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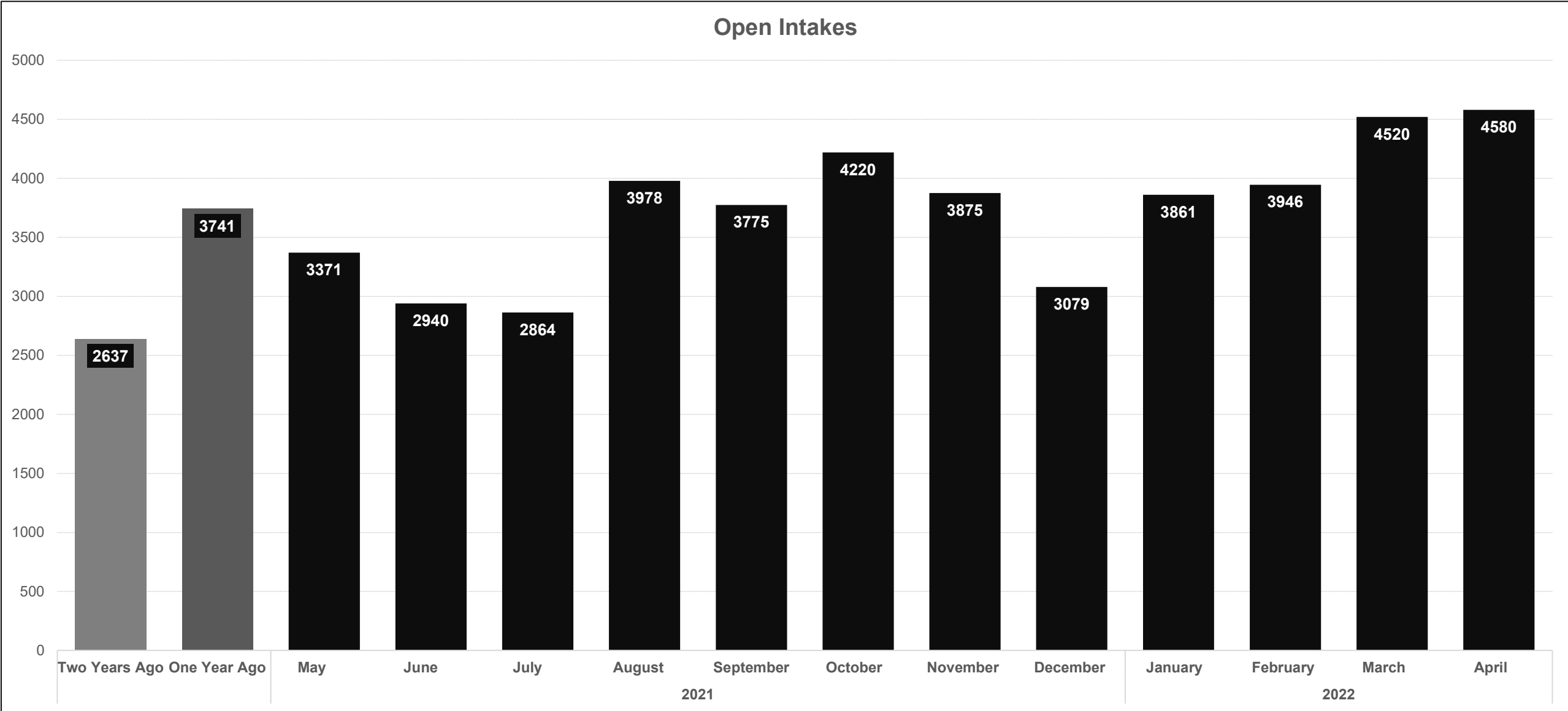
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Monthly Data Report

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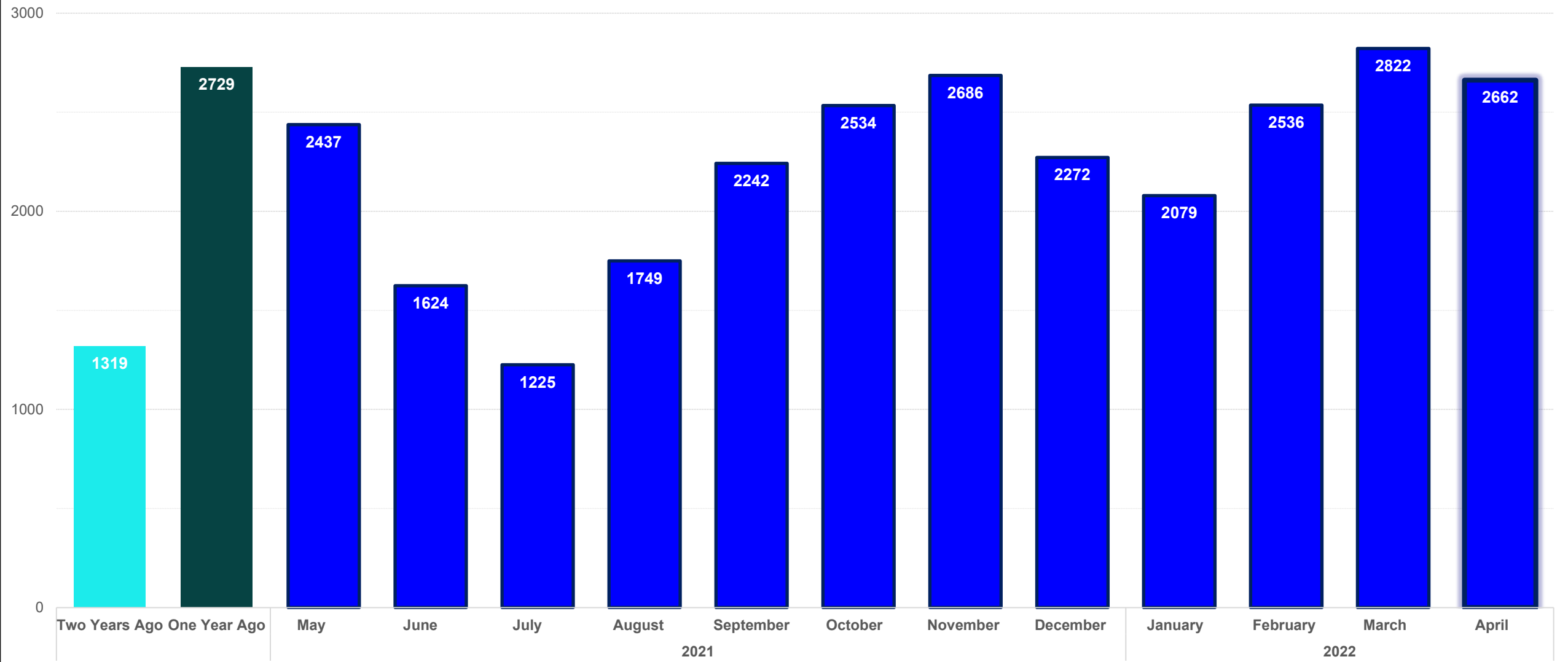
Open Intakes



Intakes, or reports of child maltreatment, may be directed to investigation, family support, screened out, or screened out and referred to services. Other intakes, such as Information and Referrals, are not included in these counts. (Data Source: SHINES)



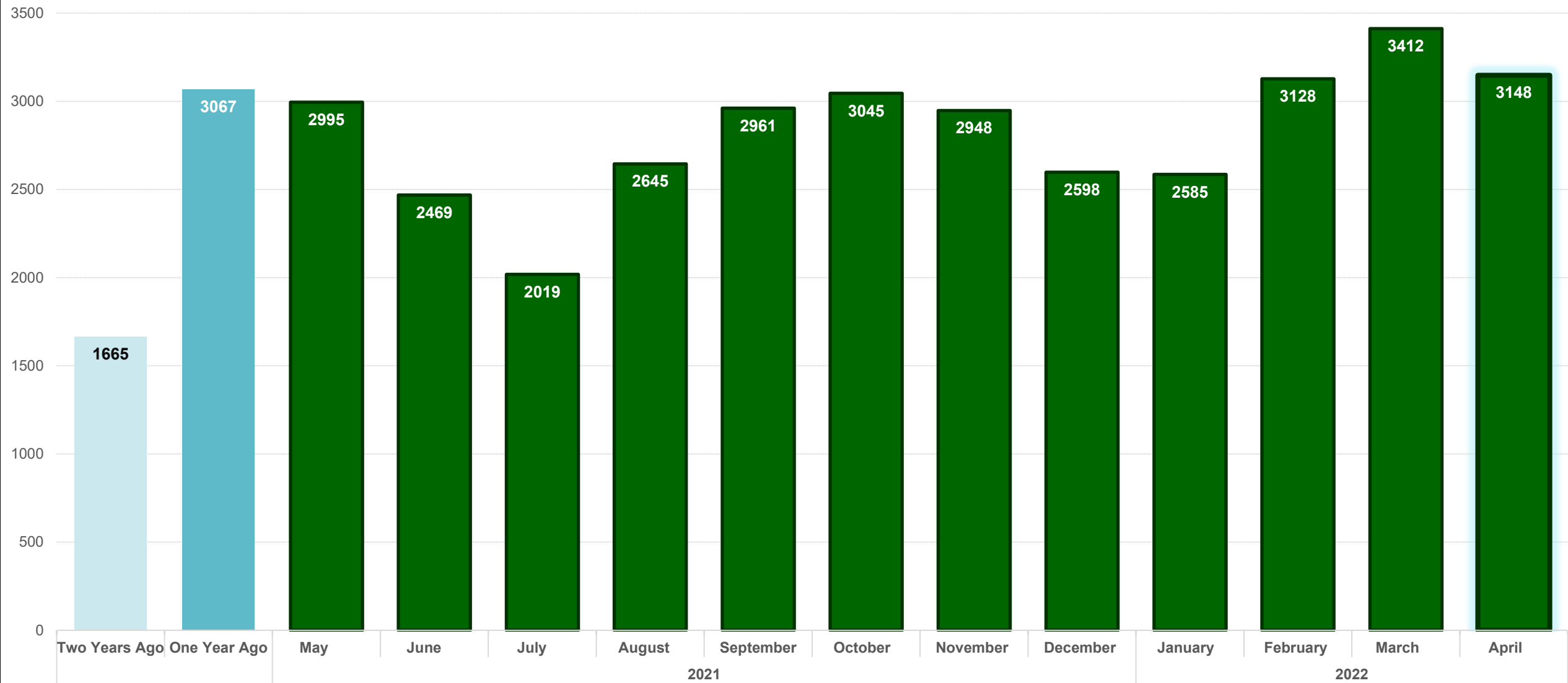
Open Family Support Stages



Family support cases are opportunities to assist families where concerns exist but can be managed with only minimal DFCS involvement, usually through referrals to community services. (Data Source: SHINES)



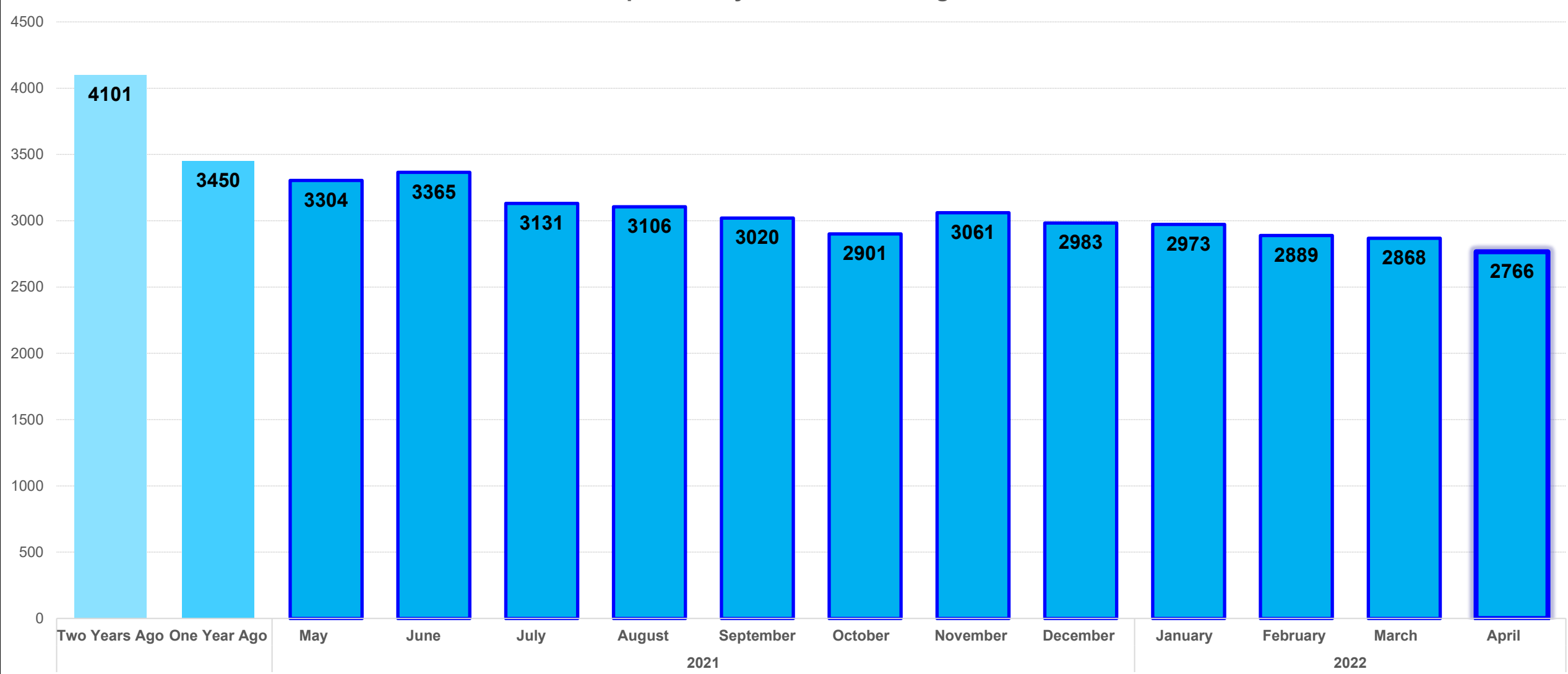
Open Investigations



Investigations seek to determine the safety of children where an allegation of abuse or neglect has been received by DFCS. This measure helps DFCS to measure workloads. (Data Source: SHINES)

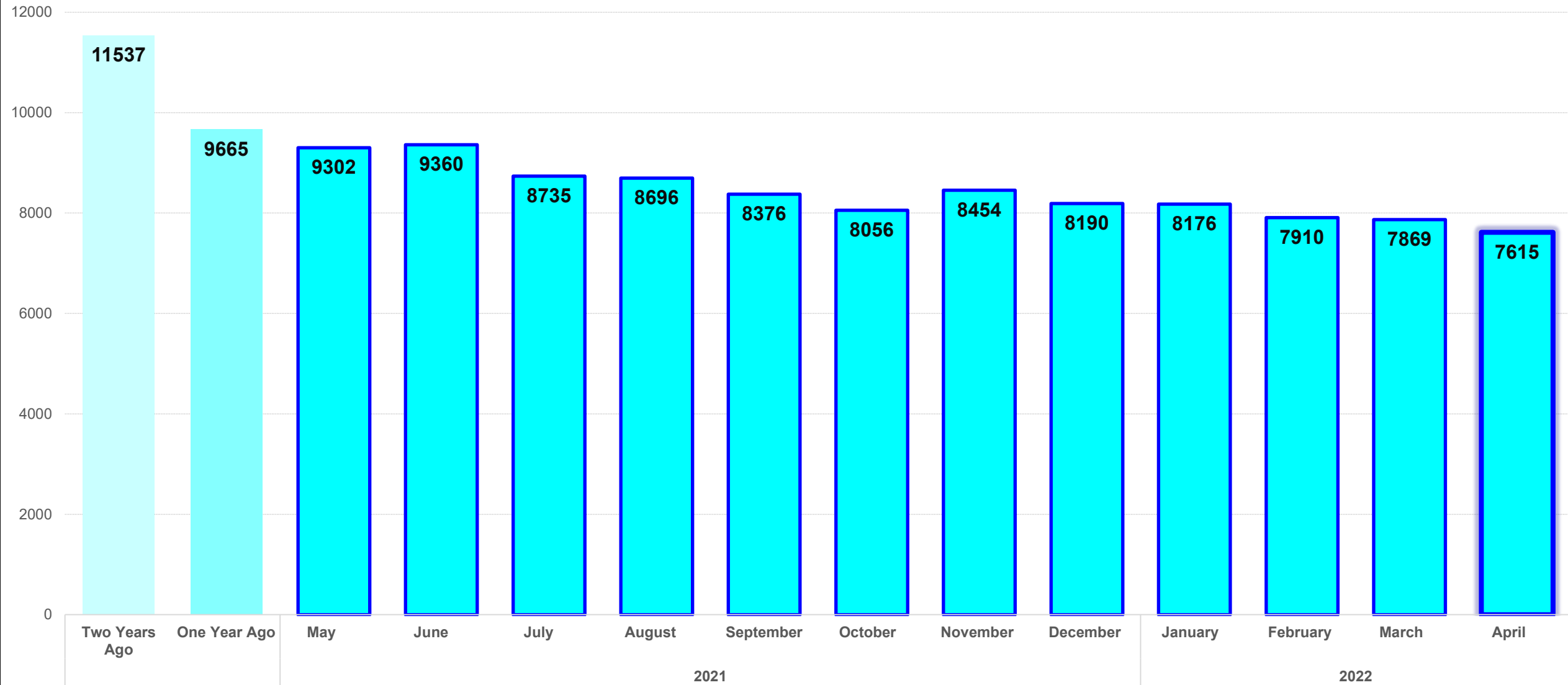


Open Family Preservation Stages



Family preservation is a program designed to continue working with a family where safety concerns have been identified with the children remaining in the home. (Data Source: SHINES)

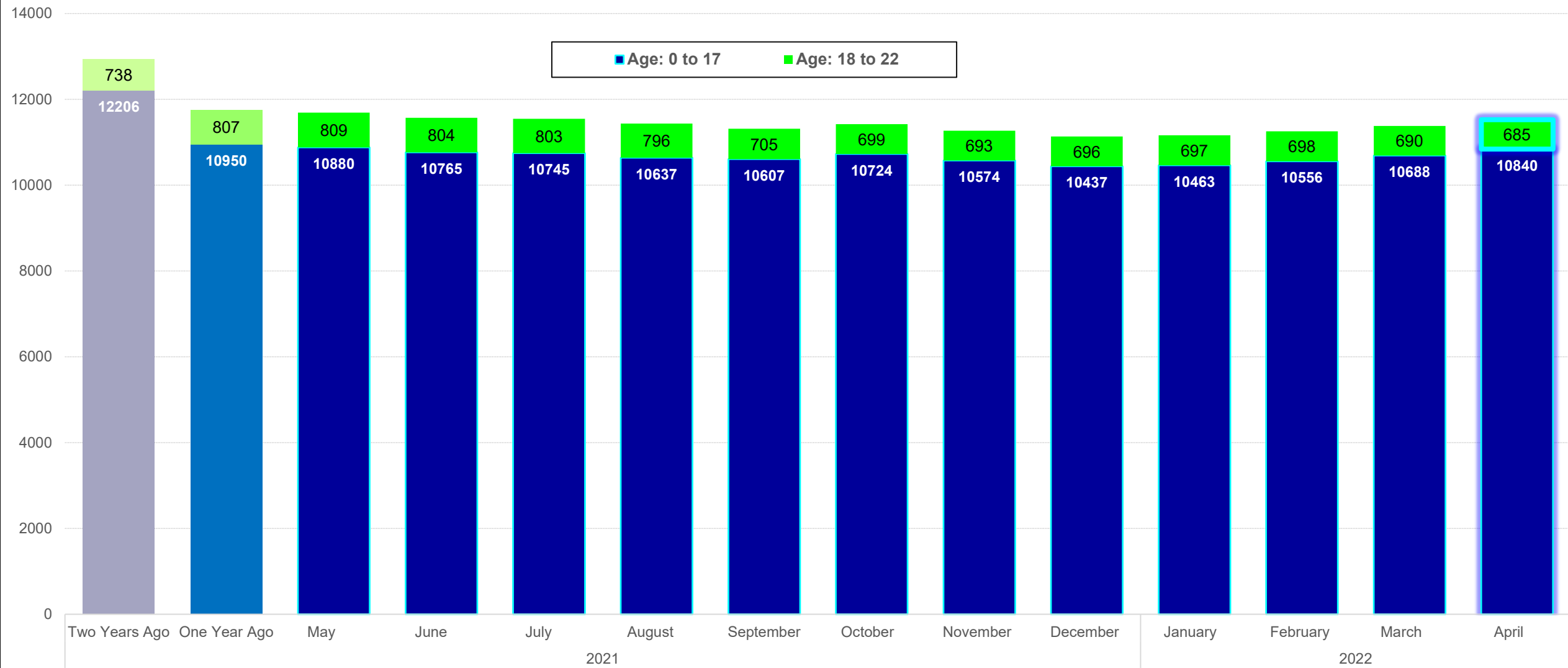
Children in Family Preservation



This chart shows the number of children in active Family Preservation cases at the end of the month. If not for this program, many of these children would otherwise be in foster care. (Data Source: SHINES)



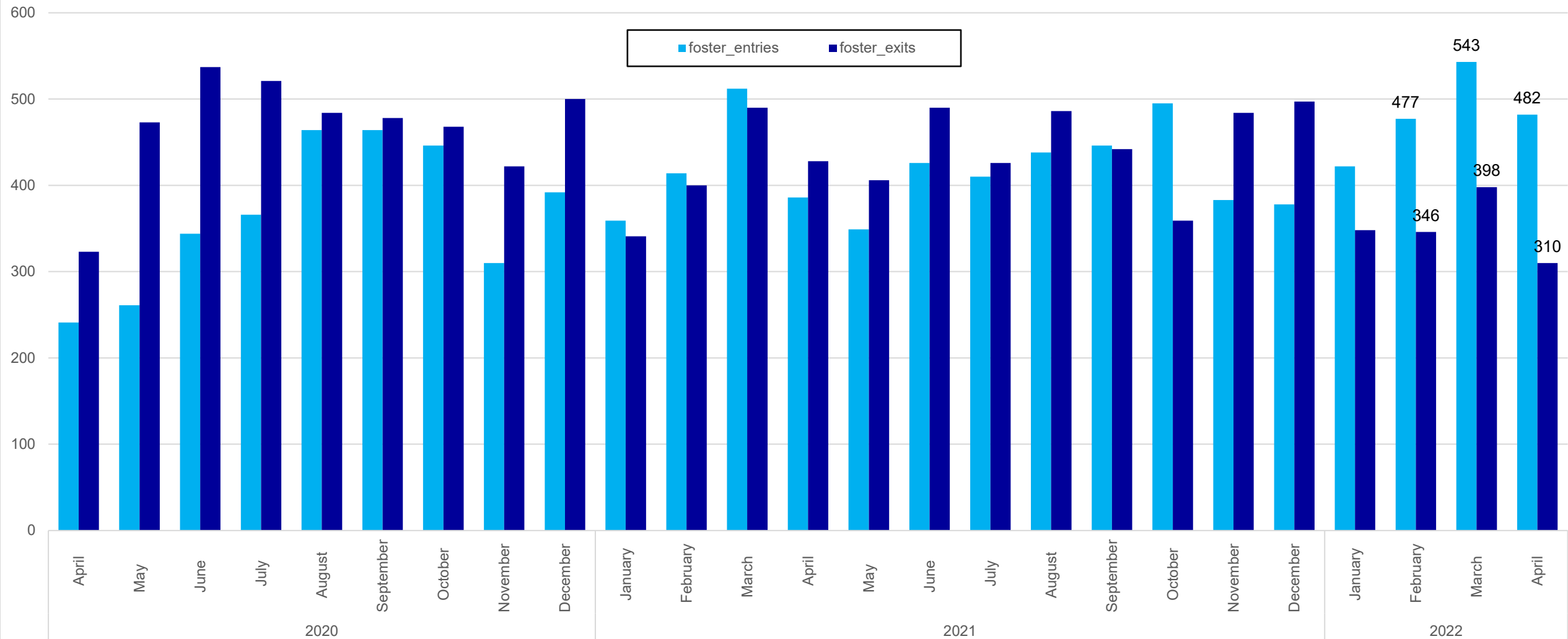
Foster Children/Youth in Custody on Last Day of Month



This chart shows the number of children in foster care on the last day of each month. Efforts are made immediately upon entry to pursue reunification when possible. A portion of the decline in the number of foster children over the past two years is due to the efforts by DFCS to exhaust all possible alternatives to entry. (Data Source: SHINES)



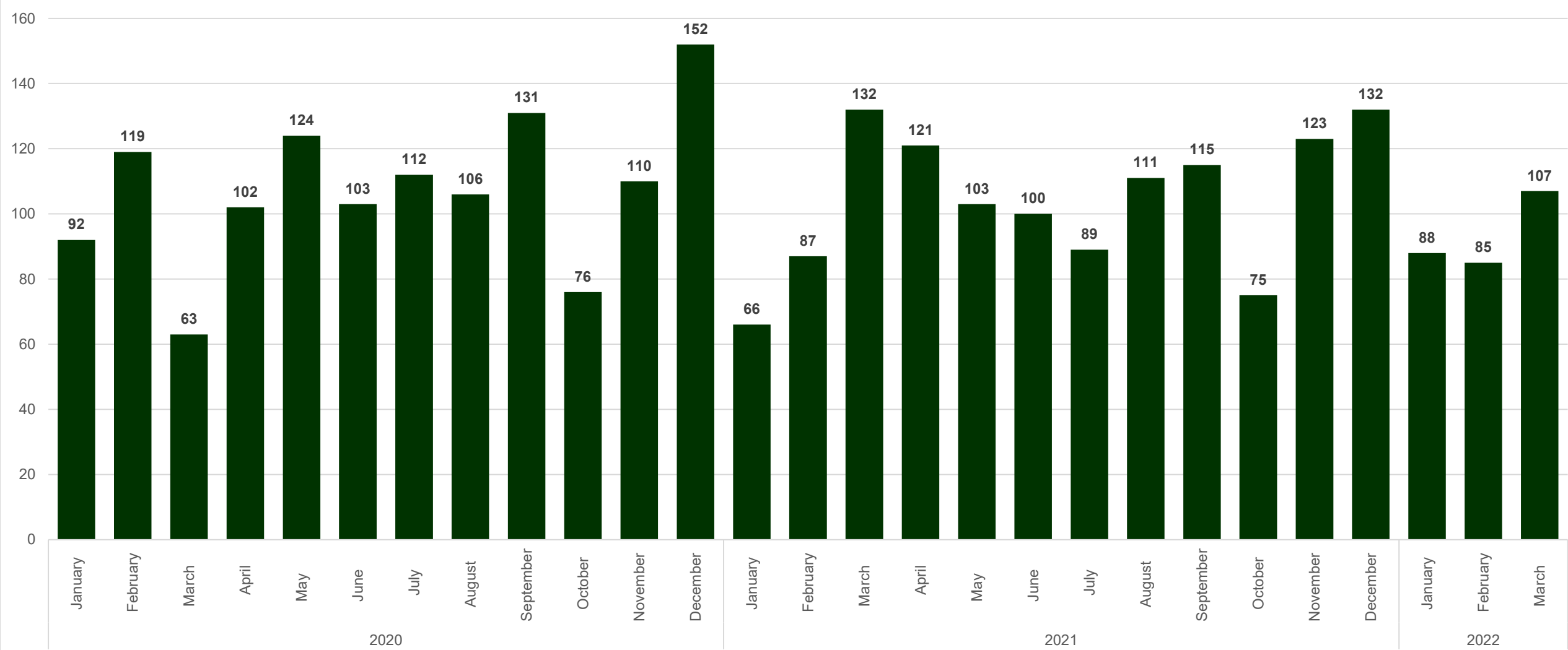
Foster Entry and Exit 2020 April - 2022 April



This chart compares for each month the number of entries and exits into foster care. Note: April 2022 data subject to change due to late date entry. (Data Source: SHINES)



Children Adopted by Month
2020 January - 2022 March



Finding a forever family for each child is the goal of DFCS when it is clear that reunification will not be in the best interest of the child. These adoption counts by month show the continuous effort undertaken to help foster children achieve this goal. (Data Source: SHINES)



Demographics of Children in Foster Care

Gender	%
Male	49%
Female	51%

Race/Ethnicity	%
White (Non-Hispanic)	45.4%
Black (Non-Hispanic)	38.0%
Black-White (Non-Hispanic)	6.9%
White (Hispanic)	6.6%
Other	3.0%

Age	%
0	5.7%
1	7.7%
2	7.5%
3	6.9%
4	6.4%
5	6.2%
6	5.6%
7	5.0%
8	4.3%
9	4.5%
10	4.3%
11	4.1%
12	4.6%
13	4.7%
14	5.2%
15	5.8%
16	5.8%
17	5.8%

The demographics of children in care are very similar to the demographics of children across the State of Georgia.



Foster Home Placements Available			
Region	DFCS Beds	CPA Beds	Total
1	620	310	930
2	498	251	749
3	414	375	789
4	615	562	1177
5	277	720	997
6	538	495	1033
7	354	403	757
8	442	232	674
9	240	85	325
10	304	363	667
11	331	275	606
12	402	397	799
13	715	1310	2025
14	361	920	1281
State	6111	6698	12809

DFCS strives to place children when in foster care in family-type settings when possible. This chart shows the number of approved homes by region. (Data Source: SHINES)



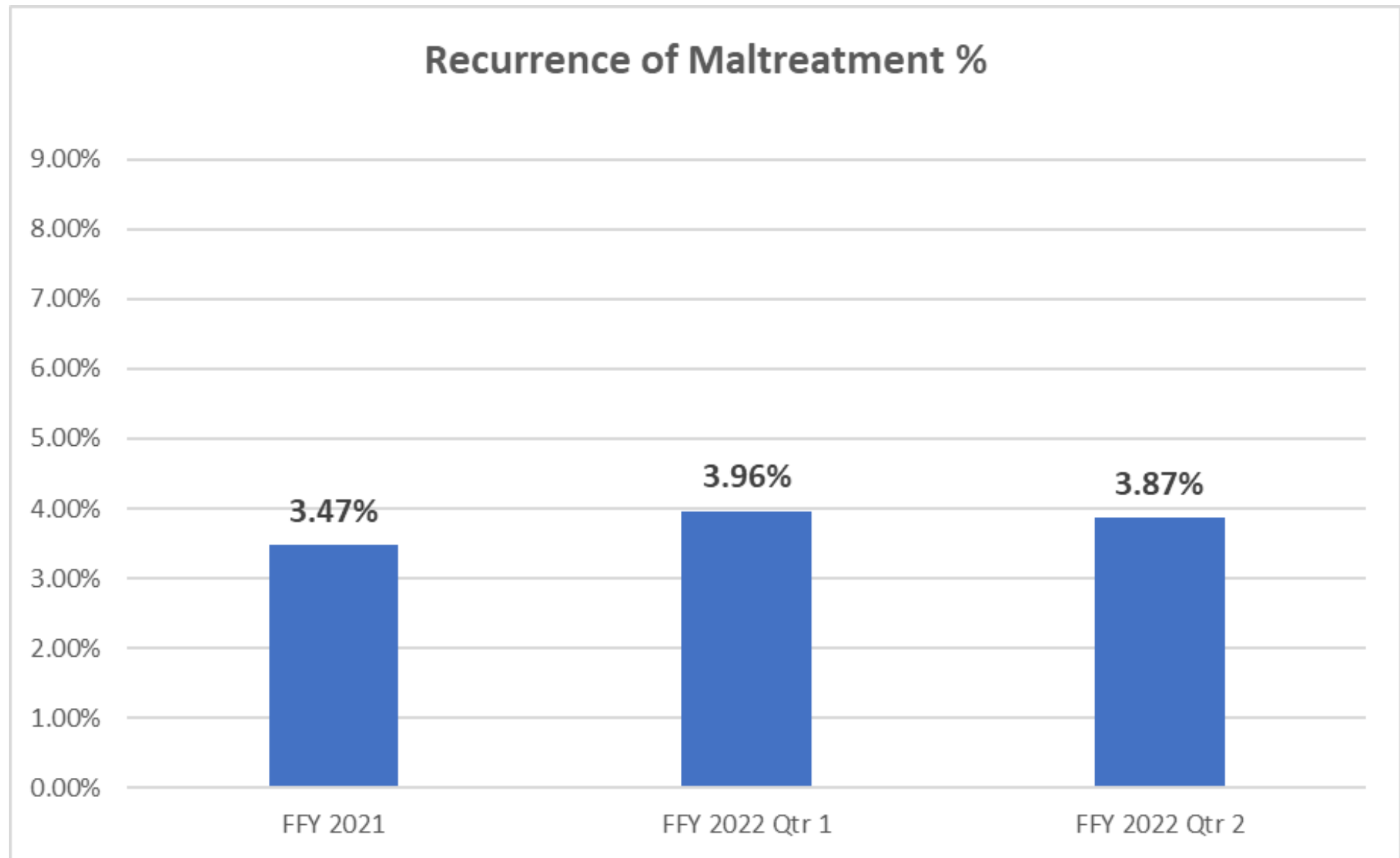
Re-Entry Into Care

	CY 2020	CY 2021	CY2022 YTD
Re-Entered	276	62	244
Did not Re-Enter	3995	905	3568
% Re-Entered	6.46%	6.41%	6.40%

National Standard: Below 8.1%

Re-entry into care is the percentage of children who exit care and return within twelve months of their exit.
(Data Source: SHINES)





Recurrence of maltreatment measures the percentage of children who are subject to substantiated abuse with twelve months of a prior incident. (Data Source: SHINES)



Questions?

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