

**Georgia Department of Human Services**

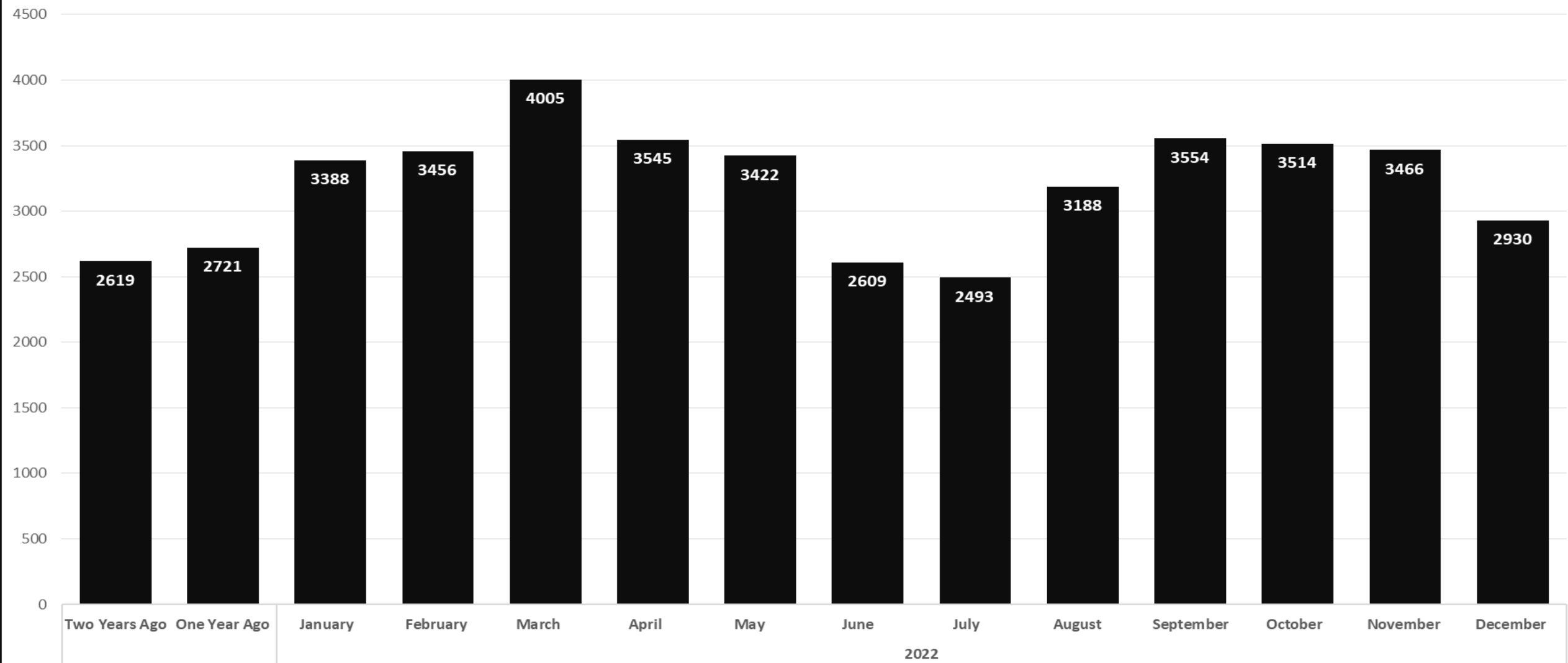
# **Child Welfare**

Monthly Data Report

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## Open Intakes

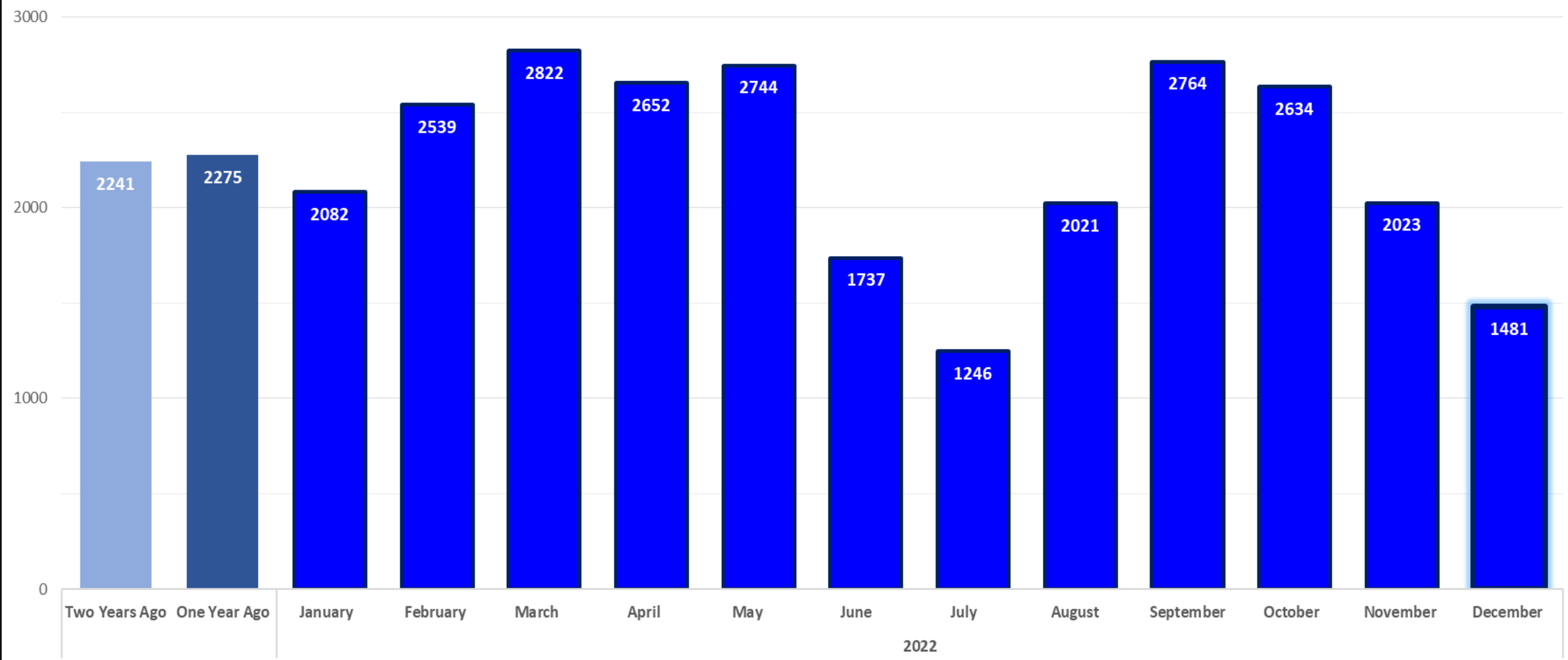


Intakes, or reports of child maltreatment, may be directed to investigation, family support, screened out, or screened out and referred to services. Other intakes, such as Information and Referrals, are not included in these counts.

Data Source: SHINES



Open Family Support Stages

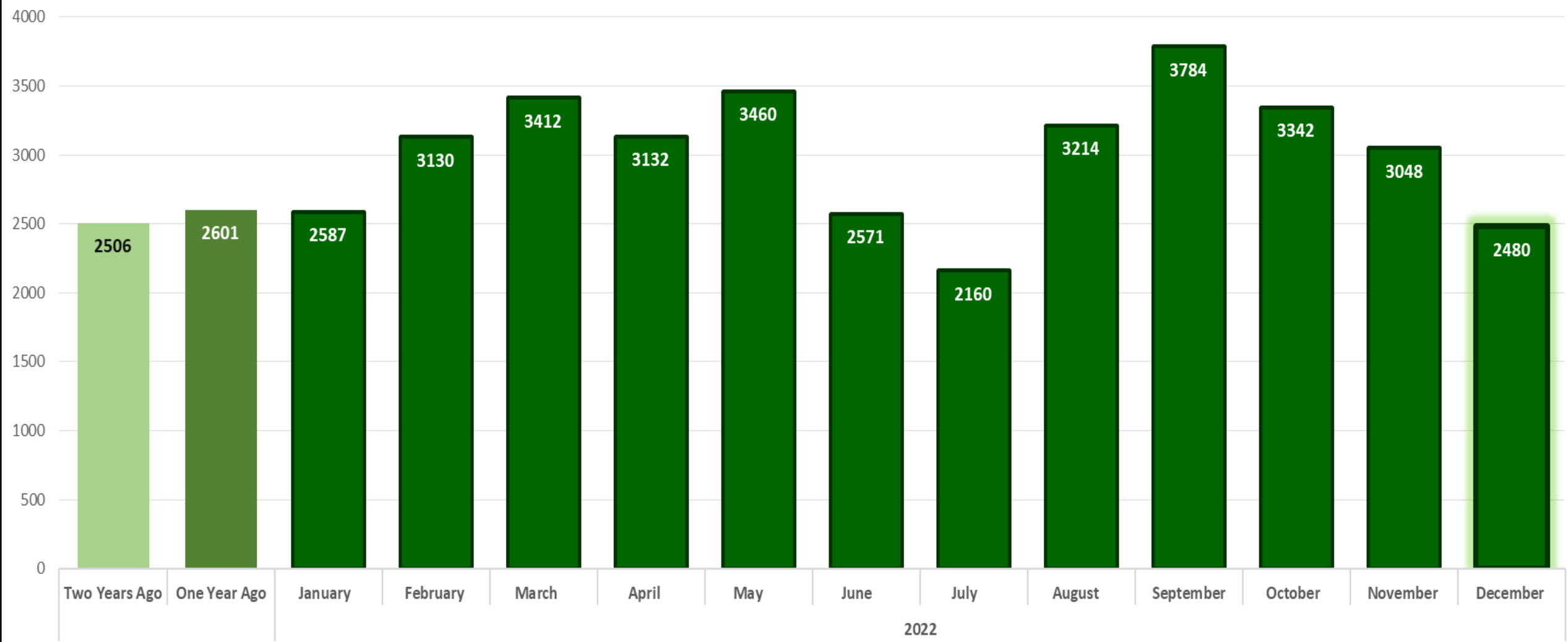


Family Support Cases are opportunities to assist families where concerns exist but can be managed with only minimal DFCS involvement, usually through referrals to community services.

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# Open Investigations

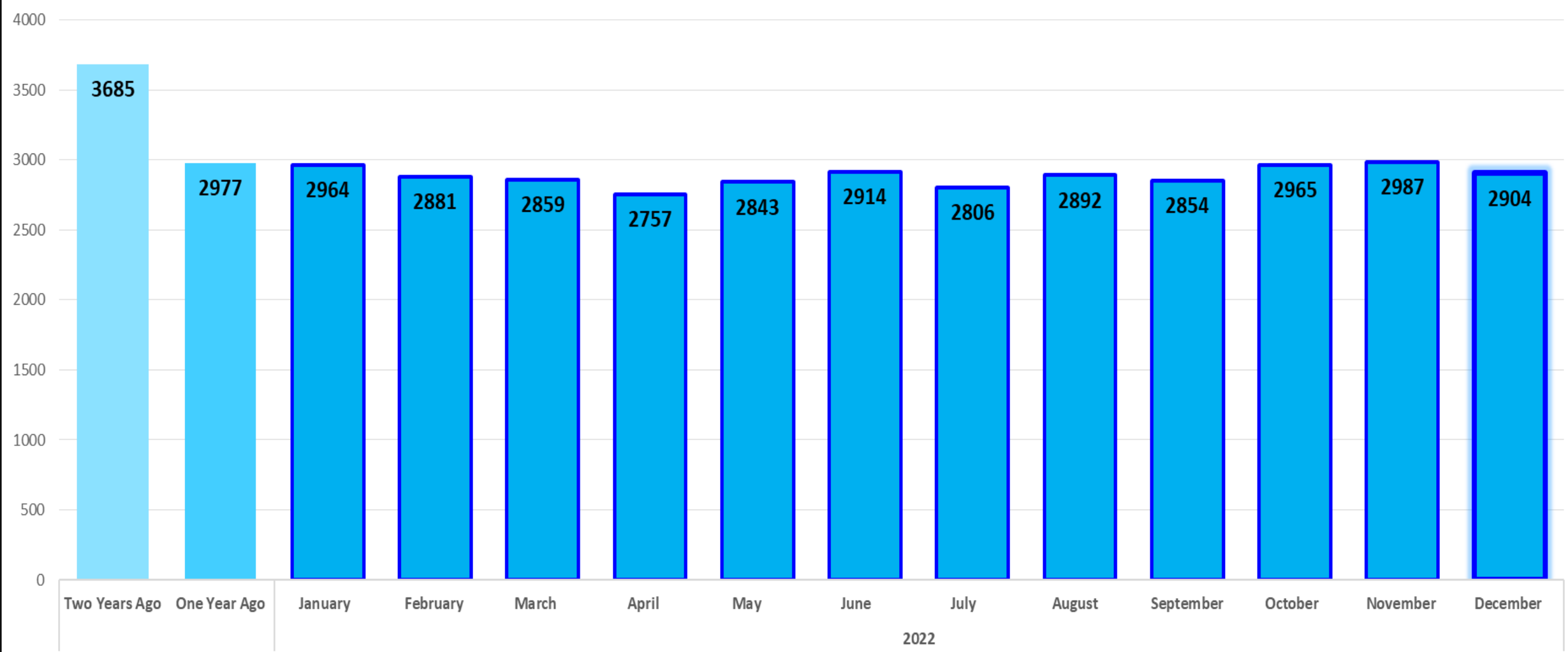


Investigations seek to determine the safety of children where an allegation of abuse or neglect has been received by DFCS. This measure helps DFCS measure workloads.

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Open Family Preservation Stages

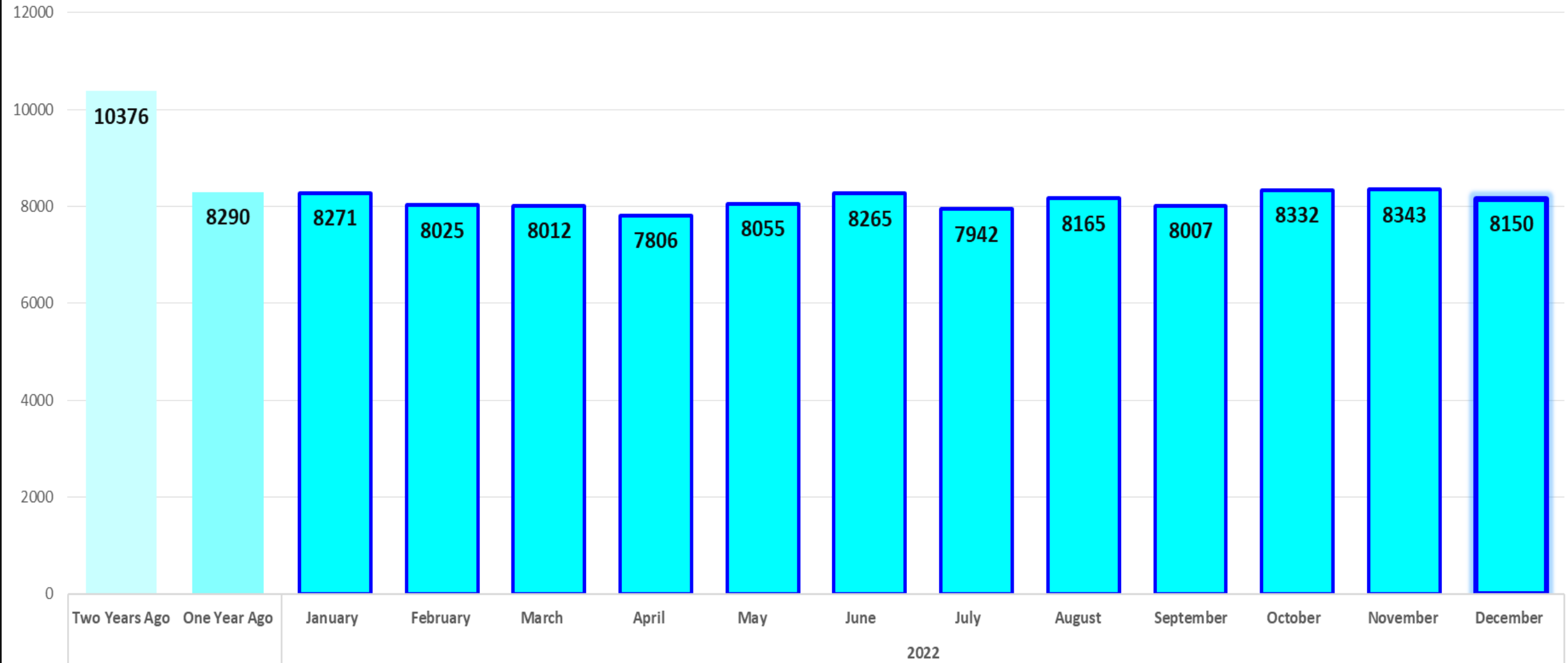


Family Preservation is a program designed to continue working with a family where safety concerns have been identified with the children remaining in the home.

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## Children in Family Preservation

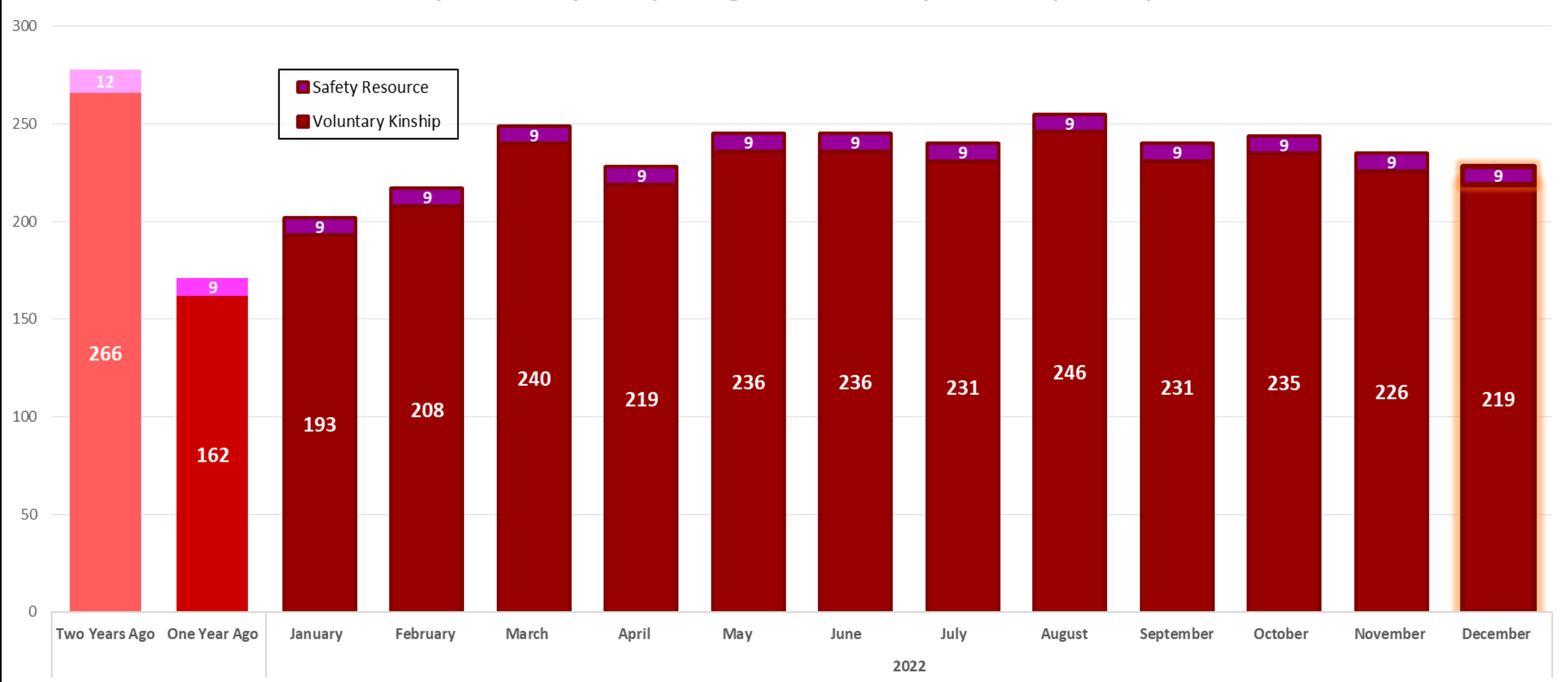


This chart shows the number of children in active Family Preservation cases at the end of the month. If not for this program, many of these children would otherwise be in foster care.

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# Open Voluntary Kinship Arrangements and Safety Resources (Children)

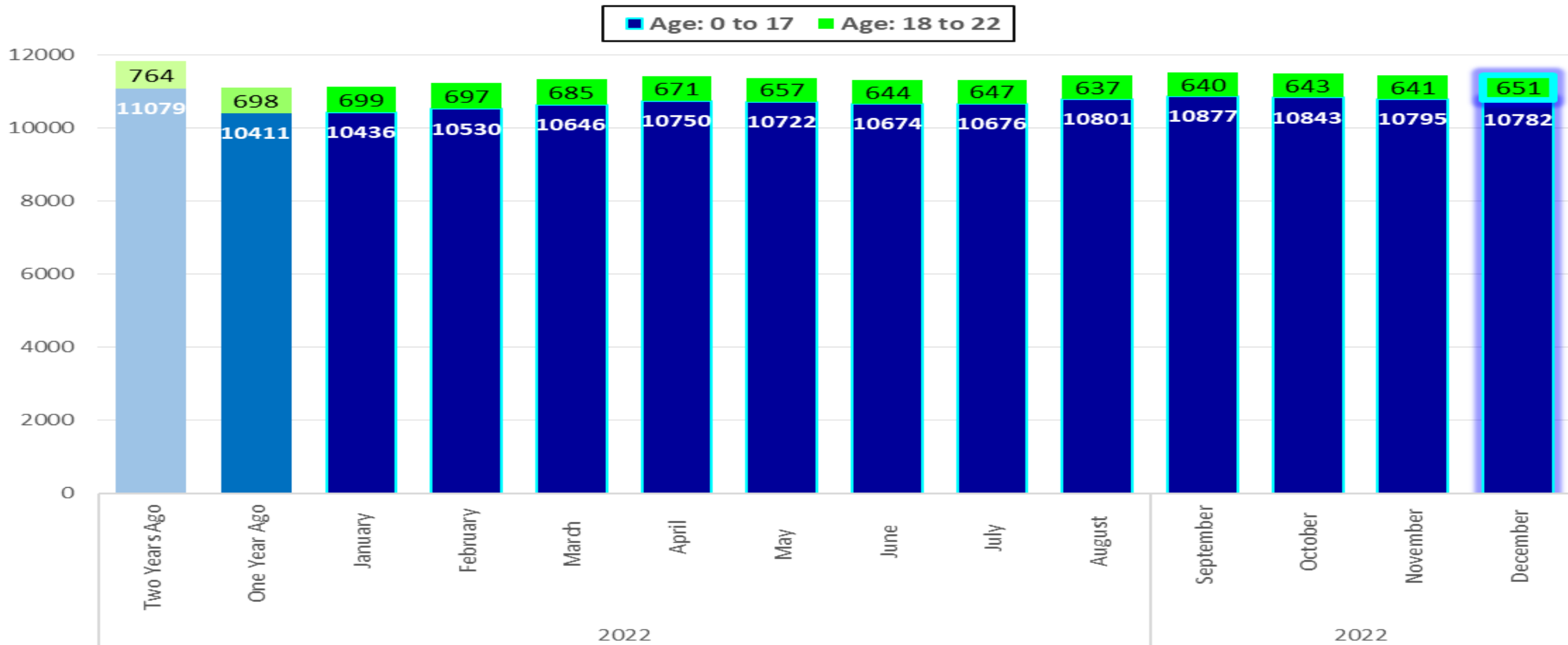


Voluntary Kinship is an innovation used by DFCS over the past several years to provide a safe haven for children involved in an investigation before a final determination can be made regarding the need for foster care.

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## Foster Children/Youth in Custody on Last Day of Month



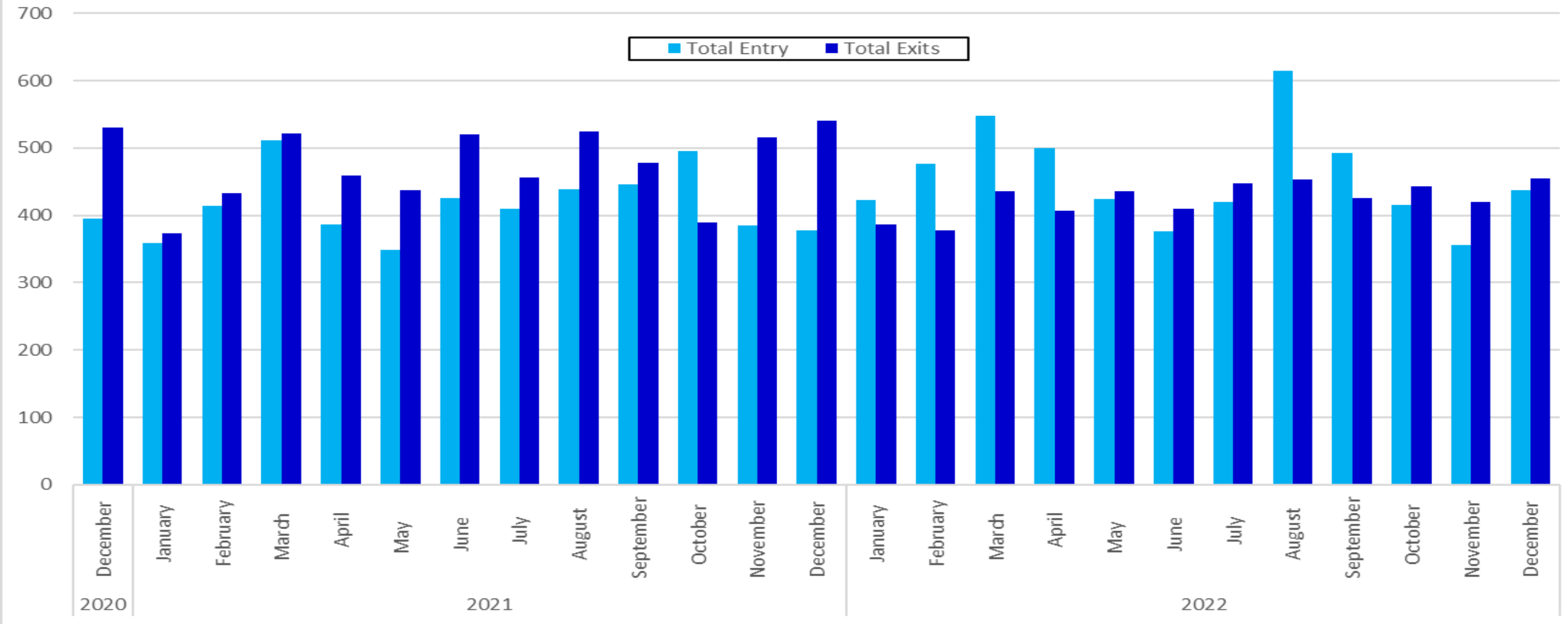
This chart shows the number of children in foster care on the last day of each month. Efforts are made immediately upon entry to pursue reunification when possible. A portion of the decline in the number of foster children over the past two years is due to the efforts by DFCS to exhaust all possible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

**Data Source: SHINES**





## Foster Entry and Exit 2020 December - 2022 December



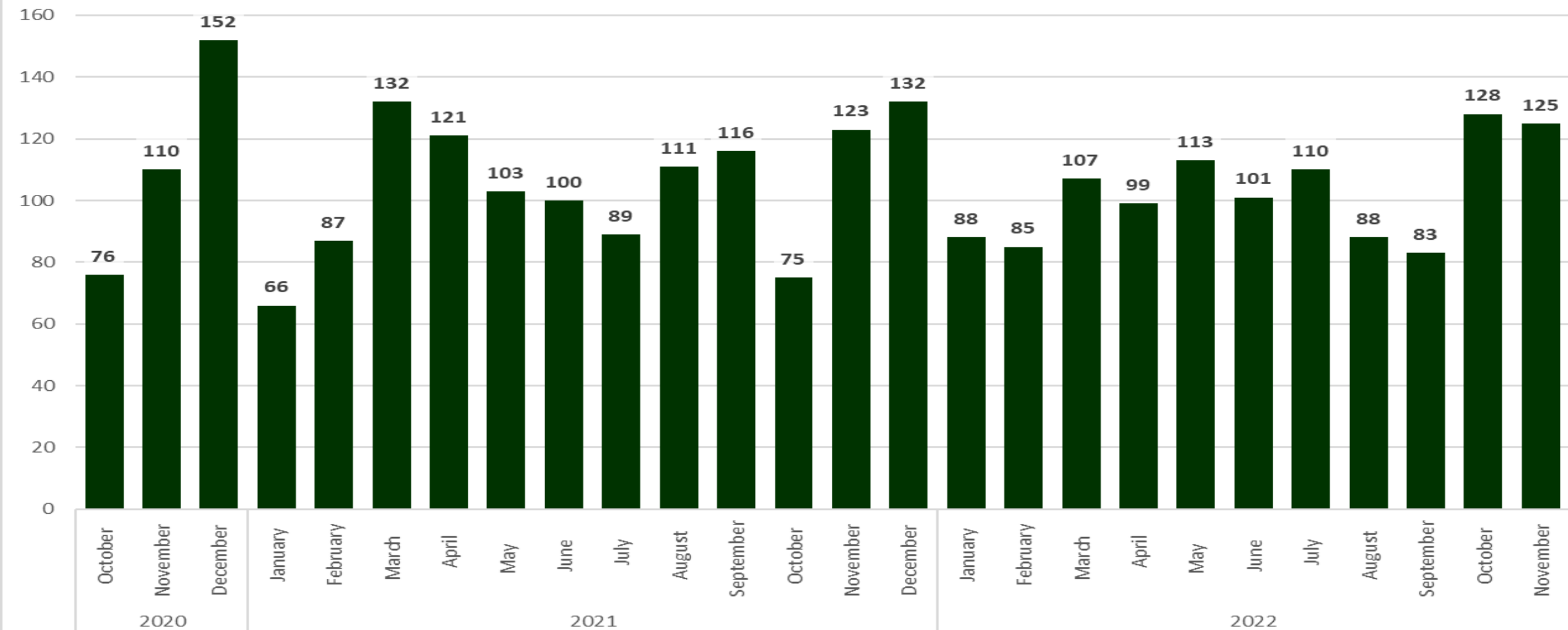
This chart compares for each month the number of entries and exits into foster care. Note that children that turn 18 are considered an “exit” in this chart, even if they sign back into custody. The chart only includes children under 18.

Data Source: SHINES



## Children Adopted by Month

2020 October - 2022 November



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.

Data Source: SHINES



# CFSR Round 4 Timeline

## Planning

**2022 through June 2023**

- Training of review team
- Creation and approval by the Children's Bureau of Georgia's CFSR review and sampling plan
- Data gathering for self-assessment



## Evaluation

**July 2023 through May 2024**

- Submission of statewide self-assessment
- Stakeholder interviews by the Children's Bureau
- Child and Family Service Review (January to March 2024)
- Determination of Substantial Conformity for 36 items and proposed penalties by the Children's Bureau

## Program Improvement

**June 2024 through December 2027**

- Program Improvement Plan (PIP) created, approved by the Children's Bureau and implemented
- Implementation review plan developed and approved by the Children's Bureau
- Quality reviews commence to measure improvement
- Georgia has to successfully implement all strategies as well as meet the prescribed quality goals a minimum of three times during a 42-month period in order to avoid penalties

Dates may vary depending upon the completion of various tasks by both the state and the Children's Bureau.



# Questions?

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