

Division of Family and Children Services  
Georgia Department of Human Resources

# Outcome Measures and RESULTS

## Child Welfare



# May 2009

May is National Foster Care Month.

## Definitions and Data Sources

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

- Figure 1:** Child Protective Services Cases ..... 1  
Includes all cases active at some time during the month  
Sources: Internal Data System, SHINES
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Chart reflects the disposition of reports received in a particular month.  
Sources: Internal Data System, PSDS, SHINES
- Figure 3:** Percent of Investigations Completed Timely ..... 2  
The percentage of cases in which the investigation was completed within the 45 calendar day time frame.
- Figure 4:** Number of Overdue Investigations..... 2  
The number of investigations that exceeded the 45 day standard for a particular month.
- Figure 5:** Recurrence of Substantiated Child Maltreatment..... 3  
Of all the children who were victims of substantiated maltreatment, the percentage that had a substantiated report of maltreatment during the previous six months.  
*National Standard: less than or equal to 5.40%*  
Sources: Protective Services Data System, SHINES

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

- Figure 6:** Child Placement Services Cases ..... 4  
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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%*  
Sources: AFCARS, Internal Data System, SHINES
- Figure 9:** Length of Time to Achieve Reunification ..... 5  
Of all the children who exited foster care through reunification with their family, the percentage that reunified in less than 12 months from the date of their last removal from the home.  
*National Standard: greater than or equal to 76.20%*  
Sources: AFCARS, Internal Data System, SHINES

## Definitions and Data Sources cont...

**Figure 10: Children Placed with Relatives** ..... 6

Of all children in Placement, the percentage that are placed with a relative or a relative foster home. *State Target: greater than or equal to 30.00%*

Sources: Internal Data System, SHINES

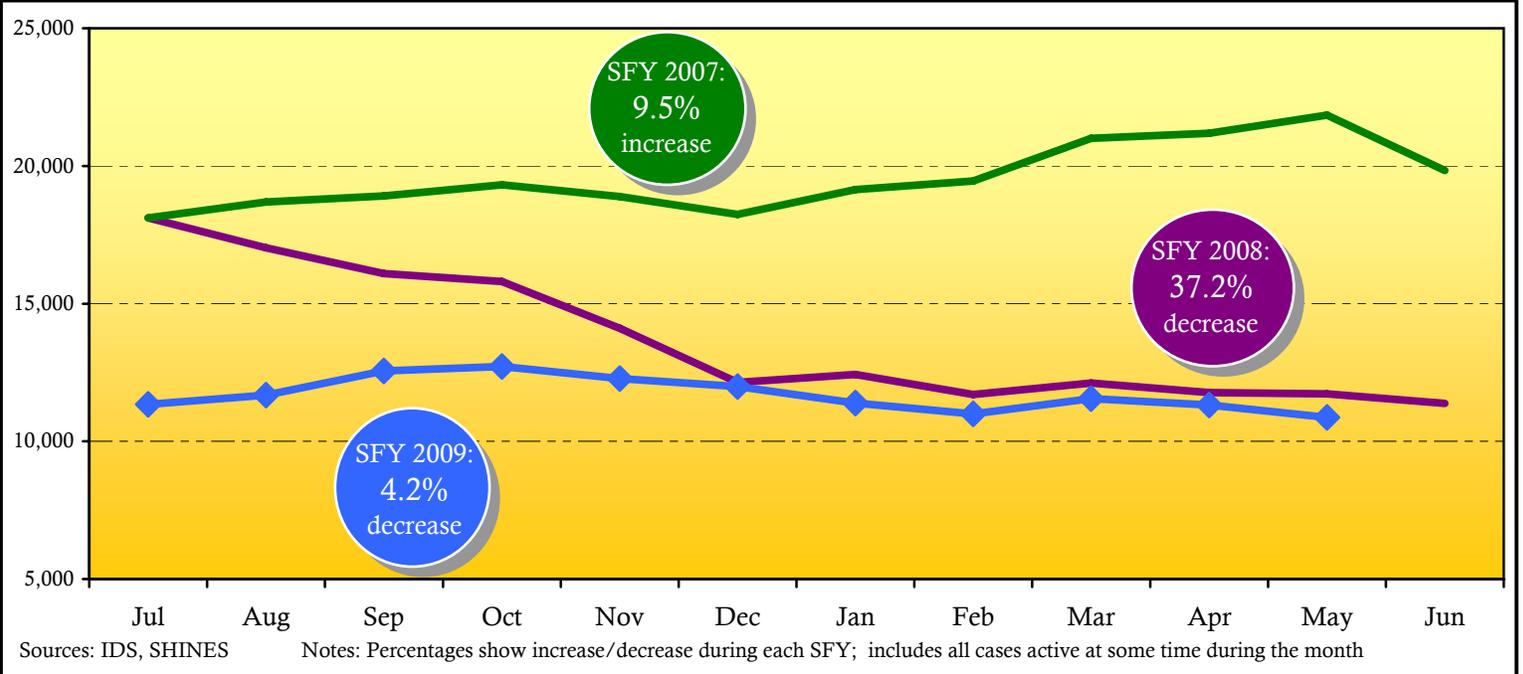
**Figure 11: Adoptions Finalized** ..... 6

The number of children whose adoption was finalized.

Source: Social Services Adoption Unit

# SAFETY-RELATED OUTCOMES

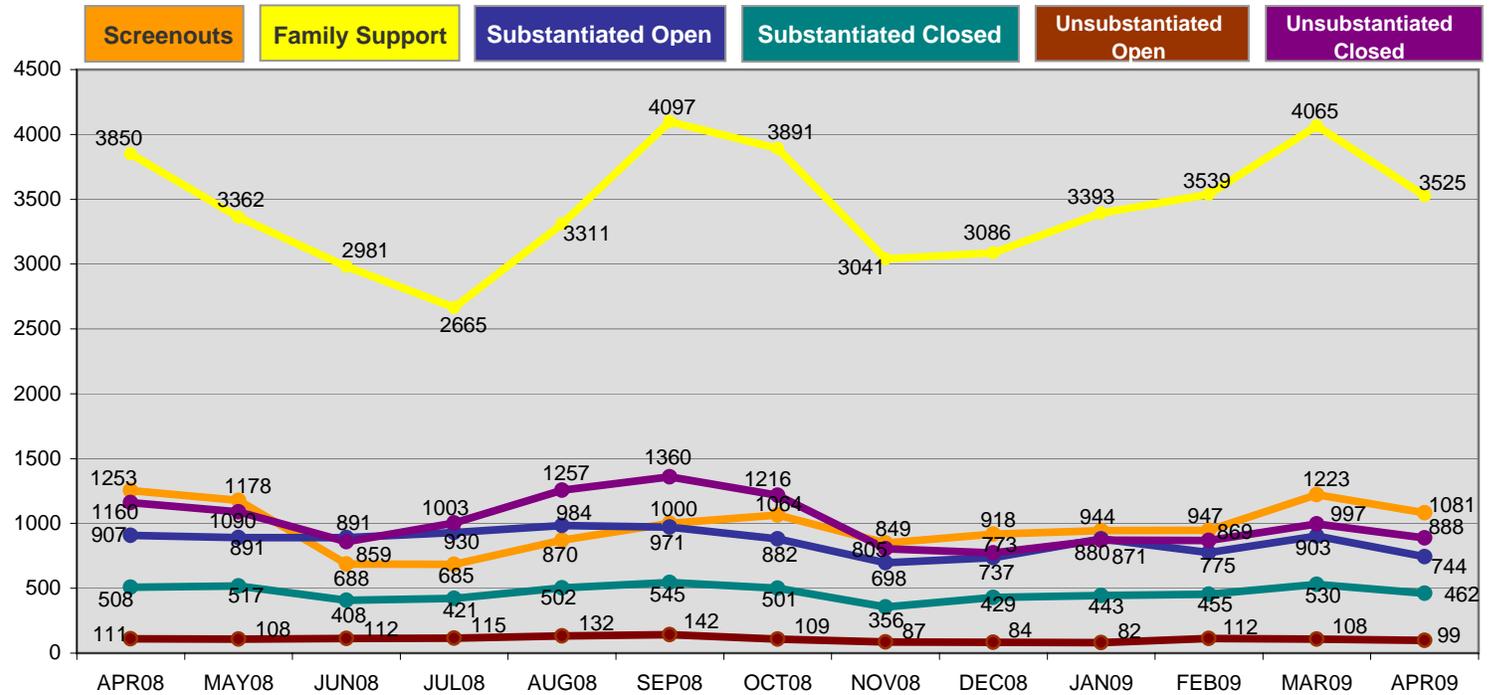
**Figure 1: Number of Child Protective Services Cases (includes investigations and Family Preservation cases).**



SFY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
SFY 09	11,345	11,679	12,556	12,713	12,279	11,990	11,391	10,999	11,556	11,324	10,866	
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
SFY 07	18,115	18,687	18,912	19,319	18,889	18,242	19,139	19,453	21,005	21,182	21,841	19,833

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

## Child Abuse and Neglect Reports State (May 2009)\*



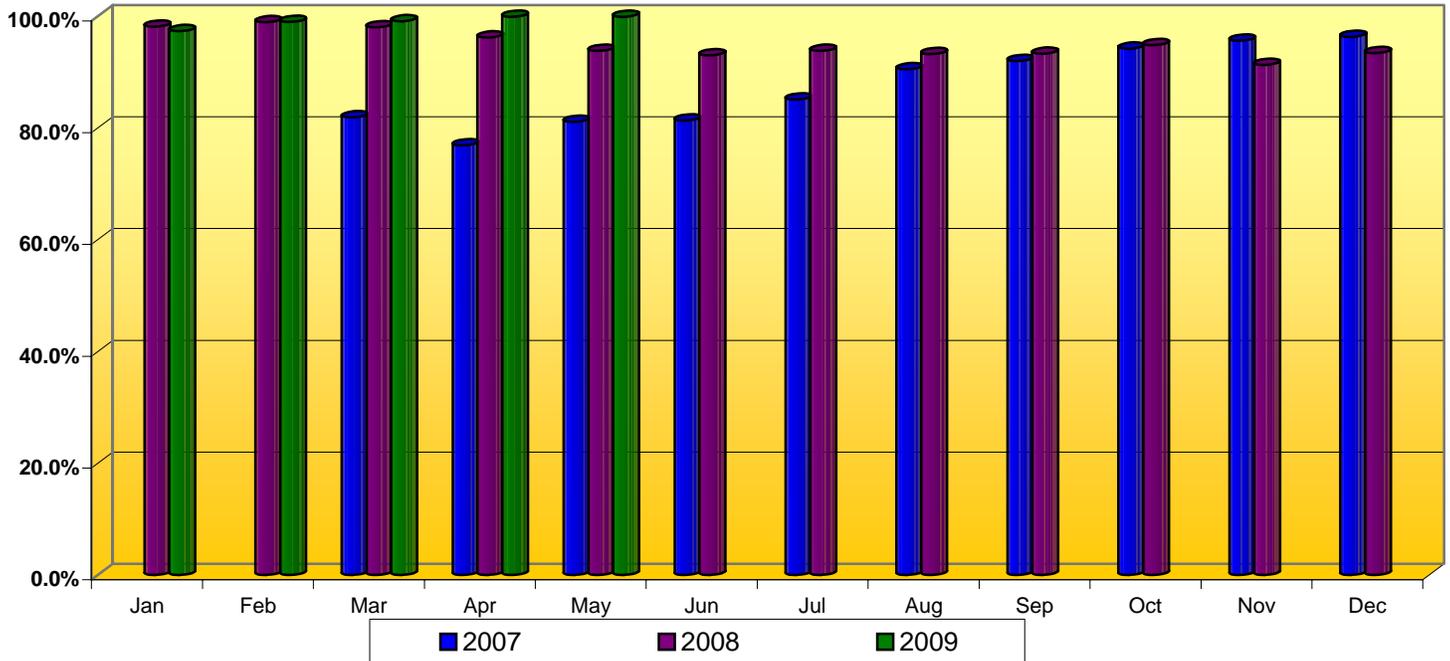
Source: IDS, PSDS, SHINES April 2009

\*Data reported on a 1 month delay to allow investigations to be completed

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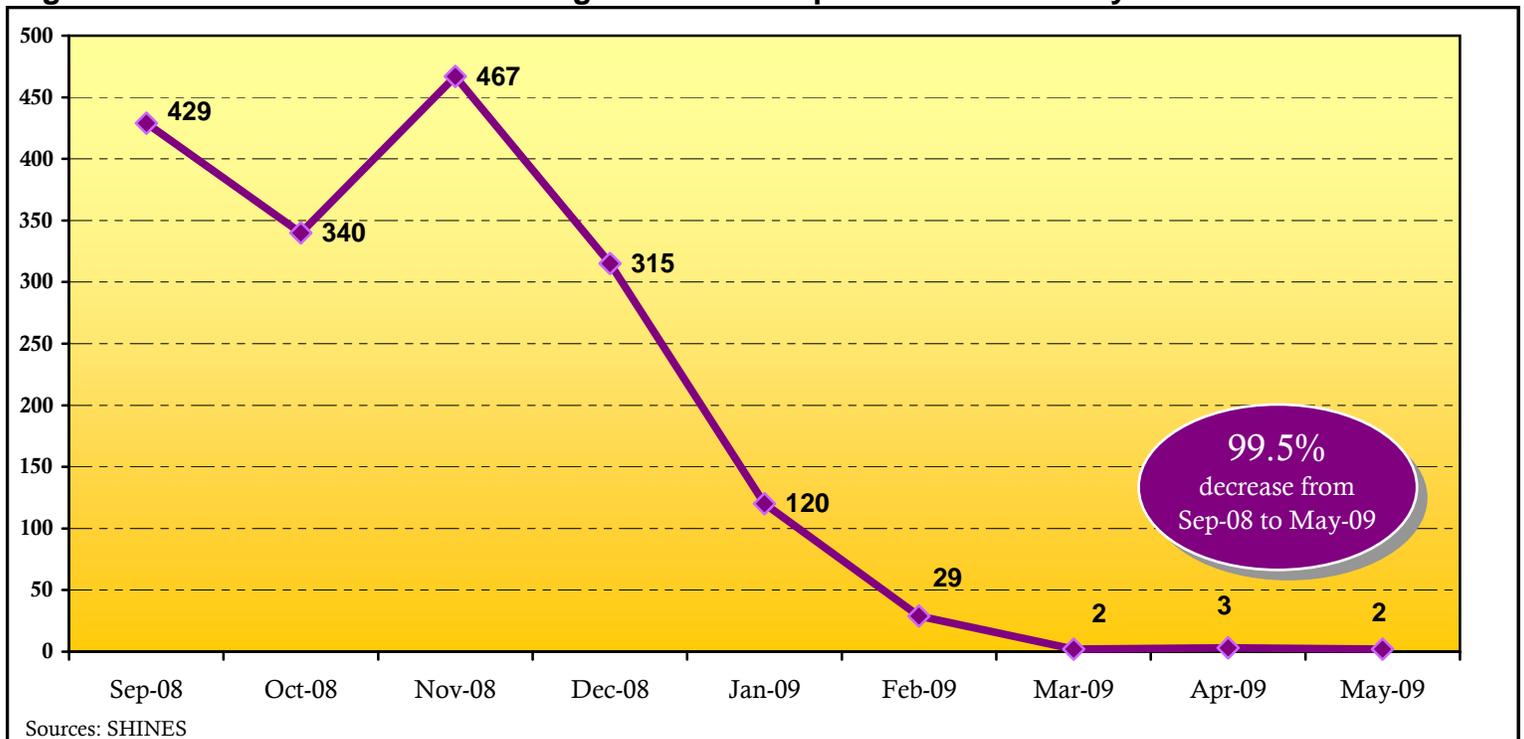
**Figure 3: Percent of Investigations Completed Timely**

Sources: SHINES



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2007			81.9%	76.9%	81.1%	81.3%	85.1%	90.5%	92.0%	94.2%	95.6%	96.3%
2008	98.1%	98.9%	98.0%	96.2%	93.8%	93.0%	93.8%	93.2%	93.3%	94.8%	91.3%	93.4%
2009	97.3%	99.0%	99.1%	99.9%	99.9%							

**Figure 4: Number of Overdue Investigations from September 2008 to May 2009**

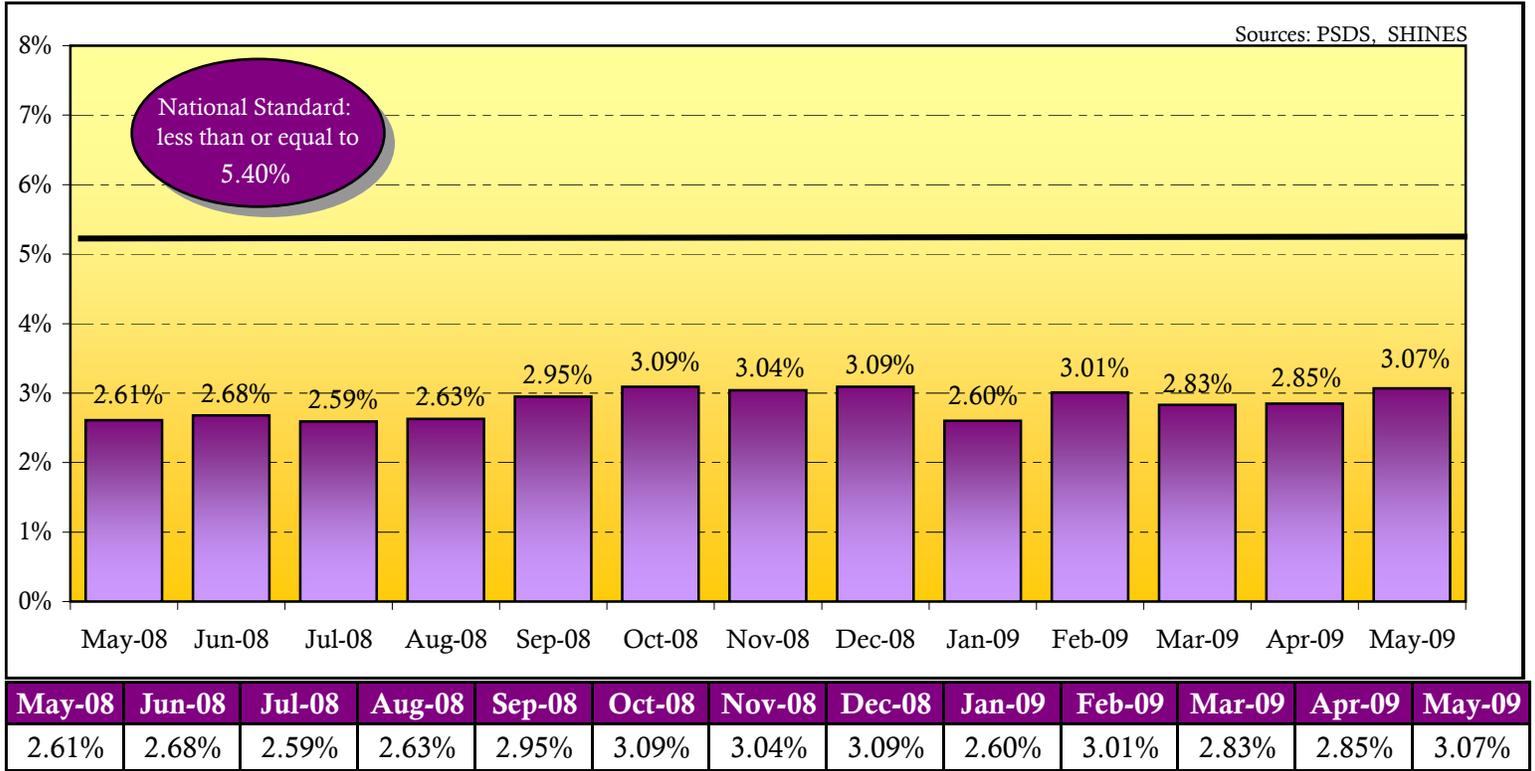


Sources: SHINES

Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09
429	340	467	315	120	29	2	3	2				

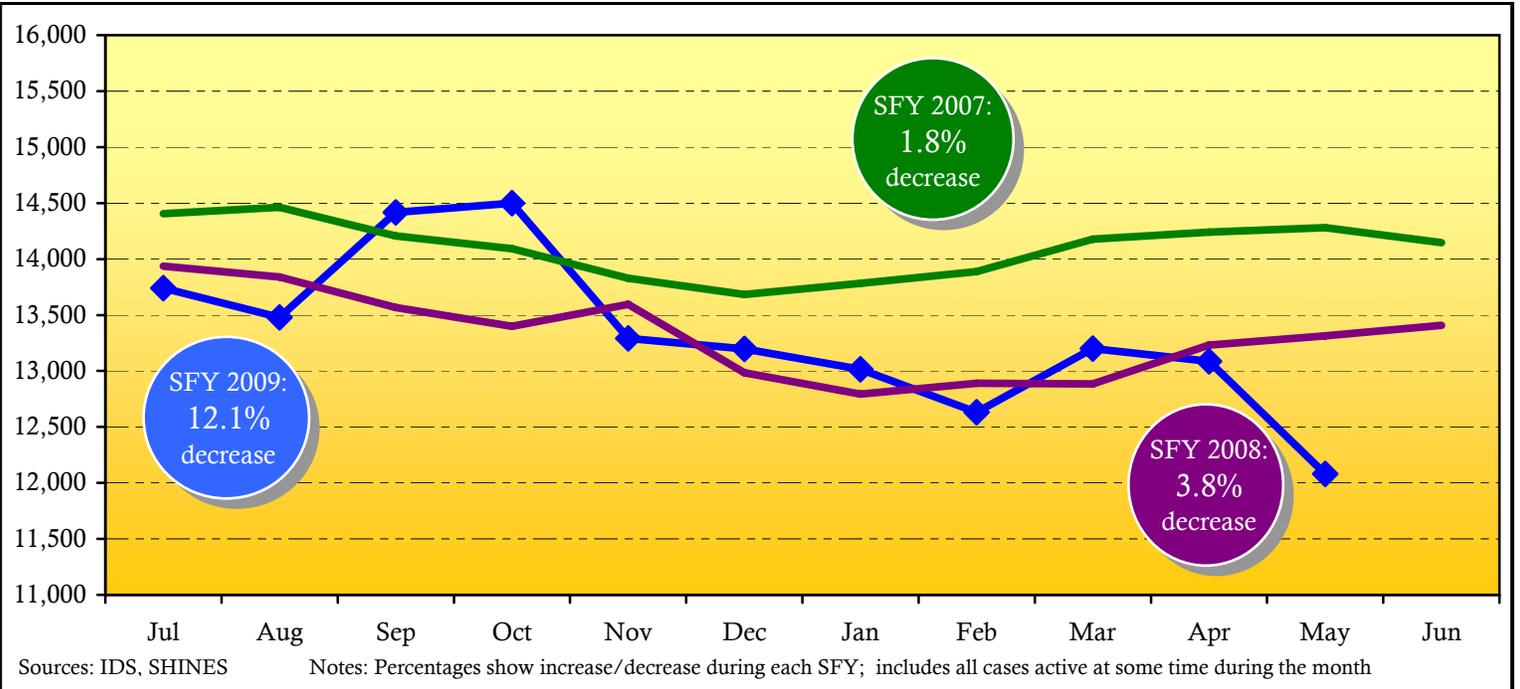
### Figure 5: Recurrence of Substantiated Child Maltreatment May 2008 – May 2009

Def: Of all children who were victims of substantiated maltreatment, the percentage that had a substan. report of maltreatment during the previous 12 months.



# PERMANENCY- RELATED OUTCOMES

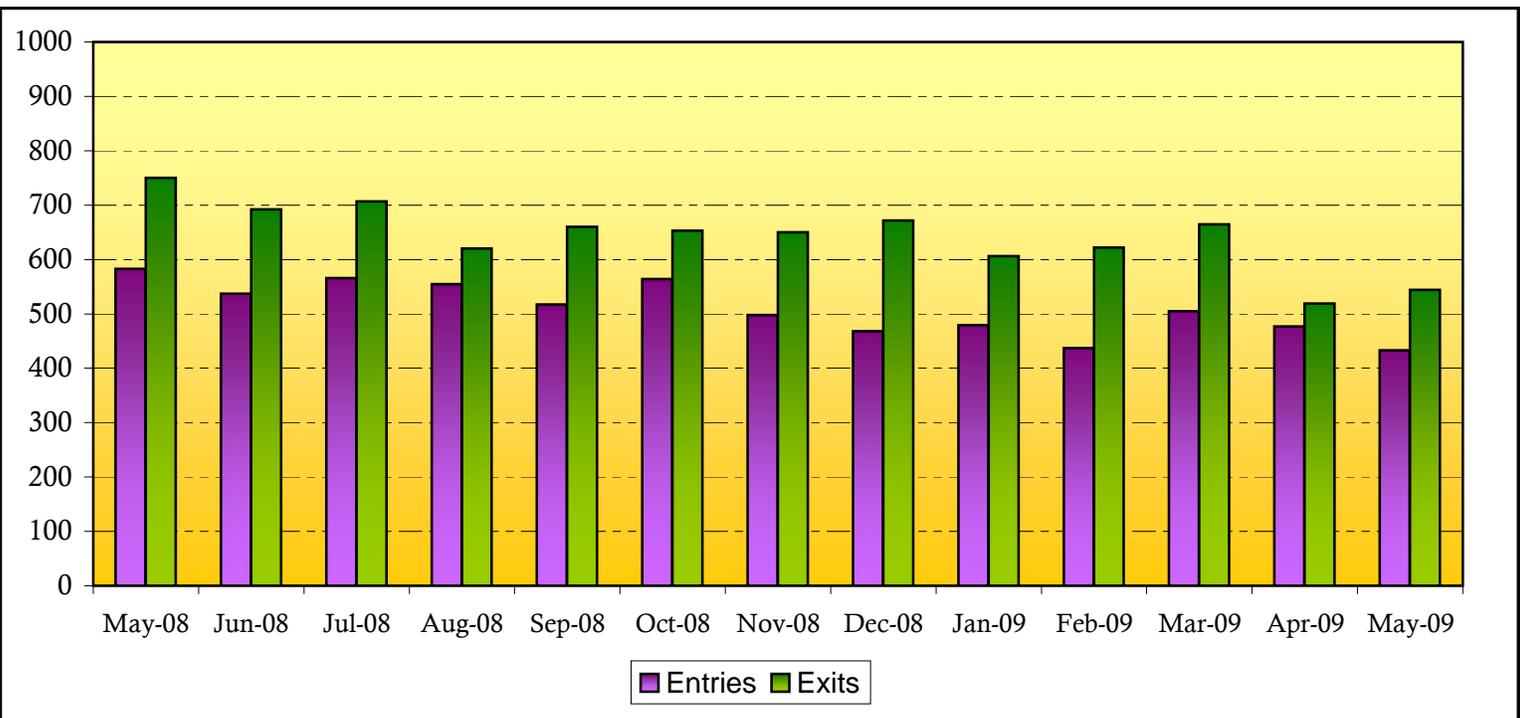
**Figure 6: Number of Child Placement Services Cases**



SFY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
SFY 09	13,739	13,479	14,417	14,499	13,292	13,198	13,014	12,632	13,201	13,086	12,081	
SFY 08	13,935	13,839	13,568	13,398	13,595	12,985	12,793	12,891	12,886	13,230	13,315	13,409
SFY 07	14,404	14,463	14,205	14,093	13,828	13,683	13,784	13,887	14,177	14,241	14,280	14,147

**Figure 7: Comparison of Foster Care Entries and Exits May 2008 - May 2009**

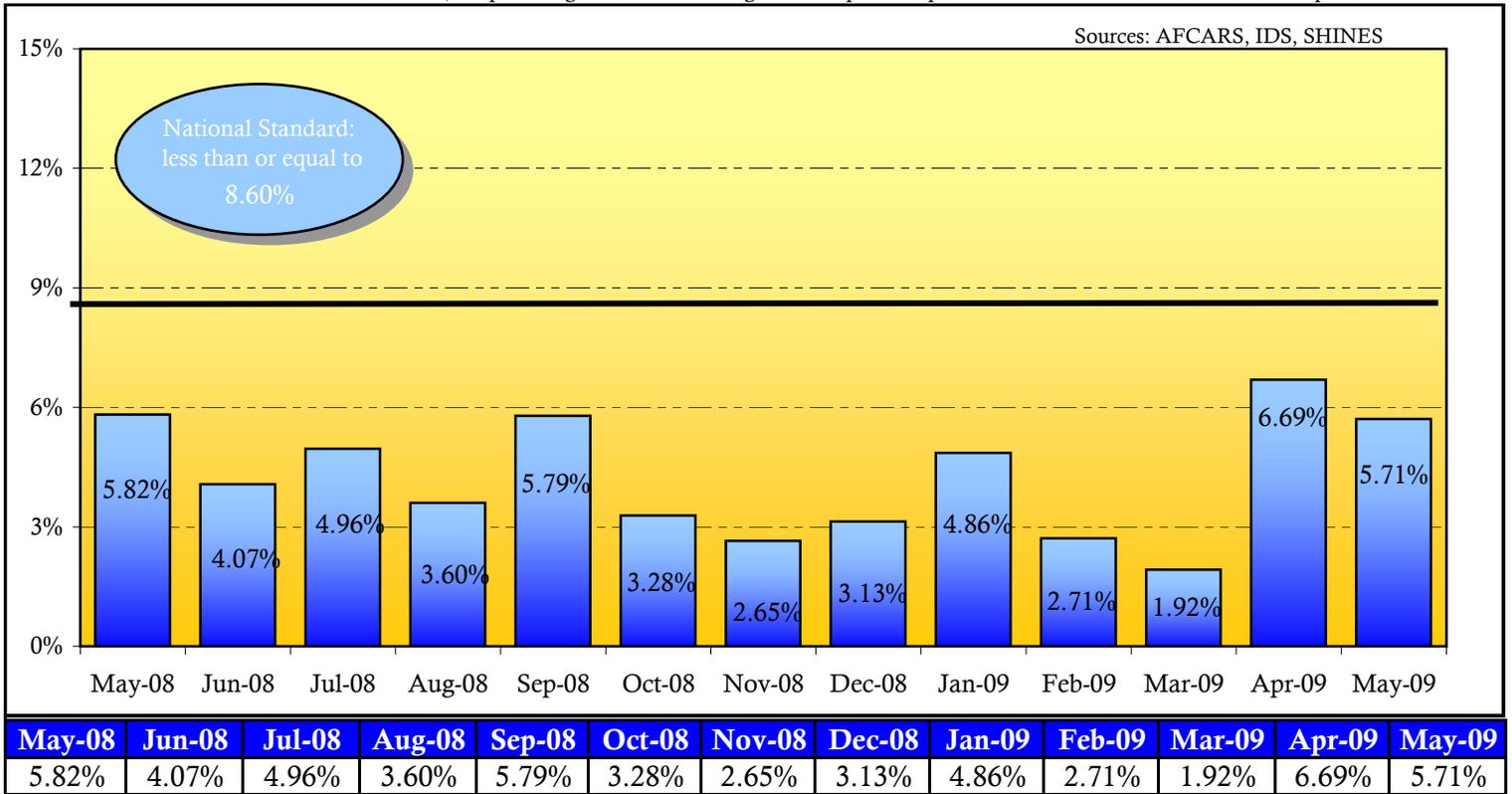
Sources: IDS, SHINES



Month	May-08	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09
Entries	583	537	566	555	517	564	498	468	479	437	505	477	433
Exits	750	692	707	620	660	653	650	672	606	622	665	519	544

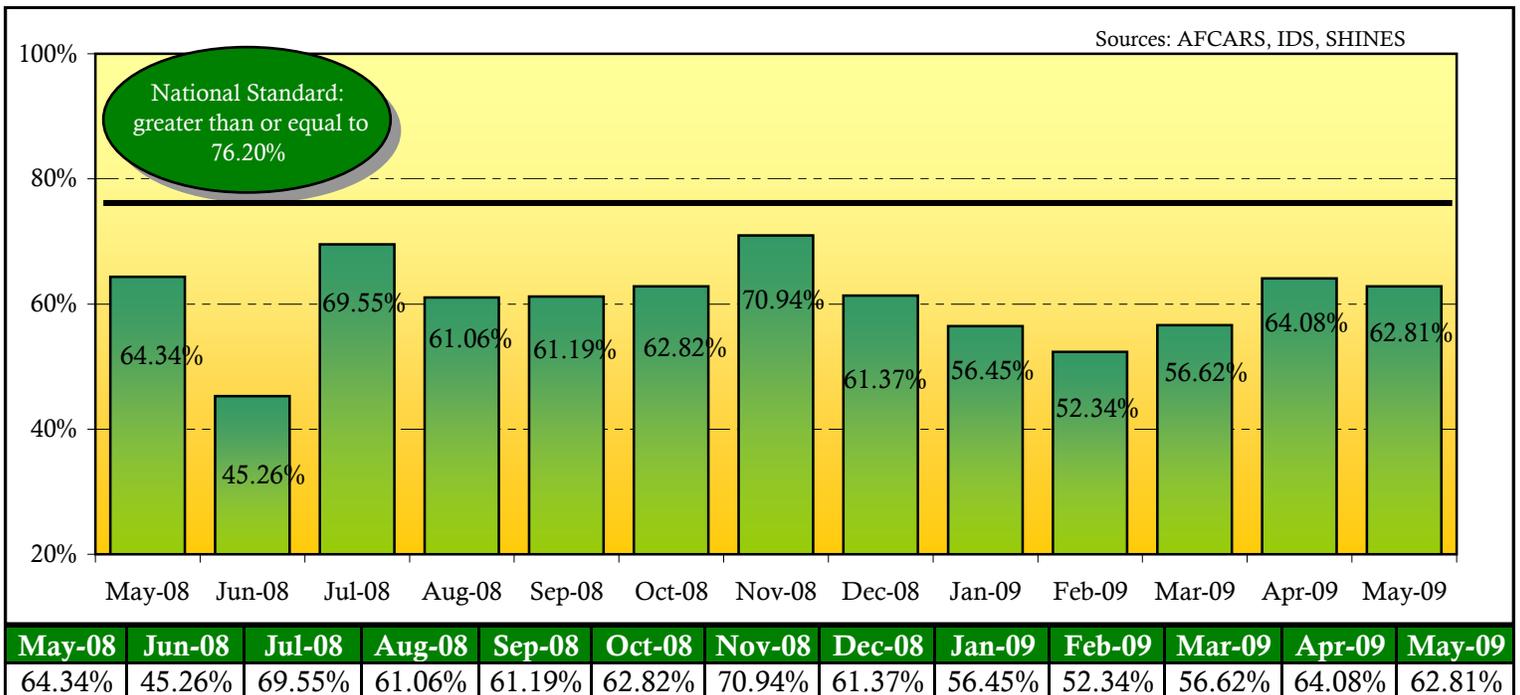
**Figure 8: Foster Care Re-Entry Rate**

Def: Of all the children who entered foster care, the percentage that were discharged from a previous placement within 12 months of the current placement.



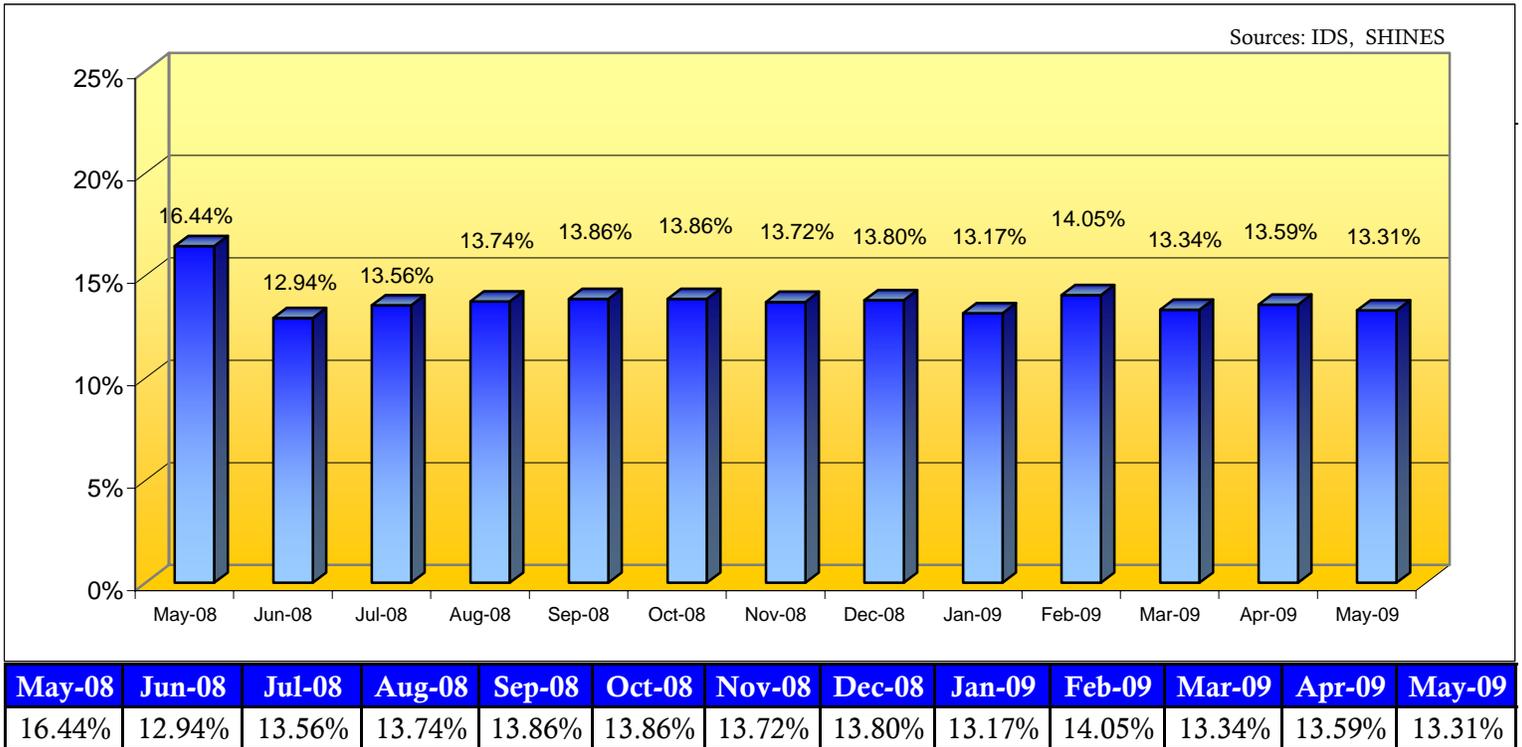
**Figure 9: Length of Time to Achieve Reunification May 2008 - May 2009**

Def: Of all the children who exited foster care by reunif. w/their family, the % that were reunified in less than 12 mo. from their last removal from the home.



**Figure 10: Percent of Children Placed with Relatives May 2008 – May 2009**

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



**Figure 11: Number of Finalized Adoptions May 2008 – May 2009**

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

