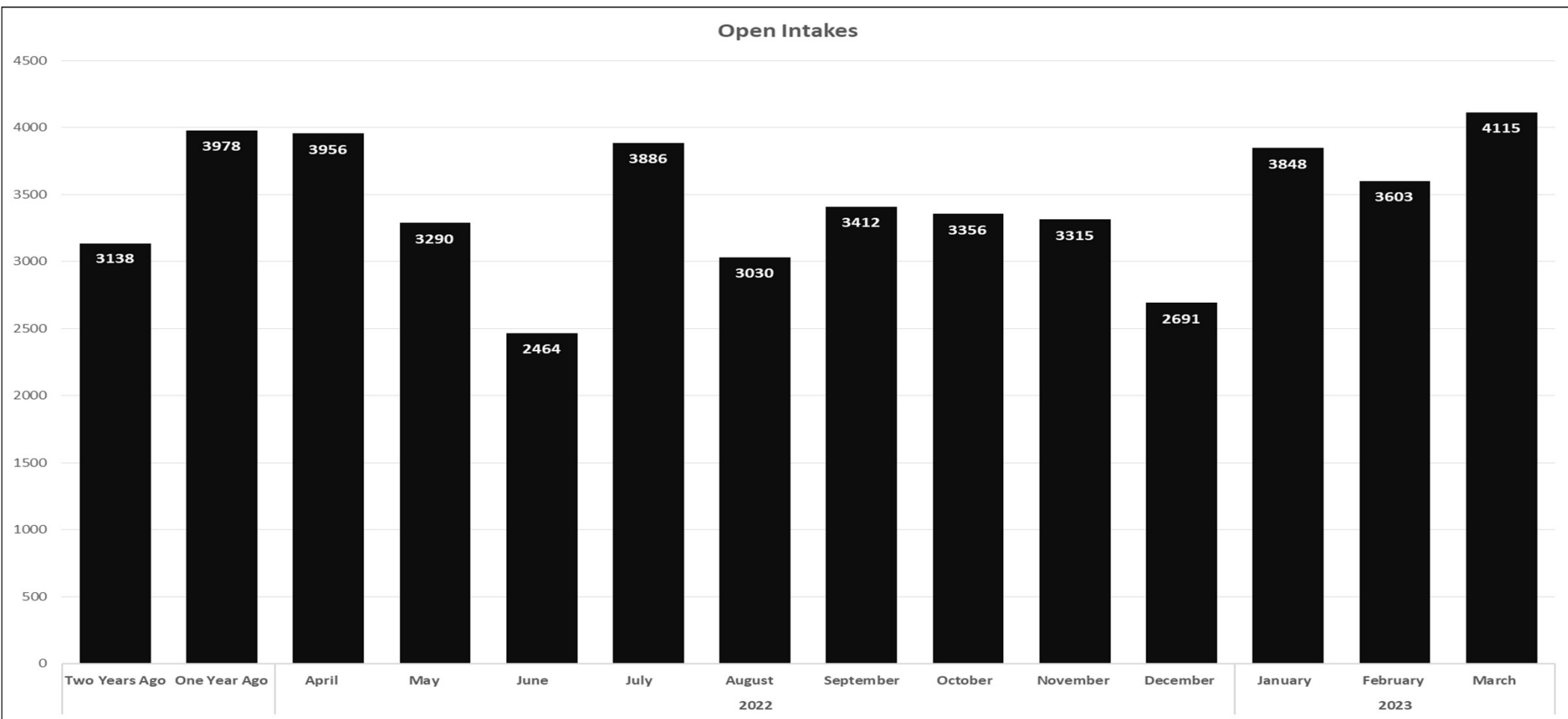


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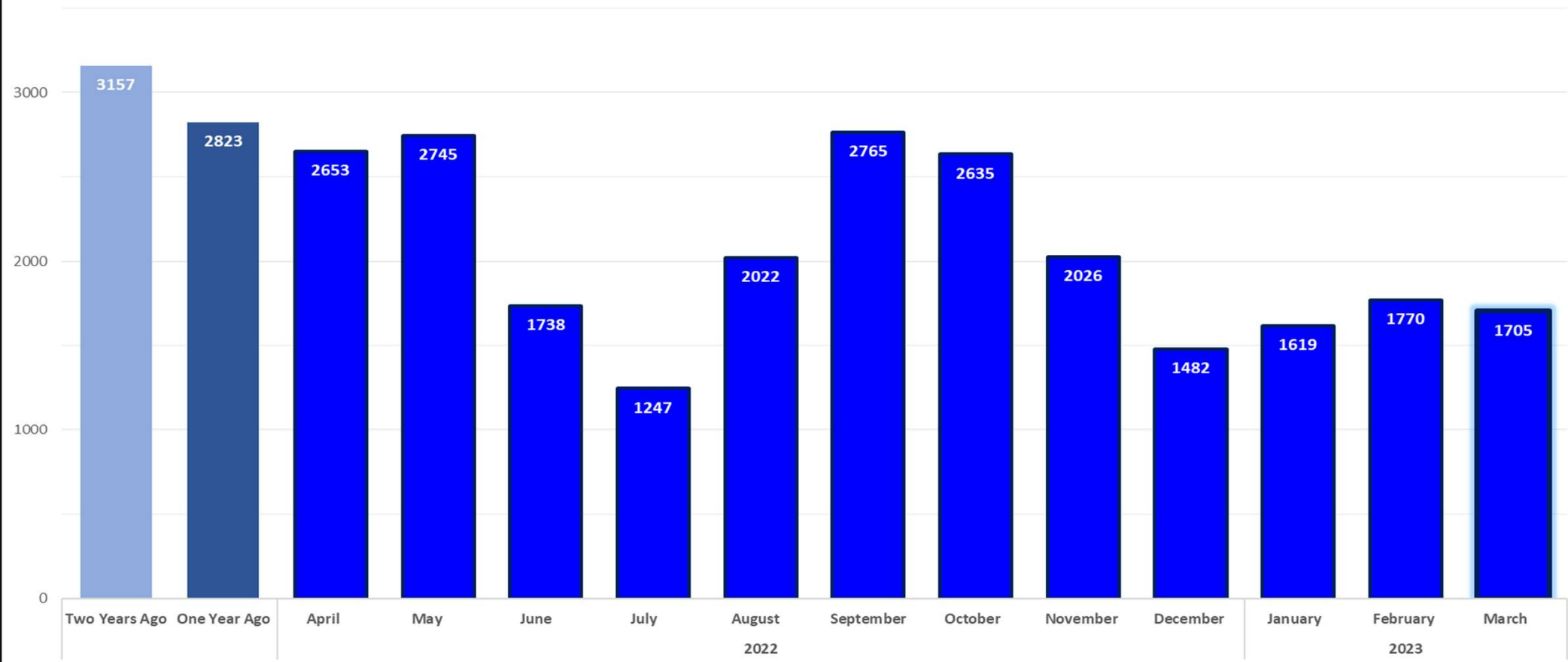
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Intakes, or reports of child maltreatment, may be directed to investigation, family support, screened out, or screened out and referred to services. Other intakes, such as Information and Referrals, are not included in these counts.

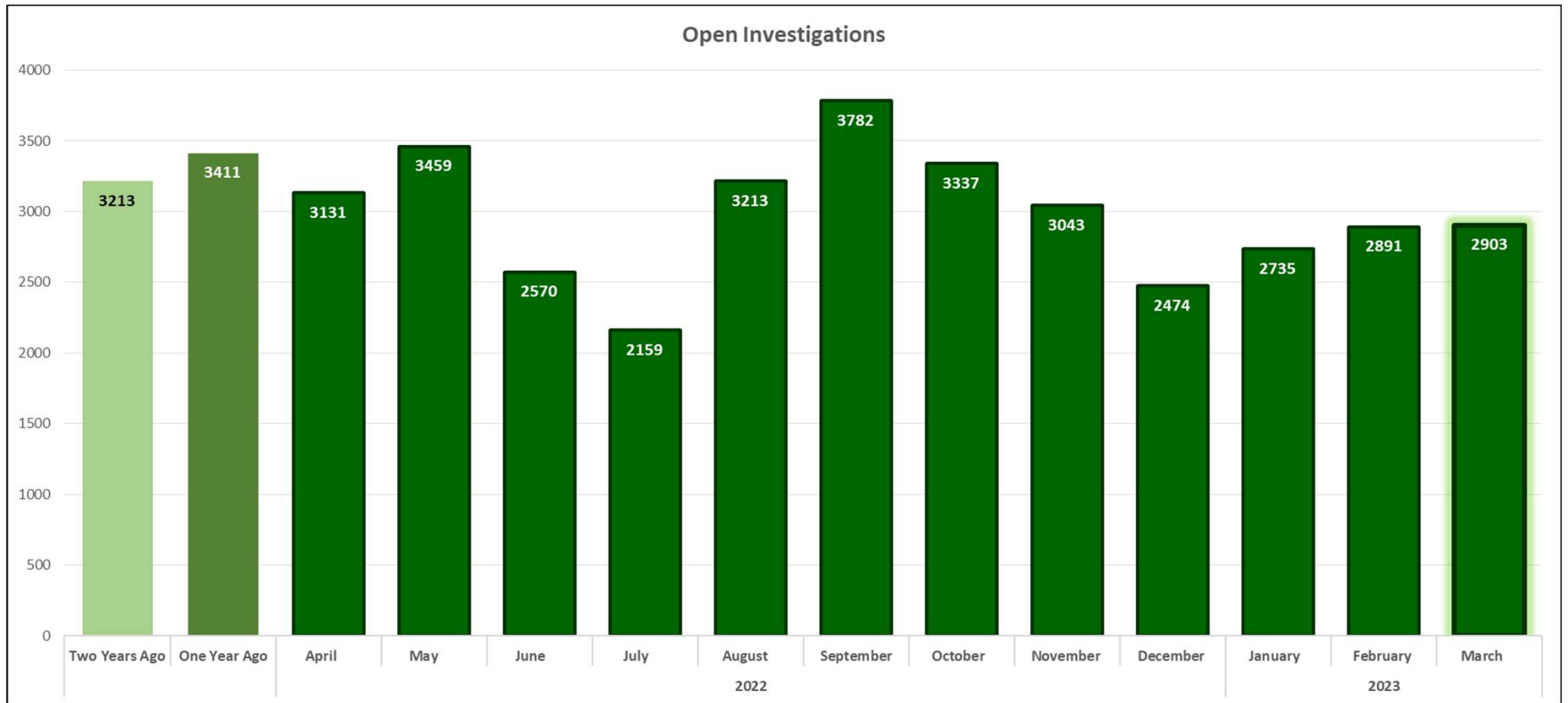
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Open Family Support Stages



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.

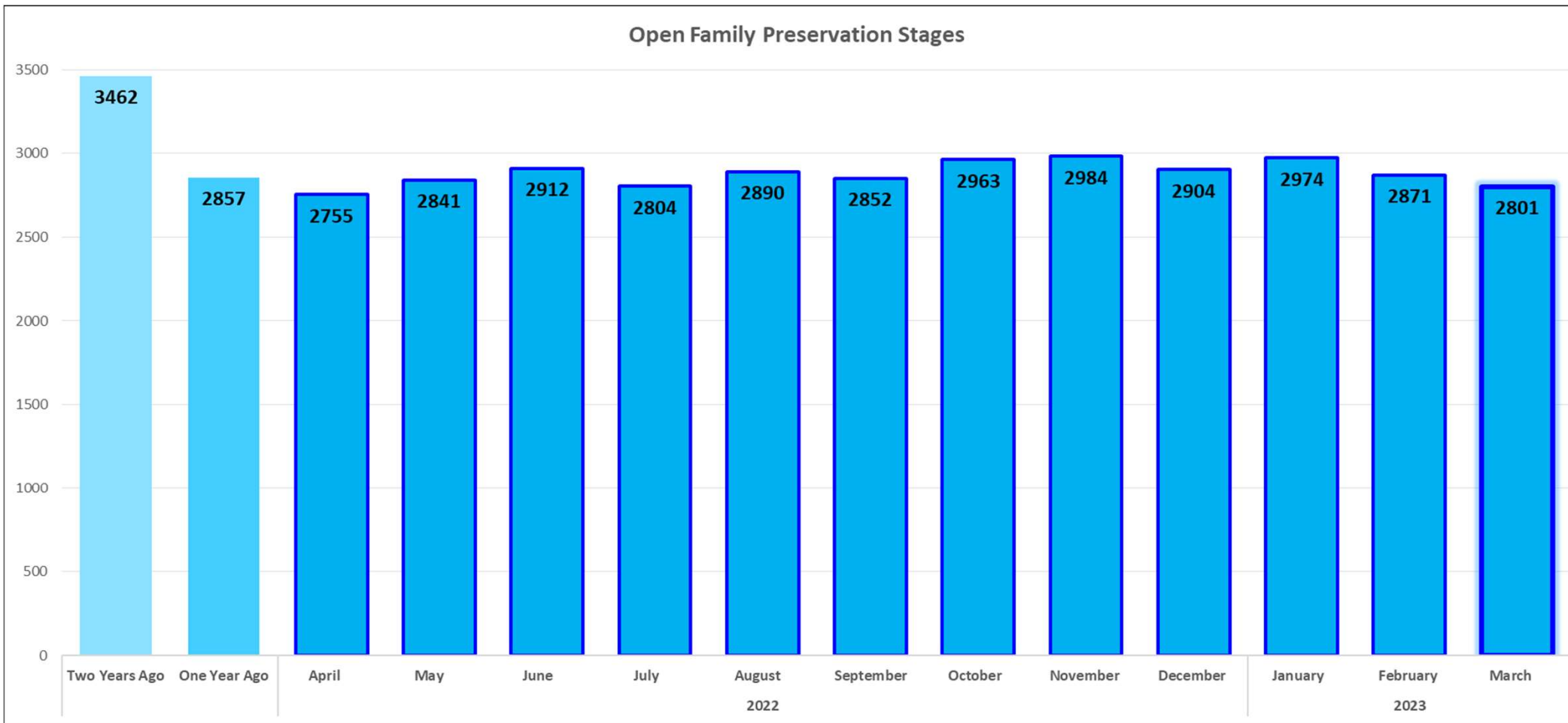
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Investigations seek to determine the safety of children where an allegation of abuse or neglect has been received by DFCS. This measure helps DFCS to measure workloads.

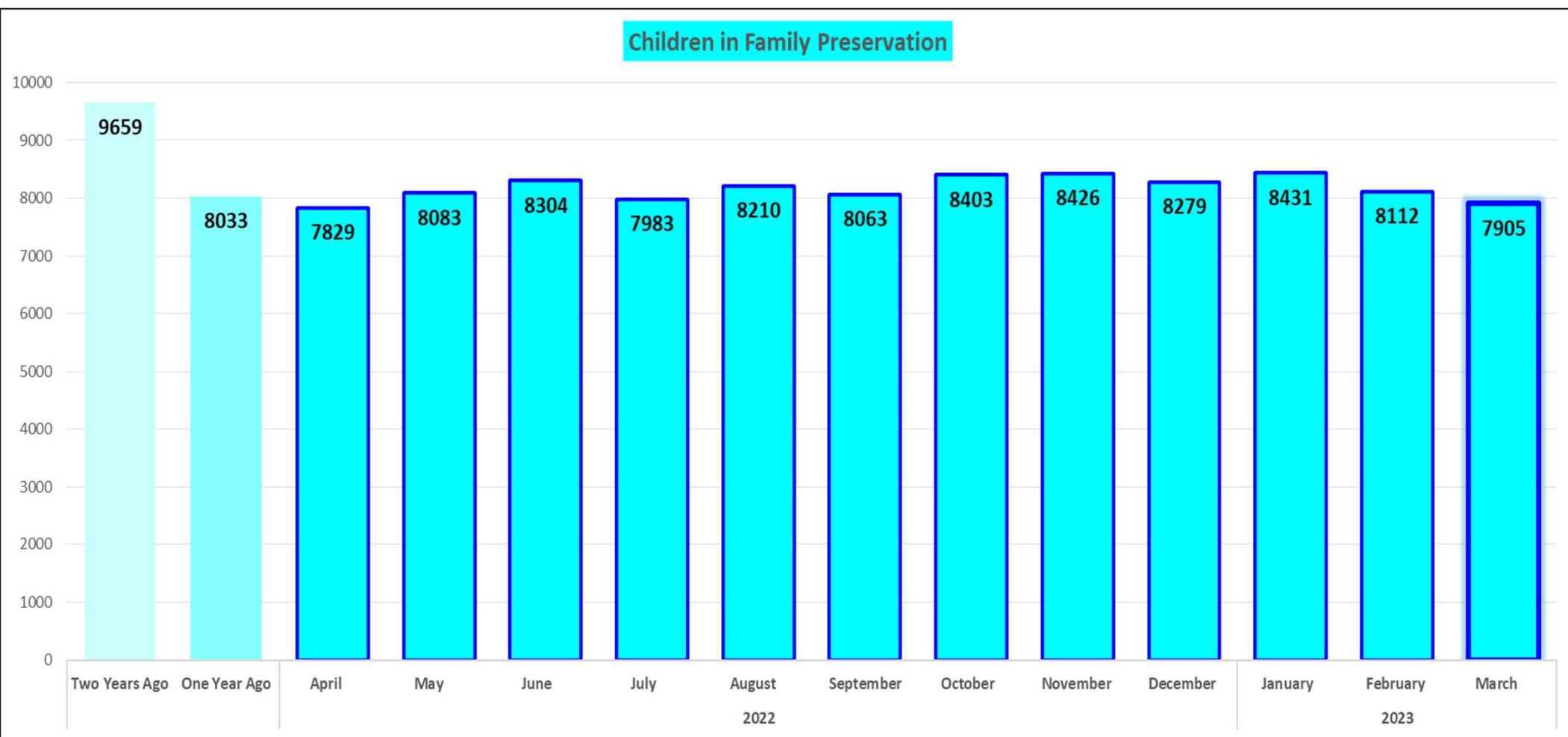
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Open Family Preservation Stages



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.

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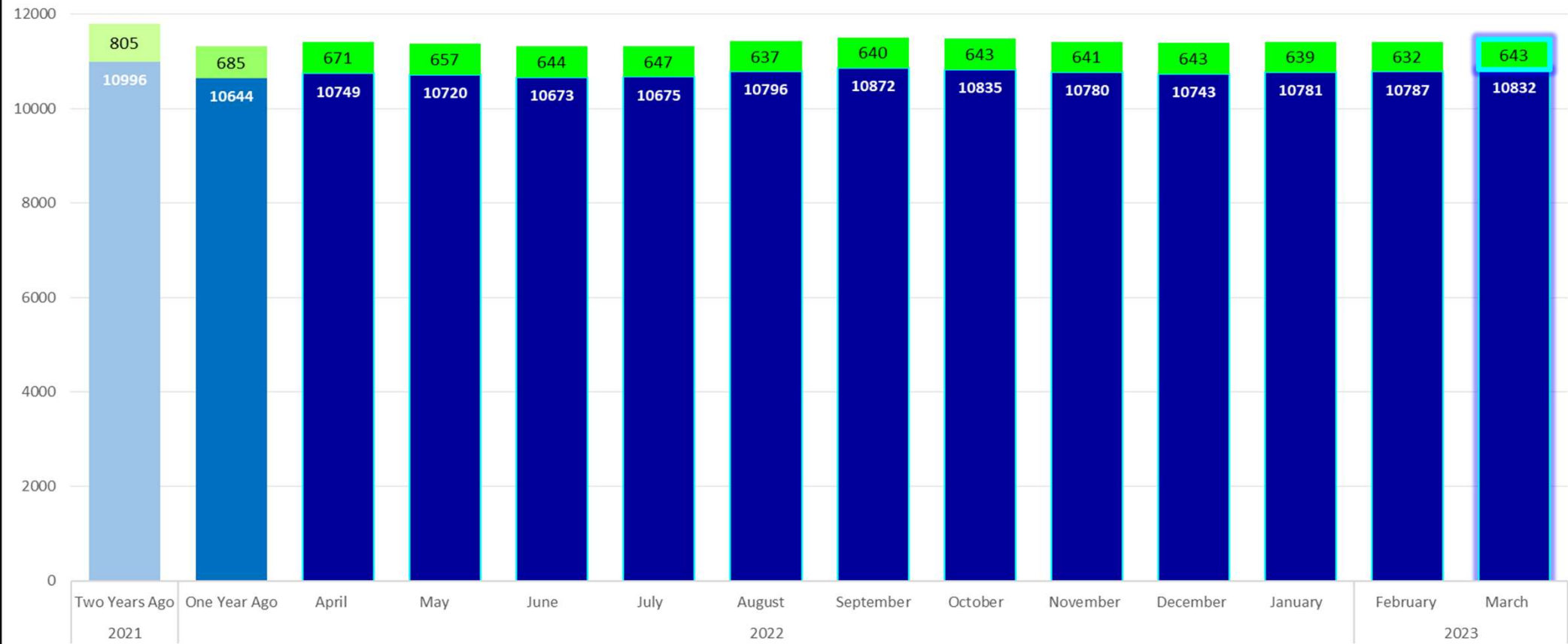


This chart shows the number of children in active Family Preservation cases at the end of the month. If not for this program, many of these children would otherwise be in foster care.

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Foster Children/Youthin Custody on Last Day of Month

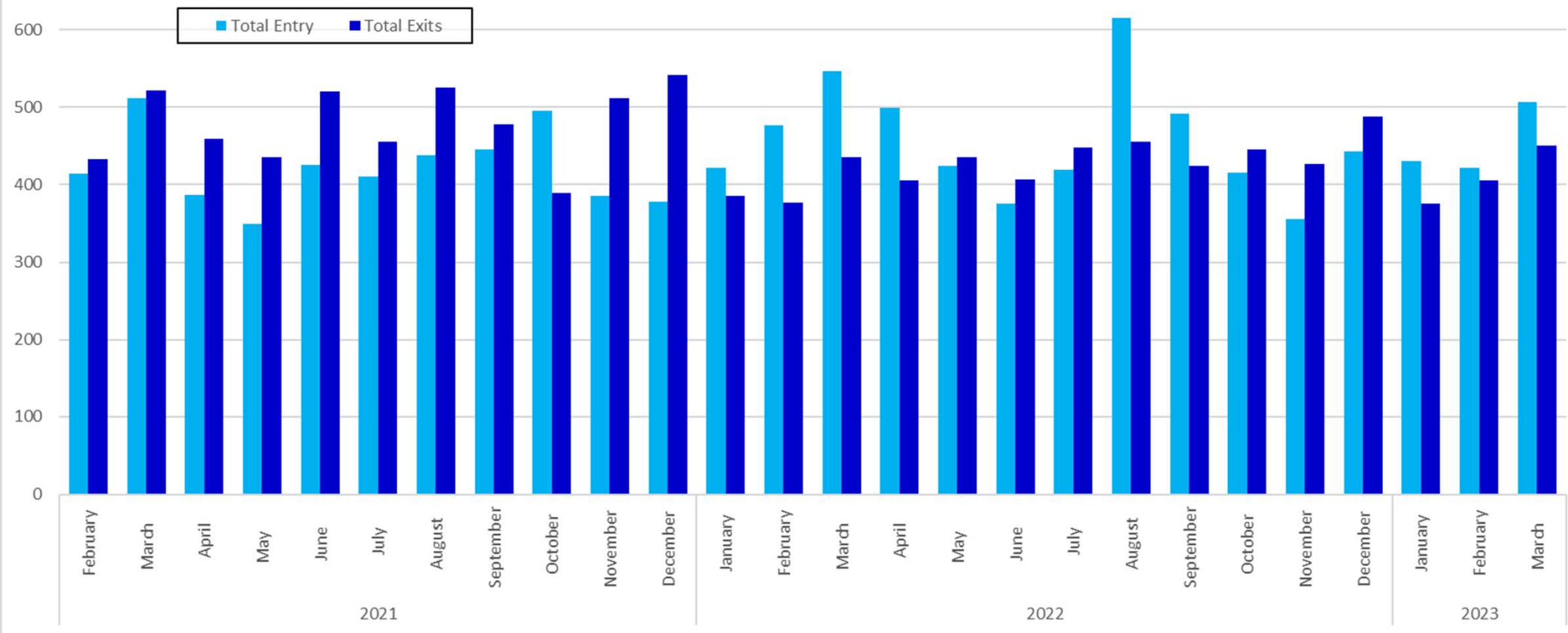
■ Age: 0 to 17 ■ Age: 18 to 22



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.

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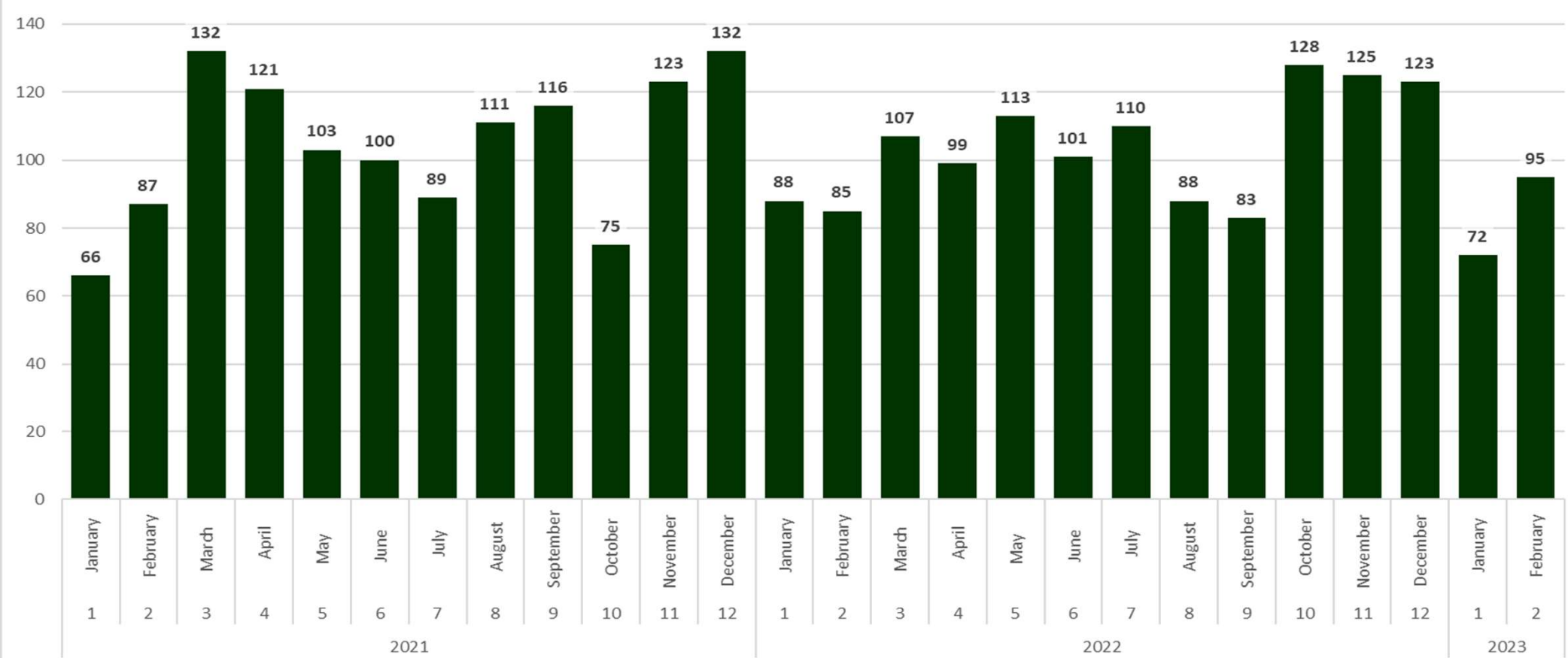
Foster Entry and Exit 2021 February - 2023 March



This chart compares for each month the number of entries and exits into foster care. Note that children that turn 18 are considered an “exit” in this chart, even if they sign back into custody. The chart only includes children under 18.

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Children Adopted by Month
2021 January - 2023 February



Finding a forever family for each child is the goal of DFCS when 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.

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