

Division of Family and Children Services

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Outcome Measures and RESULTS Child Welfare



September 2009

National Child Protection Week is in September.

Definitions and Data Sources

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

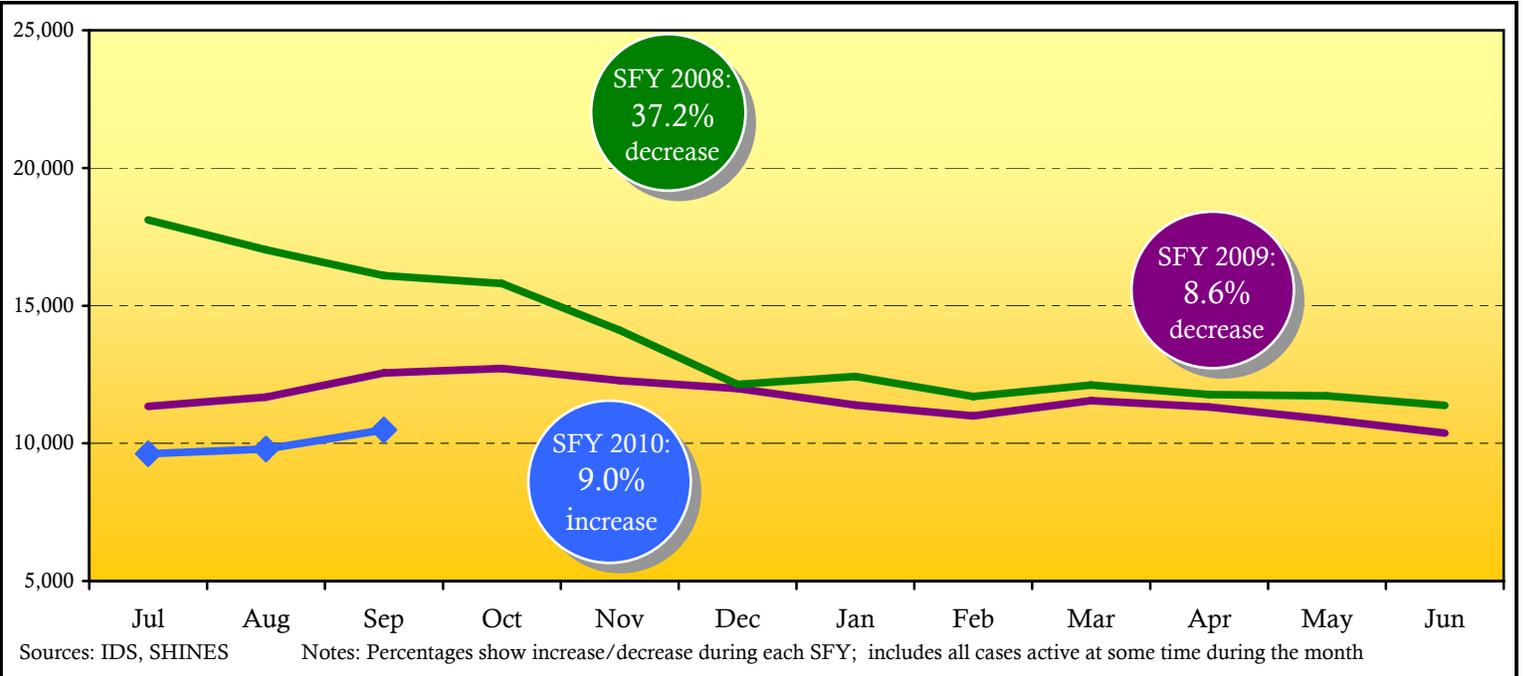
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Of all the children who were victims of substantiated maltreatment, the percentage that had a substantiated report of maltreatment during the previous six months.
National Standard: less than or equal to 5.40%
Sources: Protective Services Data System, SHINES

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Source: Social Services Adoption Unit

SAFETY-RELATED OUTCOMES

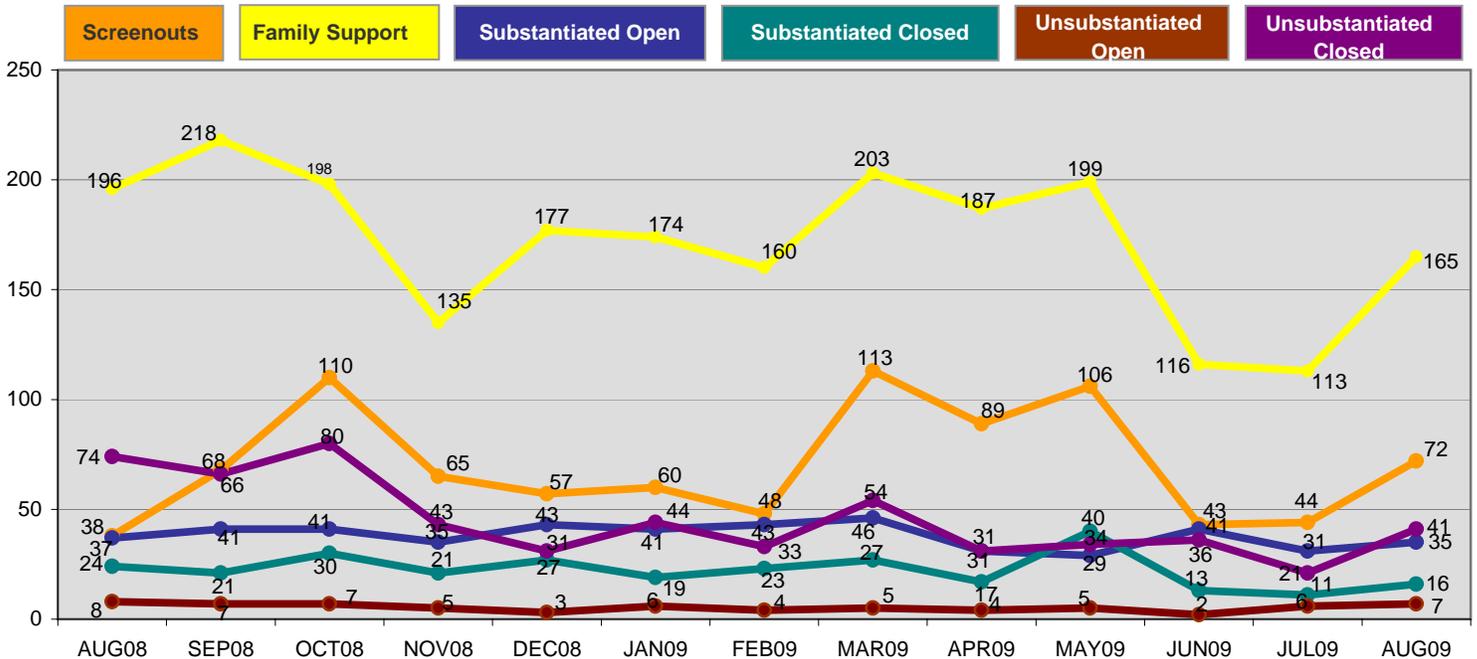
Figure 1: Number of Child Protective Services Cases (includes investigations and Family Preservation cases).



SFY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
SFY 10	9,624	9,796	10,489									
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: Disposition of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (September 2009)

Child Abuse and Neglect Reports Region 16 (September 2009)*



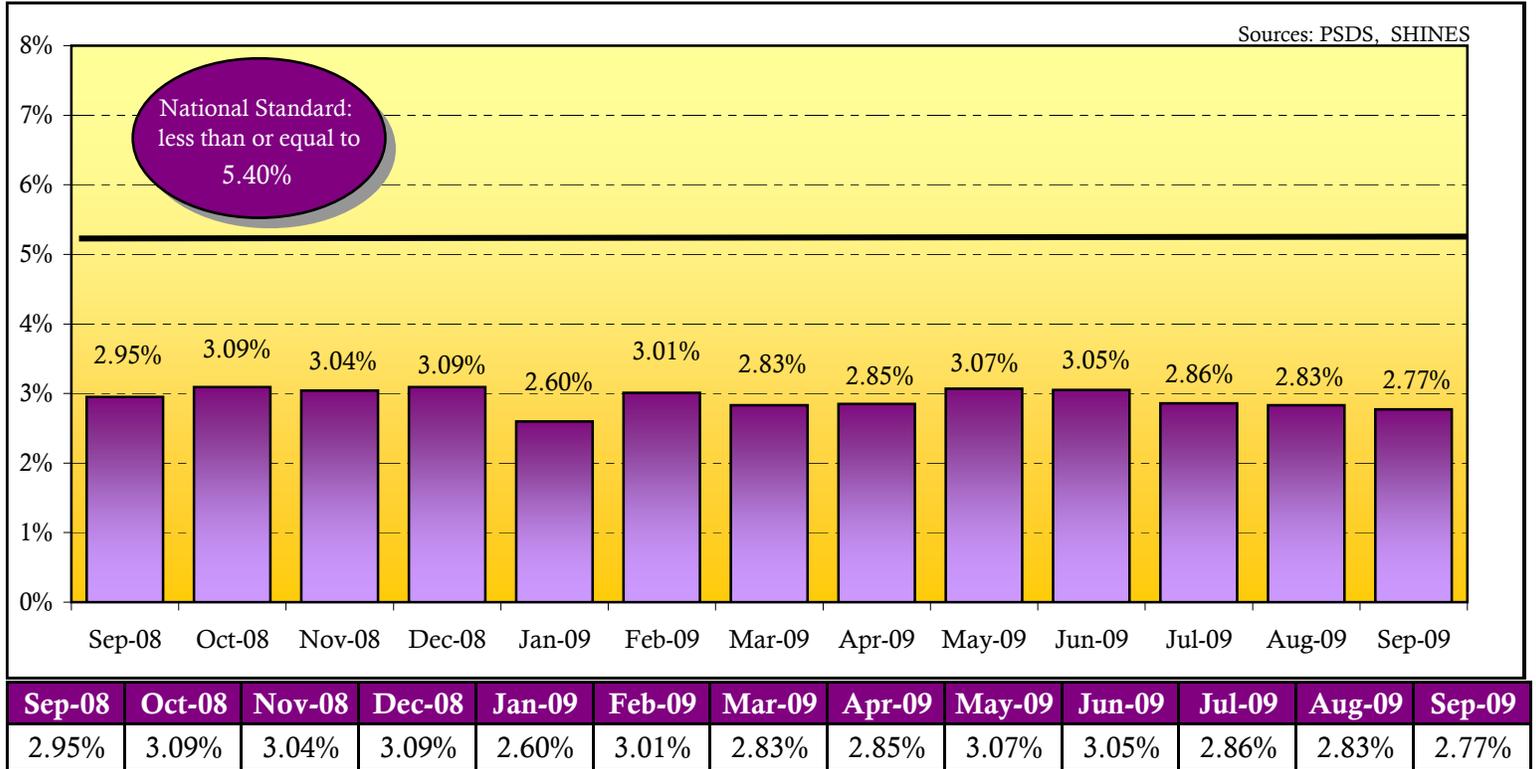
Source: SHINES August 2009

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

Data Analysis and Reporting Section

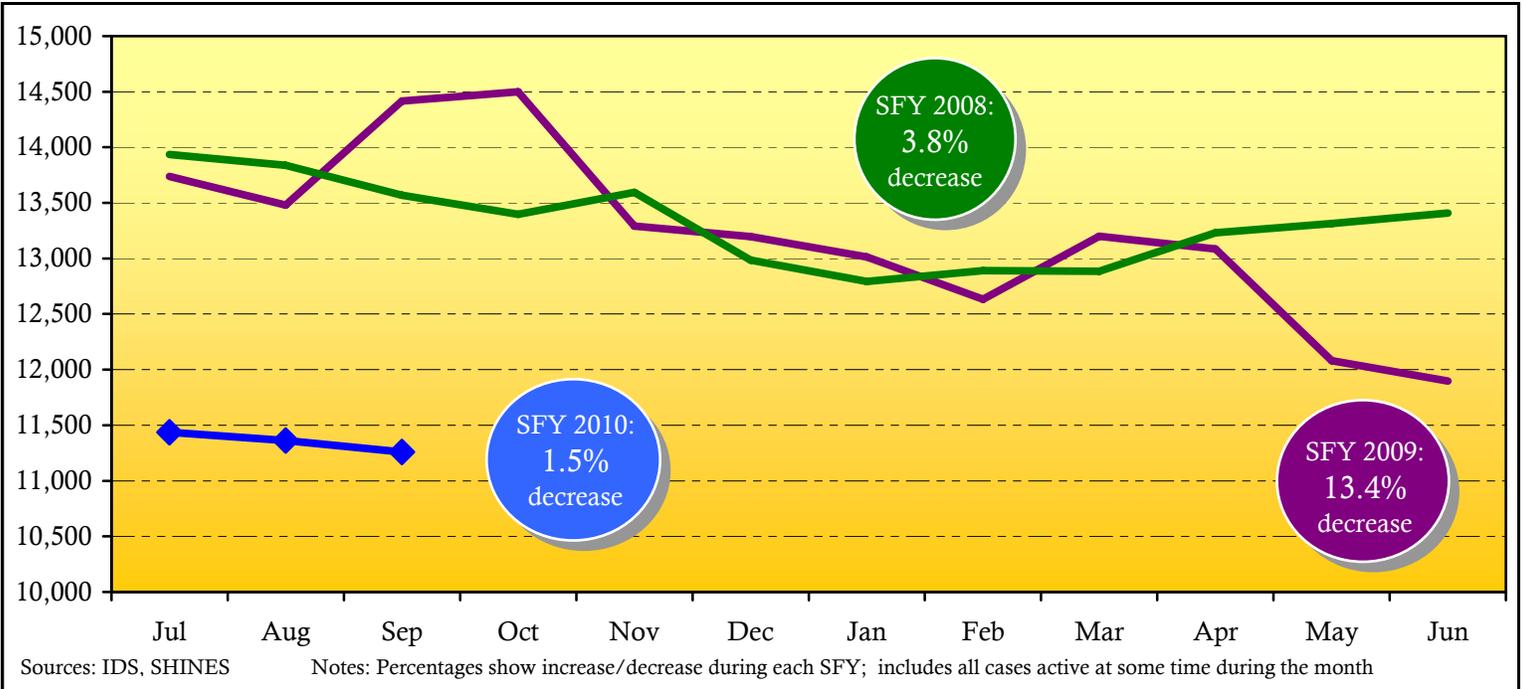
Figure 3: Recurrence of Substantiated Child Maltreatment September 2008 – September 2009

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

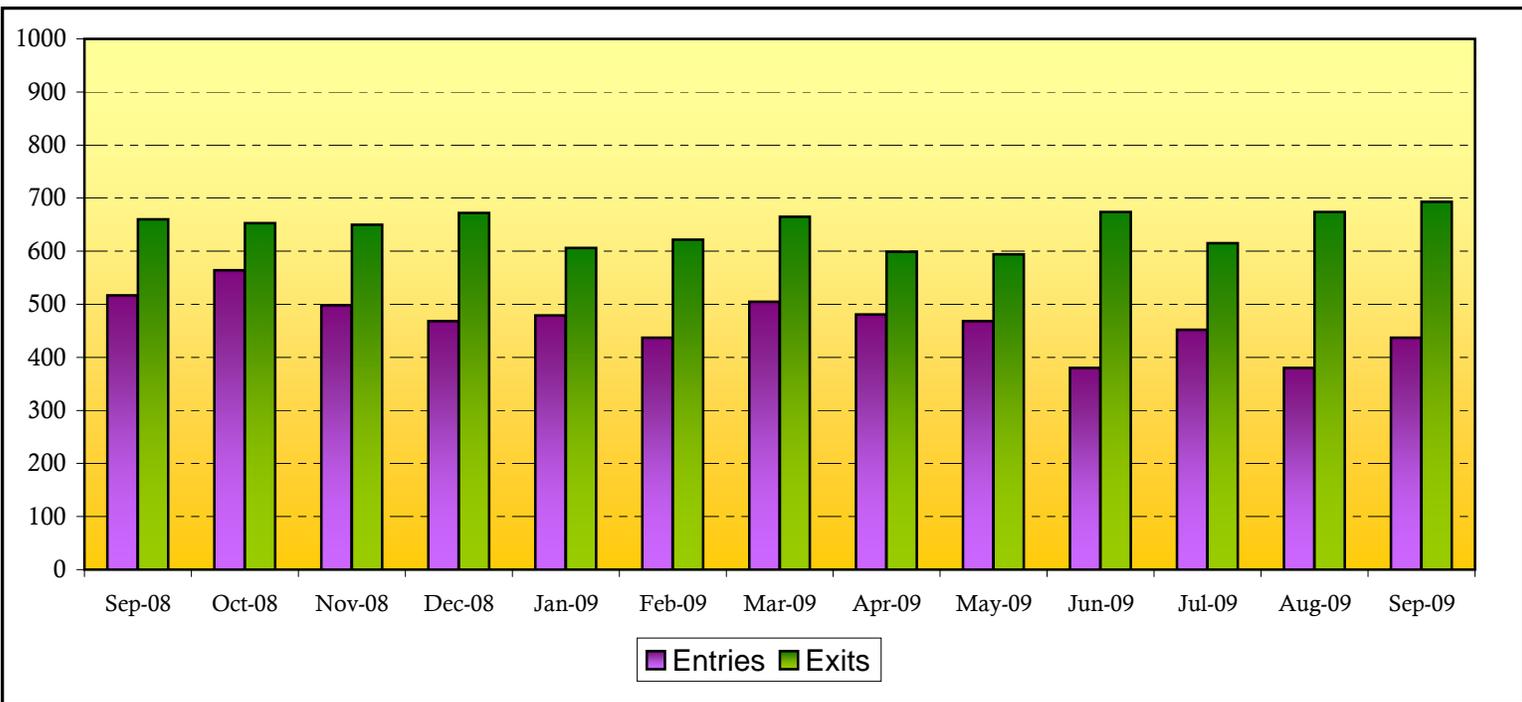
Figure 4: Number of Child Placement Services Cases



SFY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
SFY 10	11,437	11,362	11,260									
SFY 09	13,739	13,479	14,417	14,499	13,292	13,198	13,014	12,632	13,201	13,086	12,081	11,898
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

Figure 5: Comparison of Foster Care Entries and Exits September 2008 - September 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
517	564	498	468	479	437	505	481	468	380	452	380	437
660	653	650	672	606	622	665	599	594	674	615	674	693

Figure 6: Foster Care Re-Entry Rate September 2008 - September 2009

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.

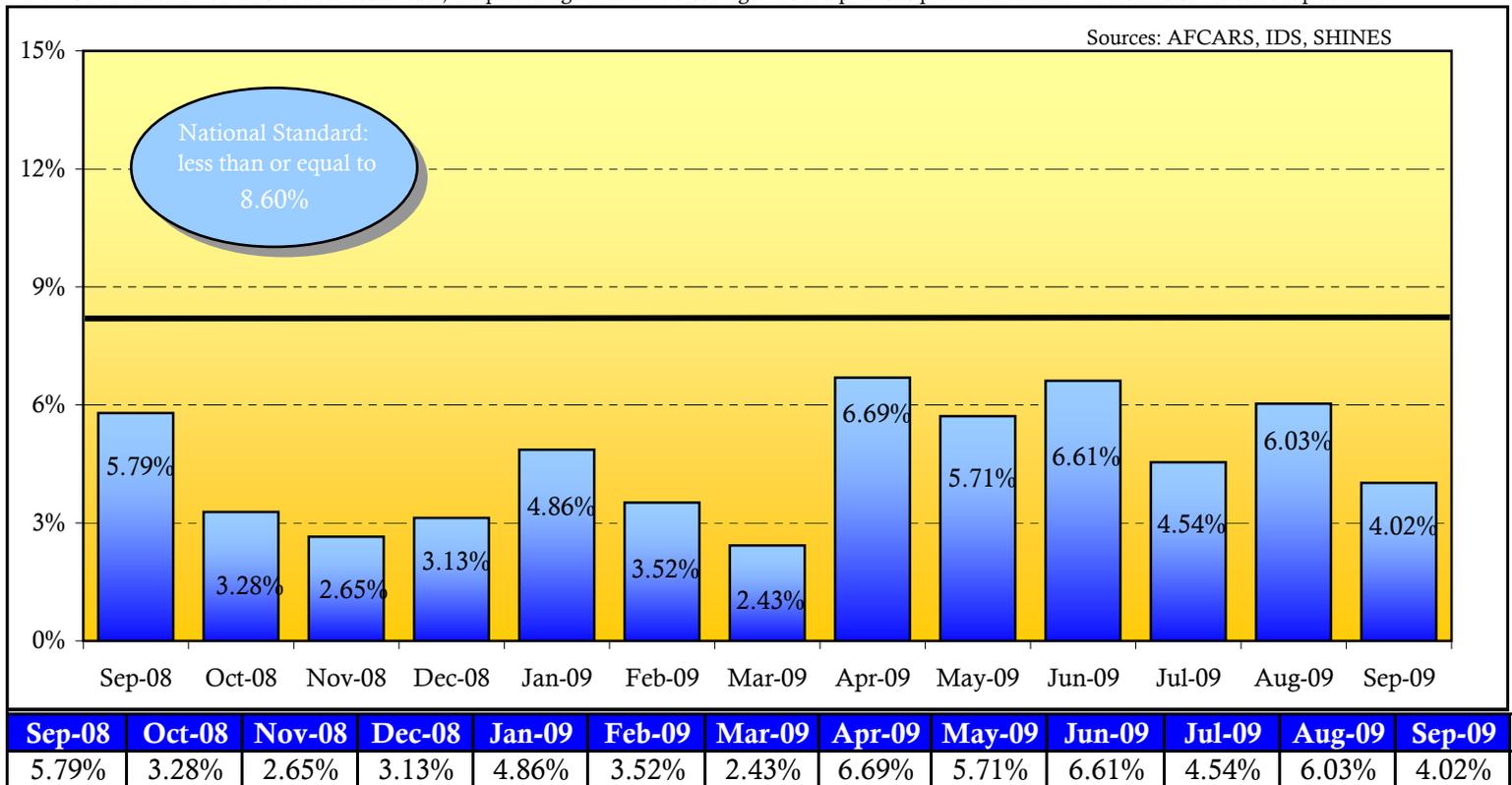


Figure 7: Length of Time to Achieve Reunification September 2008 - September 2009

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.

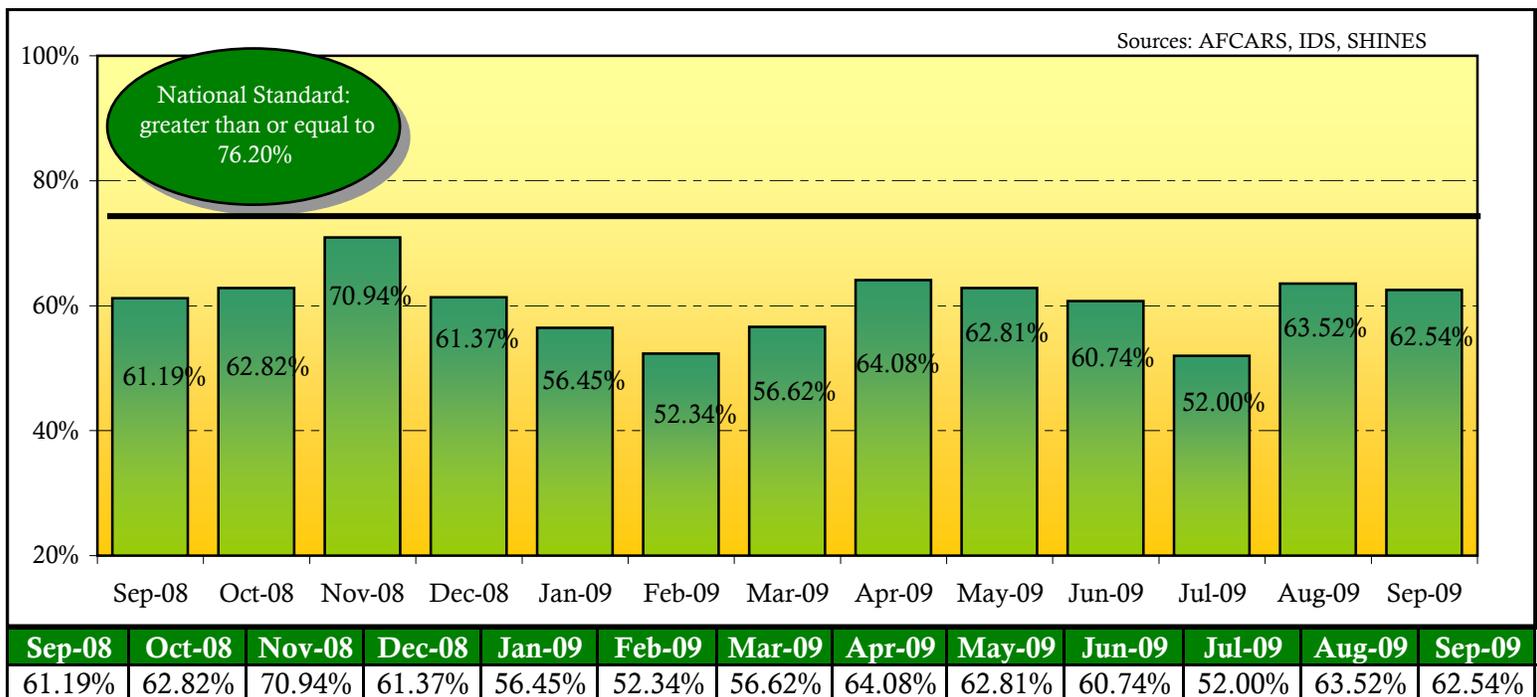


Figure 8: Percent of Children Placed with Relatives September 2008 – September 2009

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

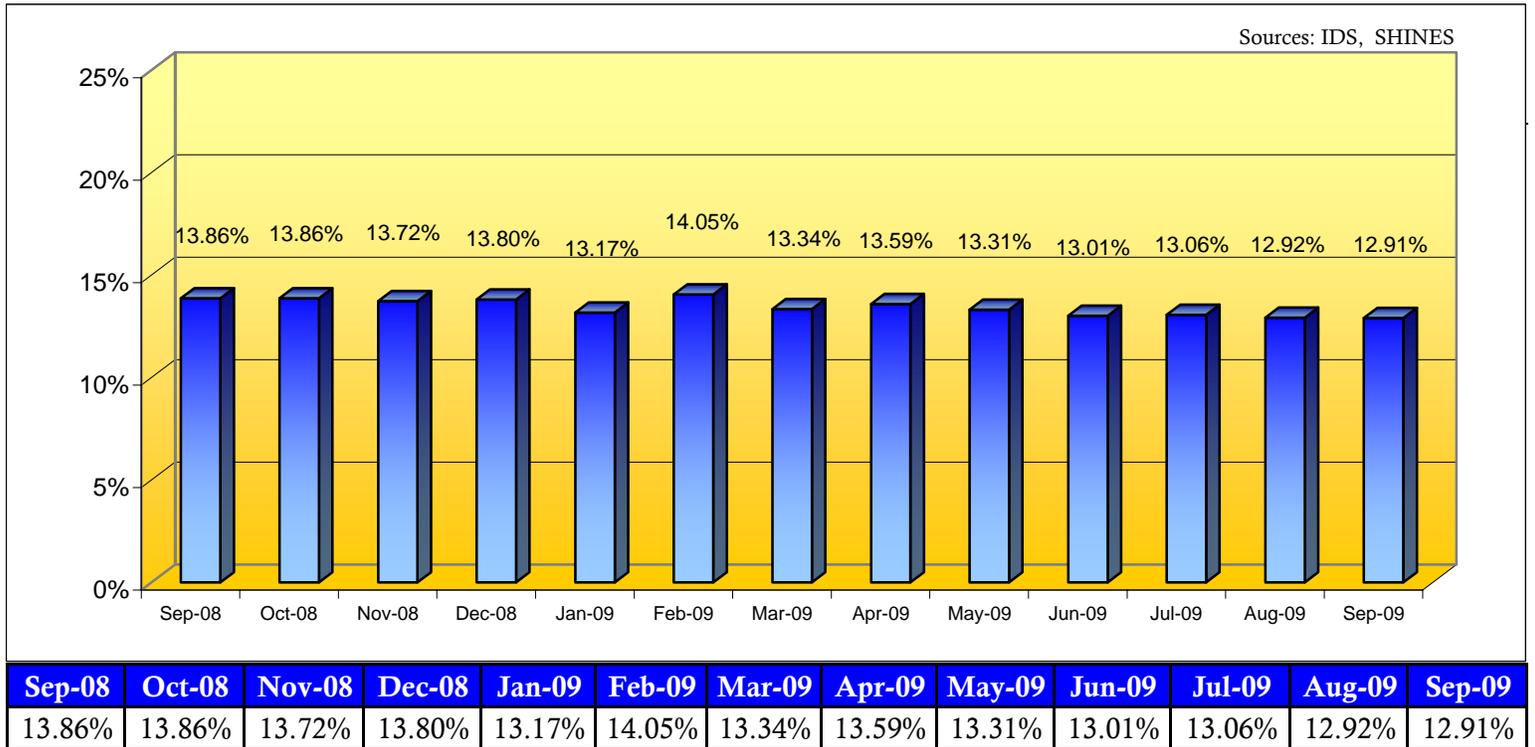


Figure 9: Number of Finalized Adoptions September 2008 – September 2009

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

