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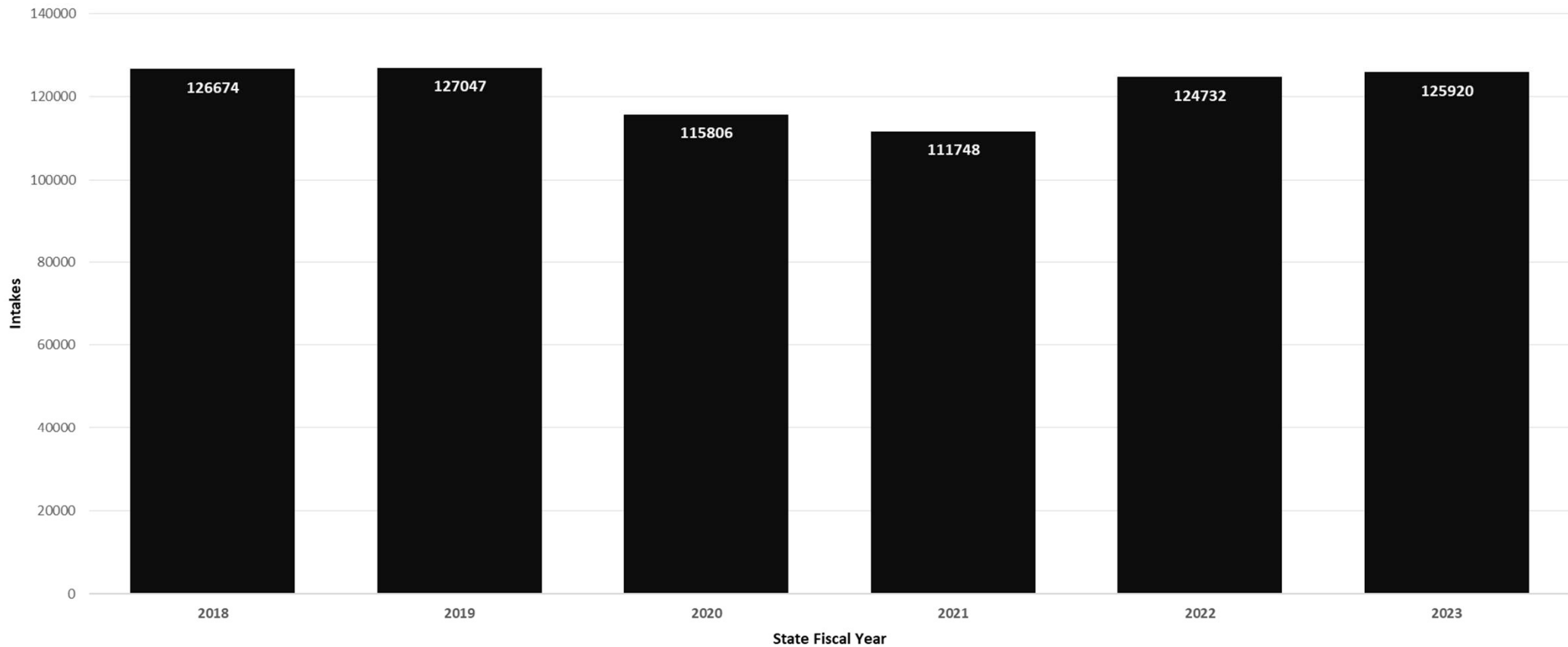
Child Welfare Monthly Data Report

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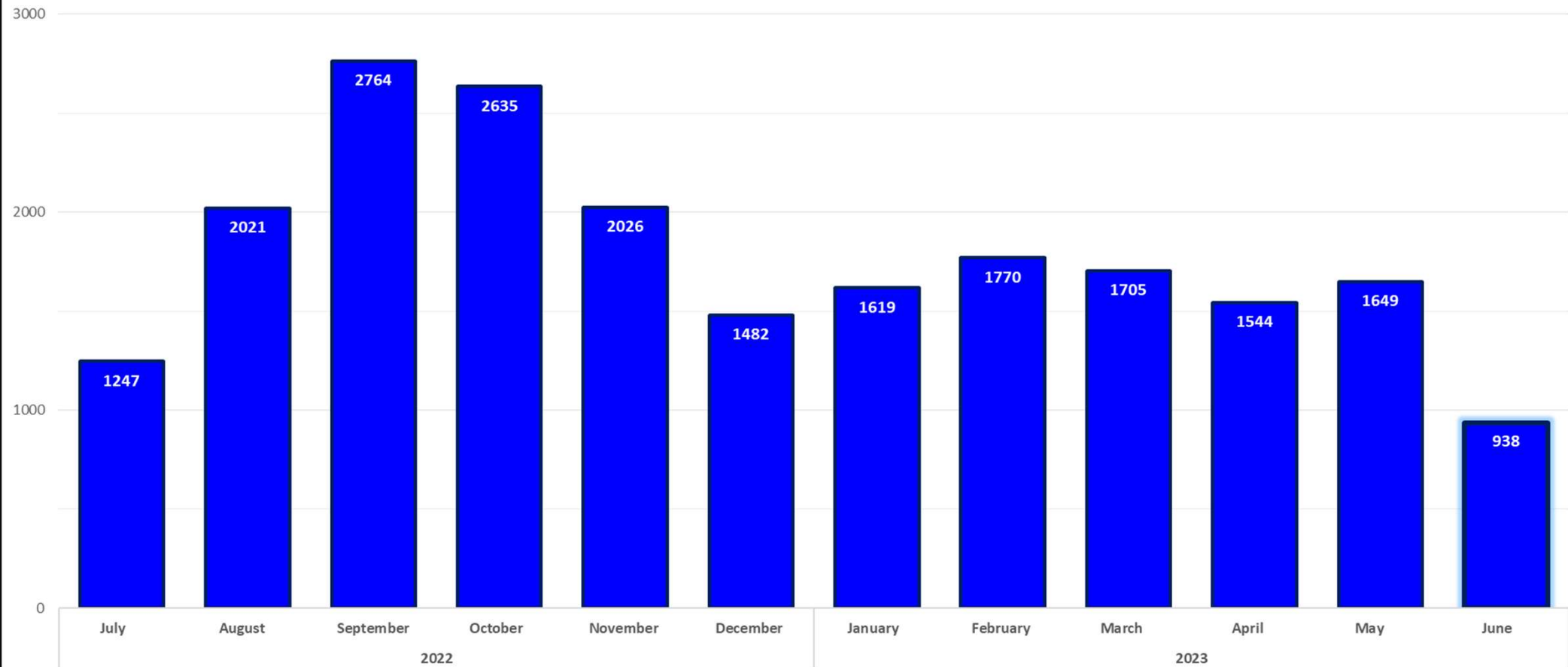
Intakes Received by State Fiscal Year



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)



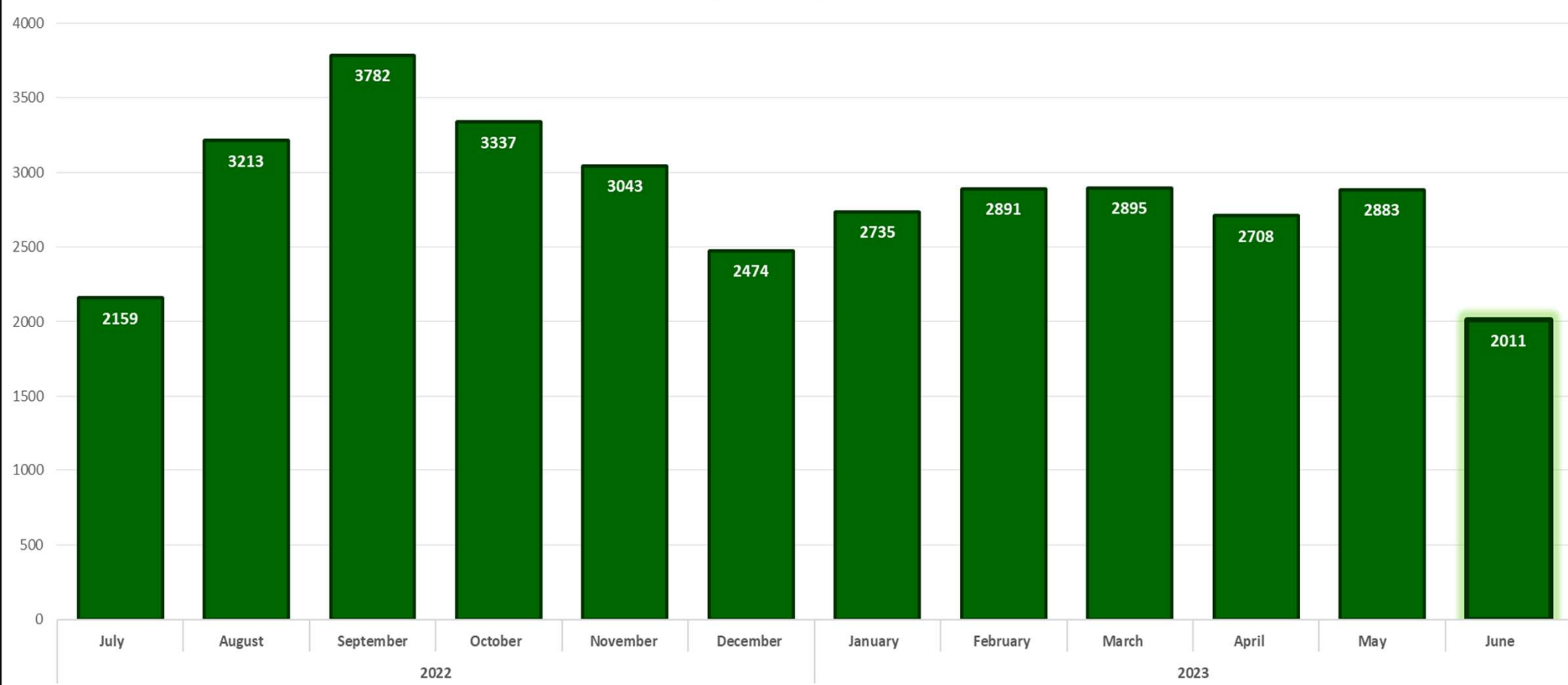
Open Family Support Stages



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)



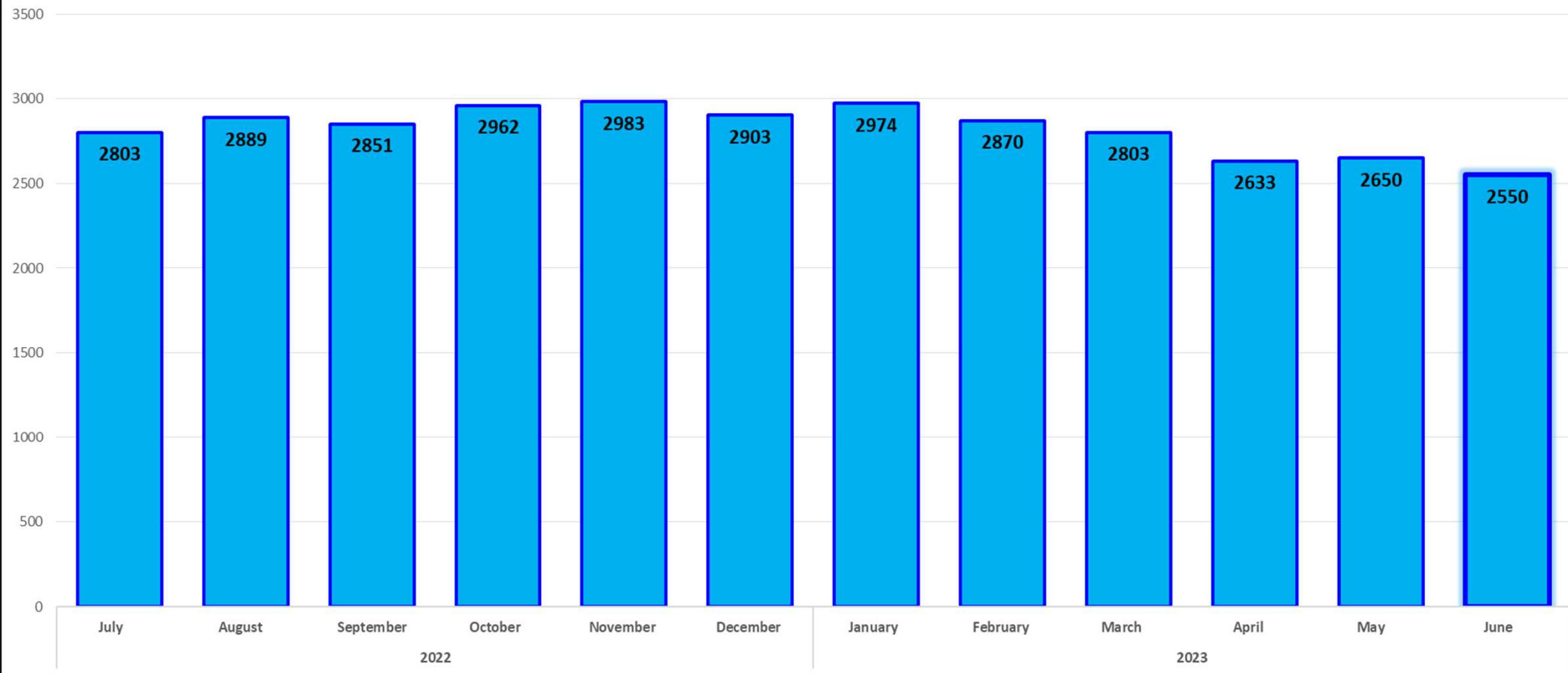
Open Investigations



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

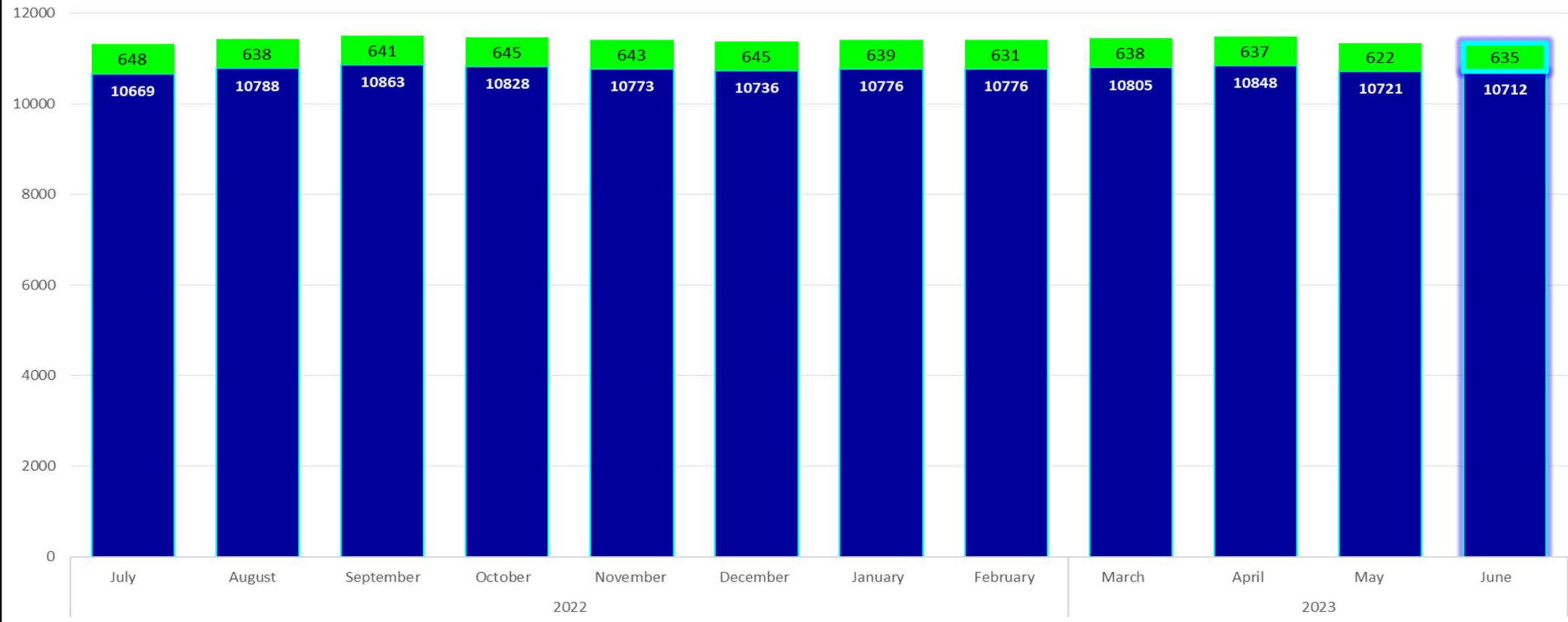


Family preservation is a program designed to continue working with a family where safety concerns have been identified with the children remaining in the home. (Data Source: SHINES)



Foster Children/Youth in Custody on Last Day of Month

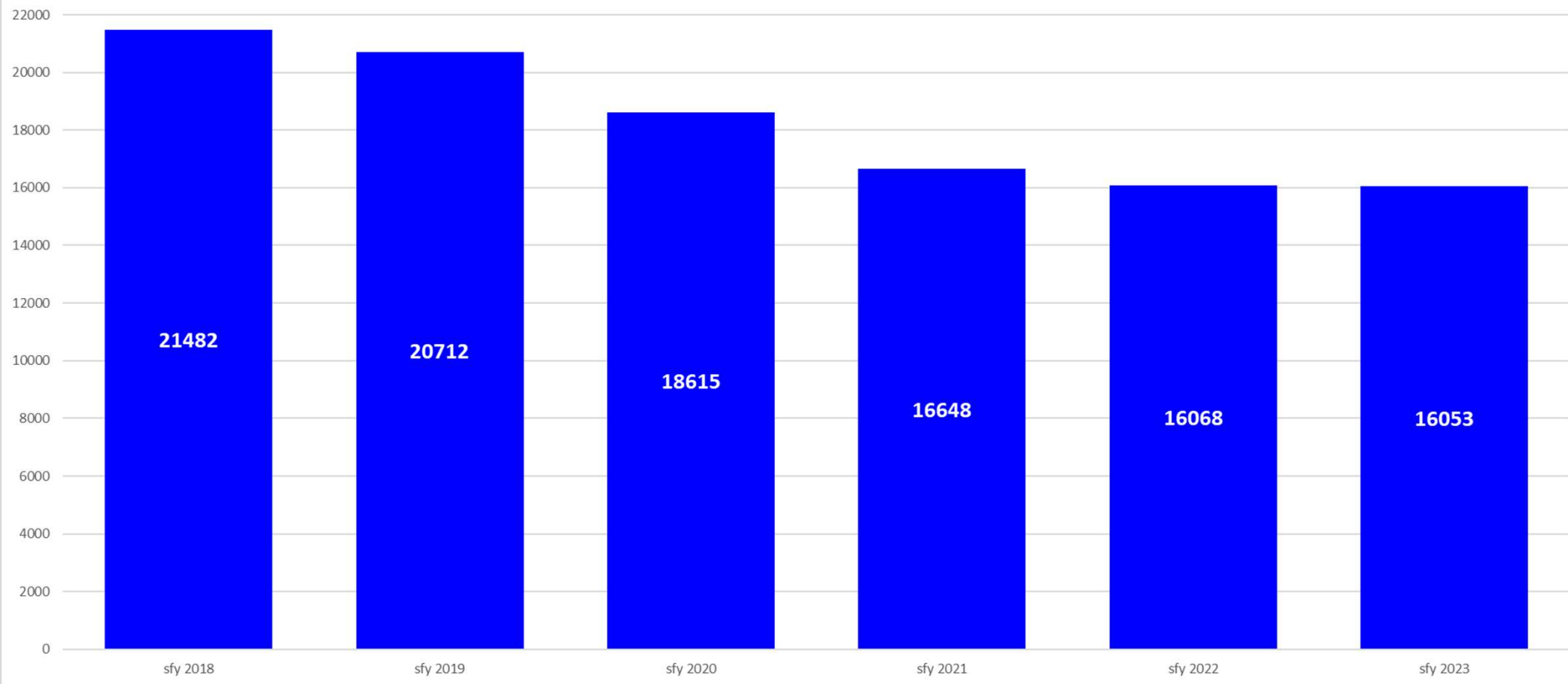
■ Age: 0 to 17 ■ Age: 18 to 22



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. (Data Source: SHINES)

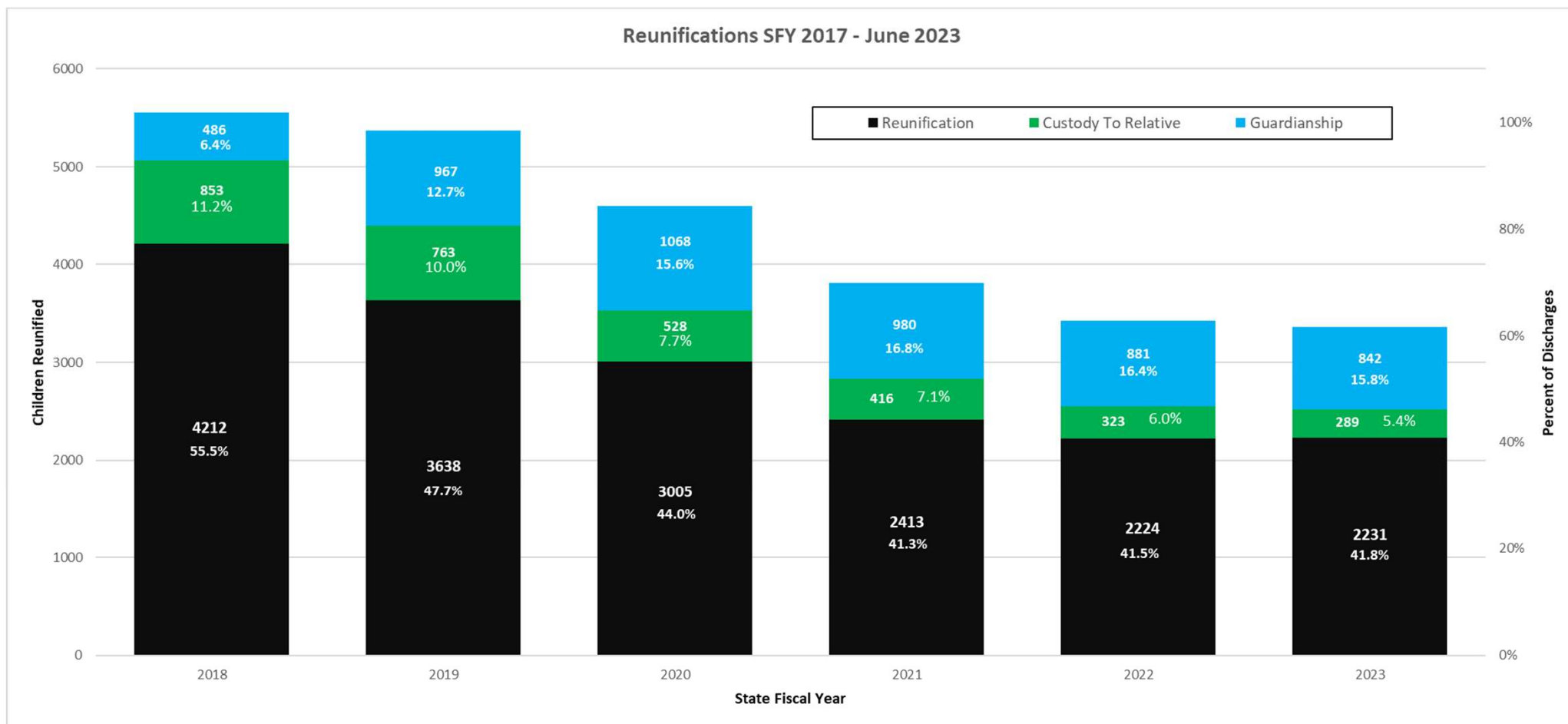


Children in Custody By State Fiscal Year



Children may have been in foster care for only part of the year. Each child is counted only once in a year, regardless of the number of foster episodes. Individual children may be counted in more than one year. (Data Source: SHINES)

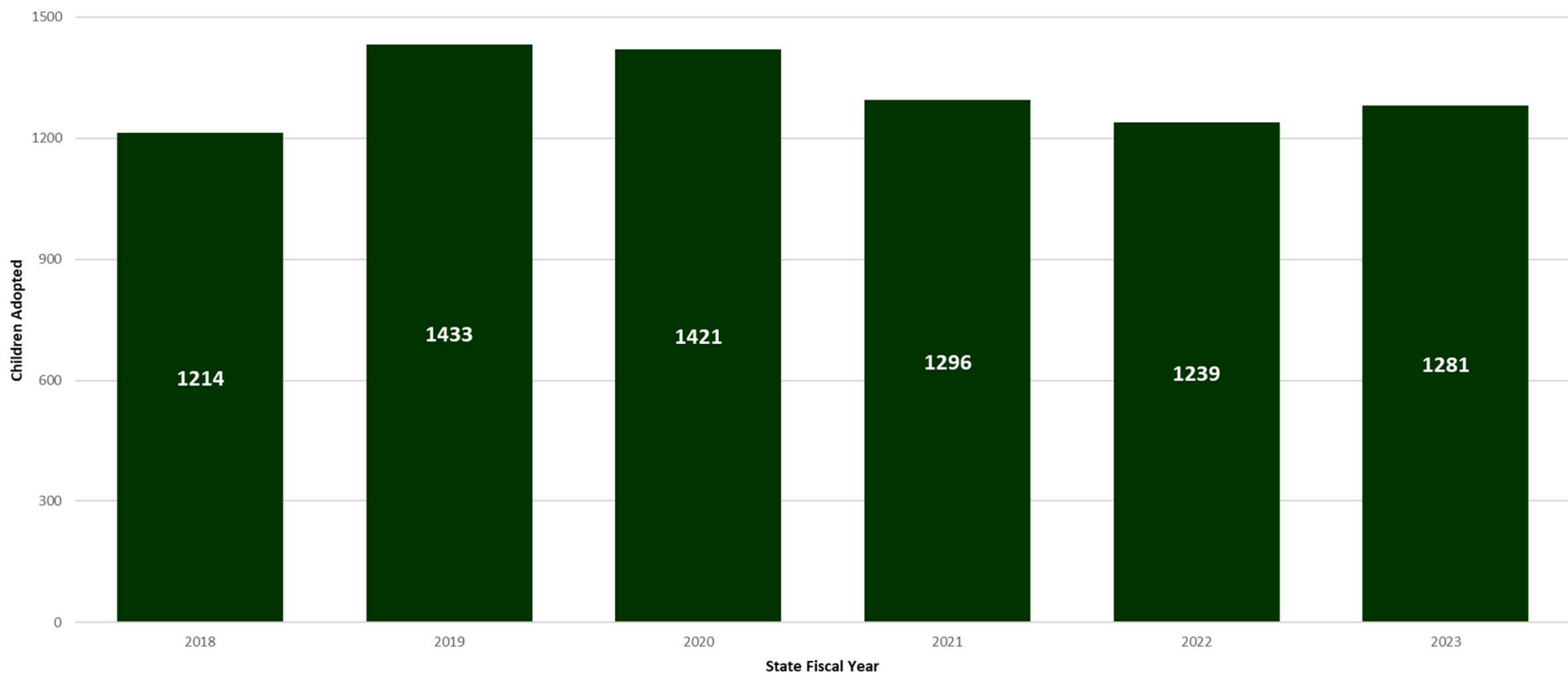




This chart shows the counts and percentages of reunifications that have occurred each of the past five years. By policy, a reunification is, “The return of a child in the temporary custody of DFCS to the legal and physical custody of the parent, guardian or legal custodian. Custody to a non-custodial parent is also deemed reunification.” (Data Source: SHINES)



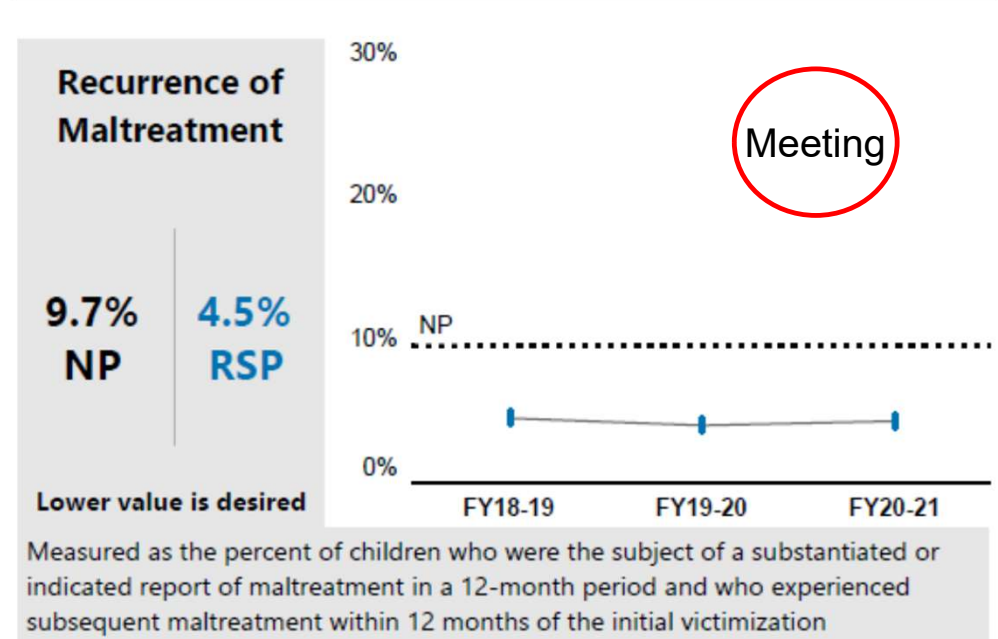
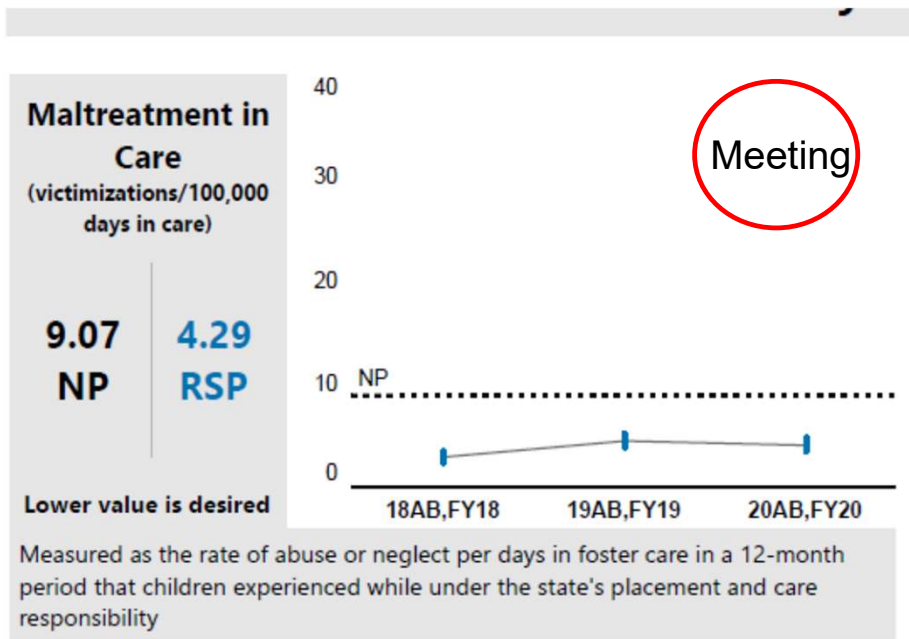
Adoptions by State Fiscal Year



In cases where reunification is not in the best interest of the child, it becomes DFCS' goal to find a loving adoptive home for each child in need. These adoption counts show the continuous effort undertaken to help children in foster care find forever homes. (Data Source: SHINES)



Safety Statewide Data Indicators



Permanency Statewide Data Indicators

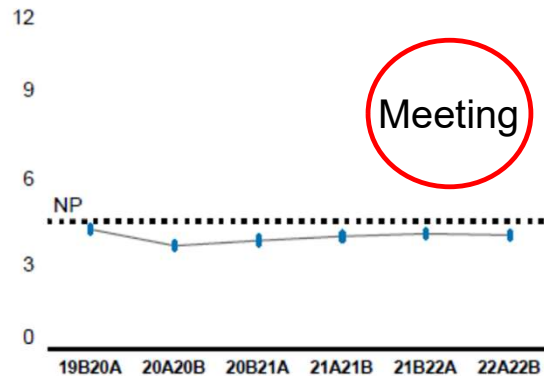
Placement Stability (moves/1,000 days in care)

4.48
NP

4.06
RSP

Lower value is desired

Among children who entered care in a 12-month period, the number of placement moves per day they experienced during that year



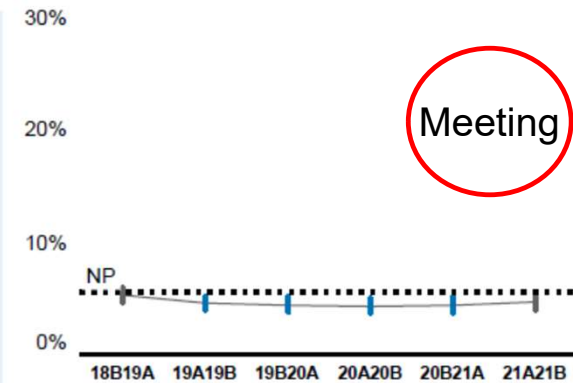
Reentry to Foster Care

5.6%
NP

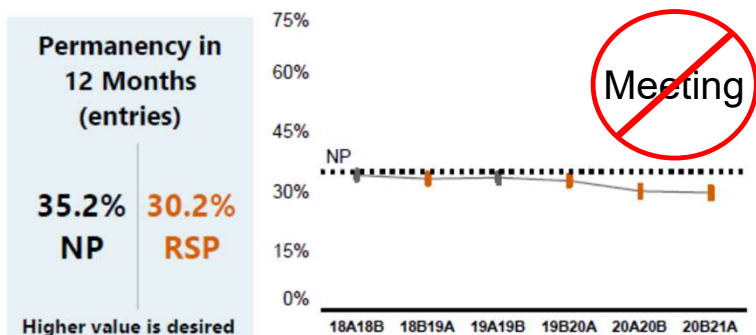
4.9%
RSP

Lower value is desired

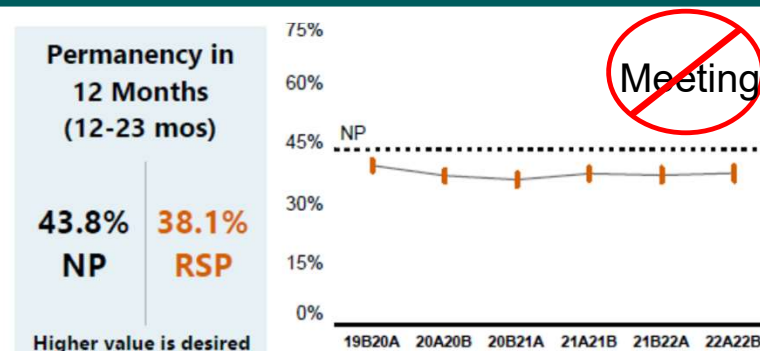
Among children who discharged to permanency (excluding adoption) in a 12-month period, the percent who reentered care within 12 months of exit



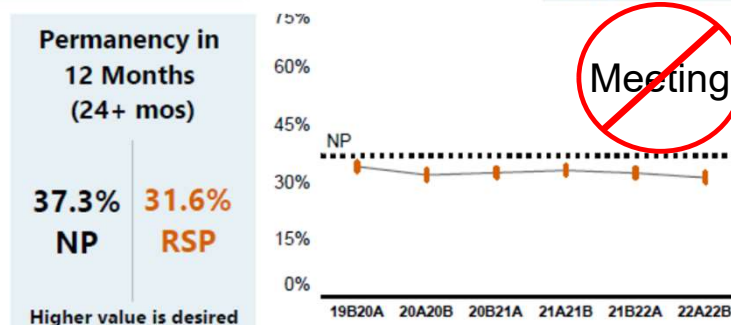
Permanency Statewide Data Indicators



Among children who entered foster care in a 12-month period, the percent who exited foster care to reunification, adoption, guardianship, or living with a relative within 12 months of their entry



Among children in foster care at the start of the 12-month period who had been in care for 12 to 23 months, the percent who exited to permanency in the subsequent 12 months



Among children in foster care at the start of the 12-month period who had been in care 24 months or more, the percent who exited to permanency in the subsequent 12 months



Celebration of Excellence

- The Celebration of Excellence is our division's largest event that highlights and celebrates the academic success of youth in care.
- This year, we celebrated the 31st annual Celebration of Excellence, where we honored 266 youth who graduated from high school, vocational school, and college.



Monthly Observance Highlights

- Throughout the year DHS recognizes several child welfare observances including; Parent Leadership Month, Social Work Month, Child Abuse Prevention Month, National Foster Care Month, Reunification Month, and National Adoption Month.
- This year:
 - During Reunification Month, DHS leadership and staff joined Governor Brian P. Kemp and First Lady Marty Kemp at the State Capitol to promote Reunification Month and take a photo with Governor Kemp's Reunification Month proclamation.
 - During Child Abuse Prevention Month, DHS staff joined Governor Brian P. Kemp, First Lady Marty Kemp, members of the Georgia General Assembly, and Prevent Child Abuse Georgia to educate others on how to prevent child abuse.
 - During National Foster Care Month, DHS hosted a statewide celebration to honor the 2023 Foster Caregivers of the Year.



mCase Mobile Application Update

The mCase Application will be pushed to DHS issued Samsung phones.

Targeting a release of this by end of September!



Argo Placements

The screenshot displays the 'Argo Placements' interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes the Georgia Department of Human Services logo and the title 'Argo Placements'. Below this, a sidebar on the left contains a search icon, 'Saved Work', and a 'Help' link. The main content area features a progress bar with four steps: Confirmation, Characteristics, Age & Capacity, and Summary. The 'Confirmation' step is currently active. Below the progress bar, a header section identifies the child as 'Richmond, Ella' with a DOB of 6/25/2012 (Age 10) and a Person ID of 19927489. The main table lists available placements with columns for HOME, TYPE, SLOTS/CAPACITY, and SCORE. Three placements are shown, all with a score of 81.87%.

HOME	TYPE	SLOTS/CAPACITY	SCORE
<input type="checkbox"/> Coleman, Donald Or Tashib Carroll County	Non-DFCS Home Christian City Crossroads	1 Slot Open, Capacity 6	81.87%
<input type="checkbox"/> Chadwick, Gwen Carroll County	Non-DFCS Home Marian-Martin	3 Slots Open, Capacity 3	81.87%
<input type="checkbox"/> Baker, Matthew Or Kimberly Carroll County	Non-DFCS Home Fathridge	5 Slots Open, Capacity 5	81.87%

Staff will be presented with a list of available placements based on configured search criteria.

Homes are scored based on location, school district, characteristics, and capacity.

Users can drill into each location to review detailed information.



Questions?

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Commissioner's Report

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