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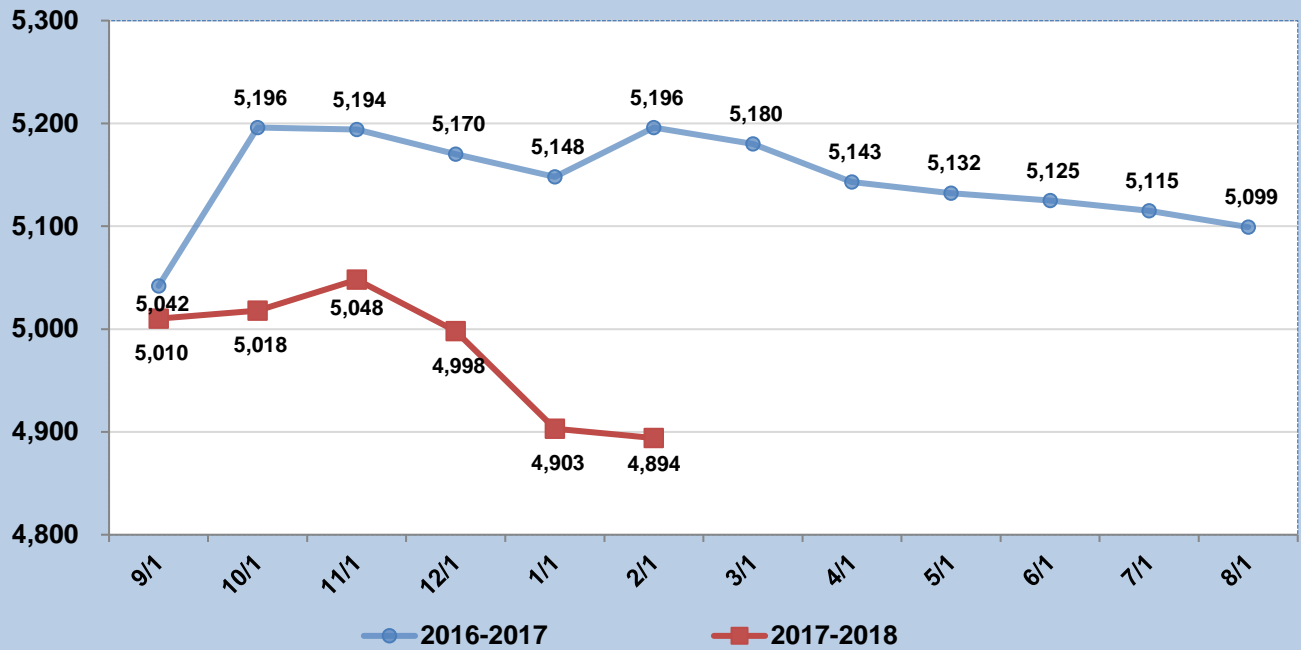
Monthly Progress Charts

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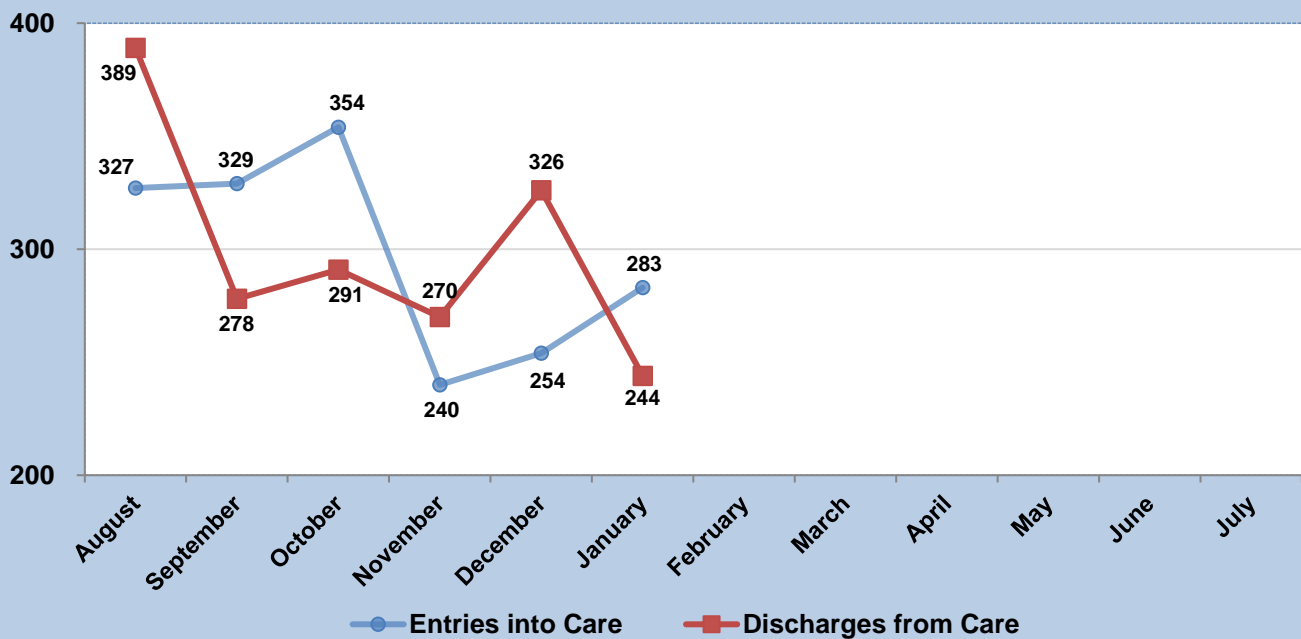
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Children in Foster Care, Statewide



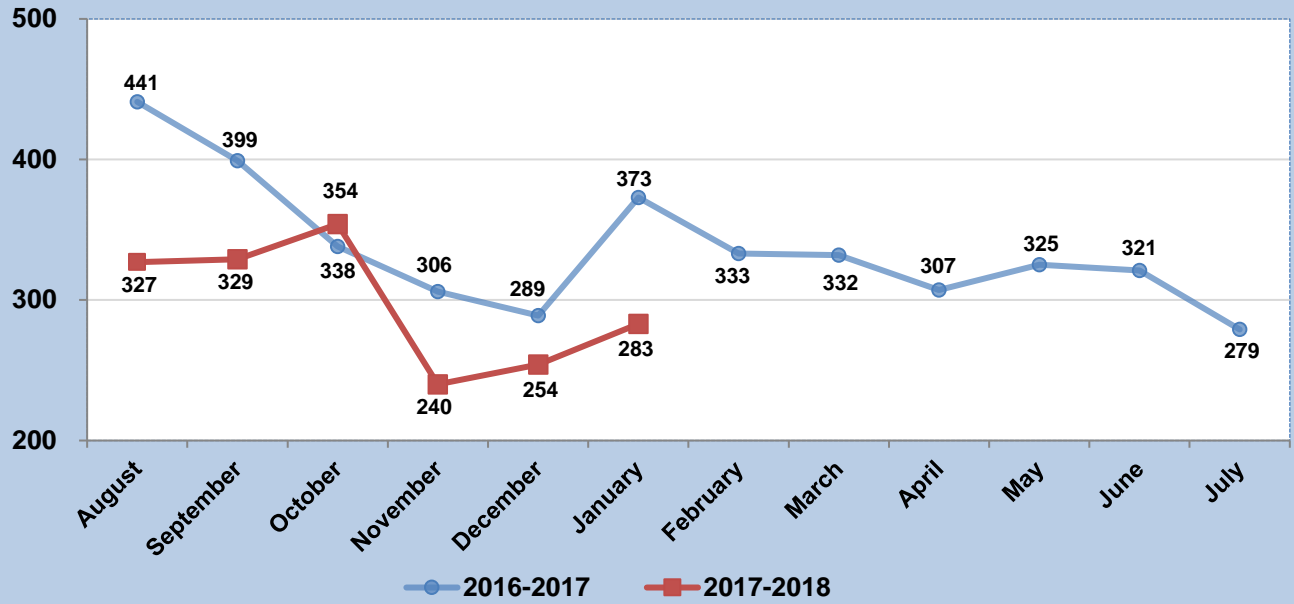
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Entries into and Discharges from Foster Care, Statewide



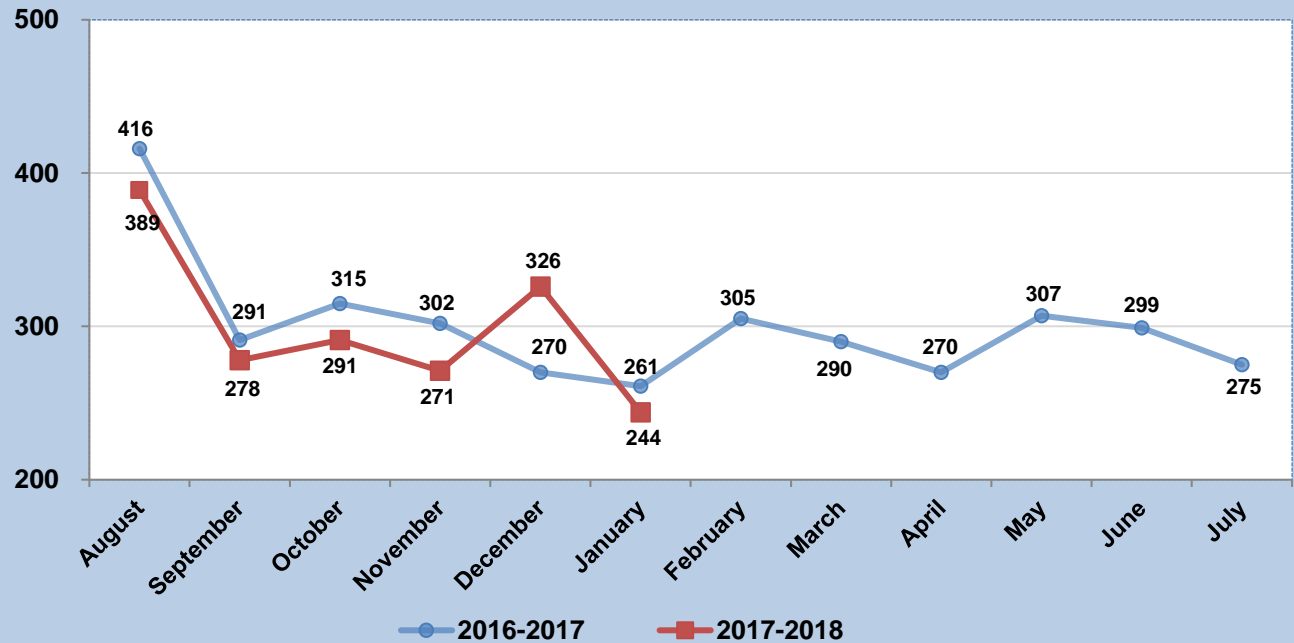
*The chart above displays the total number of entries into and discharges from foster care during each month, from August 2017 through July 2018.

Entries into Foster Care, Statewide



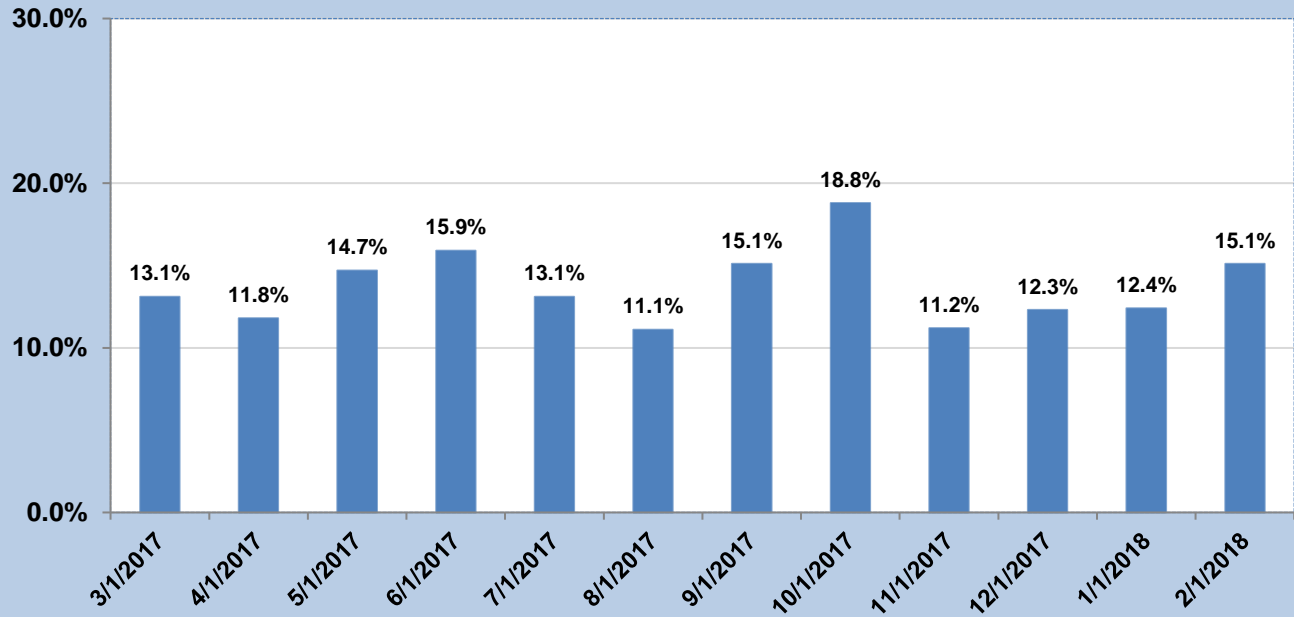
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Discharges from Foster Care, Statewide



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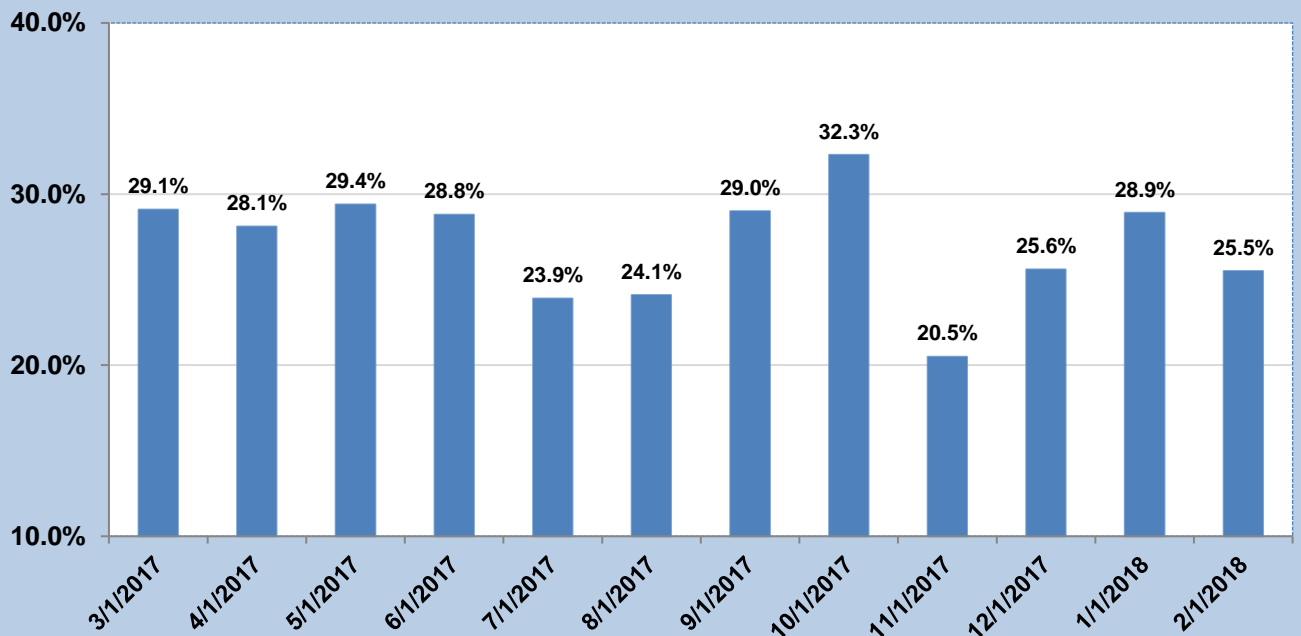
Children who Reunified within Six Months, Statewide



*The chart above represents the percentage of children who had entered foster care during the month concluding one year prior and returned home within six months.

**This measure excludes children who left care within seven days of entering.*

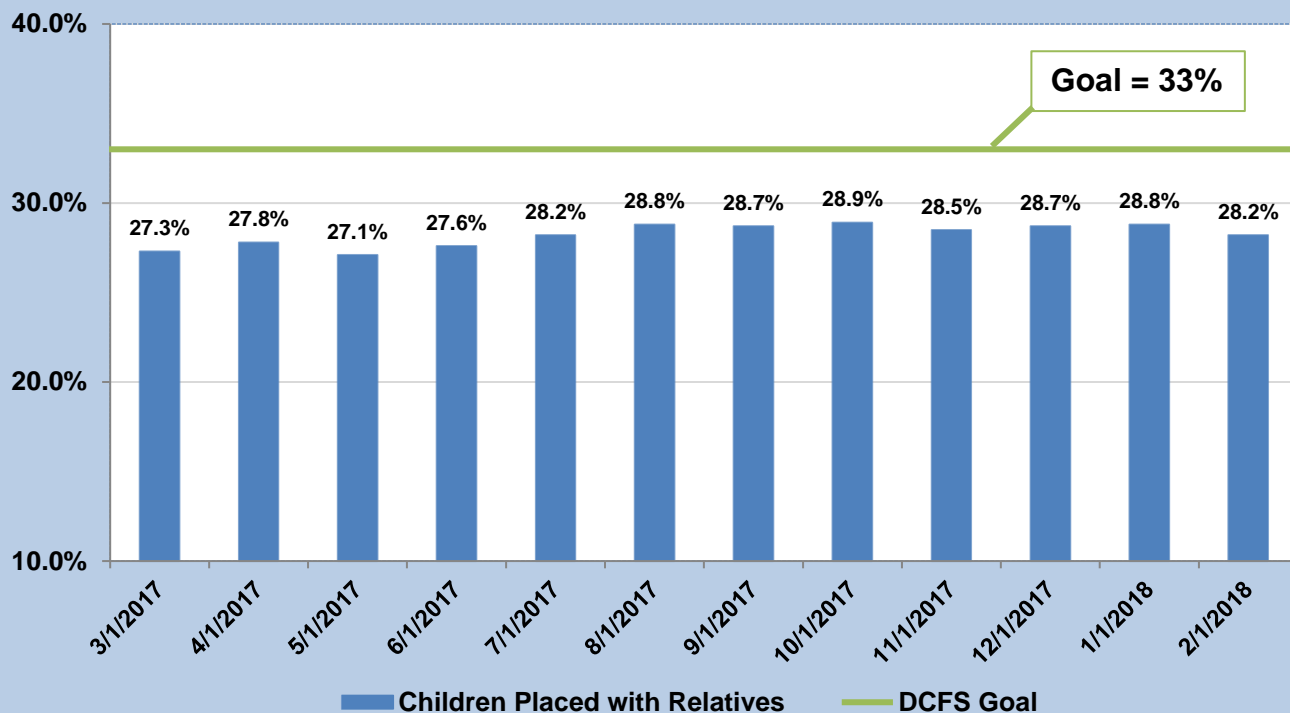
Children who Reunified within 12 Months, Statewide



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Children Placed with Relatives, Statewide

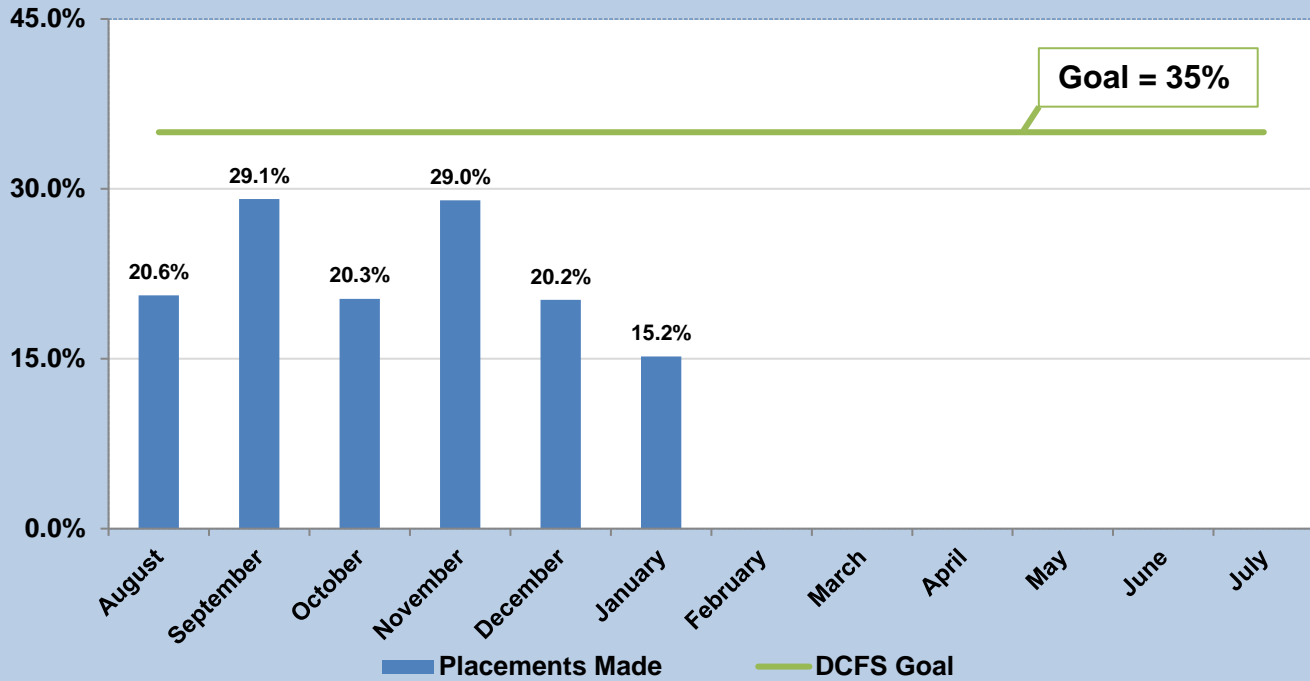


*The chart above represents the percentage of children residing with relatives at the beginning of each month.

**Children are considered to be residing with relatives if they are placed in a provisional relative or provisional fictive kin home, relative or fictive kin foster family home, relative pre-adoptive home, ICPC home, or temporary family placement.*

*The Divison's goal is for 33 percent of children in foster care to be placed with relatives by August 2018.

Provisional Placements Made on Same Day as Removal, Statewide



*The chart above displays the percentage of provisional placements made during each month that occurred on the same day as the child's removal, from August 2017 through July 2018.

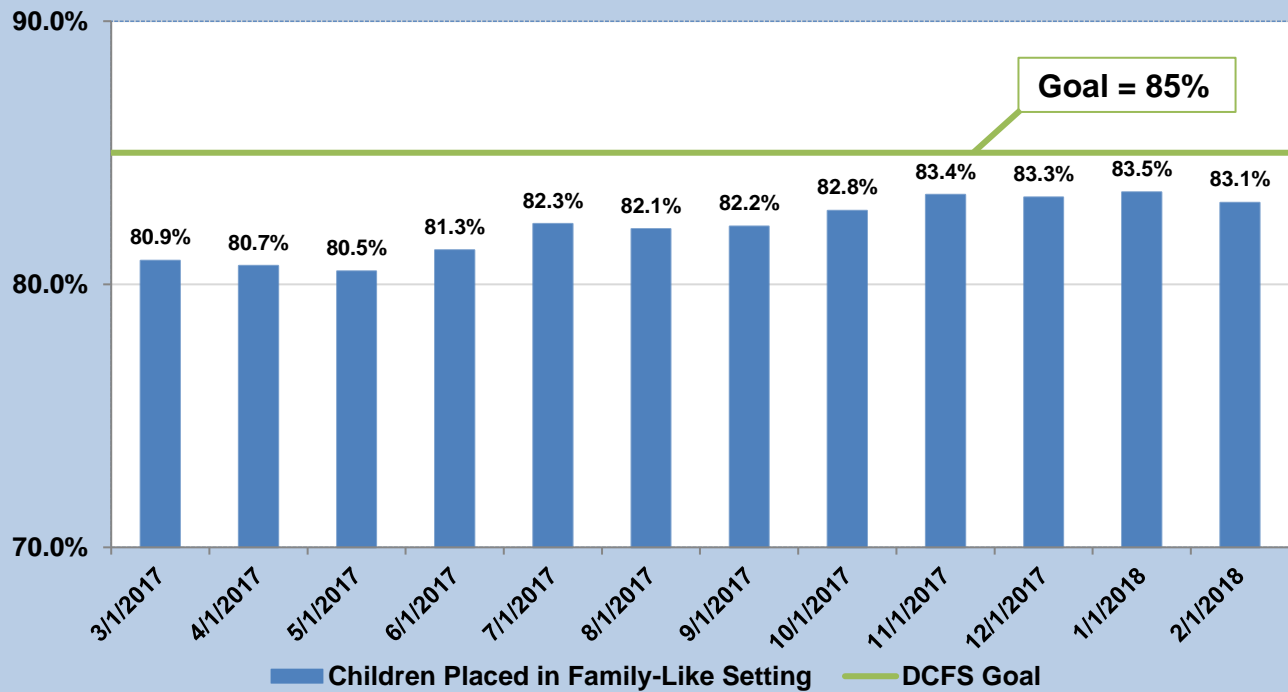
*The Division's goal is for 35 percent of the provisional placements made each month to be made on the same day that the child is removed.

**NOTE: This does not represent the percentage of all entries into foster care during the month where the child was placed into a provisional placement on the same day; instead, it measures the percentage of provisional placements that occurred on the same day as the child's entry into care.*

Number of Children who Entered a Provisional Setting During the Month, Statewide

Days from Entry into Care until Provisional Placement	Number	Percentage
0 days	17	15%
1 to 3 days	24	21%
4 to 7 days	7	6%
7+ days	64	57%
Total	112	100%

Children Placed in Family-Like Setting, Statewide

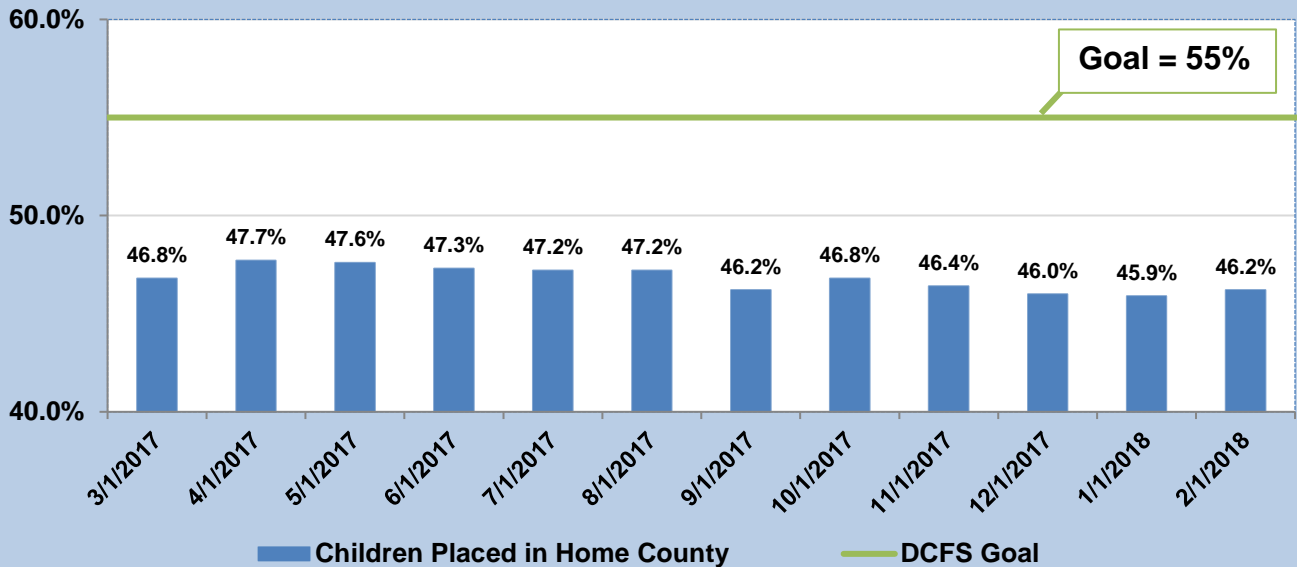


*The chart above represents the percentage of children in a family-like setting at the beginning of each month.

**Family-Like Settings include both family-like homes (e.g., foster family homes, relative placements, pre-adoptive homes, therapeutic foster homes) as well as family-like residential facilities (i.e., home-like residential settings with live-in house parents).*

*The Division's goal is for 85 percent of the children in foster care to reside in a family-like setting by August 2018.

Children Placed in Home County, Statewide

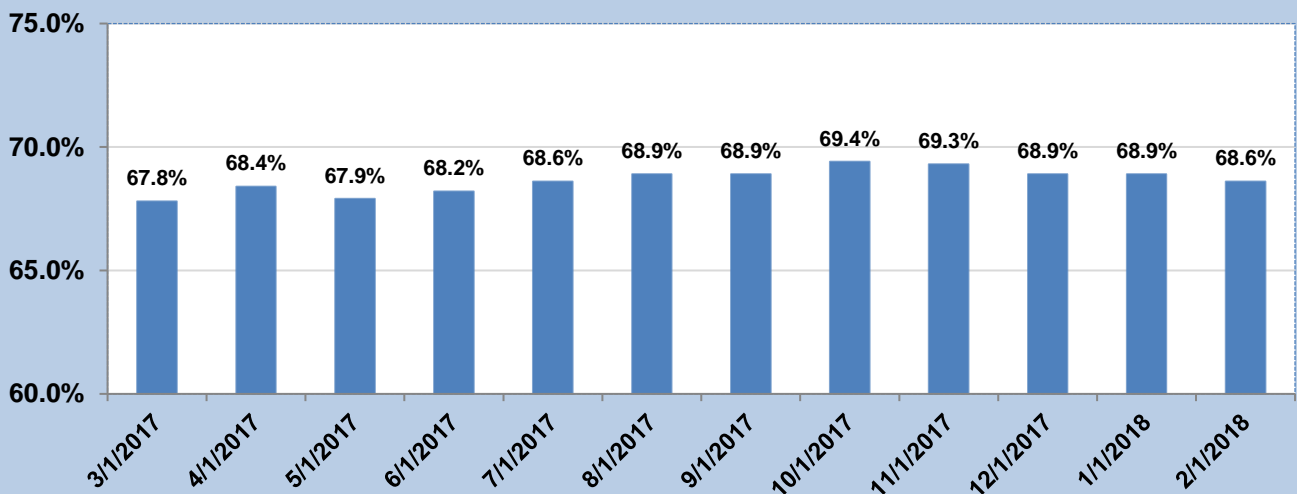


*The chart above represents the percentage of children placed in their home county (i.e., the county from which they were removed) at the beginning of each month.

**This measure excludes foster children ages 18 and older; those residing in DYS placements and detention facilities; and those residing in acute/sub-acute facilities, hospitals, sexual rehabilitation programs, and pre-adoptive homes.*

*The Division's goal is for 55 percent of children in foster care to reside in a placement setting within their home county by August 2018.

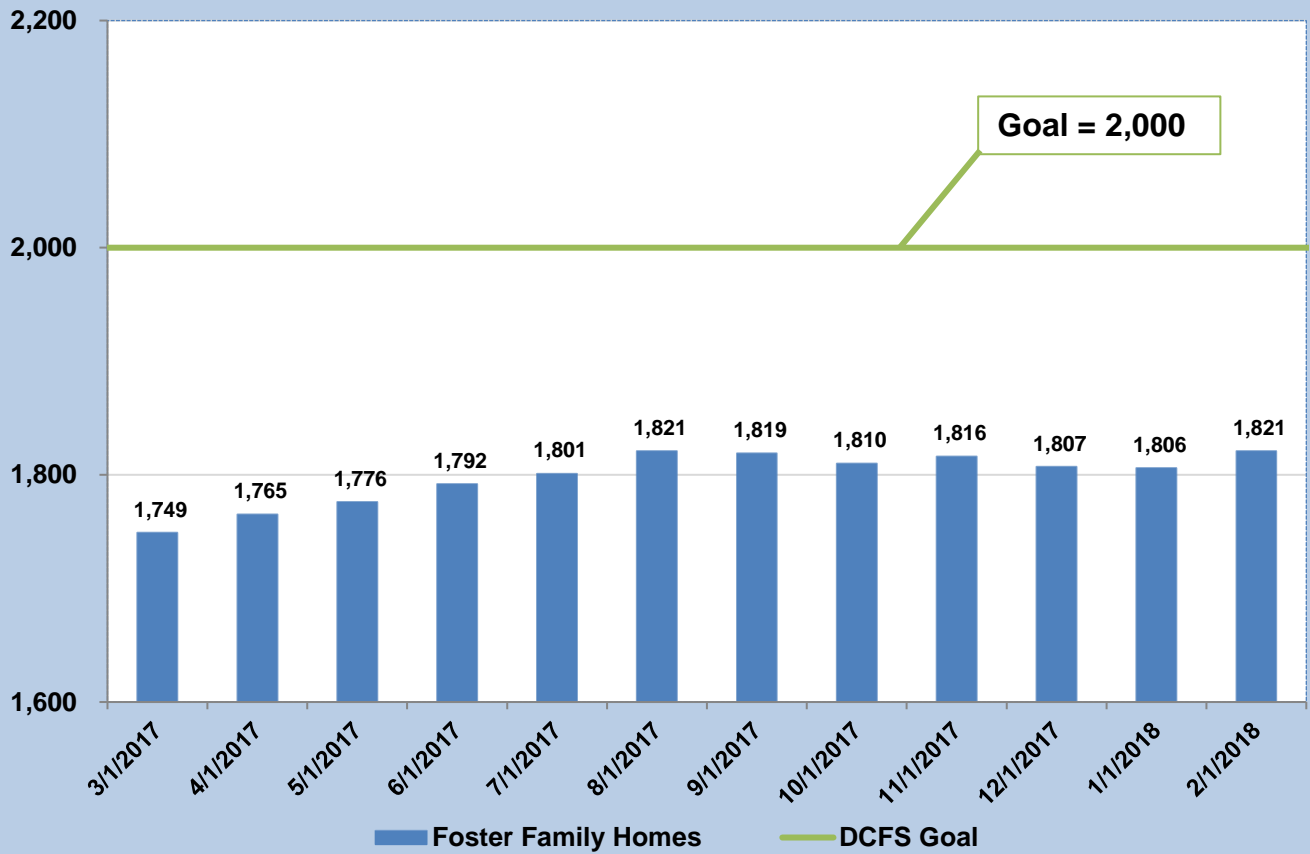
Children Placed in Home or Neighboring County, Statewide



*The chart above represents the percentage of children placed in their home county or a neighboring county (i.e., a county that borders the child's home county) at the beginning of each month.

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Foster Family Homes, Statewide



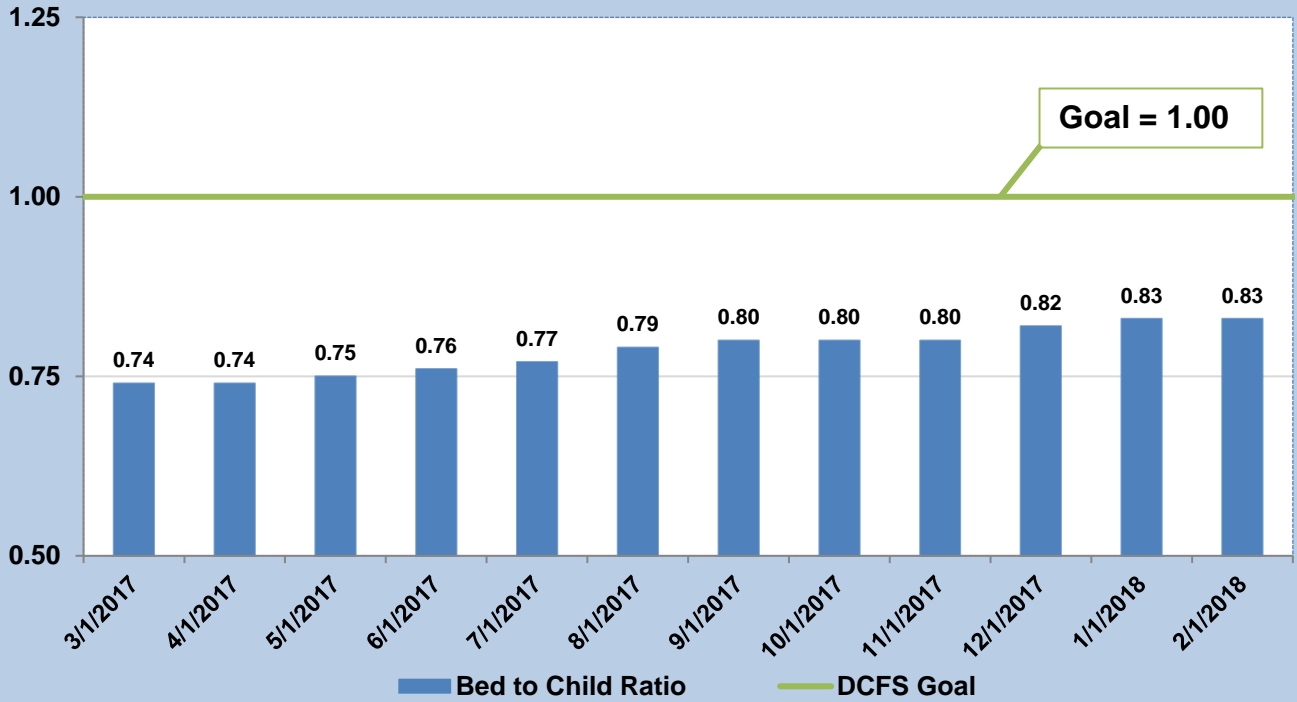
*The chart above represents the number of approved foster homes at the beginning of each month.

*The Division's goal is to have 2,000 foster homes by August 2018.

Foster Homes Recruited by Source During the Month, Statewide

Recruitment Source	Number	Percentage
ARCCC/DCFS	44	54%
The CALL	34	41%
Christians 4 Kids	2	2%
Private Agency Foster Home	1	1%
Out of State	1	1%
ABCH / Get Connected	0	0%
Total	82	100%

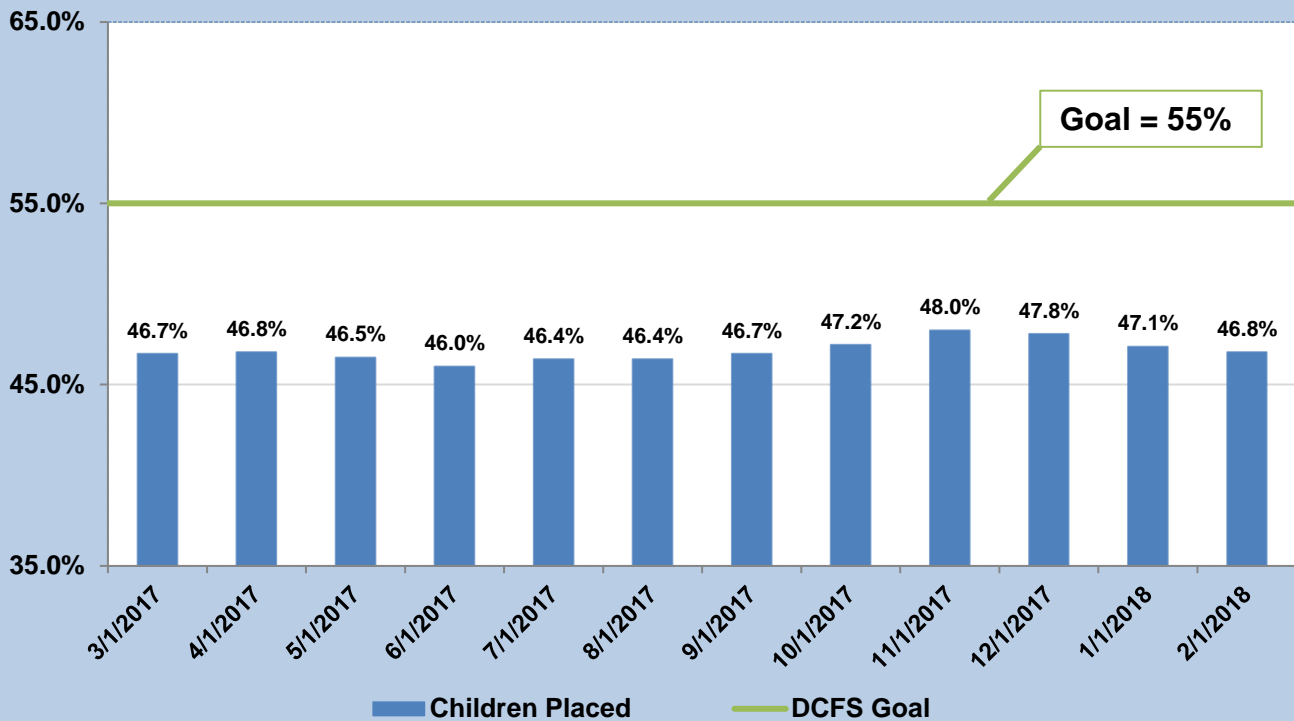
Ratio of Foster Home Beds to Children in Foster Care, Statewide



*The chart above represents the ratio of foster home beds to children in care at the beginning of each month.

*The Division's goal is to have at least one foster home bed available for each child in foster care by August 2018.

Recruitment of Foster Homes Children Ages 6 to 17 Placed in Foster Homes, Statewide

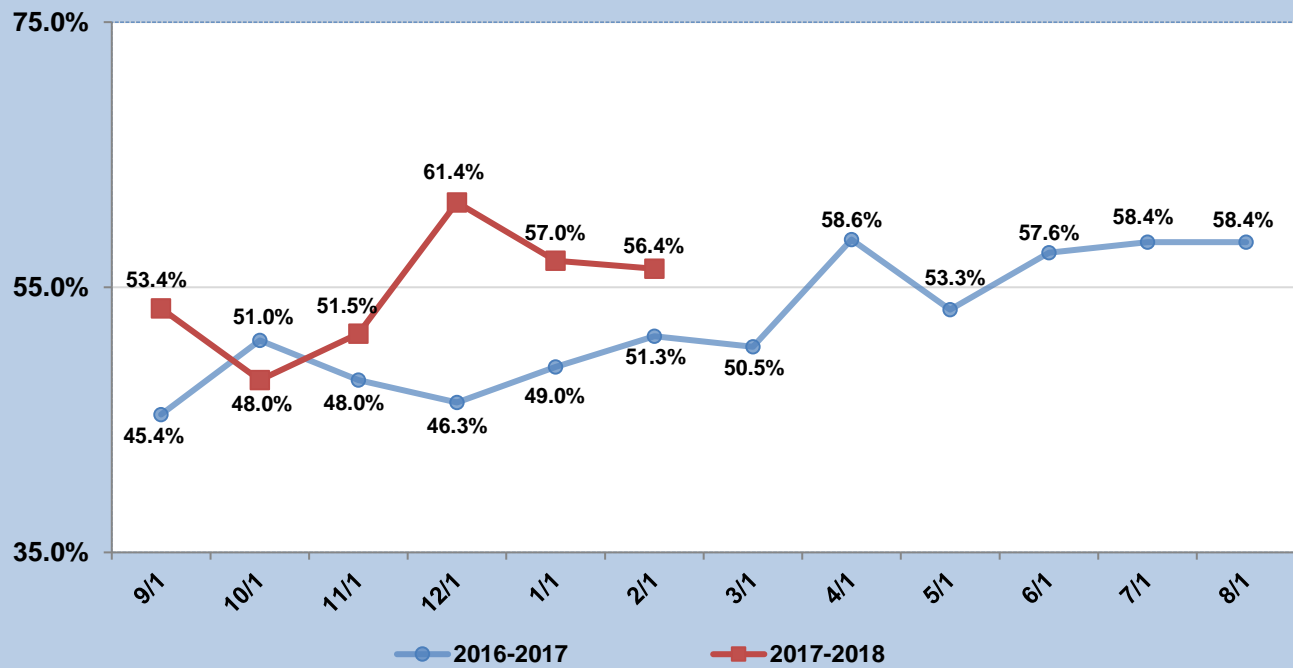


*The chart above represents the percentage of children ages 6 to 17 who were placed in a foster home or provisional placement at the beginning of each month.

*For this measure, "Foster Homes" includes Private Agency Foster Family Homes, Relative Foster Family Homes, Fictive Kin Foster Family Homes, Provisional (Relative), and Provisional (Fictive Kin).

*The Division's goal is for 55 percent of children ages 6 to 17 to be placed in a foster home or provisional placement by August 2018.

Children who Experience Placement Stability within 60 Days, Statewide

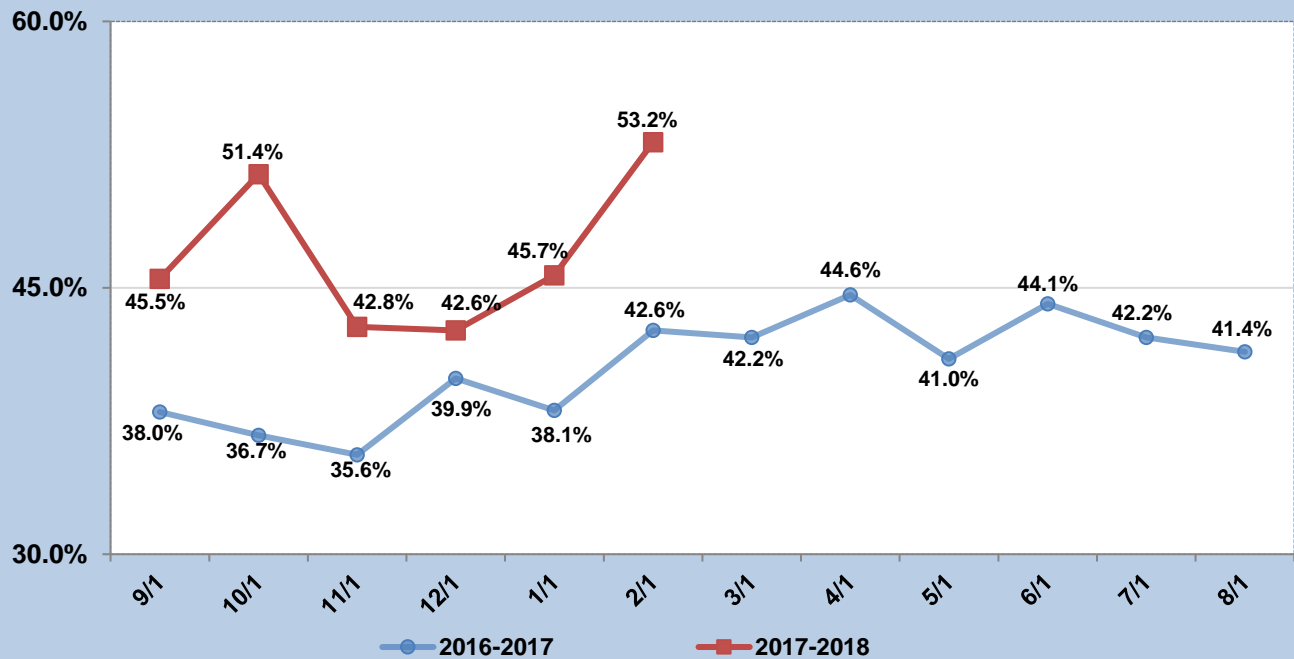


*The blue line above represents the percentage of children who had experienced a single placement setting during the initial 60 days after entering care during the month, from September 2016 through August 2017; the red line represents the same from September 2017 through August 2018.

**This measure does not consider a placement move to a relative/fictive kin setting subsequent to a child's initial placement setting upon entering care to be an additional placement, though placements occurring after a subsequent relative/fictive kin placement are still considered to be an additional placement.*

**This measure only considers children who stayed in care for at least 60 day after entering.*

Children who Experience Placement Stability within 120 Days, Statewide

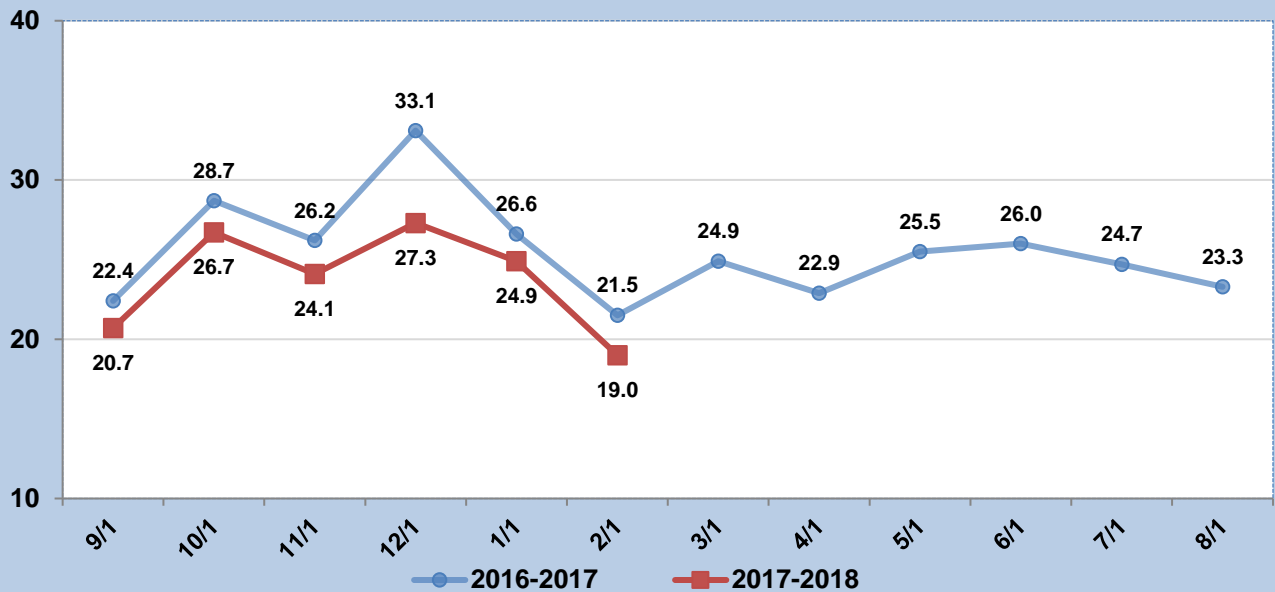


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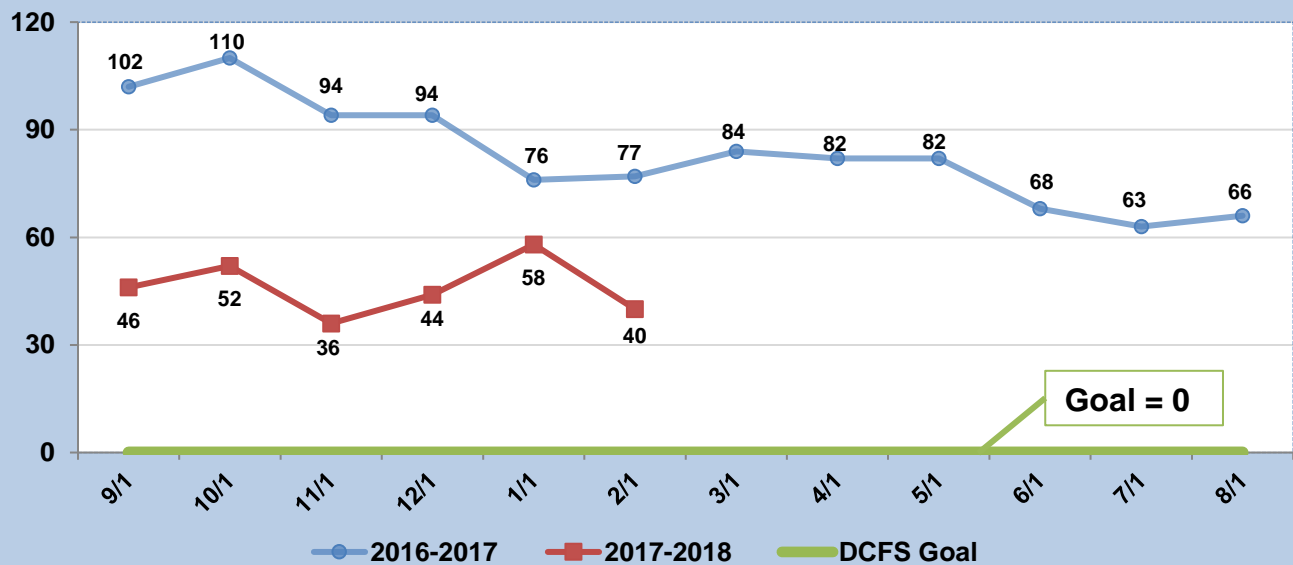
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Average Number of Days in Emergency Shelter, Statewide



*The blue line above represents the average number of consecutive days that were spent in an emergency shelter among children residing in a shelter at the beginning of each month from September 2016 through August 2017; the red line represents the same from September 2017 through August 2018.

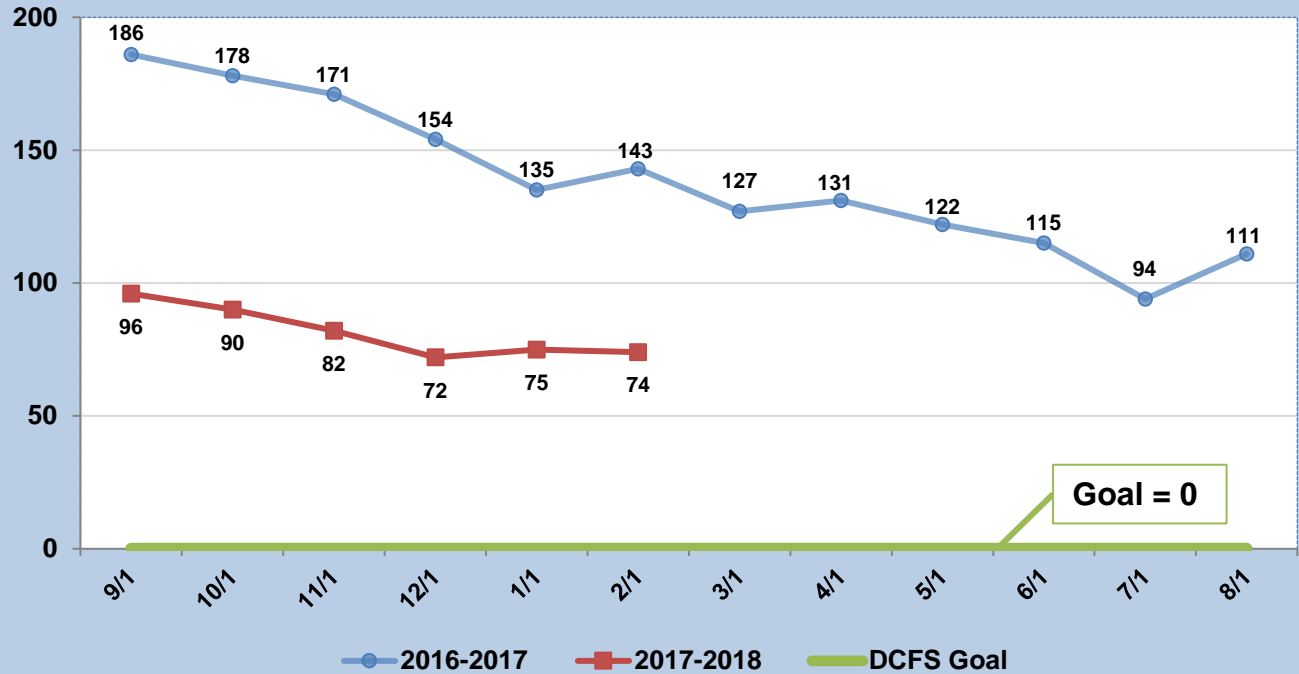
Children in Emergency Shelter for Longer than 10 Days, Statewide



*The blue line above represents the number of children residing in an emergency shelter for longer than 10 consecutive days at the beginning of each month from September 2016 through August 2017; the red line represents the same from September 2017 through August 2018.

*The Division's goal is to completely eliminate the utilization of emergency shelters for children in foster care, with the exception of short-term stays (i.e., 10 days or less) by August 2018.

Children (Ages 12 and Younger) Placed in Congregate Care, Statewide

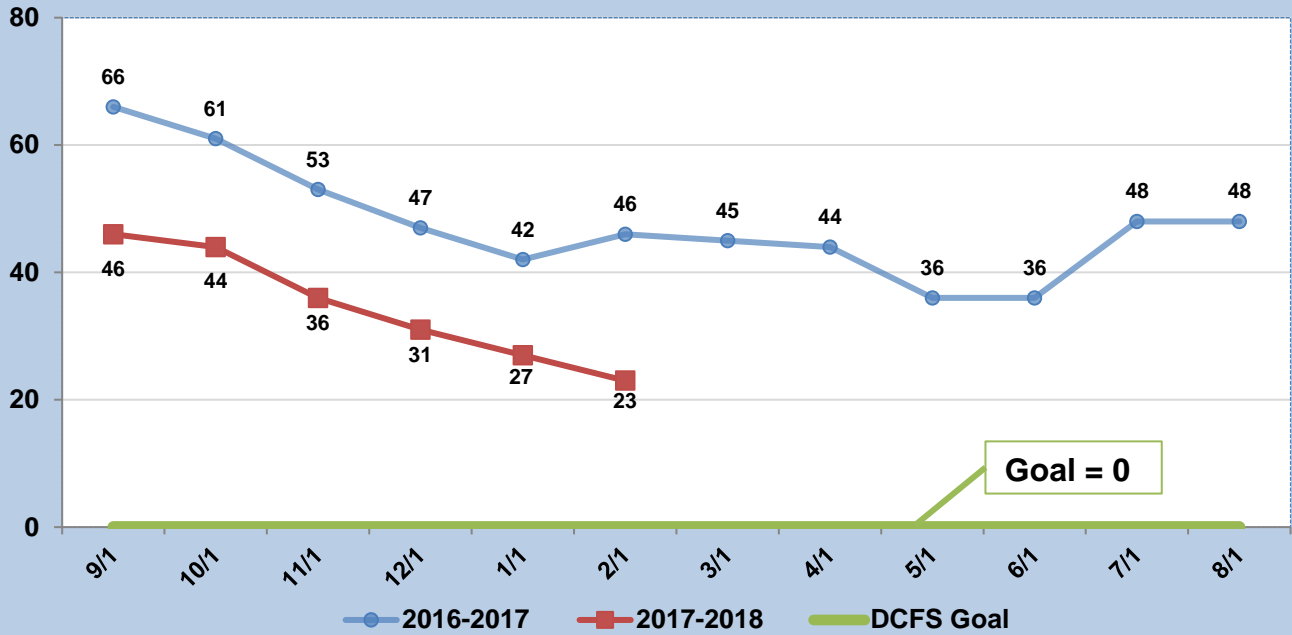


*The blue line above represents the number of children ages 12 and younger placed in congregate care at the beginning of each month, from September 2016 through August 2017; the red line represents the same from September 2017 through August 2018.

*For this measure, "Congregate Care" includes the following placement types: Residential Treatment Care, Residential Care Only, and Emergency Shelter.

*The Division's goal is to completely eliminate its utilization of congregate care for foster children ages 12 and younger by August 2018.

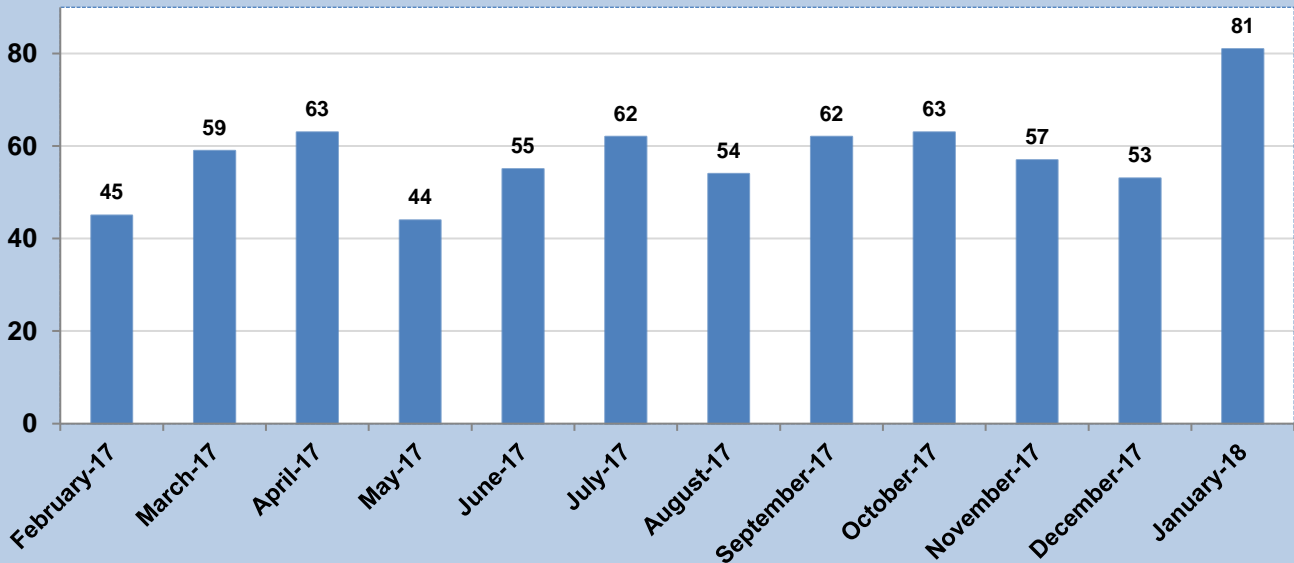
Children in Acute/Sub-Acute Facilities for Longer than 30 Days on Contract, Statewide



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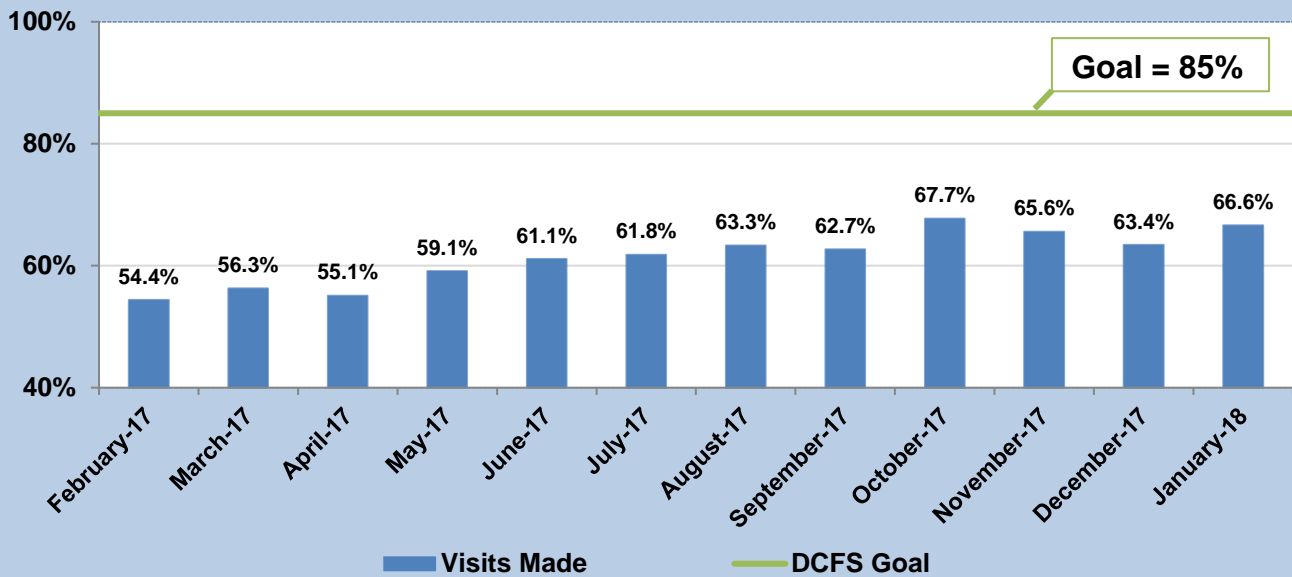
*The Division's goal is to eliminate the long-term utilization of acute/sub-acute facilities for foster children whose placement there is not deemed to be medically necessary by Medicaid (and must thus be paid for via DCFS contract) by August 2018.

Entries into Acute Care, Statewide



*The chart above represents the entries into an acute facility by children in foster care each month.

In-Home Monthly Visits, Statewide

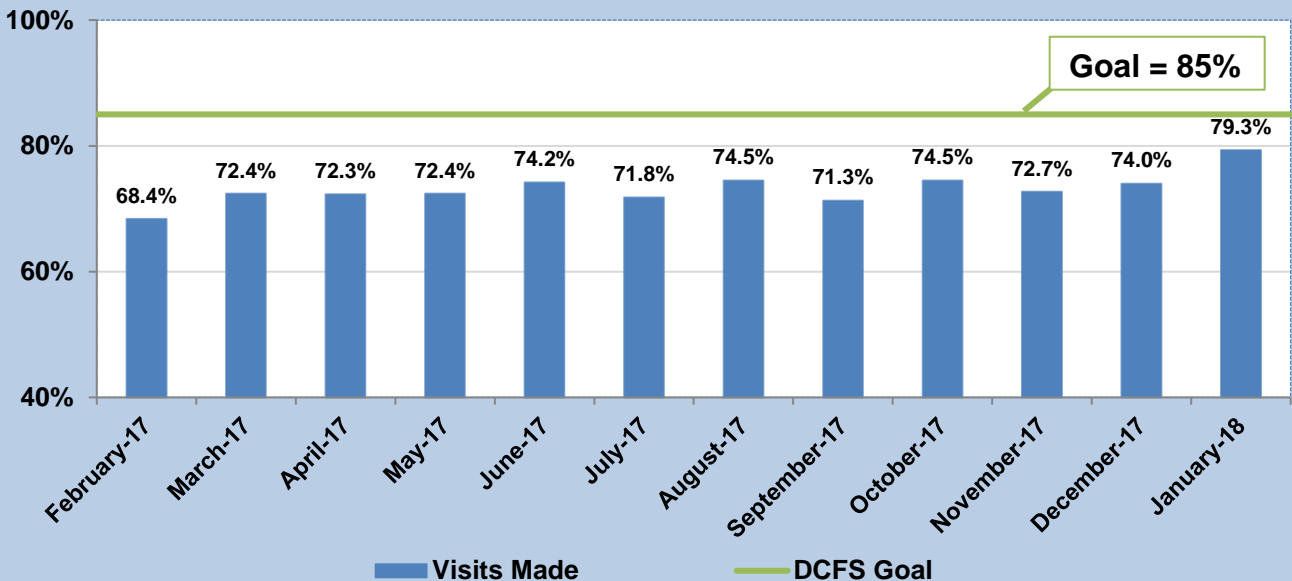


*The chart above represents the percentage of required visits made by family service workers to see in-home families during the month.

*The Division's goal is to complete 85 percent of its required visits each month.

*Source: *DCFS Monthly Compliance Outcome Report (COR)*

Foster Care Monthly Visits, Statewide

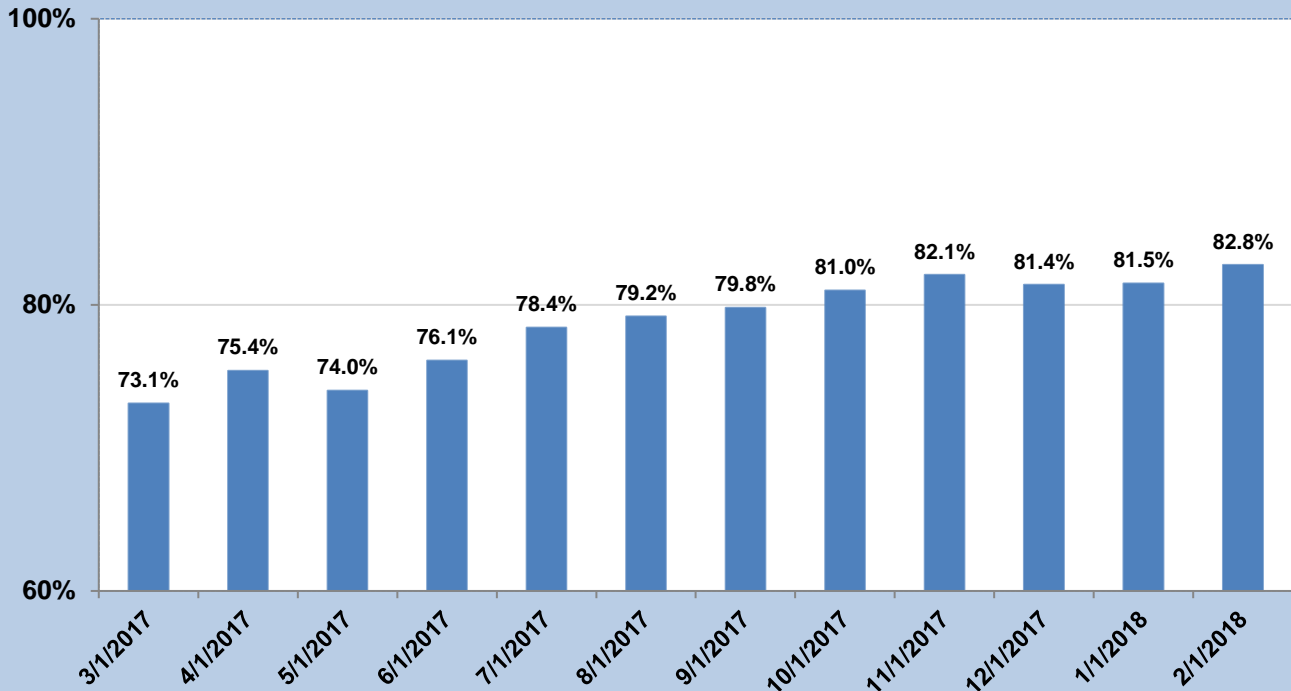


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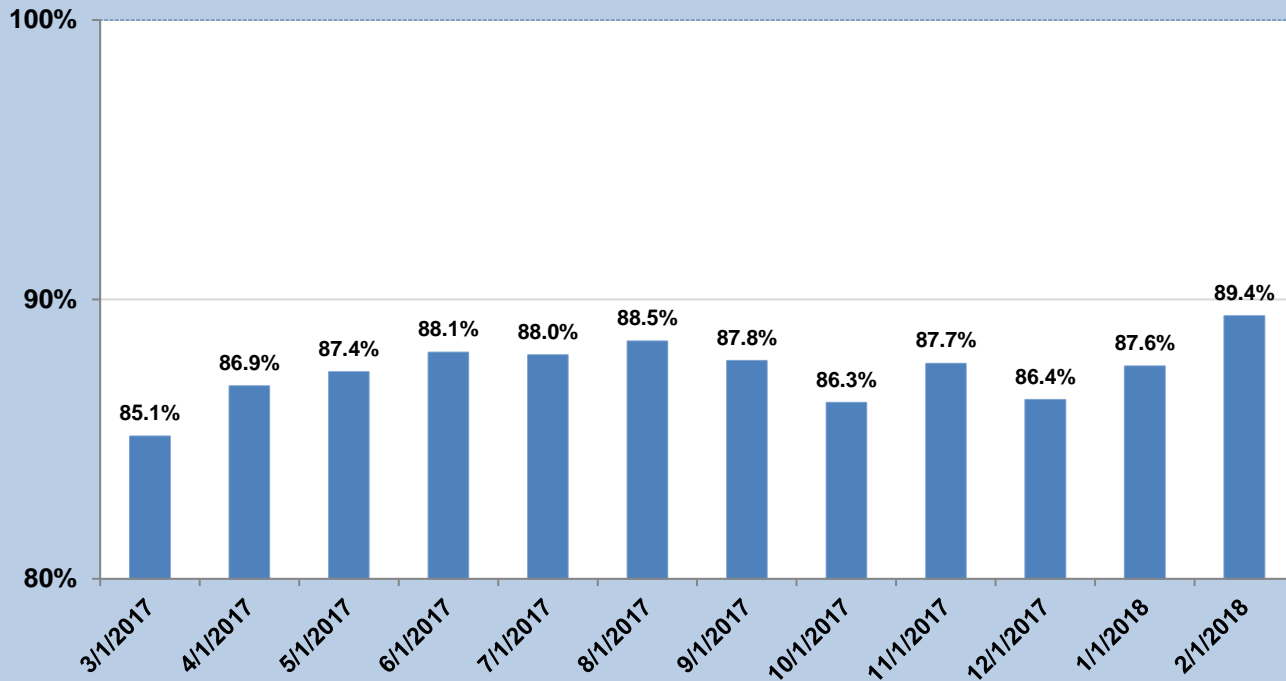
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In-Home Families who Received Visit in Last 60 Days, Statewide



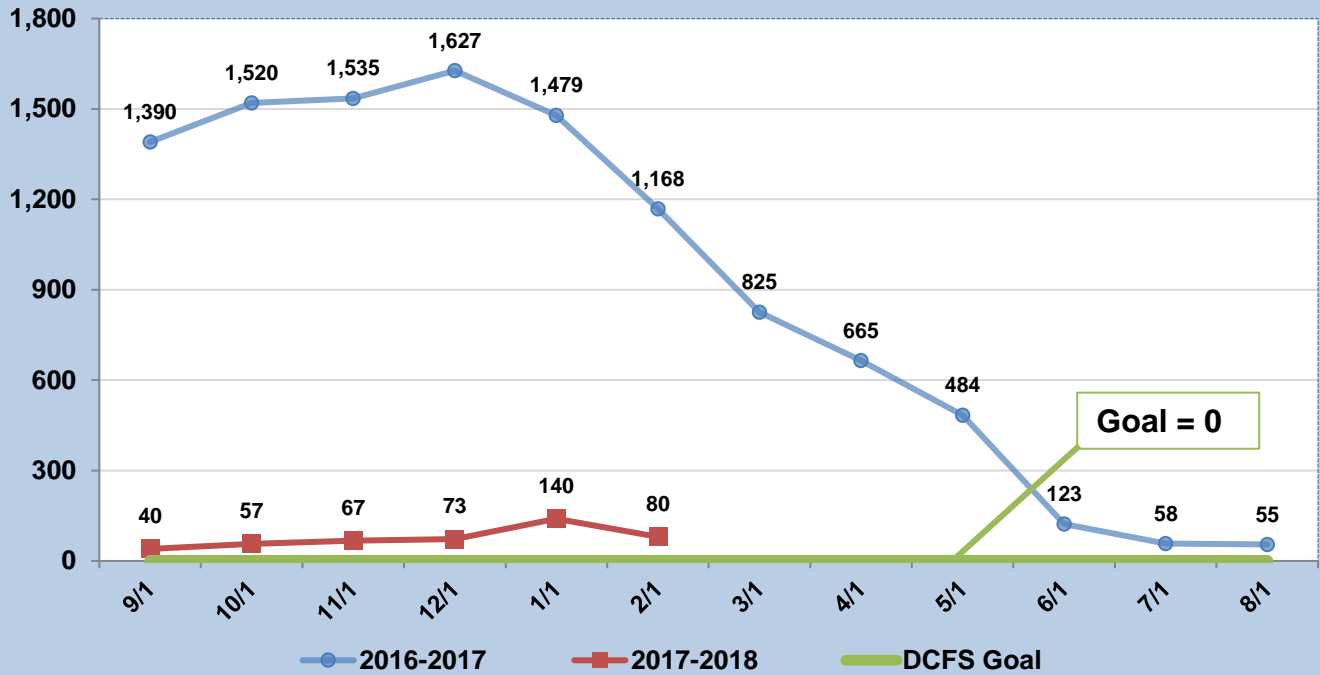
*The chart above represents the percentage of in-home families who had received a visit from a family service worker at some point in the previous 60 days as of the beginning of each month.

Children in Foster Care who Received Visit in Last 60 Days, Statewide



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Overdue Investigations, Statewide

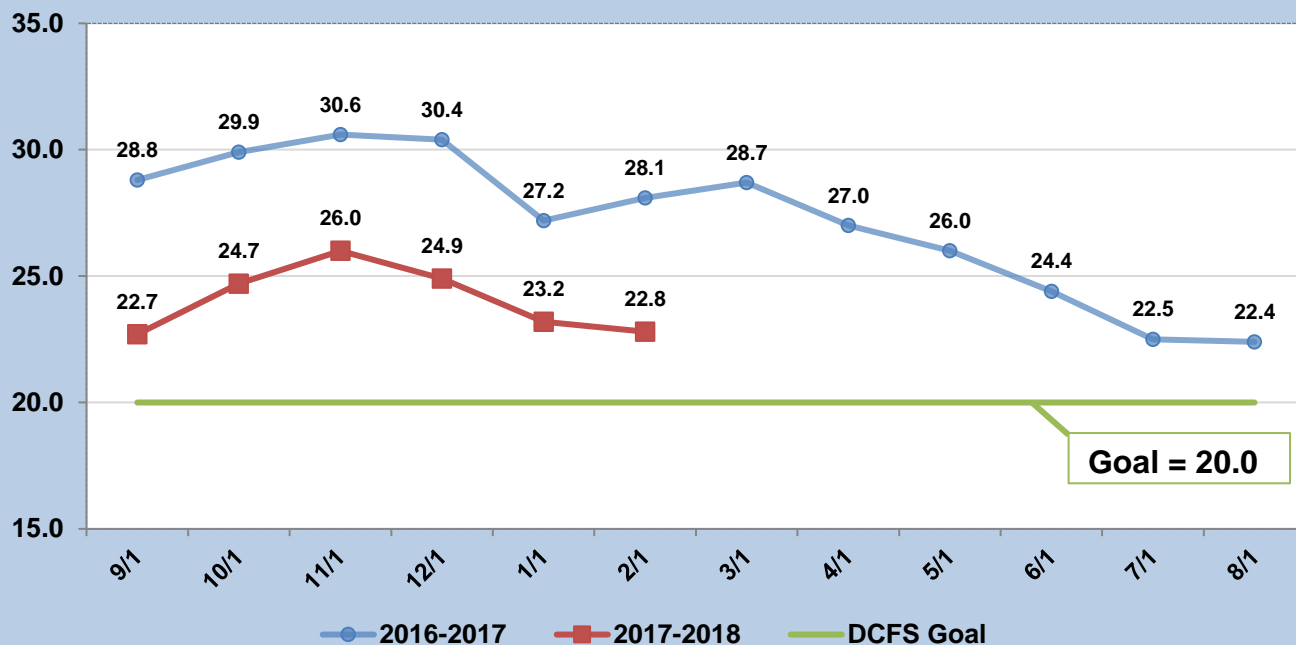


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*An investigation that is overdue does not mean that the investigation is being ignored or is not being actively worked; rather, it signifies that the investigation has not yet been fully completed and approved within the required timeframe.

*Source: *DCFS Monthly Caseload Reports*

Average Family Service Worker Caseload, Statewide



*The blue line above represents the average family service worker caseload at the beginning of each month from September 2016 through August 2017; the red line represents the same from September 2017 through August 2018.

*Source: *DCFS Monthly Caseload Reports*