

Division of Family and Children Services

Georgia Department of Human Resources

# Outcome Measures and RESULTS

## Child Welfare



# May 2010

May is National Foster Care Month.

# Definitions and Data Sources

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

**Figure 1: Child Protective Services Cases ..... 1**

Count of unique CPS Investigations or Family Preservation (Ongoing) stages open at any point during the month. Includes all cases active at some time during the month.

Sources: Internal Data System, SHINES

**Figure 2: Disposition of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports..... 1**

Chart reflects the disposition of reports received in a particular month.

Sources: Internal Data System, PSDS, SHINES

**Figure 3: Recurrence of Substantiated Child Maltreatment..... 2**

Of all the children who were victims of substantiated maltreatment in the first 6 months of the year, the percentage that had substantiated maltreatment within the following 6 months.

*National Standard: less than or equal to 5.40%*

Sources: Protective Services Data System, SHINES

**Figure 4: Children in the Legal Custody of DFCS Under the Age of 18..... 2**

Count of unique children who were in the legal custody of DFCS at some point during the month under the age 18. Excludes Aftercare, ICPC, Placement services to parents, and Boarding County

Sources: SHINES

## **PERMANENCY 1 – Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.**

**Figure 4: Child Placement Services Cases ..... 3**

Count of unique children in foster care or adoptions stages open at any point during the month and cases active at some time during the month. This population may include children not in DFCS custody.

Sources: Internal Data System, SHINES

**Figure 5: Comparison of Foster Care Entries & Exits..... 3**

Number of children who have entered foster care and number of children who have exited foster care during the month.

Sources: SHINES

**Figure 6: Foster Care Re-entries..... 4**

Of all the children who entered foster care, the percentage that were discharged from a previous placement within 12 months of the current foster care placement.

*National Standard: less than or equal to 8.60%*

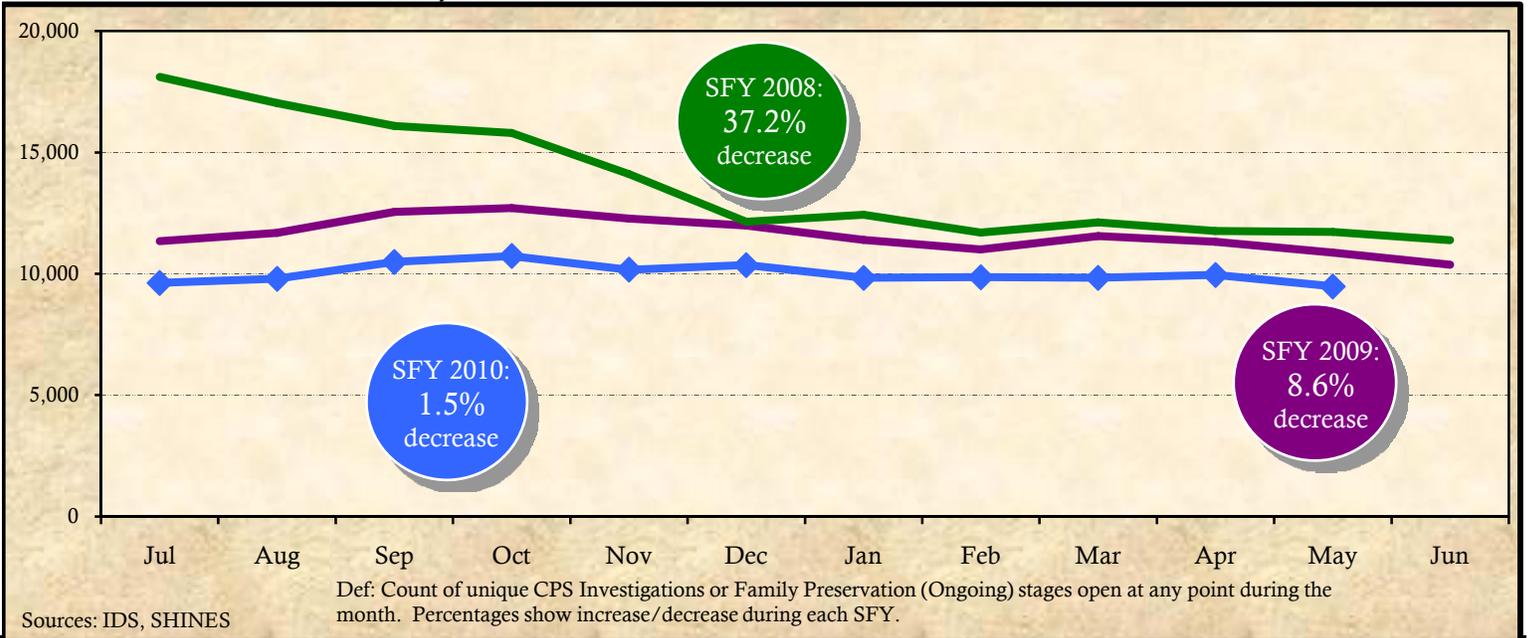
Sources: AFCARS, Internal Data System, SHINES

## Definitions and Data Sources cont...

- Figure 7: Length of Time to Achieve Reunification** ..... 4  
Percentage of children who exited care during the month through reunification with their family that reunified in less than 12 months from the date of their last removal.  
*National Standard: greater than or equal to 76.20%*  
Sources: AFCARS, Internal Data System, SHINES
- Figure 8: Children Placed with Relatives**..... 5  
Of all children in DFCS custody, the percentage that are placed with a relative or a relative foster home.  
*State Target: greater than or equal to 30.00%*  
Sources: Internal Data System, SHINES
- Figure 9: Adoptions Finalized** ..... 5  
The number of children whose adoption was finalized.  
Source: Social Services Adoption Unit

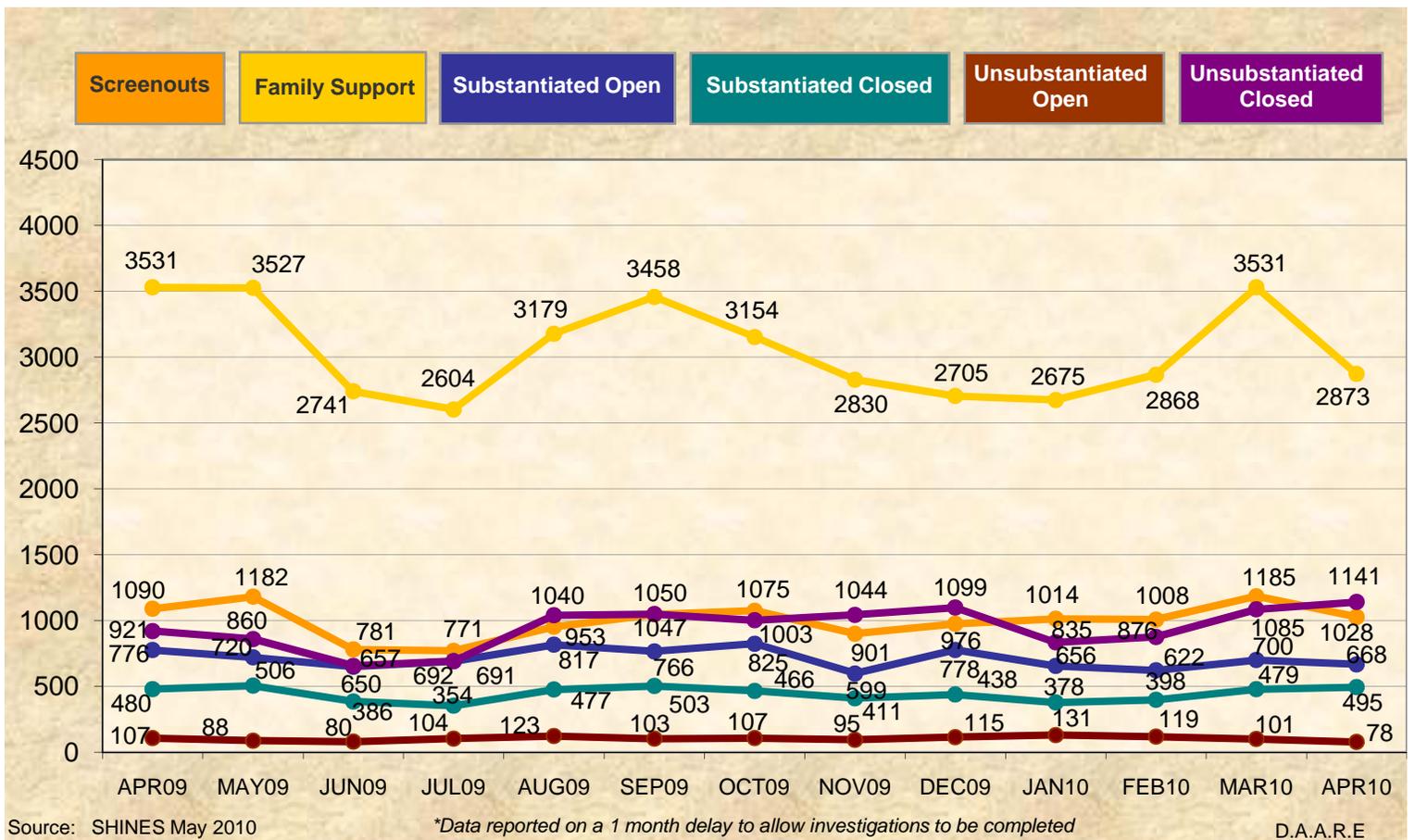
# SAFETY-RELATED OUTCOMES

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



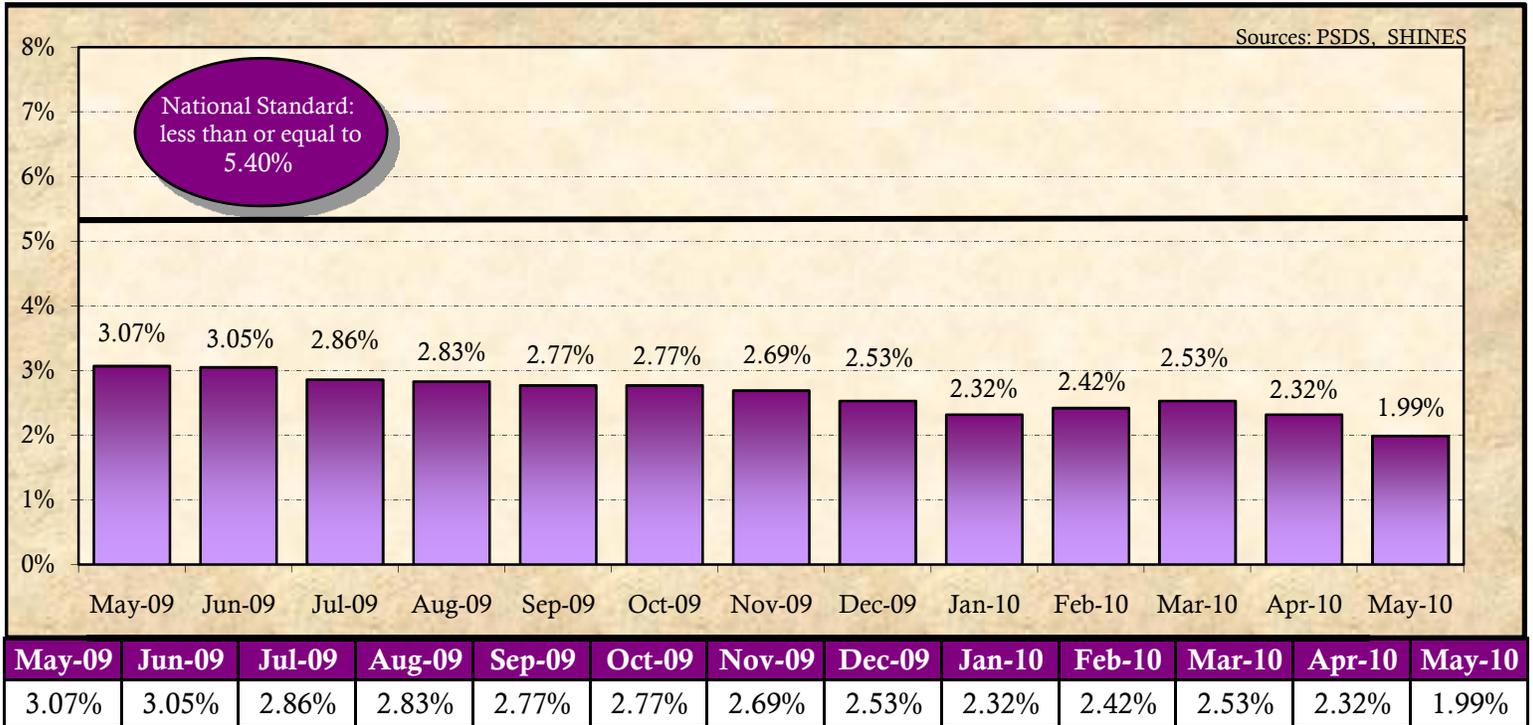
SFY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
SFY 10	9,624	9,796	10,489	10,734	10,165	10,357	9,833	9,856	9,834	9,950	9,479	
SFY 09	11,345	11,679	12,556	12,713	12,279	11,990	11,391	10,999	11,556	11,324	10,866	10,372
SFY 08	18,115	17,033	16,090	15,801	14,105	12,142	12,428	11,703	12,122	11,769	11,719	11,380

**Figure 2: Disposition of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (May 2010)**



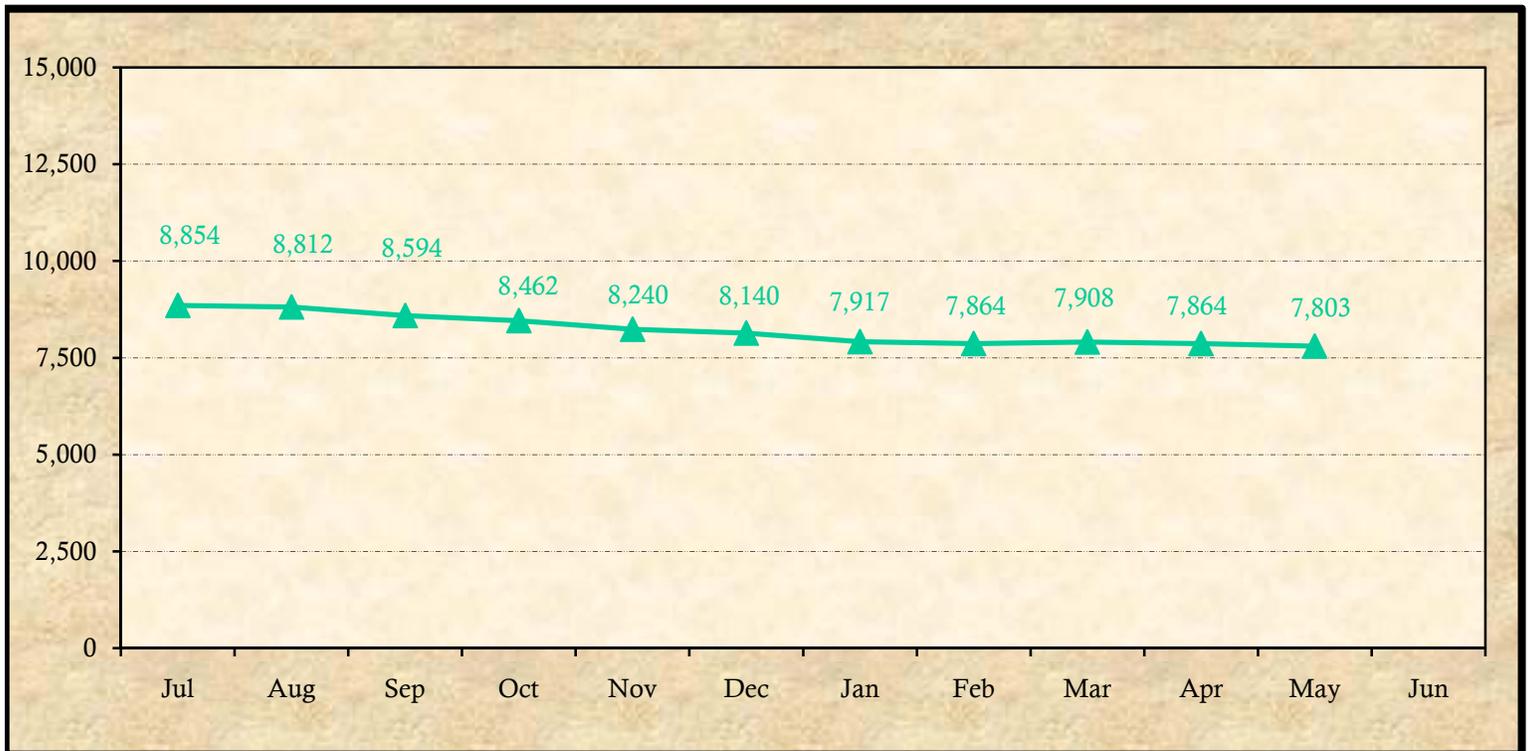
**Figure 3: Recurrence of Substantiated Child Maltreatment May 2009 – May 2010**

Def: Of all children who were victims of substantiated maltreatment in the first 6 months of the year, the percentage that had a substan. report of maltreatment within the following 6 months. This is calculated with a two-month lag.



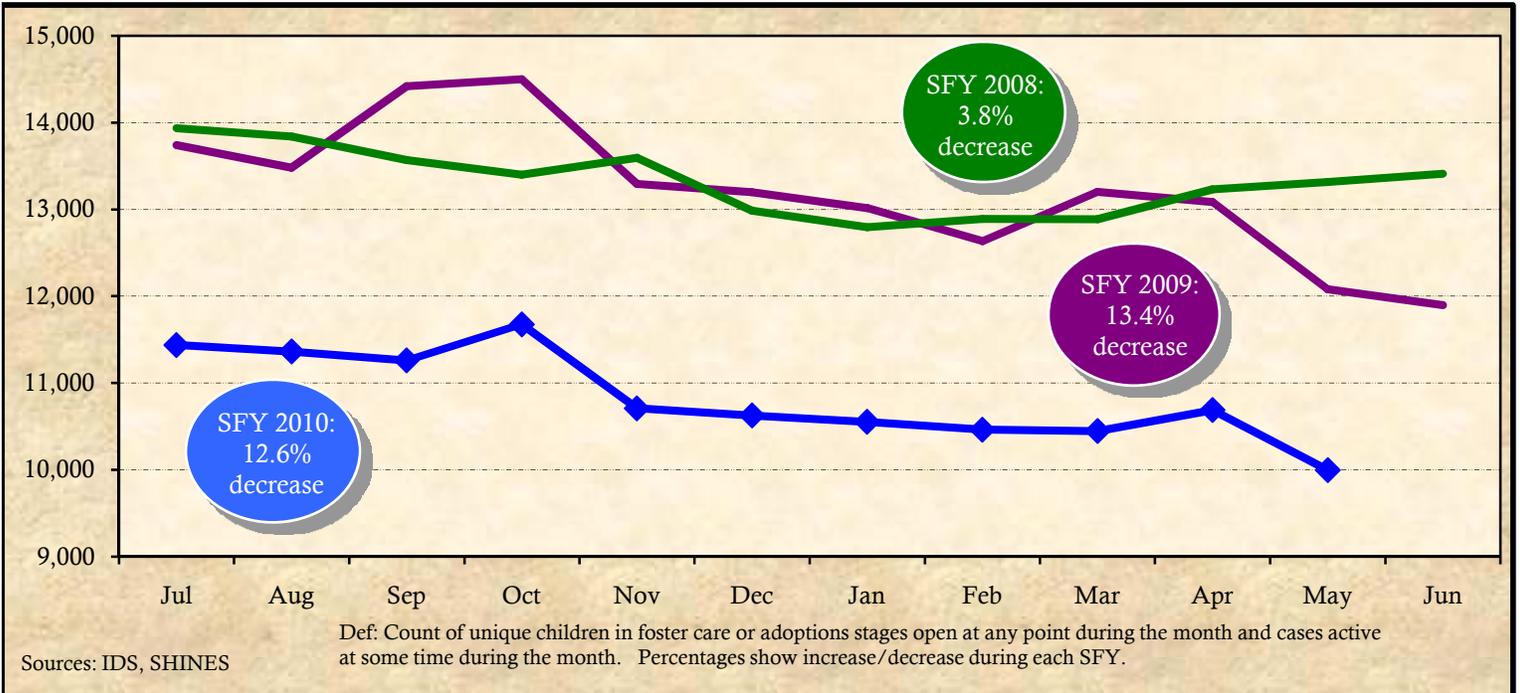
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# PERMANENCY- RELATED OUTCOMES

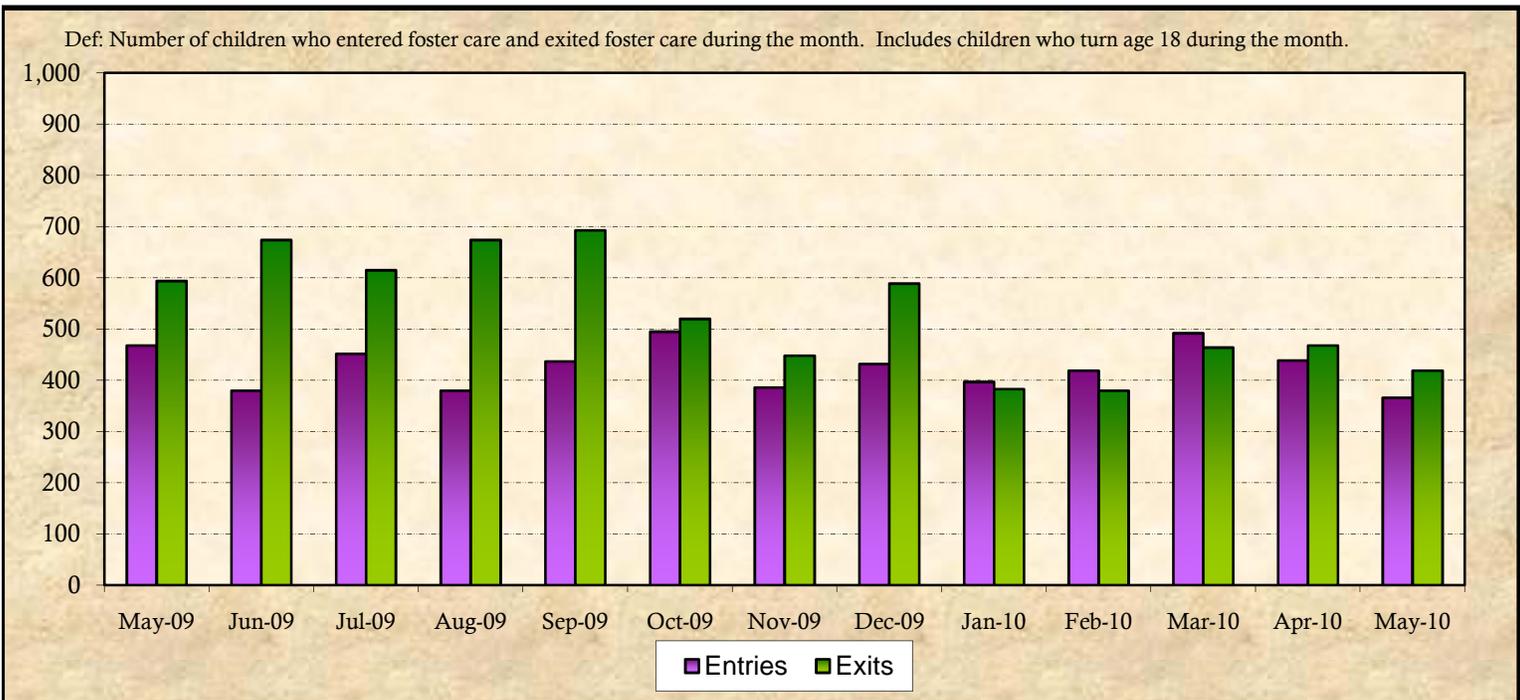
Figure 4: Number of Child Placement Services Cases



SFY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
SFY 10	11,437	11,362	11,260	11,676	10,708	10,625	10,552	10,462	10,446	10,687	9,997	
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 May 2009 - May 2010

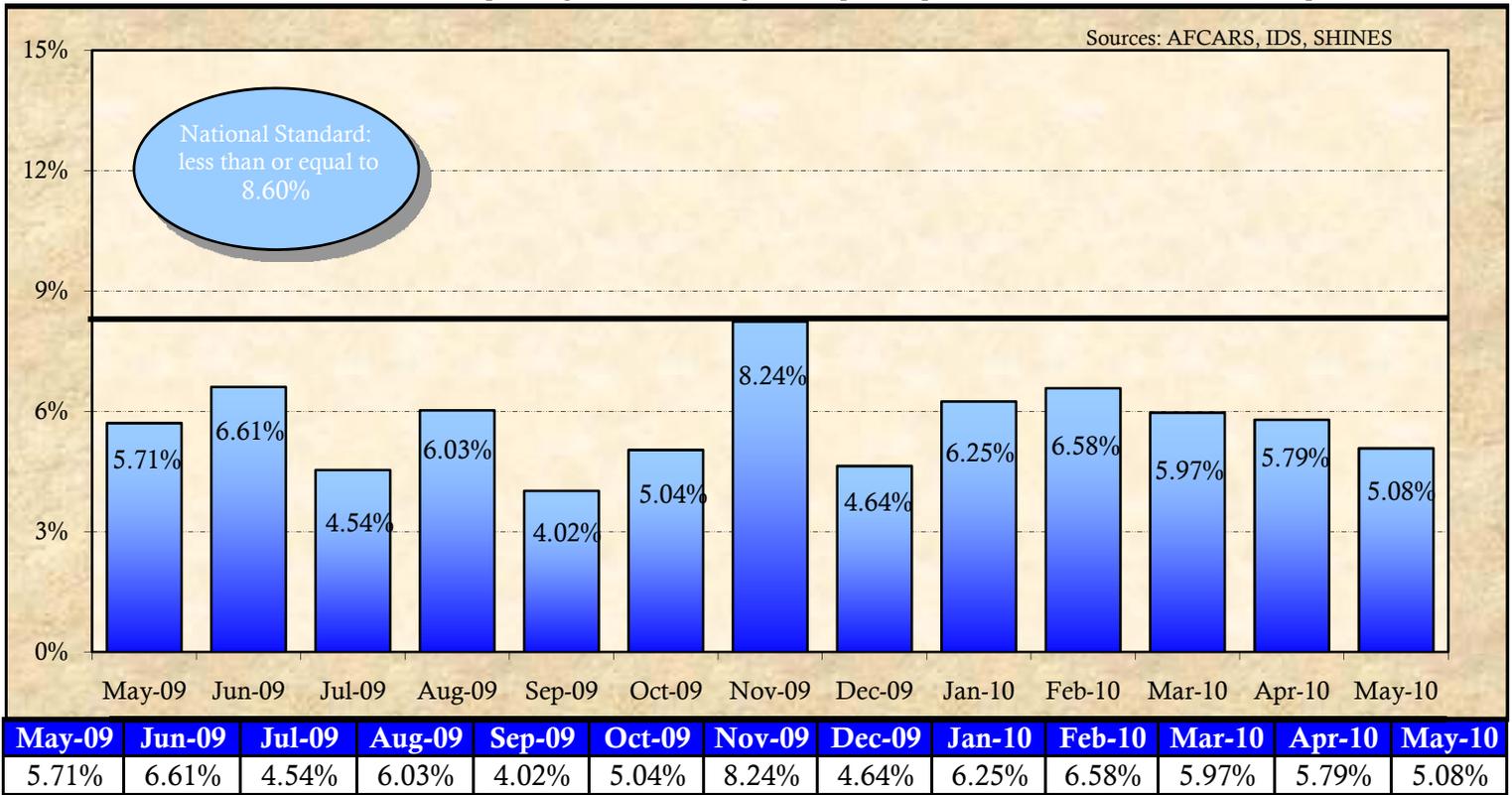
Sources: SHINES



Month	Entries	Exits
May-09	468	594
Jun-09	380	674
Jul-09	452	615
Aug-09	380	674
Sep-09	437	693
Oct-09	495	520
Nov-09	386	448
Dec-09	432	589
Jan-10	397	383
Feb-10	419	380
Mar-10	492	464
Apr-10	439	468
May-10	366	419

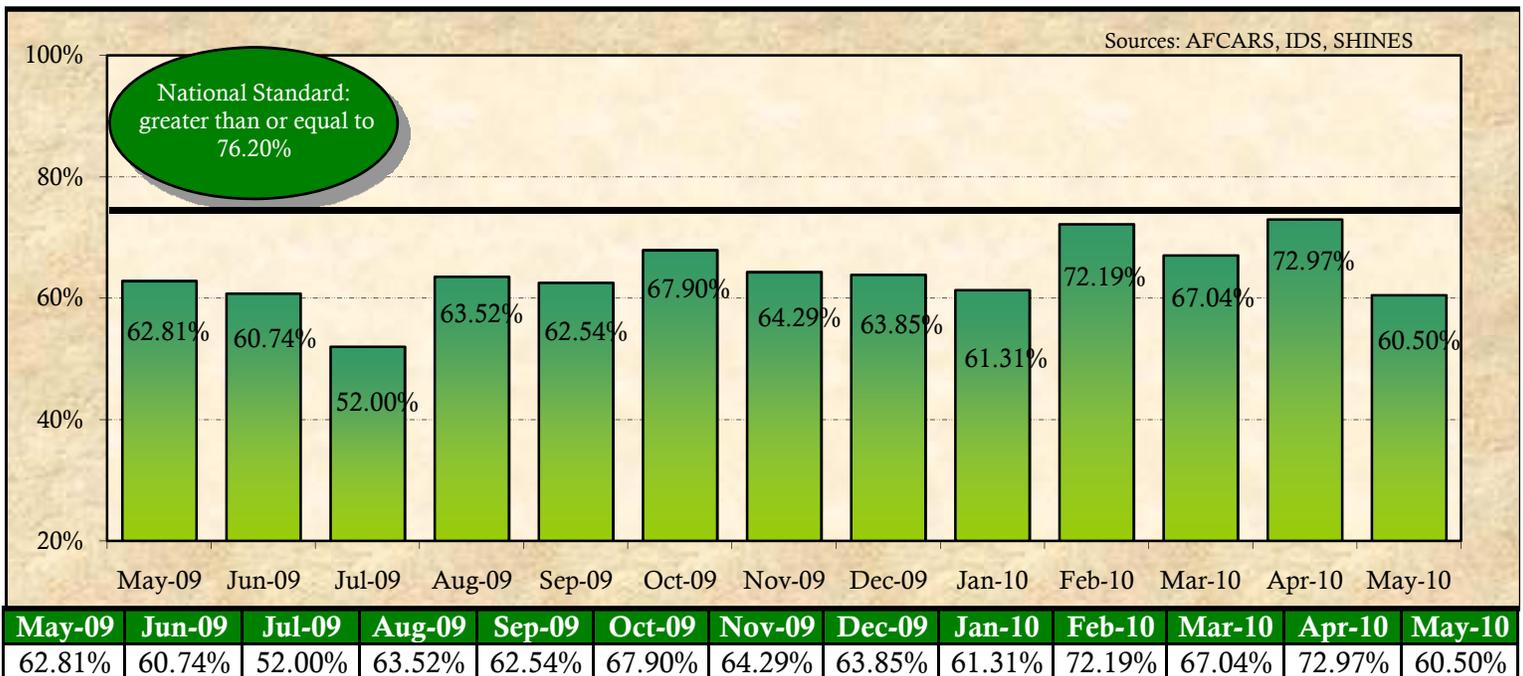
**Figure 6: Foster Care Re-Entry Rate May 2009 - May 2010**

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.



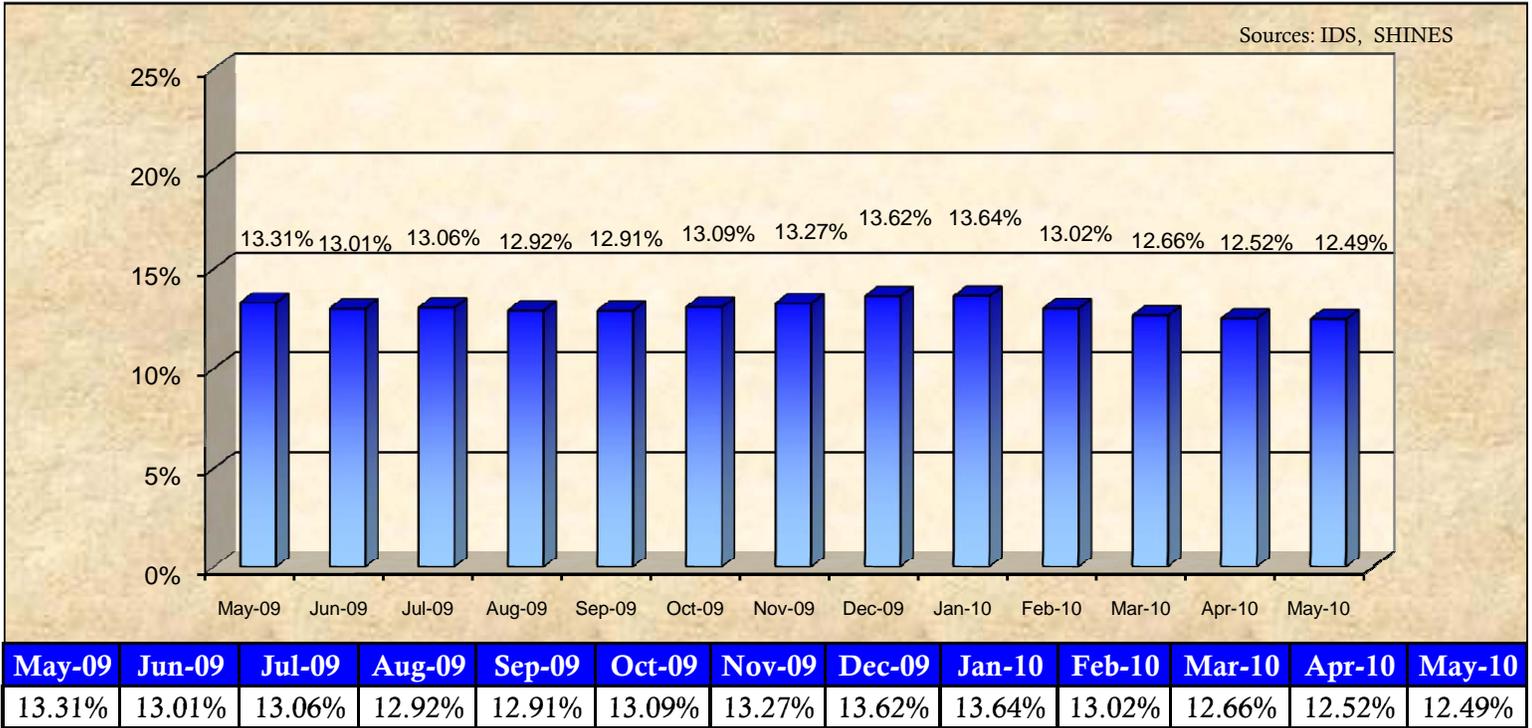
**Figure 7: Length of Time to Achieve Reunification May 2009 - May 2010**

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**Figure 8: Percent of Children Placed with Relatives May 2009 – May 2010**

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**Figure 9: Number of Finalized Adoptions May 2009 – May 2010**

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

