DCFS Data Book

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Introduction

The purpose of the Data Book is to provide key data measures that reflect the operations of the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) within the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services.

All information contained in this Data Book is extracted from relevant databases on the 10th of each month, unless otherwise noted. Efforts are made to ensure that the data is accurate and relevant. Please note that the data is dynamic and changes regularly. Different run dates will result in different totals. Questions regarding the data contained herein, or suggestions for additional data to be included may be directed to DCFS Help Desk at dcfshelpdesk@dcfs.nv.gov .

More detailed descriptions of DCFS performance and programs are posted on the Division's website at http://www.dcfs.state.nv.us.

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DCFS Overview

The State of Nevada's Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) provides a wide range of services for the children, youth, and families in Nevada. Program Areas include Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, Children's Mental/Behavioral Health Services, Administration and Support Services, and direct services as well as oversight for programs administered at the county and local levels.

Child Welfare Services	***Juvenile Justice Services***	***Mental and Behavioral Health Services***	***Administrative and Support Services***
Child Protective Services	Youth Alternative Placement	Inpatient Treatment Services	Grant Management and Fiscal Administration
Intensive Family Services	Juvenile Correctional Care	Residential Care Including Family Learning Homes	Federal Reporting on Child Welfare and Services
Foster Care Licensing	Academic/Vocational Training	Acute Residential Treatment Center	Personnel and Payroll
Foster Care Placements	Youth Parole – Supervision and Services	Adolescent Residential Treatment Center	Fiscal Services
Child Abuse and Neglect Registry	Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ)	Early Childhood Services	Contracts Administratior
Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children	Grant Administration	Outpatient Treatment Services	Eligibility Determination For Federal Programs to Youth
Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Administration	Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act Compliance	Intensive Care Coordination Services	Domestic Violence Victims Assistance
Services to Foster Youth Transitioning to Adulthood		Consortium	Systems Advocate Office
Adoption Placement		Training	Compliance and Oversight for Various Programs Information Management Services

Child Welfare Services

Child Welfare includes direct child protective services, foster care, adoption and independent living services, foster care licensing in 15 rural Nevada counties, statewide oversight for child welfare (including the two urban county child welfare agencies), and oversight of the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children.

Nevada uses a state-supervised and county-administered structure for the management of child welfare services. DCFS, under the umbrella of the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), provides oversight to child welfare and direct child welfare services. The organizational structure of DCFS and program delivery of child welfare services are influenced by the state size and concentration of county population. In counties with a population of 100,000 or more, the county provides all child welfare services.

Clark County Department of Family Services (CCDFS) and Washoe County Human Services Agency (WCHSA) provide child welfare services directly to all children and families located in those counties. DCFS provides child welfare services to the remaining 15 counties in the state through its Rural Region offices as well as oversight of services in Clark and Washoe counties.

Intake is the first stage of the child protective services (CPS) process and is one of the most important decision-making points in the child protection system. It is the point at which reports of suspected child abuse and neglect are received. Information gathered by caseworkers is used to make decisions regarding safety and the type of CPS response required. The first part of the CPS process is a referral from an outside source and the Child Welfare Agency's response.

Monthly CPS Referrals Received

State Fiscal Year	Statewide				Clark				Washoe				Rural			
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019
July	2,378	2,191	2,470	2,526	1,624	1,563	1,849	1,900	479	381	354	369	275	247	267	257
Aug	2,499	2,646	3,152	3,293	1,654	1,776	2,330	2,445	529	522	531	488	316	348	291	360
Sept	2,995	3,014	3,261	3,342	2,072	2,132	2,368	2,495	542	498	506	478	381	384	387	369
Oct	2,956	3,112	3,423	3,619	2,103	2,338	2,589	2,766	475	456	476	453	378	318	358	400
Nov	2,401	2,684	3,204		1,662	1,912	2,346		435	456	510		304	316	348	
Dec	2,553	2,548	3,018		1,713	1,797	2,325		469	436	407		371	315	286	
Jan	2,642	2,808	3,082		1,842	2,121	2,337		471	384	391		329	303	354	
Feb	2,866	3,035	3,330		1,978	2,196	2,464		535	479	500		353	360	366	
Mar	3,020	3,367	3,607		2,094	2,494	2,695		473	478	533		453	395	379	
Apr	3,146	3,031	3,414		2,240	2,177	2,571		531	484	446		375	370	397	
May	3,205	3,580	3,490		2,241	2,641	2,484		592	558	561		372	381	445	
Jun	2,313	2,612	2,499		1,660	1,893	1,827		405	422	406		248	297	266	
TOTAL	**32,974**	**34,628**	**37,950**	**12,780**	**22,883**	**25,040**	**28,185**	**9,606**	**5,936**	**5,554**	**5,621**	**1,788**	**4,155**	**4,034**	**4,144**	**1,386**
% change from Previous Year	+ 7.9%	+ 5%	+ 9.6%		+ 8.6%	+ 9.4%	+ 12.6%		+ 4.5%	- 6.4%	+ 1.2%		+ 9.3%	- 2.9%	+ 2.7%	

Source: UNITY Database – CFS 725 Report

Referrals can be one of the following: (1) Information Only, where there is insufficient information about the family or maltreatment of the child, or there are no allegations of child abuse/neglect; (2) Differential Response, when a report is made and there are no allegations of maltreatment, and/or the allegations do not rise to the level of an investigation, but the family could benefit from community service; or (3) a Report if the agency determines that the information constitutes an allegation according to policy; it is assigned for investigation, and a determination of *Substantiated* or *Unsubstantiated* is made.

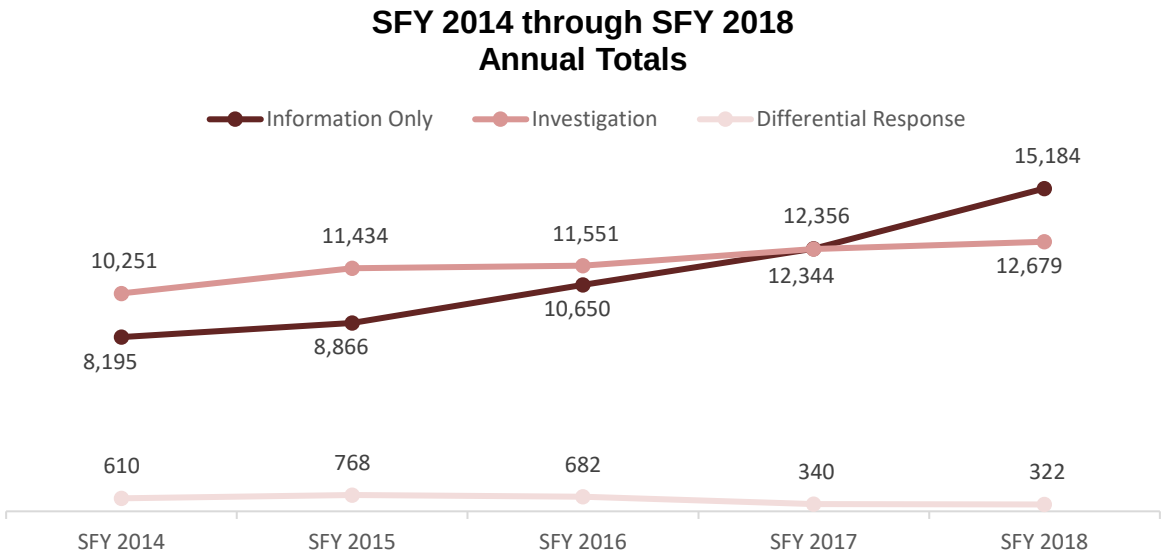
Statewide CPS Referrals Received by Disposition

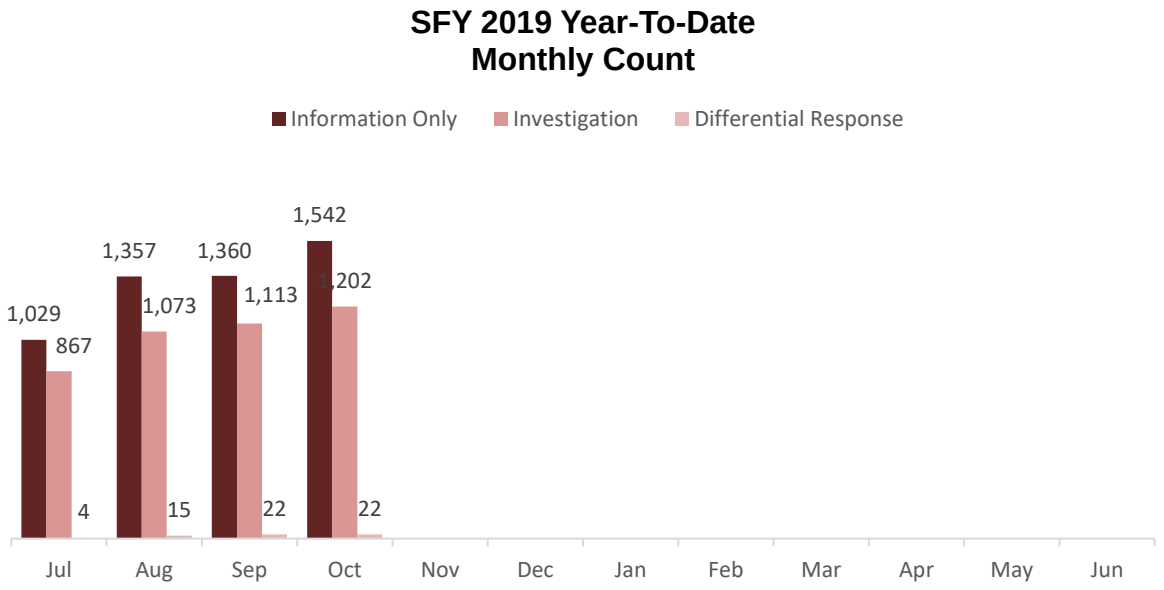
	SFY2015		SFY2016		SFY2017		SFY2018		SFY2019 YTD	
Statewide	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total New Referrals	30,551	100%	32,974	100%	34,628	100%	37,950	100%	12,780	100%
Information Only	14,579	48%	17,036	52%	18,354	53%	21,443	57%	7,312	57%
Differential Response	1,430	5%	1,442	4%	1,067	3%	992	3%	285	2%
Investigations	14,542	48%	14,496	44%	15,207	44%	15,515	41%	5,183	41%
Clark										
Total New Referrals	21,068	100%	22,883	100%	25,040	100%	28,185	100%	9,606	100%
Information Only	8,866	42%	10,650	47%	12,356	49%	15,184	54%	5288	55%
Differential Response	768	4%	682	3%	340	1%	322	1%	63	1%
Investigations	11,434	54%	11,551	50%	12,344	49%	12,679	45%	4255	44%
Washoe										
Total New Referrals	5,680	100%	5,936	100%	5,554	100%	5,621	100%	1,788	100%
Information Only	3,419	60%	3,639	61%	3,379	61%	3,456	61%	1,125	63%
Differential Response	228	4%	252	4%	224	4%	210	4%	48	3%
Investigations	2,033	36%	2,045	34%	1,951	35%	1,955	35%	615	34%
Rural										
Total New Referrals	3,803	100%	4,155	100%	4,034	100%	4,144	100%	1,386	100%
Information Only	2,294	60%	2,747	66%	2,619	65%	2,803	68%	899	65%
Differential Response	434	11%	508	12%	503	12%	460	11%	174	13%
Investigations	1,075	28%	900	22%	912	23%	881	21%	313	23%

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

Source: UNITY Database - CFS 725 Report

Clark County CPS Referrals Received by Disposition





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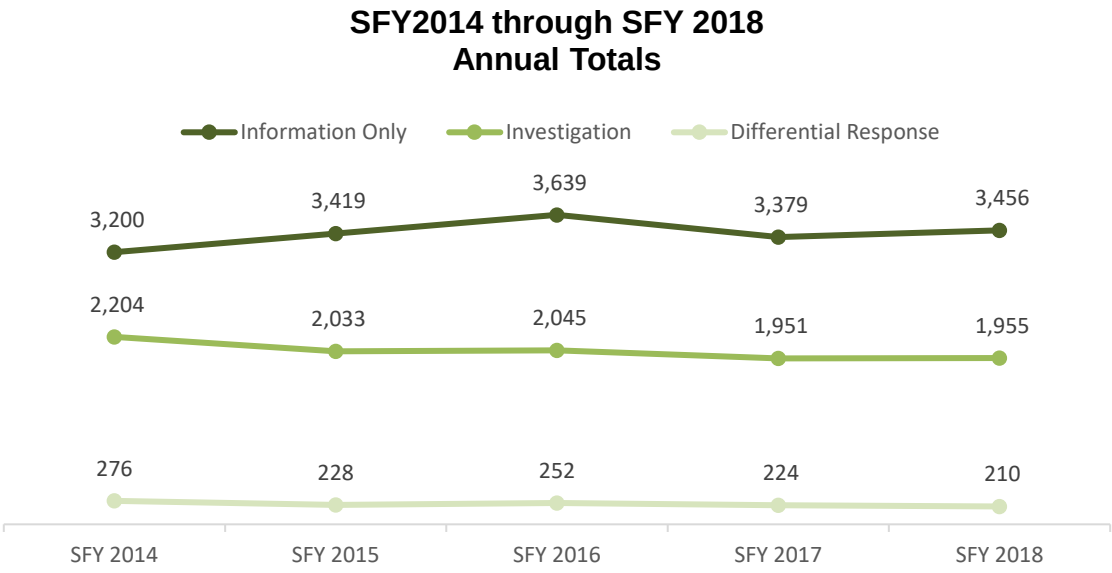

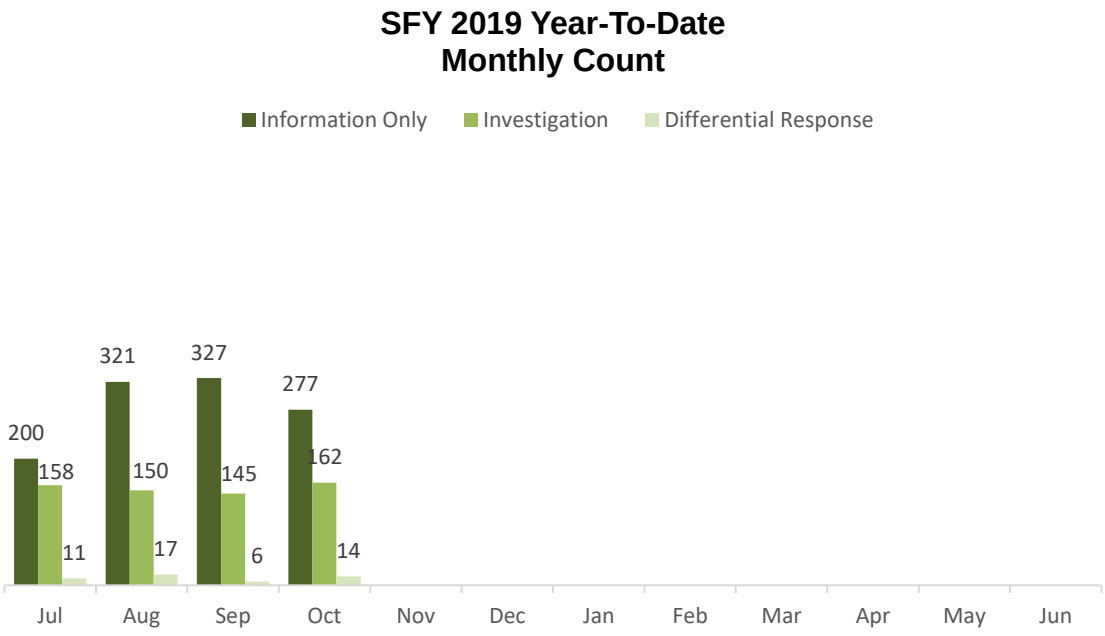

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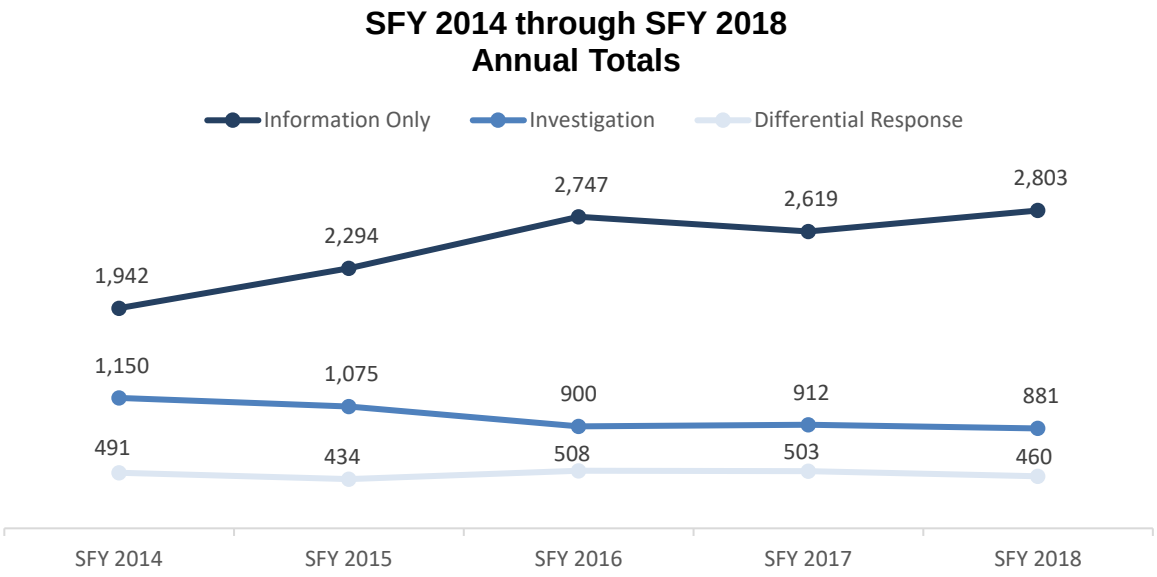

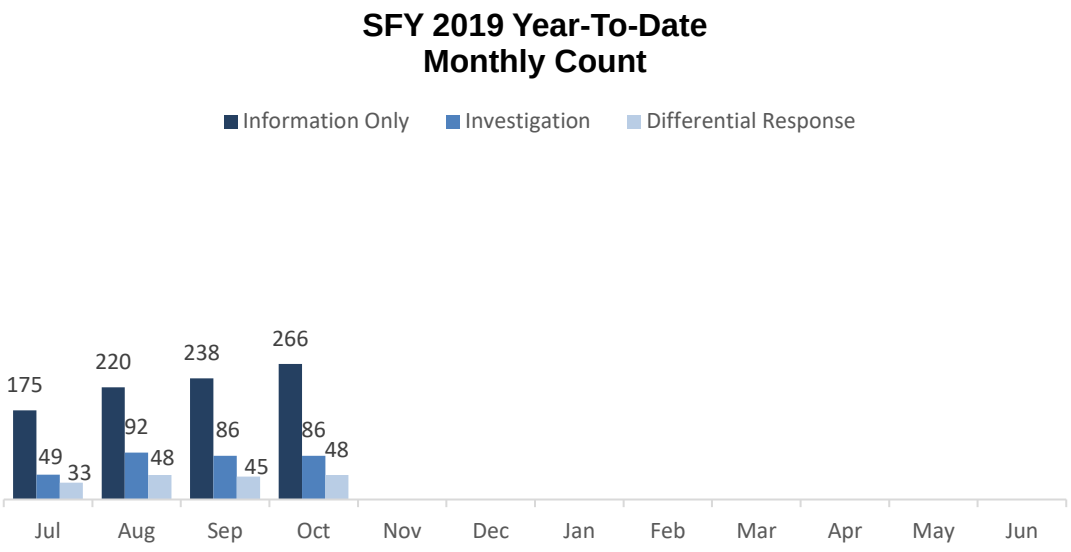

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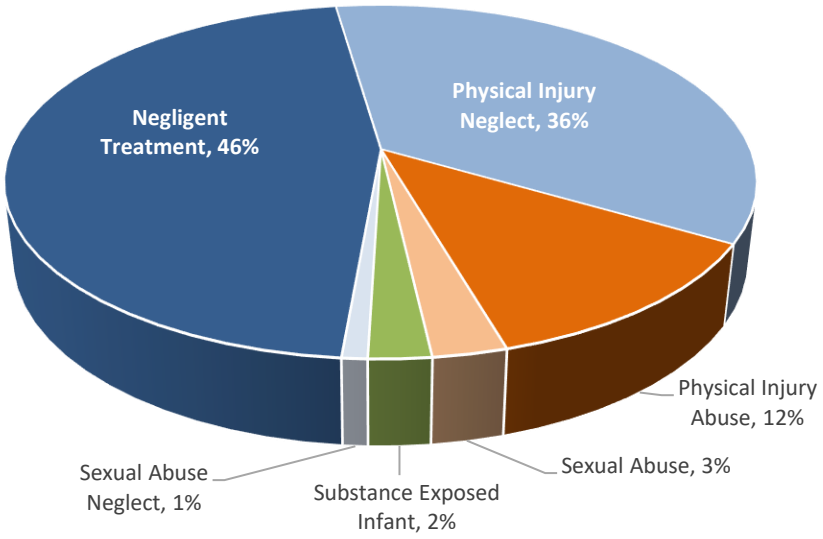
Child Protective Services (CPS)

Child Protective Services (CPS) is the first step to ensure the safety and permanency of children, age birth to 18, who have been reported as being allegedly abused or neglected. The primary focus of CPS is to ensure that children are protected from harm or risk of harm and to make it safe for the child to live with the parent or caretaker. It is the responsibility of the CPS worker to assess safety, protective capacity, and family functioning, and to identify strengths and risks in the home.

CPS agencies respond to reports of abuse or neglect of children under the age of 18. Abuse or neglect complaints are defined in statute and include mental injury, physical injury, sexual abuse and exploitation, negligent treatment or maltreatment, and excessive corporal punishment.

Maltreatment Allegations

Statewide SFY 2019 Year-To-Date

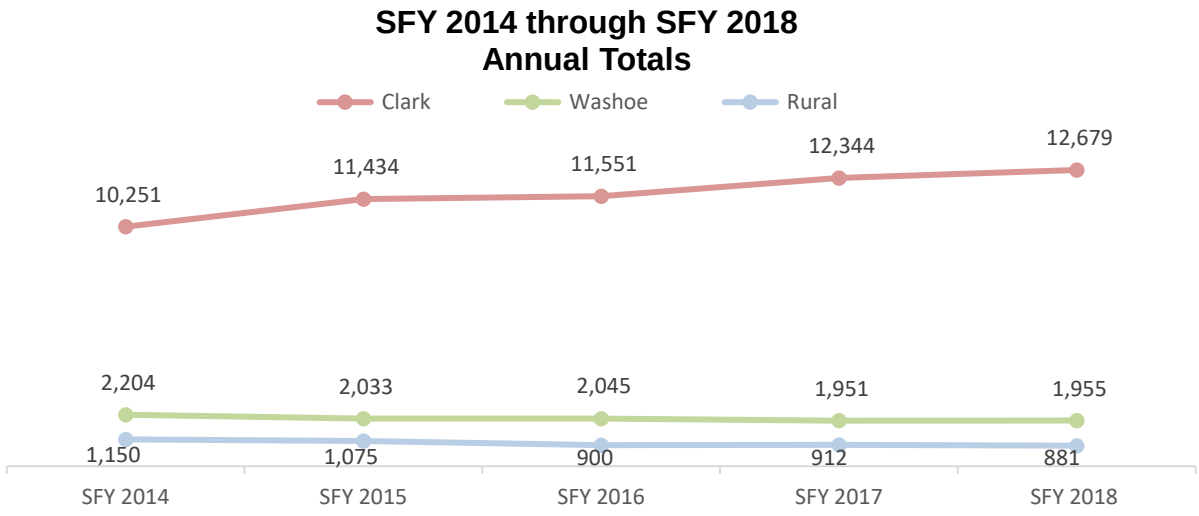


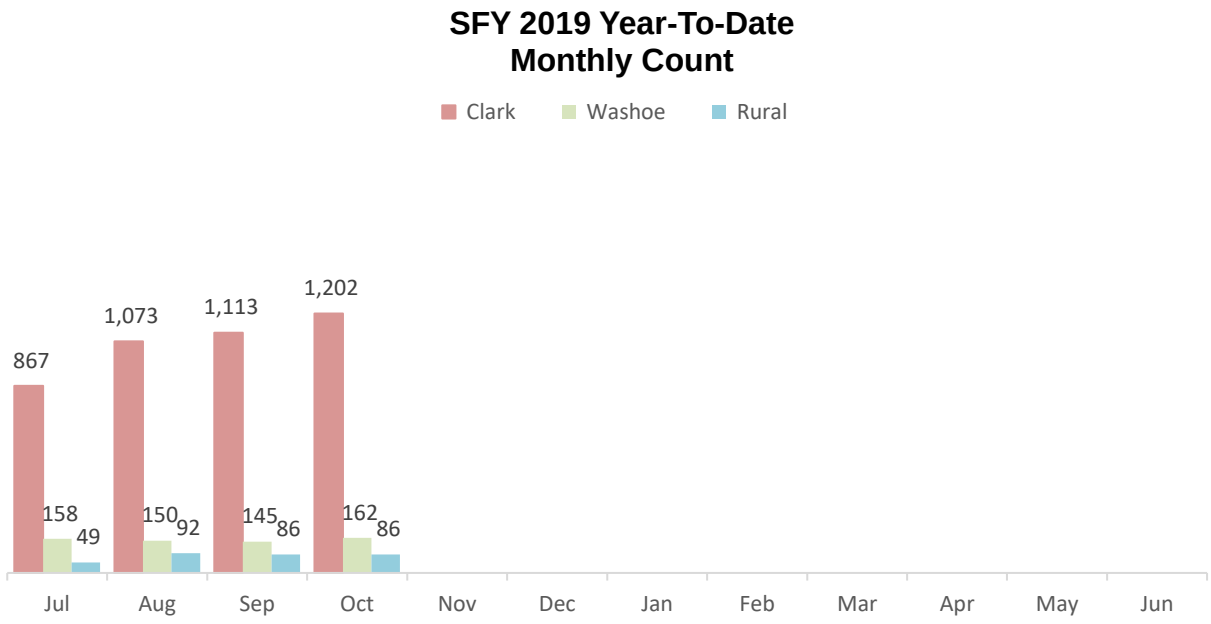
Percent of maltreatment allegations are based on screened-in reports, regardless of finding. There have been no allegations of mental injury abuse or mental injury neglect this fiscal year (SFY2019).

Source: UNITY Database – CFS 727 Report

Upon completion of the investigation of a report of abuse or neglect, a determination of the case findings is made based on whether there is reasonable cause to believe that a child was abused or neglected or threatened with abuse or neglect. The findings are classified as either *Substantiated* or *Unsubstantiated*. *Substantiated* meaning that a report made pursuant to NRS 432B.220 was investigated and that credible evidence of the abuse or neglect exists. *Unsubstantiated* means that a report made pursuant to NRS 432B.220 was investigated and that no credible evidence of the abuse or neglect exists.

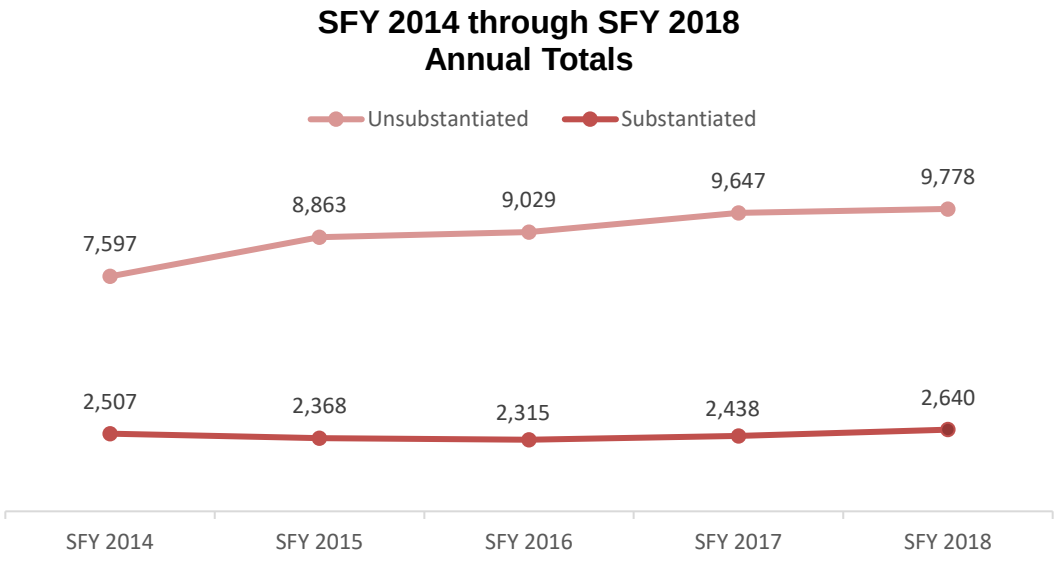
Statewide CPS Investigations

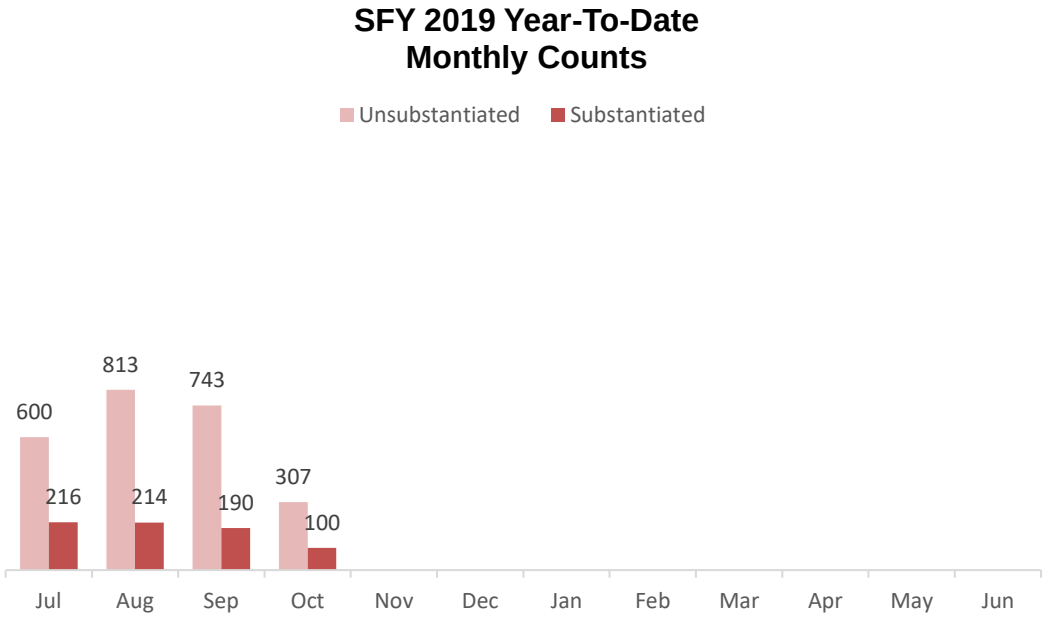




Source: UNITY Database - CFS 725 Report

Clark County Investigations – Substantiated vs Unsubstantiated

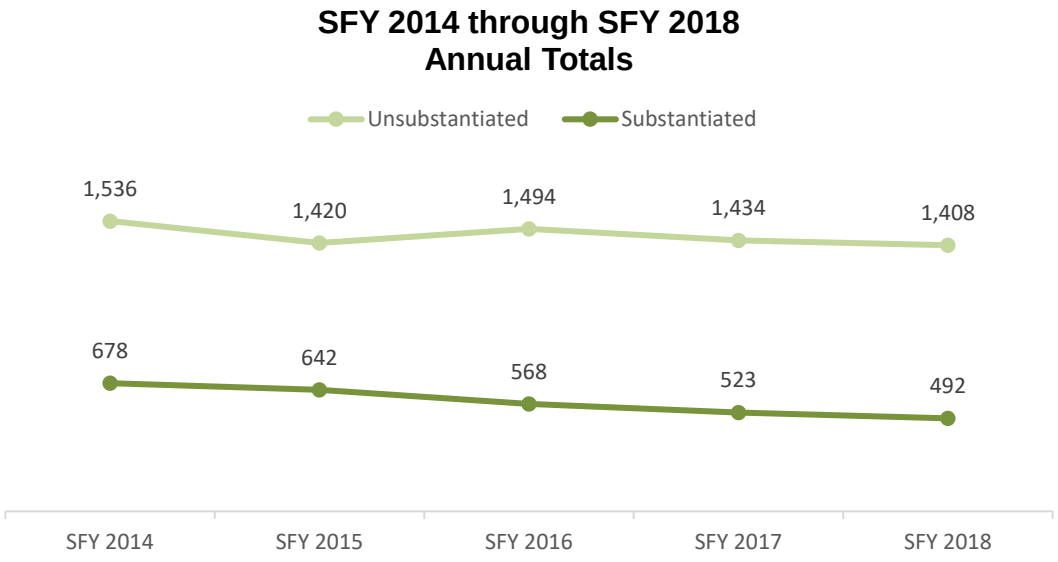




Source: UNITY Database - CFS 727 Report

Substantiated and Unsubstantiated counts will change because an investigation status determination may take up to 45 days or more to complete. Counts are based on the month that the investigation was opened.

Washoe County Investigations – Substantiated vs Unsubstantiated



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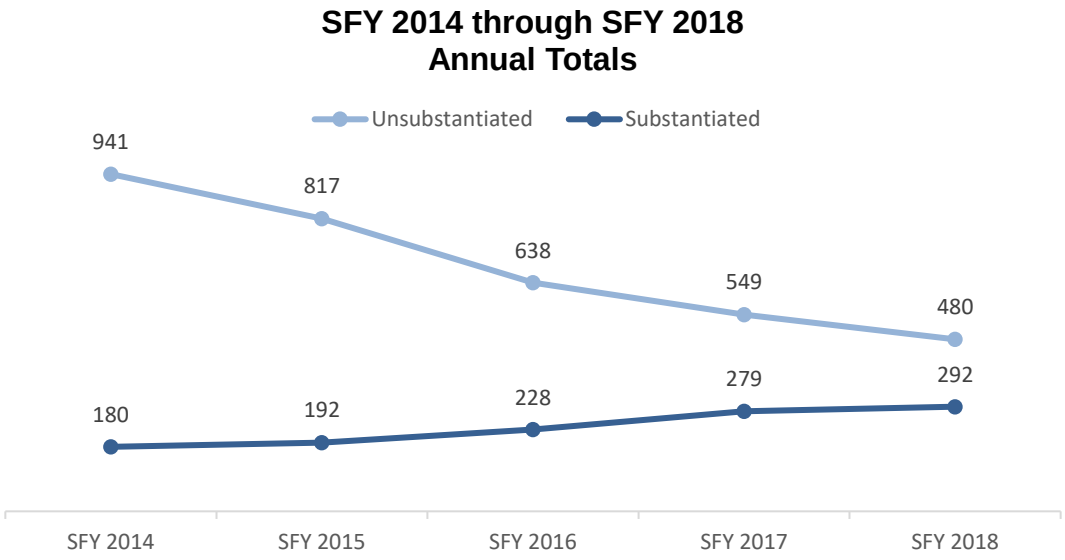
Rural Region Investigations – Substantiated vs Unsubstantiated



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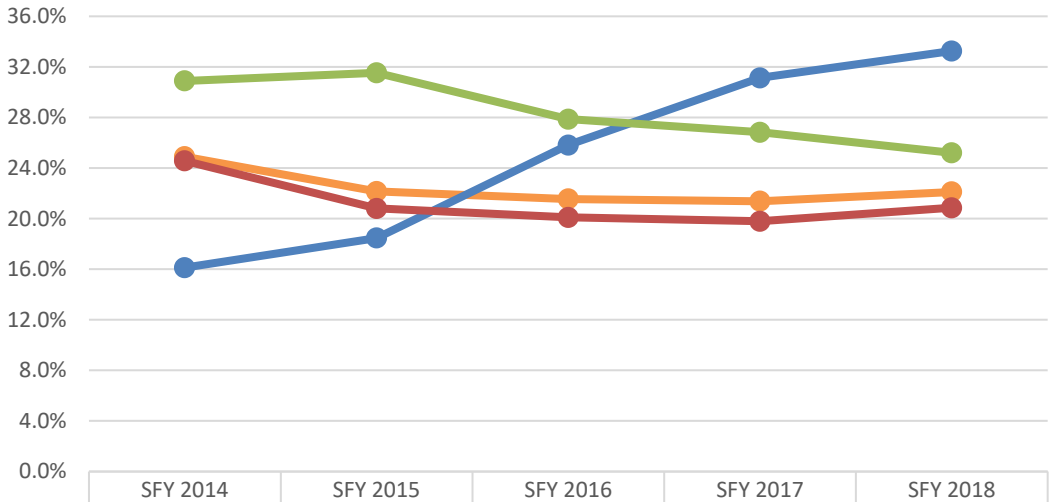
Percent of Investigations Substantiated



	SFY 2014	SFY 2015	SFY 2016	SFY 2017	SFY 2018
Statewide Substantiated	24.9%	22.1%	21.5%	21.4%	22.1%
Rural Substaniated	16.1%	18.5%	25.8%	31.1%	33.3%
Washoe Substantiated	30.9%	31.5%	27.9%	26.8%	25.2%
Clark Substantiated	24.6%	20.8%	20.1%	19.8%	20.9%

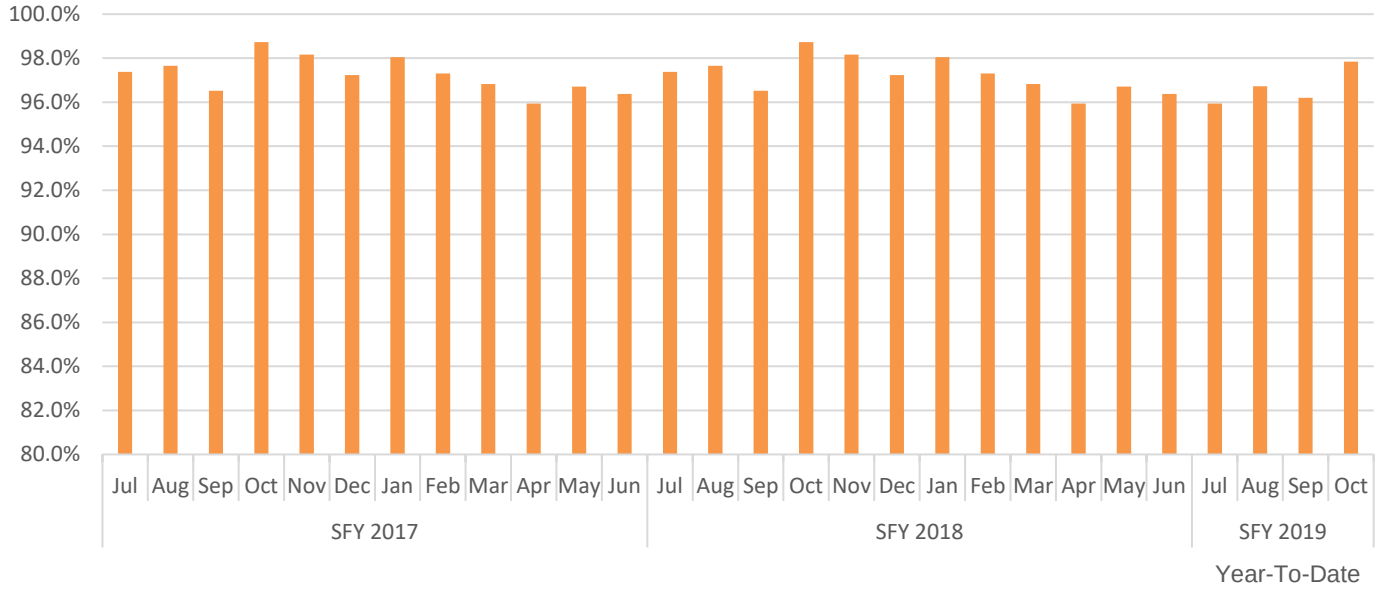
Source: UNITY Database - CFS 727 Report

All annual substantiated percentages have been updated based on data extracted from reports ran on 10/19/2018. Percentages were under-reported due to the delay of investigation closure. Due to this delay this graph will only be updated annually.

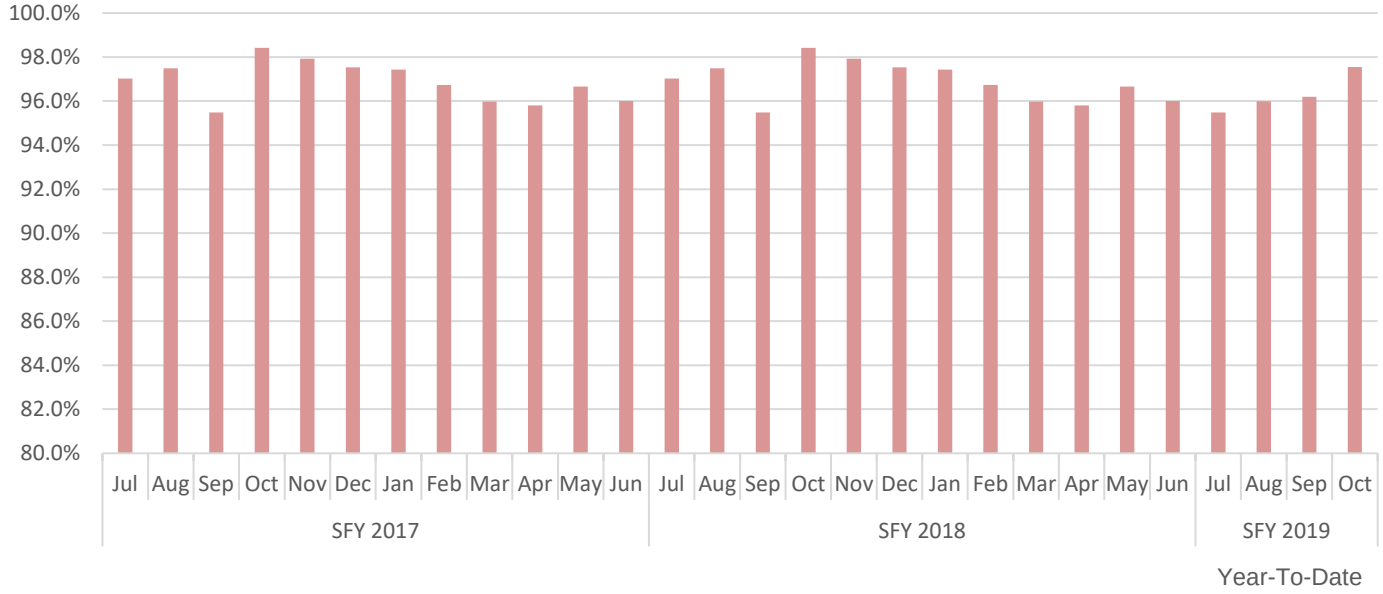
Percent of Children Without Recurrent Abuse or Neglect

This measure assesses the effectiveness of child protective services in reducing the risk of harm for children who have been maltreated. For children with a substantiated report of abuse and/or neglect, it shows what percentage did not have a recurrent substantiated report within six months of the prior substantiated report date.

Statewide Percentage of Children without Recurring Abuse or Neglect



Clark County Percentage of Children without Recurring Abuse or Neglect



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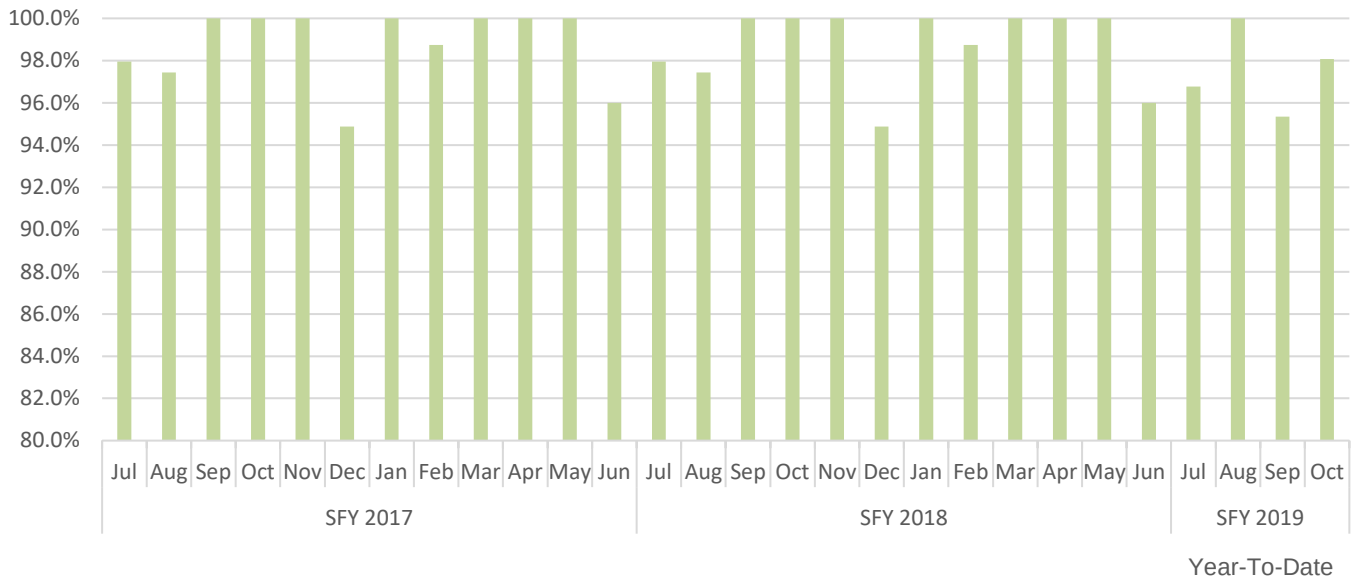
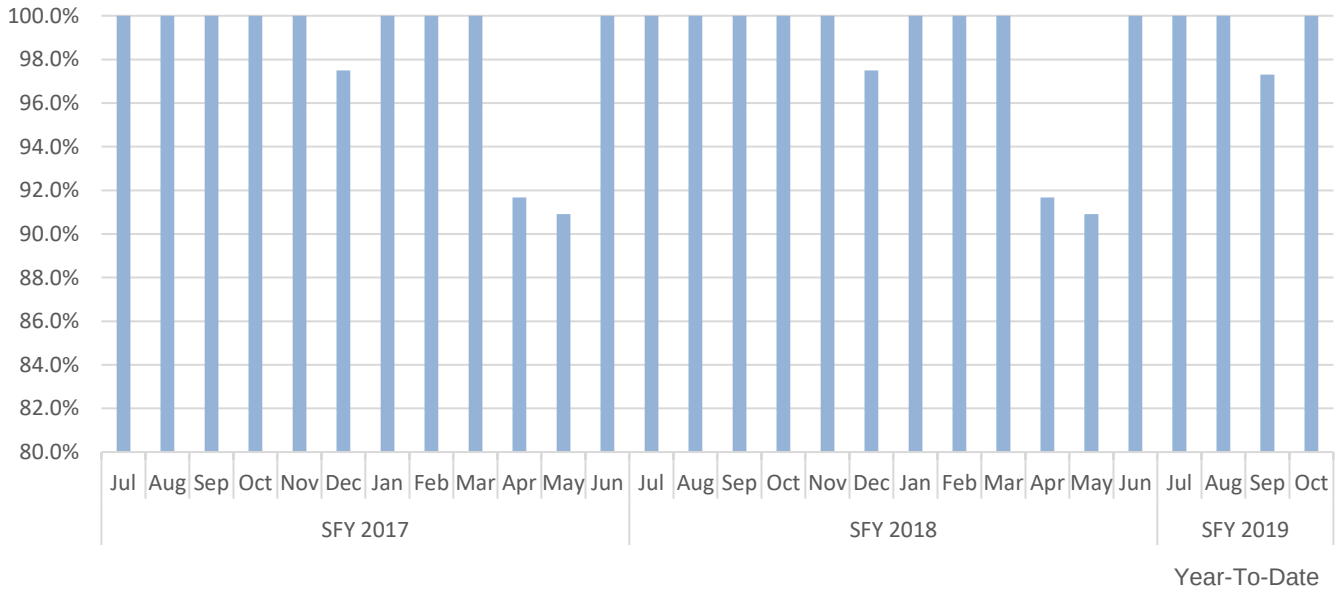
Washoe County Percentage of Children without Recurring Abuse or Neglect



Rural Region Percentage of Children without Recurring Abuse or Neglect



Source: UNITY Database - CFS 7L8 Report

Removals

Some investigations result in a finding that the child cannot safely remain in the home and must be removed. The removal of a child from his or her natural environment is a last resort, as part of the overall continuum of services provided by DCFS and the counties providing child welfare services.

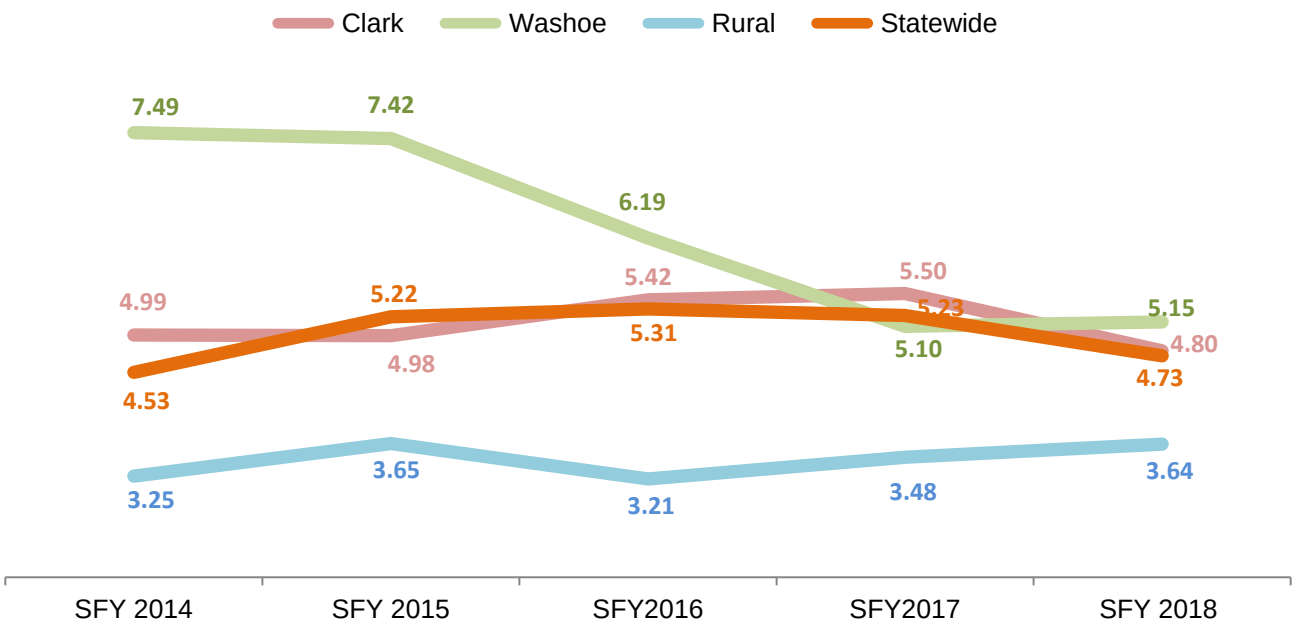
Children Removed from Home

	Statewide				Clark				Washoe				Rural			
State Fiscal Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019
Jul	324	305	324	294	243	229	232	247	57	51	66	35	24	25	26	12
Aug	358	369	339	322	266	273	261	256	73	69	58	49	19	27	20	17
Sep	357	331	268	291	266	261	199	221	63	56	47	49	28	14	22	21
Oct	366	318	245	277	286	270	185	220	60	31	45	44	20	17	15	13
Nov	279	317	278		230	267	217		33	34	38		16	16	23	
Dec	242	310	240		175	227	184		51	55	42		16	28	14	
Jan	246	237	250		172	192	189		60	34	42		14	11	19	
Feb	280	246	213		219	183	153		47	40	35		14	23	25	
Mar	290	314	295		210	243	248		61	43	36		19	28	11	
Apr	329	291	295		251	227	218		58	49	44		20	15	33	
May	297	304	272		226	248	202		53	33	53		18	23	17	
Jun	252	238	262		195	170	186		37	49	45		20	19	31	
TOTAL	3,620	3,580	3,281	1,184	2,739	2,790	2,474	944	653	544	551	177	228	246	256	63
% change from previous year	2%	-1%	-8%		9%	2%	-11%		-16%	-17%	1%		-13%	8%	4%	

Source: UNITY Database - CFS 7G6 Report

Removal Rate per 1,000 Children

SFY 2014 through SFY 2018



Source: UNITY Database - CFS 7G6 Report

Foster Care Licensing

When children must be removed from their homes, the child welfare agency must utilize traditional foster care. Resource home development is designed to recruit, train, license, and retain the most appropriate families available who can meet the needs of the children.

Family foster home means a family home in which one to six children who are under 18 years of age or who remain under the jurisdiction of a court pursuant to NRS 432B.594 and who are not related within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity to the person or persons maintaining the home are received, cared for and maintained, for compensation or otherwise, including the provision of free care. The term includes a family home in which such a child is received, cared for and maintained pending completion of proceedings for the adoption of the child by the person or persons maintaining the home.

Group foster home means a foster home which provides full-time care and services for 7 to 15 children who are: under 18 years of age or who remain under the jurisdiction of a court pursuant to NRS 432B.594; not related within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity to any natural person maintaining or operating the home; and received, cared for and maintained for compensation or otherwise, including the provision of free care.

Average Number of Family Foster Home and Group Foster Home Licenses and Beds

State Fiscal Year	2016		2017		2018		2019 Year-To-Date	
	Average Number of Family Foster Home Licenses and Beds							
	License	Beds	License	Beds	License	Beds	License	Beds
Statewide	1,900	3,965	2,022	3,795	2,066	3,956	2,005	3,957
Clark County	1,340	2,690	1,417	2,413	1,433	2,486	1,363	2,488
Washoe County	364	811	382	866	410	1,040	413	960
Rural Counties	196	464	223	517	223	505	229	510
	Average Number of Group Foster Home Licenses and Beds							
Statewide	70	407	69	386	39	274	30	232
Clark County	11	104	10	97	10	96	12	109
Washoe County	43	211	45	206	18	108	10	78
Rural Counties	16	92	14	83	11	70	8	45

Source: CLEO Report/ Child Welfare Caseload Statistics

Foster Care Placement

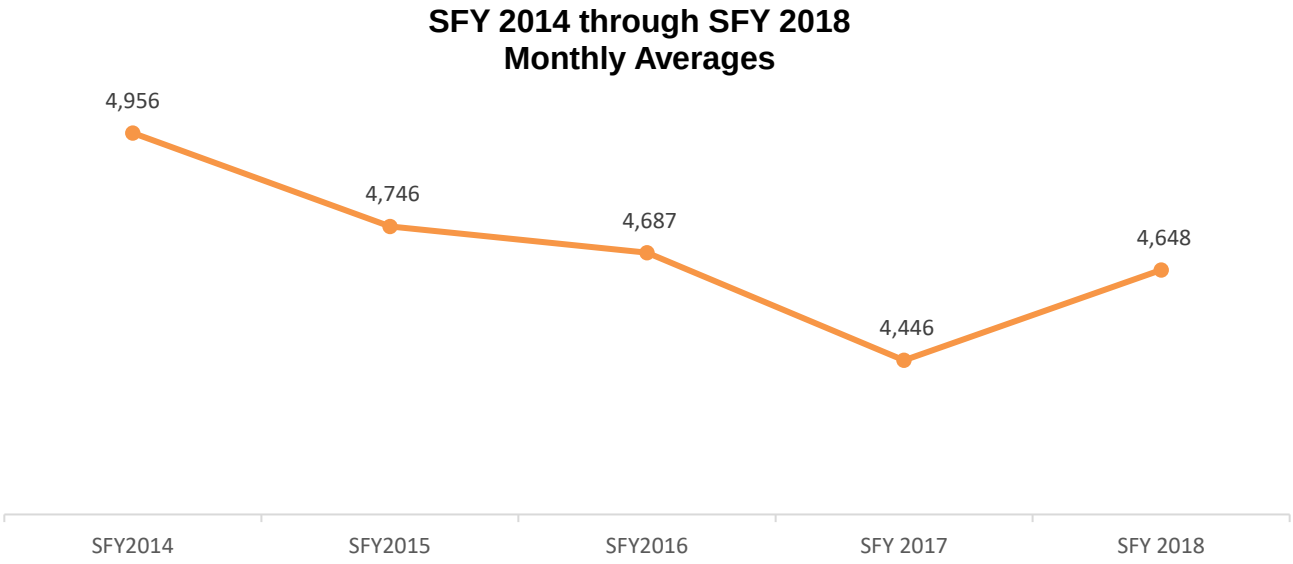
When the safety and protection of a child cannot be met in the parent's or caregiver's home, substitute care in the form of relative care, foster care, residential therapeutic care, or other planned permanent living arrangements may become necessary. When it becomes necessary, child welfare agencies place children with available resource families. Resource families meet the needs of Nevada's waiting children and may be relatives, fictive (not related) family, foster parents, therapeutic foster care parents, and adoptive parents. With a resource family, a child may begin with an emergency shelter-care placement, emerge into foster care, with a final outcome of an adoption – and never leave the original resource family's home. A resource family is committed to a child, regardless of the child's needs and level of care.

Number of Children in Out-of-Home Placements by Month

	Statewide				Clark				Washoe				Rural			
State Fiscal Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019
July	4,725	4,226	4,578	4,728	3,366	2,964	3,251	3,424	929	905	949	883	430	357	378	421
Aug	4,826	4,592	4,622	4,808	3,425	3,234	3,301	3,491	956	971	945	898	445	387	376	419
Sept	4,822	4,539	4,630	4,772	3,424	3,184	3,312	3,491	947	977	934	859	451	378	384	422
Oct	4,842	4,536	4,650	4,774	3,430	3,217	3,326	3,497	962	942	933	862	450	377	391	415
Nov	4,779	4,246	4,626		3,380	3,014	3,314		955	886	911		444	346	401	
Dec	4,632	4,539	4,599		3,233	3,231	3,304		947	940	906		452	368	389	
Jan	4,608	4,481	4,661		3,220	3,201	3,350		953	926	911		435	354	400	
Feb	4,616	4,374	4,651		3,235	3,182	3,325		954	829	908		427	363	418	
Mar	4,599	4,450	4,673		3,225	3,260	3,385		941	831	882		433	359	406	
Apr	4,617	4,503	4,716		3,225	3,306	3,418		963	834	888		429	363	410	
May	4,561	4,472	4,703		3,171	3,306	3,391		979	813	894		411	353	418	
Jun	4,617	4,390	4,669		3,225	3,230	3,360		963	804	874		429	356	435	
AVG	**4,687**	**4,446**	**4,648**	**4,771**	**3,297**	**3,194**	**3,336**	**3,476**	**954**	**888**	**911**	**876**	**436**	**363**	**401**	**419**
% change from previous year	- 1.2%	- 5.1%	+ 4.6%		- 2.7%	- 3.1%	+ 4.5%		+ 0.3%	- 6.9%	+ 2.6%		+ 7.4%	- 16.7%	+ 10.2%	

Source: CLEO Report/ Child Welfare Caseload Statistics

Statewide Number of Children in Out-of-Home Placements



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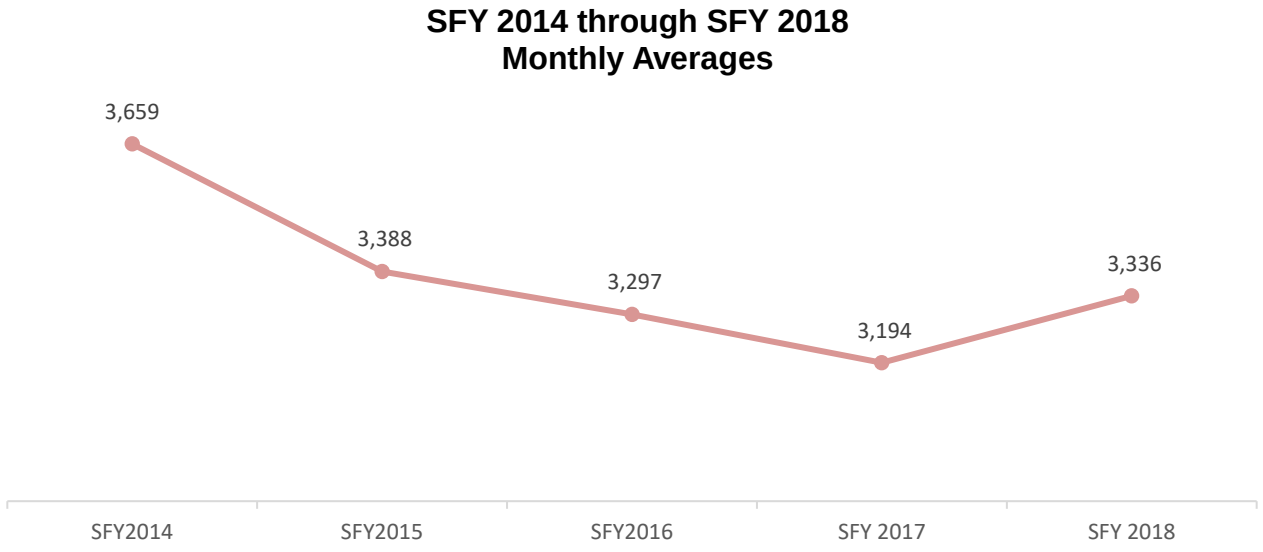

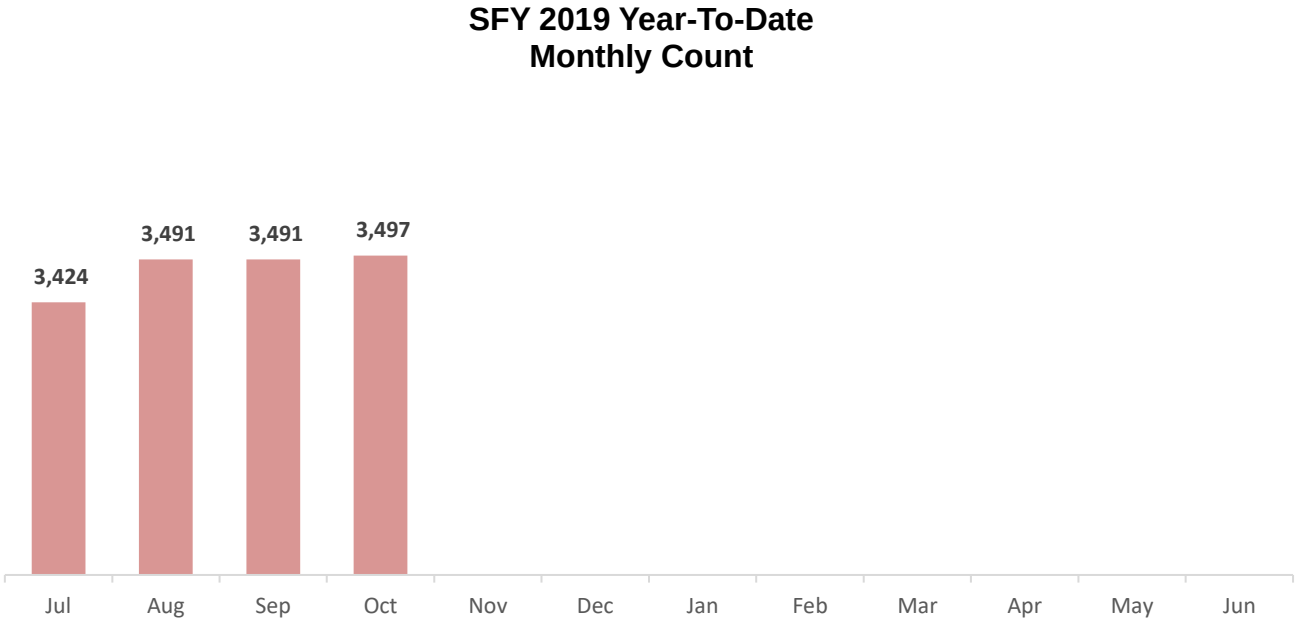

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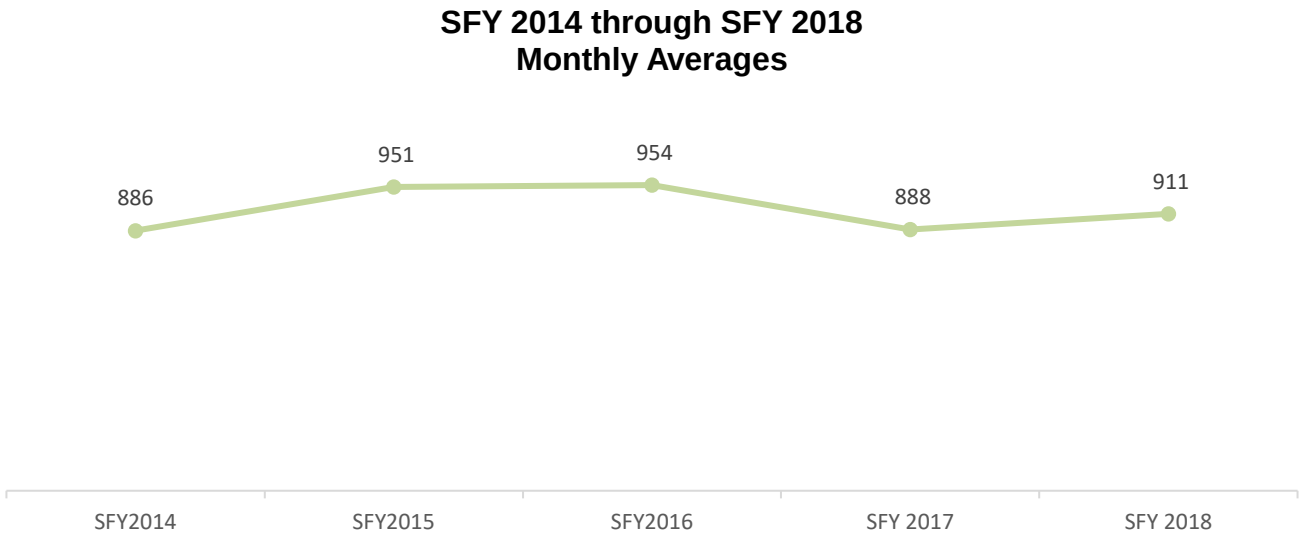
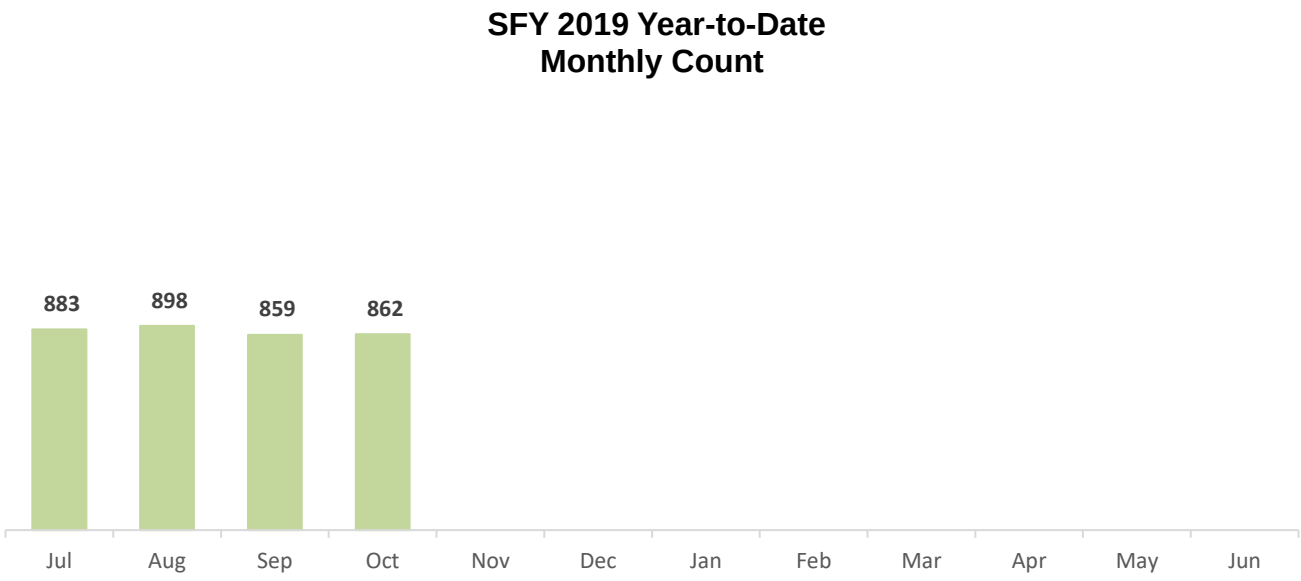
Washoe County Number of Children in Out-of-Home Placements





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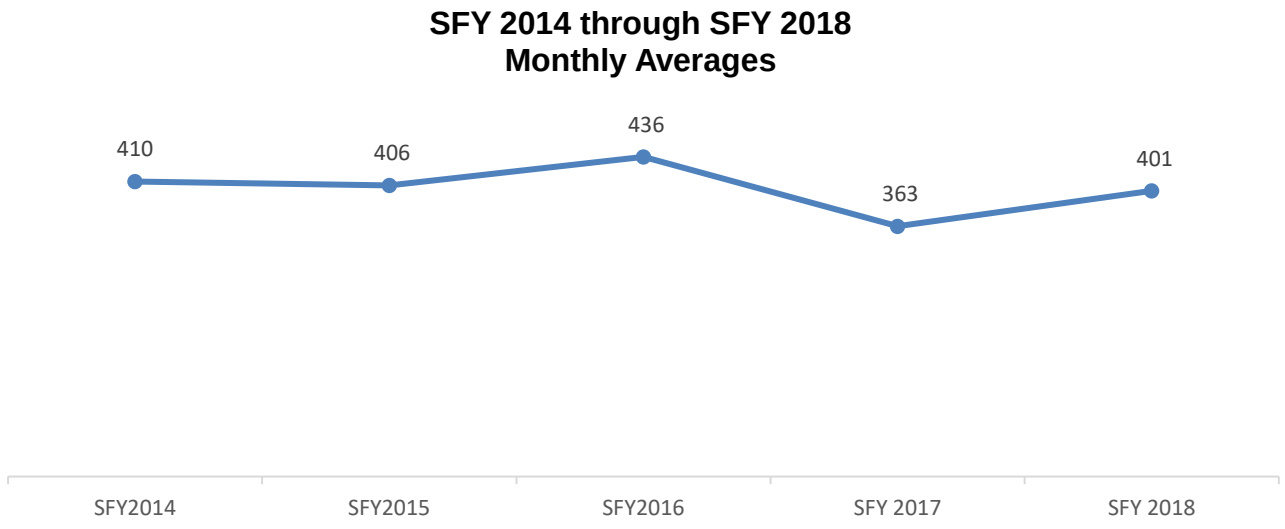
Rural Region Number of Children in Out-of-Home Placements



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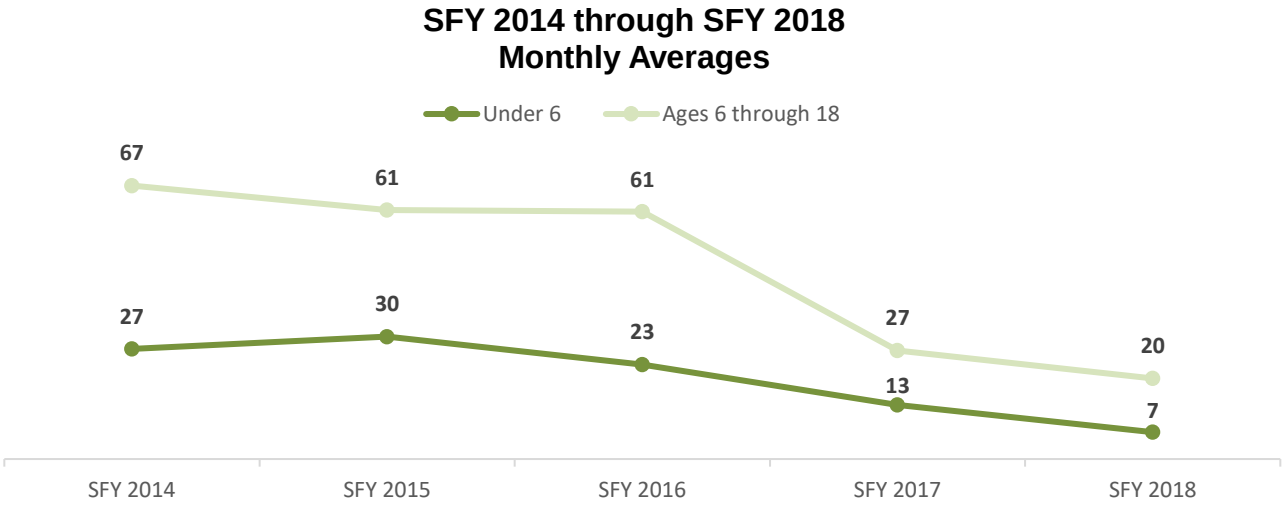
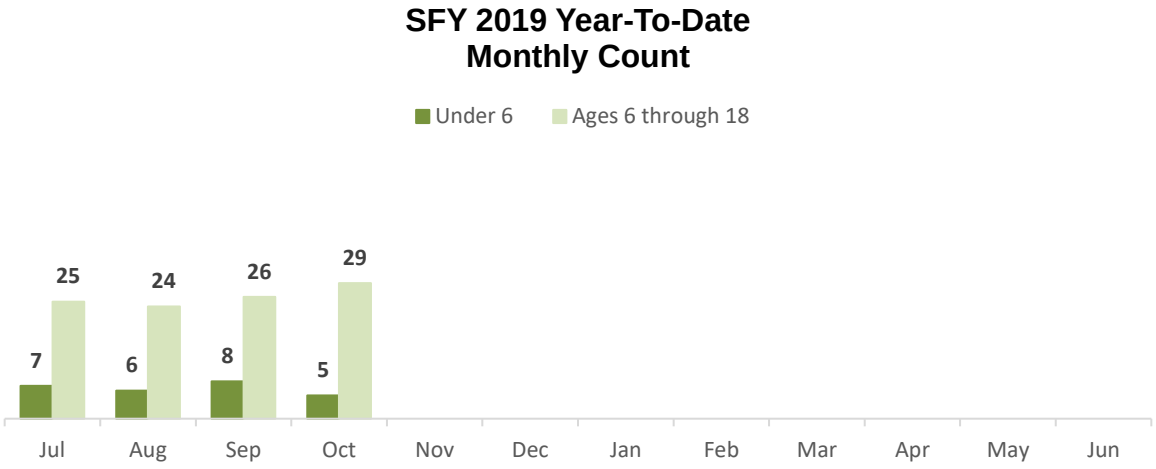
Kids Kottage

The Kids Kottages are protective shelters where police or social workers bring children after they have been removed from their families. They are temporary homes, operated 24 hours a day, under a contract with Washoe County Human Services Agency. Most children are at Kids Kottage because their families are suspected of severe abuse or neglect. However, some children are placed because no one else is available to care for them during parental incarceration or hospitalization.

Kids Kottage Monthly Admissions





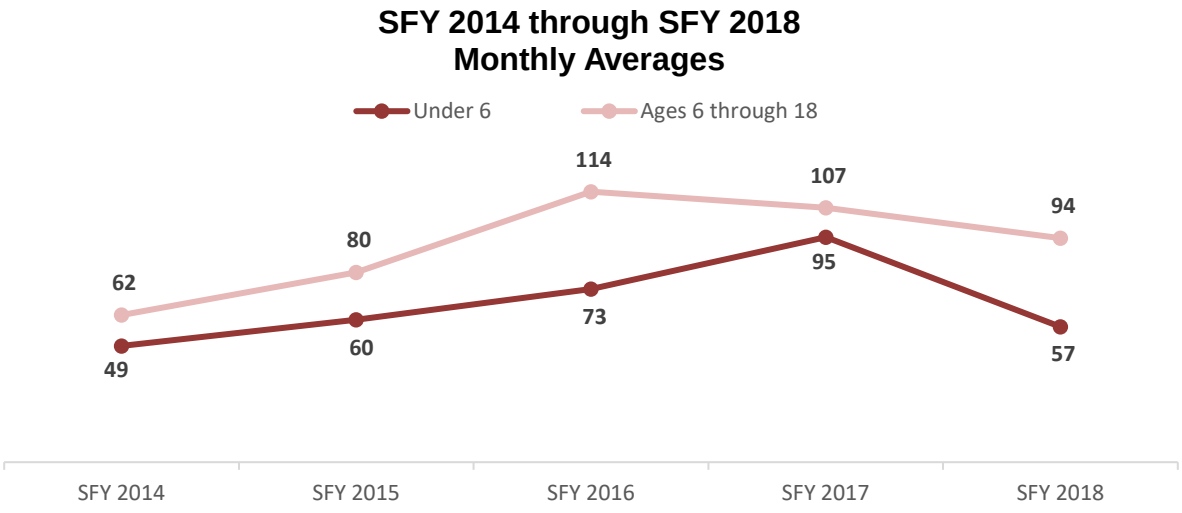
Source: UNITY Database - RPT 704 Report

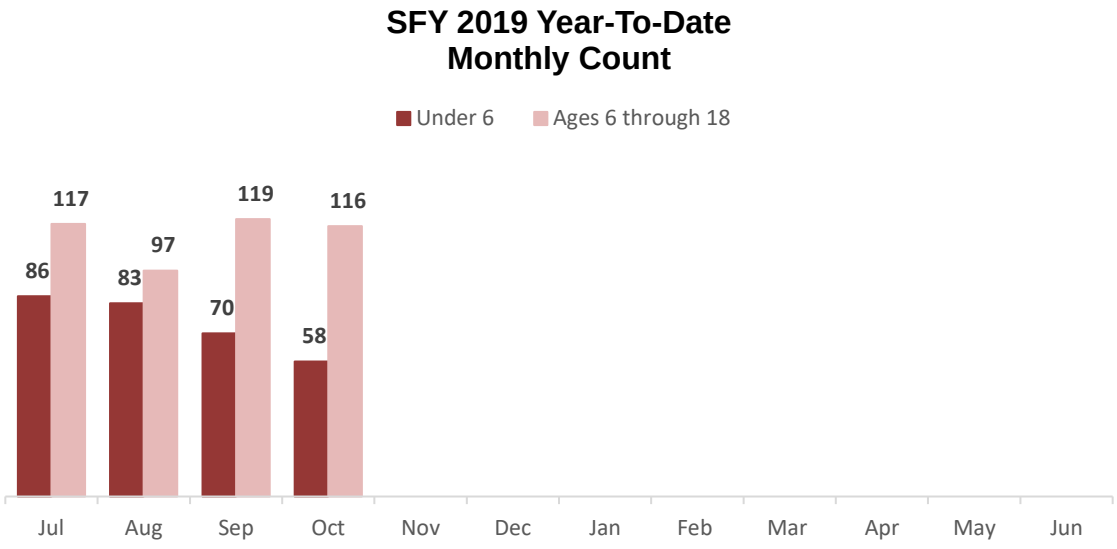
*Since October 2016, Washoe County has implemented a new procedure to evaluate safe placements and to keep children in a less restrictive and more home-like environment, which has resulted in fewer placements at Kids Kottage.

Child Haven

The Child Haven Shelter program was created as a Clark County placement option for abused, neglected, or abandoned children who require a protective environment. Child Haven Shelter is an alternative placement, providing resources and services for abused and neglected children and their families based on local needs. The Child Haven Shelter program provides emergency care for a smaller number of children when no other suitable placement option is available.

Child Haven Monthly Admissions



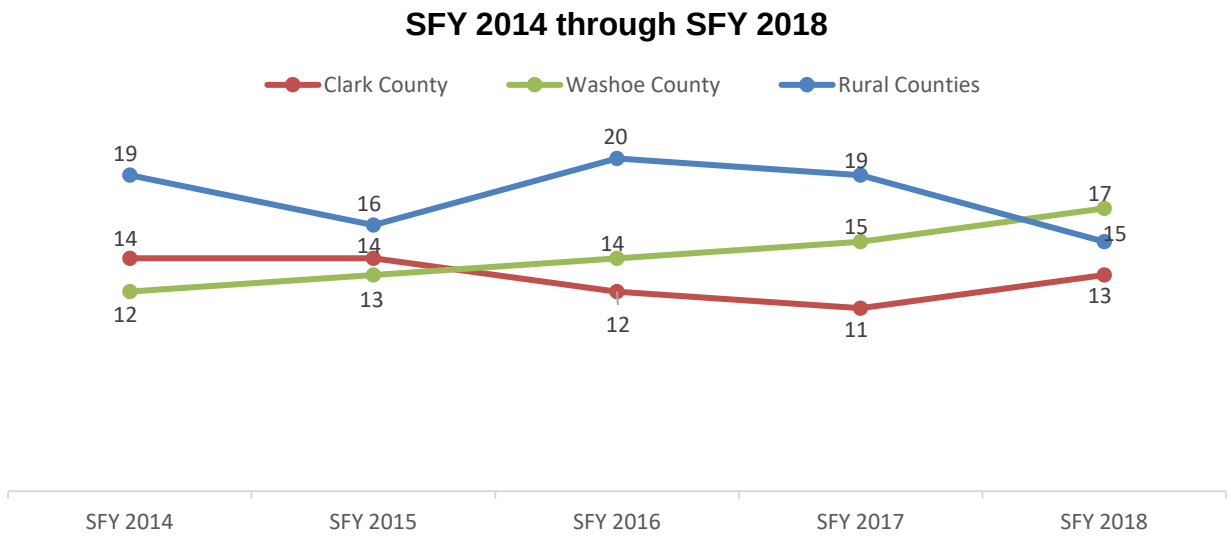


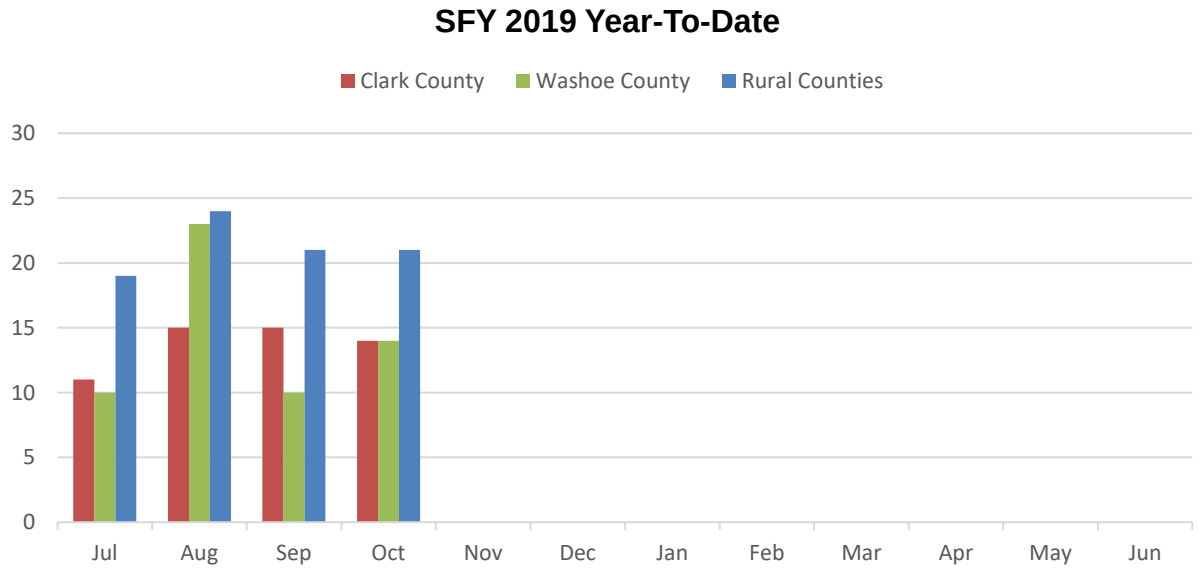
Source: UNITY Database – CFS 730 Report

Length of Stay in Foster Care

Length of stay in foster care refers to the amount of time between entering and exiting foster care. Being removed from home and placed in foster care are difficult and stressful experiences for any child. The goal for every part of the child welfare system is for children to remain safely with their families or if in out-of-home care, to return home as soon as safely possible.

Average Length of Stay in Months for Children Exiting Foster Care





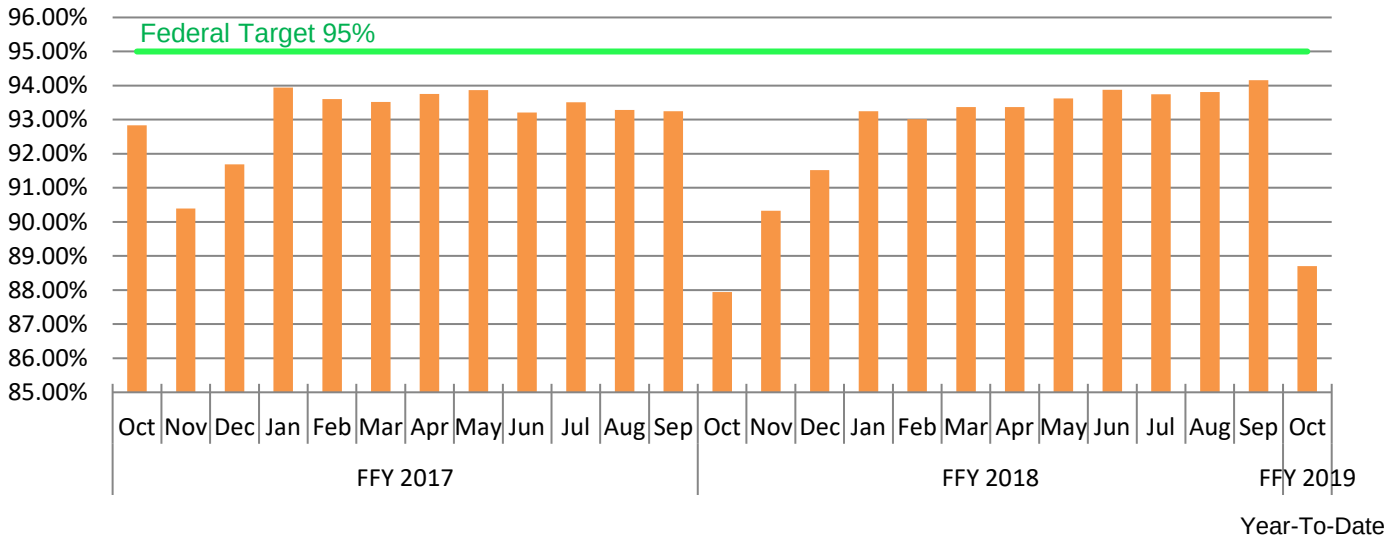
Source: UNITY Database - RPT 721 Report

Caseworker Visits with Children

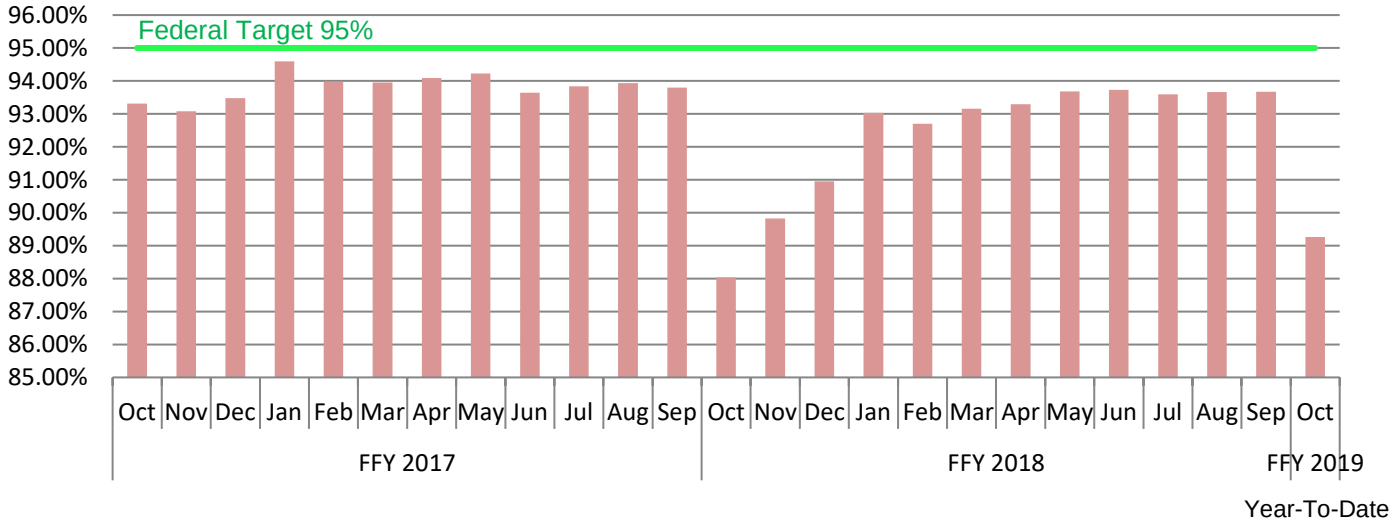
In accordance with the state plan requirements of Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, the child welfare agency must ensure that children, who are in foster care and under the responsibility of the agency, are visited on a monthly basis and that the caseworker visits are well-planned and focused on issues pertinent to case planning and service delivery to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of the children.

Note: The following Caseworker Visit Compliance graphs are based on a Federal Fiscal Year which runs from October 1 through September 30.

Statewide Caseworker Contact Compliance Percentage

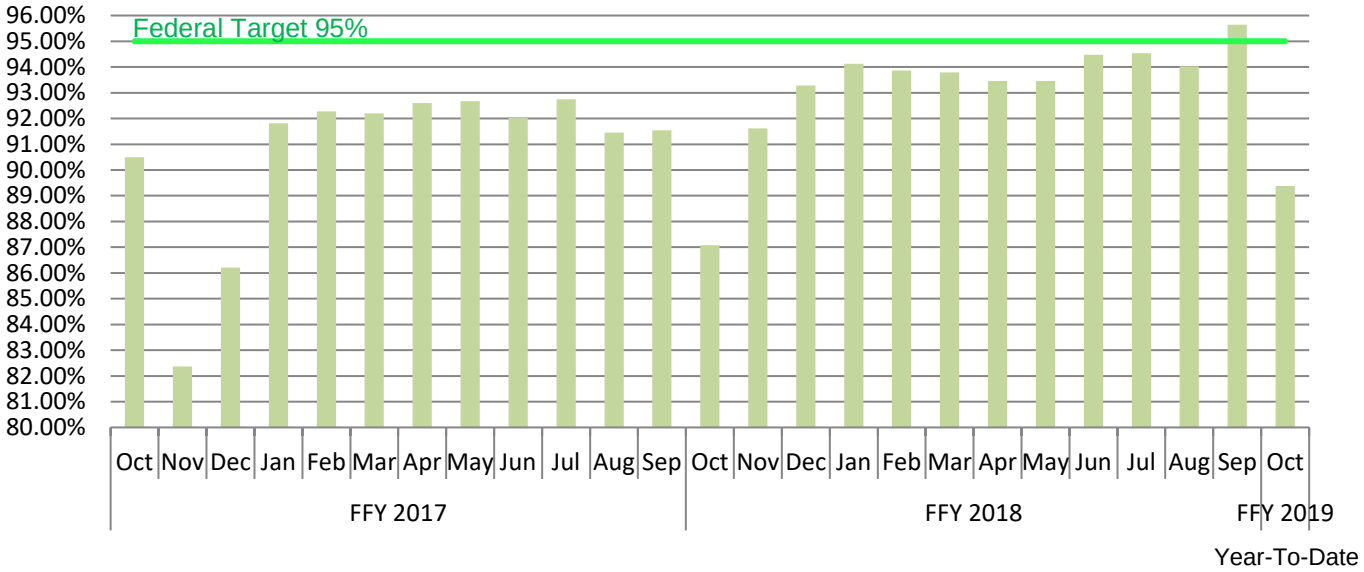


Clark County Caseworker Contact Compliance Percentage

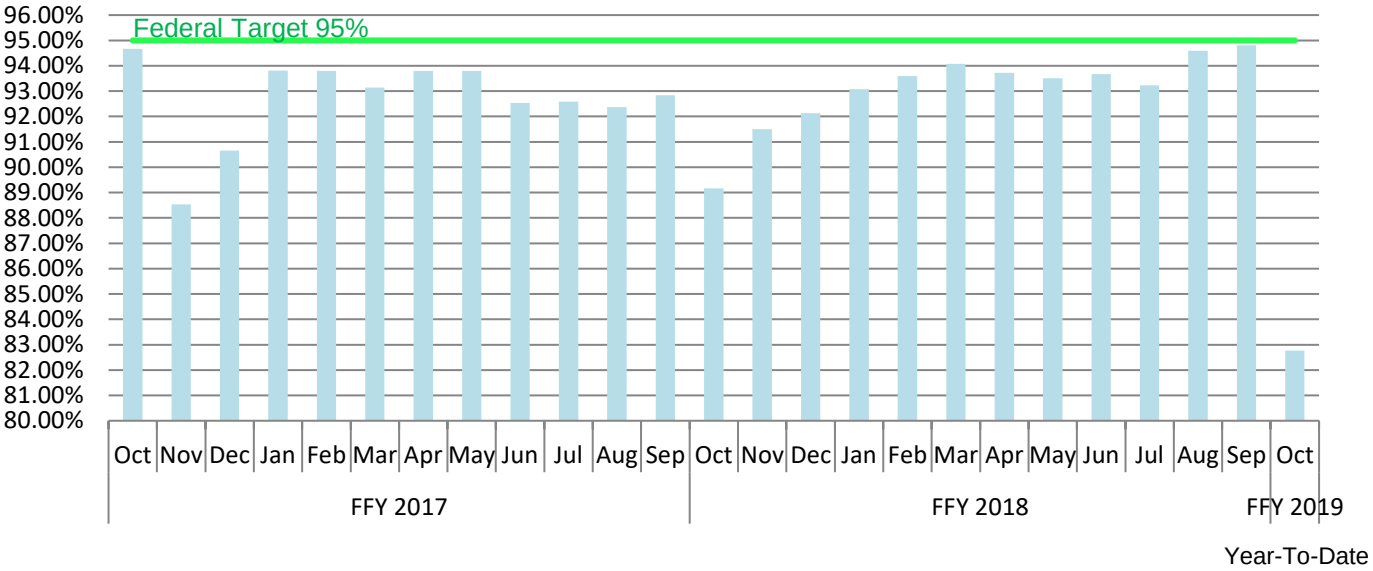


Source: UNITY Database - RPT 7D7 Report

Washoe County Caseworker Contact Compliance Percentage



Rural Region Caseworker Contact Compliance Percentage



Source: UNITY Database - RPT 7D7 Report

Services to Foster Youth Transitioning to Adulthood

The goal of Nevada's Independent Living Program (IL) is to prepare young adults for the transition to adulthood and to provide opportunities to obtain the skills necessary for self-sufficiency. Independent Living, while commonly seen as a placement option, is not only a placement but also a set of services specifically designed around the needs of each youth in the program. DCFS is responsible for providing IL services in the 15 rural counties of the state and overseeing Clark and Washoe counties.

Statewide Services to Foster Youth Transitioning to Adulthood

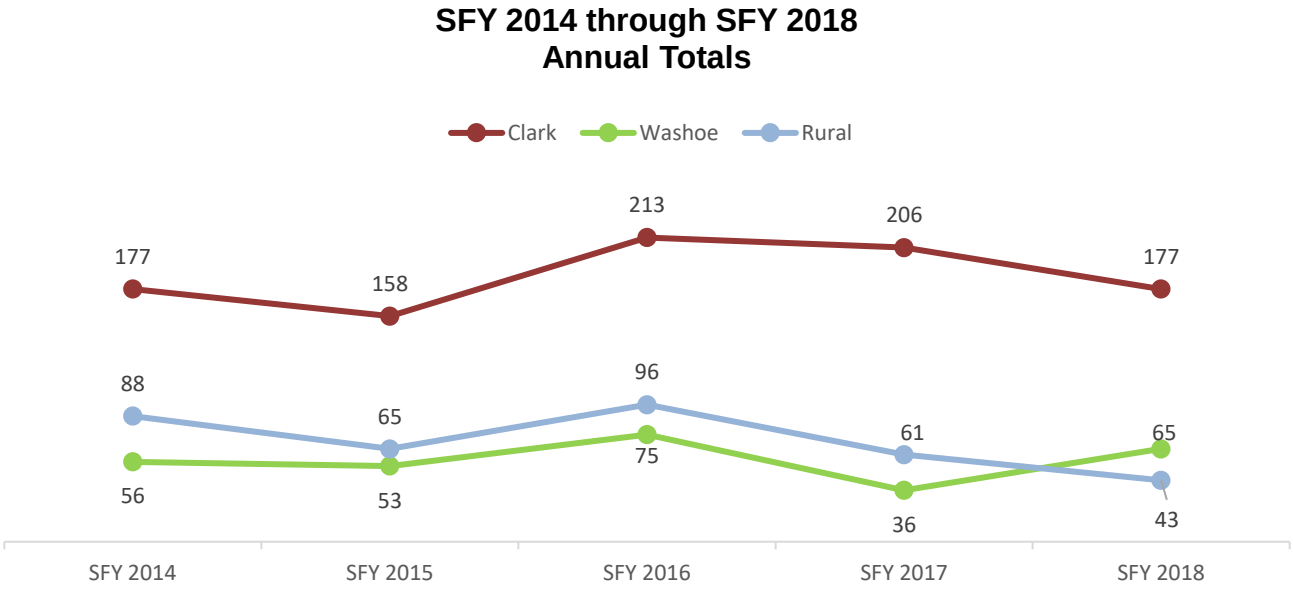
(As of October 31, 2018)

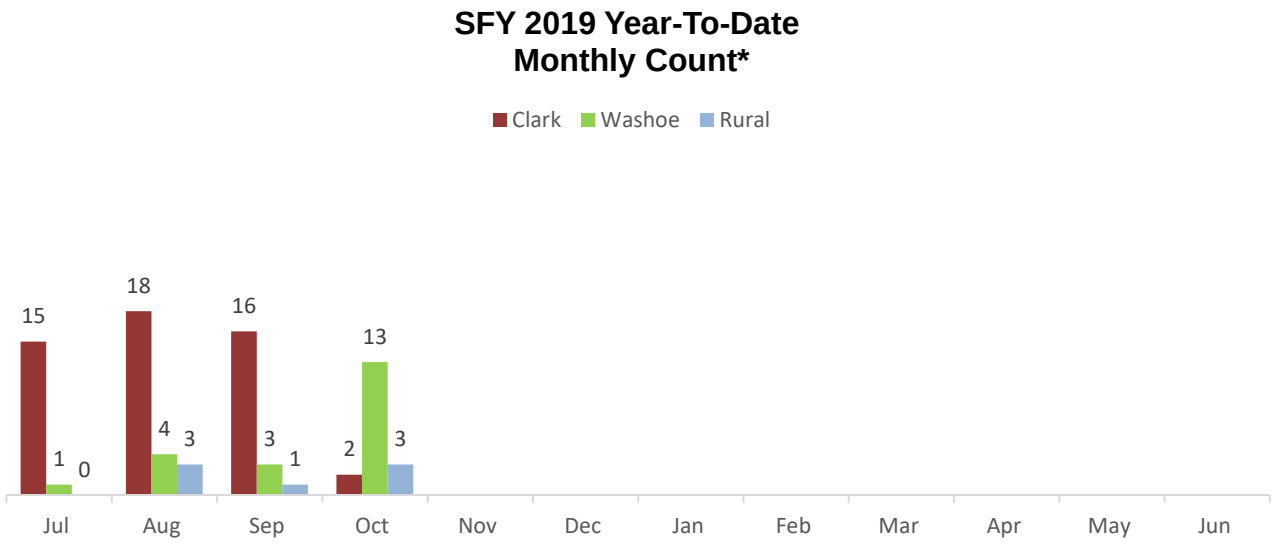
Youth in Placement, Age 14 and Up	
Family Care	399
Pre-Adoptive Home	4
Residential Care	41
Shelter Care	41
Unpaid Placements	245
Independent Living	9

Youth in Placement with Goal of Emancipation	
Family Care	60
Pre-Adoptive Home	0
Residential Care	7
Shelter Care	2
Unpaid Placements	32
Independent Living	6

Source: UNITY Database - RPT 704 Report

Total Count of Youth Ages 14 through 17 Receiving Independent Living Services



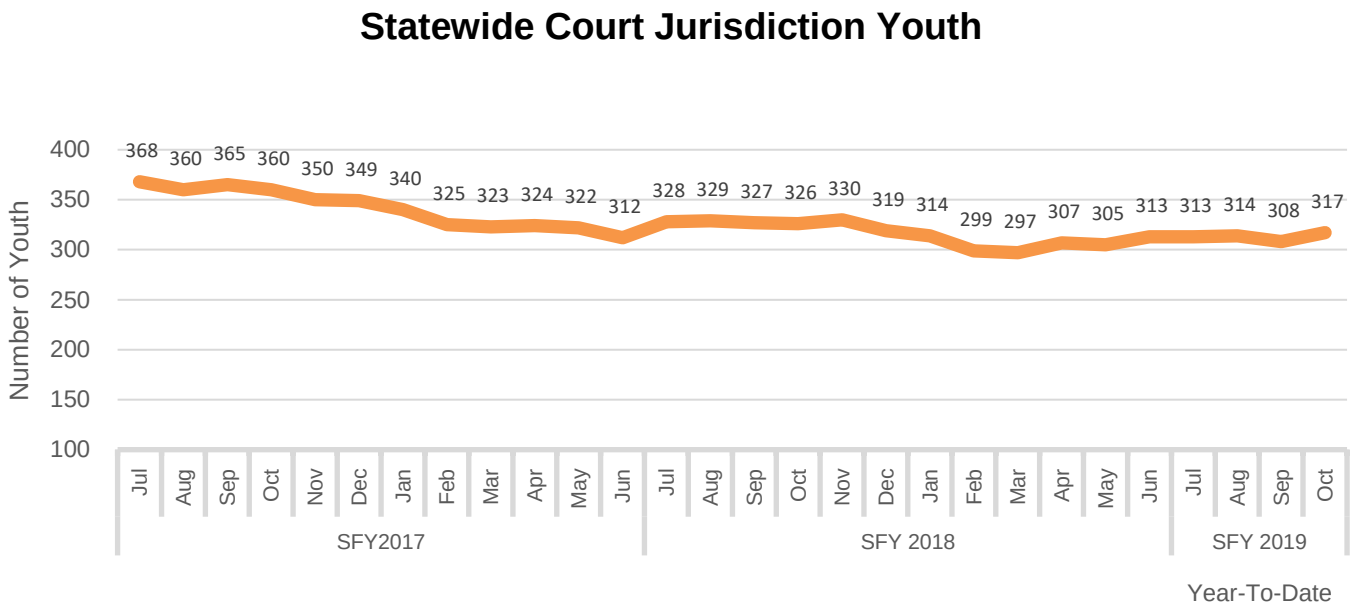


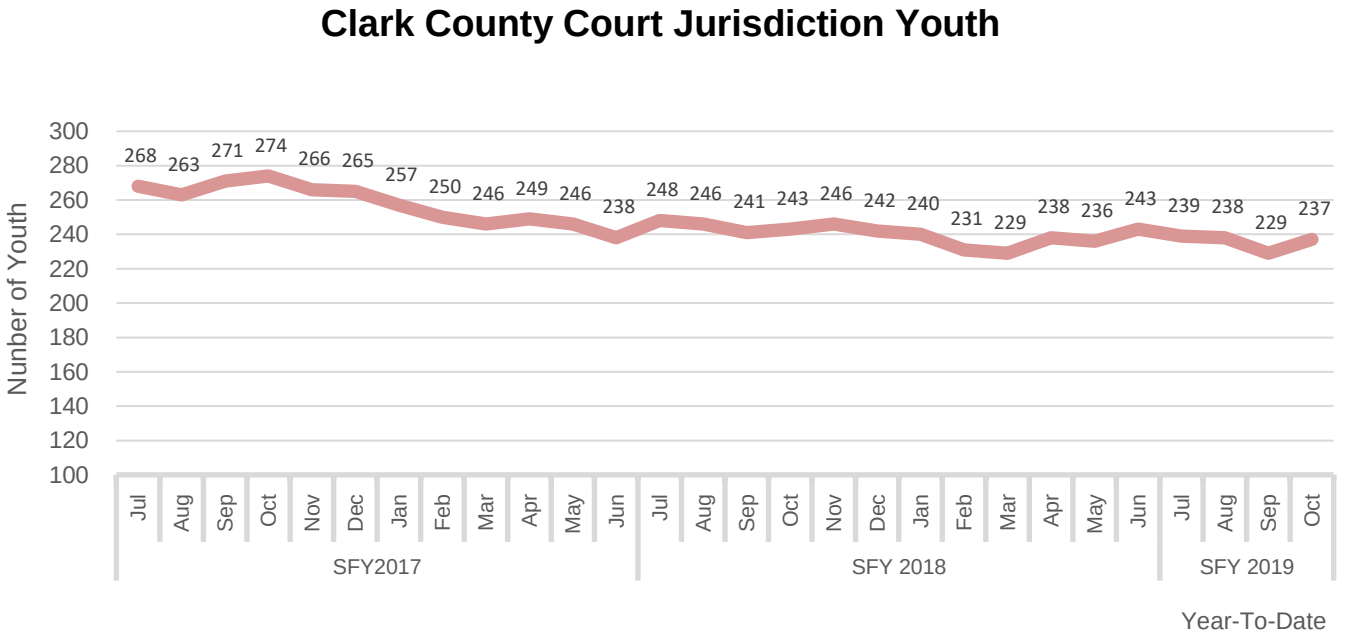
*Clark County has 19 services pending approval in October.

Source: COGNOS IL Counts Report

Court Jurisdiction Youth

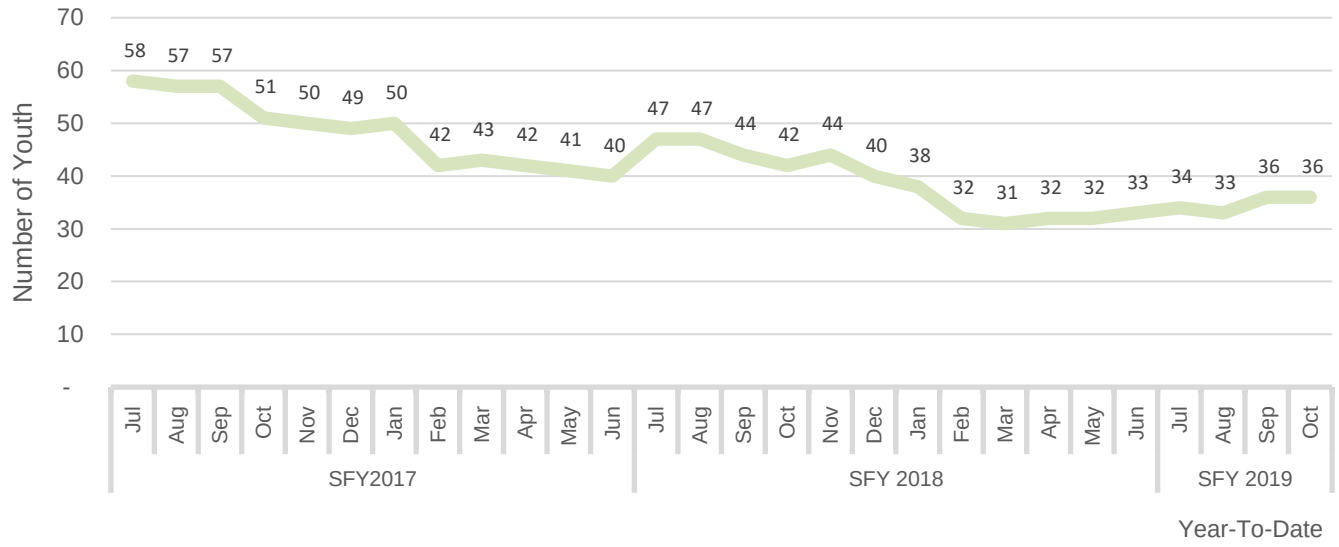
Assembly Bill 350 (AB 350), enacted in the 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature (2011) and signed into law by Governor Sandoval on May 18, 2011, provides that youth who "age out" of foster care (reach the age of majority while in foster care) continue in the jurisdiction of the court after the age of 18 under certain circumstances. The agency that provides child welfare services continues monetary payments to the youth while they remain in the jurisdiction of the court.



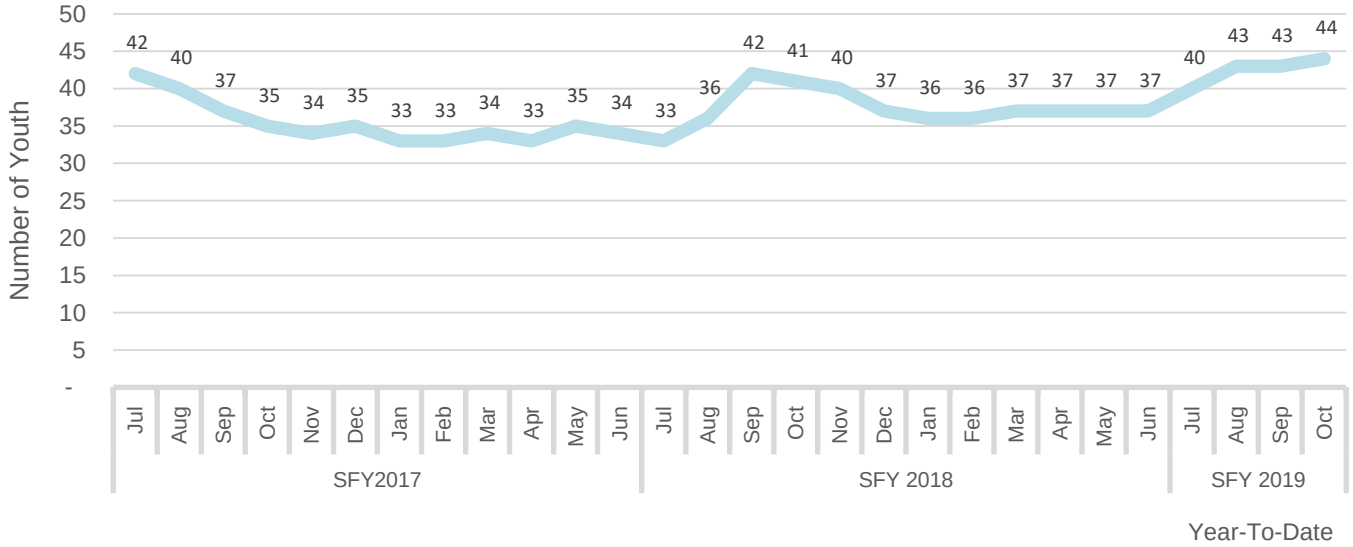


Source: UNITY Database – CFS 7K9 Report

Washoe County Court Jurisdiction Youth



Rural Region Court Jurisdiction Youth



Source: UNITY Database – CFS 7K9 Report

Adoption Placement and Subsidies

It is the policy of the agencies providing child welfare services to provide financial, medical, and social services assistance to adoptive parents, thereby encouraging and supporting the adoption of special-needs children from foster care. A statewide collaborative policy outlines the special-needs eligibility criteria, application process, types of assistance available, and the necessary elements of a subsidized adoption agreement.

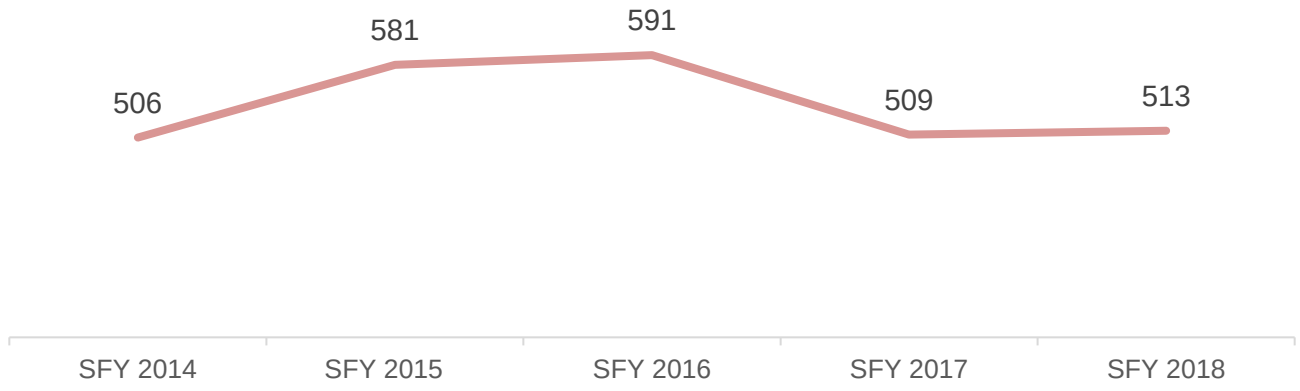
Statewide Finalized Adoptions by Month

State Fiscal Year	Statewide				Clark				Washoe				Rural			
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019
Jul	53	53	36	46	50	31	27	38	3	8	7	6	0	14	2	2
Aug	76	67	88	117	53	44	63	57	22	16	21	54	1	7	4	6
Sep	47	77	55	63	38	62	47	50	4	11	8	10	5	4	0	3
Oct	87	65	65	68	78	46	49	45	6	13	15	15	3	6	1	8
Nov	129	111	89		101	75	62		18	18	20		10	18	7	
Dec	61	43	45		49	22	36		6	9	6		6	12	3	
Jan	21	32	35		19	25	29		2	5	4		0	2	2	
Feb	38	46	53		22	24	26		10	17	24		6	5	3	
Mar	65	74	45		50	56	34		6	12	8		9	6	3	
Apr	63	53	71		58	42	52		2	3	14		3	8	5	
May	74	70	88		42	39	57		27	23	28		5	8	3	
Jun	50	55	41		31	43	31		11	4	5		8	8	5	
Total	**764**	**746**	**711**	**294**	**591**	**509**	**513**	**190**	**117**	**139**	**160**	**85**	**56**	**98**	**38**	**19**
% change from previous year	-3%	-2%	-5%		2%	-14%	1%		-25%	19%	15%		6%	75%	-61%	

Source: UNITY Database - CFS 794 Report

Clark County Finalized Adoptions

SFY 2014 through SFY 2018
Annual Totals



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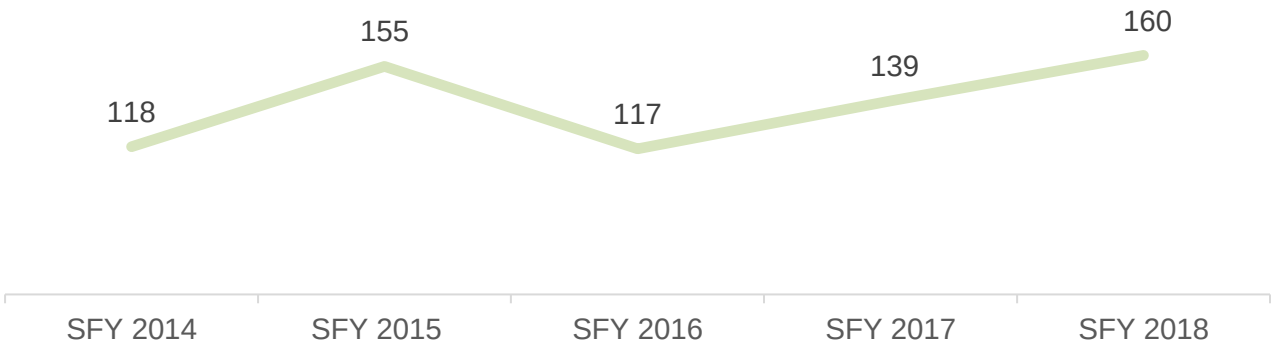

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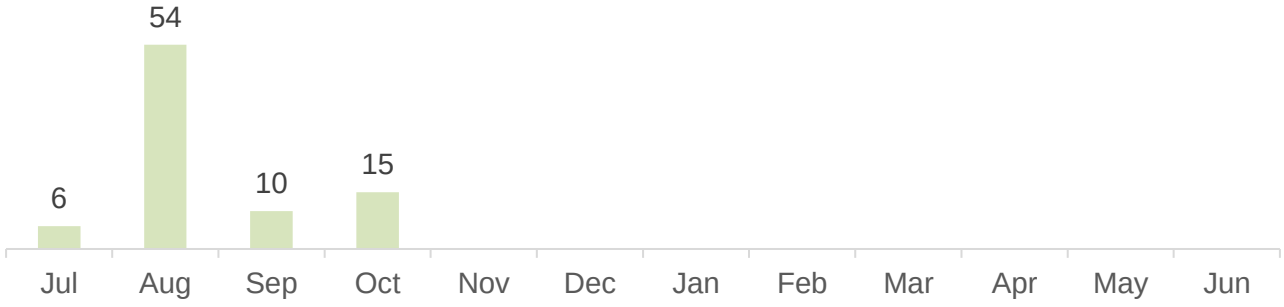

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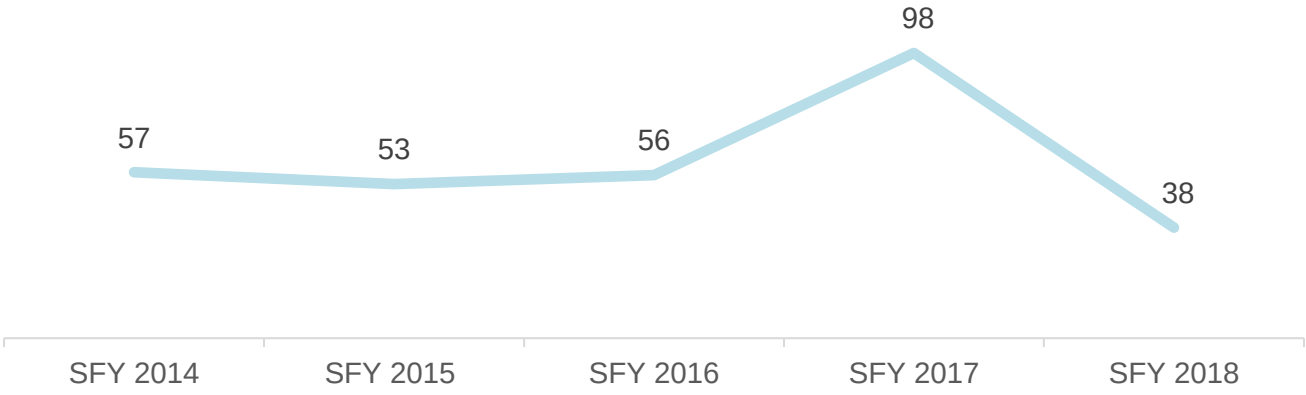

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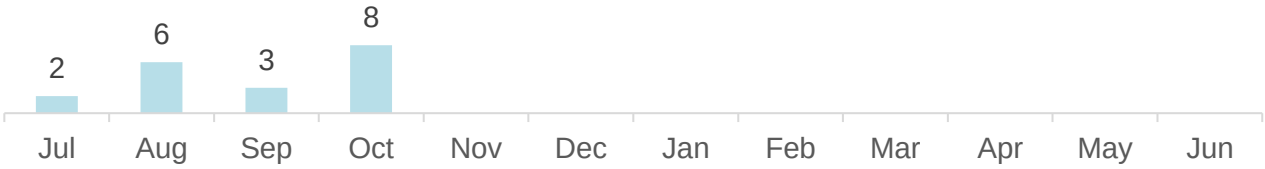

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Statewide Finalized Adoptions by Age at Adoption

State Fiscal Year	Statewide				Clark County				Washoe County				Rural Counties			
Age by Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019
0	10	12	13	5	5	5	5	2	4	7	8	3	1	-	-	-
1	116	109	113	46	98	92	97	33	13	10	12	12	5	7	4	1
2	128	113	126	55	103	75	92	40	21	27	26	15	4	11	8	-
3	90	69	75	22	66	45	56	15	14	15	15	6	10	9	4	1
4	66	67	63	16	48	45	43	9	17	14	17	5	1	8	3	2
5	63	62	48	18	49	39	27	11	10	11	17	3	4	12	4	4
6	43	46	44	24	34	28	32	14	5	8	9	9	4	10	3	1
7	39	39	36	11	28	26	24	7	7	8	8	4	4	5	4	-
8	40	50	37	18	31	31	24	10	5	12	11	5	4	7	2	3
9	39	38	33	20	30	24	26	14	6	6	7	3	3	8	-	3
10	29	29	27	10	23	20	17	6	4	3	9	2	2	6	1	2
11	24	30	20	13	20	22	17	11	2	3	3	2	2	5	-	-
12	22	27	21	7	20	23	14	4	2	2	6	3	0	2	1	-
13	24	18	21	8	17	13	12	3	3	4	6	4	4	1	3	1
14	13	9	13	7	10	6	12	4	1	2	1	3	2	1	-	-
15	7	18	10	5	5	11	8	4	1	4	2	1	1	3	-	-
16	8	7	8	5	3	4	6	2	1	1	1	3	4	2	1	-
17	3	3	2	4	1	-	-	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	-	1
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Finalized Adoptions by Age Group

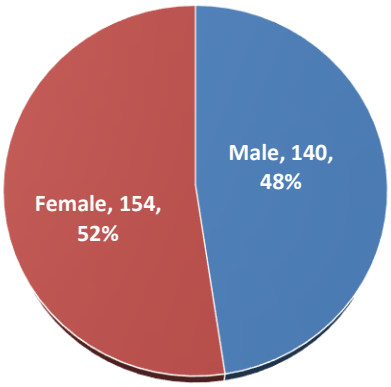
State Fiscal Year	Statewide				Clark				Washoe				Rural			
Age Group	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019
0-1	16 %	16 %	18 %	17 %	17 %	19 %	20 %	18 %	15 %	12 %	13 %	18 %	11 %	7 %	11 %	5 %
2-4	37 %	33 %	37 %	32 %	37 %	32 %	37 %	34 %	44 %	40 %	36 %	31 %	27 %	29 %	39 %	16 %
5-9	29 %	32 %	28 %	31 %	29 %	29 %	26 %	29 %	28 %	32 %	33 %	28 %	34 %	43 %	34 %	58 %
10-14	15 %	15 %	14 %	15 %	15 %	17 %	14 %	15 %	10 %	10 %	16 %	16 %	18 %	15 %	13 %	16 %
15 and up	2 %	4 %	3 %	5 %	2 %	3 %	3 %	4 %	3 %	5 %	3 %	7 %	11 %	6 %	3 %	5 %

Total may not equal 100% due to rounding

Source: UNITY Database - CFS 794 Report

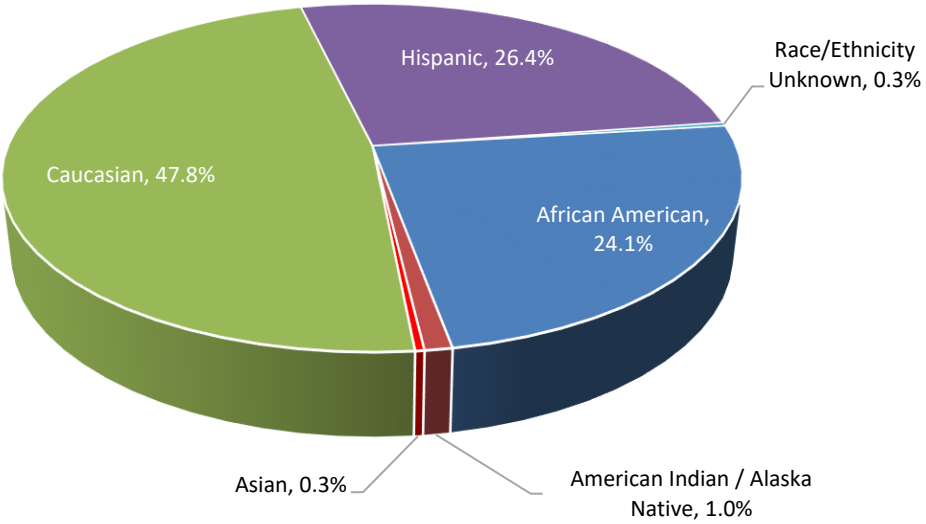
Total Adoptions by Gender and Race/Ethnicity for State Fiscal Year 2019 Year-To-Date

Adoptions by Gender



Source: UNITY Database - CFS 794 Report

Total Adoptions by Race / Ethnicity



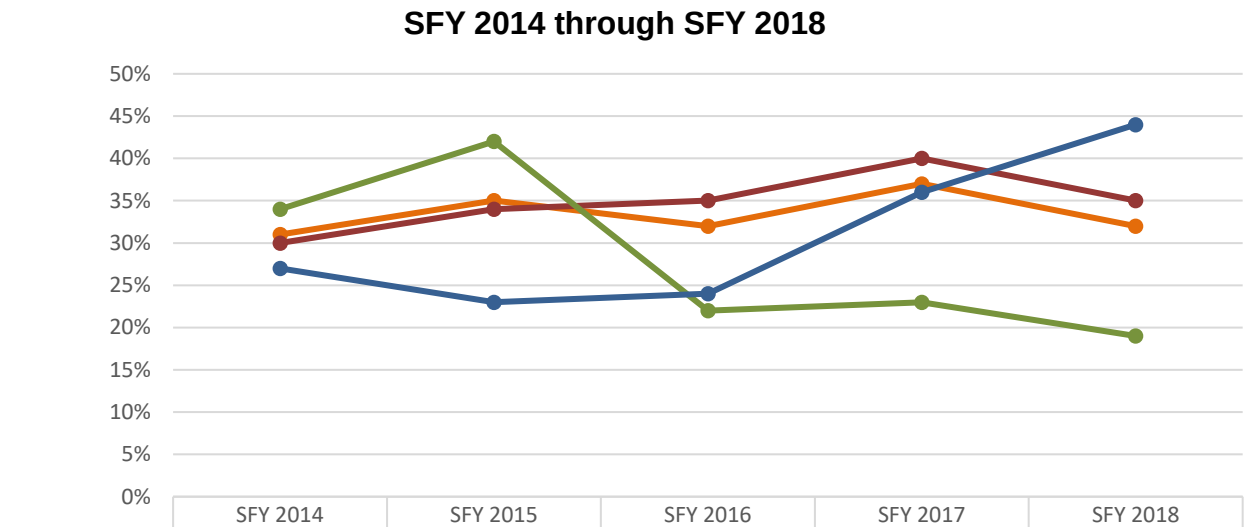
There were no adoptions of Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander youths during the time period under review.

Source: UNITY Database – RPT 785 AFCARS Report

Children Adopted Within 24 Months

This measure shows the percentage of children who exit foster care for a finalized adoption within 24 months of entry into care. Private adoptions are not included in this measure.

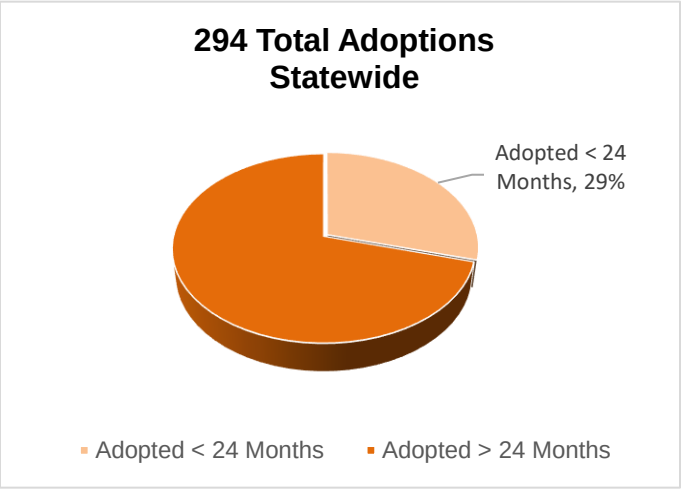
Percent of Children Adopted within 24 Months

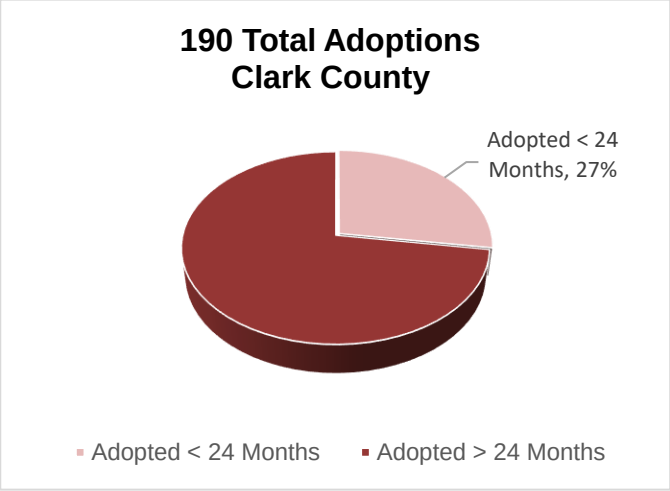


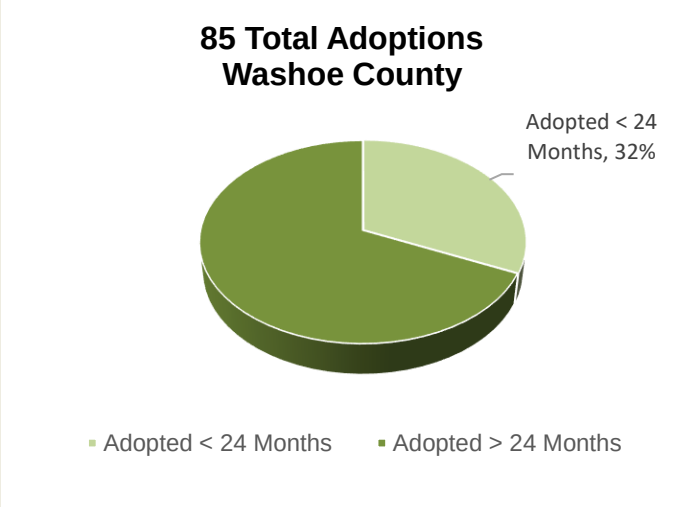
	SFY 2014	SFY 2015	SFY 2016	SFY 2017	SFY 2018
Statewide	31%	35%	32%	37%	32%
Clark	30%	34%	35%	40%	35%
Washoe	34%	42%	22%	23%	19%
Rural	27%	23%	24%	36%	44%

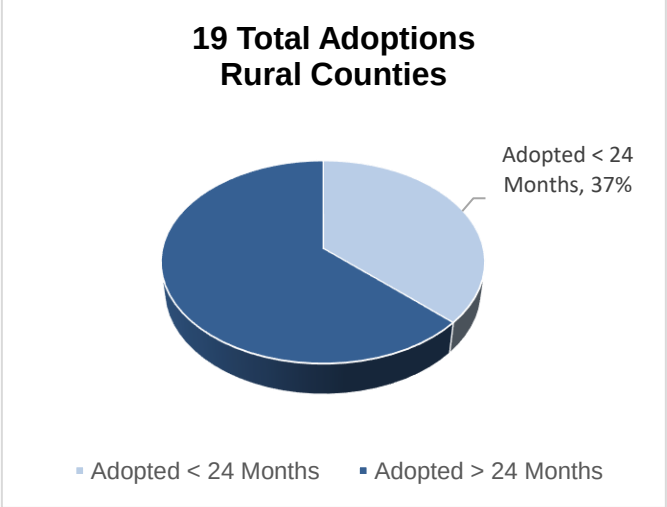
Source: UNITY Database - CFS 732 Report

Percent of Adoptions within 24 Months
SFY 2019 Year-To-Date









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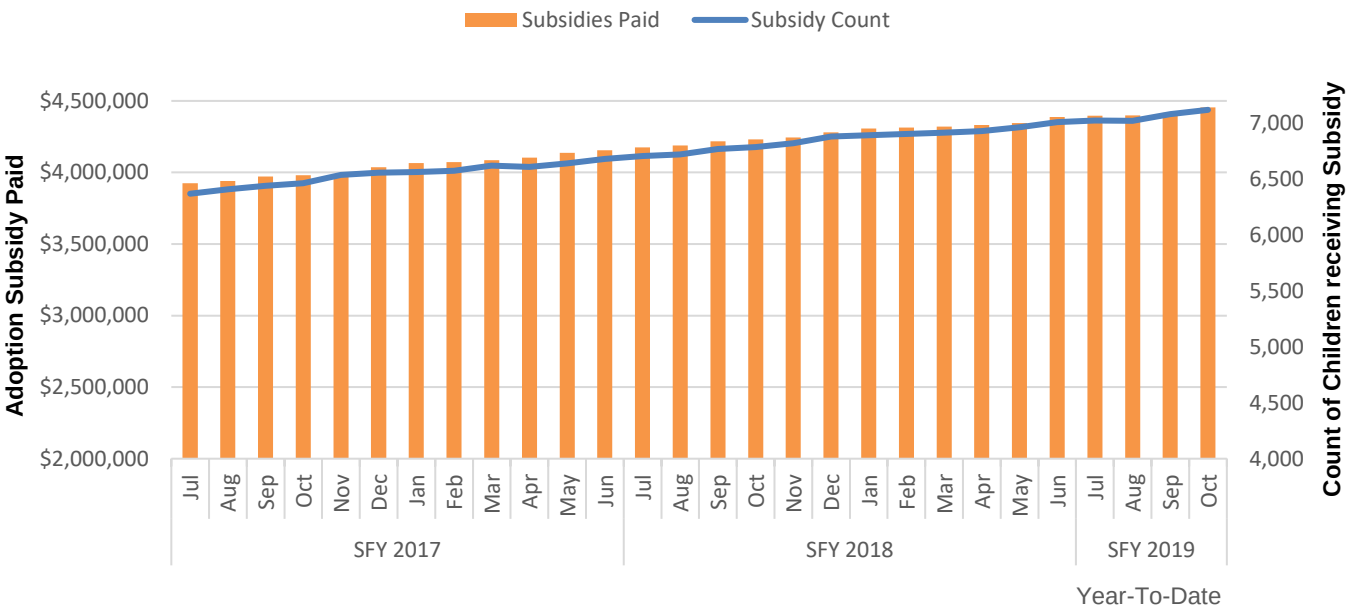
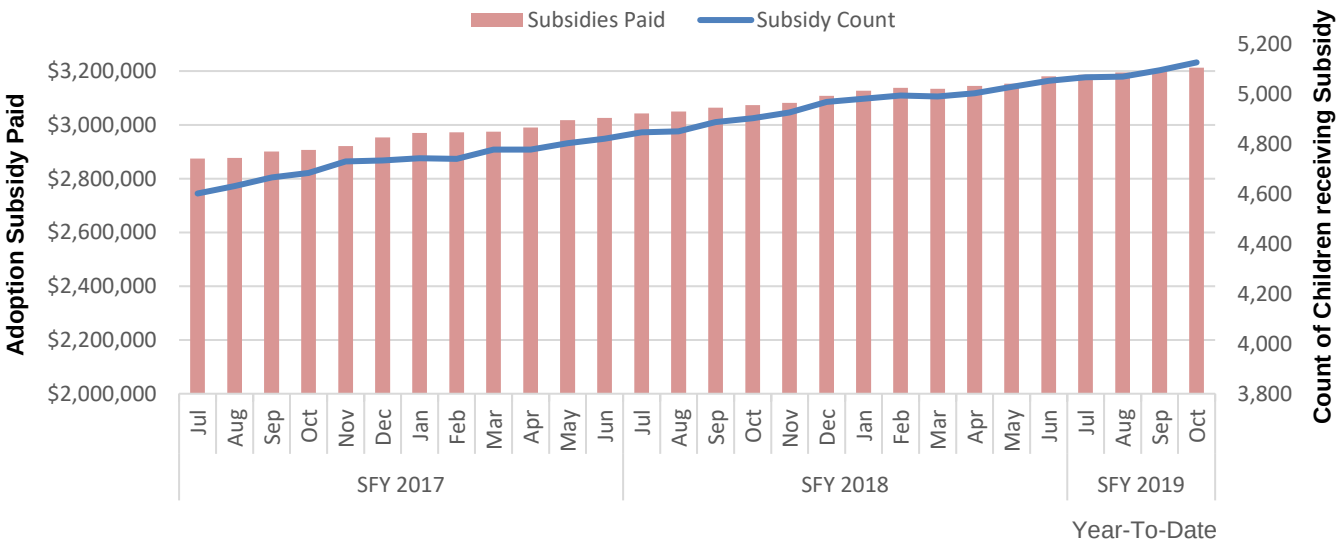


Clark County Adoption Subsidies Paid and Total Subsidy Count



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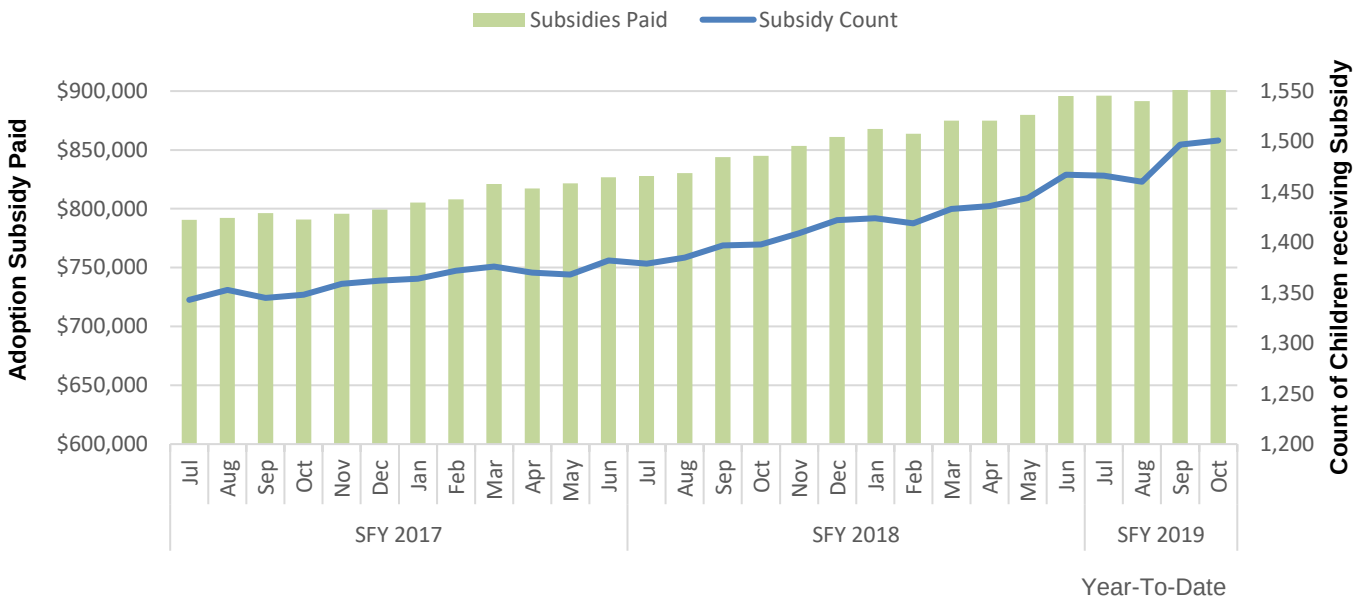
Washoe County Adoption Subsidies Paid and Total Subsidy Count



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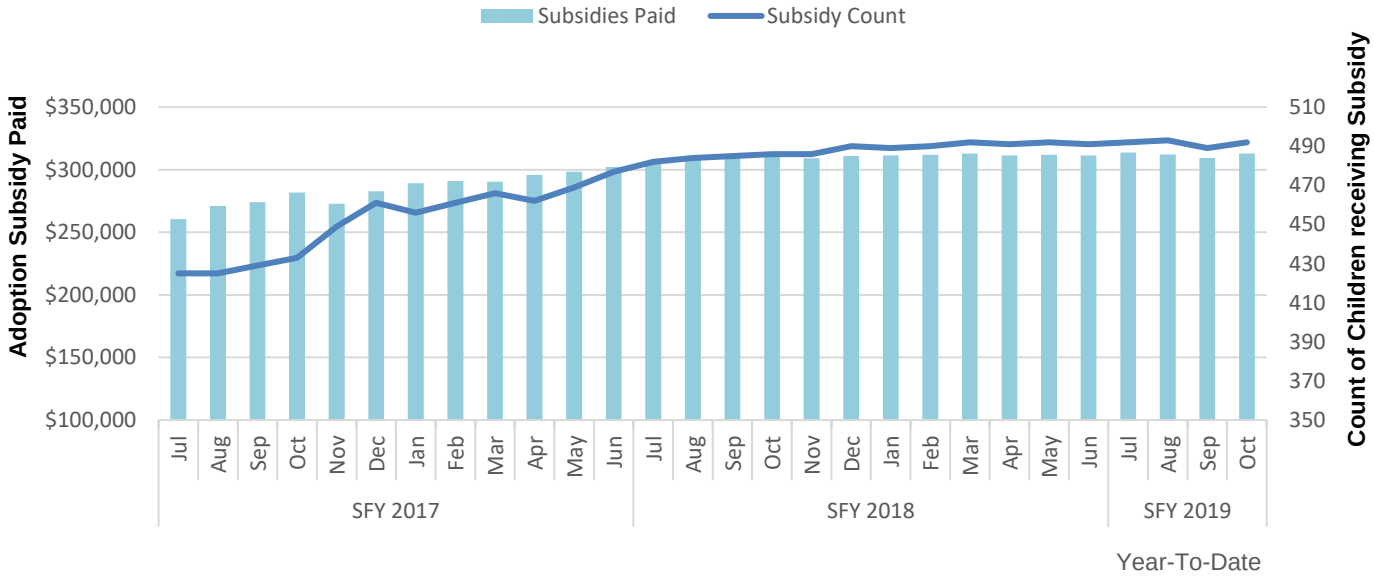

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Juvenile Justice Services

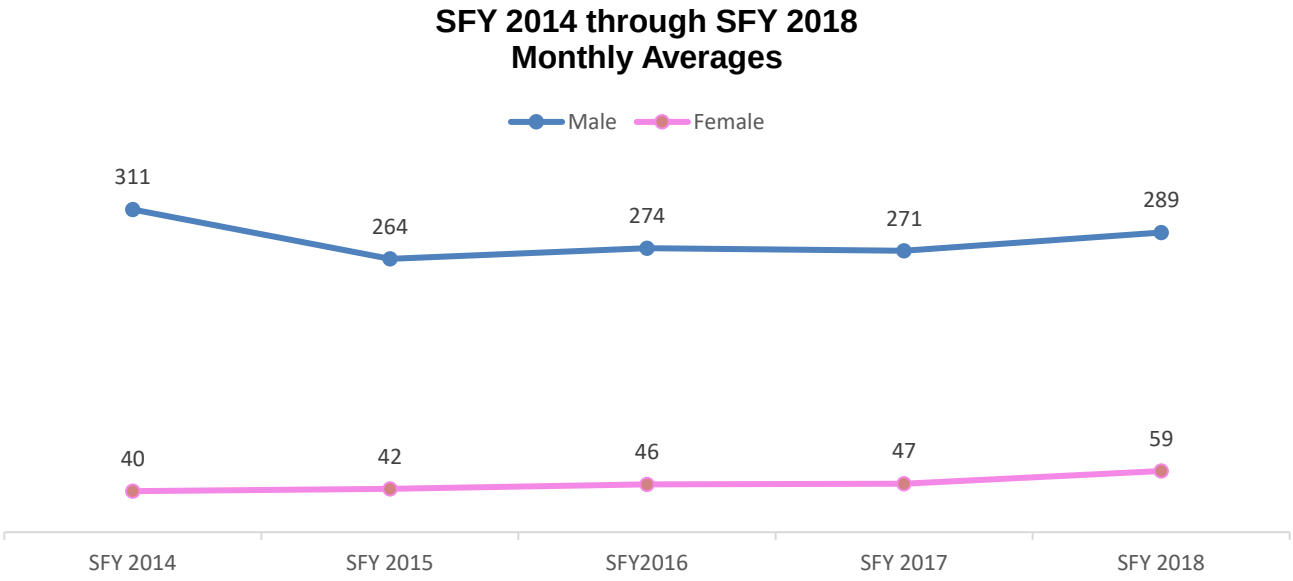
Juvenile Justice Services includes three residential training facilities, statewide supervision of youth on parole, statewide supervision for the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Juveniles, compliance oversight for the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, and grant programs.

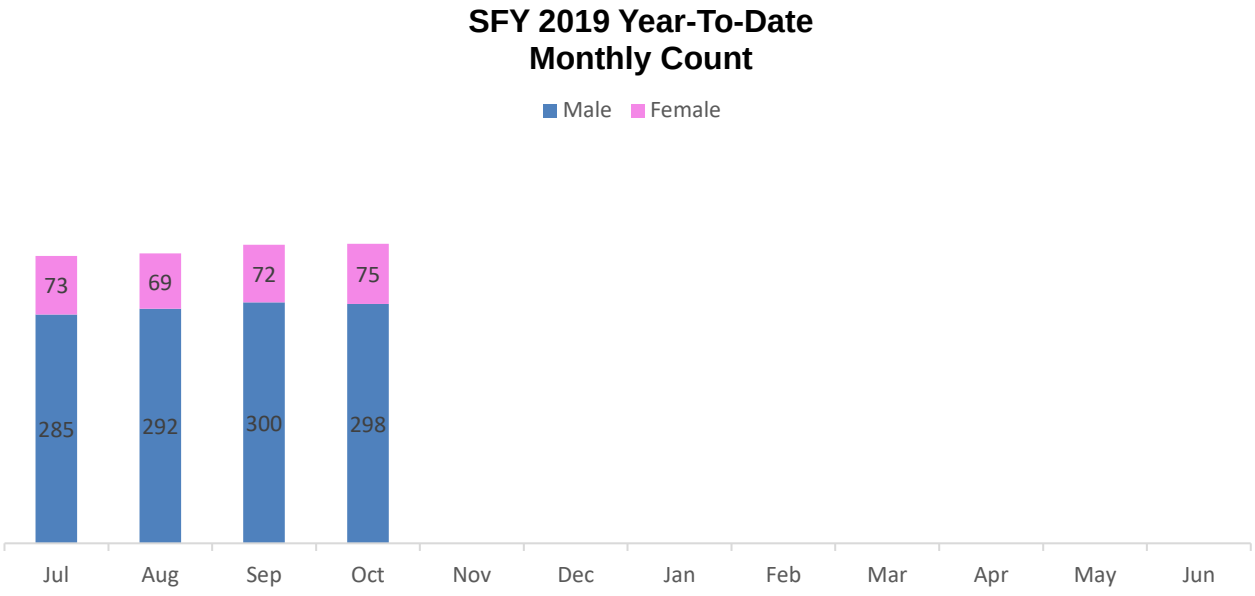
Youth committed for correctional care are generally placed in one of the centers for an average of six to nine months. Upon successful completion of the program in the facility, the youth are released into the community with supervision and case management services provided by Youth Parole. Youth committed for mental health treatment are placed directly on parole and receive treatment and case management services based on their identified needs. Juvenile Justice Services' primary mission is to protect the community while providing a secure and caring environment for youth which encourages them to develop competencies, repay their victims, and reduce or eliminate recidivism.

Youth Parole

The Youth Parole Bureau provides supervision and case management services for youth, ages 12 up to 21 years, who are committed to DCFS for correctional and/or mental health care; youth under the age of 12 years, who are committed to DCFS for correctional care but cannot by law be placed in a correctional program; and youth transferred to Nevada through the Interstate Compact on Juveniles. Services include the following: Academic Tutoring, Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) for Youth Parole, Day Treatment, Drug Court, Employment Development, Family Counseling, Gang Intervention, Gender-Specific Program, Group-Based Outpatient Treatment for Adolescent Substance Abuse, Hospitality International Training, Juvenile Sex Offenders, Location Monitoring, Mentoring, Parent Orientation Program, Psychiatric and Psychological Services, Sexually Exploited Youth, Skills Development, and Substance Abuse Counseling.

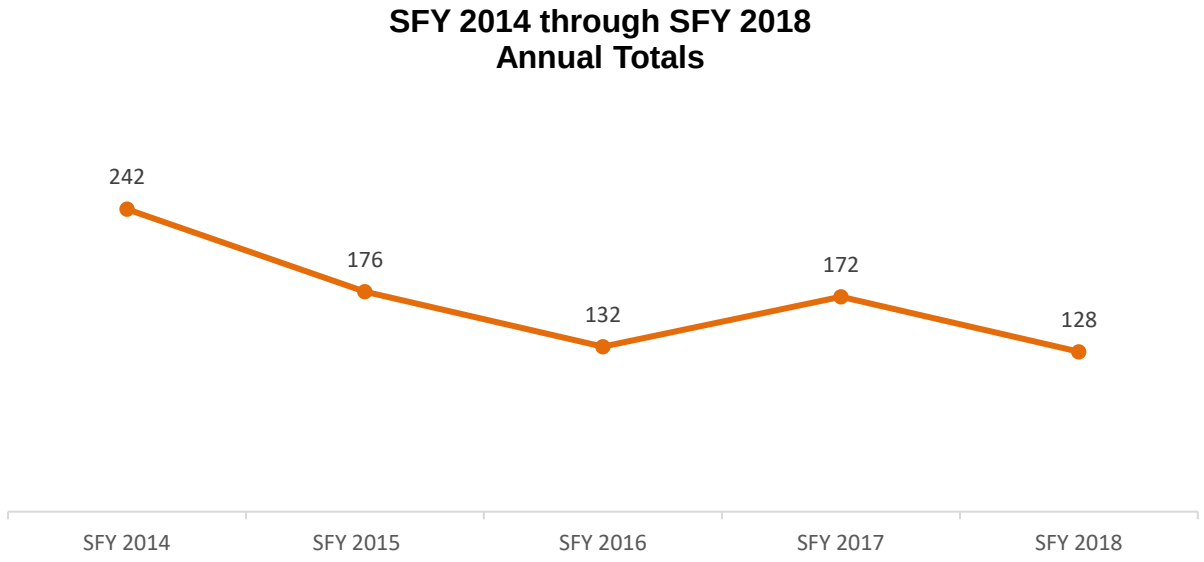
Youth Parole Month End Population

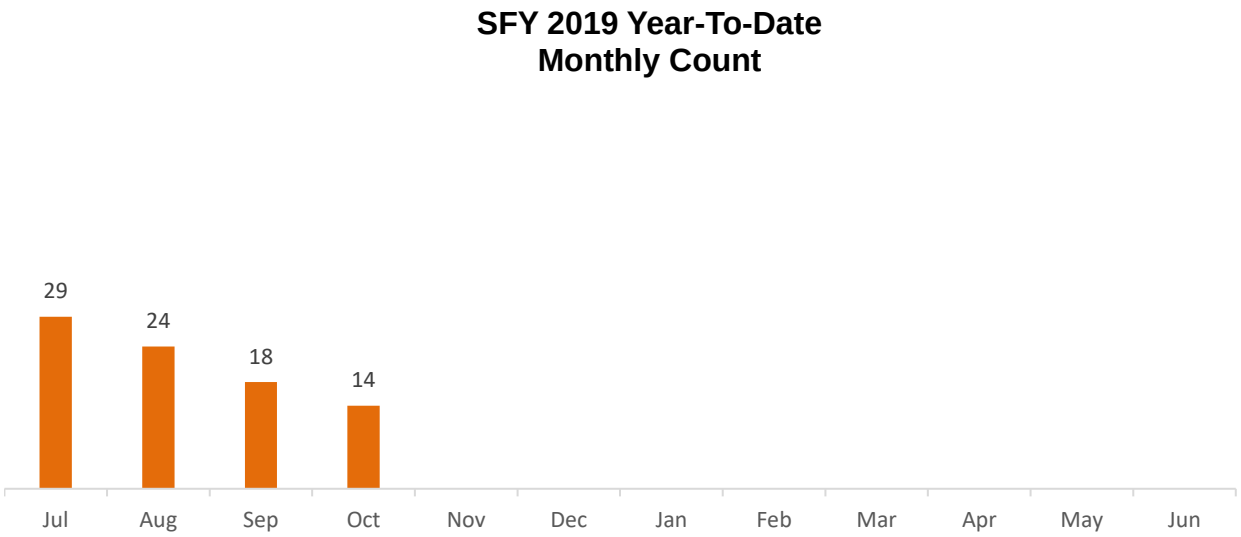




Source: CLEO Report/ Juvenile Services Caseload Statistics

Statewide Youth Parole Case Closures





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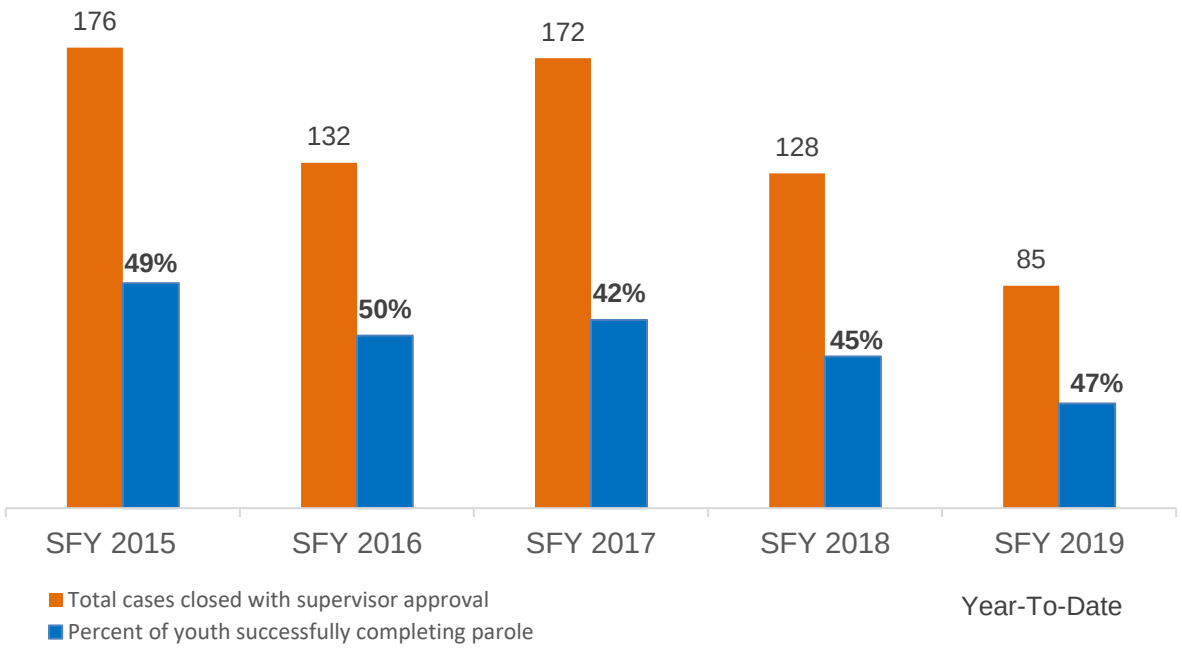
Youth successfully completing parole program

Youth Parole sets out a detailed parole program for the youth to follow to achieve successful completion, which includes counseling, school or work, and activities. This measure shows the percentage of youth successfully completing the parole program. There are three types of termination from parole: positive, general, and negative. Only youth receiving a positive or general termination from parole are considered to have successfully completed the parole program.

Percent of Youth with Successful Completion of Parole Program

*For youth whose cases were closed and approved in the time period



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Youth in School, Training, or Work at Release

One factor to provide positive outcomes for juveniles on youth parole is to steer them toward their educational goals. This measure shows the percentage of youth who are involved in either: (1) school, (2) alternative education, (3) vocational training, or (4) employment at time of release from a youth parole program.

Percent of Youth in School, Training, or Work at Parole Release

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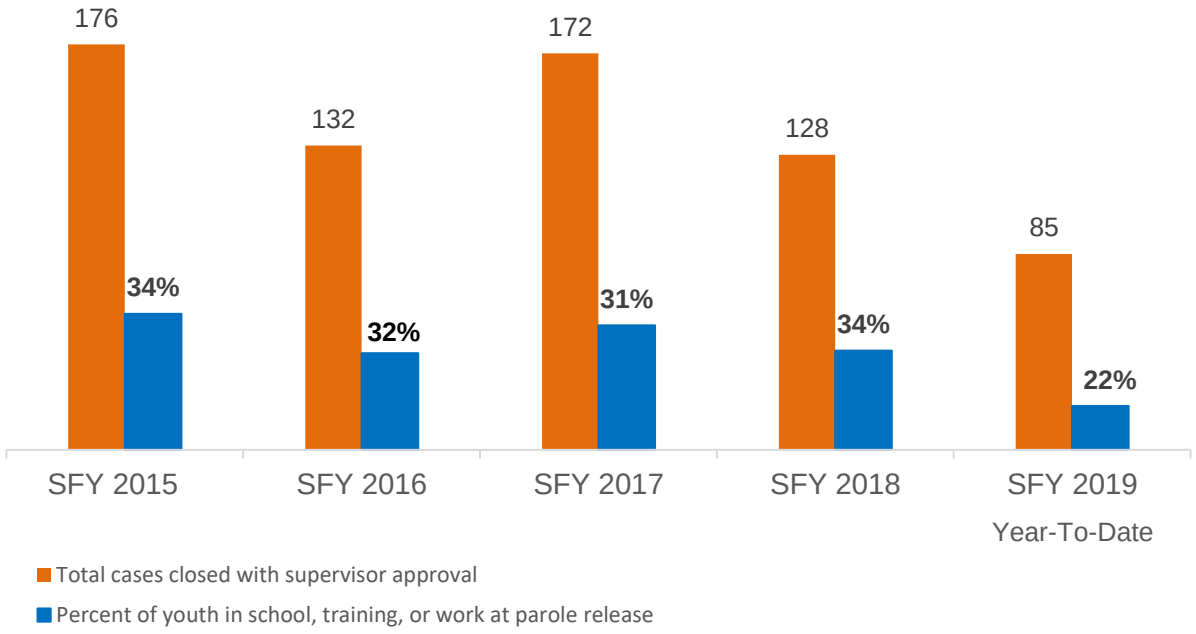

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Youth Re-offending Under Youth Parole Supervision

A goal of youth parole is increasing law-abiding behavior and reducing incidence of offenses. This measure represents the percentage of youth under parole supervision whose cases were closed and were adjudicated for technical violation of the terms of the parole release or for a new crime during their period of parole supervision.

Percent of Youth Re-offending while under Parole Supervision

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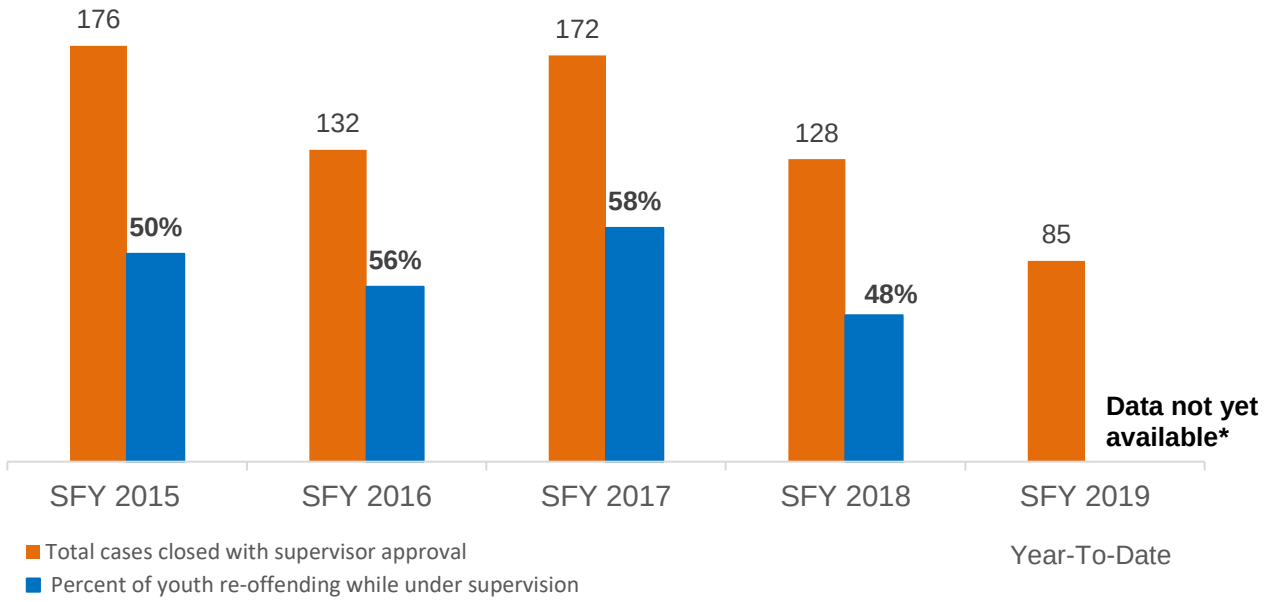

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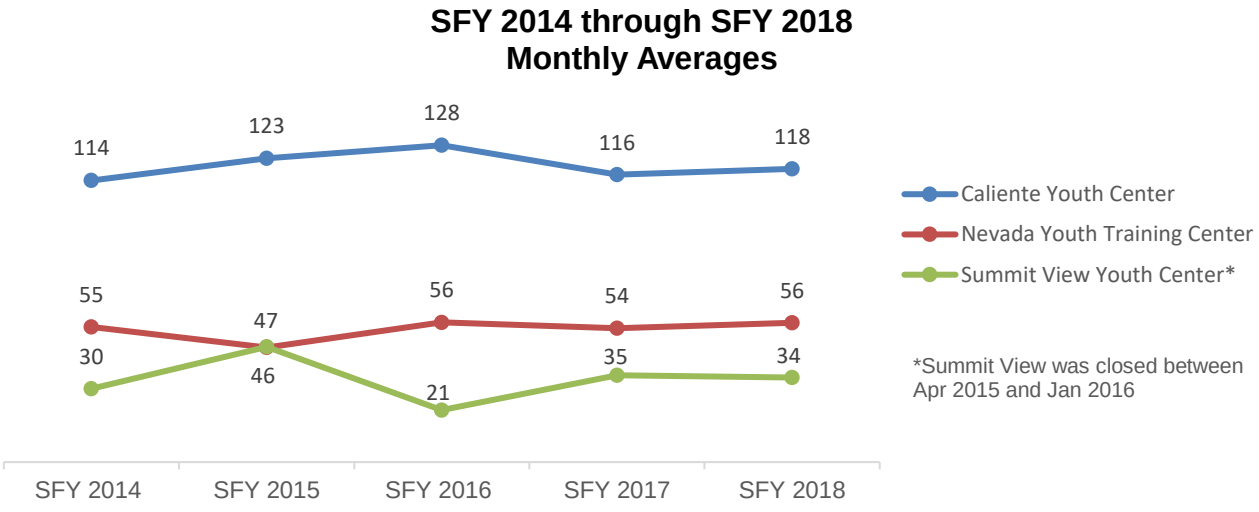
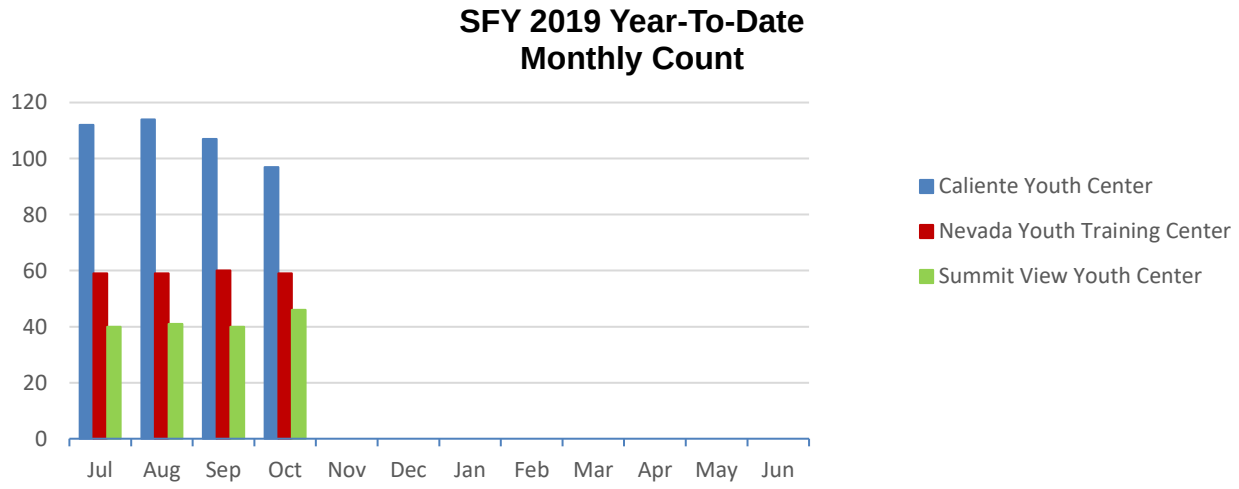
Juvenile Correctional Care

The purpose of this activity is to ensure that children committed to the State of Nevada for correctional care receive effective services in a safe, secure, healthy, and therapeutic environment by trained, qualified staff.
Correctional centers provide educational and vocational programs, counseling in life skills and independent living skills, substance abuse and relapse prevention, anger management, grief counseling, and parenting classes. Additionally, specialized programming is offered based on individualized treatment needs and goals.

Youth State Correctional Care End-of-Month Population



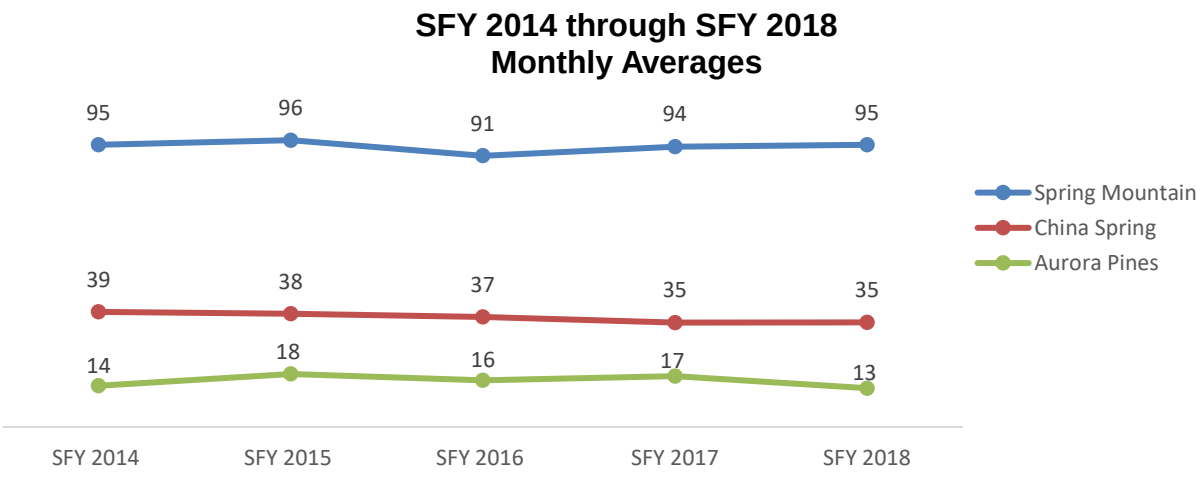


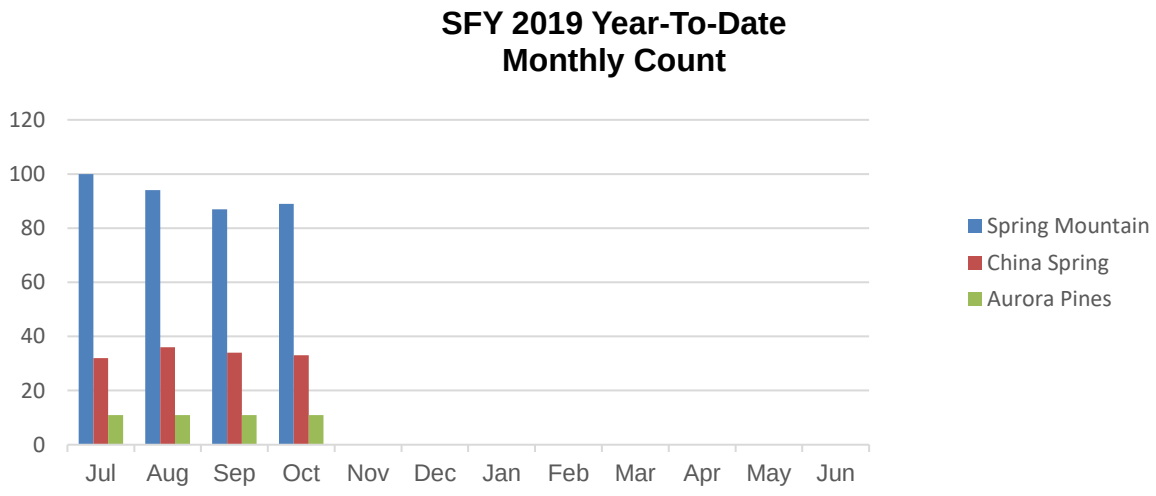
Source: CLEO Report/ Juvenile Services Caseload Statistics

Youth Alternative Placement

Youth Alternative Community Placement provides local jurisdictions with the ability to implement community-based programming for youth at risk of being committed to state correctional care. Community-based programming has long proven more cost-effective and healthier for the youth. Families have more opportunities to participate in the treatment and youth have more opportunity to integrate effectively back into their own communities. Examples of services include intensive supervision programs, mental health and substance abuse treatment, evening reporting centers, academic programming, and county youth camps. County youth camps consist of three facilities: (1) Spring Mountain Youth Camp, (2) China Spring Youth Camp, and (3) Aurora Pines Girls Facility.

Youth Alternative Placements End-of-Month Population





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Mental/Behavioral Health Services

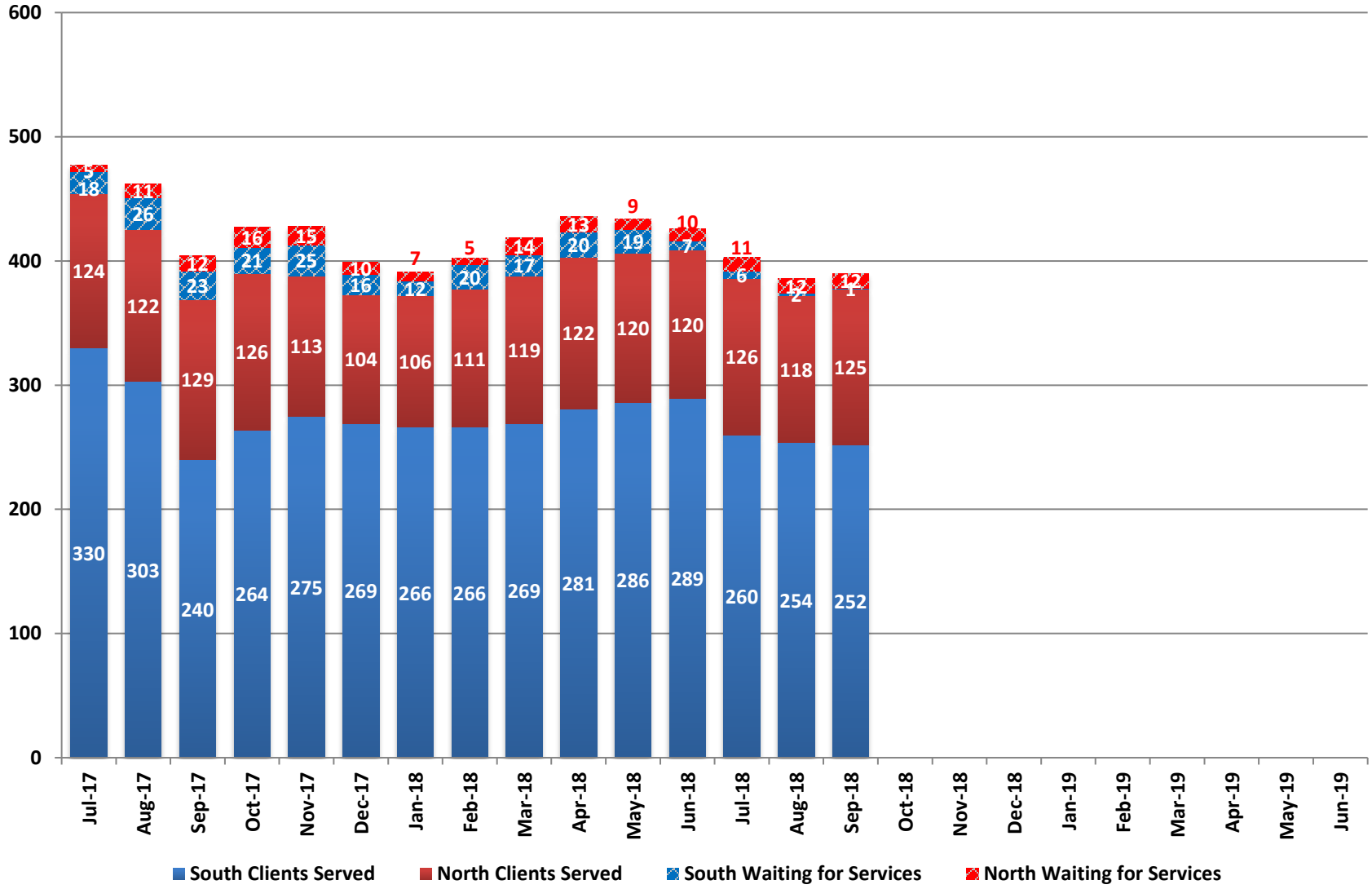
Mental/Behavioral Health Services provides community-based and outpatient services to families in the state, many of whom would enter the child welfare or juvenile justice systems without appropriate treatment and intervention. DCFS' nationally recognized program, Wraparound in Nevada (WIN), provides children, with serious emotional disturbances, intensive targeted case management services. DCFS' mental health programming also includes early childhood services, residential care such as family learning homes, a residential treatment center for adolescents, and an acute residential treatment center.

Outpatient Treatment Services

The purpose of this activity is to provide comprehensive, individualized mental health care to emotionally disturbed children, ages 6 to 18, and their families, and young children, ages birth to six years of age with deficits, and their families and communities. The clientele in the 6-to-18 age group often have multiple and serious life challenges. The goal of these services, focused on the child's strengths and needs, is to reduce challenging behaviors; increase positive behaviors and emotions; treat and manage mental health symptoms; improve functioning at home, in school and in the community; strengthen parent-child relationships; and facilitate the child's resiliency and recovery.

Mental/Behavioral Health data is one month behind due to the late posting of the Behavioral Health Chart Pack (BHCP).

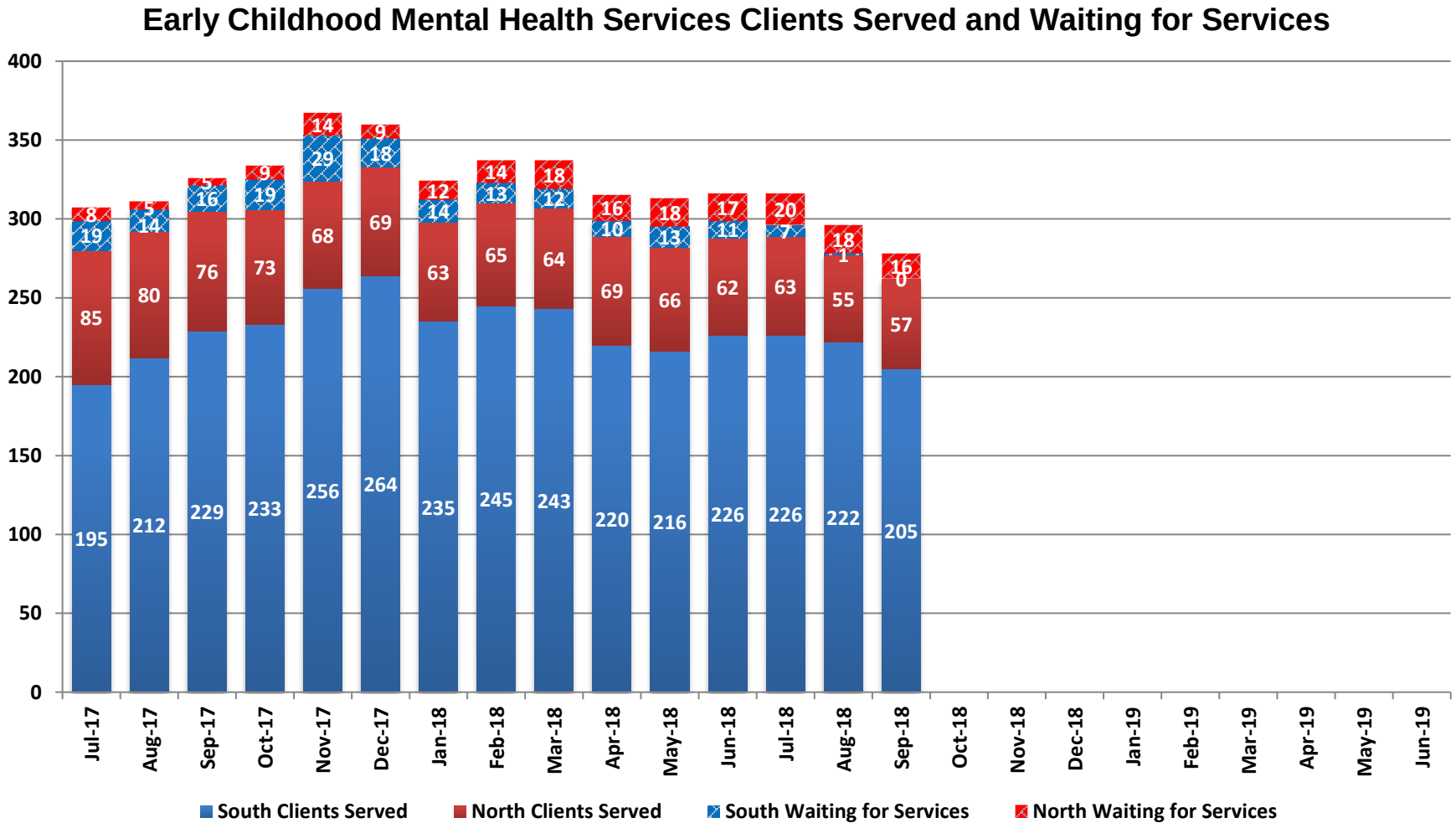
Children's Clinical Services/Outpatient Clients Served and Waiting for Services



Source: DHHS Behavioral Health Chart Pack

Early Childhood Mental Health Services

The purpose of Early Childhood Mental Health Services (ECMHS) is to support the social and emotional development of young children with deficits by providing comprehensive mental health services to children ages birth to six years of age, their families, and the communities in which they live. ECMHS works with the whole family to support and train parents how to create relationships with their children that will, in turn, allow them to develop age-appropriate and healthy social and emotional skills.



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Mobile Crisis Response Team

The Mobile Crisis Response Team is designed to reduce unnecessary psychiatric hospitalizations and placement disruptions of children and youth, and to reduce the need for youth to go to emergency rooms or detention centers to have their mental and behavioral health needs addressed. Mobile crisis response services provide immediate care and treatment from specialized teams, which include qualified mental health professionals and psychiatric case managers to any child or adolescent requiring support and intervention with a psychiatric emergency.

Children's Mobile Crisis General Statistics

	Children South						Children North						Children Rural					
	Total Calls	Clients Served (Team Responded)	Hospitalization	Hospital Diversion	Stabilization Recommended	Hospital Diversion Rate	Total Calls	Clients Served (Team Responded)	Hospitalization	Hospital Diversion	Stabilization Recommended	Hospital Diversion Rate	Total Calls	Clients Served (Team Responded)	Hospitalization	Hospital Diversion	Stabilization Recommended	Hospital Diversion Rate
Jul-17	81	49	10	39	21	80%	11	6	0	6	1	100%	9	5	0	5	2	100%
Aug-17	157	111	17	94	57	85%	49	21	3	18	15	86%	28	20	2	18	9	90%
Sep-17	175	106	10	96	46	91%	52	30	1	29	18	97%	28	17	1	16	2	94%
Oct-17	227	128	17	111	60	87%	34	19	1	18	12	95%	21	11	3	8	0	73%
Nov-17	150	89	20	69	37	78%	46	23	3	20	16	87%	28	18	2	16	0	89%
Dec-17	162	95	18	77	44	81%	44	24	3	21	12	88%	7	6	0	6	1	100%
Jan-18	169	97	13	84	57	87%	28	16	1	15	10	94%	17	15	2	12	3	80%
Feb-18	196	104	19	85	43	82%	48	27	2	25	17	93%	27	26	7	19	7	73%
Mar-18	206	95	15	80	45	84%	57	32	6	26	18	81%	35	32	6	26	2	81%
Apr-18	209	115	12	103	49	90%	58	31	13	18	15	58%	29	27	0	27	4	100%
May-18	199	98	14	84	51	86%	65	35	5	30	25	86%	35	28	6	22	4	79%
Jun-18	97	40	11	29	14	73%	33	15	0	15	4	100%	15	9	0	9	2	100%
Jul-18	122	56	12	44	23	79%	30	10	3	7	5	70%	7	1	0	1	0	100%
Aug-18	142	86	12	74	49	86%	53	20	1	19	14	95%	11	9	2	7	2	78%
Sep-18	249	130	11	119	64	92%							26	18	2	16	4	89%
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Source: DHHS Behavioral Health Chart Pack

Inpatient Psychiatric Services

The purpose of inpatient psychiatric services is to provide quality, individualized inpatient mental health treatment in a safe and culturally sensitive environment for children and adolescents with the most severe emotional disturbances. Primary activities include acute psychiatric care to youth at immediate risk of harm to themselves or others, including intense therapeutic services and short-term care until the immediate risk of harm is no longer present; and residential treatment care, including less-intense therapeutic services than acute care; longer-term care for chronic mental health conditions that require longer-term inpatient treatment in order for the youth to transition to community-based treatment; and specialized treatment for males adjudicated on sexual offenses.

Early Childhood Mental Health Services

Fiscal Year Averages

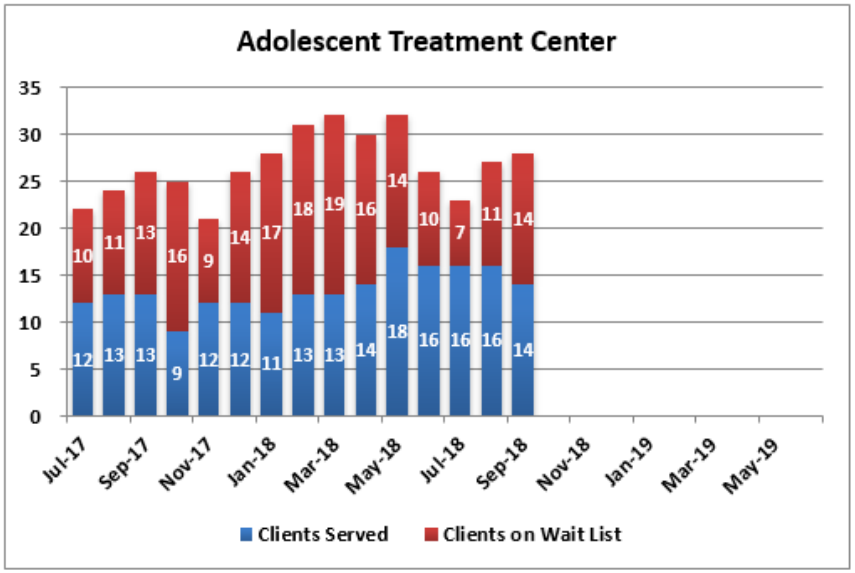
Fiscal Year	South Clients Served	South Waiting for Services	North Clients Served	North Waiting for Services	Total Served	Total Waiting for Services
FY14	351	45	164	24	515	69
FY15	298	37	149	27	447	63
FY16	234	17	152	30	386	47
FY17	217	16	96	13	313	29
FY18	231	16	70	12	301	28
FY19 YTD	218	3	58	18	276	21

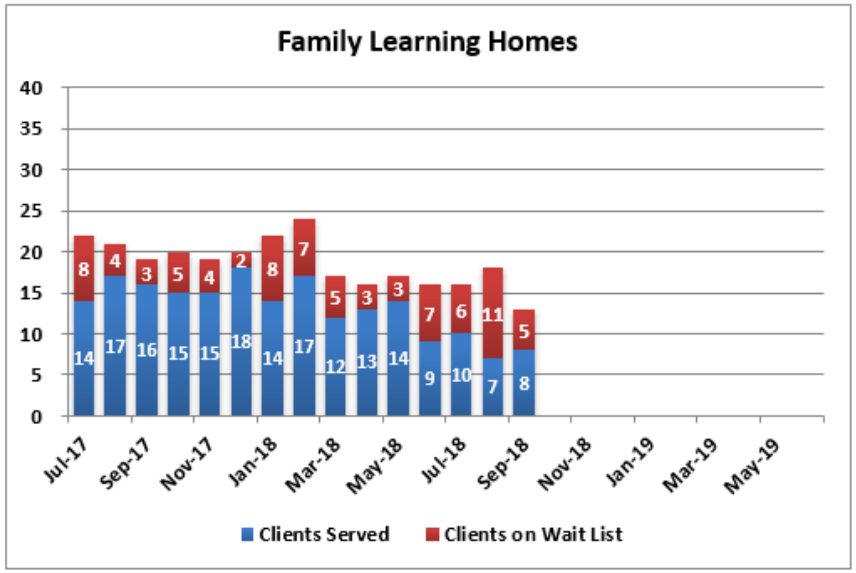
Source: DHHS Behavioral Health Chart Pack

Residential Rehabilitation Services

One of DCFS' goals is to ensure that children with the most severe emotional and behavioral problems live in a safe, healthy, and positive treatment environment focused on resiliency and recovery. Treatment homes provide a structured, supervised, and therapeutic living environment for children and adolescents who cannot live safely in a family home or foster home. These children were discharged or denied services from community private providers due to severe emotional and behavioral disturbances, developmental disabilities, specialized needs, and/or severe aggression toward themselves and others.

Children's Mental Health – North – Clients Served and Waiting for Service





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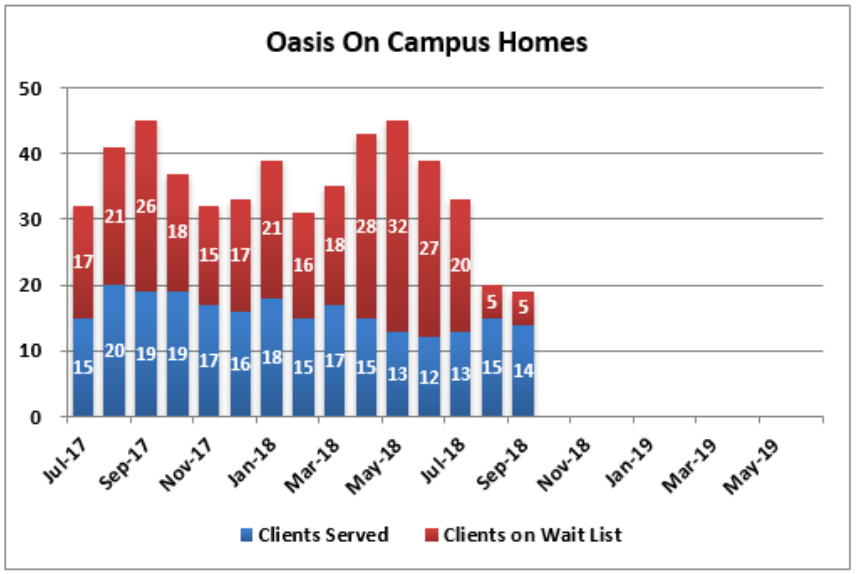
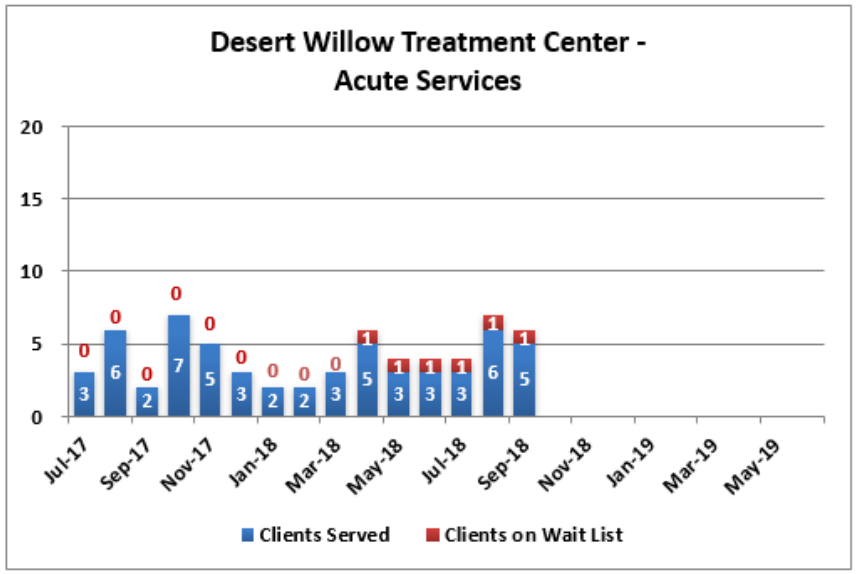
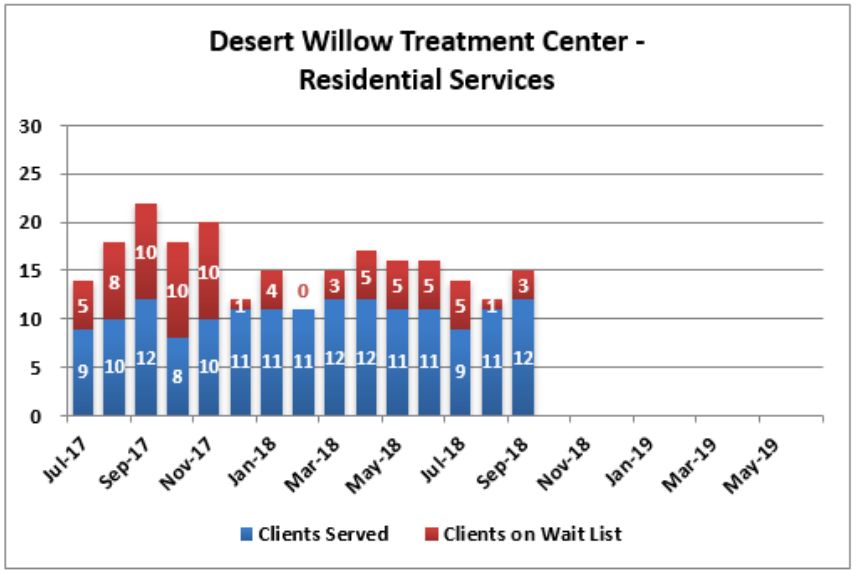
Children's Mental Health – South – Clients Served and Waiting for Service







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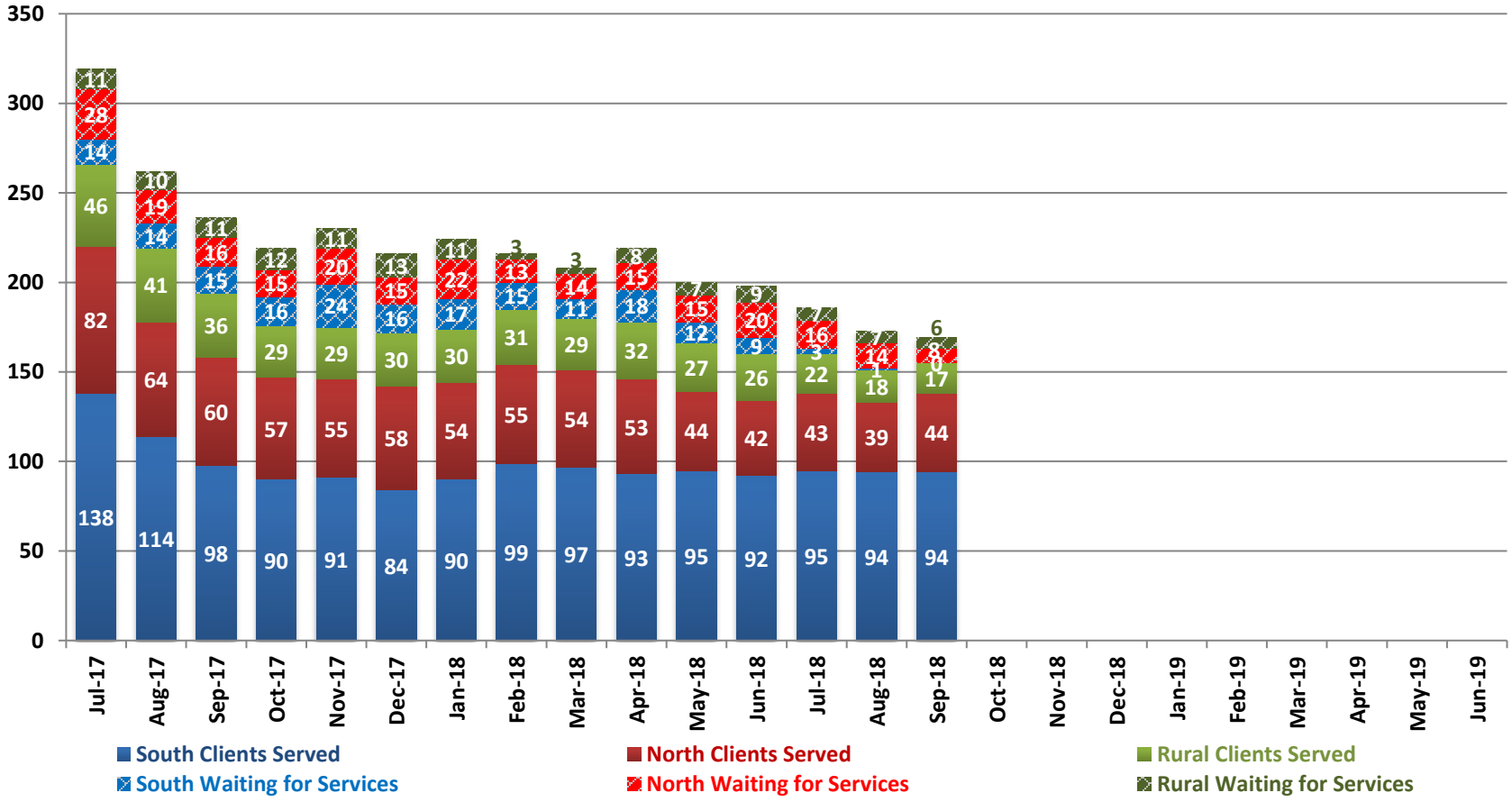
Intensive Care Coordination Services

DCFS' nationally recognized "Promising Practice" program, Wraparound in Nevada (WIN), provides intensive community-based services to Severely Emotionally Disturbed Children (SED), ages birth to 18 years, who are in the custody of the Child Welfare System. Through WIN, youth and families are provided the opportunity to become equal participants in their case planning and receive support necessary to gain family independence. Services include assessment, case planning, linkage to services, monitoring the success of services, crisis response, immediate and responsive plans, and service adjustments as client needs change. WIN ensures that all community members and professionals work together to streamline services, avoid duplication of services, and communicate clearly with families and children.

Children's Wraparound in Nevada (WIN) Clients Served and Waiting for Services



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Administrative and Support Services

Personnel and Payroll

Personnel provides service in all areas of DCFS employment, including, but not limited to: hiring, developing, and retaining qualified employees who model DCFS values and contribute to the attainment of DCFS goals; attaining positive, productive, ethical, and legal employee-employer relationships; ensuring legal compliance with Human Resource requirements; and protecting DCFS employees, property, and finances from avoidable loss. As an integral part of DCFS' strategic planning and policy development, the Personnel unit's responsibilities are grouped into three functional areas of counseling, service, and control.

Percent of Authorized Staff Positions Filled

Authorized Staff Positions as of 11/15/2018

	Authorized	Filled	% Filled
Administration	138	123	89%
Child Welfare	144	121	84%
Childrens Mental Health	392	352	90%
Juvenile Justice	294	252	86%
Totals	968	848	88%

Source: DCFS Human Resources