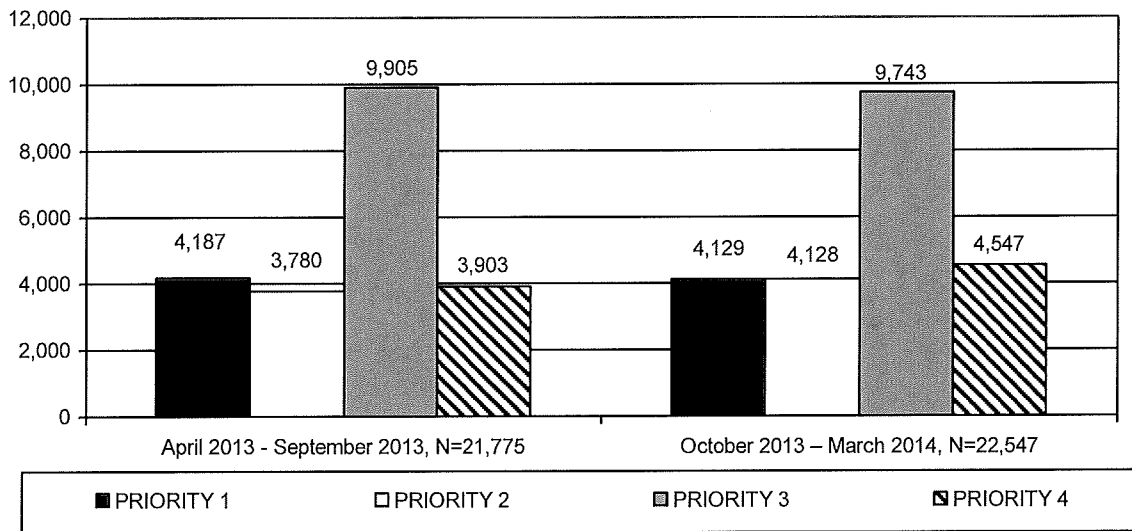


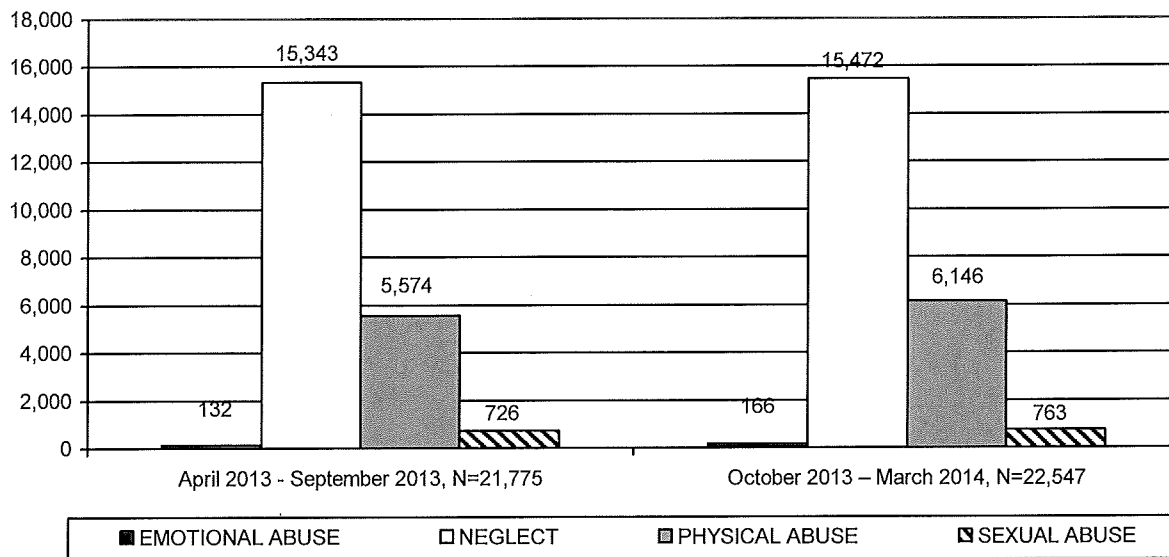
TABLE 6
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY
FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	14	13	39	13	79	0.4%
COCHISE	75	74	196	86	431	1.9%
COCONINO	61	53	175	59	348	1.5%
GILA	44	43	103	33	223	1.0%
GRAHAM	21	23	54	22	120	0.5%
GREENLEE	3	8	9	7	27	0.1%
LA PAZ	12	11	31	12	66	0.3%
MARICOPA	2,694	2,580	6,037	2,966	14,277	63.4%
MOHAVE	117	128	273	119	637	2.8%
NAVAJO	59	59	144	60	322	1.4%
PIMA	653	754	1,782	775	3,964	17.6%
PINAL	170	165	306	156	797	3.5%
SANTA CRUZ	15	21	48	22	106	0.5%
YAVAPAI	94	109	300	128	631	2.8%
YUMA	97	87	246	89	519	2.3%
STATEWIDE	4,129	4,128	9,743	4,547	22,547	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	18.3%	18.3%	43.2%	20.2%	100.0%	

TABLE 7
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY
FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	4	10	21	12	47	0.2%
COCHISE	82	69	164	59	374	1.7%
COCONINO	66	51	166	60	343	1.6%
GILA	33	41	77	33	184	0.9%
GRAHAM	20	27	73	19	139	0.6%
GREENLEE	4	4	16	2	26	0.1%
LA PAZ	9	10	28	6	53	0.2%
MARICOPA	2,640	2,207	5,660	2,384	12,891	59.2%
MOHAVE	146	142	316	104	708	3.3%
NAVAJO	44	54	139	63	300	1.4%
PIMA	673	704	1,934	653	3,964	18.2%
PINAL	248	261	756	306	1,571	7.2%
SANTA CRUZ	17	11	40	19	87	0.4%
YAVAPAI	99	109	311	110	629	2.9%
YUMA	102	80	204	73	459	2.1%
STATEWIDE	4,187	3,780	9,905	3,903	21,775	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	19.2%	17.4%	45.5%	17.9%	100.0%	

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



**TABLE 8
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	51	22	5	79	0.4%
COCHISE	2	301	113	15	431	1.9%
COCONINO	1	237	96	14	348	1.5%
GILA	1	158	60	4	223	1.0%
GRAHAM	0	90	27	3	120	0.5%
GREENLEE	0	20	6	1	27	0.1%
LA PAZ	1	51	13	1	66	0.3%
MARICOPA	107	9,591	4,083	496	14,277	63.4%
MOHAVE	2	476	138	21	637	2.8%
NAVAJO	3	225	79	15	322	1.4%
PIMA	29	2,823	1,002	110	3,964	17.6%
PINAL	6	559	201	31	797	3.5%
SANTA CRUZ	1	71	30	4	106	0.5%
YAVAPAI	4	444	159	24	631	2.8%
YUMA	8	375	117	19	519	2.3%
STATEWIDE	166	15,472	6,146	763	22,547	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.7%	68.6%	27.3%	3.4%	100.0%	

**TABLE 9
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	36	10	1	47	0.2%
COCHISE	2	276	87	9	374	1.7%
COCONINO	1	233	92	17	343	1.6%
GILA	0	143	36	5	184	0.9%
GRAHAM	1	91	40	7	139	0.6%
GREENLEE	0	15	10	1	26	0.1%
LA PAZ	1	36	12	4	53	0.2%
MARICOPA	75	8,945	3,393	478	12,891	59.2%
MOHAVE	5	513	170	20	708	3.3%
NAVAJO	3	212	70	15	300	1.4%
PIMA	29	2,857	992	86	3,964	18.2%
PINAL	8	1,111	405	47	1,571	7.2%
SANTA CRUZ	0	59	26	2	87	0.4%
YAVAPAI	6	475	130	18	629	2.9%
YUMA	1	341	101	16	459	2.1%
STATEWIDE	132	15,343	5,574	726	21,775	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.6%	70.5%	25.6%	3.3%	100.0%	

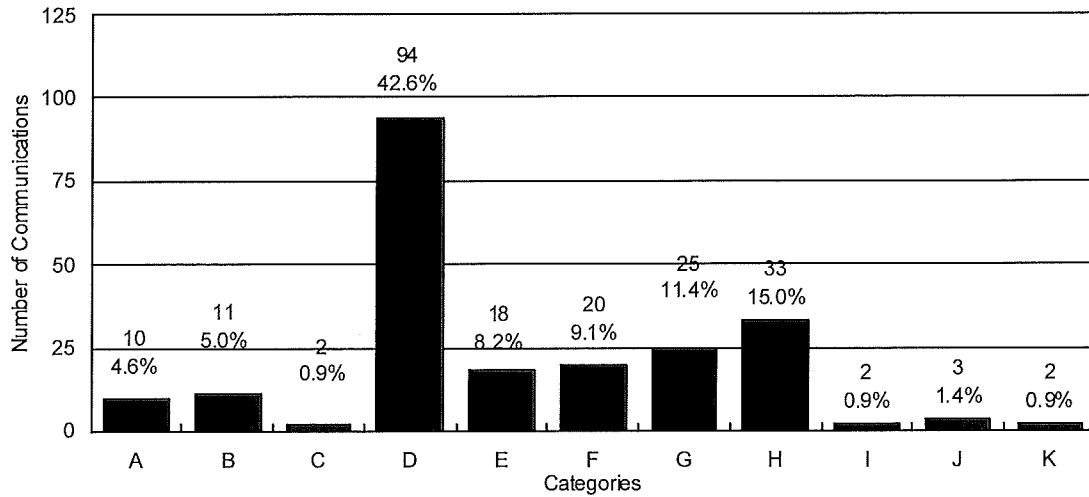
INVESTIGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

**TABLE 10
NUMBER OF REPORTS WITHOUT RESPONSE DATA BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY FOR
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014**

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	1	0	1	0.2%
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	137	71	208	40.2%
MOHAVE	0	0	8	0	8	1.6%
NAVAJO	0	0	3	0	3	0.6%
PIMA	0	0	200	81	281	54.3%
PINAL	0	0	10	3	13	2.5%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	0	0	2	1	3	0.6%
YUMA	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
STATEWIDE	0	0	361	156	517	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.0%	0.0%	69.8%	30.2%	100.0%	

By statute, a random sample of reports that do not have data on an investigative response in each reporting period is required. In addition, short descriptions of these reports are also required. From the 517 reports that did not have response data at the time this report was compiled, 220 reports were reviewed. Chart 7 displays the 220 reports in brief descriptive categories.

CHART 7
NUMBER OF REPORTS WITHOUT RESPONSE DATA BY CATEGORY FOR THE PERIOD
OF APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013



N=220

- A = Adolescent, Past Abuse, No Current Injuries**
- B = Inadequate Housekeeping Standards**
- C = Inappropriate Vehicle Operation**
- D = No Specific Allegations**
- E = Past Abuse no current injuries**
- F = Adolescent, current minor injuries**
- G = Non-adolescent, current minor injuries**
- H = Poor parenting skills**
- I = Left with inappropriate caregiver**
- J = Law Enforcement Issue**
- K = Out of Control Teenager**

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

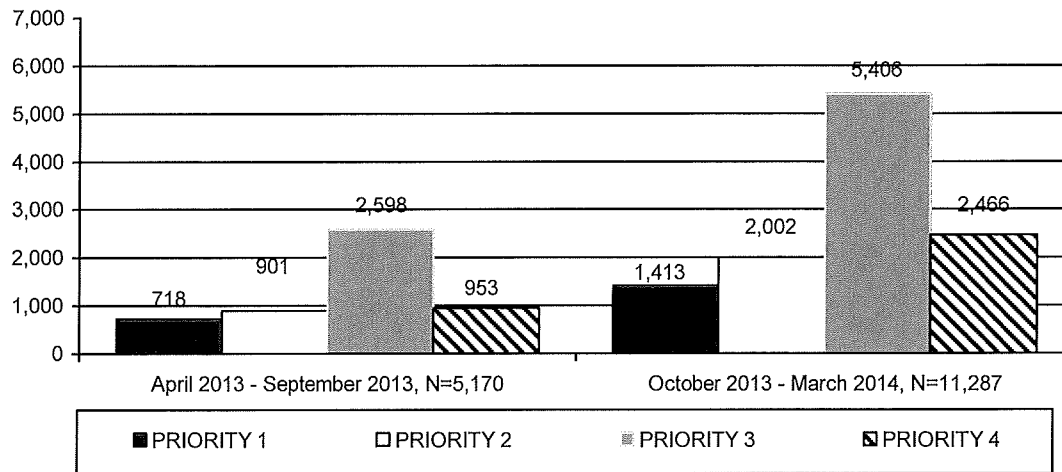


TABLE 11
NUMBER OF REPORTS BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	0	4	0	5	<0.1%
COCHISE	47	55	152	68	322	2.9%
COCONINO	2	0	4	0	6	0.1%
GILA	27	31	72	24	154	1.4%
GRAHAM	6	7	13	4	30	0.3%
GREENLEE	0	1	2	3	6	0.1%
LA PAZ	1	6	12	4	23	0.2%
MARICOPA	972	1,315	3,435	1,622	7,344	65.0%
MOHAVE	24	44	100	46	214	1.9%
NAVAJO	9	9	26	10	54	0.5%
PIMA	194	354	1,131	473	2,152	19.0%
PINAL	85	102	214	108	509	4.4%
SANTA CRUZ	7	16	44	19	86	0.8%
YAVAPAI	17	35	105	53	210	1.9%
YUMA	21	27	92	32	172	1.5%
STATEWIDE	1,413	2,002	5,406	2,466	11,287	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	12.5%	17.7%	47.9%	21.9%	100.0%	

TABLE 12
NUMBER OF REPORTS BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	21	29	74	19	143	2.8%
COCONINO	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GILA	2	5	11	5	23	0.4%
GRAHAM	3	4	18	2	27	0.5%
GREENLEE	0	0	3	1	4	0.1%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	504	582	1,633	667	3,386	65.5%
MOHAVE	3	2	9	8	22	0.4%
NAVAJO	5	6	11	11	33	0.6%
PIMA	108	206	647	175	1,136	22.0%
PINAL	54	52	137	43	286	5.5%
SANTA CRUZ	5	7	17	6	35	0.7%
YAVAPAI	4	3	15	3	25	0.5%
YUMA	9	5	23	13	50	1.0%
STATEWIDE	718	901	2,598	953	5,170	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	13.9%	17.4%	50.3%	18.4%	100.0%	

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

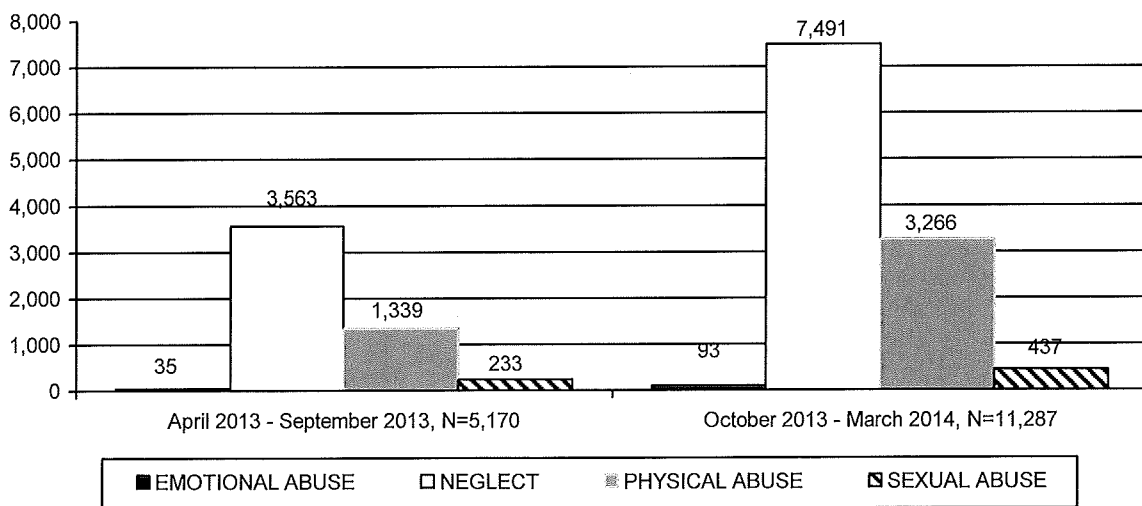


TABLE 13
NUMBER OF REPORTS BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS
OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	3	2	0	5	<0.1%
COCHISE	1	218	91	12	322	2.9%
COCONINO	0	5	1	0	6	0.1%
GILA	1	111	39	3	154	1.4%
GRAHAM	0	22	7	1	30	0.3%
GREENLEE	0	4	2	0	6	0.1%
LA PAZ	0	17	6	0	23	0.2%
MARICOPA	63	4,764	2,195	322	7,344	65.0%
MOHAVE	0	150	55	9	214	1.9%
NAVAJO	0	40	11	3	54	0.5%
PIMA	17	1,503	587	45	2,152	19.0%
PINAL	4	330	151	24	509	4.4%
SANTA CRUZ	1	59	24	2	86	0.8%
YAVAPAI	2	143	56	9	210	1.9%
YUMA	4	122	39	7	172	1.5%
STATEWIDE	93	7,491	3,266	437	11,287	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.8%	66.4%	28.9%	3.9%	100.0%	

TABLE 14
NUMBER OF REPORTS BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS
OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	1	98	40	4	143	2.8%
COCONINO	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
GILA	0	16	6	1	23	0.4%
GRAHAM	0	17	9	1	27	0.5%
GREENLEE	0	1	3	0	4	0.1%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	22	2,293	889	182	3,386	65.5%
MOHAVE	0	16	4	2	22	0.4%
NAVAJO	0	27	6	0	33	0.6%
PIMA	9	813	288	26	1,136	22.0%
PINAL	3	212	58	13	286	5.5%
SANTA CRUZ	0	23	11	1	35	0.7%
YAVAPAI	0	18	6	1	25	0.5%
YUMA	0	29	19	2	50	1.0%
STATEWIDE	35	3,563	1,339	233	5,170	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.7%	68.9%	25.9%	4.5%	100.0%	

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

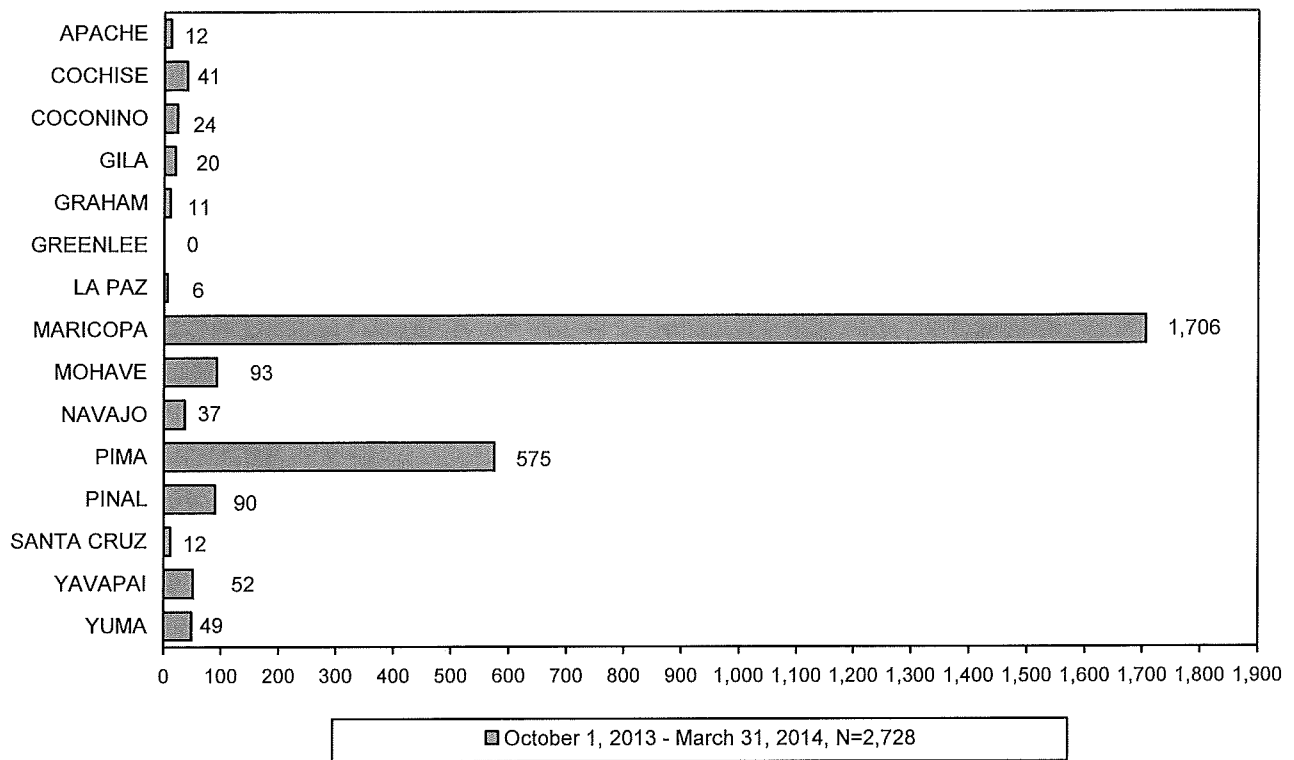


TABLE 15
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY COUNTY WHERE A REMOVAL OCCURRED FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014

COUNTY	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED WITH A REMOVAL	% OF REPORTS WHERE A CHILD REMOVED
APACHE	79	12	15.2%
COCHISE	431	41	9.5%
COCONINO	348	24	6.9%
GILA	223	20	9.0%
GRAHAM	120	11	9.2%
GREENLEE	27	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	66	6	9.1%
MARICOPA	14,277	1,706	11.9%
MOHAVE	637	93	14.6%
NAVAJO	322	37	11.5%
PIMA	3,964	575	14.5%
PINAL	797	90	11.3%
SANTA CRUZ	106	12	11.3%
YAVAPAI	631	52	8.2%
YUMA	519	49	9.4%
STATEWIDE	22,547	2,728	12.1%

TABLE 16
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY COUNTY WHERE A
REMOVAL OCCURRED FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

COUNTY	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED WITH A REMOVAL	% OF REPORTS WHERE A CHILD WAS REMOVED
APACHE	47	10	21.3%
COCHISE	374	46	12.3%
COCONINO	343	34	9.9%
GILA	184	17	9.2%
GRAHAM	139	16	11.5%
GREENLEE	26	4	15.4%
LA PAZ	53	5	9.4%
MARICOPA	12,891	1,543	12.0%
MOHAVE	708	80	11.3%
NAVAJO	300	34	11.3%
PIMA	3,964	685	17.3%
PINAL	1,571	159	10.1%
SANTA CRUZ	87	6	6.9%
YAVAPAI	629	74	11.8%
YUMA	459	46	10.0%
STATEWIDE	21,775	2,759	12.7%

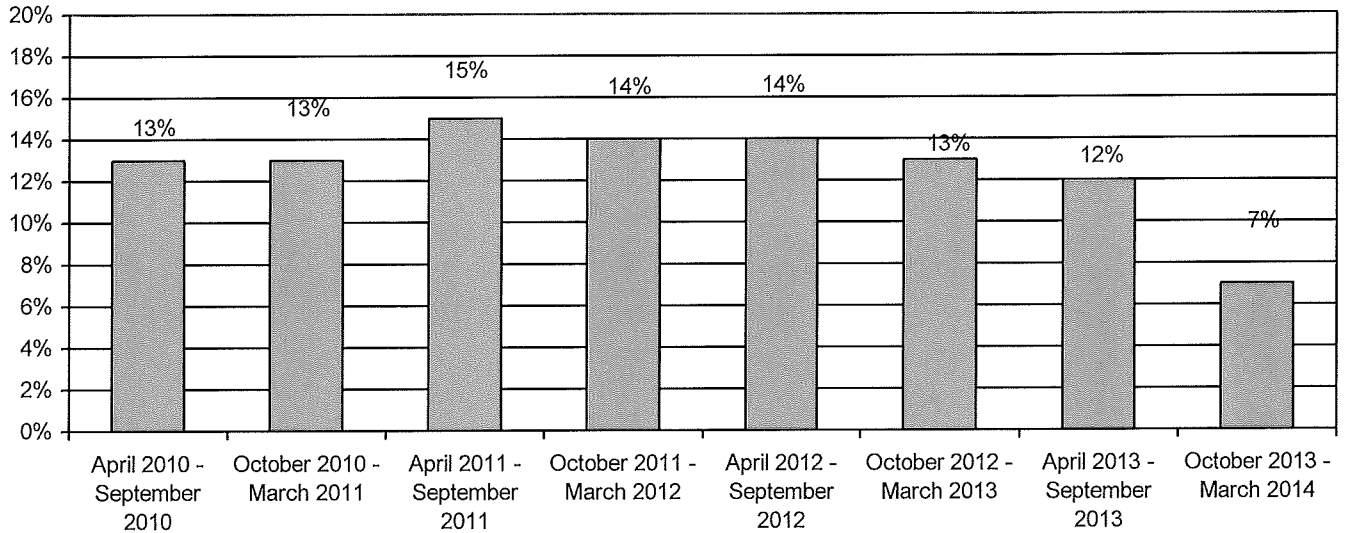
COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS

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

The preliminary number of reports that are substantiated for the current reporting period is 1,576. For the prior reporting period, the number of reports that were assigned for investigation that resulted in substantiated findings was revised from 1,456 to 2,704 to reflect subsequent decisions based on parents' rights to due process.

- The preliminary substantiation rate for the current reporting period is 7%. However, the substantiation rate for the current period is anticipated to be revised upwards in the next semi-annual report.
- The substantiation rate for the prior reporting period is 12%. However, when initially reported, the April 2013 – September 2013 substantiation rate was 7%.

**CHART 11
SUBSTANTIATION RATE BY REPORTING PERIOD**



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

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

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

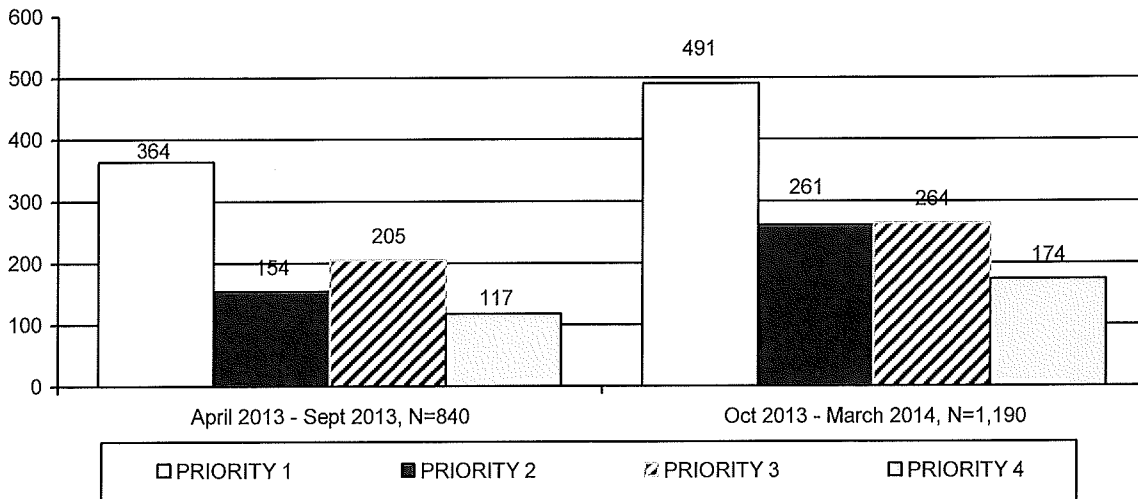


TABLE 17
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	4	0	1	0	5	0.4%
COCHISE	5	2	1	1	9	0.8%
COCONINO	3	0	5	0	8	0.7%
GILA	0	3	0	0	3	0.3%
GRAHAM	0	0	0	1	1	0.1%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	0	1	0	1	0.1%
MARICOPA	325	163	186	131	805	67.6%
MOHAVE	20	12	9	3	44	3.6%
NAVAJO	5	2	4	0	11	0.9%
PIMA	98	64	45	30	237	19.8%
PINAL	13	3	4	2	22	1.9%
SANTA CRUZ	2	0	0	1	3	0.3%
YAVAPAI	10	7	2	2	21	1.8%
YUMA	6	5	6	3	20	1.7%
STATEWIDE	491	261	264	174	1,190	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	41.3%	21.9%	22.2%	14.6%	100.0%	

**TABLE 18
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY
THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013**

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	8	2	2	2	14	1.7%
COCONINO	1	1	0	0	2	0.2%
GILA	2	2	0	1	5	0.6%
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	256	112	146	101	615	73.2%
MOHAVE	14	2	4	2	22	2.6%
NAVAJO	2	0	4	0	6	0.7%
PIMA	42	25	30	7	104	12.4%
PINAL	16	8	4	1	29	3.5%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	1	1	0.1%
YAVAPAI	8	1	6	0	15	1.8%
YUMA	15	1	9	2	27	3.2%
STATEWIDE	364	154	205	117	840	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	43.4%	18.3%	24.4%	13.9%	100.0%	

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

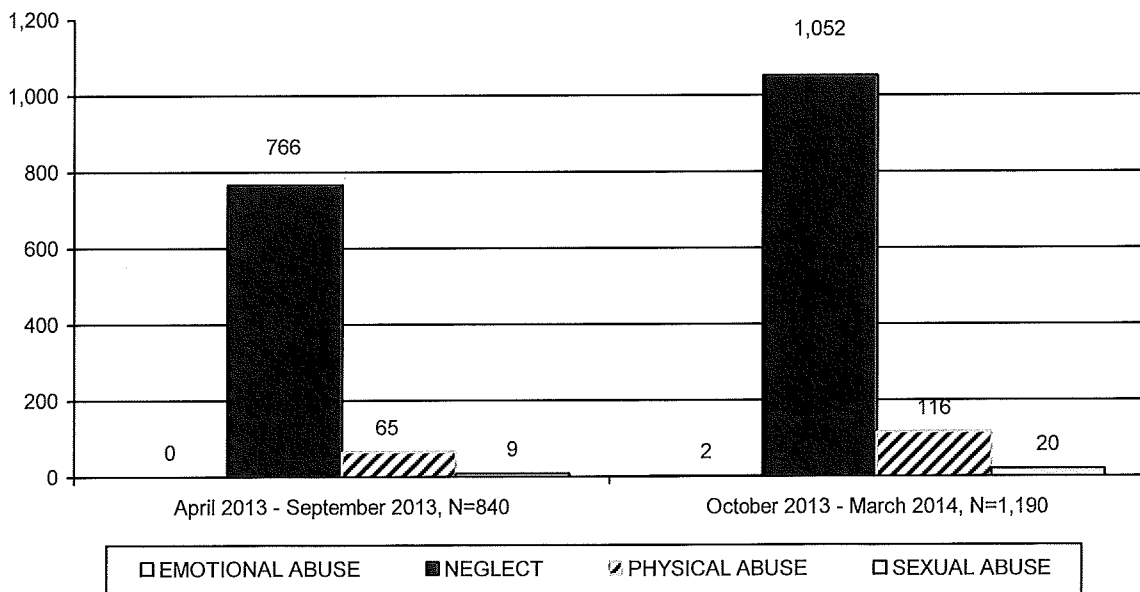


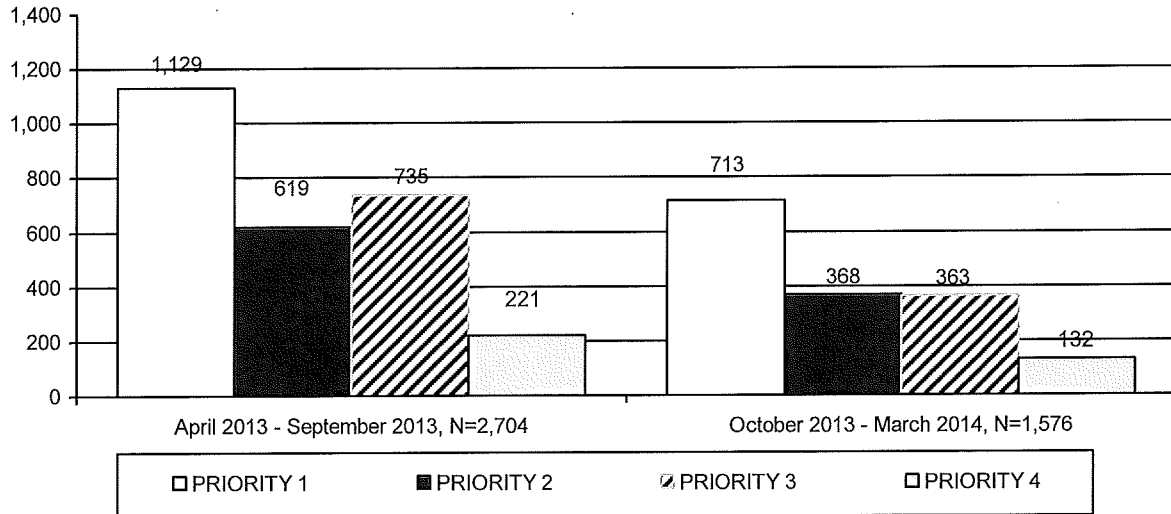
TABLE 19
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	4	1	0	5	0.4%
COCHISE	0	7	2	0	9	0.8%
COCONINO	0	5	3	0	8	0.7%
GILA	0	3	0	0	3	0.3%
GRAHAM	0	1	0	0	1	0.1%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	1	0	0	1	0.1%
MARICOPA	1	712	78	14	805	67.6%
MOHAVE	1	36	4	3	44	3.6%
NAVAJO	0	11	0	0	11	0.9%
PIMA	0	214	20	3	237	19.8%
PINAL	0	22	0	0	22	1.9%
SANTA CRUZ	0	1	2	0	3	0.3%
YAVAPAI	0	20	1	0	21	1.8%
YUMA	0	15	5	0	20	1.7%
STATEWIDE	2	1,052	116	20	1,190	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.2%	88.3%	9.8%	1.7%	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, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	0	13	1	0	14	1.7%
COCONINO	0	1	1	0	2	0.2%
GILA	0	5	0	0	5	0.6%
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	556	51	8	615	73.2%
MOHAVE	0	19	3	0	22	2.6%
NAVAJO	0	6	0	0	6	0.7%
PIMA	0	99	4	1	104	12.4%
PINAL	0	26	3	0	29	3.5%
SANTA CRUZ	0	1	0	0	1	0.1%
YAVAPAI	0	14	1	0	15	1.8%
YUMA	0	26	1	0	27	3.2%
STATEWIDE	0	766	65	9	840	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.0%	91.2%	7.7%	1.1%	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, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014**

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	2	1	5	2	10	0.6%
COCHISE	6	4	4	2	16	1.0%
COCONINO	12	10	18	4	44	2.8%
GILA	2	0	8	0	10	0.6%
GRAHAM	7	2	4	0	13	0.8%
GREENLEE	2	0	0	0	2	0.1%
LA PAZ	5	2	1	1	9	0.6%
MARICOPA	419	236	210	100	965	61.3%
MOHAVE	34	11	9	4	58	3.7%
NAVAJO	13	5	7	3	28	1.8%
PIMA	121	54	49	8	232	14.7%
PINAL	35	20	7	4	66	4.2%
SANTA CRUZ	4	2	2	0	8	0.5%
YAVAPAI	18	13	19	0	50	3.2%
YUMA	33	8	20	4	65	4.1%
STATEWIDE	713	368	363	132	1,576	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	45.2%	23.4%	23.0%	8.4%	100.0%	

TABLE 22
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY
THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	2	2	3	1	8	0.3%
COCHISE	18	8	3	0	29	1.1%
COCONINO	22	9	24	3	58	2.1%
GILA	11	4	4	2	21	0.8%
GRAHAM	5	7	6	1	19	0.7%
GREENLEE	2	1	3	0	6	0.2%
LA PAZ	3	1	2	0	6	0.2%
MARICOPA	653	330	407	150	1,540	57.0%
MOHAVE	53	29	22	9	113	4.2%
NAVAJO	16	5	11	3	35	1.3%
PIMA	260	185	179	38	662	24.5%
PINAL	16	7	11	3	37	1.4%
SANTA CRUZ	6	0	3	0	9	0.3%
YAVAPAI	30	25	28	7	90	3.3%
YUMA	32	6	29	4	71	2.6%
STATEWIDE	1,129	619	735	221	2,704	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	41.7%	22.9%	27.2%	8.2%	100.0%	

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

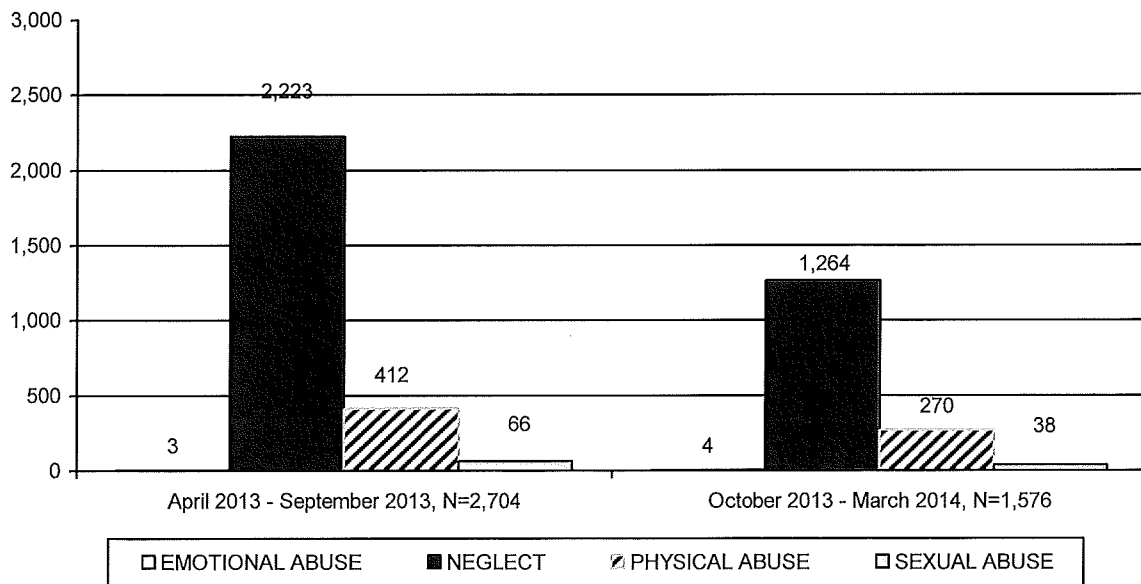


TABLE 23
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	4	5	1	10	0.6%
COCHISE	0	14	1	1	16	1.0%
COCONINO	0	32	12	0	44	2.8%
GILA	0	7	3	0	10	0.6%
GRAHAM	0	11	1	1	13	0.8%
GREENLEE	0	2	0	0	2	0.1%
LA PAZ	0	7	2	0	9	0.6%
MARICOPA	2	780	162	21	965	61.3%
MOHAVE	0	48	9	1	58	3.7%
NAVAJO	1	19	6	2	28	1.8%
PIMA	1	191	36	4	232	14.7%
PINAL	0	59	7	0	66	4.2%
SANTA CRUZ	0	4	4	0	8	0.5%
YAVAPAI	0	35	12	3	50	3.2%
YUMA	0	51	10	4	65	4.1%
STATEWIDE	4	1,264	270	38	1,576	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.3%	80.2%	17.1%	2.4%	100.0%	

TABLE 24
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	6	2	0	8	0.3%
COCHISE	0	25	4	0	29	1.1%
COCONINO	0	42	16	0	58	2.1%
GILA	0	18	2	1	21	0.8%
GRAHAM	1	12	4	2	19	0.7%
GREENLEE	0	5	1	0	6	0.2%
LA PAZ	0	6	0	0	6	0.2%
MARICOPA	1	1,254	240	45	1,540	57.0%
MOHAVE	0	91	18	4	113	4.2%
NAVAJO	0	27	6	2	35	1.3%
PIMA	1	566	89	6	662	24.5%
PINAL	0	28	7	2	37	1.4%
SANTA CRUZ	0	8	1	0	9	0.3%
YAVAPAI	0	80	9	1	90	3.3%
YUMA	0	55	13	3	71	2.6%
STATEWIDE	3	2,223	412	66	2,704	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.1%	82.3%	15.2%	2.4%	100.0%	

The preliminary number of investigations that resulted in an unsubstantiated finding for this reporting period was 8,626. Charts 16 and 17 display information on unsubstantiated reports classified by priority and type of maltreatment for the current and prior reporting periods. Tables 25 and 26 provide information on the unsubstantiated investigation findings classified by priority for each county in the current and prior reporting periods. Tables 27 and 28 provide information on the unsubstantiated investigation findings classified by type of maltreatment for each county in the current and prior reporting periods.

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

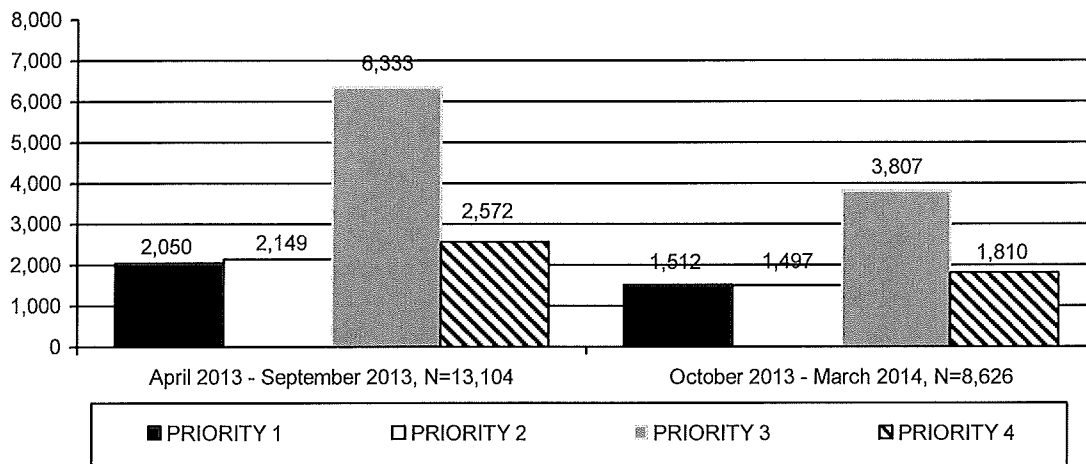


TABLE 25
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	7	12	29	11	59	0.7%
COCHISE	17	13	39	15	84	1.0%
COCONINO	44	43	148	55	290	3.4%
GILA	15	9	23	9	56	0.7%
GRAHAM	8	14	37	17	76	0.9%
GREENLEE	1	7	7	4	19	0.2%
LA PAZ	6	3	17	7	33	0.4%
MARICOPA	978	866	2,207	1,113	5,164	59.8%
MOHAVE	39	61	155	66	321	3.7%
NAVAJO	32	43	107	47	229	2.7%
PIMA	240	282	653	299	1,474	17.0%
PINAL	37	40	81	42	200	2.3%
SANTA CRUZ	2	3	2	2	9	0.1%
YAVAPAI	49	54	174	73	350	4.1%
YUMA	37	47	128	50	262	3.0%
STATEWIDE	1,512	1,497	3,807	1,810	8,626	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	17.5%	17.4%	44.1%	21.0%	100.0%	

**TABLE 26
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND COUNTY
THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013**

COUNTY	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY 4	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	2	8	18	11	39	0.3%
COCHISE	35	30	85	39	189	1.4%
COCONINO	44	42	142	56	284	2.2%
GILA	18	30	62	25	135	1.0%
GRAHAM	12	16	49	16	93	0.7%
GREENLEE	2	3	10	1	16	0.1%
LA PAZ	6	9	27	6	48	0.4%
MARICOPA	1,352	1,338	3,892	1,629	8,211	62.8%
MOHAVE	80	110	283	84	557	4.3%
NAVAJO	21	43	114	50	228	1.7%
PIMA	278	303	1,051	415	2,047	15.6%
PINAL	86	64	153	66	369	2.8%
SANTA CRUZ	8	4	20	11	43	0.3%
YAVAPAI	59	81	262	100	502	3.8%
YUMA	47	68	165	63	343	2.6%
STATEWIDE	2,050	2,149	6,333	2,572	13,104	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	15.6%	16.4%	48.4%	19.6%	100.0%	

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

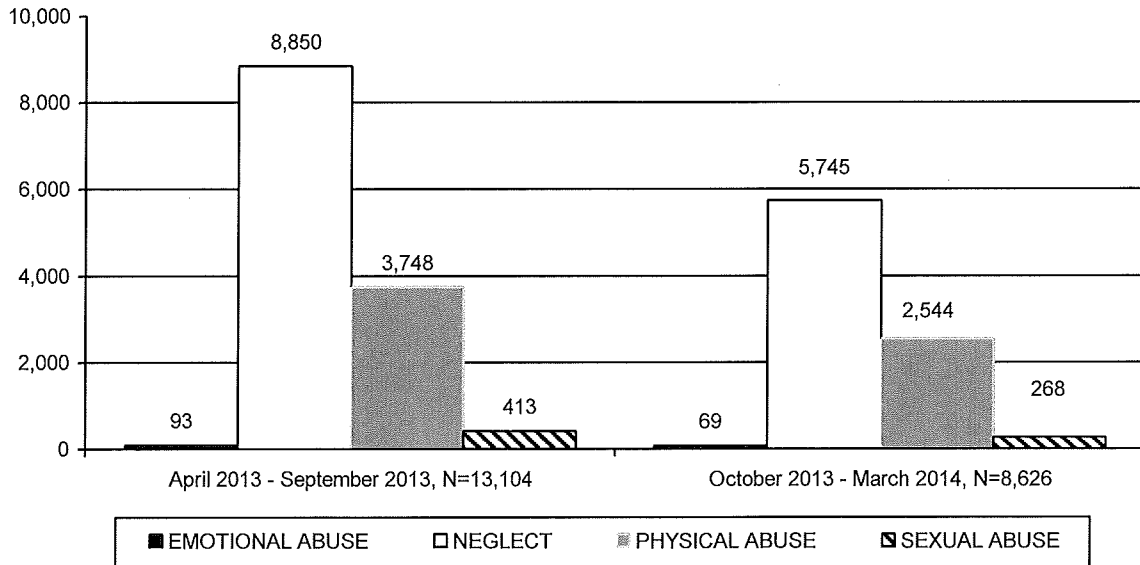


TABLE 27
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	40	14	4	59	0.7%
COCHISE	1	62	19	2	84	1.0%
COCONINO	1	195	80	14	290	3.4%
GILA	0	37	18	1	56	0.7%
GRAHAM	0	56	19	1	76	0.9%
GREENLEE	0	14	4	1	19	0.2%
LA PAZ	1	26	5	1	33	0.4%
MARICOPA	41	3,335	1,649	139	5,164	59.8%
MOHAVE	1	242	70	8	321	3.7%
NAVAJO	2	155	62	10	229	2.7%
PIMA	13	995	408	58	1,474	17.0%
PINAL	2	148	43	7	200	2.3%
SANTA CRUZ	0	7	0	2	9	0.1%
YAVAPAI	2	246	90	12	350	4.1%
YUMA	4	187	63	8	262	3.0%
STATEWIDE	69	5,745	2,544	268	8,626	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.8%	66.6%	29.5%	3.1%	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, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

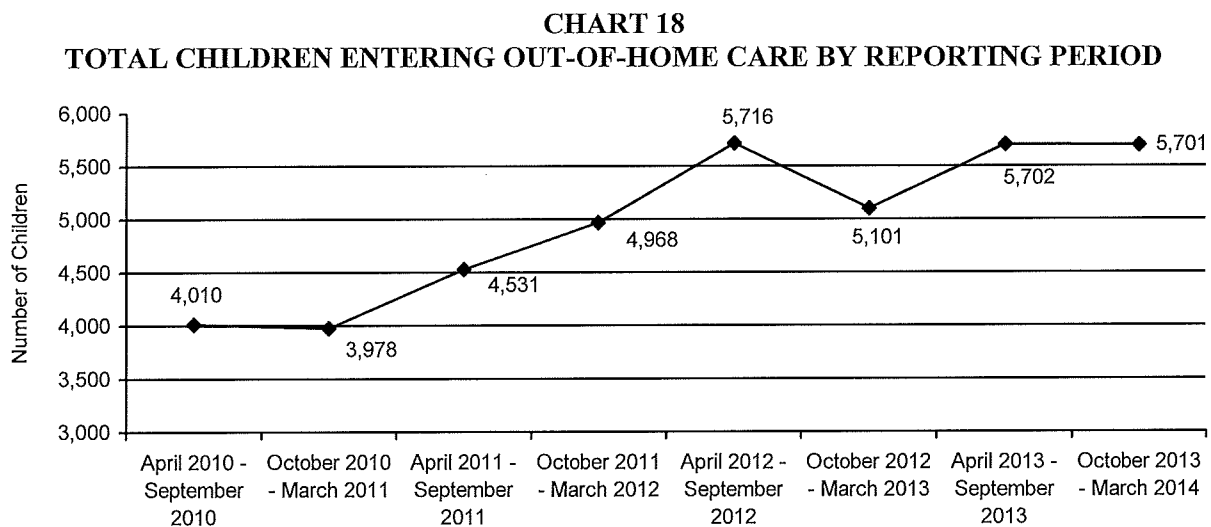
COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	30	8	1	39	0.3%
COCHISE	1	140	43	5	189	1.4%
COCONINO	1	194	73	16	284	2.2%
GILA	0	104	28	3	135	1.0%
GRAHAM	0	62	27	4	93	0.7%
GREENLEE	0	9	6	1	16	0.1%
LA PAZ	1	31	12	4	48	0.4%
MARICOPA	57	5,440	2,451	263	8,211	62.8%
MOHAVE	5	394	145	13	557	4.3%
NAVAJO	3	156	57	12	228	1.7%
PIMA	17	1,380	596	54	2,047	15.6%
PINAL	0	272	88	9	369	2.8%
SANTA CRUZ	0	28	14	1	43	0.3%
YAVAPAI	6	364	116	16	502	3.8%
YUMA	2	246	84	11	343	2.6%
STATEWIDE	93	8,850	3,748	413	13,104	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.7%	67.5%	28.6%	3.2%	100.0%	

SAFE HAVEN INFANTS

Communications from providers indicate that there were no newborn infants delivered to Safe Haven providers during the October 2013 – March 2014 reporting period. This compares to one infant being delivered to Safe Haven providers during the prior reporting period.

CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE

During the current reporting period, 5,701 children entered care, which represents a less than 0.1% decrease in children entering care over the prior reporting period and an 11.8% increase over the same reporting period last year. Chart 18 displays children entering out-of-home care by reporting period. As can be seen from the chart below, the dramatic increase in children entering out-of-home care began at the end of FY 2011. Since that time, the number of children entering out-of-home care has remained high, which is a reflection of the growth in the number of reports received by the Hotline (see Chart 1 for number of reports detail).



CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE – VOLUNTARY SERVICES

The number of children entering out-of-home placement through voluntary foster care agreements for the current reporting period was 90, which represents 1.6% of the children entering care this reporting period. Information on the county level distribution of voluntary placements into out-of-home care can be found in Table 29 for the current reporting period and in Table 30 for the prior reporting period.

Voluntary foster care may be provided when the parents or legal guardians of a child have requested such assistance and have signed a legally binding written agreement for the temporary placement of the child in foster care while risk factors are addressed to enable the child to live safely at home. A.R.S. § 8-806 authorizes the Department to provide voluntary foster care placement for children for a period not to exceed 90 days and no more than twice within 24 consecutive months.

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, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014

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	31	0.5%	0	0.0%
COCHISE	70	1.2%	0	0.0%
COCONINO	38	0.7%	7	7.8%
GILA	54	1.0%	4	4.4%
GRAHAM	23	0.4%	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	2	<0.1%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	12	0.2%	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	3,638	63.8%	16	17.8%
MOHAVE	181	3.2%	7	7.8%
NAVAJO	60	1.1%	3	3.3%
PIMA	1,136	19.9%	37	41.1%
PINAL	225	4.0%	0	0.0%
SANTA CRUZ	25	0.4%	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	109	1.9%	11	12.2%
YUMA	97	1.7%	5	5.6%
STATEWIDE	5,701	100.0%	90	100.0%

TABLE 30
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY COUNTY WHO ARE
VOLUNTARY PLACEMENTS FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN FOR THE
PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

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	10	0.2%	1	0.9%
COCHISE	98	1.7%	0	0.0%
COCONINO	58	1.0%	5	4.2%
GILA	55	1.0%	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	31	0.5%	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	6	0.1%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	7	0.1%	1	0.9%
MARICOPA	3,296	57.8%	35	29.7%
MOHAVE	144	2.5%	3	2.5%
NAVAJO	67	1.2%	7	5.9%
PIMA	1,334	23.4%	46	39.0%
PINAL	325	5.7%	7	5.9%
SANTA CRUZ	21	0.4%	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	140	2.5%	8	6.8%
YUMA	110	1.9%	5	4.2%
STATEWIDE	5,702	100.0%	118	100.0%

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 5,701, which represents a decrease of less than 0.1% in the total number of children entering out-of-home care from the prior reporting period. Chart 19 displays the number of removed children, and then further differentiates new removals by providing the number with a prior removal in the past 12 months and the past 12 to 24 months. Information on the county level distribution of children entering out-of-home care can be found in Table 31 for the current period and Table 32 for the prior period.

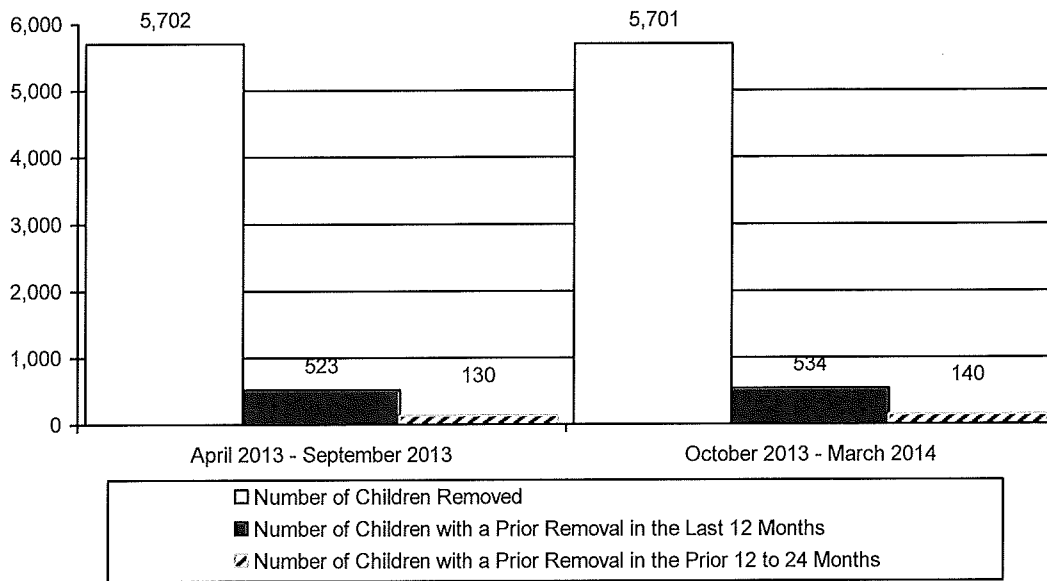
**TABLE 31
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY COUNTY FOR THE
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014**

COUNTY	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REMOVED	% OF TOTAL REMOVALS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS	% OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A REMOVAL IN THE PRIOR 12 TO 24 MONTHS	% OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE PRIOR 12 TO 24 MONTHS
APACHE	31	0.5%	3	9.7%	0	0.0%
COCHISE	70	1.2%	6	8.6%	1	1.4%
COCONINO	38	0.7%	3	7.9%	1	2.6%
GILA	54	1.0%	6	11.1%	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	23	0.4%	1	4.3%	1	4.3%
GREENLEE	2	<0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	12	0.2%	2	16.7%	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	3,638	63.8%	326	9.0%	71	2.0%
MOHAVE	181	3.2%	20	11.0%	6	3.3%
NAVAJO	60	1.1%	10	16.7%	6	10.0%
PIMA	1,136	19.9%	123	10.8%	40	3.5%
PINAL	225	4.0%	20	8.9%	10	4.4%
SANTA CRUZ	25	0.4%	0	0.0%	4	16.0%
YAVAPAI	109	1.9%	8	7.3%	0	0.0%
YUMA	97	1.7%	6	6.2%	0	0.0%
STATEWIDE	5,701	100.0%	534	9.4%	140	2.5%

**TABLE 32
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY COUNTY FOR THE
PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013**

COUNTY	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REMOVED	% OF TOTAL REMOVALS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS	% OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A REMOVAL IN THE PRIOR 12 TO 24 MONTHS	% OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE PRIOR 12 TO 24 MONTHS
APACHE	10	0.2%	2	20.0%	0	0.0%
COCHISE	98	1.7%	4	4.1%	6	6.1%
COCONINO	58	1.0%	10	17.2%	2	3.4%
GILA	55	1.0%	1	1.8%	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	31	0.5%	1	3.2%	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	6	0.1%	3	50.0%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	7	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	3,296	57.8%	297	9.0%	65	2.0%
MOHAVE	144	2.5%	12	8.3%	7	4.9%
NAVAJO	67	1.2%	5	7.5%	0	0.0%
PIMA	1,334	23.4%	137	10.3%	33	2.5%
PINAL	325	5.7%	27	8.3%	10	3.1%
SANTA CRUZ	21	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	140	2.5%	16	11.4%	4	2.9%
YUMA	110	1.9%	8	7.3%	3	2.7%
STATEWIDE	5,702	100.0%	523	9.2%	130	2.3%

**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 final day of the current and past reporting periods.

On the final day of the current reporting period, 12,837 (81.3%) children were placed in family settings either with relatives or in foster homes. Placement information for children in out-of-home care for the current and prior reporting periods can be found in Chart 27. See Table 33 for the out-of-home population organized to show the number of children, grouped by age, in each placement type for the current reporting period.

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

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

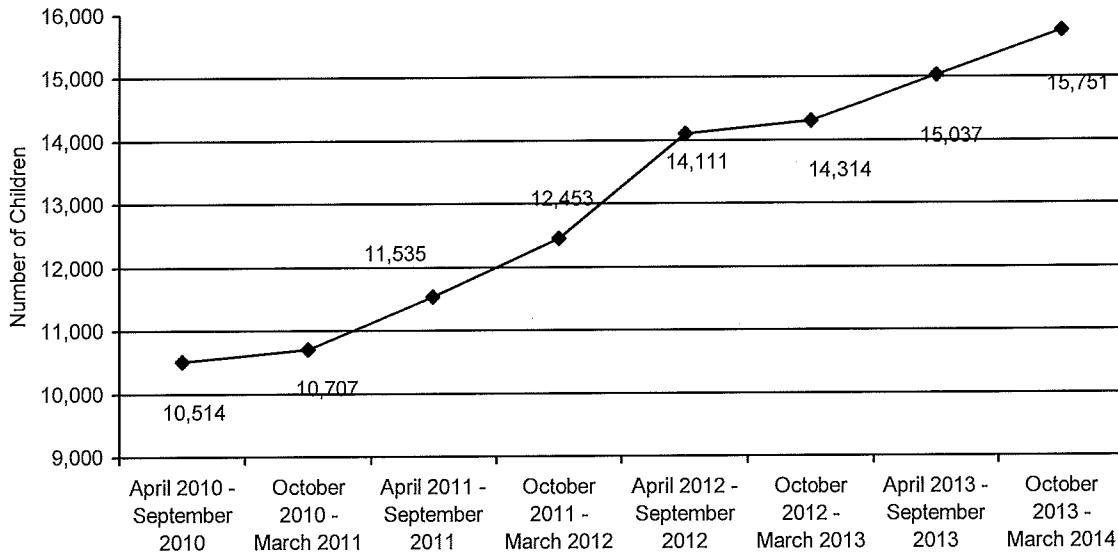


Chart 21 displays an increase in the number of young children ages 0-6 placed in group homes. In comparing March 2008 to March 2014, the number of young children in group homes, increased by 47 children. Chart 22 displays the increase in the number of young children ages 0-3 placed in shelter care.

In comparing March 2008 to March 2014, the number of young children in shelters, increased by 13 children. Chart 23 shows that the average length of time in shelter care has decreased; comparing March 2008 to March 2014, the average length of stay in shelter decreased from 103.4 to 91.4 days, a decrease of 12 days or 11.6%. The Department recognizes that shelter care is rarely, if ever, the best placement for children and continues to strive to place children in the best possible environment to ensure the safety and well-being of the child.

CHART 21
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN GROUP HOMES AGES 0 THROUGH 6⁴

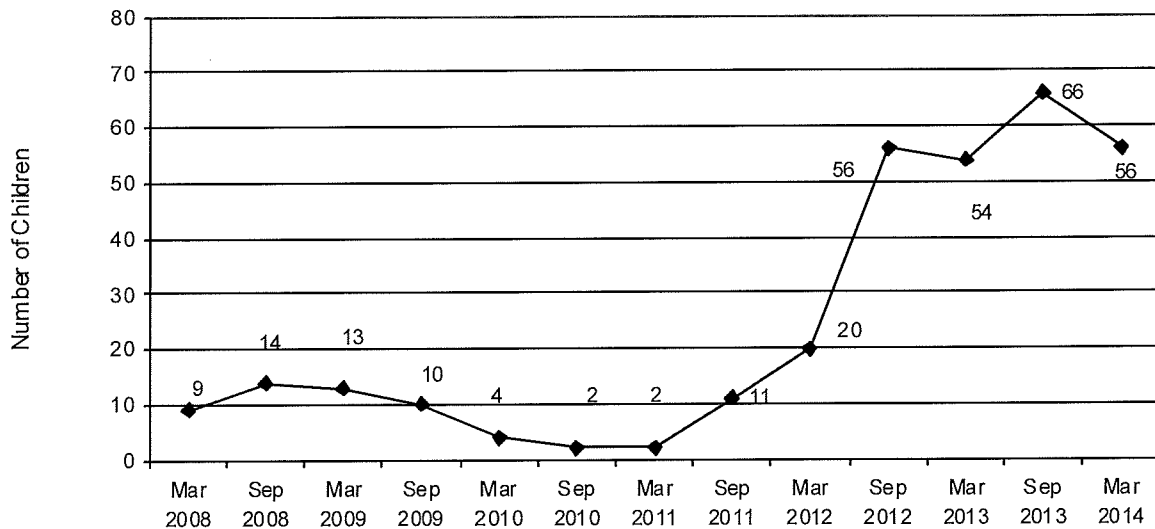
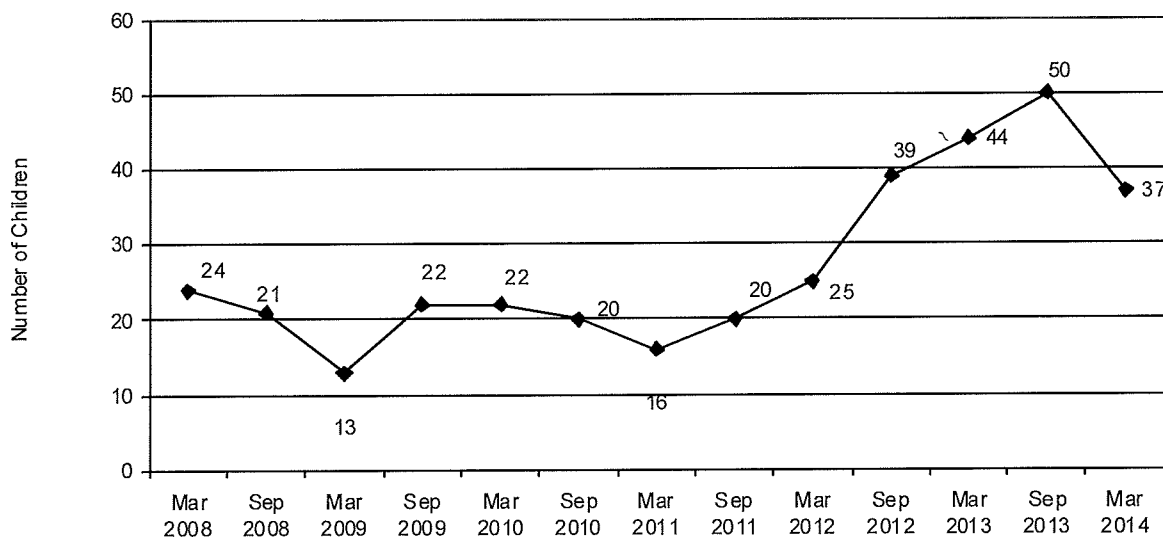


CHART 22
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN SHELTER CARE AGES 0 THROUGH 3



⁴ This excludes infants placed with their mothers and children placed in foster home group models.

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

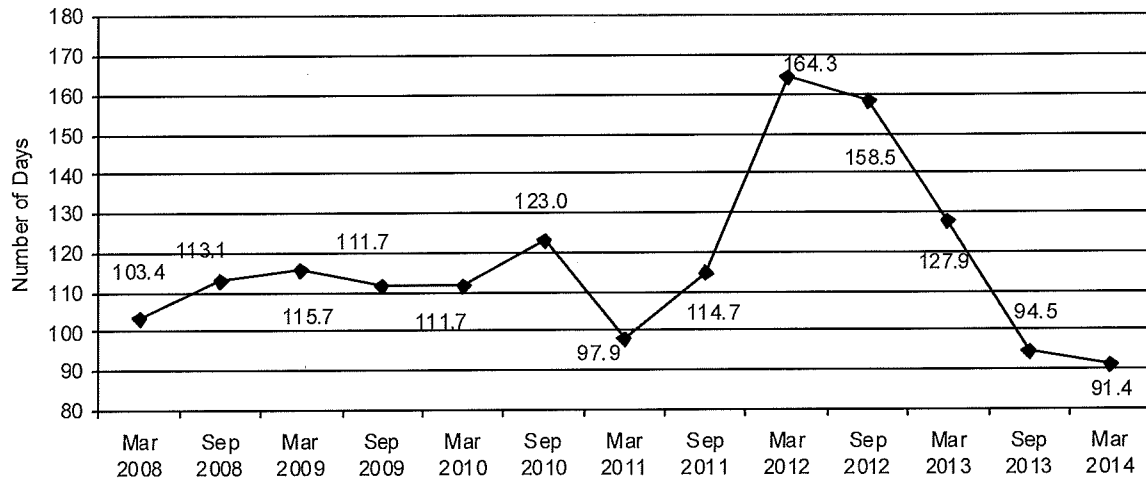


CHART 24
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY AGE

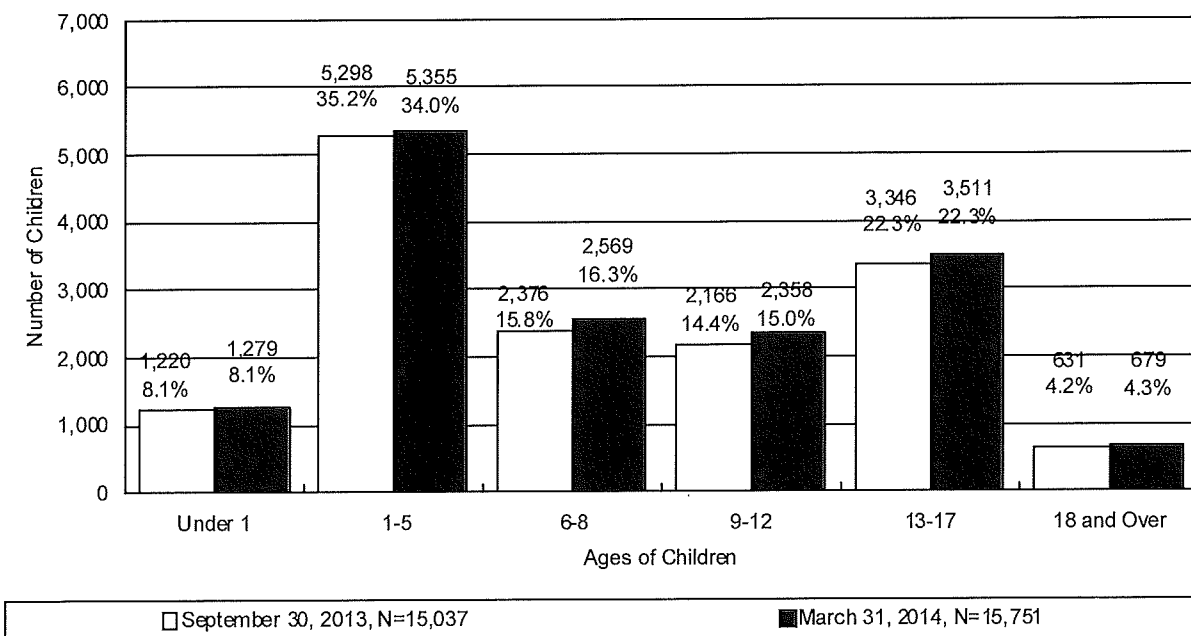
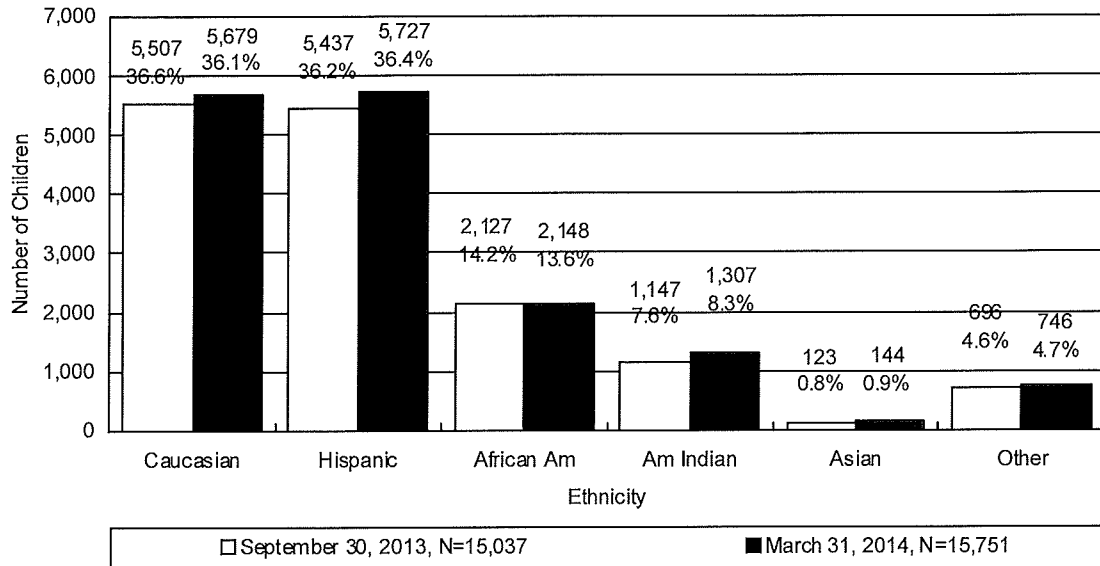


CHART 25
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY ETHNICITY



For 54.2% of the children in out-of-home care, family reunification remains the primary case plan goal. See Chart 26 for additional detail on the case plan goals of children in out-of-home care.

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

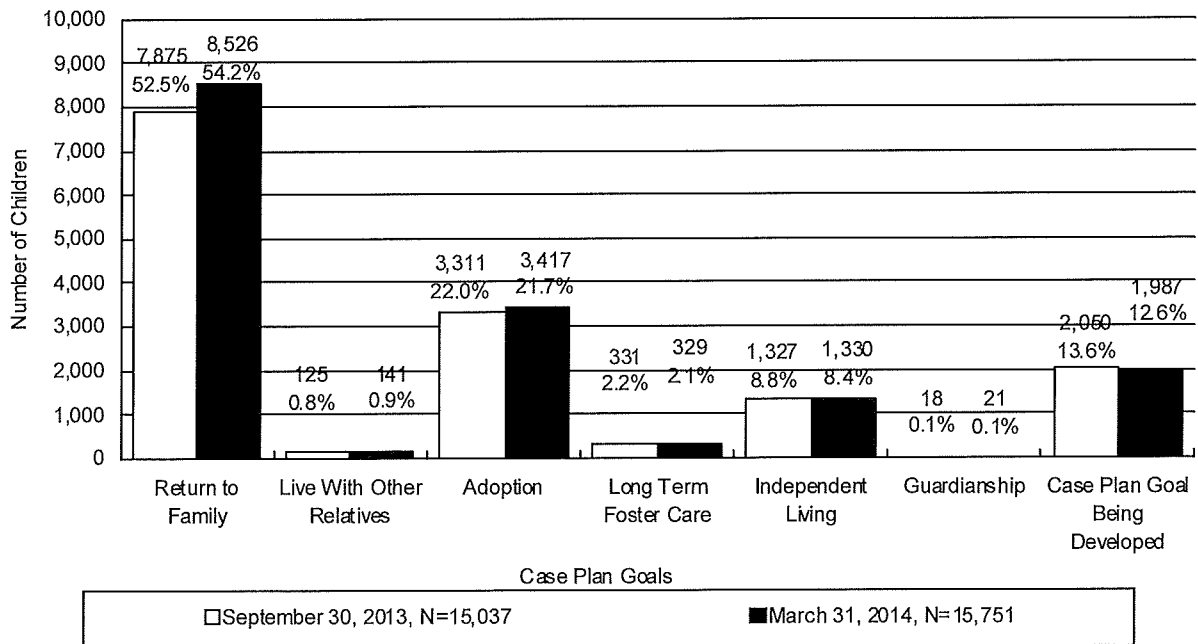
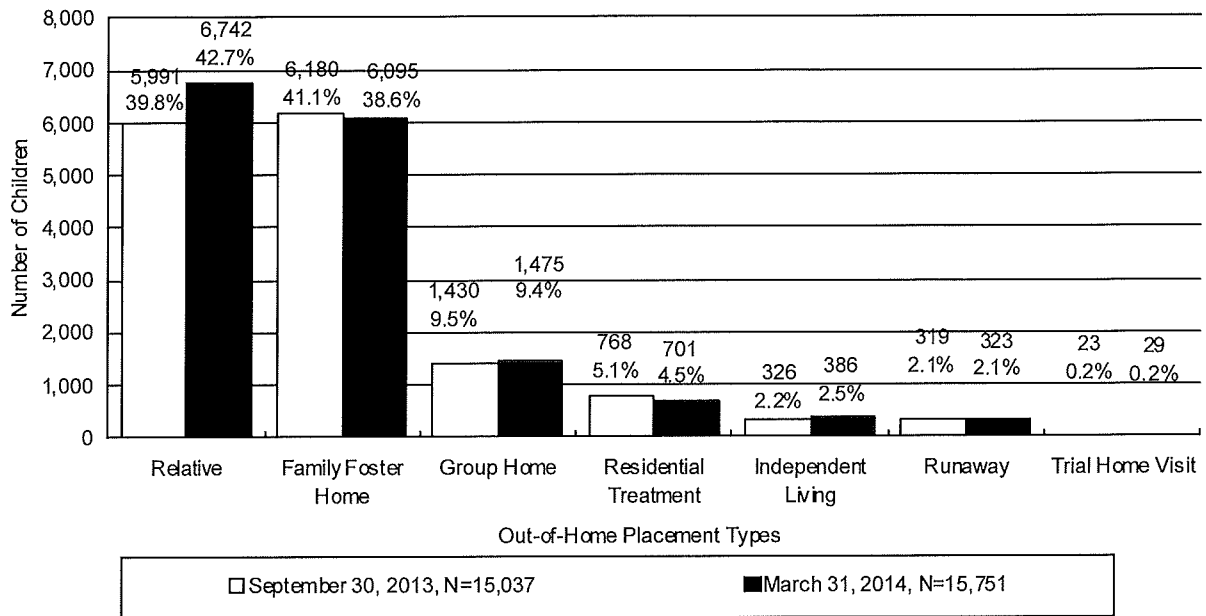


CHART 27
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY PLACEMENT TYPE⁵



⁵ In every reporting cycle, DCS has children who in the CHILDS database do not have a placement identified when the data extract has run. It has been the historical practice of the Department to proportionally allocate the unidentified children across the placement types. The Department will develop strategies to minimize the need for this allocation in future reports.

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

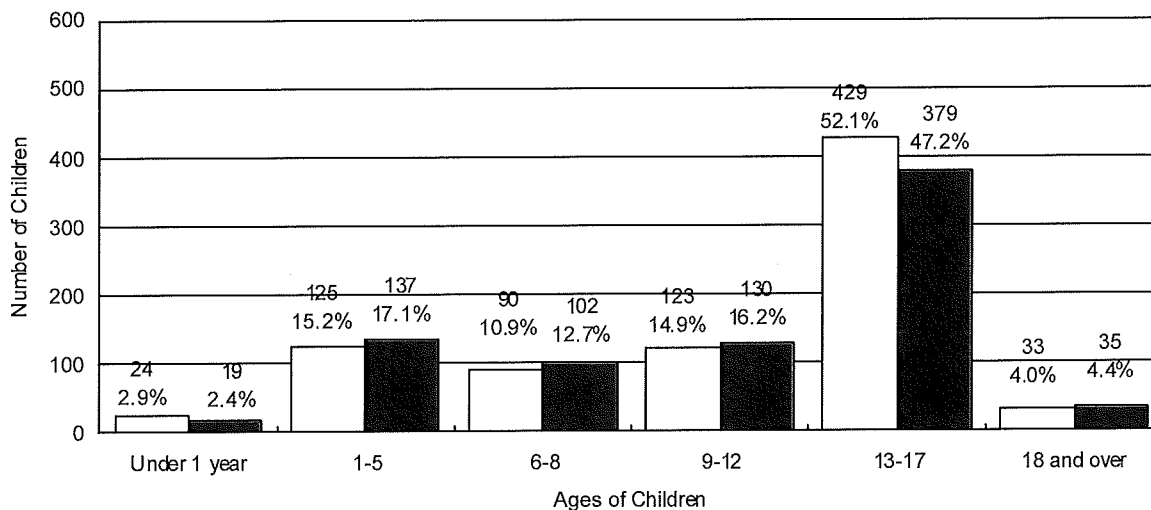
	RELATIVE	FAMILY FOSTER	GROUP HOME	RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT ⁶	INDEPENDENT LIVING	RUNAWAY / ABSCONDED ⁷	TRIAL HOME VISIT	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
UNDER 1	575	689	2	9	0	2	2	1,279	8.0%
1	660	698	6	13	0	0	2	1,379	8.7%
2	516	537	5	16	0	0	1	1,075	6.7%
3	534	447	12	9	0	0	1	1,003	6.4%
4	504	393	10	13	0	3	2	925	5.9%
5	508	426	24	15	0	0	0	973	6.2%
6	486	375	26	22	0	1	3	913	5.8%
7	447	350	44	16	0	0	1	858	5.5%
8	425	315	41	15	0	0	2	798	5.1%
9	363	244	49	18	0	1	0	675	4.3%
10	315	221	53	19	0	0	1	609	3.9%
11	249	213	61	21	0	1	1	546	3.5%
12	221	191	88	25	0	2	1	528	3.4%
13	209	186	111	31	0	5	1	543	3.5%
14	188	186	157	55	0	15	0	601	3.8%
15	198	185	192	85	0	46	3	709	4.5%
16	167	180	224	112	0	88	4	775	4.9%
17	144	189	298	120	6	123	3	883	5.6%
18 AND OLDER	33	70	72	87	380	36	1	679	4.3%
TOTAL	6,742	6,095	1,475	701	386	323	29	15,751	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	42.7%	38.6%	9.4%	4.5%	2.5%	2.1%	0.2%	100.0%	

⁶ This category includes shelter, detention, and hospital placement types.

⁷ This category includes children whose parents absconded with the child(ren) during this reporting period.

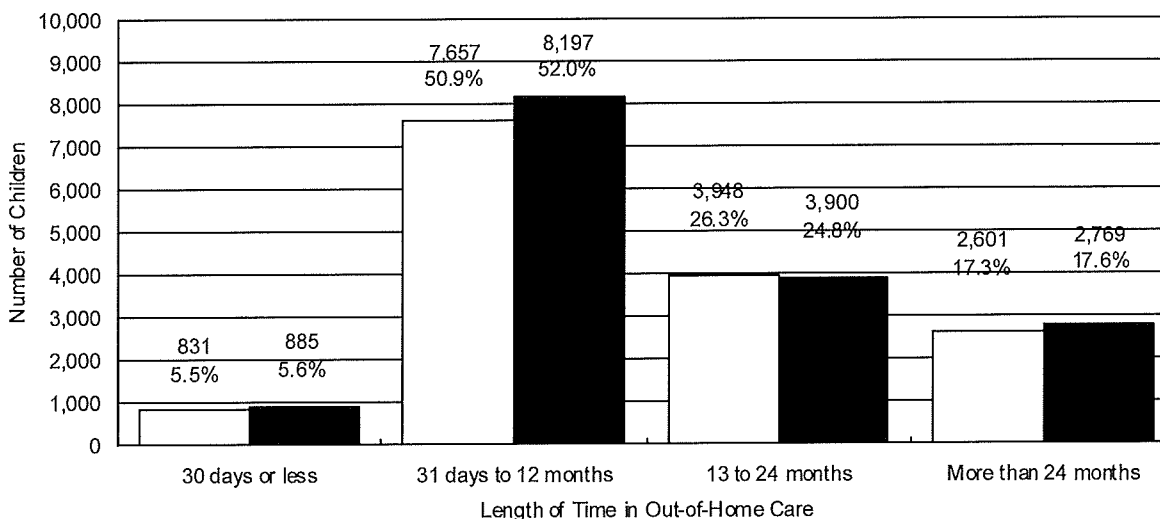
During the reporting period 802 children remained in a shelter or receiving home for more than 21 consecutive days. Chart 28 displays children by age grouping who remained in shelter more than 21 days for the current reporting period.

CHART 28
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN SHELTER OR RECEIVING HOMES FOR MORE THAN 21 CONSECUTIVE DAYS BY AGE OF CHILD⁸



□ April 1, 2013 - September 30, 2013, N=824 ■ October 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014, N=802

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



□ September 30, 2013, N=15,037 ■ March 31, 2014, N=15,751

⁸ The chart displays children who spent more than 21 days in shelter during the period. This number differs from the other out-of-home charts as they display children in out-of-home care on the last day of the reporting period.

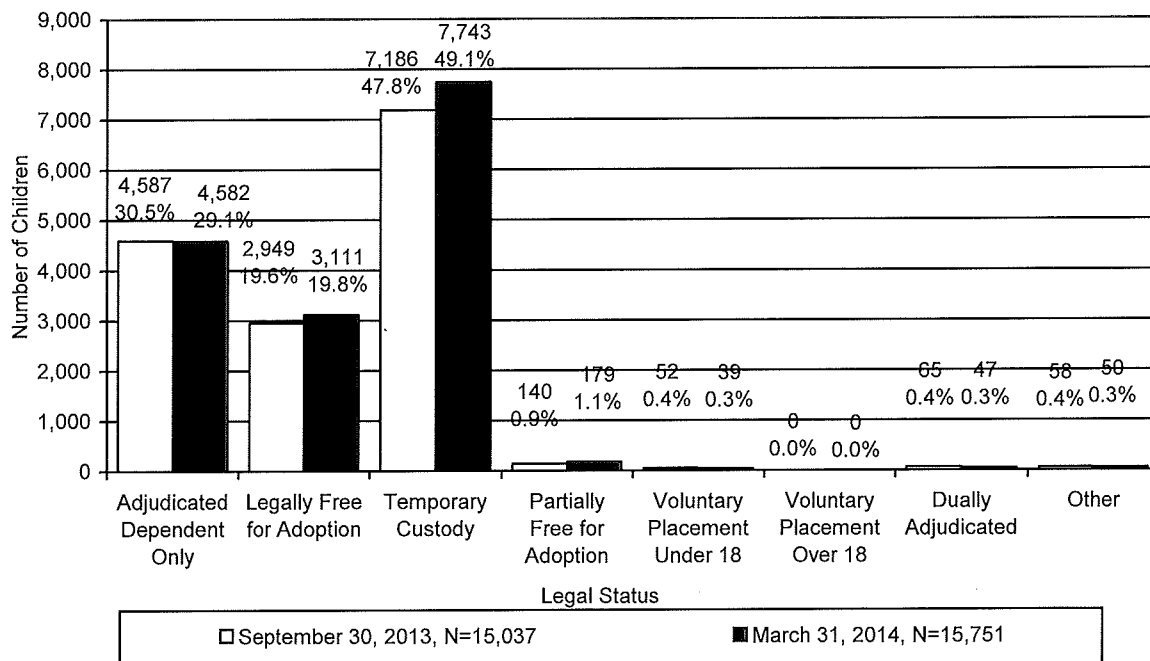
Information on the number of placements in terms of the average, median, and range for children in out-of-home care on the last day of the reporting period is shown in Table 34.

**TABLE 34
PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN IN
OUT-OF-HOME CARE ON MARCH 31, 2014**

	Placements
Average	2.4
Median	2.0
Range Minimum	1
Range Maximum	42 ⁹

Chart 30 displays the legal status of the children in out-of-home care for the current and prior reporting periods. As is shown by the graph, the vast majority of children in out-of-home care fall into one of three legal status' – adjudicated dependent, legally free for adoption, and children in the Department's temporary custody.

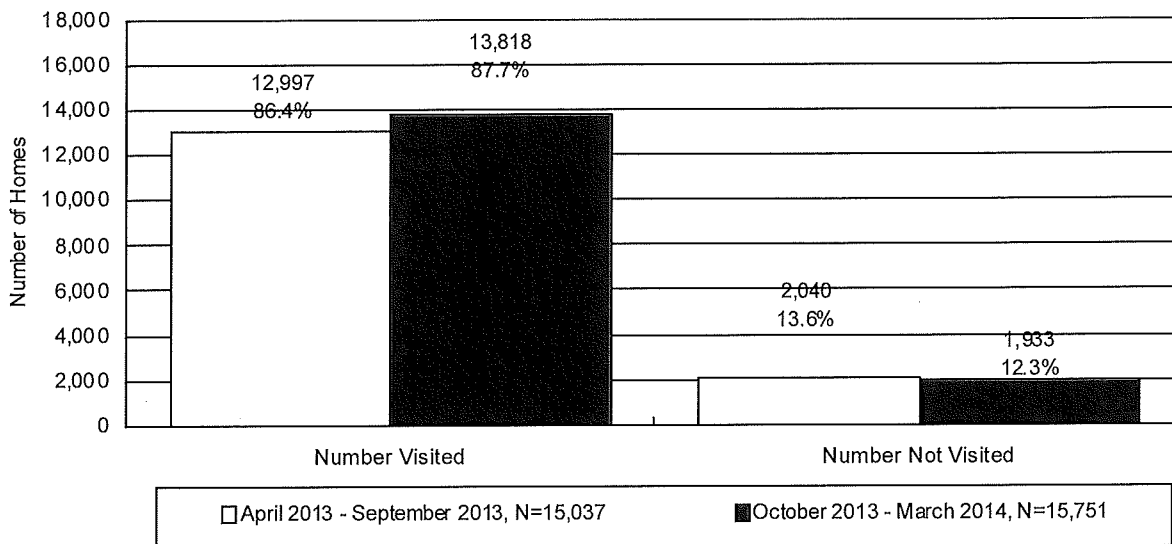
**CHART 30
CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY LEGAL STATUS**



⁹ Some children are so impacted by the severity of the abuse they have suffered that they become unable to form meaningful relationships or to respond to services. These children tend to go through multiple placements with numerous individuals and agencies.

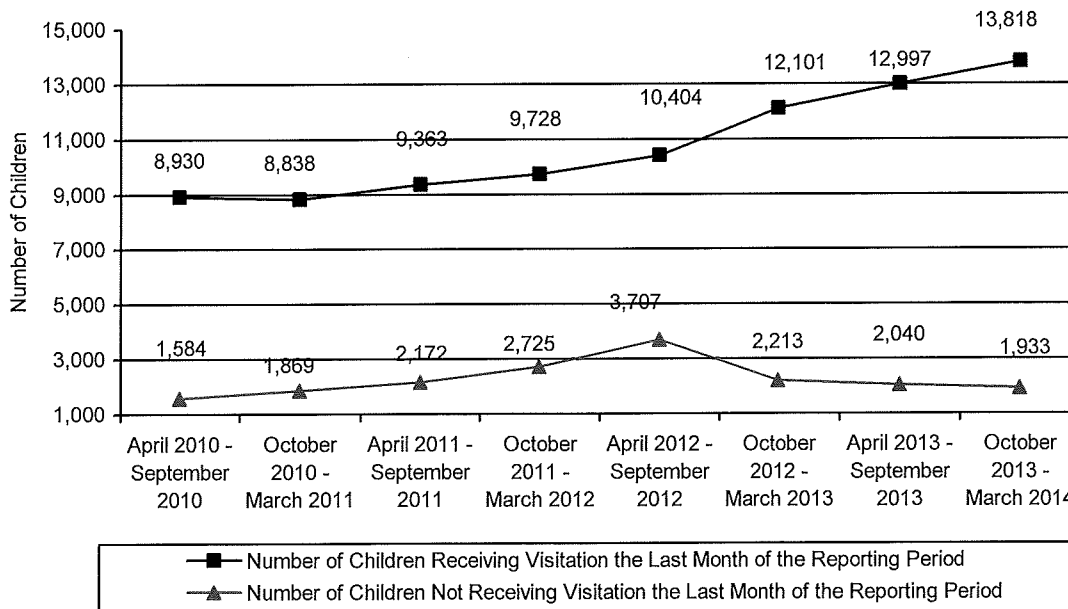
At the end of the reporting period there were 15,751 children in out-of-home care who required visitation. Of these children, visitation was documented in the automated system for 13,818 children.

CHART 31
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 2,496 parents who had a child with the case plan goal of return home. Of those parents requiring visitation, 1,344 (53.8%) received the required visitation. This number does not reflect attempted visitation where contact with the parent(s) did not take place.

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



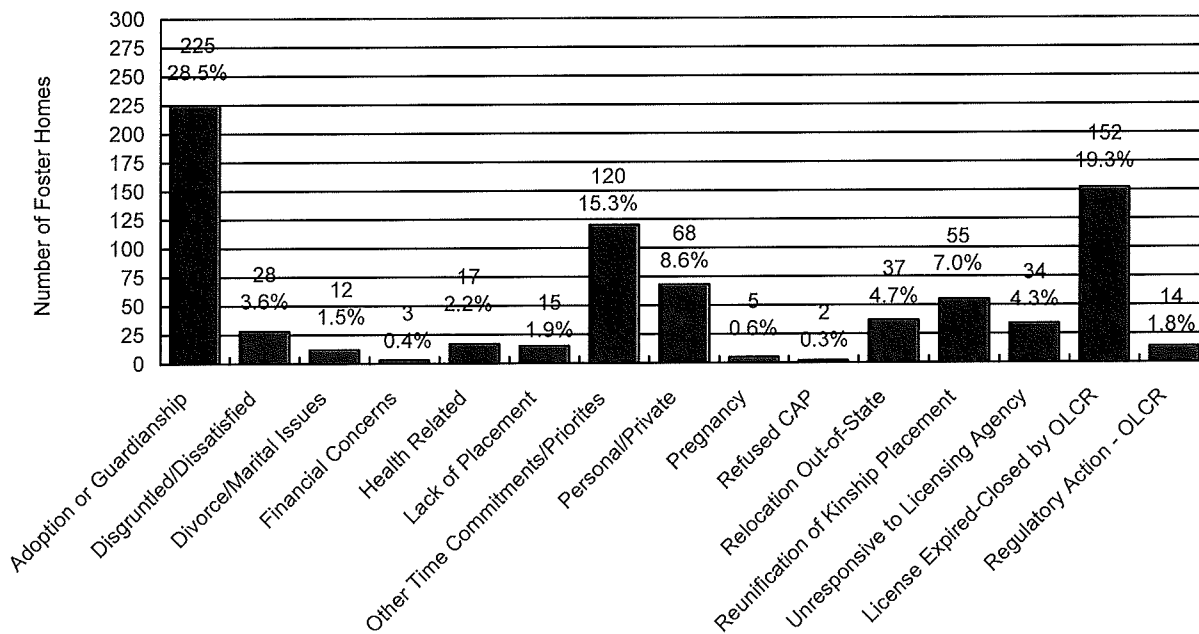
FOSTER HOME LICENSING, CLOSURES, & VISITATION

As of March 31, 2014, there were 4,329¹⁰ foster homes licensed for a total capacity of 9,049 spaces. Of the spaces, 2,413 are reported by contractors to be unavailable for placements. In addition, 1,169 spaces in available foster homes were unused spaces. This occurs when a match between the available spaces and children’s needs was not possible.

Licensed foster homes include family foster homes, professional family foster homes, respite foster homes, receiving foster homes, and developmentally disabled homes with 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, 1,050 new homes were licensed to provide foster care and 787 homes left the system. This compares to 717 new homes being licensed and 715 homes leaving the system during the prior reporting period. The following chart gives the reasons for foster home closures for the current reporting period.

**CHART 33
REASON FOR FOSTER HOME CLOSURE FOR THE PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014**

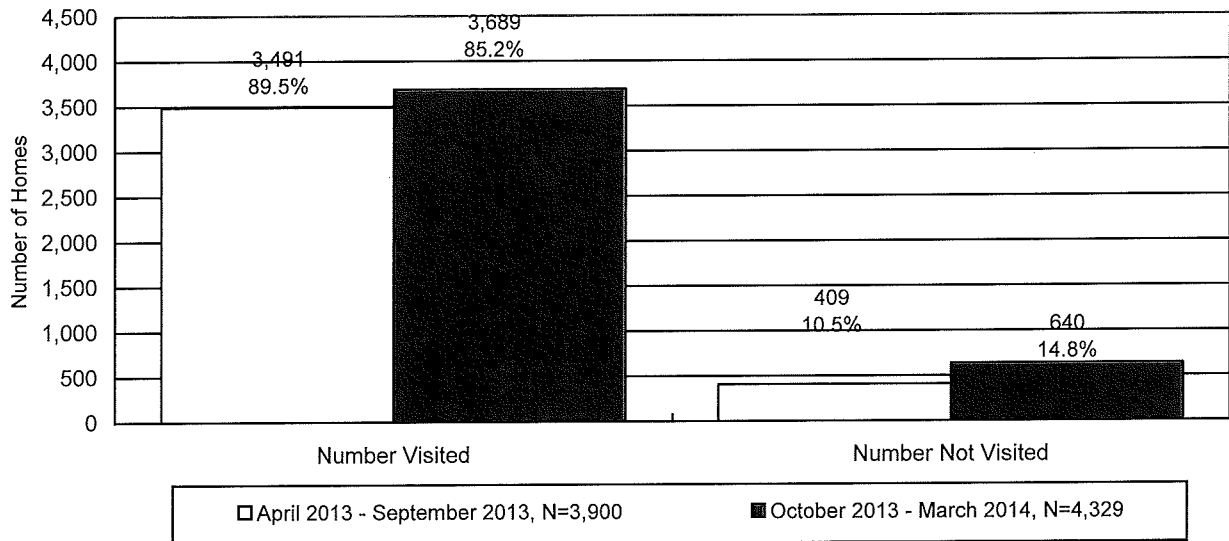


N=787

¹⁰ 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 34 displays the number of foster homes that received the required visitation in the current and prior reporting periods. The Department believes that more foster homes received the required visitation than is indicated in the chart below. The under-reporting of foster home visitation is attributable to the lack of automation being used in reporting the foster home visitation process. The Department recognizes this as a problem and is working to correct this issue.

**CHART 34
THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF FOSTER HOMES WHO RECEIVED THE
REQUIRED VISITATION***



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

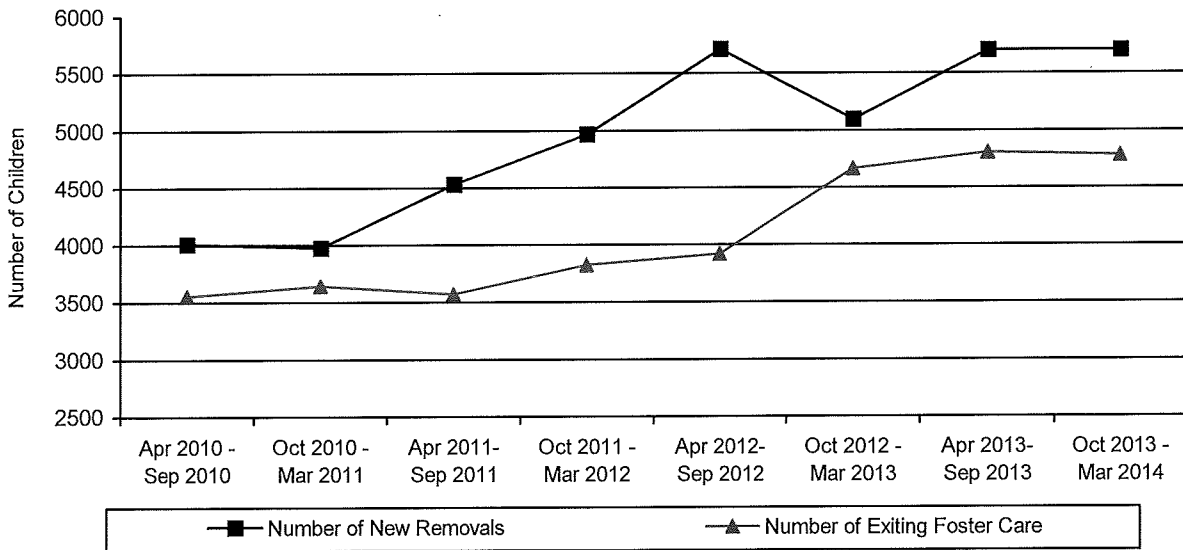
CHILDREN EXITING OUT-OF-HOME CARE

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

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

REPORTING PERIOD	NUMBER OF CHILDREN DISCHARGED	% CHANGE OVER PRIOR PERIOD
APRIL 2010 – SEPTEMBER 2010	3,559	-2.5%
OCTOBER 2010 – MARCH 2011	3,649	+2.5%
APRIL 2011 – SEPTEMBER 2011	3,574	-2.1%
OCTOBER 2011 – MARCH 2012	3,826	+7.1%
APRIL 2012 – SEPTEMBER 2012	3,923	+2.5%
OCTOBER 2012 – MARCH 2013	4,668	+19.0%
APRIL 2013 – SEPTEMBER 2013	4,805	+2.9%
OCTOBER 2013 – MARCH 2014	4,786	-0.4%

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



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

**TABLE 36
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY FOR THE END OF THE
REPORTING PERIOD ENDING ON MARCH 31, 2014**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	232	4.9%
Ages 1 to 5	1,806	37.7%
Ages 6 to 8	817	17.1%
Ages 9 to 12	710	14.8%
Ages 13 to 17	830	17.3%
18 and Over	391	8.2%
Total	4,786	100.0%

Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	1,765	36.9%
Hispanic	1,680	35.1%
African American	704	14.7%
American Indian	379	7.9%
Asian	37	0.8%
Other	221	4.6%
Total	4,786	100.0%

By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	2,491	52.0%
Two	1,145	23.9%
Three	526	11.0%
Four	266	5.6%
Five	119	2.5%
More than Five	239	5.0%
Total	4,786	100.0%

By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	698	14.6%
31 Days to 12 Months	1,535	32.0%
13 to 24 Months	1,502	31.4%
More than 24 Months	1,051	22.0%
Total	4,786	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	8.3	7.2
By Number of Placements	2.2	1.0
By Months of Time in Care	16.4	14.0

**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, 2014**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	186	7.5%
Ages 1 to 5	876	35.3%
Ages 6 to 8	485	19.5%
Ages 9 to 12	417	16.8%
Ages 13 to 17	515	20.7%
18 and Over	6	0.2%
Total	2,485	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	925	37.3%
Hispanic	888	35.7%
African American	348	14.0%
American Indian	150	6.0%
Asian	13	0.5%
Other	161	6.5%
Total	2,485	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	1,476	59.4%
Two	589	23.7%
Three	224	9.0%
Four	114	4.6%
Five	43	1.7%
More than Five	39	1.6%
Total	2,485	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	622	25.0%
31 Days to 12 Months	1,202	48.4%
13 to 24 Months	504	20.3%
More than 24 Months	157	6.3%
Total	2,485	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	7.7	7.2
By Number of Placements	1.7	1.0
By Months of Time in Care	8.8	7.1

**TABLE 38
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “LIVING WITH OTHER RELATIVES” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING MARCH 31, 2014**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	0	0.0%
Ages 1 to 5	6	26.1%
Ages 6 to 8	7	30.5%
Ages 9 to 12	5	21.7%
Ages 13 to 17	5	21.7%
18 and Over	0	0.0%
Total	23	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	8	34.8%
Hispanic	10	43.5%
African American	2	8.7%
American Indian	1	4.3%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	2	8.7%
Total	23	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	18	78.3%
Two	4	17.4%
Three	1	4.3%
Four	0	0.0%
Five	0	0.0%
More than Five	0	0.0%
Total	23	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	14	60.9%
31 Days to 12 Months	8	34.8%
13 to 24 Months	1	4.3%
More than 24 Months	0	0.0%
Total	23	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	8.8	8.6
By Number of Placements	1.3	1.0
By Months of Time in Care	3.2	0.2

**TABLE 39
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS
CUSTODY FOR REASON OF "ADOPTION" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING MARCH 31, 2014**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	26	1.7%
Ages 1 to 5	840	55.3%
Ages 6 to 8	279	18.4%
Ages 9 to 12	228	15.0%
Ages 13 to 17	145	9.6%
18 and Over	0	0.0%
Total	1,518	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	574	37.9%
Hispanic	546	36.0%
African American	228	15.0%
American Indian	131	8.6%
Asian	14	0.9%
Other	25	1.6%
Total	1,518	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	669	44.0%
Two	428	28.2%
Three	226	14.9%
Four	104	6.9%
Five	42	2.8%
More than Five	49	3.2%
Total	1,518	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	0	0.0%
31 Days to 12 Months	91	6.0%
13 to 24 Months	784	51.6%
More than 24 Months	643	42.4%
Total	1,518	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	6.1	5.2
By Number of Placements	2.1	2.0
By Months of Time in Care	25.0	22.4

**TABLE 40
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF "GUARDIANSHIP" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING MARCH 31, 2014**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	4	1.5%
Ages 1 to 5	66	24.4%
Ages 6 to 8	32	11.8%
Ages 9 to 12	52	19.2%
Ages 13 to 17	116	42.7%
18 and Over	1	0.4%
Total	271	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	79	29.2%
Hispanic	97	35.8%
African American	38	14.0%
American Indian	34	12.5%
Asian	4	1.5%
Other	19	7.0%
Total	271	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	179	66.1%
Two	48	17.7%
Three	23	8.5%
Four	12	4.4%
Five	2	0.7%
More than Five	7	2.6%
Total	271	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	19	7.0%
31 Days to 12 Months	106	39.1%
13 to 24 Months	115	42.5%
More than 24 Months	31	11.4%
Total	271	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	10.6	11.9
By Number of Placements	1.7	1.0
By Months of Time in Care	14.2	13.7

**TABLE 41
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY
FOR REASONS OF "REACHING AGE OF MAJORITY" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING MARCH 31, 2014**

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	8	2.2%
18 and Over	362	97.8%
Total	370	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	141	38.1%
Hispanic	114	30.8%
African American	75	20.3%
American Indian	27	7.3%
Asian	6	1.6%
Other	7	1.9%
Total	370	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	79	21.4%
Two	49	13.2%
Three	44	11.9%
Four	35	9.5%
Five	28	7.6%
More than Five	135	35.4%
Total	370	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	4	1.1%
31 Days to 12 Months	87	23.5%
13 to 24 Months	75	20.3%
More than 24 Months	204	55.1%
Total	370	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	18.7	18.0
By Number of Placements	5.8	4.0
By Months of Time in Care	35.8	27.4

**TABLE 42
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “TRANSFER TO ANOTHER AGENCY” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING MARCH 31, 2014**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	12	19.0%
Ages 1 to 5	16	25.5%
Ages 6 to 8	14	22.2%
Ages 9 to 12	7	11.1%
Ages 13 to 17	13	20.6%
18 and Over	1	1.6%
Total	63	100.0%
Ethnicity		
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	17	27.0%
Hispanic	6	9.5%
African American	2	3.2%
American Indian	33	52.4%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	5	7.9%
Total	63	100.0%
By Number of Placements		
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	45	71.5%
Two	13	20.6%
Three	4	6.3%
Four	0	0.0%
Five	0	0.0%
More than Five	1	1.6%
Total	63	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care		
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	26	41.3%
31 Days to 12 Months	21	33.3%
13 to 24 Months	14	22.2%
More than 24 Months	2	3.2%
Total	63	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	7.4	6.6
By Number of Placements	1.4	1.0
By Months of Time in Care	5.9	2.6

**TABLE 43
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF "RUNAWAY" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING MARCH 31, 2014**

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	25	54.3%
18 and Over	21	45.7%
Total	46	100.0%
By Ethnicity		
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	15	32.6%
Hispanic	18	39.2%
African American	10	21.7%
American Indian	2	4.3%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	1	2.2%
Total	46	100.0%
By Number of Placements		
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	22	47.8%
Two	9	19.6%
Three	3	6.5%
Four	1	2.2%
Five	3	6.5%
More than Five	8	17.4%
Total	46	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care		
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	13	28.3%
31 Days to 12 Months	13	28.3%
13 to 24 Months	8	17.4%
More than 24 Months	12	26.0%
Total	46	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	17.5	17.9
By Number of Placements	3.8	2.0
By Months of Time in Care	20.7	10.4

TABLE 44
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN EXITING DCS CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF "DEATH OF CHILD" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING
MARCH 31, 2014

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	4	40.0%
Ages 1 to 5	2	20.0%
Ages 6 to 8	0	0.0%
Ages 9 to 12	1	10.0%
Ages 13 to 17	3	30.0%
18 and Over	0	0.0%
Total	10	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	6	60.0%
Hispanic	1	10.0%
African American	1	10.0%
American Indian	1	10.0%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	1	10.0%
Total	10	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	3	30.0%
Two	5	50.0%
Three	1	10.0%
Four	0	0.0%
Five	1	10.0%
More than Five	0	0.0%
Total	10	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	0	0.0%
31 Days to 12 Months	7	70.0%
13 to 24 Months	1	10.0%
More than 24 Months	2	20.0%
Total	10	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	6.5	2.6
By Number of Placements	2.1	2.0
By Months of Time in Care	12.6	5.4

**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	Multiple Pulmonary Vein Stenosis	Foster Home – Hospitalized
Maricopa	Cardio Respiratory Arrest	Foster Home – Hospitalized
Maricopa	Respiratory Bacterial Infection	Foster Home – Hospitalized
Maricopa	Homicide – Gunshot Wound	Foster Home – Runaway
Maricopa	Cardiac Arrest	Foster Home
Maricopa	Brain Tumor	Shelter Care – Hospitalized
Pima	Complications from acute hemorrhagic colitis	Foster Home – Hospitalized
Pima	Undetermined – Possibly Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	Foster Home
Pinal	Complications of congenital anomalies	Foster Home
Yavapai	Suicide	Foster Home

**TABLE 46
NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN AN OPEN CASE WHO DIED AS A RESULT OF ALLEGED
ABUSE AS CATEGORIZED BY THE CUSTODIAL RELATIONSHIP AND COUNTY FOR THE
PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014**

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	4	0	0	0	0	4	100.0%
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YUMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
STATEWIDE	4	0	0	0	0	0	100.0%
% 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 Economic Security (ADES).

- 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: www.azdes.gov/cpsinfo.

- 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 15,751 children in out-of-home care on March 31, 2014, there were 3,417 or 21.7% had a case plan goal of adoption. Of those, 2,248 have been placed and another 1,169 have not been placed. The age and ethnicity of the children with a case plan goal of adoption is displayed in Chart 36 and Chart 37.

**TABLE 47
NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS
BY COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014**

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	83	0	0	0	83	3.1%
COCONINO	3	0	0	0	3	0.1%
GILA	21	1	0	0	22	0.8%
GRAHAM	36	0	0	0	36	1.4%
GREENLEE	4	0	0	0	4	0.2%
LA PAZ	2	0	0	0	2	0.1%
MARICOPA	1,413	2	0	11	1,426	53.5%
MOHAVE	61	0	0	0	61	2.3%
NAVAJO	33	0	0	0	33	1.2%
PIMA	683	3	0	14	700	26.3%
PINAL	118	0	0	0	118	4.4%
SANTA CRUZ	8	0	0	0	8	0.3%
YAVAPAI	104	0	0	0	104	3.9%
YUMA	56	0	0	0	56	2.1%
STATEWIDE	2,633	6	0	25	2,664	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	98.9%	0.2%	0.0%	0.9%	100.0%	

The average length of time that a child with a case plan goal of “adoption” has spent in out-of-home care is 1 year 11 months. Information on the number of placements in terms of the average, median, and range for children with a case plan goal of adoption is shown below in Table 48.

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

	Placements
Average	2.6
Median	2.0
Range Minimum	1
Range Maximum	33

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

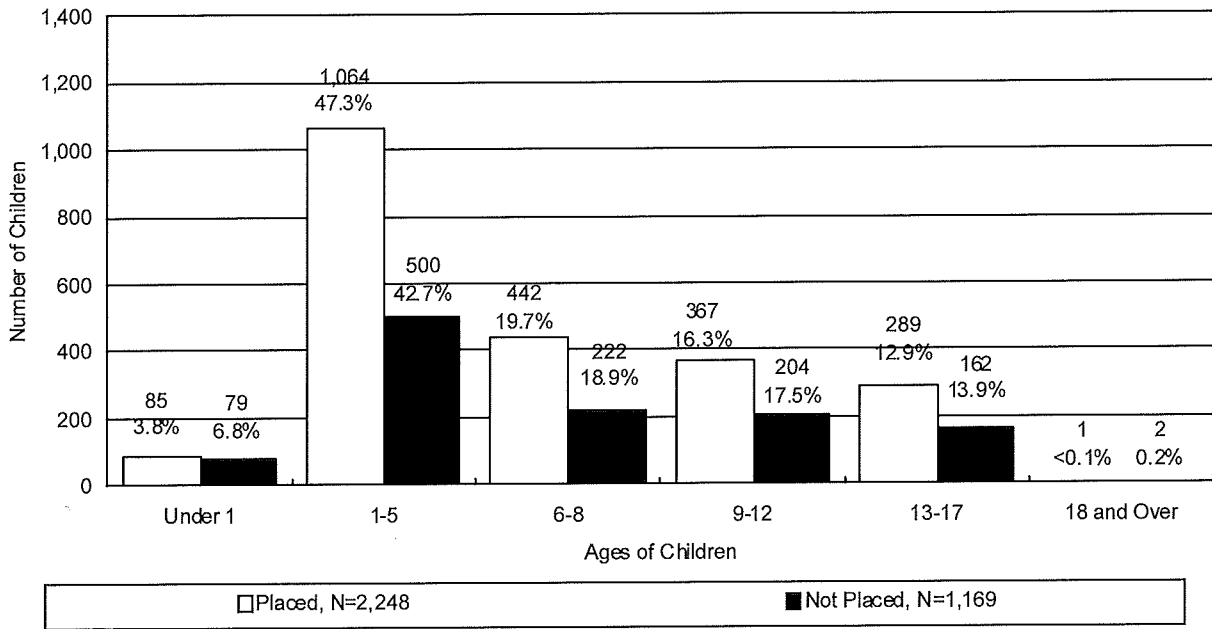


CHART 37
THE PLACEMENT AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY ETHNICITY

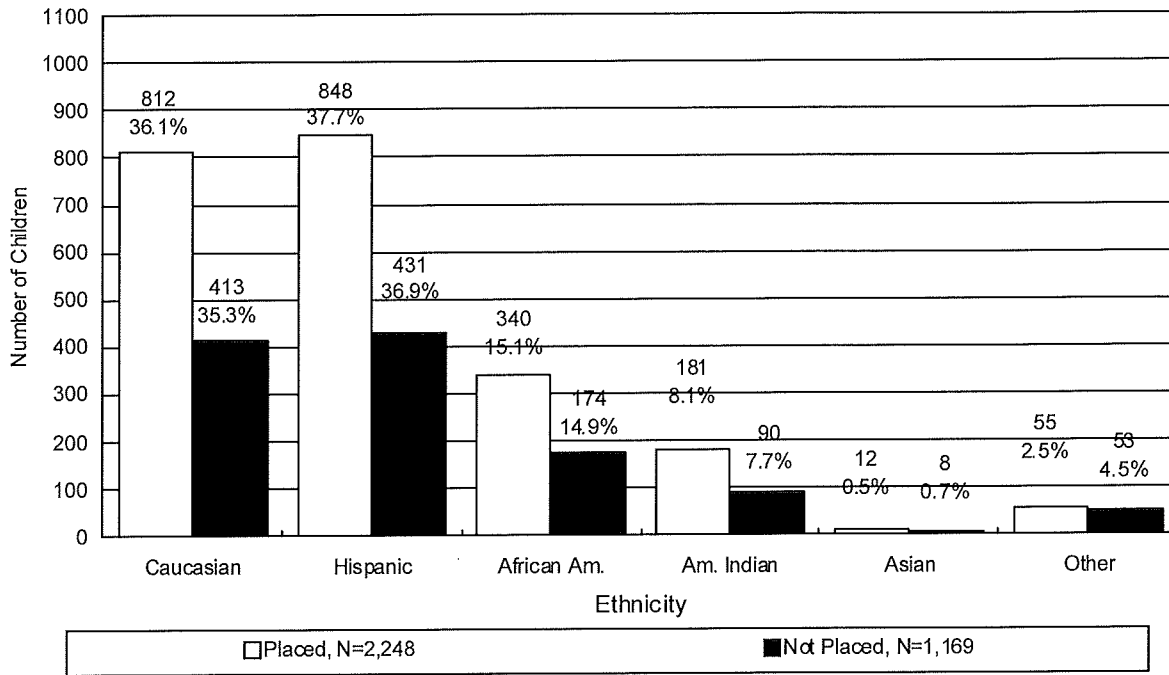
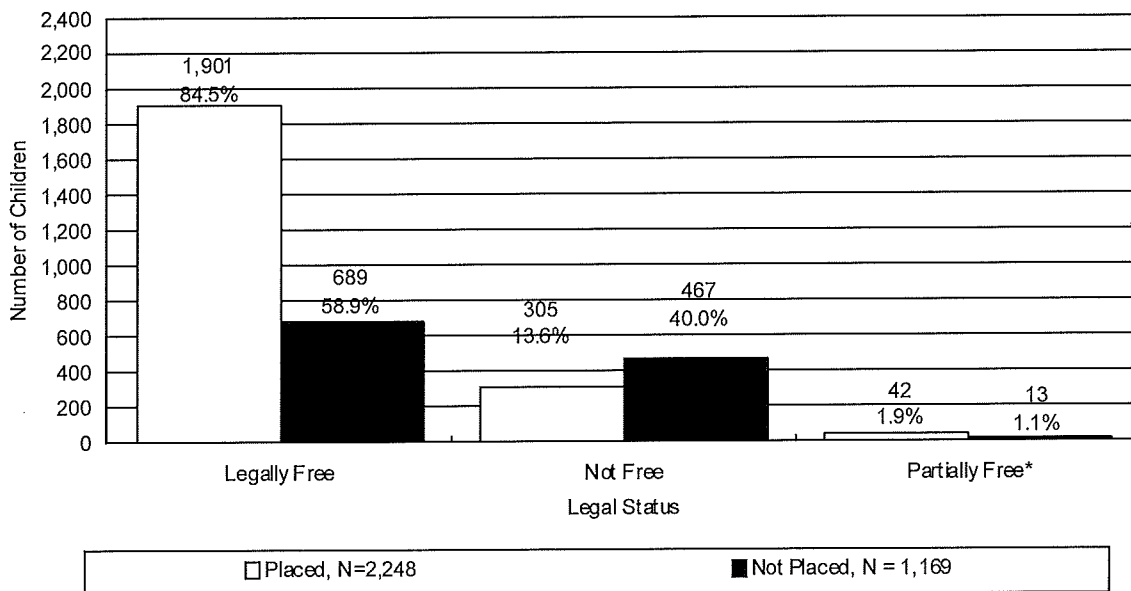
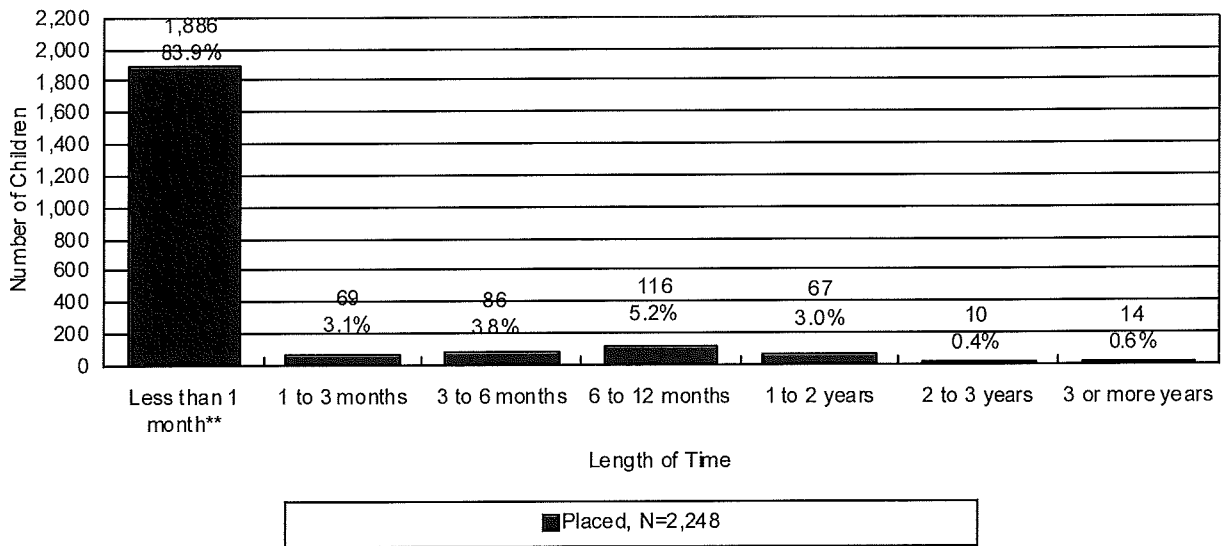


CHART 38
THE PLACEMENT AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY LEGAL STATUS



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

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



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

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

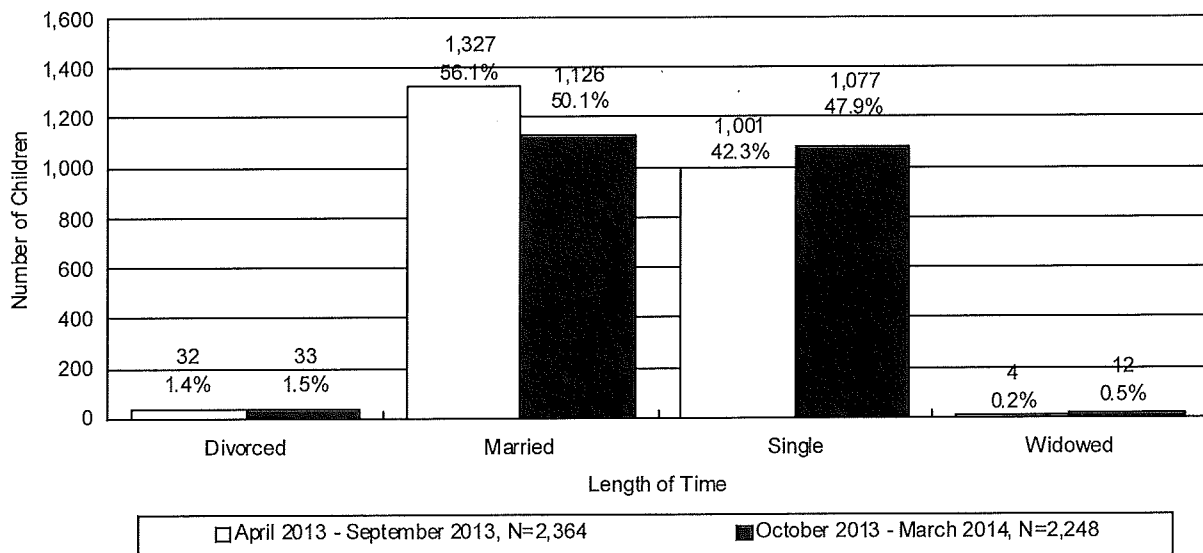
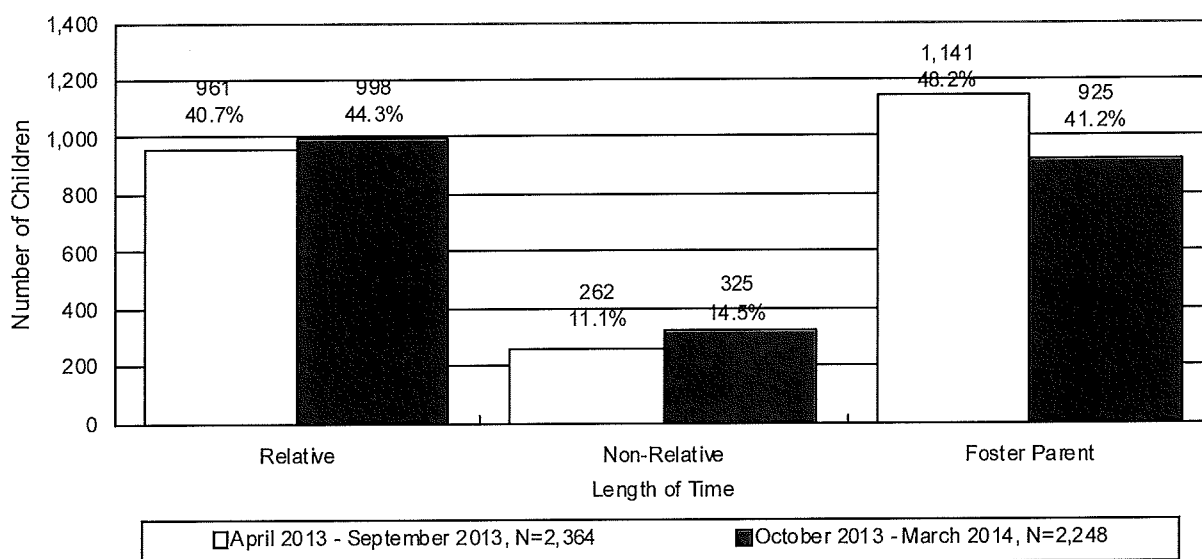


CHART 41
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION WHO WERE IN AN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT BY THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT



DISRUPTIONS

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

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	0	0.0%
Ages 1 – 5	3	25.0%
Ages 6 – 8	2	16.7%
Ages 9 – 12	1	8.3%
Ages 13 – 17	6	50.0%
18 and Over	0	0.0%
Total	12	100.0%

Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	5	41.7%
Hispanic	6	50.0%
African American	1	8.3%
American Indian	0	0.0%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total	12	100.0%

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

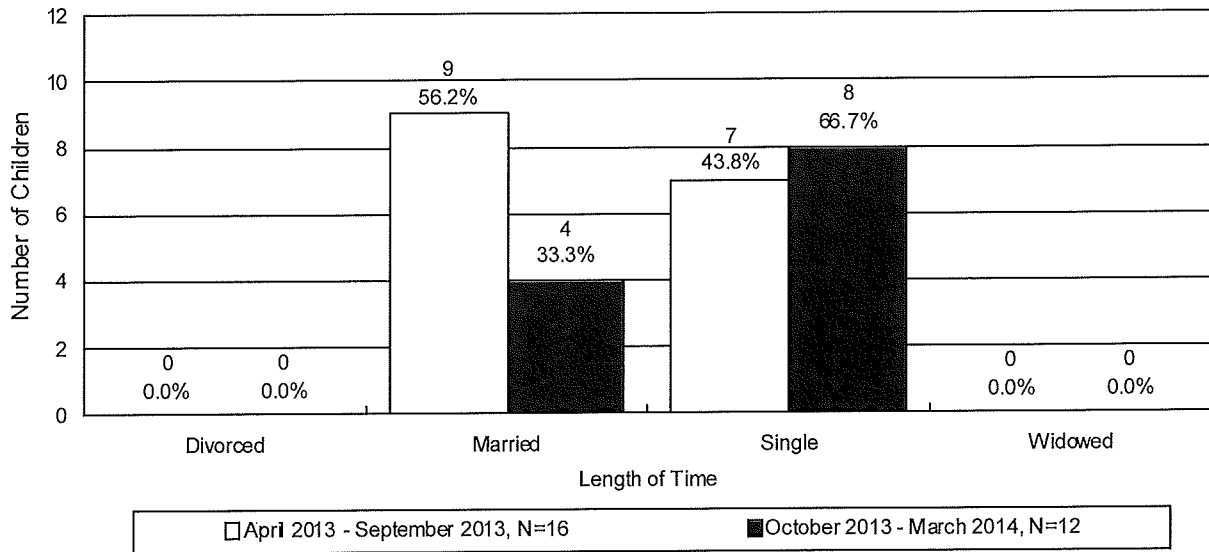
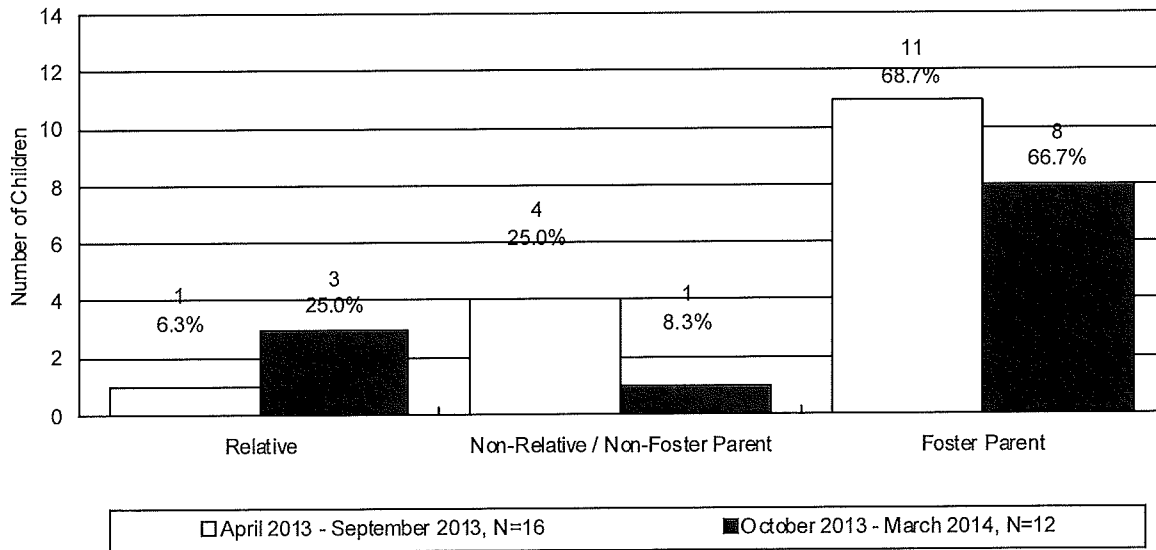
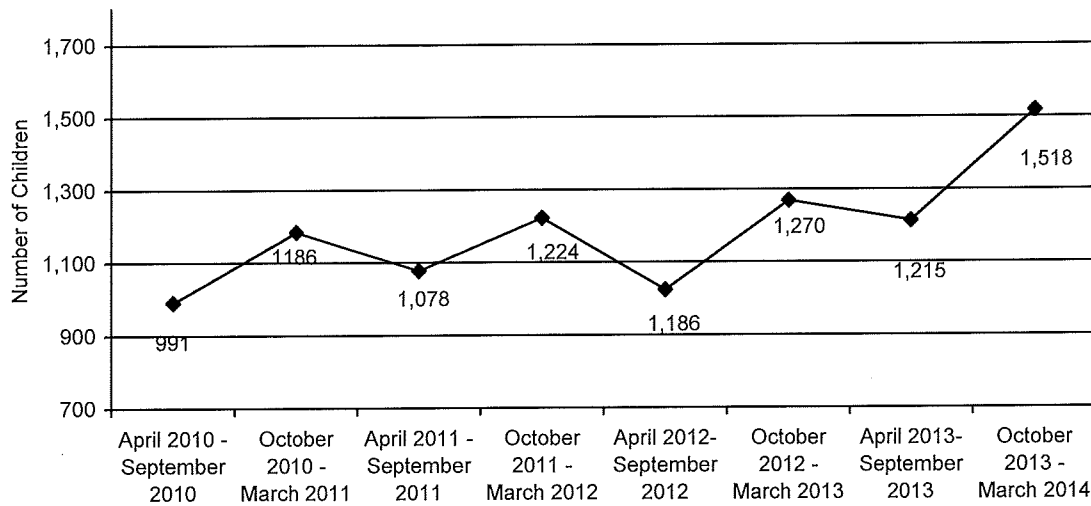


CHART 43
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION WHO WERE IN AN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT AND DISRUPTED BY THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT



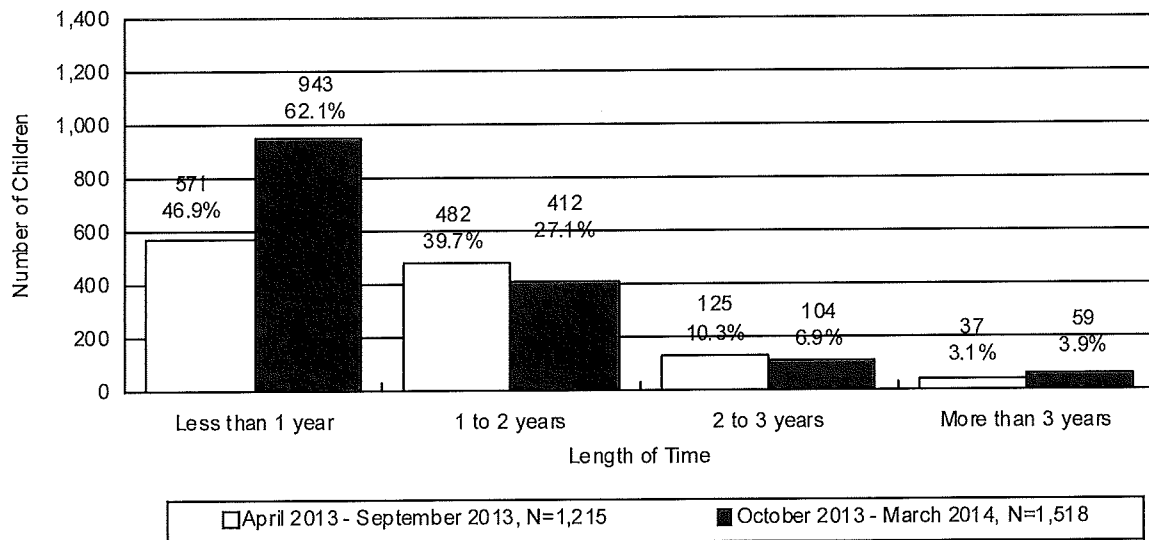
ADOPTIVE SERVICES

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



There were 1,518 children with a finalized adoption during the reporting period. Chart 45 displays the number of children with a finalized adoption during the reporting period by the average length of time in out-of-home placement before adoptive placement.

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



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

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

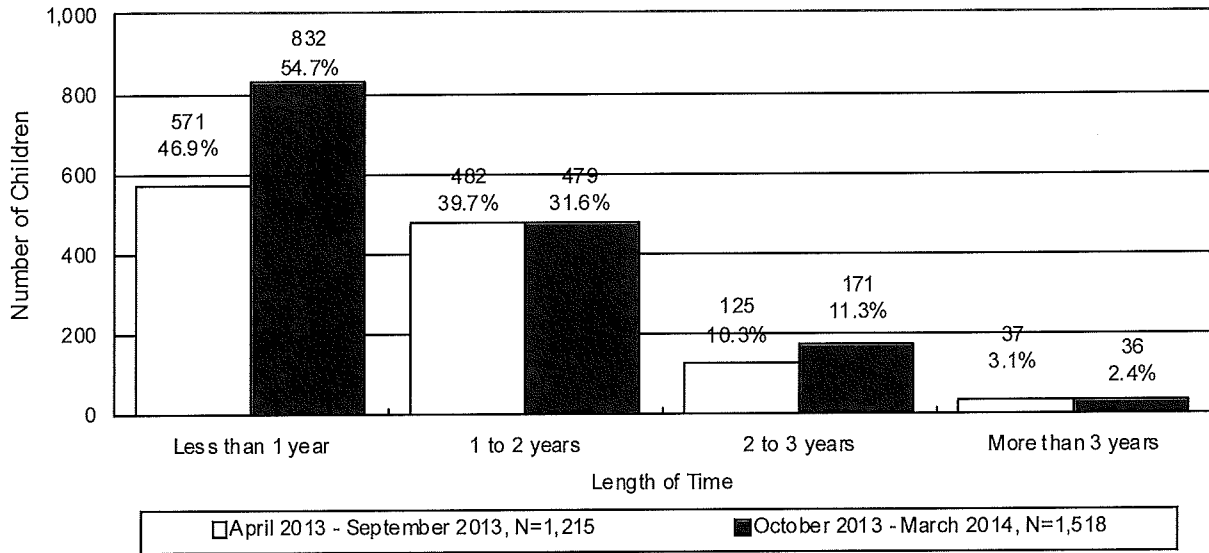


CHART 47
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY THE MARITAL STATUS OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT

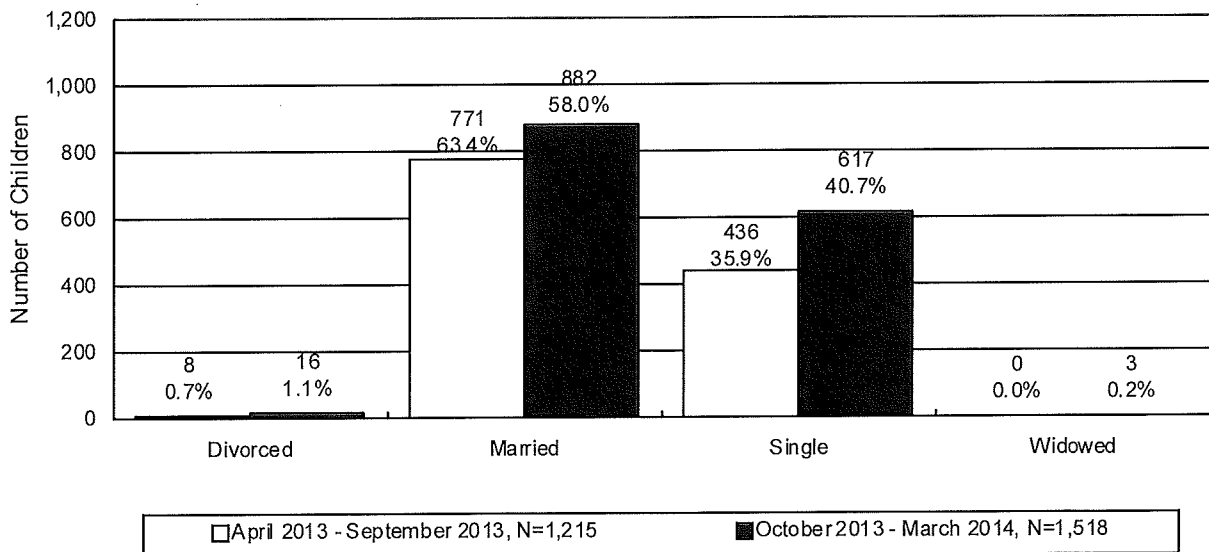


CHART 48
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY THE RELATIONSHIP
OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENT TO THE CHILD

