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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 April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009. 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) 542-5757.

Sincerely,

Neal Young
Director

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CHILD WELFARE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD OF

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Arizona Revised Statute § 8-526, as amended by Laws 2006, Chapter 203 requires the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) to compile information and produce a semi-annual report for the periods ending on March 31 and September 30 of each year regarding Child Welfare Services, including Child Protective Services (CPS). This report, submitted in satisfaction of that mandate, is for the semi-annual reporting period beginning on April 1, 2009 and ending on September 30, 2009.

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Executive Summary

The Arizona Department of Economic Security's Division of Children, Youth and Families (Division) is pleased to publish this semi-annual report for April 2009 through September 2009 in compliance with A.R.S. § 8-526. This report is intended to provide its readers an opportunity to review the Division's progress in implementing systemic improvement strategies as they impact key performance indicators.

The Division continues to implement the key strategies for (1) enhancing the ability of parents to create safe, stable and nurturing home environments; (2) strengthening families so children can remain safely in their homes; (3) finding more permanent homes more quickly for children; and (4) placing children in the least restrictive, most family-like setting possible.

The improved outcomes for children and families that have resulted from the implementation of those strategies have been highlighted in previous editions of this report and other Division publications. Additional successes are expected as the Division continues the statewide implementation of other continuous improvement strategies, such as embedding the Division's comprehensive Child Safety Assessment, Strengths and Risk Assessment, and Case Planning (CSA/SRA/CP) process into child welfare practice. This enhanced process assists child welfare specialists in more effectively assessing risk and engaging families in planning for and completing the services that are going to help them to create safe, stable living environments for their children. The hard-copy version of this process was implemented between February and June 2006. The Division launched a fully automated version of the process in November 2007.

The data contained in this *Semi-Annual Report*, when combined with other child welfare-related information in the Department, demonstrate the significant progress made in many of the Division's areas of focus and identify areas where continued focus is needed.

Child Abuse Hotline and Child Protective Services (CPS) Investigations

The statewide Child Abuse Hotline received 28,046 calls during this reporting period. Of those, 11,912 – or 42.5 percent – *did not meet* the statutory criteria for a CPS report. Calls that did not meet the criteria for a CPS report included: requests for information or referrals for services; questions about current cases; and allegations of abuse or neglect where the alleged perpetrator was not the child's parent, guardian or custodian (those calls are referred to law enforcement for response). Every call that does not meet the criteria for a CPS report is reviewed within 48 hours by quality assurance staff to ensure the accuracy of that decision.

The statewide Child Abuse Hotline received 16,134 calls during this reporting period that met the statutory criteria for a CPS report. Of those, 213 were referred to other jurisdictions, the military or tribal governments for investigation and an additional 425 were reports that were not assigned for investigation, primarily as a result of the impact of staffing reductions pursuant to budget reduction strategies. This resulted in 15,496 CPS reports being assigned to child welfare specialists for investigation. Compared to the same reporting period last year, this represents a decrease of 1,324 CPS reports assigned for investigation – or 7.9 percent. This decrease in CPS reports requiring an investigation has mainly occurred in Maricopa and Pima counties.

Of the 15,496 CPS reports assigned for investigation during this reporting period, 10,391 reports – or 67.1 percent – had investigation closures entered into the Children's Information Library and Data Source (CHILDS) statewide case management information system. Closing a case means that the initial investigation to the original allegations of abuse or neglect has been completed and the appropriate case

plan is put in place, as needed. Many factors can impact the closure of investigations, including time needed for child welfare specialists to become more proficient with the new risk assessment and case planning process and the corresponding automated version.

Of the 14,176 CPS reports subject to substantiation during this reporting period, 902 – or 6.4 percent – were substantiated. An additional 134 CPS reports – or 0.9 percent – were proposed for substantiation by child welfare specialists and are currently awaiting the results of the appeals process. Over time, the number of substantiated and proposed substantiated CPS reports associated with this time period will increase as investigation findings are entered into CHILDS. It is sometimes difficult to substantiate allegations of abuse or neglect because current state laws that define child maltreatment do not include many situations related to child neglect or sexual abuse.

Children in Out-of-Home Care

The Division continues to engage the community in efforts to keep children safe, strengthen families, and prevent the need for children to be removed from their homes through the statewide implementation of strategies such as the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Family to Family Initiative. Family to Family includes four basic principles: (1) a child's safety is paramount; (2) children belong in families; (3) families need strong communities; and (4) public child welfare systems need partnerships with the community and with other systems to achieve strong outcomes for children.

The number of children in out-of-home care decreased from 10,404 in the prior reporting period to 10,112 in September 2009. Of the children in out-of-home care, the Division continues its success in placing children in the most family-like setting possible. In September 2009, 8,293 children – or 82.0 percent of all children in out-of-home care – were placed with relatives or licensed foster parents. An additional 50 children were placed with their parents on a trial home visit and 301 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 107 new homes being licensed during this reporting period.

The Division continues to focus on reducing the number of young children in shelter and group home care. In September 2009, there were 22 young children ages 0 through 3 in shelter care. This represents a decrease of 86 children – or 79.6 percent – since March 2005. Placement of young children in shelter care continues to be influenced by the need to place some children after regular work hours, such as weekends, as well as the placement of children in a specialized shelter in Pima County for medically fragile children. The Division has also worked diligently to reduce the number of very young children in group homes. In September 2009, there were 10 young children ages 0 to 6 in group homes. This represents a decrease of 26 children – or 72.2 percent – since March 2006. There are times when placement of young children in group homes is in the best interests of the children; for example, when group placement would allow siblings to stay together or when group placement is considered the least restrictive placement for a child with behavioral issues.

Since March 2005, the number of children placed in shelter or receiving home care for 21 days or more decreased by 677 children – or 60.1 percent – a significant improvement. Compared to the same reporting period last year, the number of children in these temporary care settings decreased by 135 children – or 23.1 percent.

The state requires monthly face to face visitation with children in foster care. The current report shows that 81.1 percent of the children in foster care received their visitation during the last month of the reporting period. This compares to 69.7 percent receiving their visit during the last month of the reporting period ending March 2009. The Department recognizes 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, and continues to make efforts to improve our rate of visitation.

Permanency for Children

The Division continues to work toward achieving permanency for children placed in out-of-home care. The total number of children achieving permanency through family reunification, adoption or legal guardianship was 3,252 in this reporting period, compared to 3,190 in the same reporting period last year. Compared to the same reporting period last year, in this reporting period:

- 1,987 children exited the system to family reunification, a decrease of 96 children – or 4.6 percent.
- 891 children exited to adoption, an increase of 94 children – or 11.8 percent.
- 374 children exited to guardianship, a increase of 64 children – or 20.6 percent.

This data demonstrates that more children are being reunified with their parents and more children are achieving permanency through adoption, which is considered the most permanent plan for a child who can not safely return home. Arizona continues to be recognized for its high rate of adoptions through receipt of federal Adoption Incentive funding. Incentive funding was awarded in federal fiscal years 2005, 2006 and 2008. For 2006, Arizona achieved the highest amount among states receiving incentive funding, and Arizona was in the top three among states receiving incentives in 2005.

Challenges

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

- Retention of trained and qualified staff.
- Increased expectations for staff to implement new practices and meet new federal requirements without adequate funding.
- Economic factors which create additional stress upon families and increases factors that place children at risk of maltreatment.
- Funding cuts to the Division have had devastating impacts on services. These impacts have been felt through reduced staffing, severe reductions in the preventative and family support services provided by the Division and large decreases in the amount of in-home services provided to clients. Unfortunately, as the economic crisis continues, the prospect of further funding cuts will yield yet greater impacts to clients and services.

Despite these challenges, the Division continues to ensure child welfare staff has the tools they need to do their jobs effectively, and that both state and federal standards are being implemented. The Division continues to work in partnership with the federal government to meet the federal Child and Family Service Review (CFSR) standards to improve outcomes for the children and families we serve.

Semi-Annual Comparisons

	Oct 2005 through Mar 2006	Apr 2006 through Sep 2006	Oct 2006 through Mar 2007	Apr 2007 through Sep 2007	Oct 2007 through Mar 2008	Apr 2008 through Sep 2008	Oct 2008 through Mar 2009	Apr 2009 through Sep 2009
Number of Reports Received	17,756	16,781	16,612	18,078	17,628	17,493	17,094	16,134
Number of Reports Substantiated ¹	1,326	1,376	1,369	1,413	1,223	1,331	1,238	902
Substantiation Rate	9%	10%	10%	10%	8%	9%	9%	6%
Number of Reports Investigated & Closed	N/A	16,256	15,017	12,722	10,760	10,064	10,686	10,397
Number of Reports Responded To	N/A	16,619	16,422	17,876	17,413	17,310	16,820	15,496
Number of new removals	3,753	3,773	3,683	3,924	3,742	4,546	3,889	3,819
Number of new removals with Voluntary under 18	290	386	398	468	408	370	319	148
Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care on the Last Day of Reporting Period	9,902	9,833	9,773	9,701	9,721	10,303	10,404	10,112
Number of Children in Shelter for More than 21 Days	840	744	705	679	626	585	529	450
Number and Percentage of Children Receiving Visitation In the Last Month of Reporting Period	6,411 (64.7%)	6,437 (65.5%)	7,610 (77.9%)	7,283 (75.1%)	7,376 (75.9%)	7,664 (74.4%)	7,247 (69.7%)	8,201 (81.1%)
Number and Percentage of Children not Receiving Visitation	3,491 (35.3%)	3,396 (34.5%)	2,163 (22.1%)	2,418 (24.9%)	2,345 (24.1%)	2,639 (25.6%)	3,157 (30.3%)	1,911 (18.9%)
Number and Percentage of Parents Receiving Visitation	1,154 (52.1%)	1,131 (51.8%)	1,398 (63.1%)	1,241 (63.5%)	1,025 (62.3%)	1,022 (60.2%)	939 (53.6%)	1,364 (59.6%)
Number of Licensed Foster Homes	2,863	3,256	3,177	3,512	3,592	3,615	3,923	3,954
Number of Foster Home Spaces Available to ACYF	5,668	6,469	6,498	6,639	6,283	7,116	8,293	8,625
Number of New Foster Homes	328	426	432	435	794	162	648	107
Number of Foster Homes Closed	295	166	232	100	445	139	340	76
Number and Percentage of Foster Homes Receiving Visitation In the Last Qtr. Of Reporting Period	1,833 (64.0%)	1,790 (55.0%)	2,116 (66.6%)	1,739 (49.5%)	2,137 (59.5%)	2,412 (66.7%)	2,993 (76.3%)	3,224 (81.6%)
Number and Percentage of Foster Homes not Receiving Visitation	1,030 (36.0%)	1,466 (45.0%)	1,061 (33.4%)	1,773 (50.5%)	1,455 (40.5%)	1,203 (33.3%)	930 (23.7%)	730 (18.4%)
Number of Children Leaving DES Custody	3,506	3,595	3,553	3,824	3,512	3,773	3,590	3,894
Number of Children With a Case Plan Goal of Adoption	2,345	2,302	2,439	2,186	1,954	1,856	2,047	2,505
Number of Children With a Finalized Adoption	586	736	695	773	765	797	764	891

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

Reports of Abuse & Neglect

Child abuse and neglect are defined in A.R.S. §8-201 and A.R.S. §13-3623 (A). These definitions provide the major categories in this report.

Between April 1, 2009 and September 30, 2009, there were 16,134 incoming communications to the Child Abuse Hotline that met the criteria for a report of abuse or neglect. Of these, 213 were within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments and were referred to those jurisdictions. This compares to 17,094 incoming communications received during the last reporting period which met the criteria of a report of abuse or neglect.

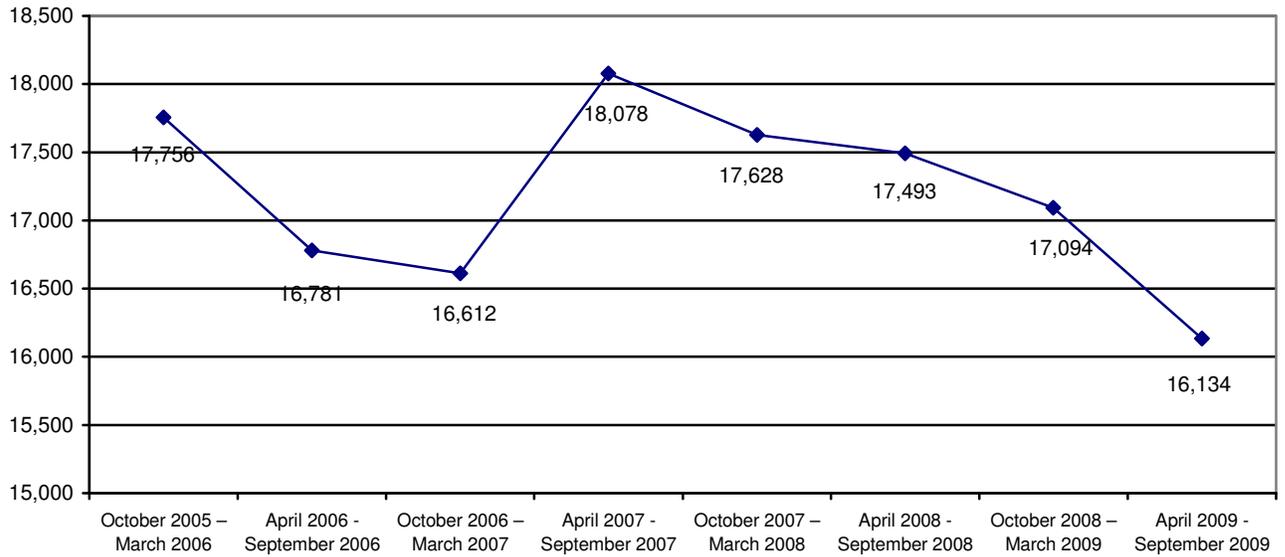
Table 1 shows the number of reports received by the Department by category of maltreatment for the last eight reporting periods. The table shows that for the current reporting period 9,666 or 59.9 percent of the 16,134 reports of maltreatment were related to allegations of neglect, 5,372 or 33.3 percent of the reports were related to allegations of physical abuse, 919 or 5.7 percent of the reports were related to allegations of sexual abuse, and 177 or 1.1 percent of the reports were related to allegations of emotional abuse.

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

	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Total
October 2005 – March 2006	10,592 59.6%	5,890 33.2%	1,010 5.7%	264 1.5%	17,756 100.0%
April 2006 - September 2006	10,201 60.7%	5,346 31.9%	1,019 6.1%	215 1.3%	16,781 100.0%
October 2006 – March 2007	9,838 59.2%	5,571 33.5%	1,007 6.1%	196 1.2%	16,612 100.0%
April 2007 – September 2007	10,922 60.4%	5,836 32.3%	1,108 6.1%	212 1.2%	18,078 100.0%
October 2007 – March 2008	10,449 59.2%	6,005 34.1%	980 5.6%	194 1.1%	17,628 100.0%
April 2008 – September 2008	10,539 60.2%	5,737 32.8%	1,028 5.9%	189 1.1%	17,493 100.0%
October 2008 – March 2009	9,845 57.6%	6,064 35.5%	975 5.7%	210 1.2%	17,094 100.0%
April 2009 – September 2009	9,666 59.9%	5,372 33.3%	919 5.7%	177 1.1%	16,134 100.0%

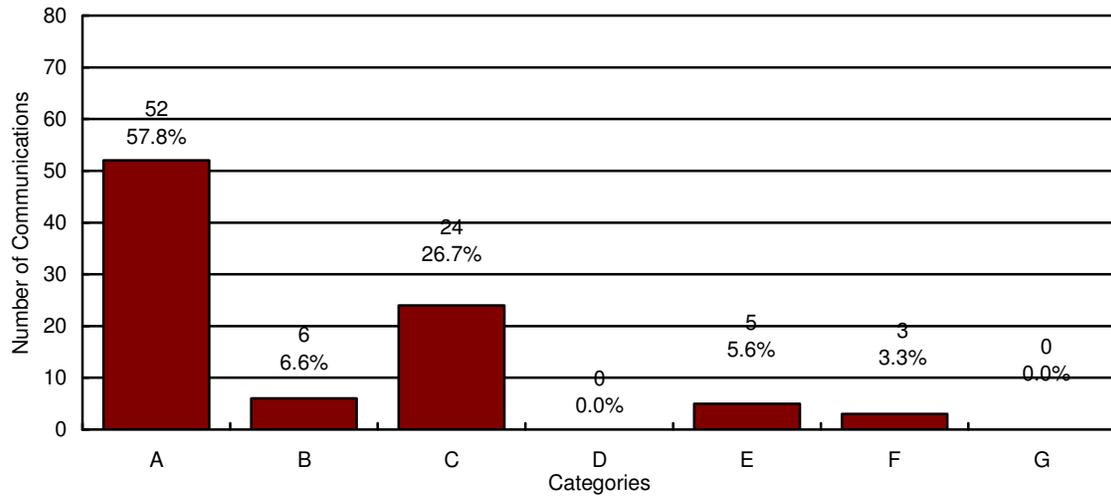
Chart 1 shows that the number of CPS reports received by the CPS Hotline has decreased over the past year. Comparing the current reporting period to the prior reporting period, the number of reports received decreased by 960 reports or 5.6 percent.

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



In addition to the 16,134 reports during the current reporting period, the Child Abuse Hotline received 11,912 communications that did not meet the statutory criteria of a report of maltreatment. A random sample of these communications is contained in the chart below.

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



N=90

- A = Concern Only/No Allegation of Child Abuse or Neglect**
- B = Out of CPS Jurisdiction**
- C = Call Appropriate for Law Enforcement Jurisdiction²**
- D = Non-Caretaker Neglect/Child No Longer at Risk**
- E = Insufficient Information**
- F = Truancy/Custody Issues**
- G = Current Case Questions or Referrals**

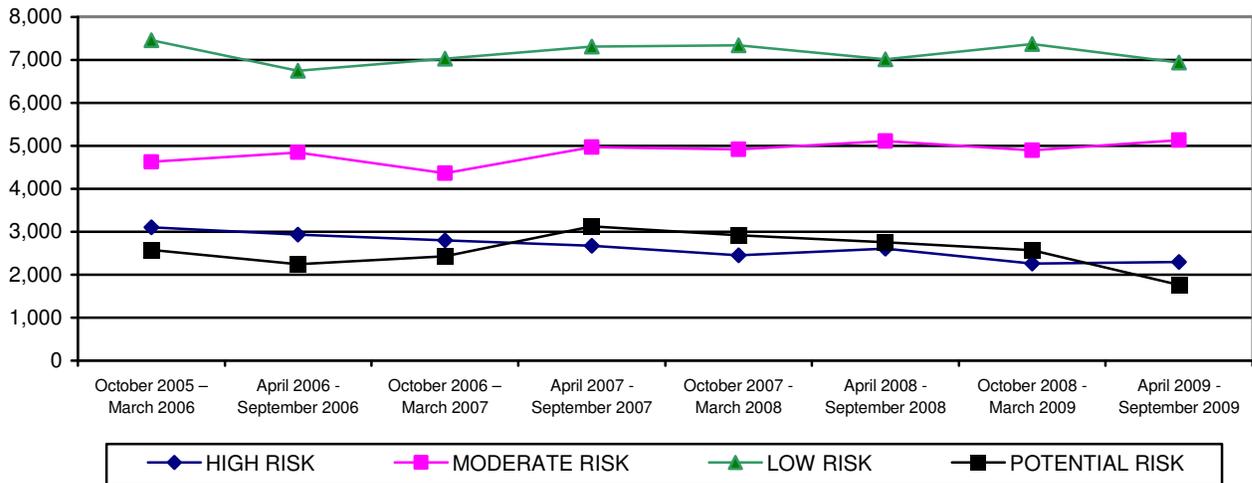
All communications that do not meet the statutory requirements for a field investigation of abuse or neglect are reviewed within 48 hours by DES quality assurance staff.

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

For the current reporting period, the CPS Hotline classified 14.2 percent of the reports received as high risk, 31.9 percent as moderate risk, 43.0 percent as low risk, and 10.9 percent as potential risk.

For the current reporting period, the CPS Hotline classified 1.1 percent of CPS reports as emotional abuse, 59.9 percent as neglect, 33.3 percent as physical abuse, and 5.7 percent as sexual abuse.

**CHART 3
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY RISK LEVEL**



**TABLE 2
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	11	25	32	7	75	0.5%
COCHISE	51	141	202	42	436	2.7%
COCONINO	53	111	157	42	363	2.3%
GILA	11	22	38	9	80	0.5%
GRAHAM	14	37	33	13	97	0.6%
GREENLEE	2	6	7	1	16	0.1%
LA PAZ	3	12	17	3	35	0.2%
MARICOPA	1,424	3,006	4,052	1,024	9,506	58.9%
MOHAVE	78	174	263	39	554	3.4%
NAVAJO	40	80	109	24	253	1.6%
PIMA	365	939	1,244	325	2,873	17.8%
PINAL	153	308	405	136	1,002	6.2%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	2	1	3	<0.1%
YAVAPAI	45	164	220	51	480	3.0%
YUMA	47	111	161	42	361	2.2%
STATEWIDE	2,297	5,136	6,942	1,759	16,134	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	14.2%	31.9%	43.0%	10.9%	100.0%	

TABLE 3
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	17	20	30	11	78	0.5%
COCHISE	58	120	213	61	452	2.6%
COCONINO	42	111	160	58	371	2.2%
GILA	8	12	27	5	52	0.3%
GRAHAM	10	26	38	16	90	0.5%
GREENLEE	3	4	5	1	13	0.1%
LA PAZ	8	12	18	7	45	0.3%
MARICOPA	1,420	2,832	4,288	1,491	10,031	58.6%
MOHAVE	68	202	246	68	584	3.4%
NAVAJO	41	79	111	34	265	1.6%
PIMA	336	886	1,430	514	3,166	18.5%
PINAL	139	301	418	159	1,017	6.0%
SANTA CRUZ	3	6	7	8	24	0.1%
YAVAPAI	42	180	242	81	545	3.2%
YUMA	60	108	141	52	361	2.1%
STATEWIDE	2,255	4,899	7,374	2,566	17,094	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	13.2%	28.7%	43.1%	15.0%	100.0%	

CHART 4
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT

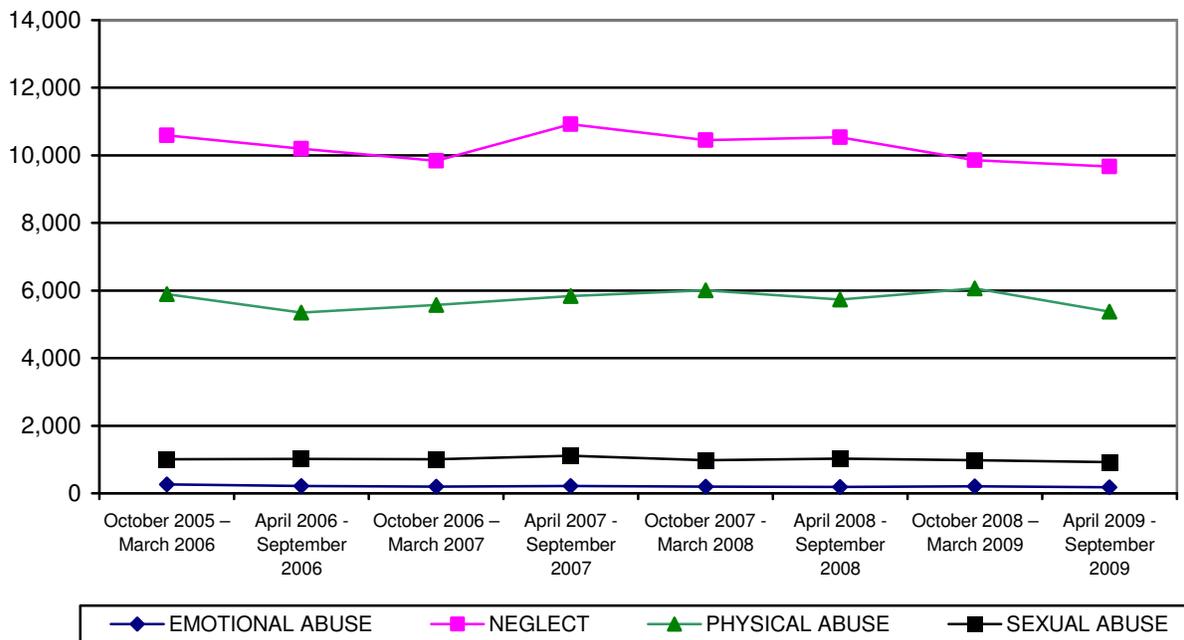


TABLE 4
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR
PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	44	20	11	75	0.5%
COCHISE	9	257	149	21	436	2.7%
COCONINO	5	217	123	18	363	2.3%
GILA	0	51	20	9	80	0.5%
GRAHAM	0	59	33	5	97	0.6%
GREENLEE	0	11	5	0	16	0.1%
LA PAZ	1	20	12	2	35	0.2%
MARICOPA	102	5,600	3,271	533	9,506	58.9%
MOHAVE	5	345	174	30	554	3.4%
NAVAJO	2	162	75	14	253	1.6%
PIMA	31	1,743	918	181	2,873	17.8%
PINAL	8	628	319	47	1,002	6.2%
SANTA CRUZ	0	2	1	0	3	<0.1%
YAVAPAI	11	295	146	28	480	3.0%
YUMA	3	232	106	20	361	2.2%
STATEWIDE	177	9,666	5,372	919	16,134	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	1.1%	59.9%	33.3%	5.7%	100.0%	

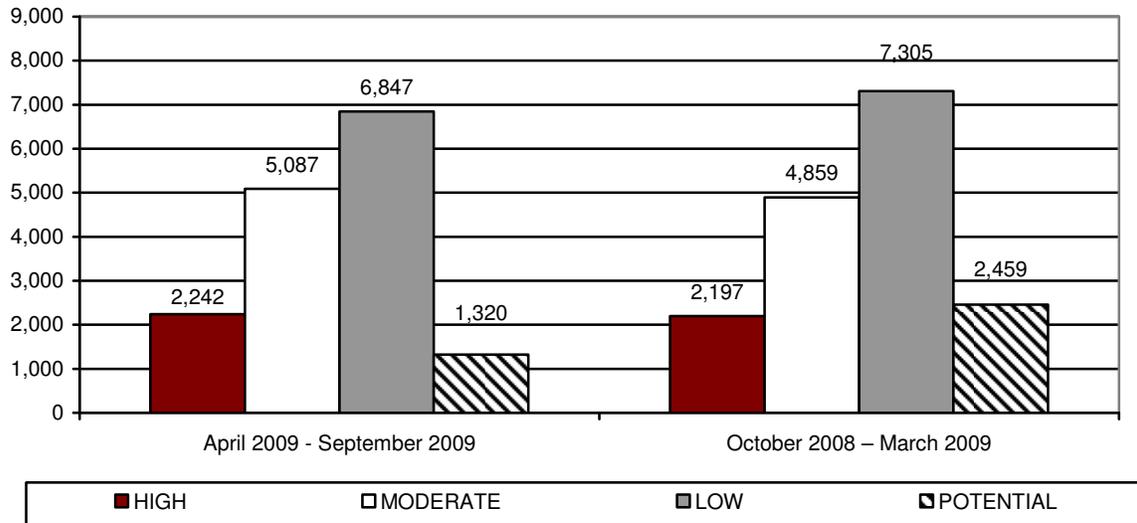
TABLE 5
NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	52	23	2	78	0.5%
COCHISE	13	248	163	28	452	2.6%
COCONINO	6	203	141	21	371	2.2%
GILA	2	35	14	1	52	0.3%
GRAHAM	3	54	29	4	90	0.5%
GREENLEE	0	10	3	0	13	0.1%
LA PAZ	1	27	16	1	45	0.3%
MARICOPA	103	5,712	3,620	596	10,031	58.6%
MOHAVE	5	356	193	30	584	3.4%
NAVAJO	4	167	85	9	265	1.6%
PIMA	45	1,811	1,126	184	3,166	18.5%
PINAL	10	604	355	48	1,017	6.0%
SANTA CRUZ	1	9	11	3	24	0.1%
YAVAPAI	12	323	183	27	545	3.2%
YUMA	4	234	102	21	361	2.1%
STATEWIDE	210	9,845	6,064	975	17,094	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	1.2%	57.6%	35.5%	5.7%	100.0%	

ASSIGNMENT OF INVESTIGATIONS

During the reporting period, there were 16,134 calls to the hotline that met the statutory criteria for a report. Of those, 213 reports fell within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments and 425 reports were not investigated. This left 15,496 reports that were assigned to be investigated by CPS. The following tables and charts in this section provide statewide and county level information on these reports.

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



**TABLE 6
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	6	19	21	5	51	0.3%
COCHISE	51	141	202	31	425	2.7%
COCONINO	39	99	130	23	291	1.9%
GILA	11	21	37	8	77	0.5%
GRAHAM	14	37	31	10	92	0.6%
GREENLEE	2	6	7	0	15	0.1%
LA PAZ	1	10	12	3	26	0.1%
MARICOPA	1,413	3,000	4,042	774	9,229	59.6%
MOHAVE	76	172	261	26	535	3.5%
NAVAJO	29	75	95	18	217	1.4%
PIMA	365	936	1,237	257	2,795	18.0%
PINAL	143	299	391	100	933	6.0%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	2	0	2	<0.1%
YAVAPAI	45	162	218	32	457	3.0%
YUMA	47	110	161	33	351	2.3%
STATEWIDE	2,242	5,087	6,847	1,320	15,496	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	14.5%	32.8%	44.2%	8.5%	100.0%	

**TABLE 7
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY
FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	11	16	25	7	59	0.4%
COCHISE	58	120	212	60	450	2.7%
COCONINO	37	98	139	46	320	1.9%
GILA	7	12	27	5	51	0.3%
GRAHAM	10	26	37	16	89	0.5%
GREENLEE	3	4	5	1	13	0.1%
LA PAZ	7	10	18	6	41	0.2%
MARICOPA	1,405	2,827	4,274	1,439	9,945	59.2%
MOHAVE	65	201	245	66	577	3.4%
NAVAJO	27	71	101	29	228	1.4%
PIMA	333	883	1,422	497	3,135	18.6%
PINAL	129	297	410	152	988	5.9%
SANTA CRUZ	3	6	7	7	23	0.1%
YAVAPAI	42	180	242	79	543	3.2%
YUMA	60	108	141	49	358	2.1%
STATEWIDE	2,197	4,859	7,305	2,459	16,820	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	13.1%	28.9%	43.4%	14.6%	100.0%	

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

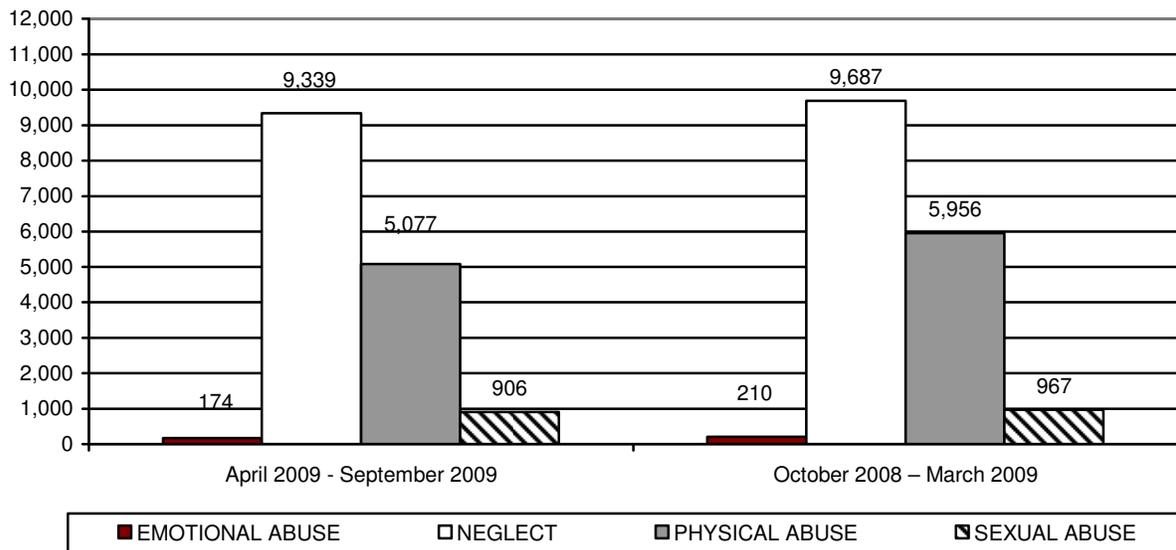


TABLE 8
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	33	13	5	51	0.3%
COCHISE	9	253	142	21	425	2.7%
COCONINO	4	177	95	15	291	1.9%
GILA	0	48	20	9	77	0.5%
GRAHAM	0	54	33	5	92	0.6%
GREENLEE	0	11	4	0	15	0.1%
LA PAZ	0	16	8	2	26	0.2%
MARICOPA	101	5,466	3,131	531	9,229	59.5%
MOHAVE	5	338	162	30	535	3.5%
NAVAJO	2	138	63	14	217	1.4%
PIMA	31	1,704	879	181	2,795	18.0%
PINAL	8	590	289	46	933	6.0%
SANTA CRUZ	0	2	0	0	2	<0.1%
YAVAPAI	11	282	136	28	457	3.0%
YUMA	3	227	102	19	351	2.3%
STATEWIDE	174	9,339	5,077	906	15,496	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	1.1%	60.2%	32.8%	5.9%	100.0%	

TABLE 9
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	38	19	1	59	0.4%
COCHISE	13	246	163	28	450	2.7%
COCONINO	6	178	118	18	320	1.9%
GILA	2	34	14	1	51	0.3%
GRAHAM	3	53	29	4	89	0.5%
GREENLEE	0	10	3	0	13	0.1%
LA PAZ	1	26	13	1	41	0.2%
MARICOPA	103	5,673	3,573	596	9,945	59.2%
MOHAVE	5	349	193	30	577	3.4%
NAVAJO	4	141	75	8	228	1.4%
PIMA	45	1,790	1,116	184	3,135	18.6%
PINAL	10	585	348	45	988	5.9%
SANTA CRUZ	1	9	10	3	23	0.1%
YAVAPAI	12	322	182	27	543	3.2%
YUMA	4	233	100	21	358	2.1%
STATEWIDE	210	9,687	5,956	967	16,820	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	1.3%	57.5%	35.4%	5.8%	100.0%	

During this reporting period, there were 15,496 reports assigned for investigation. Of these, CPS completed 9,977 investigations or 64.4 percent. Investigations not completed remain open when the investigation is still in process, when the CPS specialist is waiting for the results of a law enforcement investigation and/or receipt of records that impact the investigation finding, or when the investigation has been completed but is awaiting supervisory review and approval.

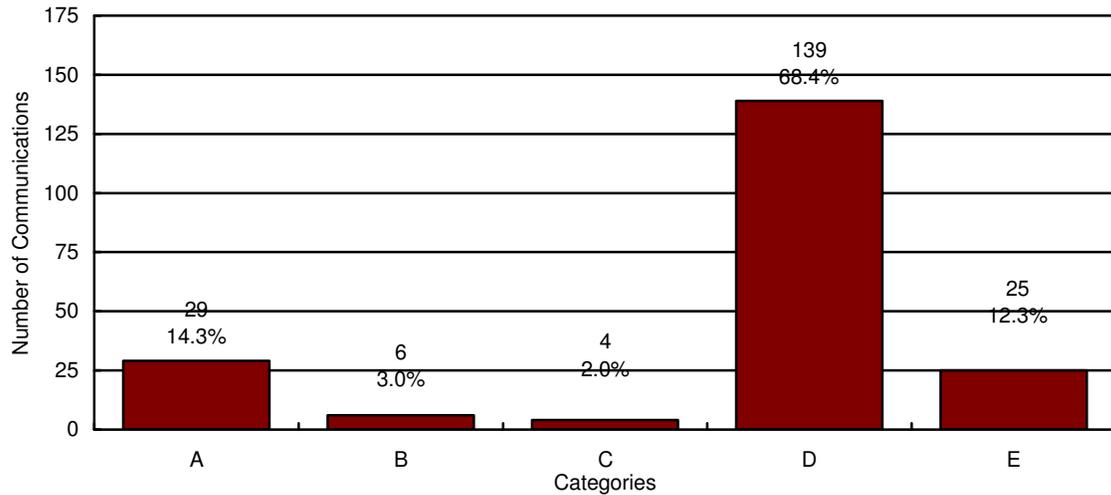
INVESTIGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

**TABLE 10
NUMBER OF REPORTS NOT RESPONDED TO BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY FOR
PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	1	1	0.2%
COCHISE	0	0	0	11	11	2.6%
COCONINO	0	0	0	14	14	3.3%
GILA	0	0	0	1	1	0.2%
GRAHAM	0	0	0	3	3	0.7%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	1	1	0.2%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	0	0	0	249	249	58.7%
MOHAVE	0	0	0	13	13	3.1%
NAVAJO	0	0	0	3	3	0.7%
PIMA	0	0	0	68	68	16.0%
PINAL	0	0	0	33	33	7.8%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	1	1	0.2%
YAVAPAI	0	0	0	18	18	4.2%
YUMA	0	0	0	9	9	2.1%
STATEWIDE	0	0	0	425	425	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

By statute, a random sample of reports not responded to for the period is required. For the current reporting period there were 425 reports that were not responded to. A random sample of 203 reports not responded to were reviewed. Chart 7 displays the 203 reports in brief descriptive categories.

CHART 7
NUMBER OF REPORTS NOT RESPONDED TO BY CATEGORY FOR THE PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009



N=203

- 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**

CHART 8
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND
REPORTING PERIOD FOR REPORTS STILL OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION

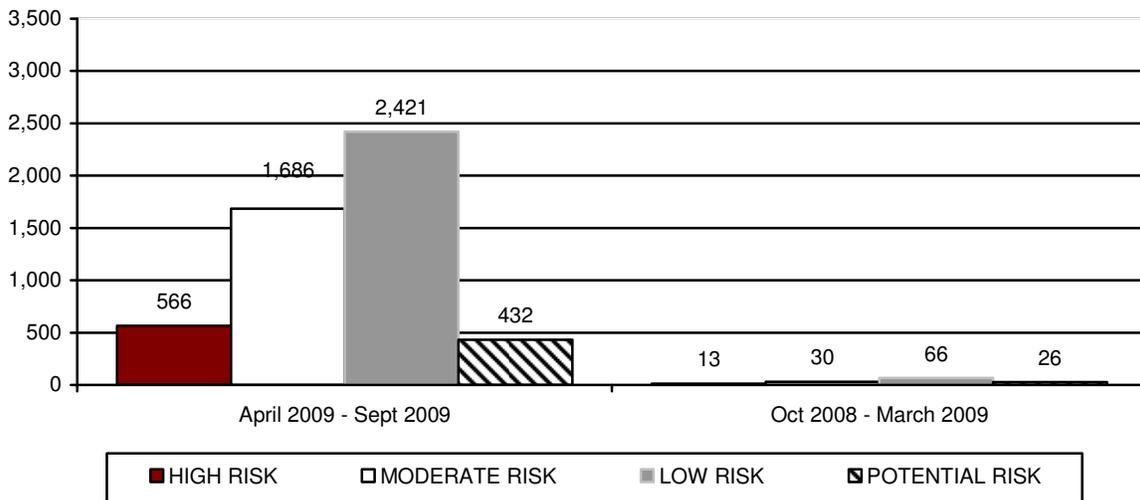


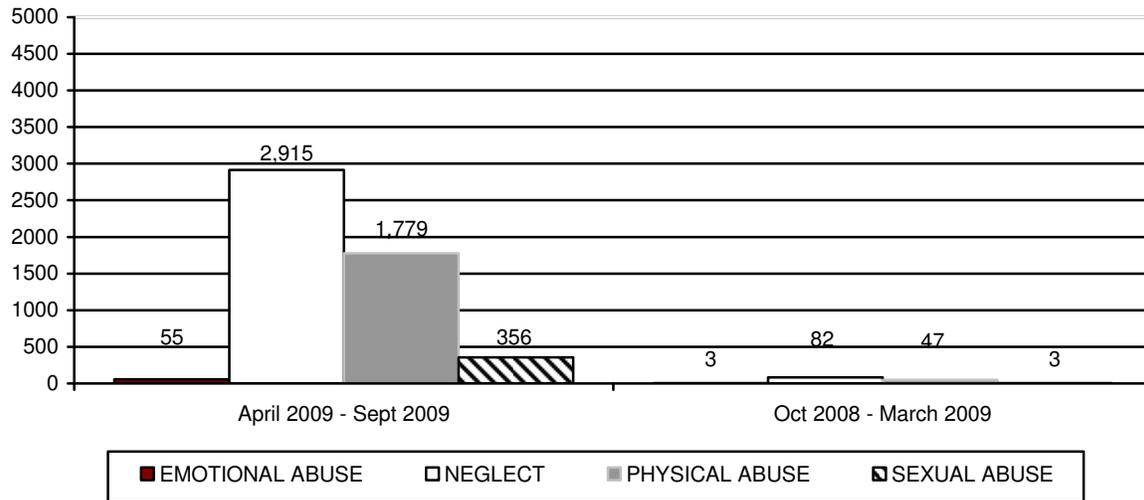
TABLE 11
NUMBER OF REPORTS BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS STILL OPEN FOR
INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	10	5	3	19	0.4%
COCHISE	25	68	91	18	202	4.0%
COCONINO	20	50	54	10	134	2.6%
GILA	5	11	14	3	33	0.7%
GRAHAM	3	9	10	4	26	0.5%
GREENLEE	0	1	1	0	2	<0.1%
LA PAZ	0	0	2	0	2	<0.1%
MARICOPA	290	875	1,253	197	2,615	51.2%
MOHAVE	28	61	78	6	173	3.4%
NAVAJO	11	29	39	8	87	1.7%
PIMA	75	292	489	104	960	18.8%
PINAL	86	210	281	66	643	12.6%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	2	0	2	<0.1%
YAVAPAI	7	31	49	4	91	1.8%
YUMA	15	39	53	9	116	2.3%
STATEWIDE	566	1,686	2,421	432	5,105	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	11.1%	33.0%	47.4%	8.5%	100.0%	

TABLE 12
NUMBER OF REPORTS BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS STILL OPEN FOR
INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	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	5	0	7	5.2
GRAHAM	0	0	2	0	2	1.5
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
MARICOPA	1	2	1	2	6	4.4
MOHAVE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
NAVAJO	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
PIMA	4	16	42	19	81	60.0
PINAL	8	10	16	5	39	28.9
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	13	30	66	26	135	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	9.6%	22.2%	48.9%	19.3%	100.0%	

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



**TABLE 13
NUMBER OF REPORTS BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS
STILL OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	12	3	4	19	0.4%
COCHISE	2	125	61	14	202	4.0%
COCONINO	0	78	48	8	134	2.6%
GILA	0	19	9	5	33	0.7%
GRAHAM	0	16	10	0	26	0.5%
GREENLEE	0	0	2	0	2	<0.1%
LA PAZ	0	1	1	0	2	<0.1%
MARICOPA	28	1,436	963	188	2,615	51.2%
MOHAVE	1	115	44	13	173	3.4%
NAVAJO	2	48	29	8	87	1.7%
PIMA	13	546	330	71	960	18.8%
PINAL	6	395	214	28	643	12.6%
SANTA CRUZ	0	2	0	0	2	<0.1%
YAVAPAI	3	55	26	7	91	1.8%
YUMA	0	67	39	10	116	2.3%
STATEWIDE	55	2,915	1,779	356	5,105	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	1.1%	57.0%	34.9%	7.0%	100.0%	

TABLE 14
NUMBER OF REPORTS BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT AND COUNTY FOR REPORTS
STILL OPEN FOR INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	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	6	1	0	7	5.2%
GRAHAM	0	1	1	0	2	1.5%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	0	5	0	1	6	4.4%
MOHAVE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
NAVAJO	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
PIMA	2	43	35	1	81	60.0%
PINAL	1	27	10	1	39	28.9%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YUMA	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
STATEWIDE	3	82	47	3	135	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	2.2%	60.8%	34.8%	2.2%	100.0%	

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

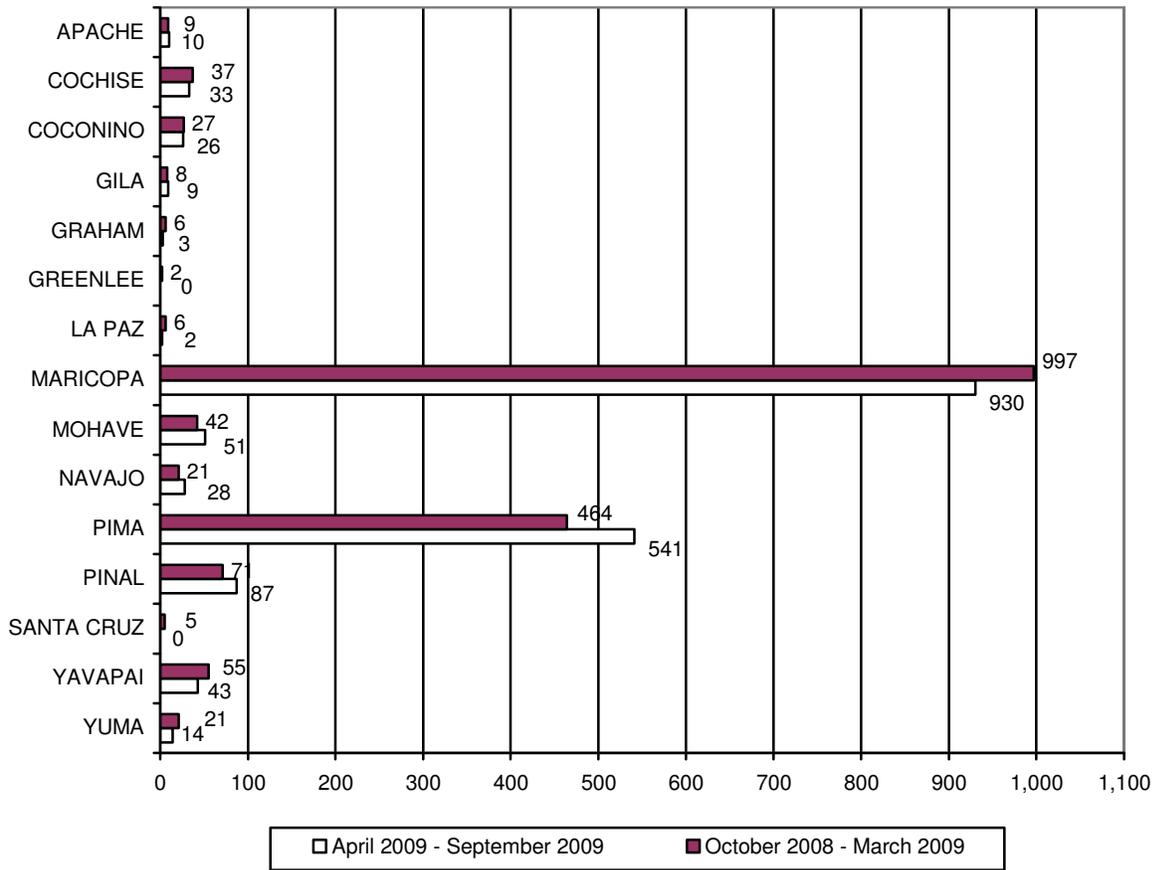


TABLE 15
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY COUNTY WHERE A
REMOVAL OCCURRED FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

COUNTY	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED WITH A REMOVAL	% OF REPORTS WHERE A CHILD WAS PLACED IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE
APACHE	51	10	19.6%
COCHISE	425	33	7.8%
COCONINO	291	26	8.9%
GILA	77	9	11.7%
GRAHAM	92	3	3.3%
GREENLEE	15	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	26	2	7.7%
MARICOPA	9,229	930	10.1%
MOHAVE	535	51	9.5%
NAVAJO	217	28	12.9%
PIMA	2,795	541	19.4%
PINAL	933	87	9.3%
SANTA CRUZ	2	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	457	43	9.4%
YUMA	351	14	4.0%
STATEWIDE	15,496	1,777	11.5%

TABLE 16
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY COUNTY WHERE A
REMOVAL OCCURRED FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009

COUNTY	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED	NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED WITH A REMOVAL	% OF REPORTS WHERE A CHILD WAS PLACED IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE
APACHE	59	9	15.3%
COCHISE	451	37	8.2%
COCONINO	321	27	8.4%
GILA	51	8	15.7%
GRAHAM	89	6	6.7%
GREENLEE	13	2	15.4%
LA PAZ	41	6	14.6%
MARICOPA	9,993	997	10.0%
MOHAVE	579	42	7.3%
NAVAJO	230	21	9.1%
PIMA	3,149	464	14.7%
PINAL	990	71	7.2%
SANTA CRUZ	24	5	20.8%
YAVAPAI	545	55	10.1%
YUMA	361	21	5.8%
STATEWIDE	16,896	1,771	10.5%

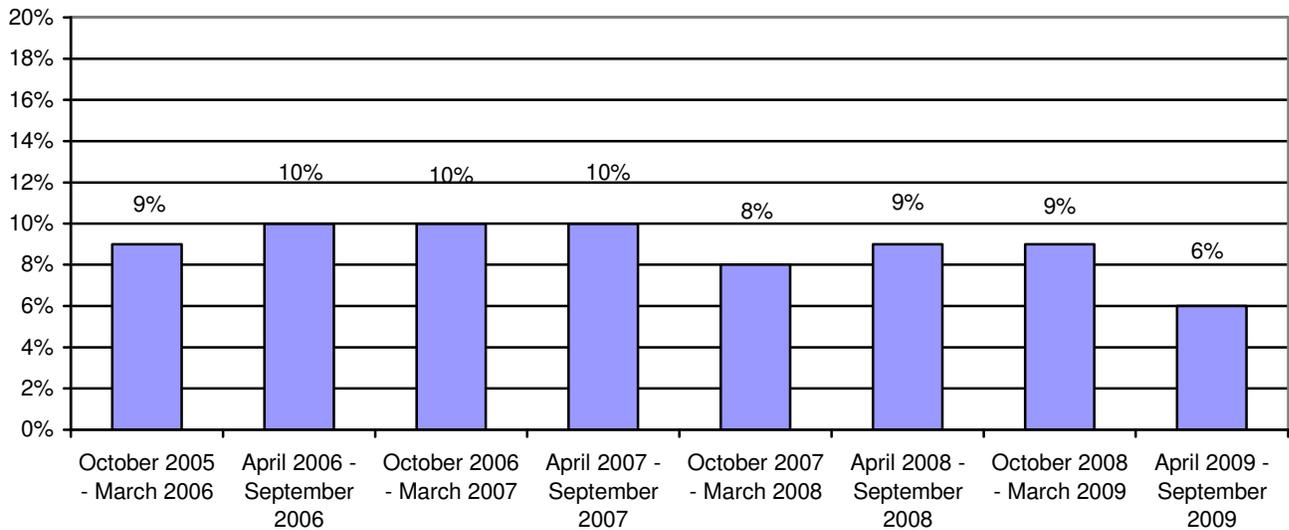
COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS

Substantiated reports are reports where the Department has determined that at least one of the allegations in the report of abuse and 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.

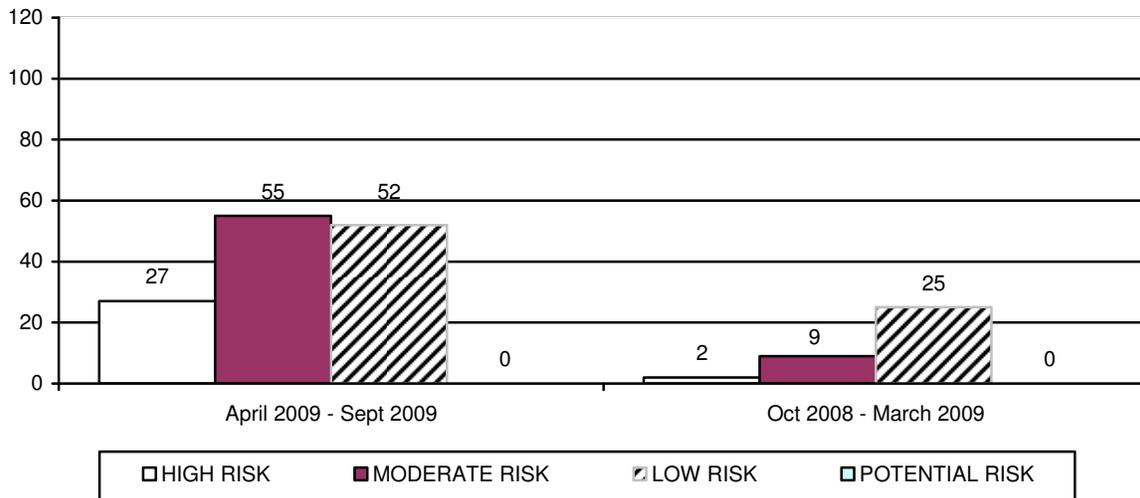
The preliminary number of CPS reports that are substantiated for this reporting period is 902. For the prior reporting period, the number of CPS reports that were assigned for investigation that resulted in substantiated findings was revised from 652 to 1,238 to reflect subsequent decisions based on parents' rights to due process. For the current reporting period, 33.7 percent of substantiated investigative findings were classified as high risk, 38.2 percent as moderate risk, and 28.1 percent as low risk. Potential risk reports are not substantiated by CPS. For the prior reporting period, 25.5 percent of substantiated investigative findings were classified as high risk, 39.6 percent as moderate risk, and 34.9 percent as low risk.

- There were 14,176 reports received during the current reporting period that were subject to substantiation. This results in a preliminary substantiation rate of 6 percent for the current reporting period.
- There were 14,361 reports received during the prior reporting period that were subject to substantiation. This results in a 9 percent substantiation rate for the prior reporting period.

**CHART 11
SUBSTANTIATION RATE BY REPORTING PERIOD**



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



**TABLE 17
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	0	1	2	0	3	2.2%
COCONINO	2	1	1	0	4	3.0%
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	16	42	37	0	95	70.8%
MOHAVE	1	1	2	0	4	3.0%
NAVAJO	2	0	2	0	4	3.0%
PIMA	4	4	4	0	12	9.0%
PINAL	1	0	1	0	2	1.5%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	0	3	1	0	4	3.0%
YUMA	1	3	2	0	6	4.5%
STATEWIDE	27	55	52	0	134	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	20.2%	41.0%	38.8%	0.0%	100.0%	

TABLE 18
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY
THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	0	0	1	0	1	2.8%
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	4	12	0	16	44.4%
MOHAVE	1	2	0	0	3	8.3%
NAVAJO	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
PIMA	1	3	7	0	11	30.6%
PINAL	0	0	3	0	3	8.3%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	0	0	1	0	1	2.8%
YUMA	0	0	1	0	1	2.8%
STATEWIDE	2	9	25	0	36	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	5.6%	25.0%	69.4%	0.0%	100.0%	

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

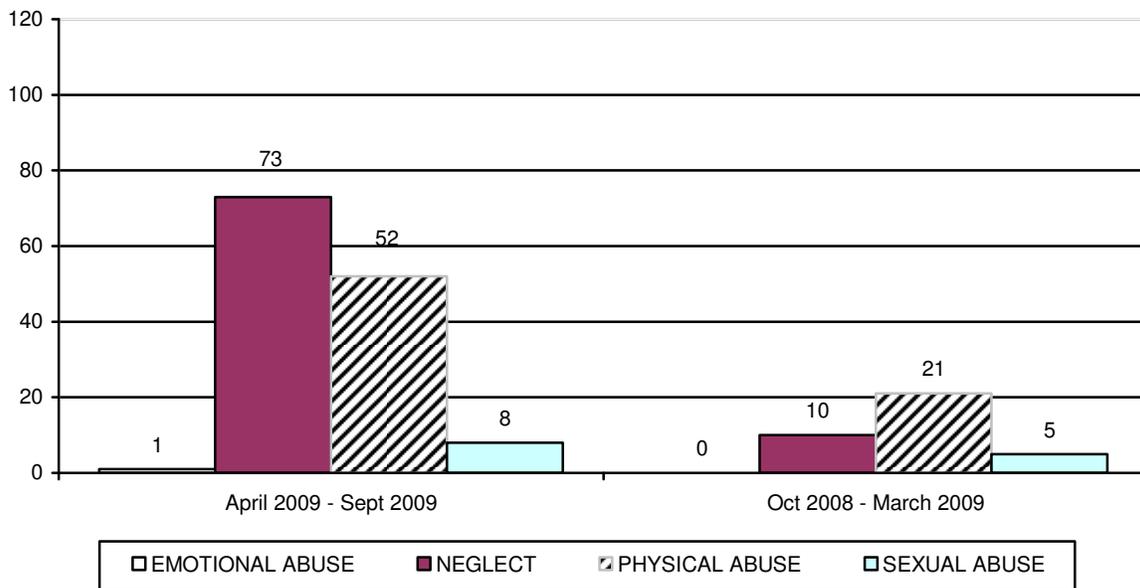


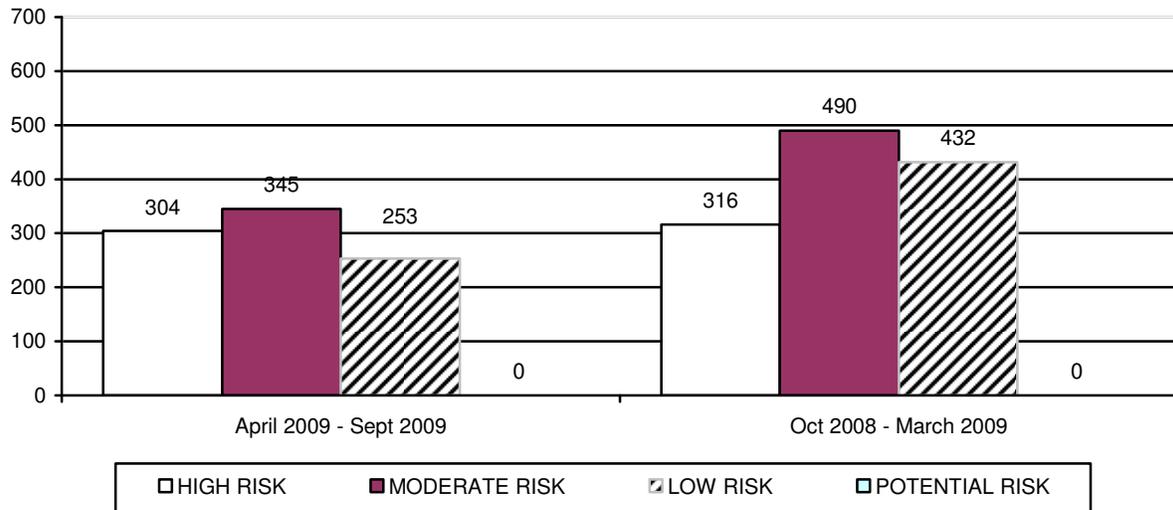
TABLE 19
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	0	1	2	0	3	2.2%
COCONINO	0	4	0	0	4	3.0%
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	46	41	8	95	70.8%
MOHAVE	0	3	1	0	4	3.0%
NAVAJO	0	3	1	0	4	3.0%
PIMA	1	6	5	0	12	9.0%
PINAL	0	1	1	0	2	1.5%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	0	4	0	0	4	3.0%
YUMA	0	5	1	0	6	4.5%
STATEWIDE	1	73	52	8	134	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.8%	54.4%	38.8%	6.0%	100.0%	

TABLE 20
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
COCHISE	0	0	1	0	1	2.8%
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	1	11	4	16	44.4%
MOHAVE	0	3	0	0	3	8.3%
NAVAJO	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
PIMA	0	6	4	1	11	30.6%
PINAL	0	0	3	0	3	8.3%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	0	0	1	0	1	2.8%
YUMA	0	0	1	0	1	2.8%
STATEWIDE	0	10	21	5	36	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.0%	27.8%	58.3%	13.9%	100.0%	

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



**TABLE 21
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY
THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	1	2	0	4	0.4%
COCHISE	7	11	5	0	23	2.6%
COCONINO	3	5	5	0	13	1.4%
GILA	0	1	0	0	1	0.1%
GRAHAM	2	1	0	0	3	0.3%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	1	0	0	1	0.1%
MARICOPA	144	132	96	0	372	41.4%
MOHAVE	13	10	8	0	31	3.4%
NAVAJO	2	6	0	0	8	0.9%
PIMA	110	146	106	0	362	40.1%
PINAL	13	9	12	0	34	3.8%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	8	16	14	0	38	4.2%
YUMA	1	6	5	0	12	1.3%
STATEWIDE	304	345	253	0	902	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	33.7%	38.2%	28.1%	0.0%	100.0%	

TABLE 22
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY
THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	2	4	2	0	3	0.7%
COCHISE	13	16	12	0	41	3.3%
COCONINO	2	9	7	0	18	1.5%
GILA	2	1	1	0	4	0.3%
GRAHAM	1	2	1	0	4	0.3%
GREENLEE	1	2	0	0	3	0.2%
LA PAZ	3	2	1	0	6	0.5%
MARICOPA	144	202	214	0	560	45.1%
MOHAVE	11	10	6	0	27	2.2%
NAVAJO	10	9	4	0	23	1.9%
PIMA	94	165	147	0	406	32.8%
PINAL	16	36	22	0	74	6.0%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	10	29	13	0	52	4.2%
YUMA	7	3	2	0	12	1.0%
STATEWIDE	316	490	432	0	1,238	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	25.5%	39.6%	34.9%	0.0%	100.0%	

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

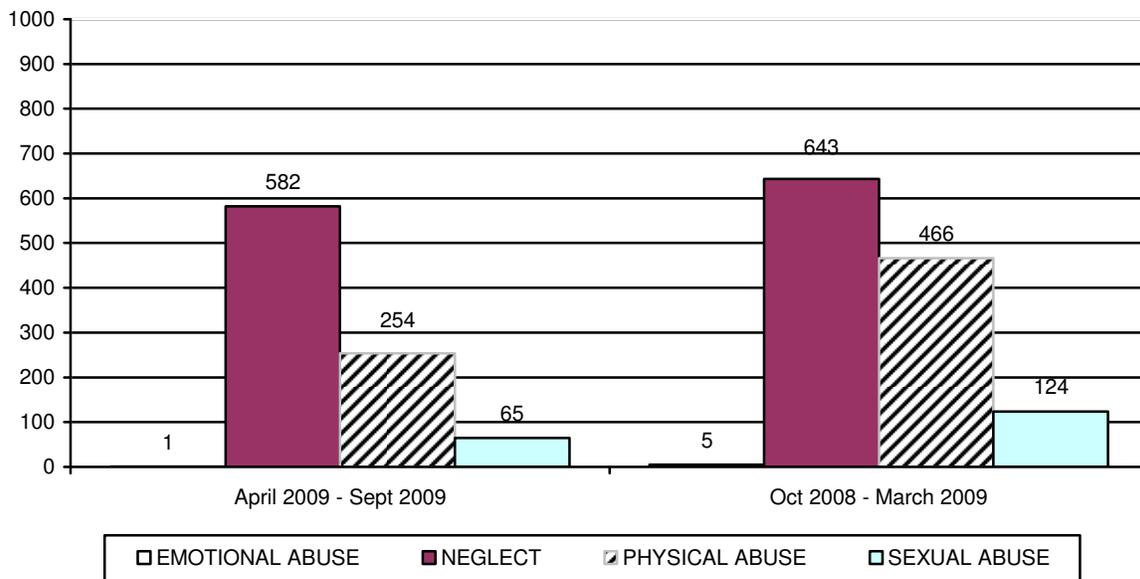


TABLE 23
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

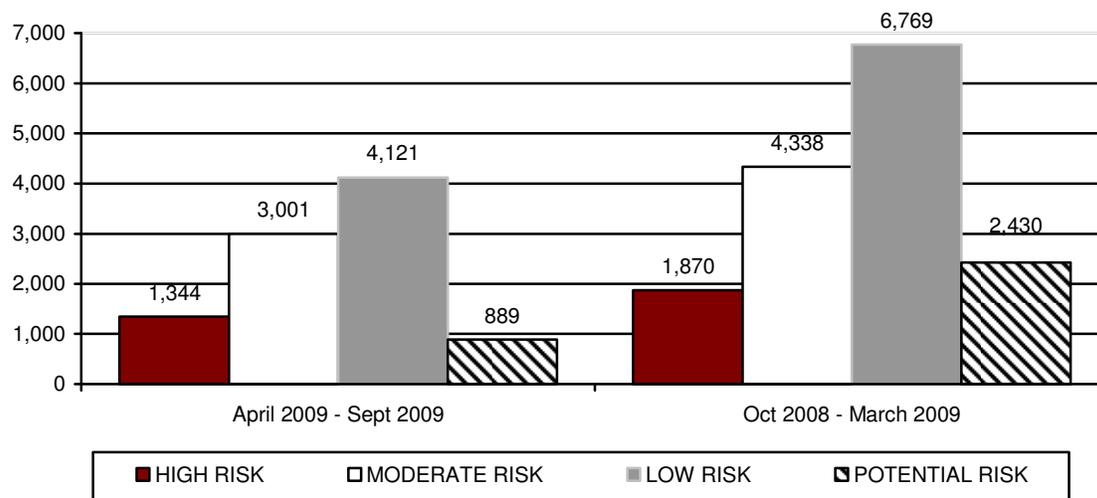
COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	2	1	1	4	0.4%
COCHISE	0	16	7	0	23	2.6%
COCONINO	0	10	2	1	13	1.4%
GILA	0	0	0	1	1	0.1%
GRAHAM	0	3	0	0	3	0.3%
GREENLEE	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	1	1	0.1%
MARICOPA	0	194	136	42	372	41.4%
MOHAVE	0	25	4	2	31	3.4%
NAVAJO	0	8	0	0	8	0.9%
PIMA	1	273	76	12	362	40.1%
PINAL	0	22	10	2	34	3.8%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	0	20	15	3	38	4.2%
YUMA	0	9	3	0	12	1.3%
STATEWIDE	1	582	254	65	902	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.1%	64.5%	28.2%	7.2%	100.0%	

TABLE 24
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	6	1	1	8	0.7%
COCHISE	1	23	13	4	41	3.3%
COCONINO	0	8	9	1	18	1.5%
GILA	0	3	1	0	4	0.3%
GRAHAM	0	3	0	1	4	0.3%
GREENLEE	0	2	1	0	3	0.2%
LA PAZ	0	5	1	0	6	0.5%
MARICOPA	0	231	267	62	560	45.1%
MOHAVE	0	11	12	4	27	2.2%
NAVAJO	0	17	5	1	23	1.9%
PIMA	3	251	114	38	406	32.8%
PINAL	1	44	21	8	74	6.0%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	0	31	19	2	52	4.2%
YUMA	0	8	2	2	12	1.0%
STATEWIDE	5	643	466	124	1,238	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	0.4%	52.0%	37.6%	10.0%	100.0%	

The preliminary number of CPS investigations that resulted in an unsubstantiated finding for this reporting period was 9,355. For the prior reporting period, the number of CPS reports that were unsubstantiated was revised from 9,883 to 15,407 to reflect updated information in the CHILDS case management information system. For the prior reporting period, 12.1 percent of unsubstantiated reports were classified as high risk, 28.2 percent as moderate risk, 43.9 percent as low risk, and 15.8 percent as potential risk. Just over one percent of these unsubstantiated reports related to emotional abuse, 58.1 percent to neglect, 35.2 percent to physical abuse, and 5.4 percent to sexual abuse.

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



**TABLE 25
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	4	8	14	2	28	0.3%
COCHISE	19	61	104	13	197	2.1%
COCONINO	14	43	70	13	140	1.5%
GILA	6	9	23	5	43	0.5%
GRAHAM	9	27	21	6	63	0.7%
GREENLEE	2	5	6	0	13	0.1%
LA PAZ	1	9	10	3	23	0.3%
MARICOPA	962	1,951	2,656	577	6,146	65.6%
MOHAVE	34	100	173	21	328	3.5%
NAVAJO	14	40	54	10	118	1.3%
PIMA	176	494	638	153	1,461	15.6%
PINAL	43	80	97	34	254	2.7%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	30	112	154	28	324	3.5%
YUMA	30	62	101	24	217	2.3%
STATEWIDE	1,344	3,001	4,121	889	9,355	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	14.4%	32.1%	44.0%	9.5%	100.0%	

**TABLE 26
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY
THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009**

COUNTY	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	POTENTIAL	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	9	12	23	7	51	0.3%
COCHISE	45	104	199	60	408	2.7%
COCONINO	35	89	132	46	302	2.0%
GILA	5	8	20	5	38	0.3%
GRAHAM	9	24	34	16	83	0.5%
GREENLEE	2	2	5	1	10	0.1%
LA PAZ	4	8	17	6	35	0.2%
MARICOPA	1,260	2,623	4,040	1,438	9,361	30.6%
MOHAVE	53	189	241	65	548	3.6%
NAVAJO	17	62	97	29	205	1.3%
PIMA	236	700	1,222	476	2,634	17.1%
PINAL	106	254	368	146	874	5.7%
SANTA CRUZ	3	6	7	7	23	0.2%
YAVAPAI	32	152	227	79	490	3.2%
YUMA	54	105	137	49	345	2.2%
STATEWIDE	1,870	4,338	6,769	2,430	15,407	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	12.1%	28.2%	43.9%	15.8%	100.0%	

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

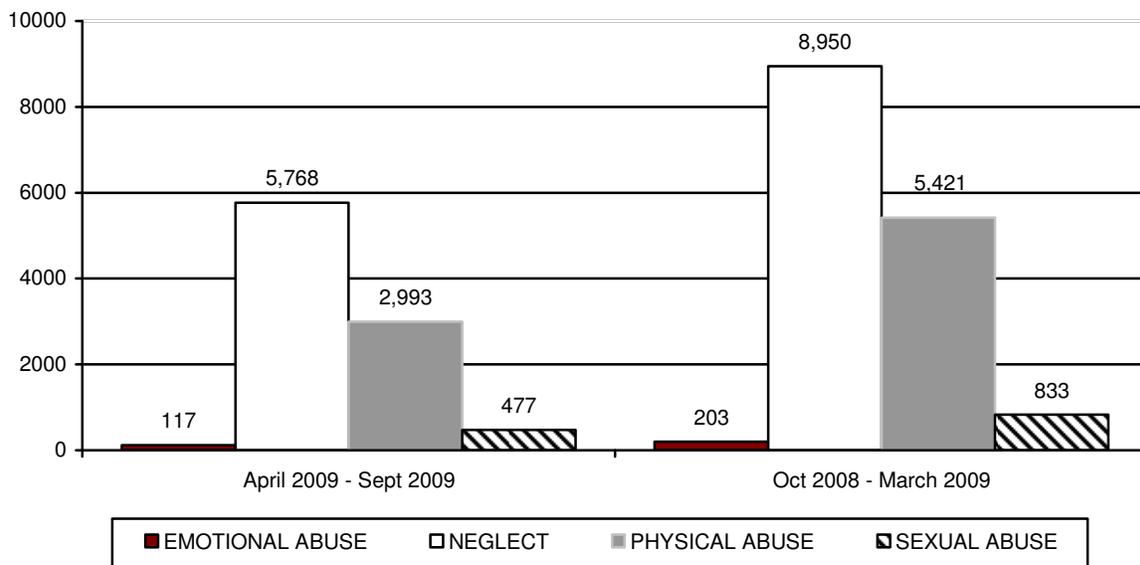


TABLE 27
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	0	19	9	0	28	0.3%
COCHISE	7	111	72	7	197	2.1%
COCONINO	4	85	45	6	140	1.5%
GILA	0	29	11	3	43	0.5%
GRAHAM	0	35	23	5	63	0.7%
GREENLEE	0	11	2	0	13	0.1%
LA PAZ	0	15	7	1	23	0.3%
MARICOPA	73	3,789	1,991	293	6,146	65.6%
MOHAVE	4	195	114	15	328	3.5%
NAVAJO	0	79	33	6	118	1.3%
PIMA	16	879	468	98	1,461	15.6%
PINAL	2	172	64	16	254	2.7%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	8	203	95	18	324	3.5%
YUMA	3	146	59	9	217	2.3%
STATEWIDE	117	5,768	2,993	477	9,355	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	1.3%	61.6%	32.0%	5.1%	100.0%	

TABLE 28
NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT
BY COUNTY THAT RESULTED IN UNSUBSTANTIATION FOR PERIOD OF
OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009

COUNTY	EMOTIONAL ABUSE	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
APACHE	1	32	18	0	51	0.3%
COCHISE	12	223	149	24	408	2.7%
COCONINO	6	170	109	17	302	2.0%
GILA	2	25	11	0	38	0.3%
GRAHAM	3	49	28	3	83	0.5%
GREENLEE	0	8	2	0	10	0.1%
LA PAZ	1	21	12	1	35	0.2%
MARICOPA	103	5,432	3,297	529	9,361	60.6%
MOHAVE	5	336	182	25	548	3.6%
NAVAJO	4	124	70	7	205	1.3%
PIMA	41	1,492	959	142	2,634	17.1%
PINAL	8	513	315	38	874	5.7%
SANTA CRUZ	1	9	10	3	23	0.2%
YAVAPAI	12	290	163	25	490	3.2%
YUMA	4	226	96	19	345	2.2%
STATEWIDE	203	8,950	5,421	833	15,407	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	1.3%	58.1%	35.2%	5.4%	100.0%	

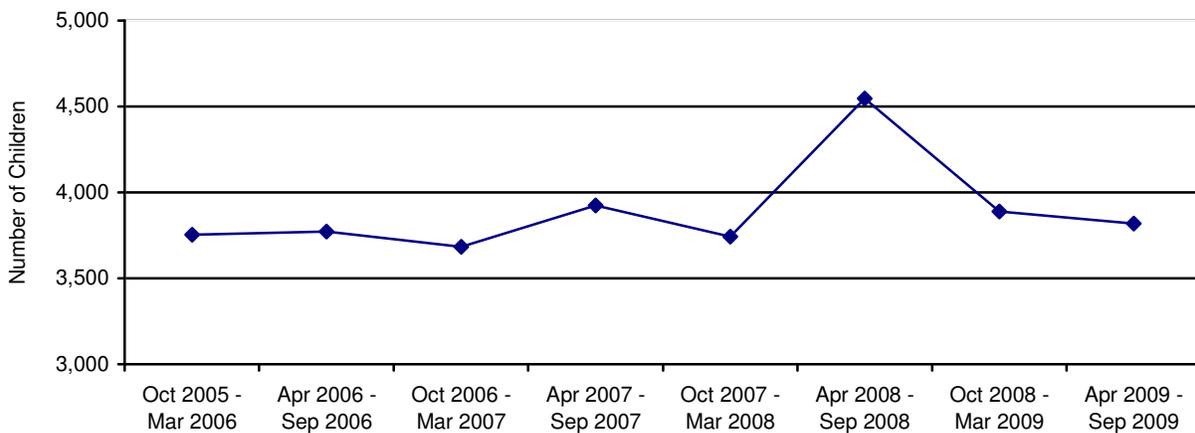
SAFE HAVEN INFANTS

There were two newborn infants delivered to Safe Haven providers during the April 2009 – September 2009 reporting period. This compares to two infants being delivered to Safe Haven providers during the October 2008 – March 2009 reporting period.

CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE

During this reporting period, 3,819 children entered care as compared to 3,889 children for the October 2008 through March 2009 reporting period. Chart 18 displays children entering out-of-home care by reporting period.

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



The number of children entering out-of-home placement through voluntary foster care agreements for this reporting period was 148, which represents 3.9 percent of the children entering care this reporting period. Table 29 shows the number of children entering out-of-home care through voluntary placements for the current reporting period by county. Voluntary foster care may be provided when the parents or legal guardians of a child have requested such assistance and have signed a legally binding written agreement, not to exceed 90 days, for the temporary placement of the child in foster care while risk factors are addressed to enable the child to live safely at home. A voluntary foster care agreement may be utilized only when the circumstances that brought the child into foster care are likely to be remedied within the 90 day period of time. A.R.S. §8-806 authorizes the Department to provide voluntary foster care placement for children for a period not to exceed 90 days and no more than twice within 24 consecutive months.

**TABLE 29
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY COUNTY WHO ARE
VOLUNTARY PLACEMENTS FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN FOR THE
PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

COUNTY	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REMOVED	% OF TOTAL REMOVALS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN WHO ARE VOLUNTARY PLACEMENTS	% OF CHILDREN REMOVED WHO ARE VOLUNTARY PLACEMENTS
APACHE	20	0.5%	0	0.0%
COCHISE	62	1.6%	1	0.7%
COCONINO	55	1.4%	8	5.4%
GILA	26	0.7%	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	8	0.2%	2	1.4%
GREENLEE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	3	0.1%	1	0.7%
MARICOPA	2,126	55.7%	57	38.3%
MOHAVE	91	2.4%	17	11.5%
NAVAJO	51	1.3%	4	2.7%
PIMA	1,020	26.7%	38	25.7%
PINAL	212	5.6%	6	4.1%
SANTA CRUZ	4	0.1%	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	96	2.5%	12	8.1%
YUMA	45	1.2%	2	1.4%
STATEWIDE	3,819	100.0%	148	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 OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009**

COUNTY	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REMOVED	% OF TOTAL REMOVALS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN WHO ARE VOLUNTARY PLACEMENTS	% OF CHILDREN REMOVED WHO ARE VOLUNTARY PLACEMENTS
APACHE	25	0.6%	10	3.1%
COCHISE	55	1.4%	2	0.6%
COCONINO	48	1.2%	16	5.0%
GILA	37	1.0%	1	0.3%
GRAHAM	24	0.6%	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	6	0.2%	1	0.3%
MARICOPA	2,252	58.0%	162	50.9%
MOHAVE	83	2.1%	23	7.2%
NAVAJO	45	1.2%	2	0.6%
PIMA	984	25.3%	70	21.9%
PINAL	161	4.1%	2	0.6%
SANTA CRUZ	8	0.2%	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	106	2.7%	26	8.2%
YUMA	55	1.4%	4	1.3%
STATEWIDE	3,889	100.0%	319	100.0%

The Department recognizes that the unwarranted re-entry into foster care is something to be avoided and continues to take steps to ensure that these re-entries are in the best interests of the child and family. In 2005, the Department began collaborating with the Chapin Hall Center for Children on a measure to aid the Department in identifying key factors in re-entry into foster care. This will enable the Department to utilize cohort data and help to identify if changes are needed in policy or practices.

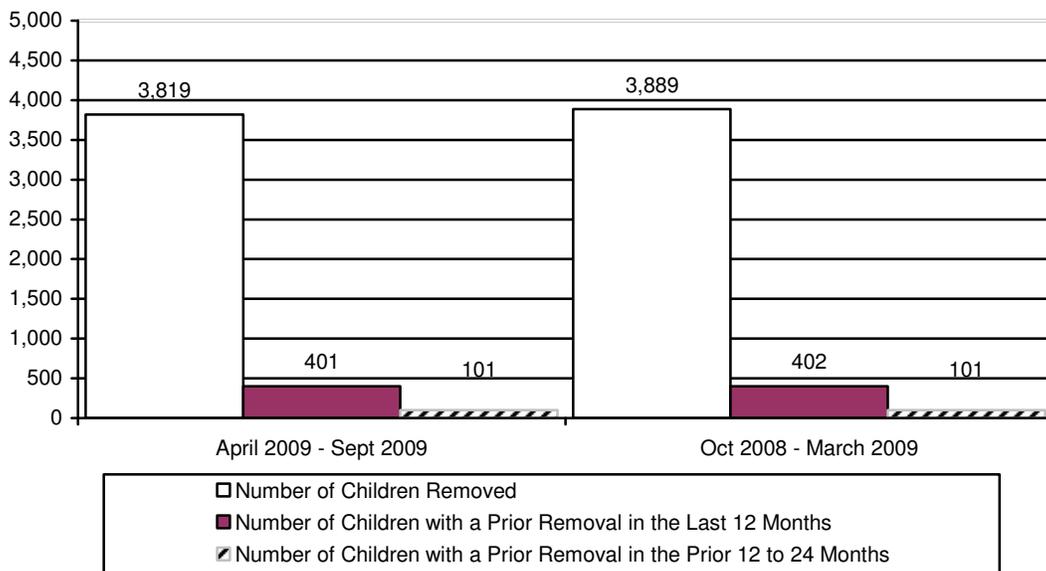
**TABLE 31
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY COUNTY FOR THE
PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

COUNTY	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REMOVED	% OF TOTAL REMOVALS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS	% OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A REMOVAL IN THE PRIOR 12 TO 24 MONTHS	% OF CHILDREN WITH A PRIOR REMOVAL IN THE PRIOR 12 TO 24 MONTHS
APACHE	20	0.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
COCHISE	62	1.6%	6	9.7%	4	6.5%
COCONINO	55	1.4%	5	9.1%	1	1.8%
GILA	26	0.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	8	0.2%	4	50.0%	0	0.0%
GREENLEE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	2,126	55.7%	221	10.4%	51	2.4%
MOHAVE	91	2.4%	5	5.5%	3	3.3%
NAVAJO	51	1.3%	5	9.8%	2	3.9%
PIMA	1,020	26.7%	124	12.2%	30	2.9%
PINAL	212	5.6%	19	9.0%	3	1.4%
SANTA CRUZ	4	0.1%	1	25.0%	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	96	2.5%	11	11.5%	5	5.2%
YUMA	45	1.2%	0	0.0%	2	4.4%
STATEWIDE	3,819	100.0%	401	10.5%	101	2.6%

TABLE 32
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009

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	25	0.6%	2	8.0%	2	8.0%
COCHISE	55	1.4%	8	14.6%	0	0.0%
COCONINO	48	1.2%	6	12.5%	1	2.1%
GILA	37	1.0%	4	10.8%	0	0.0%
GRAHAM	24	0.6%	4	16.7%	1	4.2%
GREENLEE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
LA PAZ	6	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	2,252	58.0%	229	10.2%	53	2.4%
MOHAVE	83	2.1%	16	19.3%	1	1.2%
NAVAJO	45	1.2%	4	8.9%	1	2.2%
PIMA	984	25.3%	101	10.3%	25	2.5%
PINAL	161	4.1%	12	7.5%	10	6.2%
SANTA CRUZ	8	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	106	2.7%	9	8.5%	1	0.9%
YUMA	55	1.4%	7	12.7%	6	10.9%
STATEWIDE	3,889	100.0%	402	10.3%	101	2.6%

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



CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE

On September 30, 2009, there were 10,112 children in out-of-home care as compared to 10,404 children on March 31, 2009, a decrease of 292 children. During this reporting period, 8,293 children or 82.0 percent were placed in family settings either with relatives or in foster homes. This compares to 8,345 or 80.2 percent of the children in the prior reporting period.

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

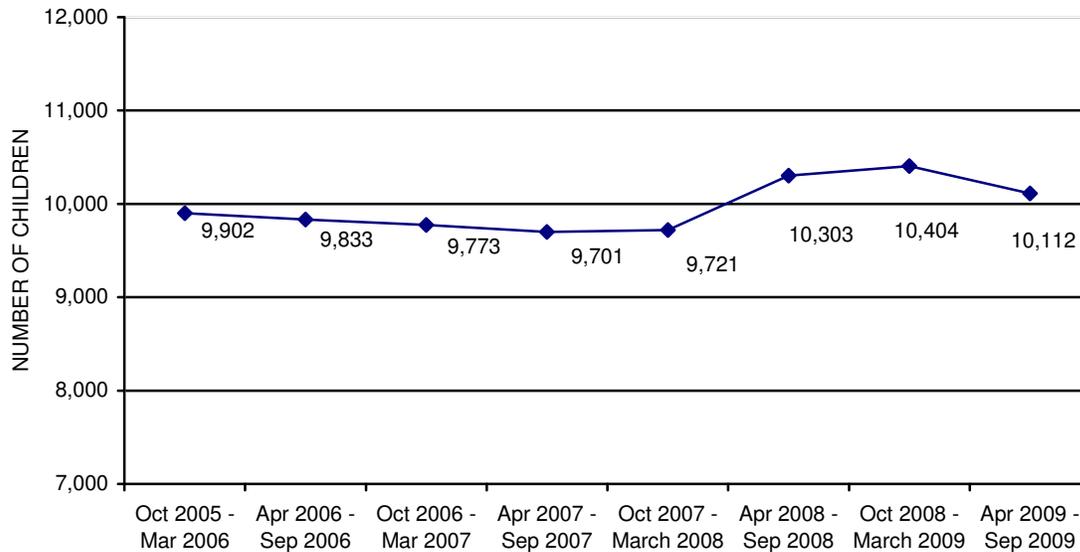


Chart 21 displays the decrease in the number of young children ages 0-6 placed in group homes. Comparing March 2006 to September 2009, the number of young children in group homes decreased by 26 children or 72.2 percent.

Chart 22 displays the decrease in the number of young children ages 0-3 placed in shelter care. Comparing March 2005 to September 2009, the number of young children in shelters decreased by 86 children or 79.6 percent. Chart 23 shows that the average length of time in shelter care has increased slightly; comparing March 2008 to September 2009, the average length of stay in shelter increased from 103.4 to 111.7 days, an increase of 8.3 days or 8.0 percent.

CHART 21
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN GROUP HOMES AGES 0 TO 6³

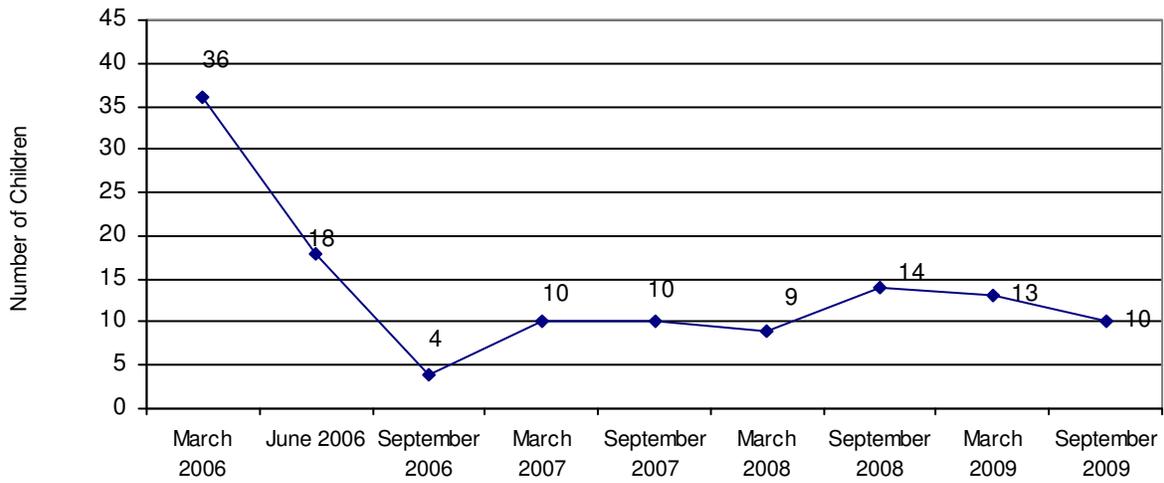
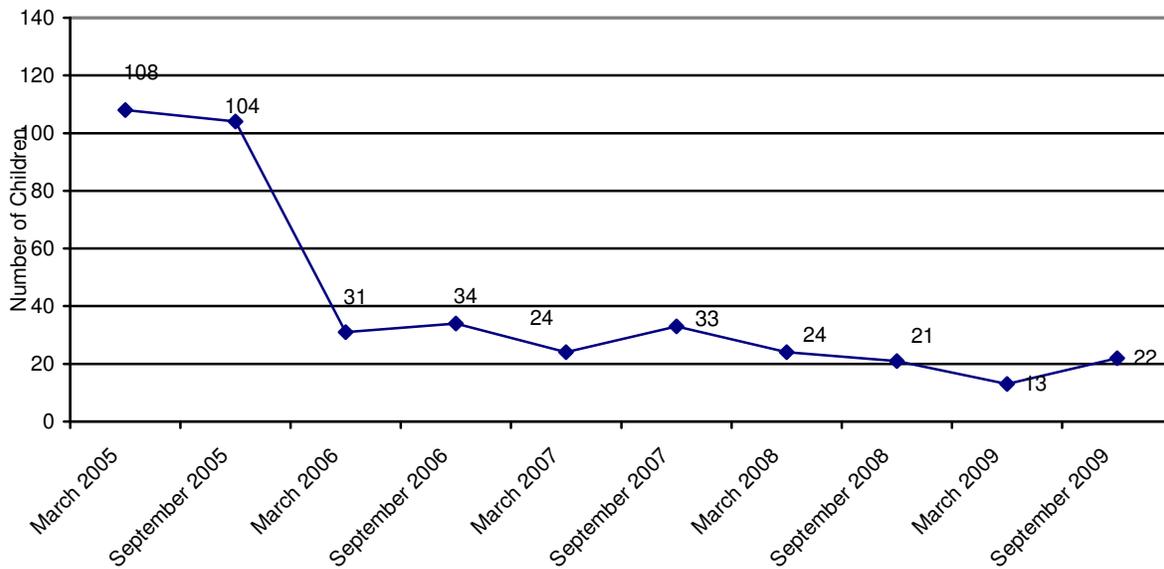
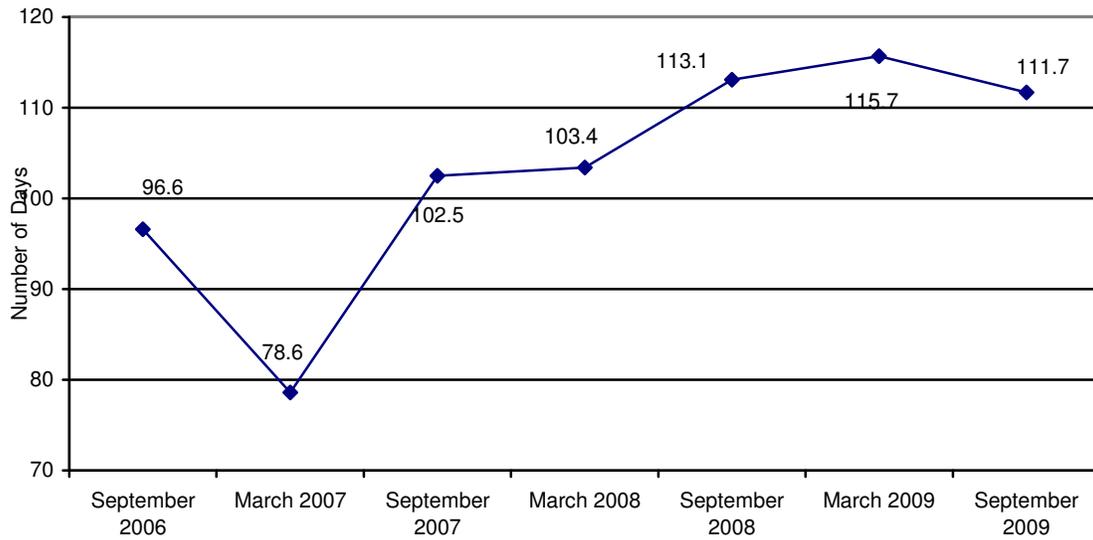


CHART 22
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN SHELTER CARE AGES 0 TO 3



³ Excludes infants placed with their mothers and children placed in foster home group models.

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



The majority of children in out-of-home care fall within the 1-5 age range (33.8 percent) and the 13-17 age range (25.5 percent). The majority of children in out-of-home care are either Caucasian (37.1 percent) or Hispanic (38.3 percent), followed by African American at 13.9 percent.

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

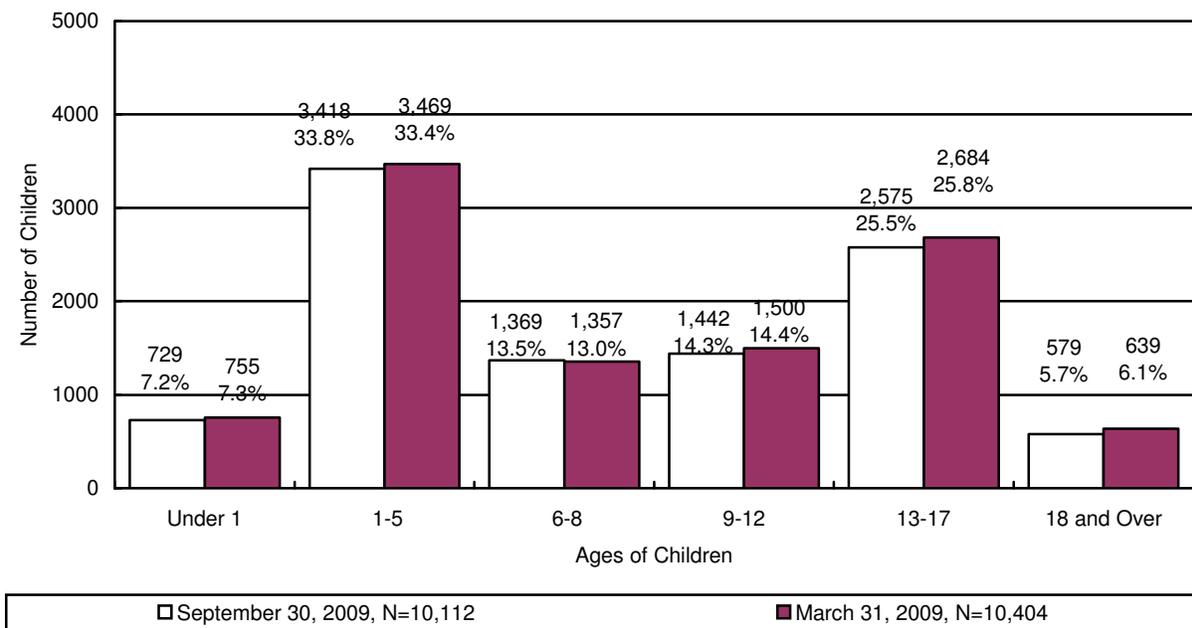
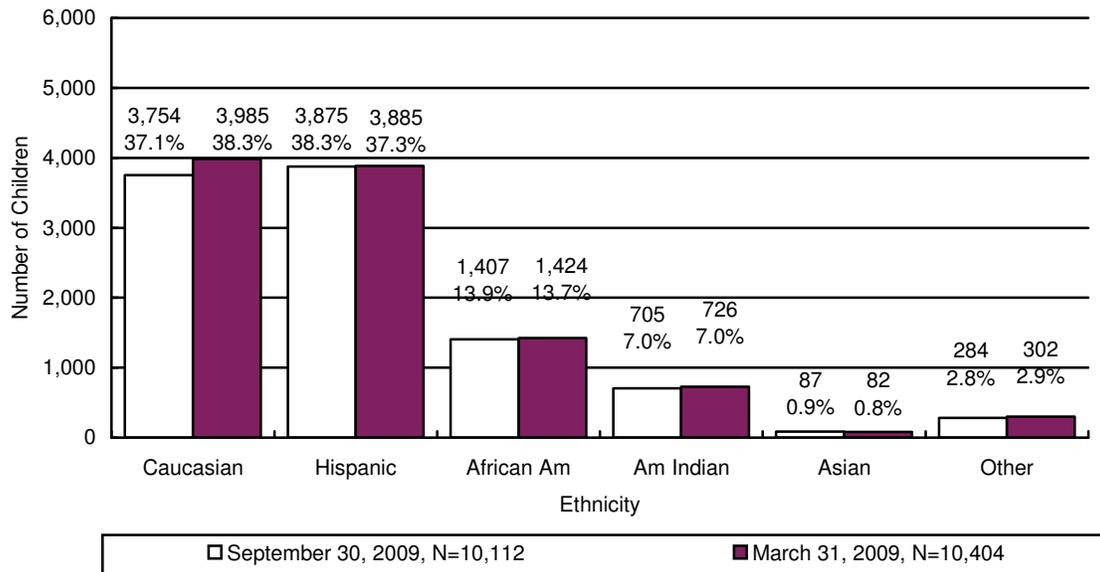


CHART 25
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY ETHNICITY



For 50.3 percent of the children in out-of-home care, family reunification remains the primary case plan goal. This is followed by: adoption, 24.8 percent; independent living, 11.2 percent; long-term foster care, 2.8 percent; live with other relative, 2.0 percent; and, guardianship at 0.4 percent. For the remaining 8.5 percent of the children, the case plan goal is in the process of development.

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

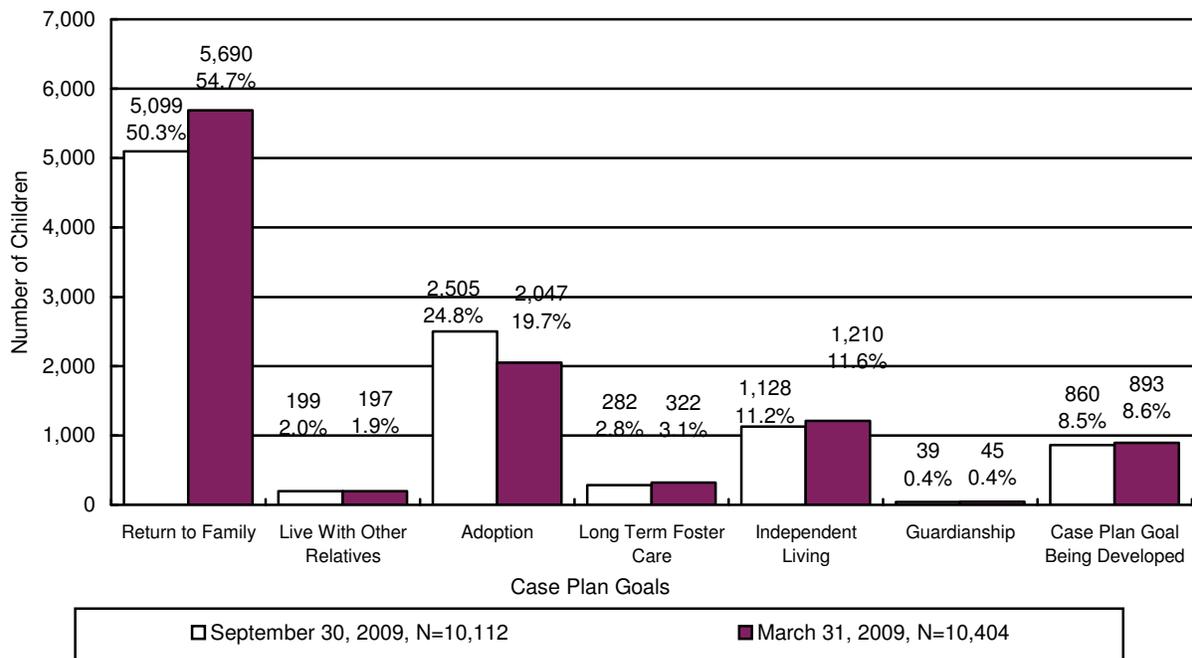
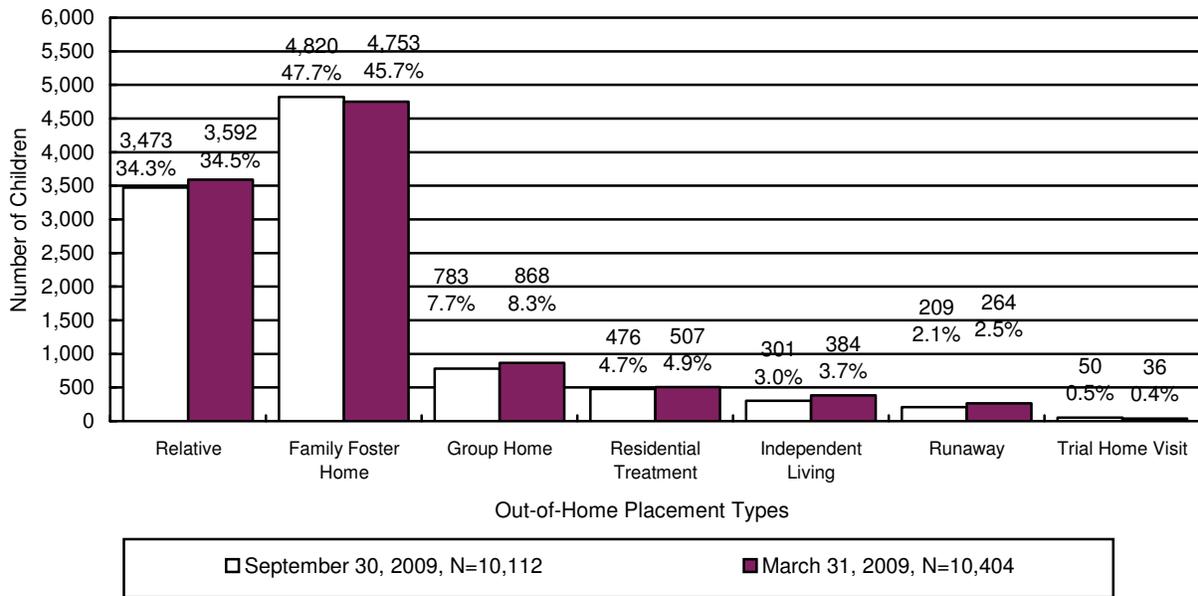


CHART 27
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY PLACEMENT TYPE



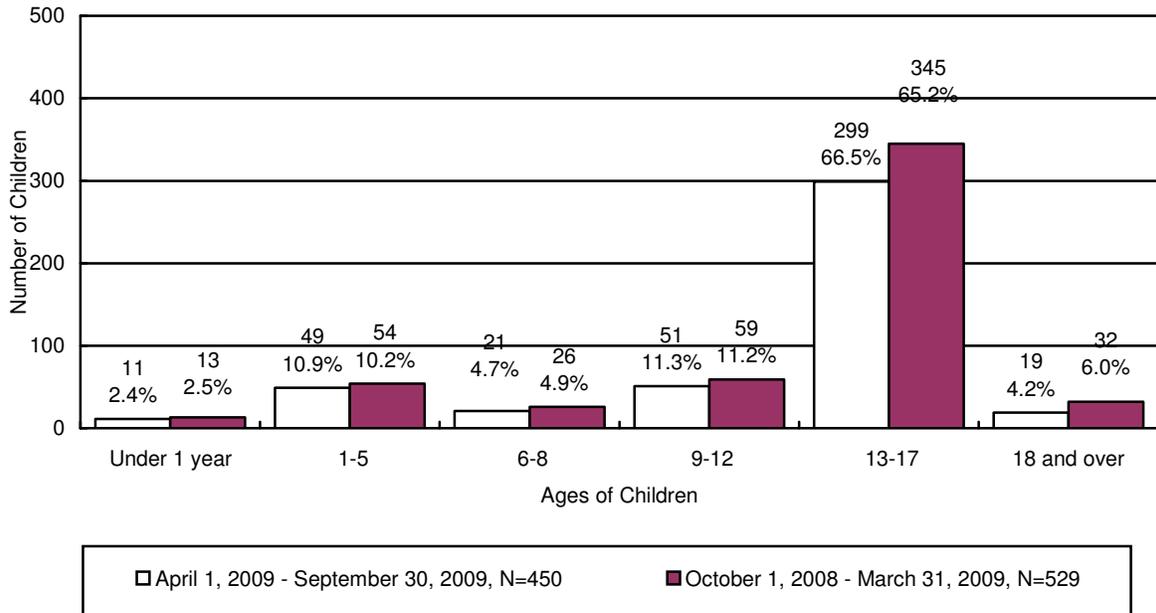
**TABLE 33
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY PLACEMENT TYPE AND AGE**

	RELATIVE	FAMILY FOSTER	GROUP HOME	RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT ⁴	INDEPENDENT LIVING	RUNAWAY	TRIAL HOME VISIT	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
UNDER 1	283	434	3	5	0	0	4	729	7.2%
1	374	498	6	7	0	0	2	887	8.8%
2	350	429	2	7	0	0	7	795	7.9%
3	299	338	5	5	0	0	3	650	6.4%
4	277	310	1	6	0	0	5	599	5.9%
5	231	249	2	5	0	0	0	487	4.8%
6	224	242	3	3	0	0	4	476	4.7%
7	222	247	10	0	0	0	4	483	4.8%
8	176	217	11	2	0	0	4	410	4.1%
9	160	208	15	4	0	0	0	387	3.8%
10	140	219	15	4	0	0	2	380	3.8%
11	108	179	23	6	0	0	1	317	3.1%
12	106	203	37	12	0	0	0	358	3.5%
13	94	193	59	30	0	2	4	382	3.8%
14	107	192	73	35	0	15	2	424	4.2%
15	104	176	121	62	0	19	2	484	4.8%
16	97	218	168	79	0	57	2	621	6.1%
17	93	220	170	98	5	76	2	664	6.6%
18 AND OLDER	28	48	59	106	296	40	2	579	5.7%
TOTAL	3,473	4,820	783	476	301	209	50	10,112	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	34.3%	47.7%	7.7%	4.7%	3.0%	2.1%	0.5%	100.0%	

⁴ This category includes shelter, detention, and hospital placement types.

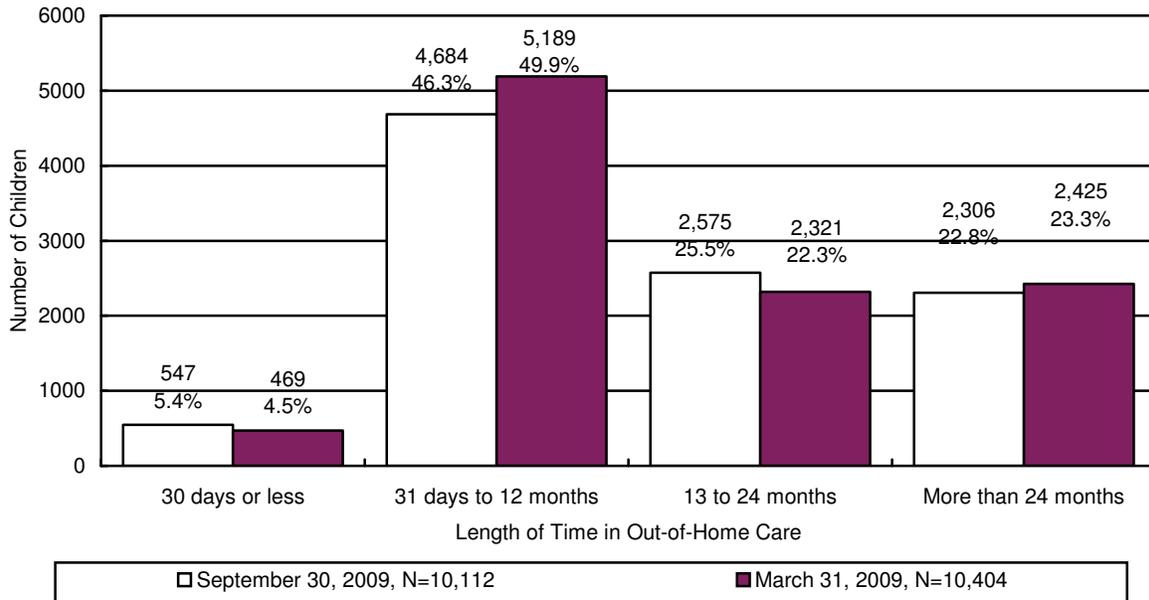
During the reporting period 450 children remained in a shelter or receiving home for more than 21 consecutive days. Chart 28 displays children in shelter greater than 21 days for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009 and shows that 390 or 86.7 percent of the children were six years of age or older. In addition, 11 or 2.4 percent of the children were under one year old.

CHART 28
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN SHELTER OR RECEIVING HOMES FOR MORE THAN 21 CONSECUTIVE DAYS BY AGE OF CHILD⁵



⁵ The chart displays children who spent more than 21 days in shelter during the period. This number differs from the other out-of-home charts as they display children in out-of-home care on the last day of the reporting period.

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



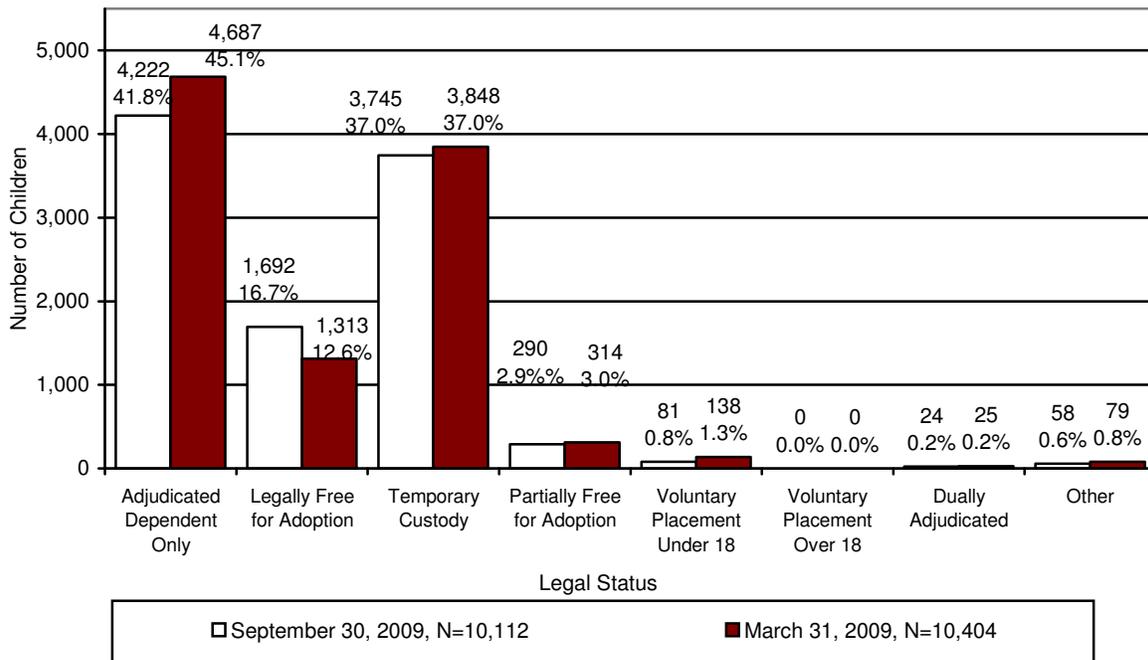
For the children in out-of-home care on September 30, 2009 the average number of placements was 2.9, the median number of placements was 2.0, and the range for the number of placements was 1 to 48 placements during their current removal episode.

TABLE 34
PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

	Placements
Average	2.9
Median	2.0
Range Minimum	1
Range Maximum	48 ⁶

⁶ Some children are so damaged by the severity of the abuse they have suffered that they become unable to form meaningful relationships or to respond to services. These children tend to go through multiple placements with numerous individuals and agencies.

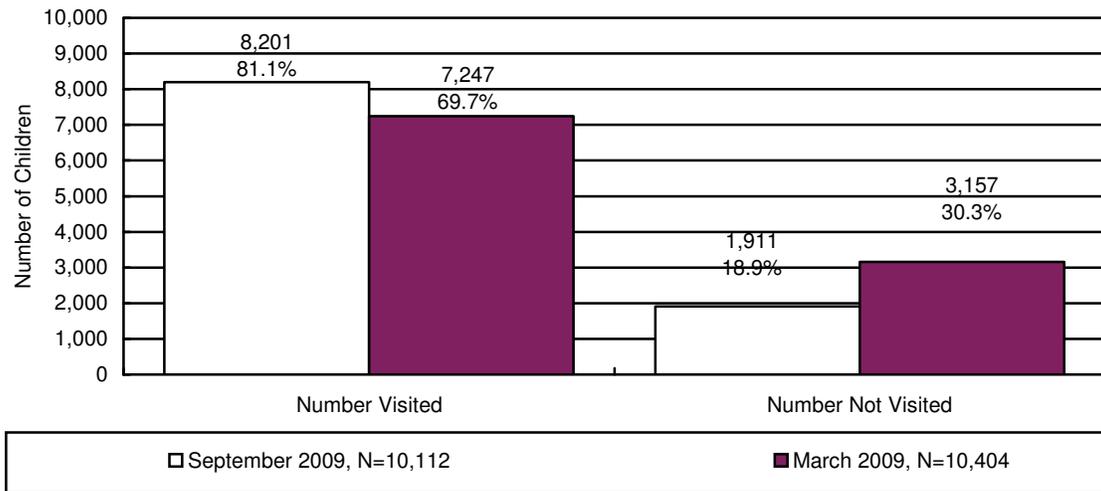
**CHART 30
CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY LEGAL STATUS**



At the end of the reporting period there were 10,112 children in out-of-home care who required visitation. Of these children, visitation was accurately documented in the automated system for 8,201 children. As displayed in Chart 31, during this reporting period, the percent of children receiving required visits by their CPS specialists increased by 11.4 percent to 81.1 percent.

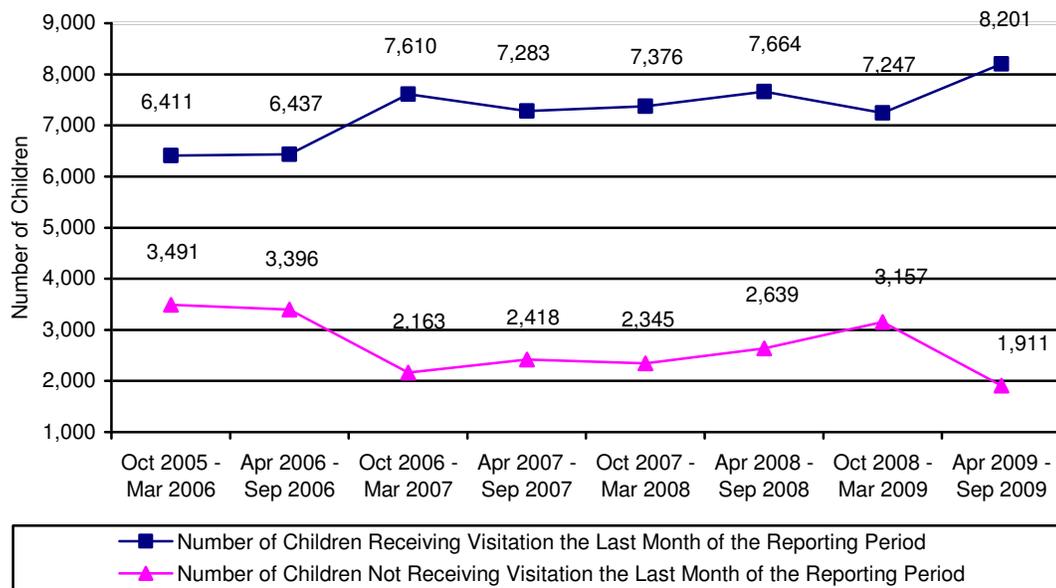
The required child visitation is performed monthly by DES case managers, contracted case managers, and/or other professionals as approved by a supervisor or as established by policy. The Department has verified that more children received the required visitation than is indicated in Chart 31. This information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

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



According to Administration for Children, Youth and Families policy, case managers shall have face-to-face contact with all parents at least once a month, including any alleged parents and parents residing outside of the child’s home where the case plan goal is family reunification or remain with family. During the reporting period, there were 2,289 parents who had a child with the case plan goal of return home. Of those parents requiring visitation, 1,364 or 59.6 percent received the required visitation. The 59.6 percent visitation rate does not reflect attempted visitation where contact with the parent(s) did not take place.

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



FOSTER HOMES

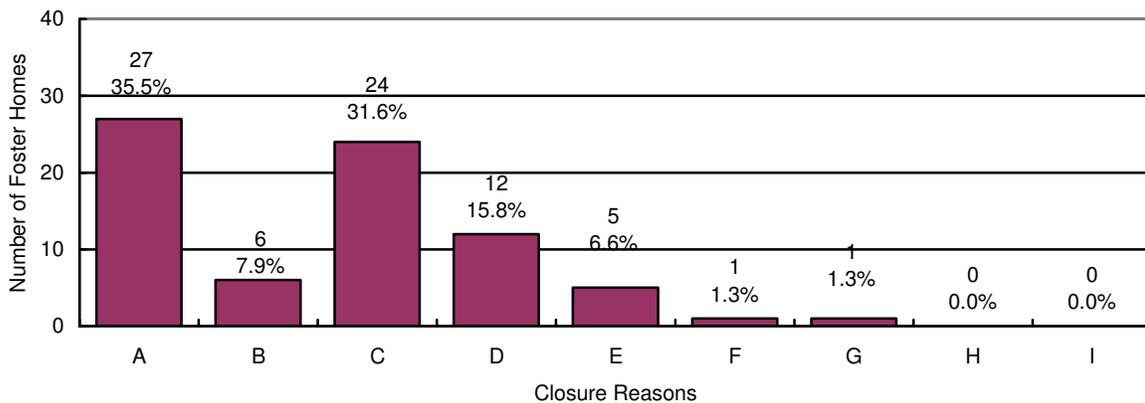
As of September 30, 2009, there were 3,954⁷ licensed foster homes with 8,625 spaces available for Administration for Children, Youth and Families placements. Licensed foster homes include family foster homes, professional family foster homes, respite foster homes, receiving foster homes, and developmentally disabled homes with DCYF children placed in them.

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

As of September 30, 2009, there were 3,790 unused spaces within these foster homes. Of the unused spaces, a match between the available spaces and children’s needs was not possible.

During the reporting period, 107 new homes were licensed to provide foster care and 76 homes left the system. This compares to 648 new homes being licensed and 340 homes leaving the system for the period covering October 2008 through March 2009. The chart below gives the reasons for foster home closures for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009.

**CHART 33
REASON FOR FOSTER HOME CLOSURE FOR THE PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**



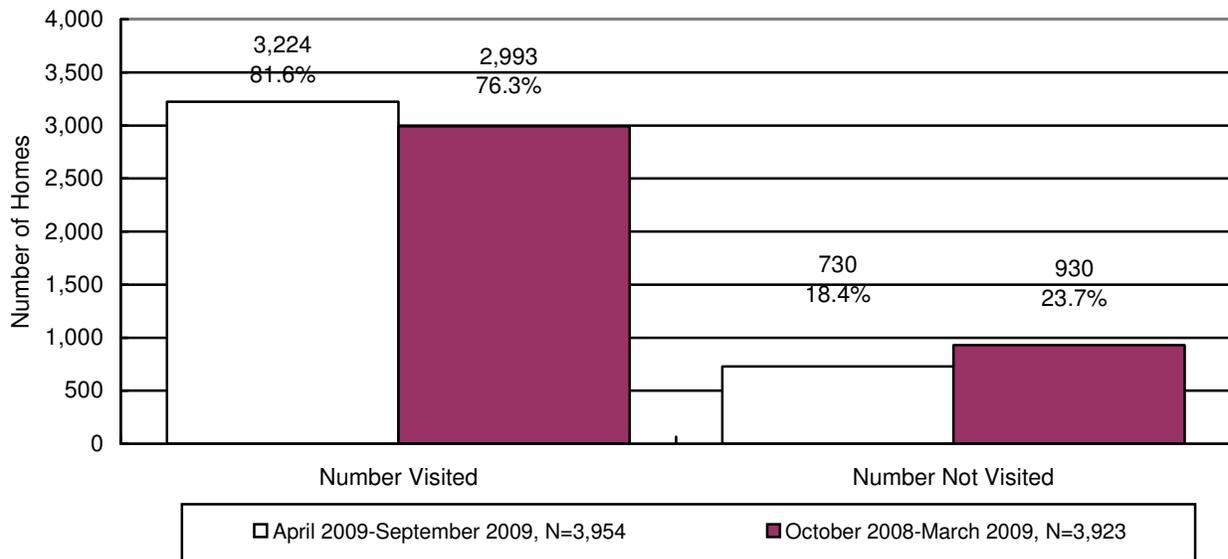
N=76

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

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

During the reporting period, there were 3,954 foster homes that required visitation. Of the 3,954 foster homes requiring visitation, 3,224 foster homes received their required visitation. This compares to 2,993 or 76.3% percent of the foster homes that received the required visitation for the period October 2008 through March 2009. The Department believes that more foster homes received the required visitation than is indicated in the chart below. The underreporting of foster home visitation is attributable to the lack of automation being used in reporting the foster home visitation process. The Department recognizes this as a problem and is working to correct this issue.

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



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

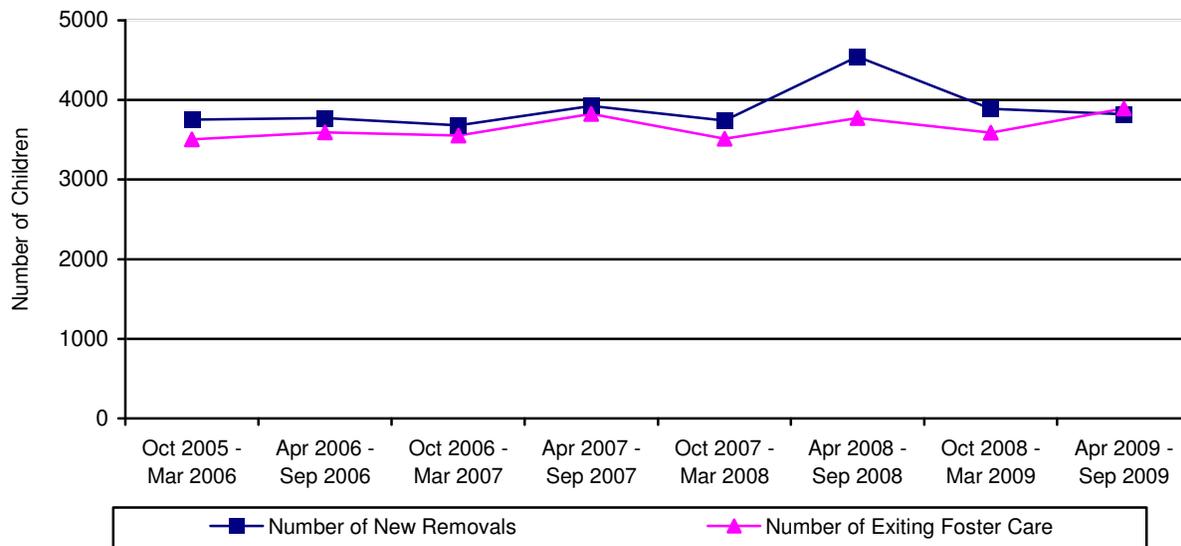
CHILDREN EXITING OUT-OF HOME CARE

During the reporting period, 3,894 children left the custody of the Department. This compares to 3,590 children exiting care during the prior reporting period. The comparison between the two reporting periods shows that 8.5 percent more children left care this reporting period for an increase of 304 children exiting care.

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

REPORTING PERIOD	NUMBER OF CHILDREN DISCHARGED	% CHANGE OVER PRIOR PERIOD
OCTOBER 2005 – MARCH 2006	3,506	+0.5%
APRIL 2006 – SEPTEMBER 2006	3,595	+2.5%
OCTOBER 2006 – MARCH 2007	3,553	-1.2%
APRIL 2007 – SEPTEMBER 2007	3,824	+7.6%
OCTOBER 2007 – MARCH 2008	3,512	-8.2%
APRIL 2008 – SEPTEMBER 2008	3,773	+7.4%
OCTOBER 2008 – MARCH 2009	3,590	-4.9%
APRIL 2009 – SEPTEMBER 2009	3,894	+8.5%

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



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

TABLE 36
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY FOR THE END OF THE
REPORTING PERIOD ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	197	5.1%
Ages 1 – 5	1,370	35.1%
Ages 6 – 8	504	12.9%
Ages 9 – 12	587	15.1%
Ages 13 – 17	847	21.8%
18 and Over	389	10.0%
Total	3,894	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	1,559	40.1%
Hispanic	1,383	35.5%
African American	515	13.2%
American Indian	279	7.2%
Asian	40	1.0%
Other	118	3.0%
Total	3,894	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	1,969	50.5%
Two	882	22.7%
Three	429	11.0%
Four	181	4.7%
Five	130	3.3%
More than Five	303	7.8%
Total	3,894	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	864	22.2%
31 Days to 12 Months	1,217	31.2%
13 to 24 Months	938	24.1%
More than 24 Months	875	22.5%
Total	3,894	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	9.0	8.3
By Number of Placements	2.4	1.0
By Months of Time in Care	16.2	11.7

**TABLE 37
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF "REUNIFICATION WITH PARENTS OR PRIMARY CARETAKER" FOR
THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	161	8.1%
Ages 1 - 5	716	36.0%
Ages 6 - 8	256	12.9%
Ages 9 - 12	330	16.6%
Ages 13 - 17	519	26.1%
18 and Over	5	0.3%
Total	1,987	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	787	39.6%
Hispanic	692	34.8%
African American	280	14.1%
American Indian	124	6.2%
Asian	21	1.1%
Other	83	4.2%
Total	1,987	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	1,286	64.6%
Two	417	21.0%
Three	153	7.7%
Four	59	3.0%
Five	31	1.6%
More than Five	41	2.1%
Total	1,987	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	741	37.3%
31 Days to 12 Months	845	42.5%
13 to 24 Months	328	16.5%
More than 24 Months	73	3.7%
Total	1,987	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	8.1	7.3
By Number of Placements	1.7	1.0
By Months of Time in Care	7.3	4.4

**TABLE 38
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF "LIVING WITH OTHER RELATIVES" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	0	0.0%
Ages 1 - 5	11	42.4%
Ages 6 - 8	7	26.9%
Ages 9 - 12	3	11.5%
Ages 13 - 17	5	19.2%
18 and Over	0	0.0%
Total	26	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	8	30.8%
Hispanic	12	46.1%
African American	2	7.7%
American Indian	4	15.4%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total	26	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	22	84.7%
Two	3	11.5%
Three	0	0.0%
Four	0	0.0%
Five	1	3.8%
More than Five	0	0.0%
Total	26	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	20	77.0%
31 Days to 12 Months	5	19.2%
13 to 24 Months	1	3.8%
More than 24 Months	0	0.0%
Total	26	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	7.5	6.4
By Number of Placements	1.3	1.0
By Months of Time in Care	1.8	0.1

**TABLE 39
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES
CUSTODY FOR REASON OF "ADOPTION" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	9	1.0%
Ages 1 - 5	477	53.5%
Ages 6 - 8	181	20.3%
Ages 9 - 12	145	16.3%
Ages 13 - 17	79	8.9%
18 and Over	0	0.0%
Total	891	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	387	43.5%
Hispanic	349	39.2%
African American	101	11.3%
American Indian	32	3.6%
Asian	12	1.3%
Other	10	1.1%
Total	891	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	294	33.0%
Two	269	30.2%
Three	162	18.2%
Four	60	6.7%
Five	41	4.6%
More than Five	65	7.3%
Total	891	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	0	0.0%
31 Days to 12 Months	26	2.9%
13 to 24 Months	362	40.6%
More than 24 Months	503	56.5%
Total	891	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	6.3	5.4
By Number of Placements	2.5	2.0
By Months of Time in Care	28.4	25.1

**TABLE 40
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF "GUARDIANSHIP" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	7	1.9%
Ages 1 - 5	97	25.9%
Ages 6 - 8	41	11.0%
Ages 9 - 12	90	24.1%
Ages 13 - 17	139	37.1%
18 and Over	0	0.0%
Total	374	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	146	39.0%
Hispanic	126	33.7%
African American	46	12.3%
American Indian	42	11.2%
Asian	4	1.1%
Other	10	2.7%
Total	374	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	202	54.1%
Two	95	25.4%
Three	34	9.1%
Four	15	4.0%
Five	14	3.7%
More than Five	14	3.7%
Total	374	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	41	11.0%
31 Days to 12 Months	135	36.1%
13 to 24 Months	146	39.0%
More than 24 Months	52	13.9%
Total	374	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	10.0	11.0
By Number of Placements	2.0	1.0
By Months of Time in Care	14.2	13.4

**TABLE 41
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY
FOR REASONS OF "REACHING AGE OF MAJORITY" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	0	0.0%
Ages 1 - 5	0	0.0%
Ages 6 - 8	0	0.0%
Ages 9 - 12	0	0.0%
Ages 13 - 17	4	1.0%
18 and Over	382	99.0%
Total	386	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	170	44.0%
Hispanic	123	31.9%
African American	57	14.8%
American Indian	29	7.5%
Asian	3	0.8%
Other	4	1.0%
Total	386	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	39	10.1%
Two	46	11.9%
Three	53	13.7%
Four	42	10.9%
Five	36	9.3%
More than Five	170	44.1%
Total	386	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	0	0.0%
31 Days to 12 Months	87	22.5%
13 to 24 Months	72	18.7%
More than 24 Months	227	58.8%
Total	386	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	18.8	18.3
By Number of Placements	6.6	5.0
By Months of Time in Care	41.1	30.7

**TABLE 42
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF "TRANSFER TO ANOTHER AGENCY" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	16	9.9%
Ages 1 – 5	66	40.8%
Ages 6 – 8	19	11.7%
Ages 9 – 12	17	10.5%
Ages 13 – 17	43	26.5%
18 and Over	1	0.6%
Total	162	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	40	24.7%
Hispanic	54	33.3%
African American	19	11.7%
American Indian	46	28.4%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	3	1.9%
Total	162	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	81	50.0%
Two	46	28.3%
Three	21	13.0%
Four	3	1.9%
Five	5	3.1%
More than Five	6	3.7%
Total	162	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	29	17.9%
31 Days to 12 Months	99	61.1%
13 to 24 Months	21	13.0%
More than 24 Months	13	8.0%
Total	162	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	7.5	5.5
By Number of Placements	2.0	1.5
By Months of Time in Care	9.6	7.2

**TABLE 43
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “RUNAWAY” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	2	3.2%
Ages 1 – 5	0	0.0%
Ages 6 – 8	0	0.0%
Ages 9 – 12	1	1.6%
Ages 13 – 17	58	93.6%
18 and Over	1	1.6%
Total	62	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	19	30.6%
Hispanic	25	40.4%
African American	9	14.5%
American Indian	1	1.6%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	8	12.9%
Total	62	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	43	69.3%
Two	4	6.5%
Three	4	6.5%
Four	2	3.2%
Five	2	3.2%
More than Five	7	11.3%
Total	62	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	33	53.2%
31 Days to 12 Months	17	27.4%
13 to 24 Months	6	9.7%
More than 24 Months	6	9.7%
Total	62	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	16.1	16.9
By Number of Placements	2.4	1.0
By Months of Time in Care	9.1	0.5

**TABLE 44
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “DEATH OF CHILD” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

By Age	Number	Percentage
Under 1	2	33.3%
Ages 1 - 5	3	50%
Ages 6 – 8	0	0.0%
Ages 9 - 12	1	16.6%
Ages 13 - 17	0	0.0%
18 and Over	0	0.0%
Total	6	100.0%
Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Caucasian	2	33.3%
Hispanic	2	33.3%
African American	1	16.6%
American Indian	1	16.6%
Asian	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total	6	100.0%
By Number of Placements	Number	Percentage
One	2	33.3%
Two	2	33.3%
Three	2	33.3%
Four	0	0.0%
Five	0	0.0%
More than Five	0	0.0%
Total	6	100.0%
By Length of Time in Care	Number	Percentage
Less than 30 Days	0	0.0%
31 Days to 12 Months	3	50.0%
13 to 24 Months	2	33.3%
More than 24 Months	1	16.6%
Total	6	100.0%

	Average	Median
By Age	3.0	1.2
By Number of Placements	2.0	2.0
By Months of Time in Care	12.7	8.1

**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
Coconino	Pneumonia	Family Foster Home
Pima	Autopsy Pending	Hospital
Pima	Suicide	Family Foster Home
Maricopa	Drowning	Family Foster Home
Maricopa	Undetermined at the time of this report.	Family Foster Home
Yuma	Undetermined at the time of this report.	Family 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 APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

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	2	0	0	2	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	2	0	0	2	0	4	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	100.0%	

CHILDREN WITH ADOPTIVE CASE PLAN GOALS

Of the 10,112 children in out-of-home care on September 30, 2009, 2,505 or 24.8 percent had a case plan goal of adoption. The majority of those children, 46.6 percent, are in the 1-5 year old age range, followed by 19.7 percent in the 9-12 year old age range, and 18.0 percent in the 6-8 year old age range. The remaining children, 332 or 15.7 percent, fall within the under one or 13 and over age range. The majority of these children are Hispanic (1,007 or 40.2 percent), Caucasian (958 or 38.2 percent), or African American (332 or 13.3 percent). The remaining 208 children or 8.3 percent are American Indian, Asian or other. Eighty-five and five tenths of a percent, or 2,142 of the children free for adoption, are currently placed in their adoptive homes.

**TABLE 47
NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS
BY COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

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	5	0	0	0	5	0.4%
COCHISE	16	0	0	0	16	1.2%
COCONINO	15	0	0	0	15	1.1%
GILA	3	0	0	0	3	0.2%
GRAHAM	5	0	0	0	5	0.4%
GREENLEE	2	0	0	0	2	0.2%
LA PAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
MARICOPA	706	7	6	19	738	54.9%
MOHAVE	38	0	0	0	38	2.8%
NAVAJO	9	0	0	0	9	0.7%
PIMA	366	1	1	6	374	27.9%
PINAL	66	0	0	2	68	5.1%
SANTA CRUZ	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YAVAPAI	49	0	1	2	52	3.9%
YUMA	16	0	0	0	16	1.2%
STATEWIDE	1,296	8	8	29	1,341	100.0%
% OF TOTAL	96.6%	0.6%	0.6%	2.2%	100.0%	

The average length of time that a child with a case plan goal of “adoption” has spent in out-of-home care is 2 years, 3 months. There were a total of 2,505 children with case plan goals of adoption during this reporting period. Of this total, 2,142 were placed and 363 were not placed. The population of children with case plan goals of adoption averaged 2.9 placements and had a median placement count of 2.0. Their placement count ranged from 1 to 39.

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

	Placements
Average	2.9
Median	2.0
Range Minimum	1.0
Range Maximum	39.0

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

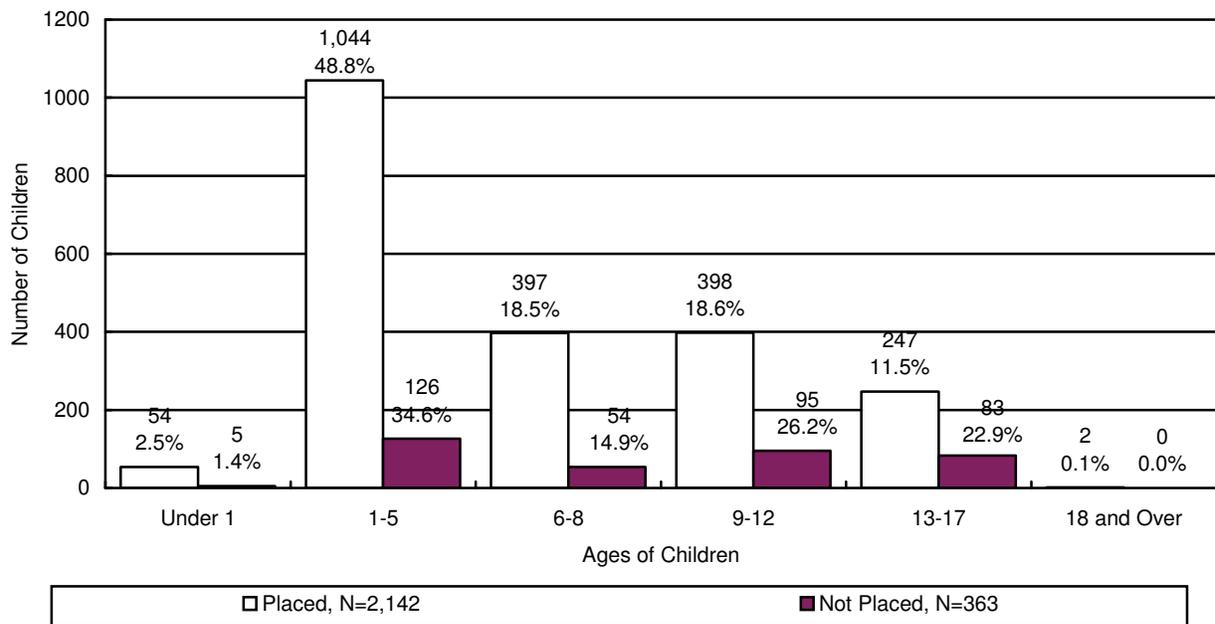


CHART 37
THE PLACEMENT AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY ETHNICITY

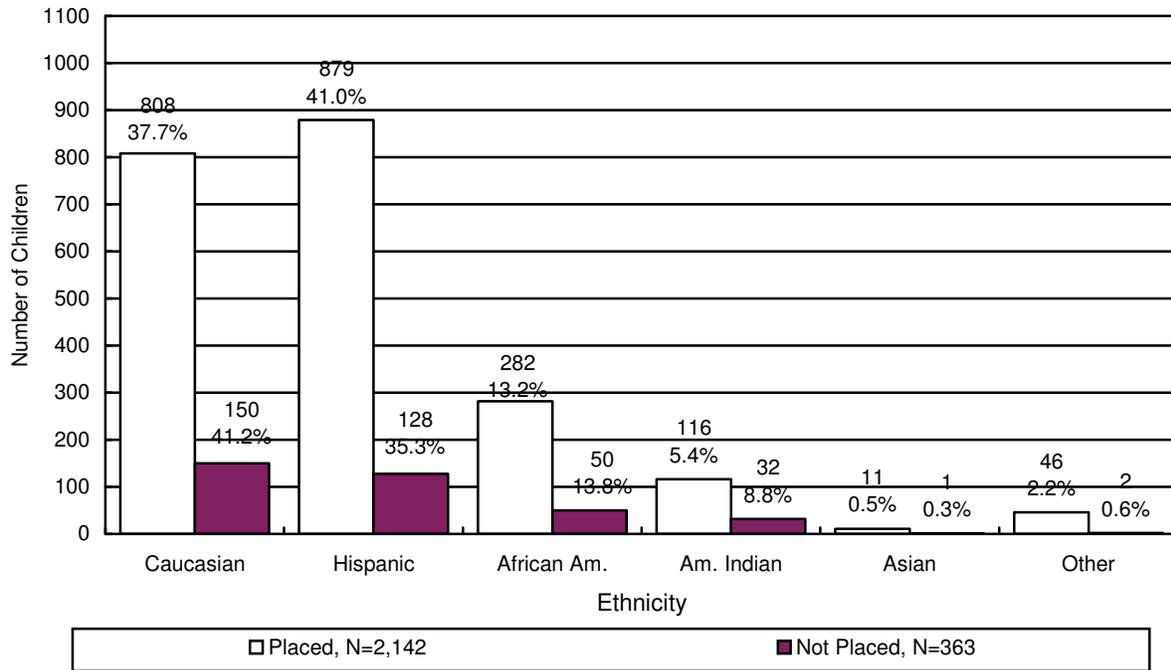
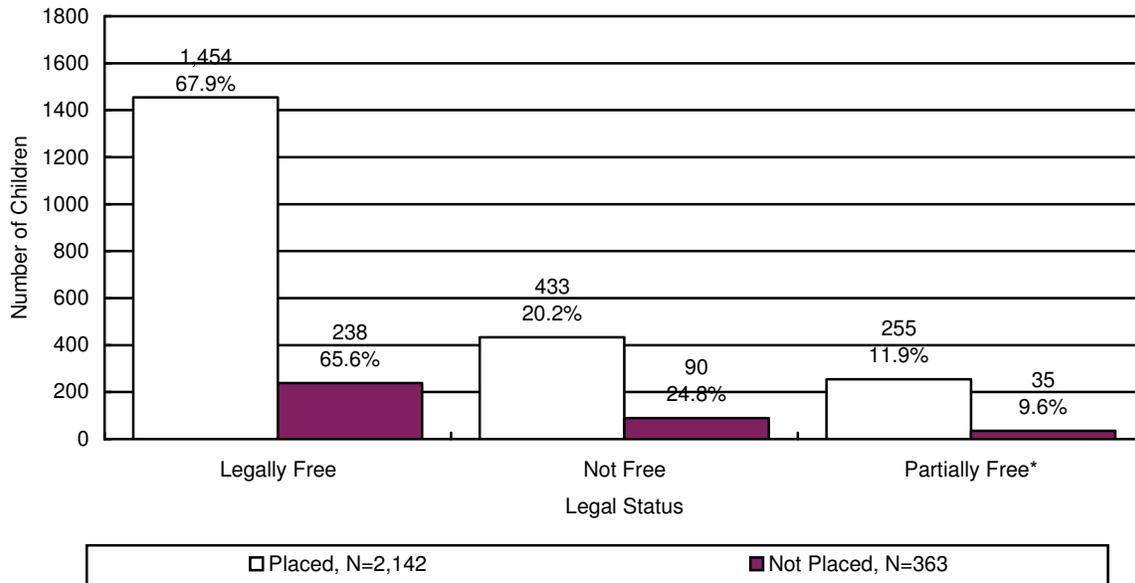
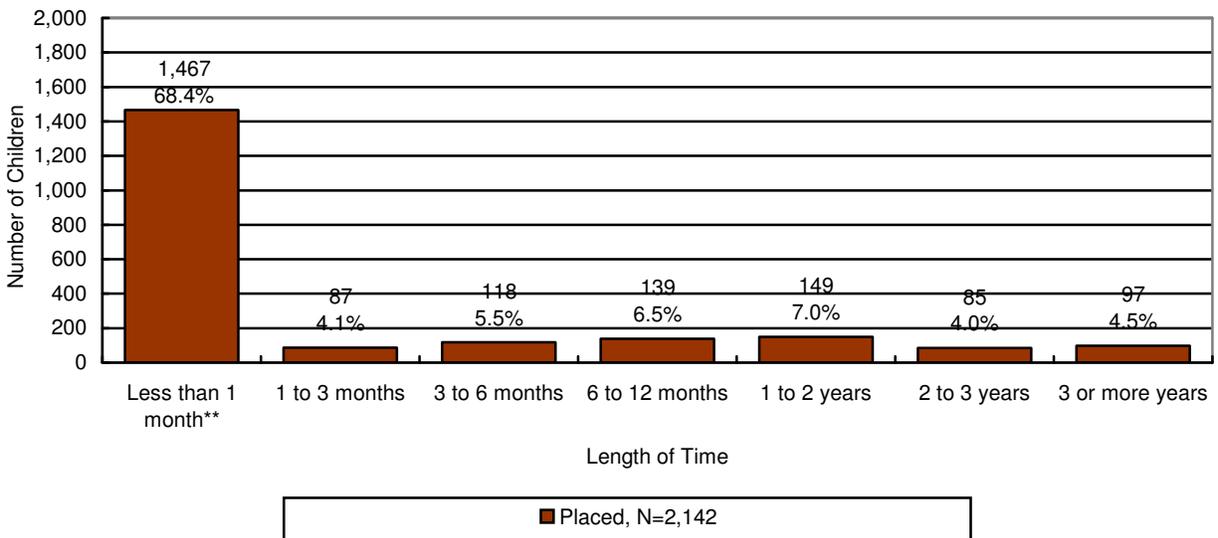


CHART 38
THE PLACEMENT AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY LEGAL STATUS



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

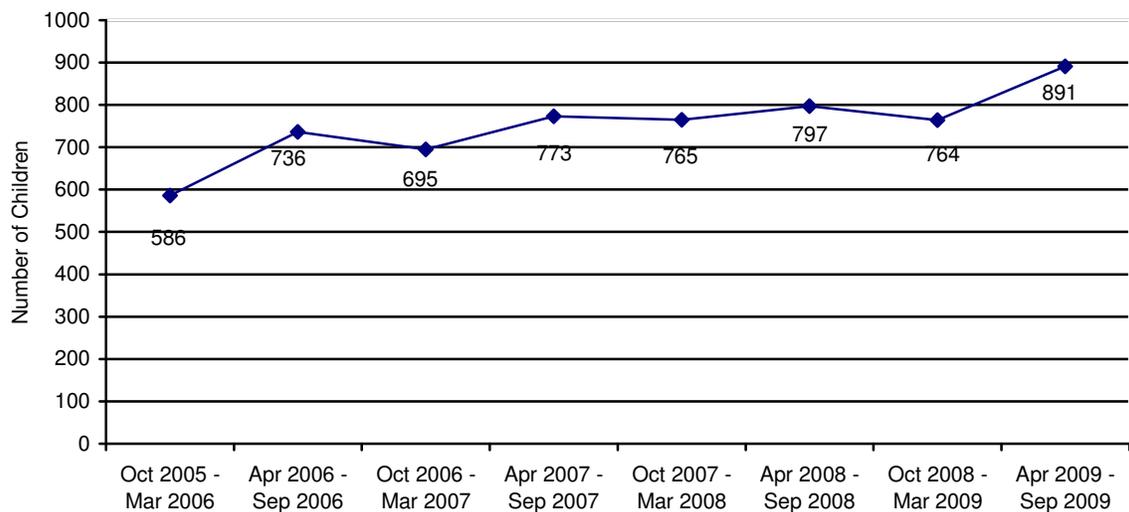
CHART 39
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY LENGTH OF TIME FROM CHANGE OF CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION TO ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT



**About 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.

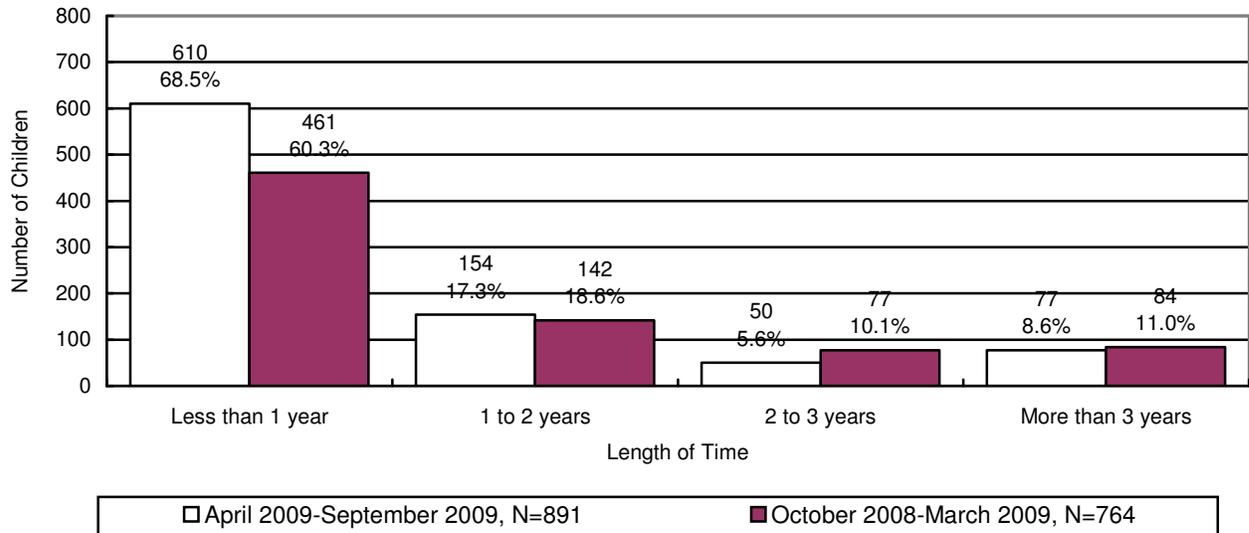
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CHART 40
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION



There were 891 children with a finalized adoption during the reporting period. Chart 41 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 41
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 42
THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY
AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT BEFORE THE FINAL ORDER
OF ADOPTION

