



Data Analysis, Accountability,  
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# Child Welfare

## Outcome Measures & Results

### September 2010



# Definitions and Data Sources

## **SAFETY 1 – Children are first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.**

**Figure 1: Child Protective Services Cases .....1**

Count of unique CPS Investigations or Family Preservation (Ongoing) stages open at any point during the month. Includes all cases active at some time during the month.

Sources: Internal Data System, SHINES

**Figure 2: Recurrence of Substantiated Child Maltreatment..... 1**

Of all the children who were victims of substantiated maltreatment in the first 6 months of the year, the percentage that had substantiated maltreatment within the following 6 months.

*National Standard: less than or equal to 5.40%*

Sources: Protective Services Data System, SHINES

**Figure 3: Disposition of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports..... 2**

Chart reflects the disposition of reports received in a particular month. Data includes count of Family Support, Substantiated Investigations, Unsubstantiated Investigations and Screenouts.

Source: SHINES

**Figure 4: Disposition of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports..... 2**

Chart reflects the disposition of reports received in a particular month. Data includes count of Family Preservation (Substantiated and Unsubstantiated Open), Foster Care (Substantiated and Unsubstantiated Open), Substantiated and Unsubstantiated Closed.

Source: SHINES

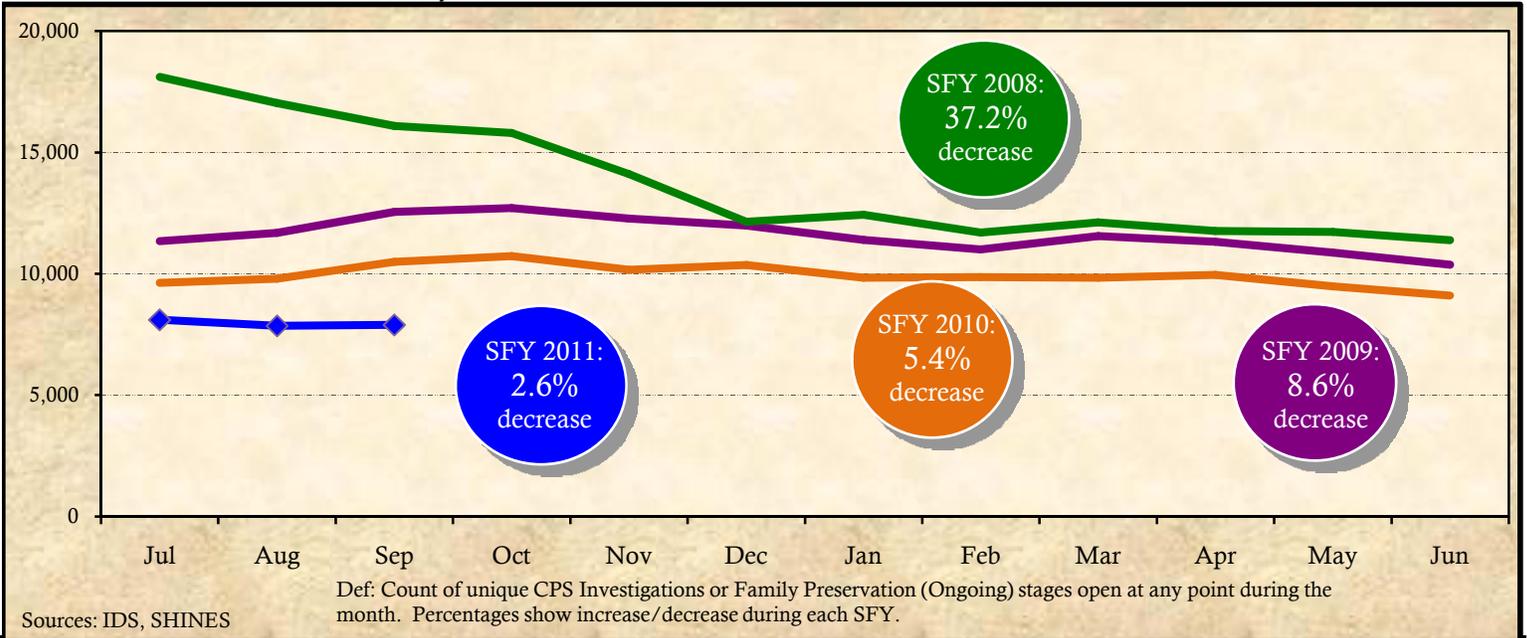
## Definitions and Data Sources cont...

### **PERMANENCY 1 – Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.**

- Figure 5: Child Placement Services Cases** .....3  
Count of unique children in foster care or adoptions stages open at any point during the month and cases active at some time during the month. This population may include children not in DFCS custody.  
Sources: Internal Data System, SHINES
- Figure 6: Children in the Legal Custody of DFCS** ..... 3  
Count of unique children who were in the legal custody of DFCS at some point during the month, including those 18 years of age and older. Excludes Aftercare, ICPC, Placement services to parents, and Boarding County.  
Source: SHINES
- Figure 7: Children in the Legal Custody of DFCS Under the Age 18**.....4  
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Source: SHINES
- Figure 8: Length of Time to Achieve Reunification**.....4  
Percentage of children who exited care during the month through reunification with their family that reunified in less than 12 months from the date of their removal.  
*National Standard: greater than or equal to 76.20%*  
Source: SHINES
- Figure 9: Comparison of Foster Care Entries & Exits**.....5  
Number of children who have entered foster care and number of children who have exited foster care during the month.  
Source: SHINES
- Figure 10: Foster Care Re-entries**.....5  
Of all the children who entered foster care, the percentage that were discharged from a previous placement within 12 months of the current foster care placement.  
*National Standard: less than or equal to 8.60%*  
Source: SHINES
- Figure 11: Children Placed with Relatives**.....6  
Of all children in DFCS custody, the percentage that are placed with a relative or a relative foster home.  
*State Target: greater than or equal to 30.00%*  
Source: SHINES
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The number of children whose adoption was finalized.  
Source: SHINES

# SAFETY-RELATED OUTCOMES

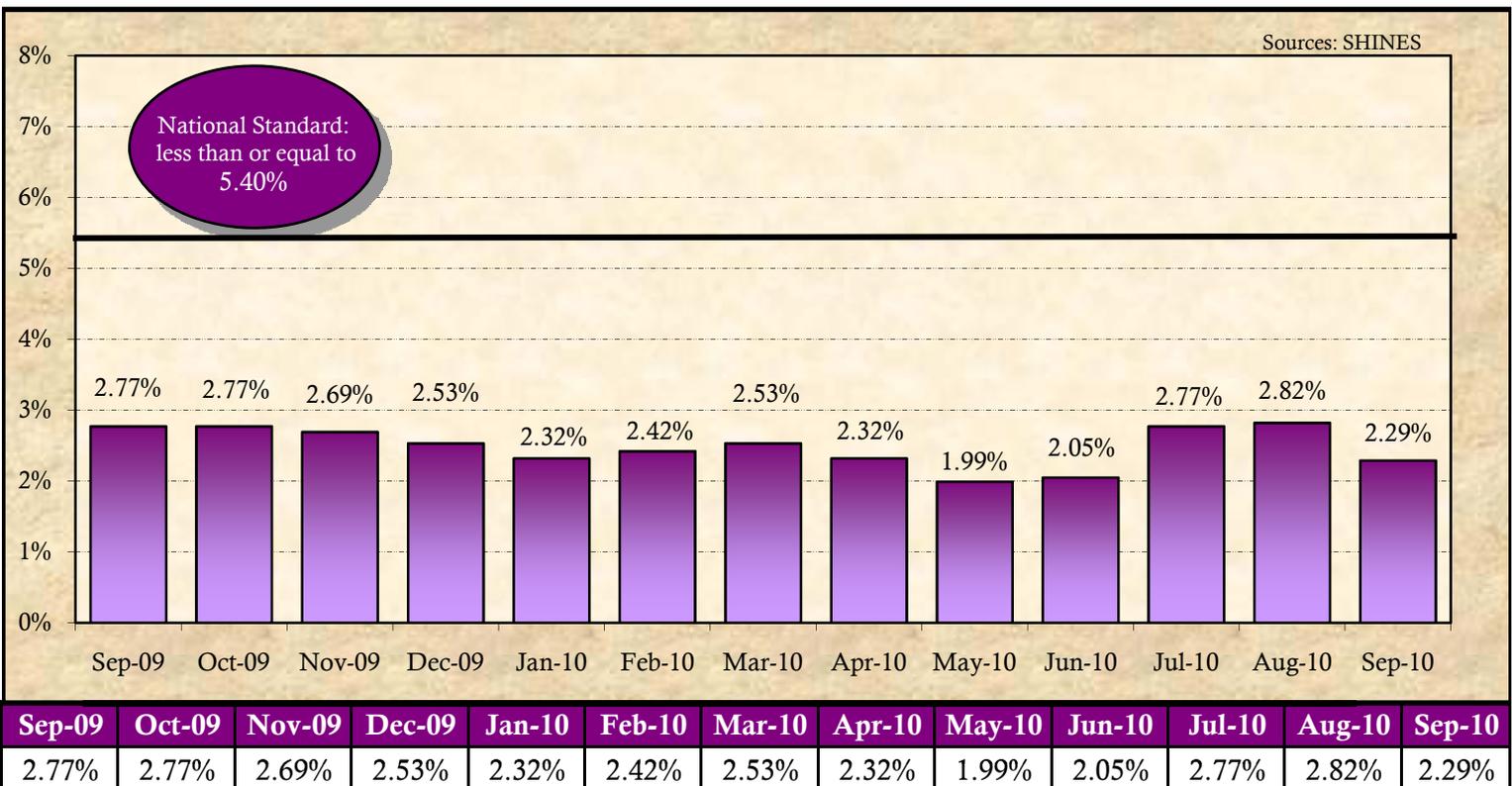
**Figure 1: Number of Child Protective Services Cases (includes Investigations and Family Preservation cases).**



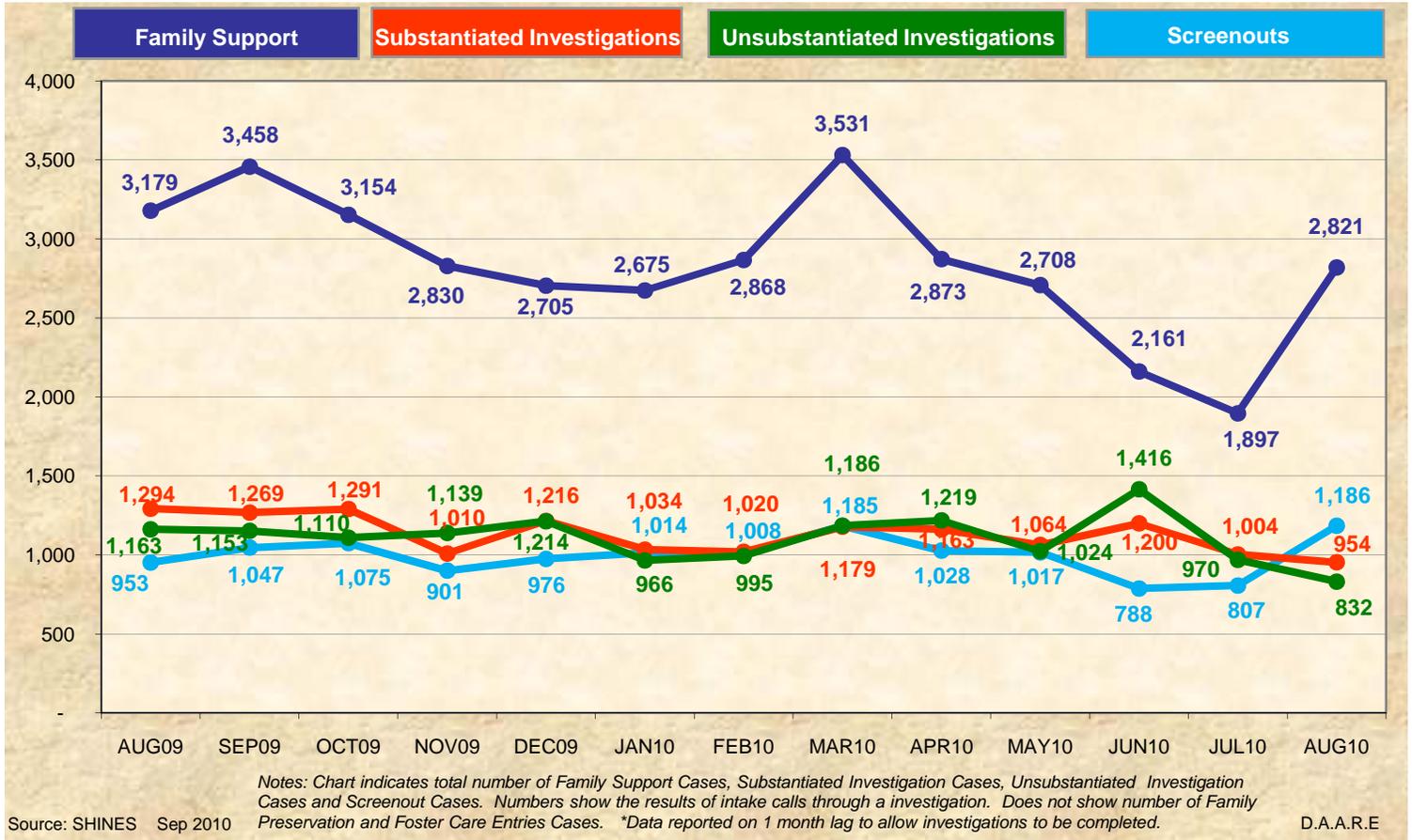
SFY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
SFY 11	8,103	7,855	7,895									
SFY 10	9,624	9,796	10,489	10,734	10,165	10,357	9,833	9,856	9,834	9,950	9,479	9,105
SFY 09	11,345	11,679	12,556	12,713	12,279	11,990	11,391	10,999	11,556	11,324	10,866	10,372
SFY 08	18,115	17,033	16,090	15,801	14,105	12,142	12,428	11,703	12,122	11,769	11,719	11,380

**Figure 2: Recurrence of Substantiated Child Maltreatment September 2009 – September 2010**

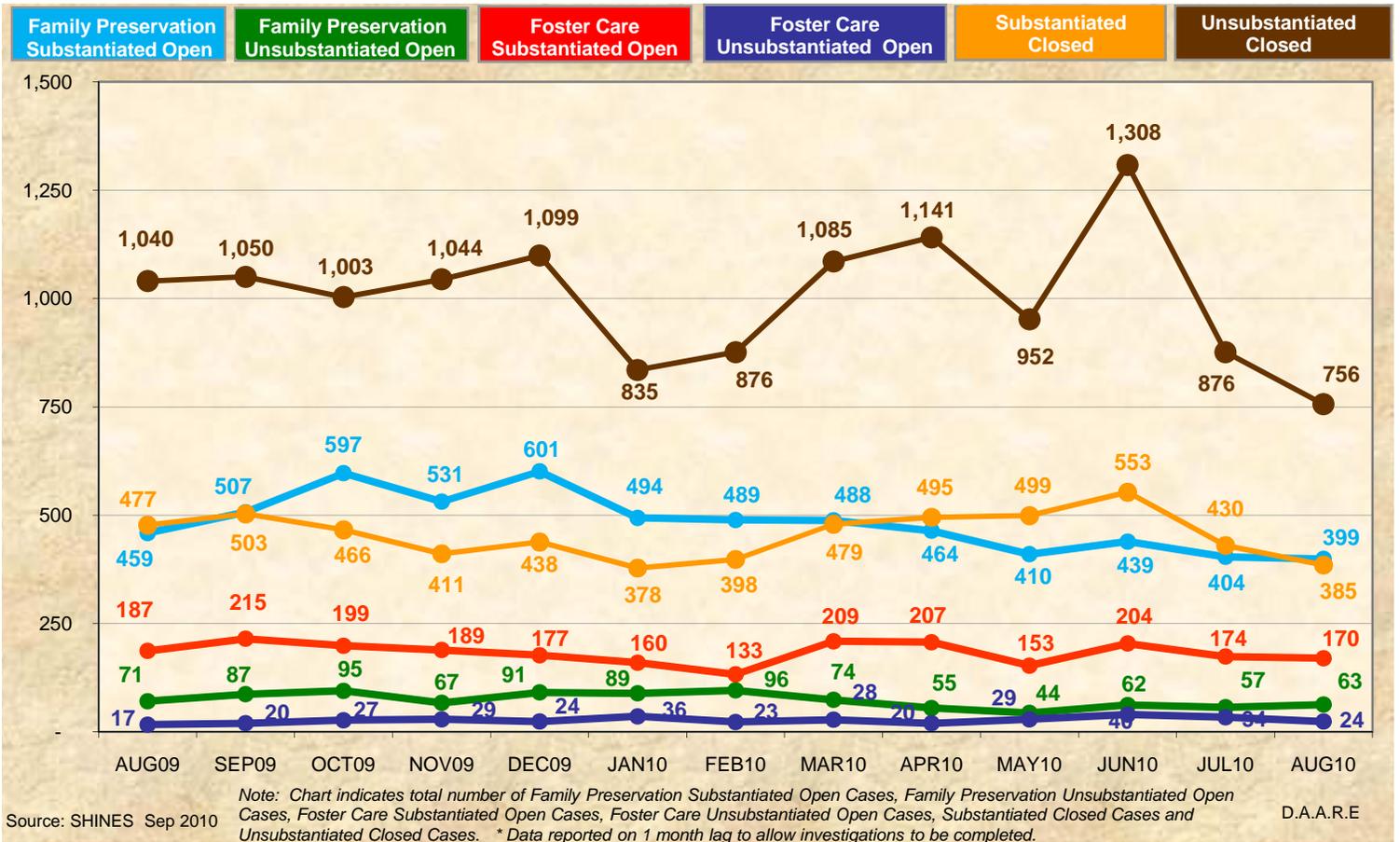
Def: Of all children who were victims of substantiated maltreatment in the first 6 months of the year, the percentage that had a substan. report of maltreatment within the following 6 months. This is calculated with a two-month lag.



**Figure 3: Disposition of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (September 2010)**

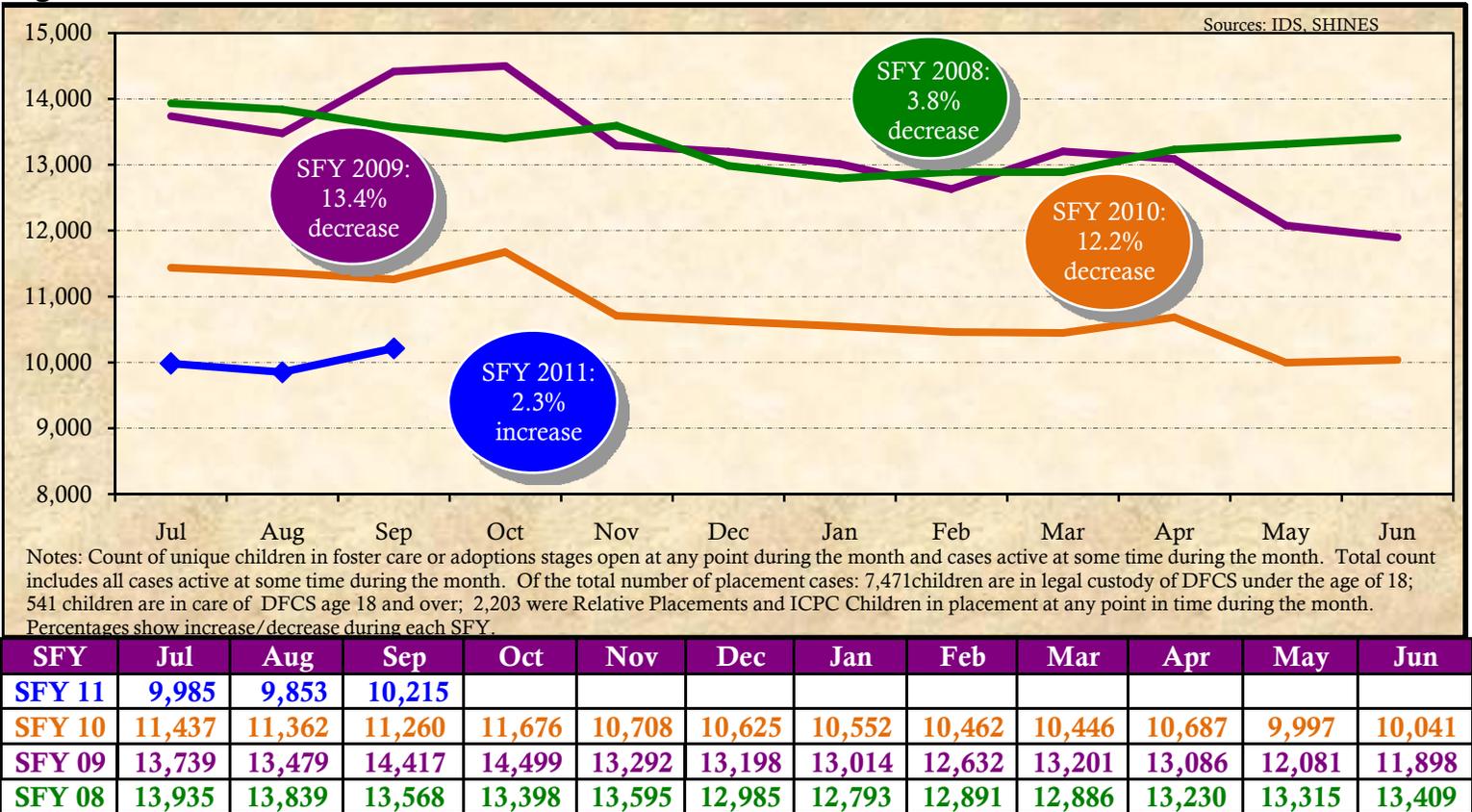


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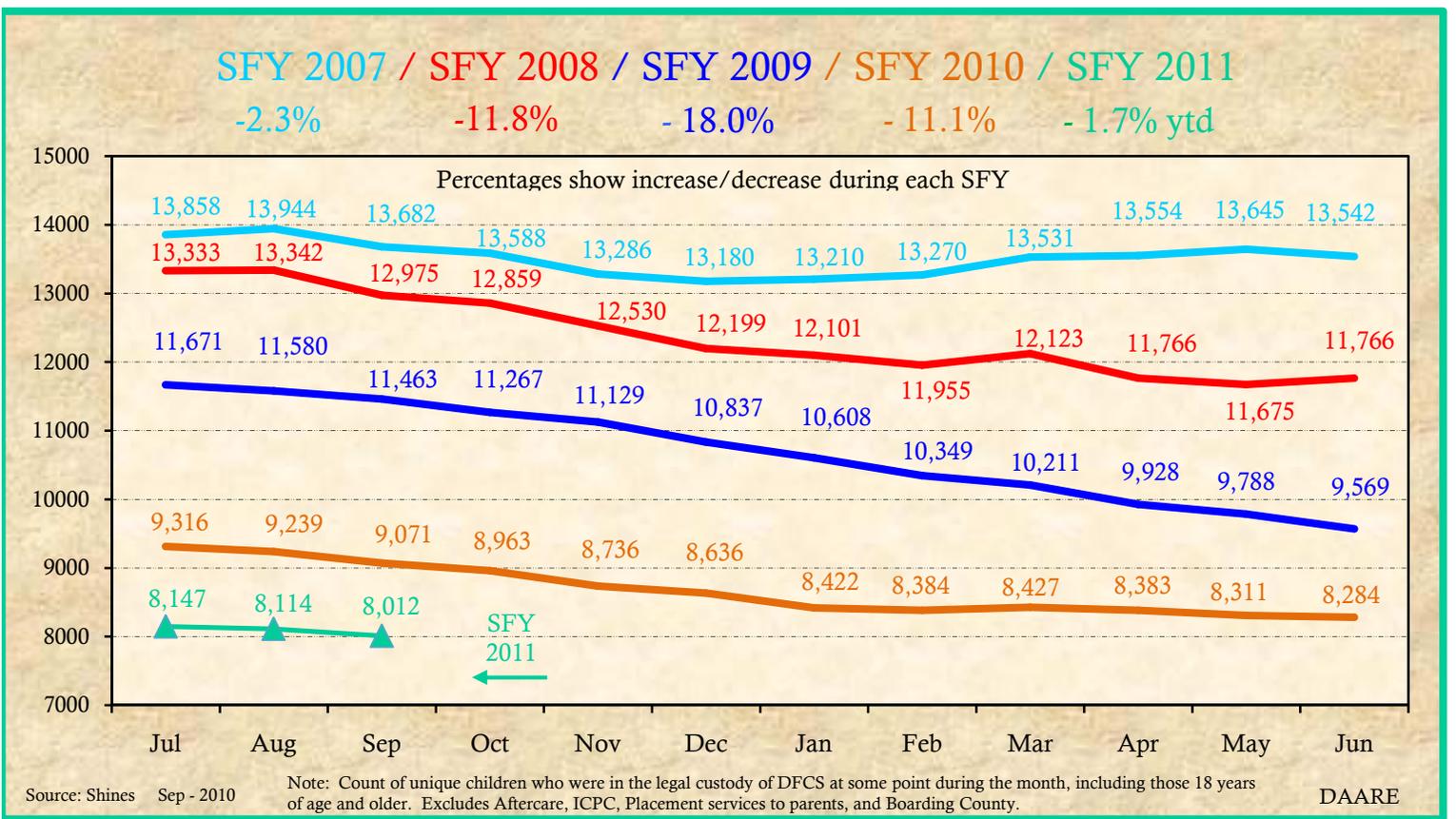


# PERMANENCY-RELATED OUTCOMES

**Figure 5: Number of Child Placement Services Cases**



**Figure 6: Number of Children in the Legal Custody of DFCS**

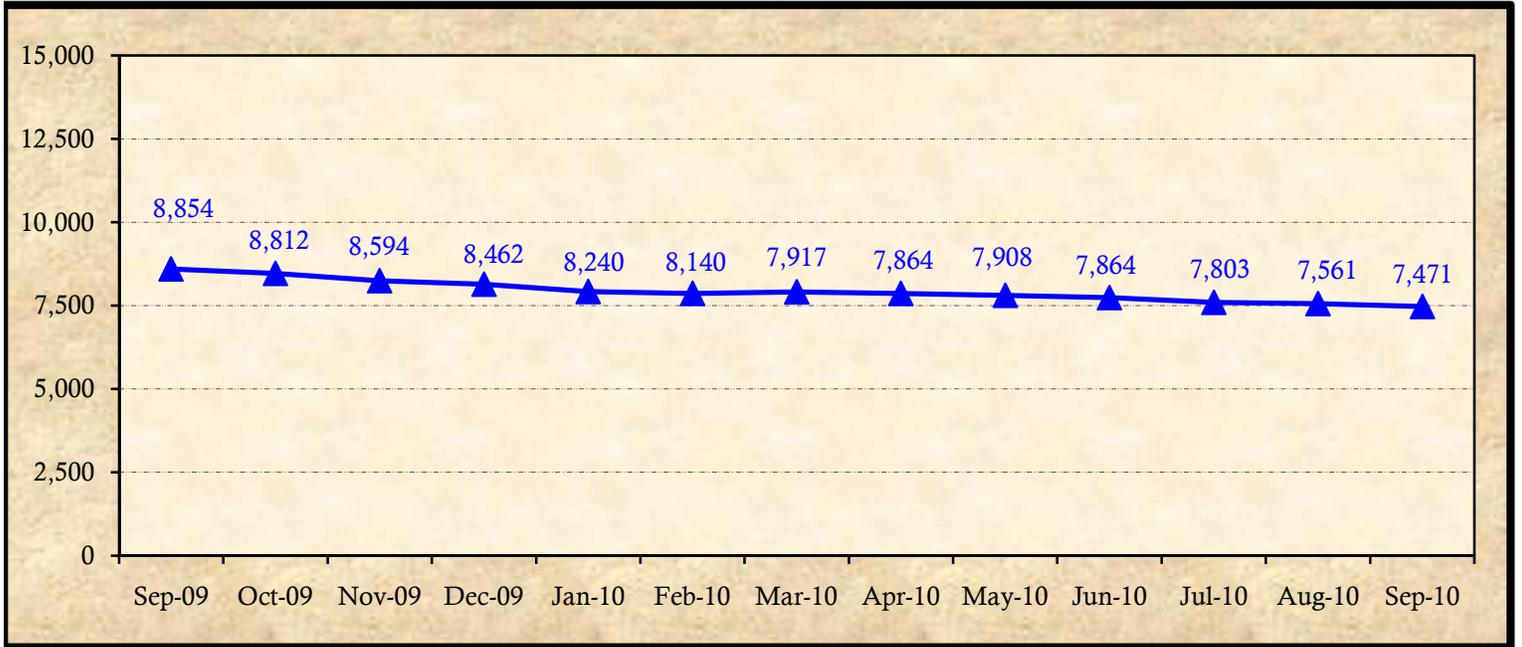


Source: Shines Sep - 2010

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**Figure 7: Children in the Legal Custody of DFCS Under the Age of 18 (September 2009 - September 2010)**

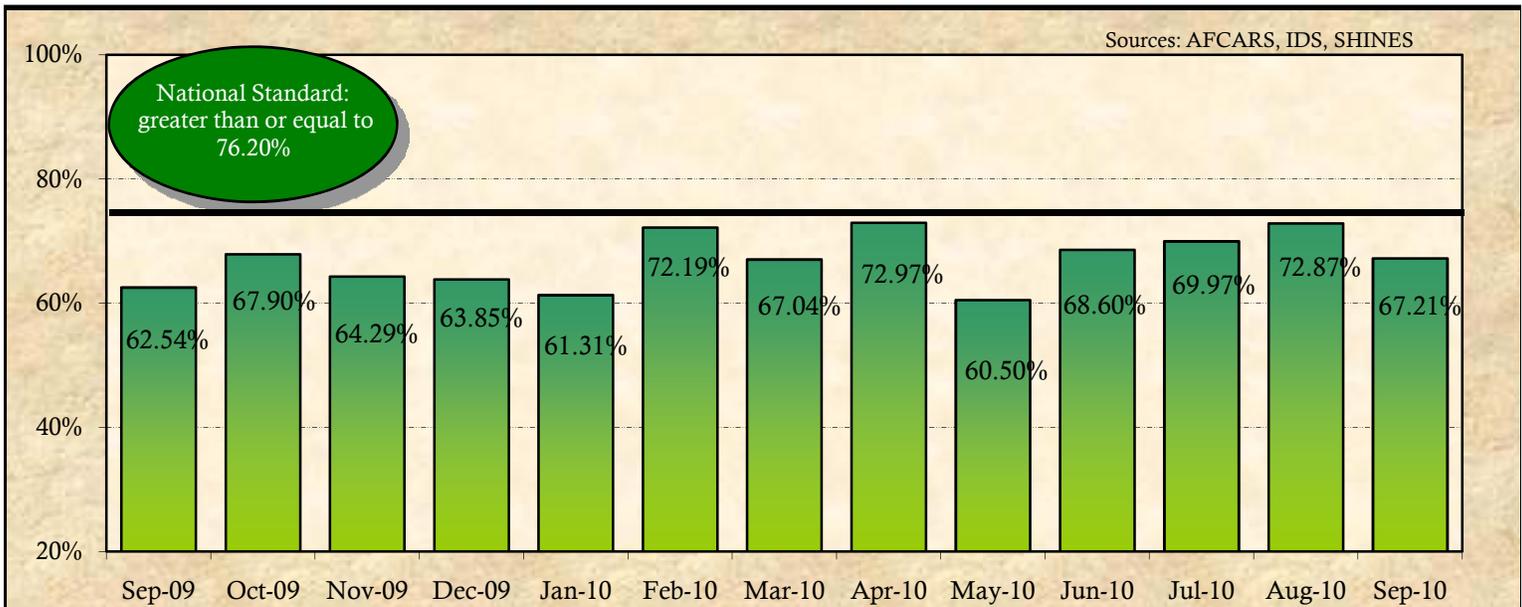
Def: Count of unique children who were in the legal custody of DFCS at some point during the month under the age 18. Excludes Aftercare, ICPC, Placement service to parents, and Boarding County.



Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10
8,594	8,462	8,240	8,140	7,917	7,864	7,908	7,864	7,803	7,735	7,594	7,561	7,471

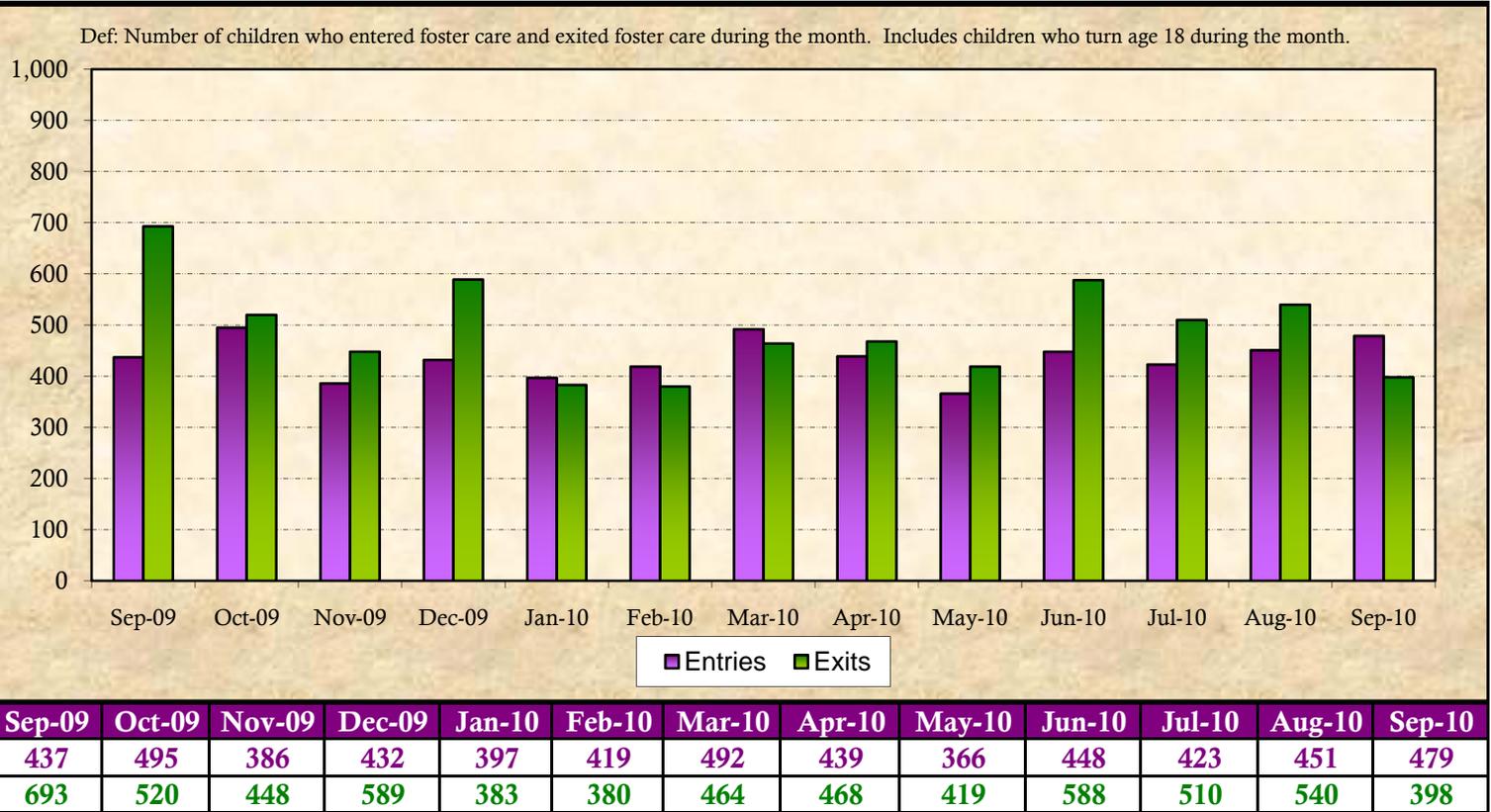
**Figure 8: Length of Time to Reunification (September 2009 - September 2010)**

Def: Percentage of children who exited care during the month through reunification with their family that reunified in less than 12 months from the date of their last removal.

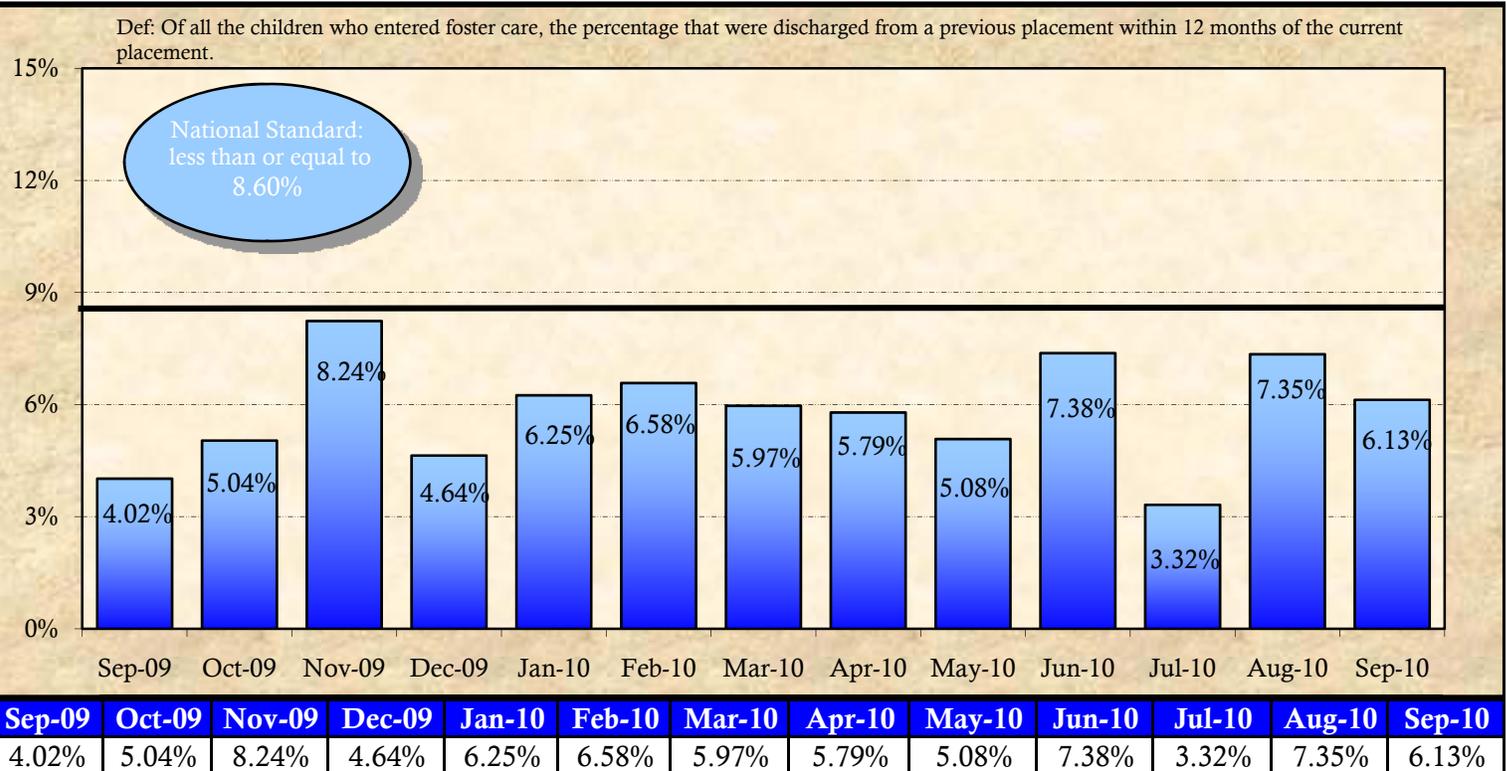


Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10
62.54%	67.90%	64.29%	63.85%	61.31%	72.19%	67.04%	72.97%	60.50%	68.60%	69.97%	72.87%	67.21%

**Figure 9: Comparison of Foster Care Entries and Exits September 2009 - September 2010**

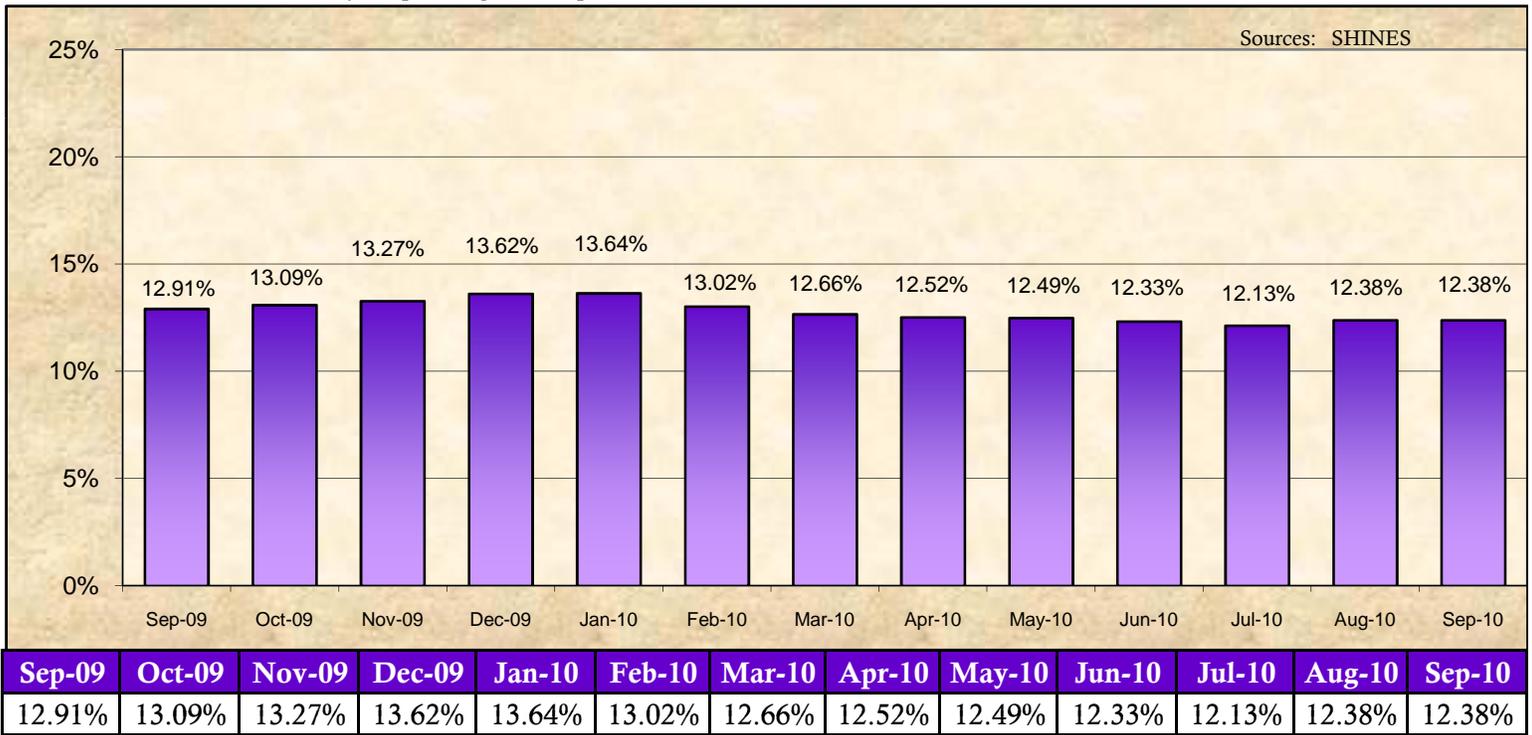


**Figure 10: Foster Care Re-Entry Rate September 2009 - September 2010**



**Figure 11: Percent of Children Placed with Relatives September 2009 – September 2010**

Def: Of all children in DFCS custody, the percentage that are placed with a relative or relative foster home.



**Figure 12: Number of Finalized Adoptions September 2009 – September 2010**

Def: The number of children whose adoption was finalized. Totals for all months are updated.

