

State of the State

Texas Child Welfare System Trends



Mission and Focus

TexProtects protects Texas children from the trauma of abuse and neglect and empowers families to thrive through education, research, and advocacy.

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Abuse
Prevention

Family
Preservation

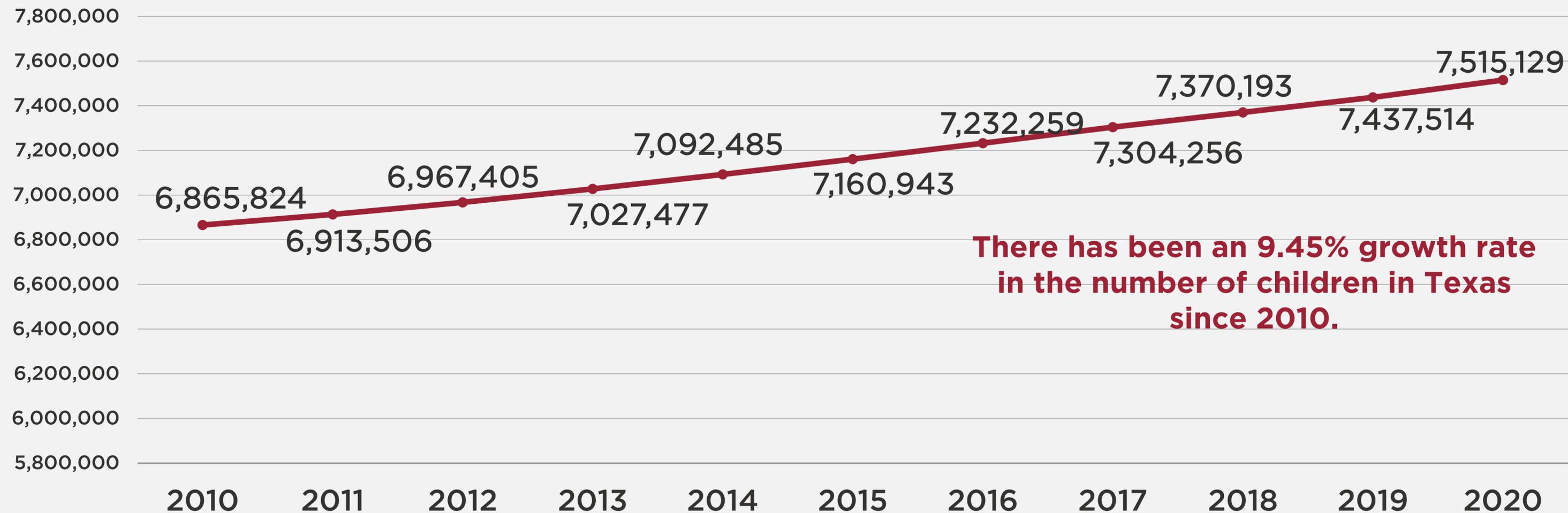
CPS System and
Workforce

Foster Care

Transition and
Support
Services for
Youth

Healing and Trauma-Informed Care

1 in Every 10 U.S. Children Live in Texas



The State of Texas' Babies Report



Late or no prenatal care received 9.6%



Mothers reporting less than optimal mental health 17.6%



Crowded housing 19.4%



Eligibility limit (%FPS) for pregnant women in Medicaid avg. 203

NATIONAL AVERAGE



TANF benefits receipt among families in poverty 5.9%



Housing instability 1.1%



Mothers in the Labor Force 55.7%



Daily parent-child interaction (reading 28.9% and singing 47.6%)

Zero to Three (2020). State of babies yearbook. Retrieved from; <https://stateofbabies.org/state/texas/>

The State of Texas' Babies Report



Low or very low food insecurity 13.6%



Uninsured low-income infants/toddlers 7.8%



Babies with low birth weight 8.5%



Developmental screening received 36.8%



Infants ever breastfed 84.8%

NATIONAL AVERAGE



Infant mortality rate 5.5 deaths per 1,000



Infant/toddler maltreatment rate 18.3



Infants/toddlers receiving IDEA Part C services 4.9%

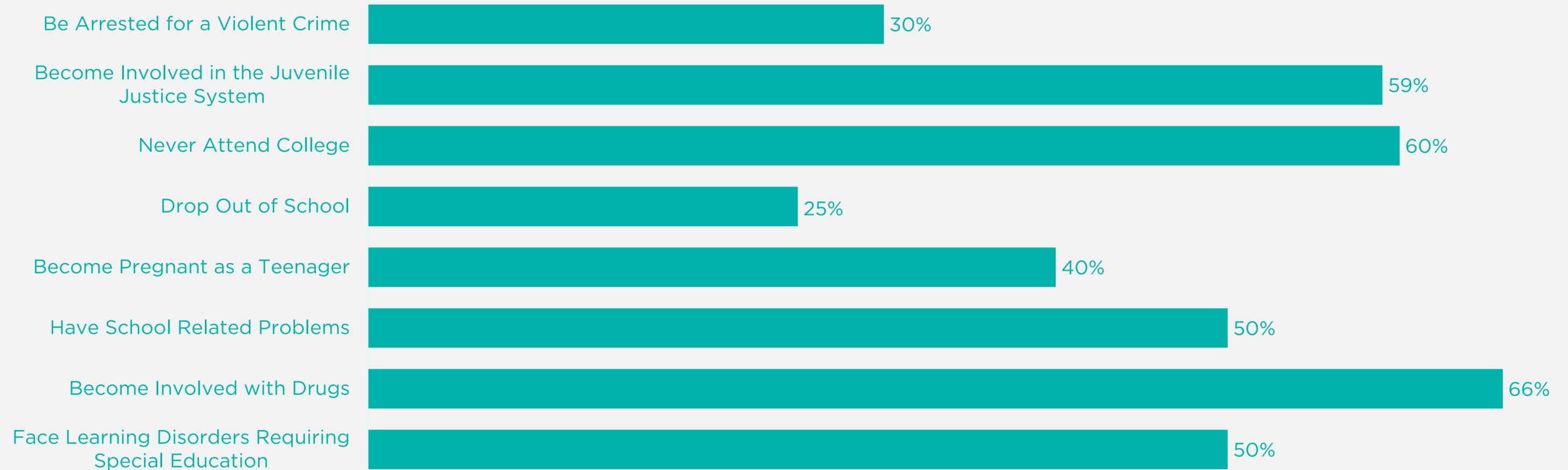


Received recommended vaccines 72.3%

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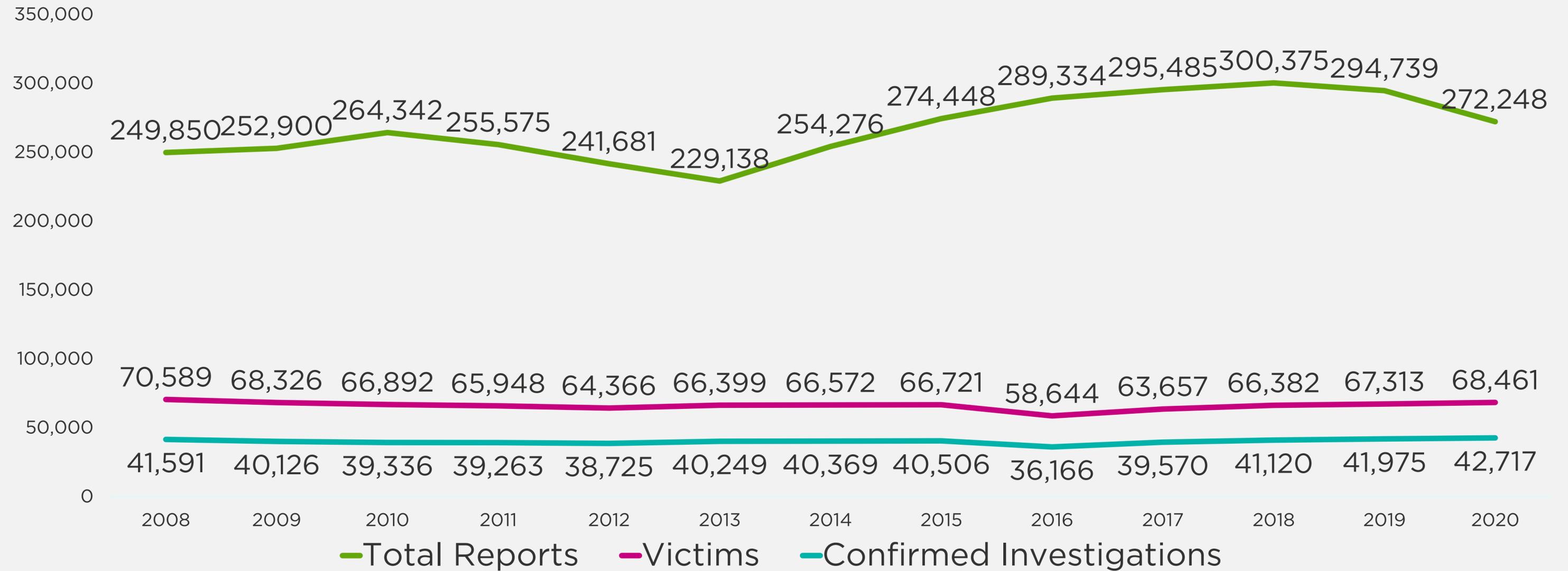
The Impact of Trauma/Abuse

At-risk children are more likely to...

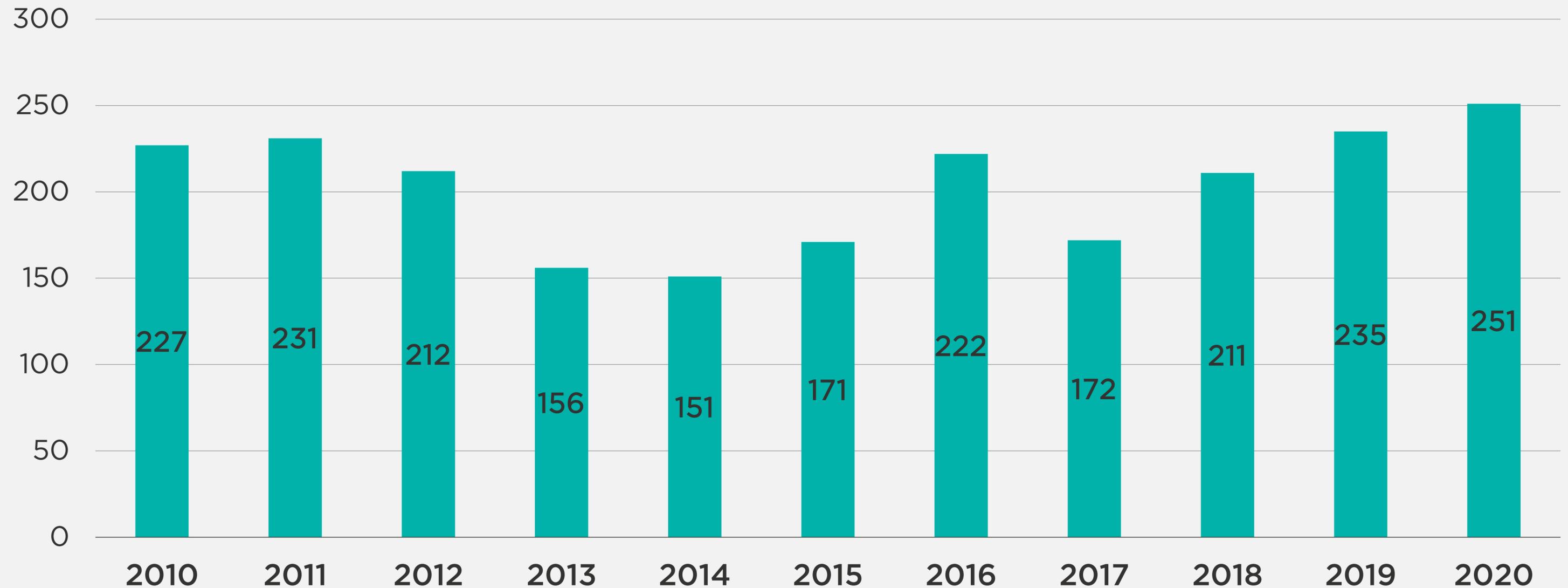


Barnett, W.S., & Masse, L.N. (2002).; Swan, N. (1998).; Campbell, F.A., et al. (2002).; Widom, C., & Maxfield, M. (2001).

Incidences of Abuse



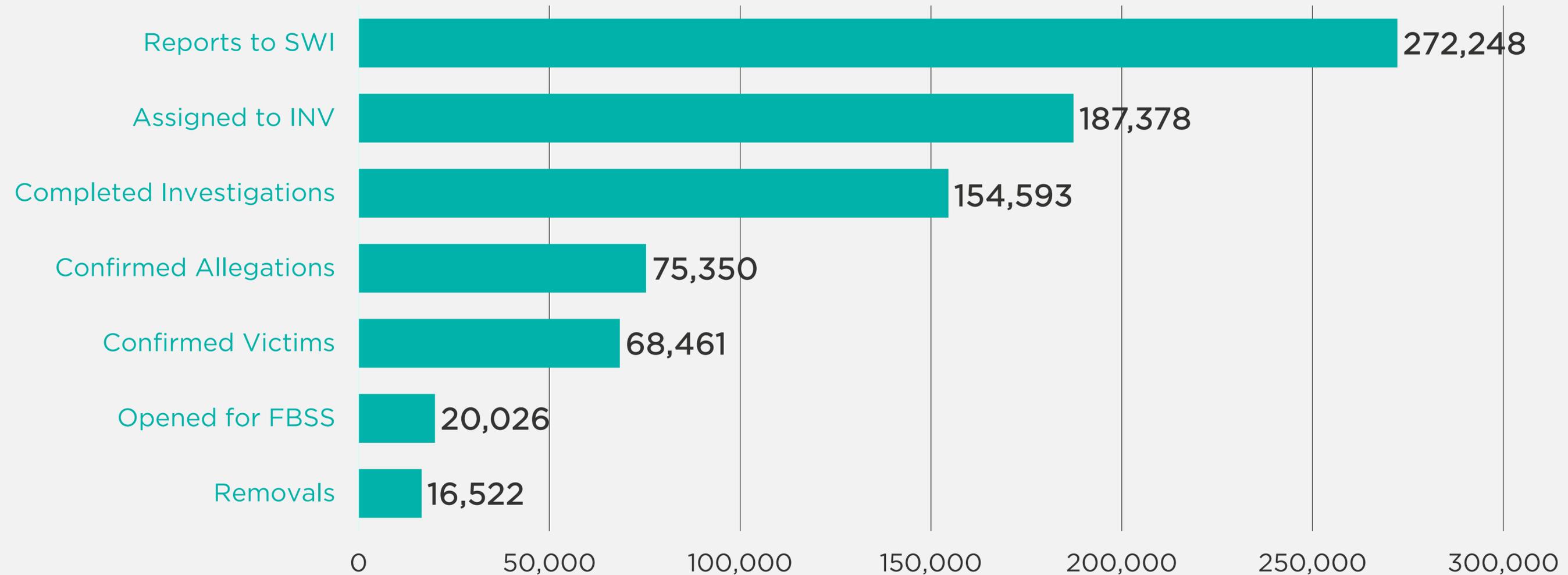
Child Abuse and Neglect Related Fatalities



DFPS Data Book - Texas Child Fatality Investigations: Abuse/Neglect Related Texas Child Fatalities

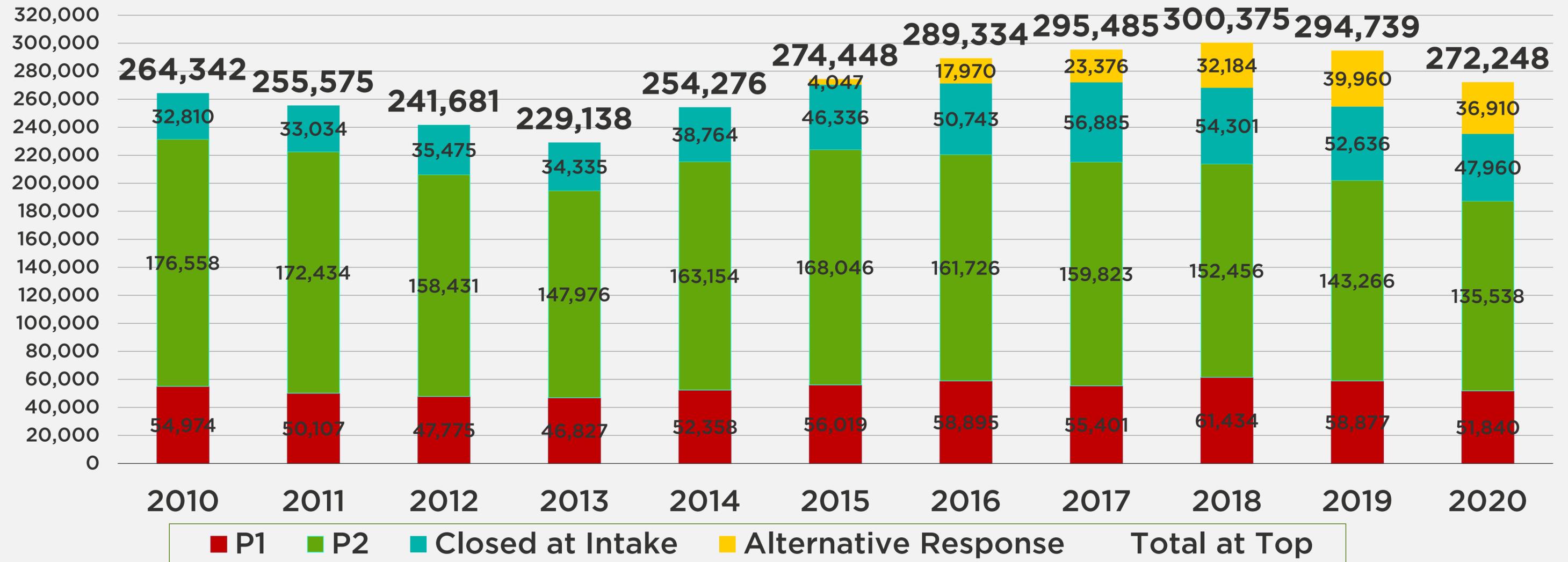


State Intakes, Assignments, Outcomes (2020)



DFPS Data Book: - CPI Intakes: Priority, Screening and Assignment; CPI Completed Abuse/Neglect Investigations: Activity; CPI Completed Investigations: Alleged & Confirmed Types of Abuse; Completed Child Protective Investigations: Referred to Family Preservation; Child Protective Services (CPS): Removals

Intake Decisions

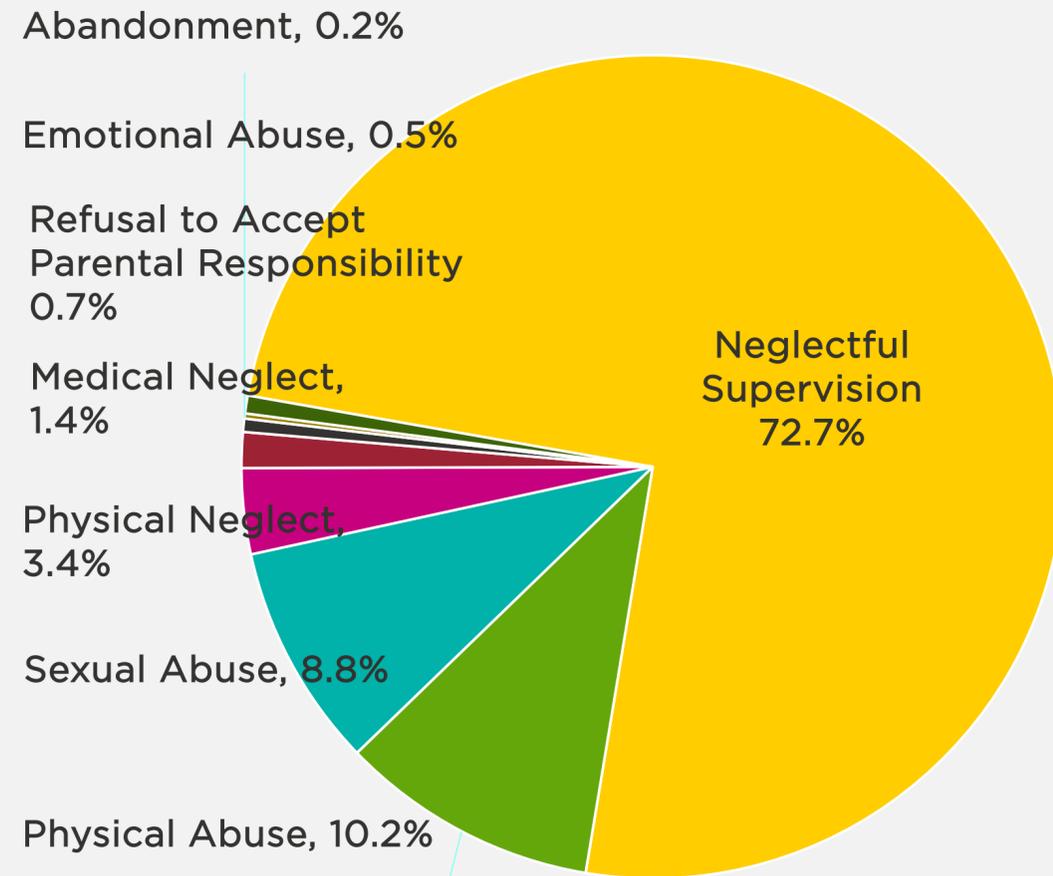


DFPS Data Book - CPI Intakes: Priority, Screening and Assignment



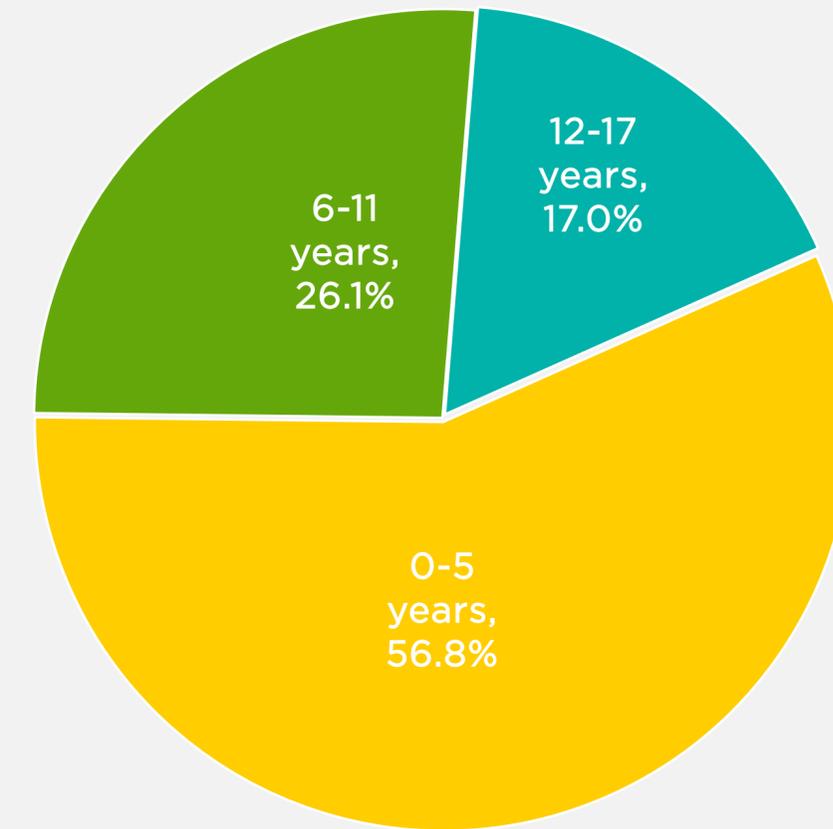
Confirmed Allegations (2020)

Types of Child Maltreatment



68,461 Confirmed Victims

Victims By Age

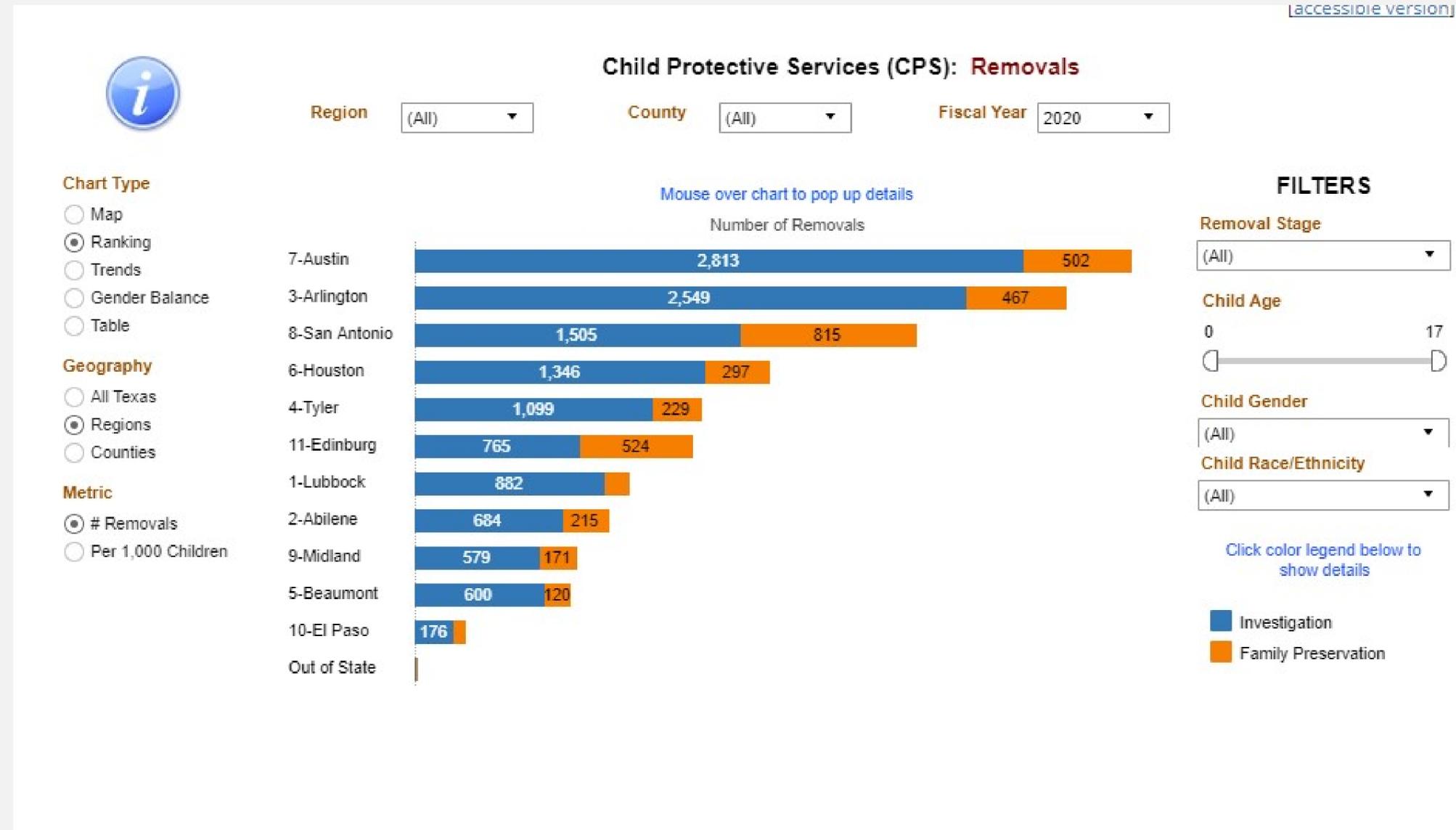


Confirmed Allegations 0-3 years: 29,428 (42.9%)

DFPS Data Book - CPI Completed Abuse/Neglect Investigations: Victims; CPI Completed Investigations: Alleged & Confirmed Types of Abuse

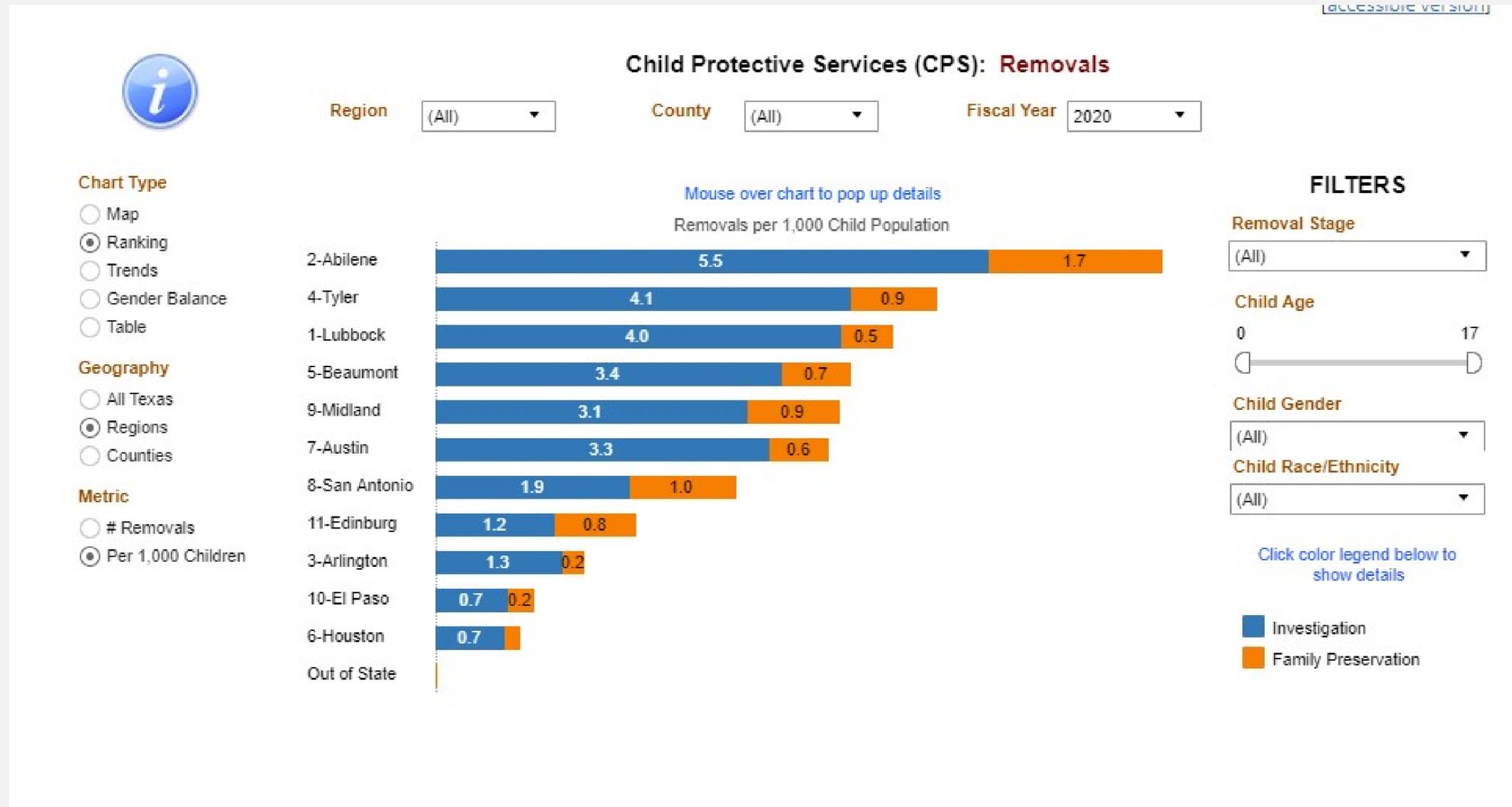
Removals by Region (2020)

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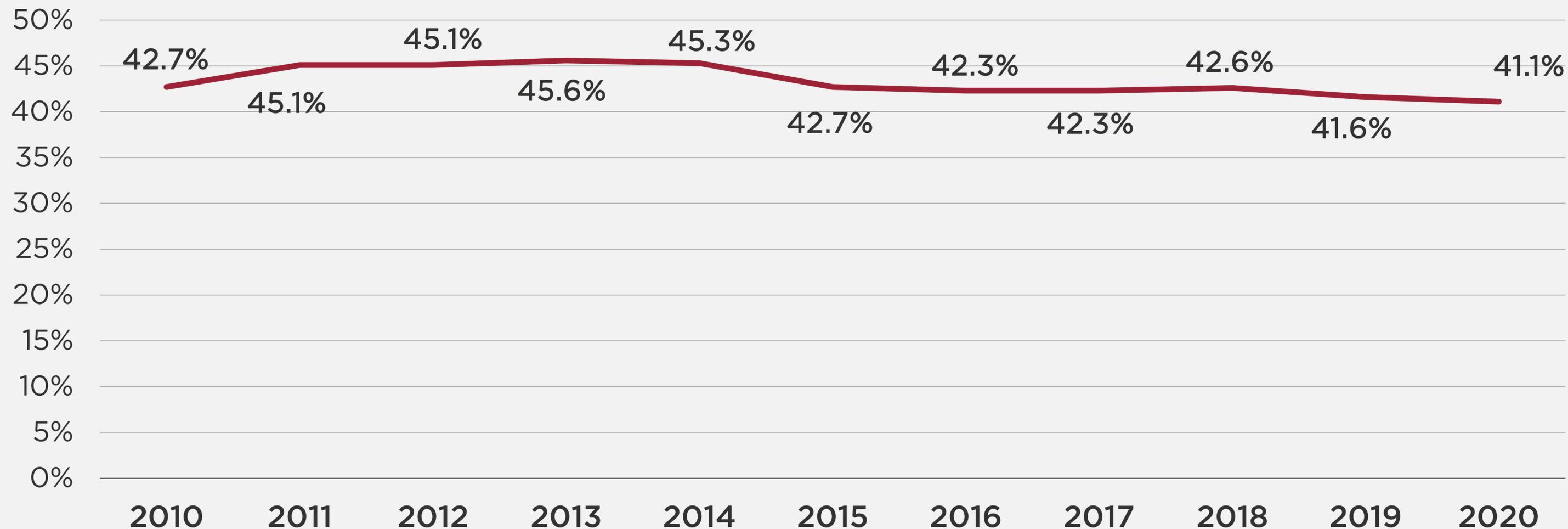
DFPS Data Book - Child Protective Services (CPS): Removals

Removal Rates by Region (2020)



DFPS Data Book - Child Protective Services (CPS): Removals

4/10 Families Were Re-reported for Abuse/Neglect within 5 Years of Family Based Safety Services

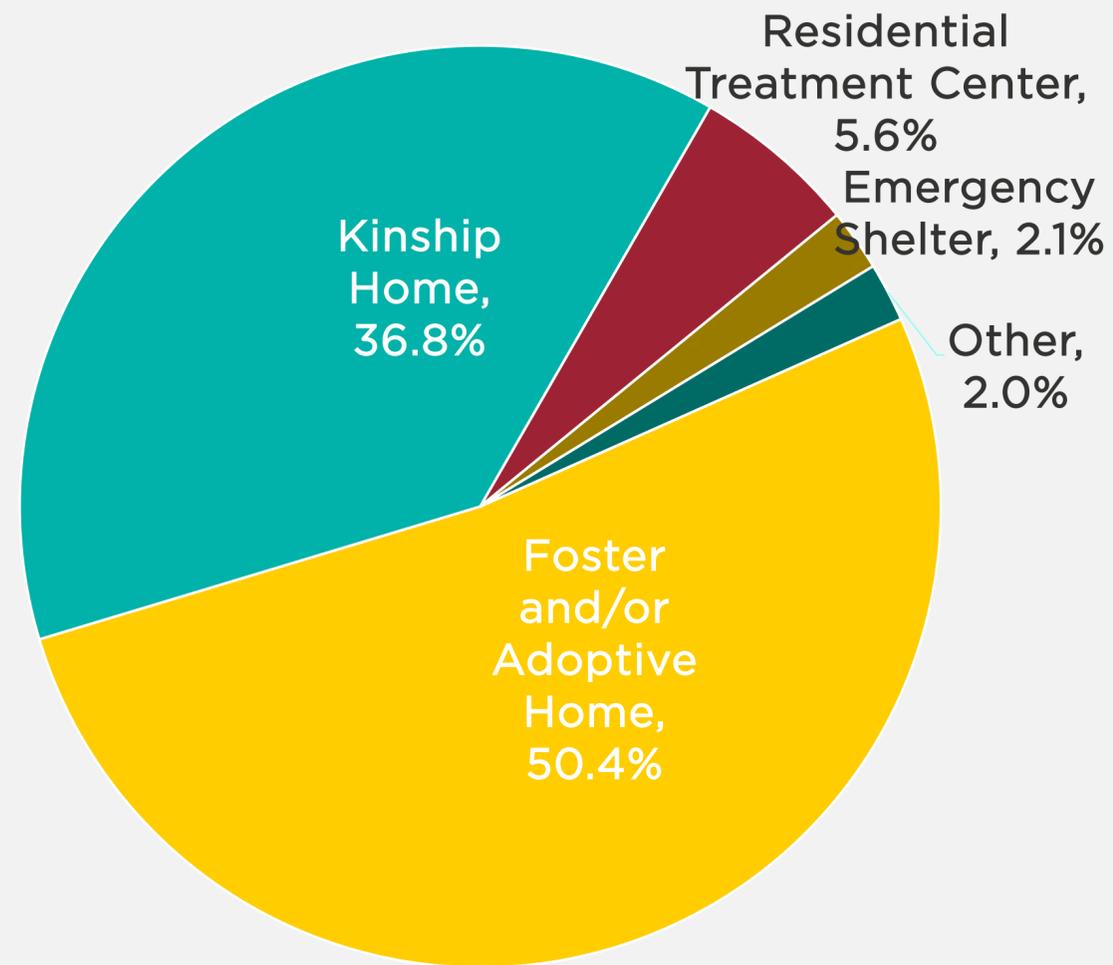


DFPS Data Book - CPS Family Preservation: Six Month, One Year, and Five Year Outcomes

Something isn't working for families who receive services in FBSS. Recurrence has remained steady.



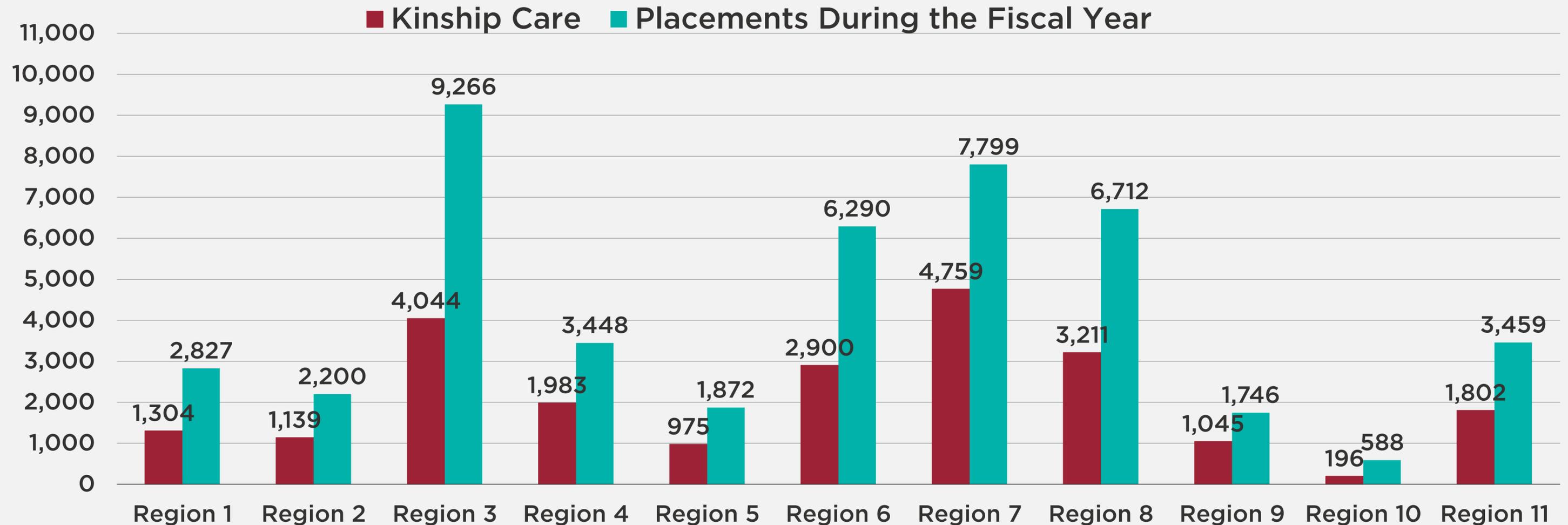
Children in Substitute Care by Placement Type on 8/31/20



“Other” captures placements such as psychiatric hospitals, juvenile justice placements, child specific contracts, HCS homes, etc.

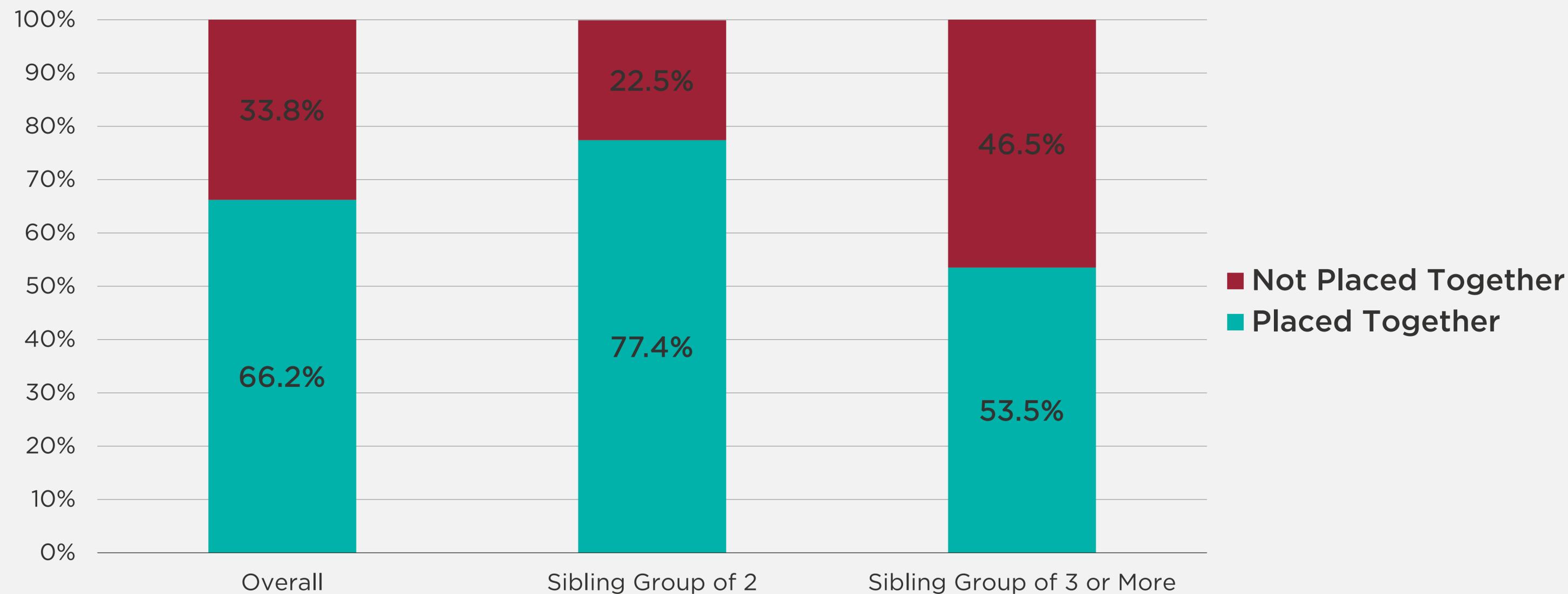
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More Than 40% of Children in Substitute Care are Placed in a Kinship Home Across Most Regions (2020)



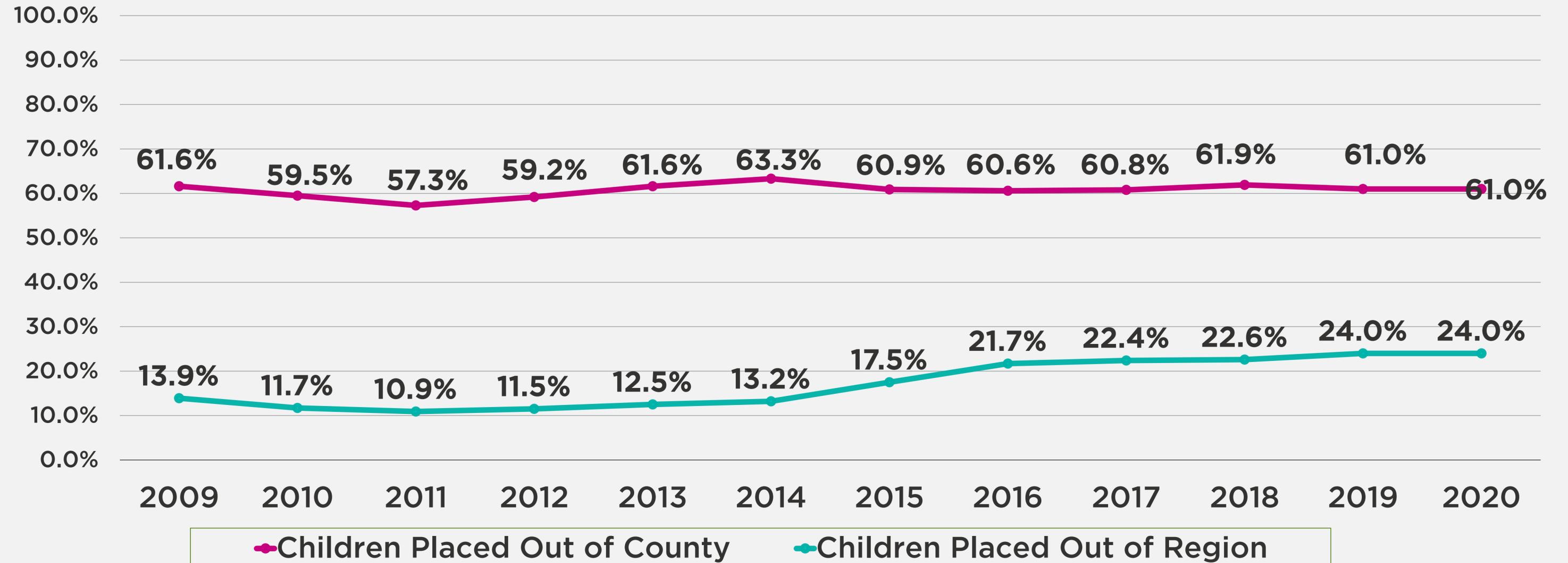
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Sibling Groups Placed Together (2020)



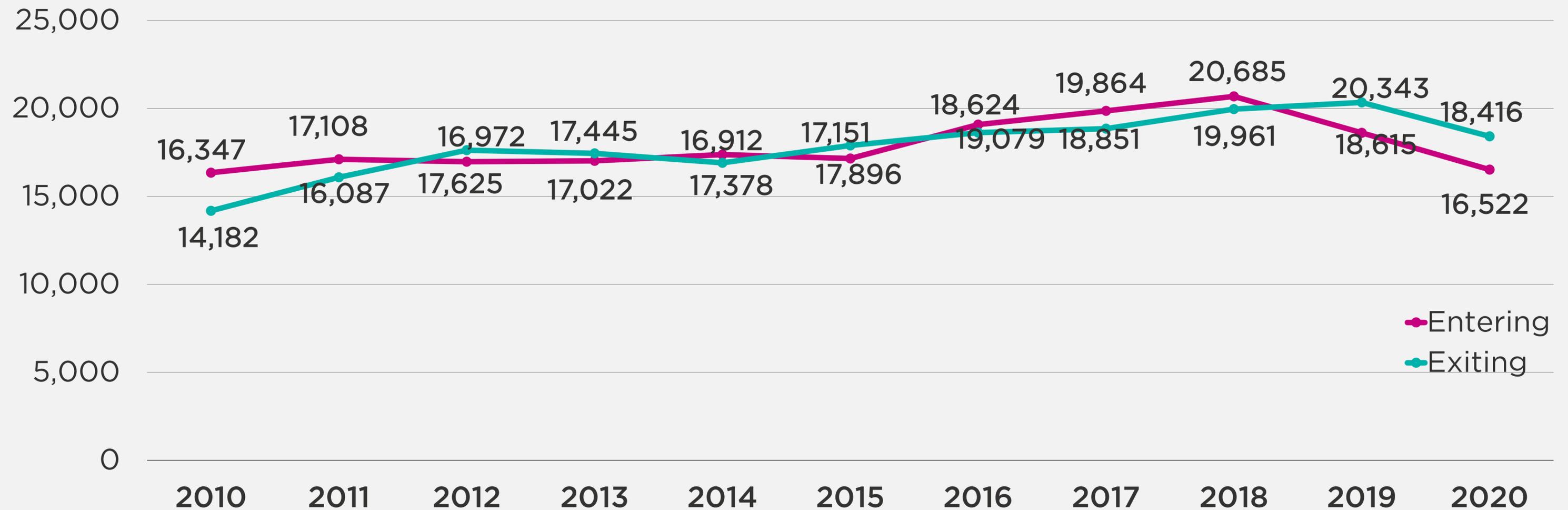
DFPS Data Book - CPS Placements: Sibling Groups in Substitute Care Placed All Together on August 31

Out of County and Out of Region Placements



DFPS Data Book - CPS Foster Care Placements: Children (0-17) Placed in Originating County/Region on August 31

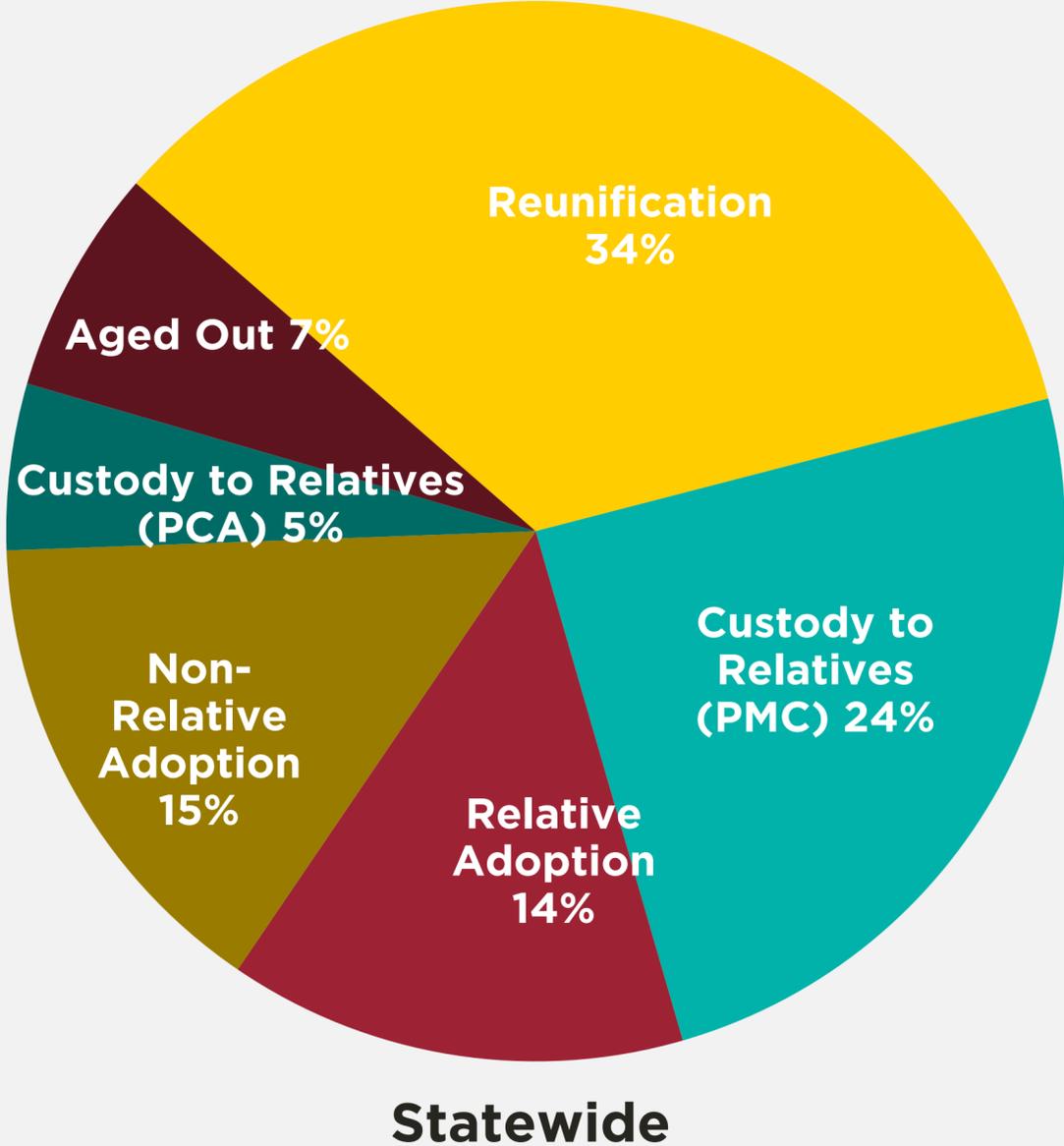
In 2020, More Kids Left Foster Care Than Entered



DFPS Data Book - Child Protective Services (CPS): Children Exiting DFPS Legal Custody; Child Protective Services (CPS): Removals

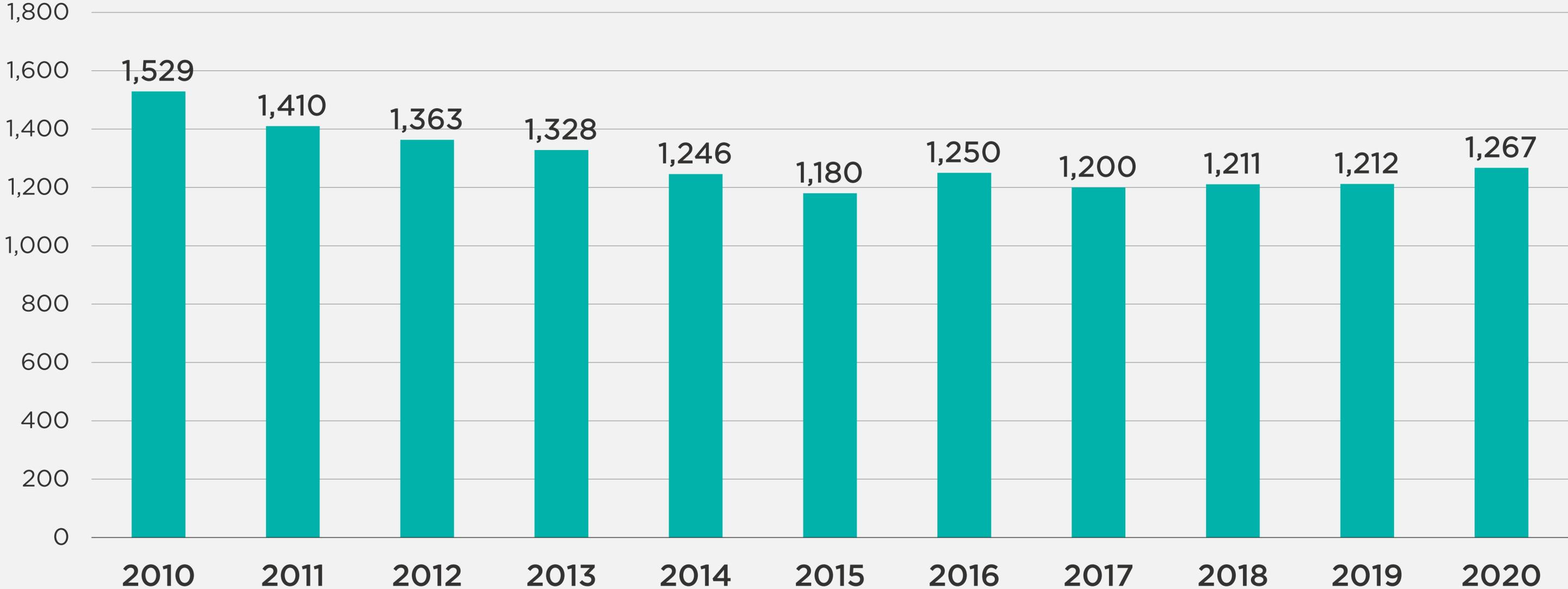


Exits from Substitute Care (2020)



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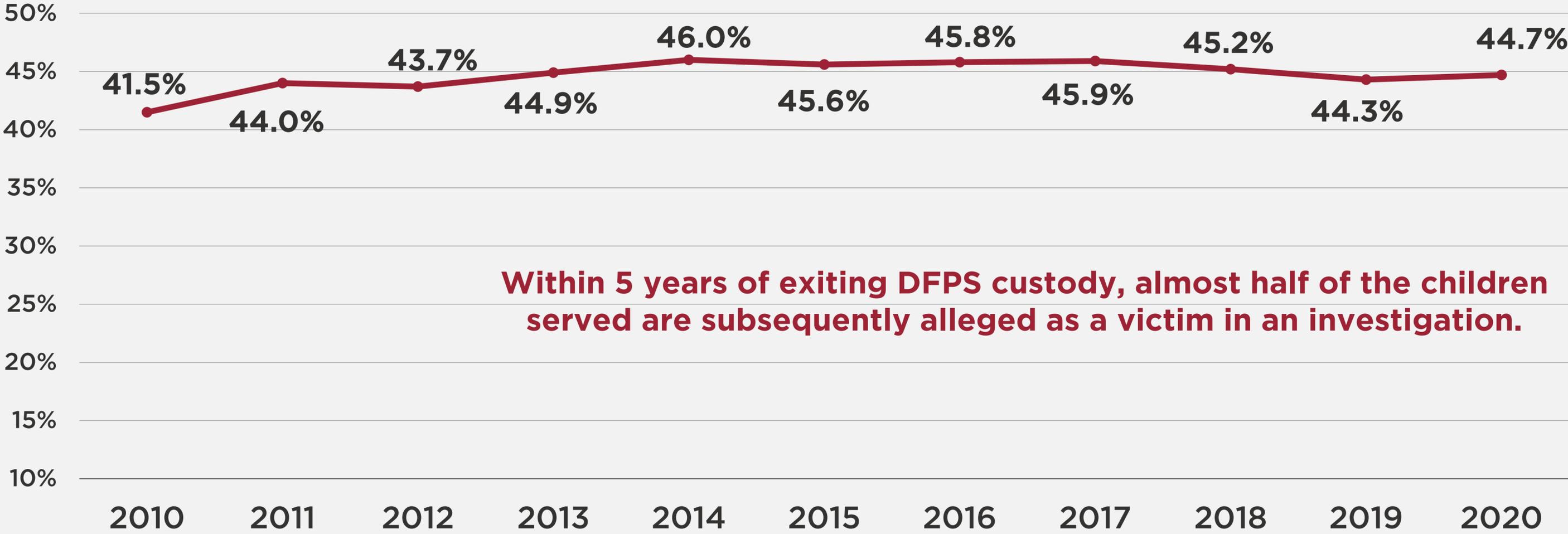
of Youth Aging Out



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Recurrence within 5 Years of Service for Children in Custody

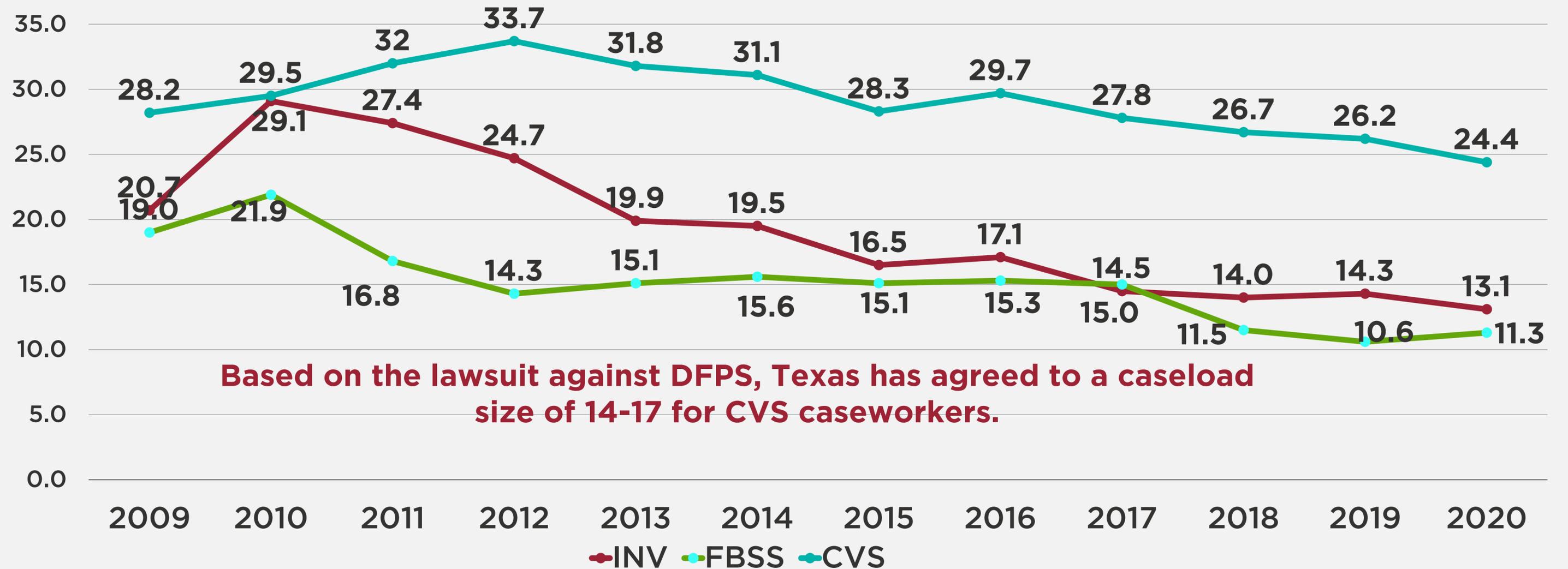


Within 5 years of exiting DFPS custody, almost half of the children served are subsequently alleged as a victim in an investigation.

DFPS Data Book - CPS Conservatorship: Six Month, One Year, and Five Year Outcomes



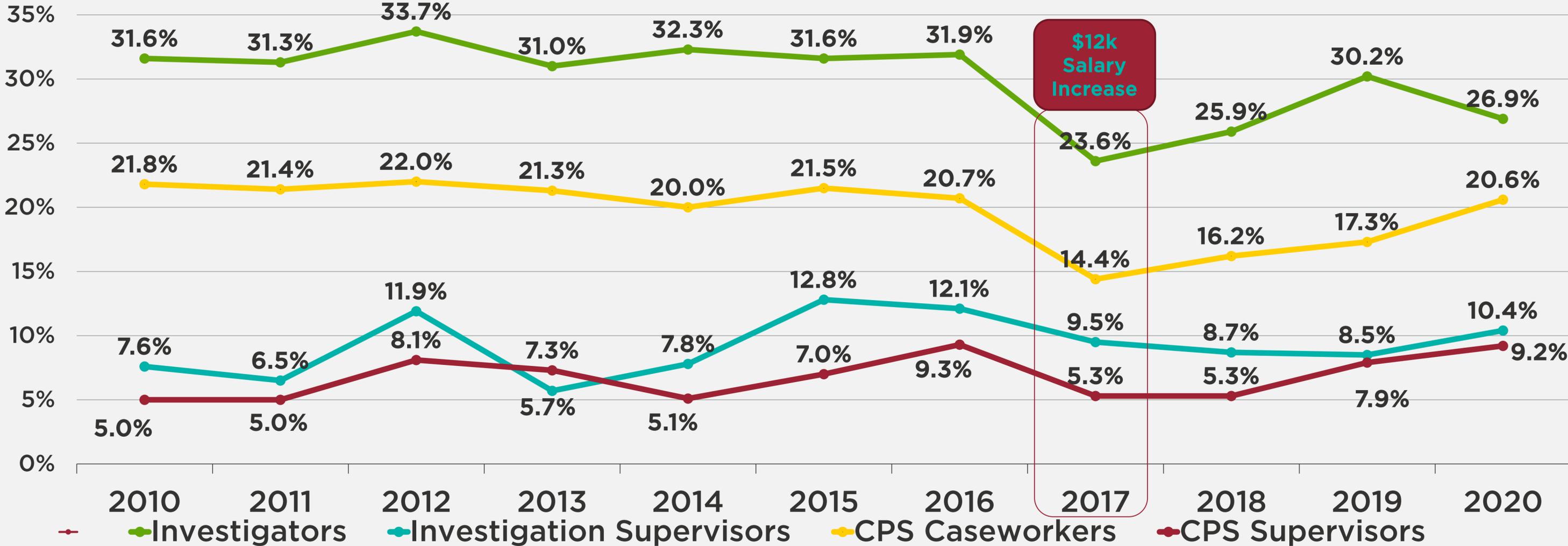
Decreased Caseloads Increase Safety Outcomes for Kids



DFPS Data Book - Child Protective (CPI / CCI / CPS): Average Daily Caseload

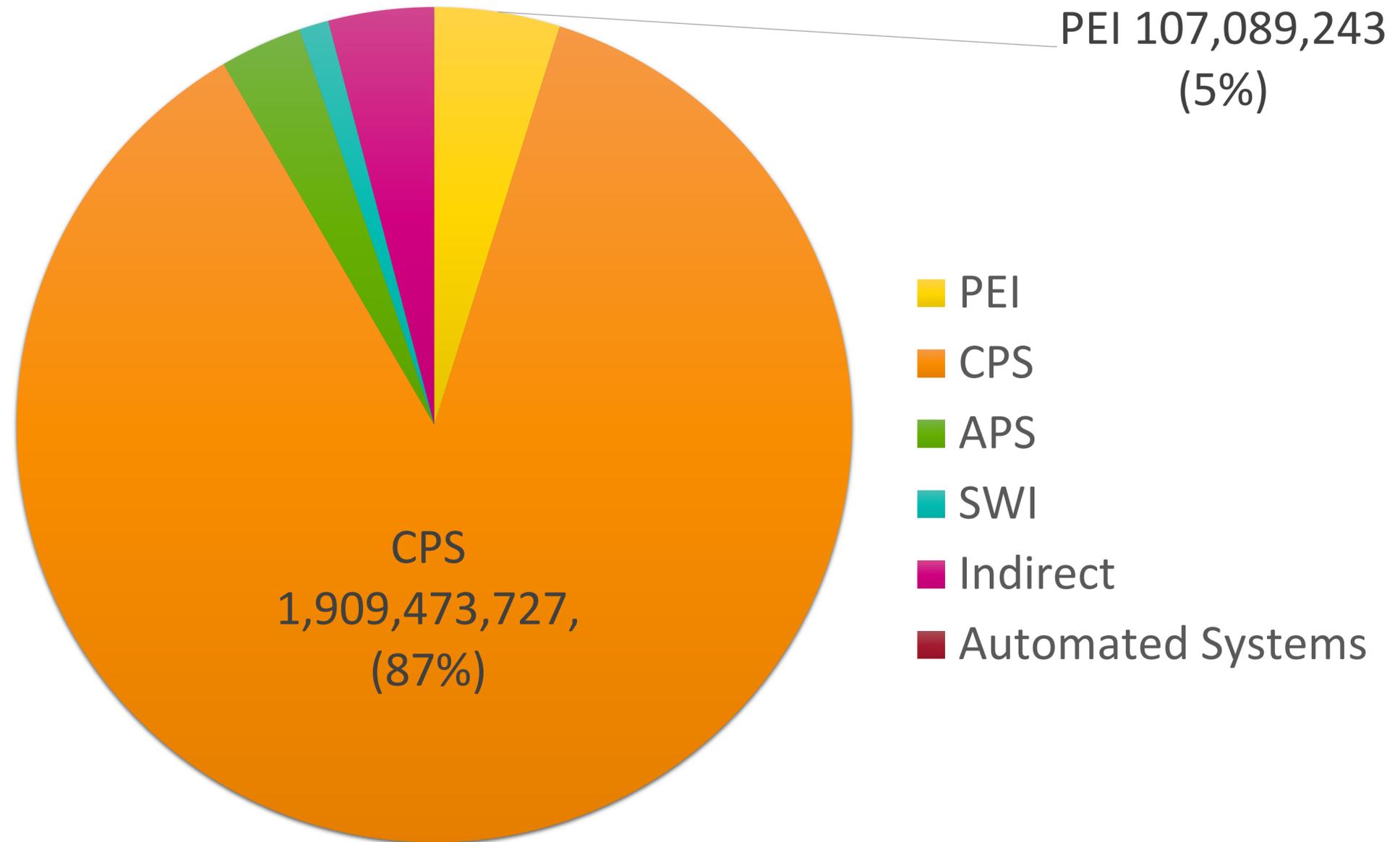


Caseworker Turnover



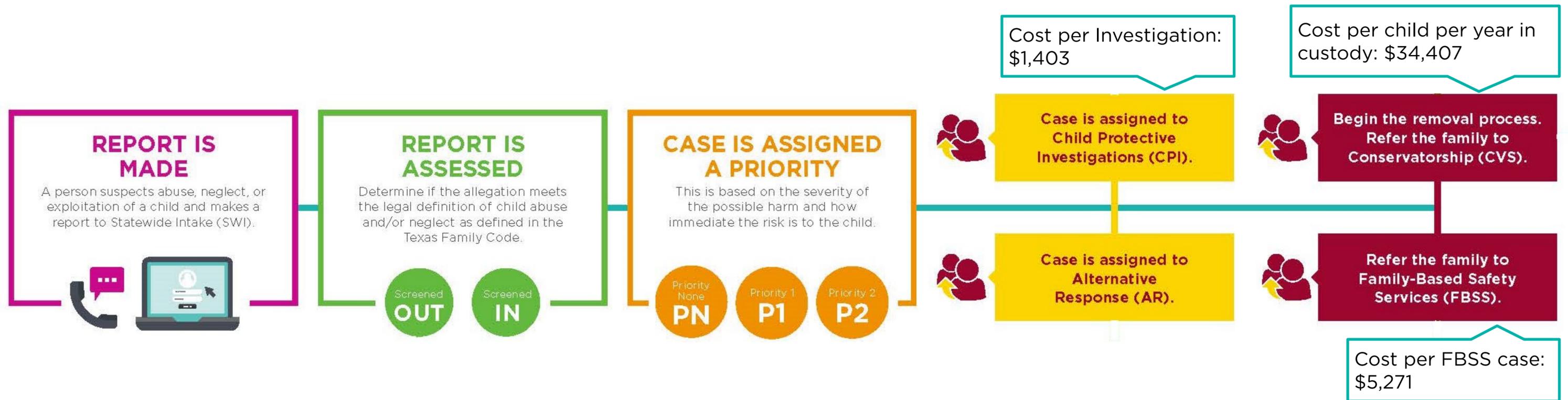
DFPS Data Book - Child Protective (CPI / CCI / CPS): Staff Turnover

Texas Prevention vs. Child Protection Budget (2021)



5% of Texas' budget is spent on early prevention efforts in comparison to CPS

The Further Into the System a Case Flows, the More Expensive It Is.



Texas can expect to spend \$55 billion across the lifetime for confirmed cases of child abuse or neglect that occurred in 2019.

Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect

Prevention Spectrum

Primary
Primary prevention focuses on reaching families **before** the first occurrence of child maltreatment.

Secondary
Secondary prevention focuses on efforts to prevent maltreatment among families considered to be at **high risk**.

Tertiary
Tertiary prevention focuses on mitigating the negative effects and prevent re-occurrence in families where **maltreatment has already occurred**.

Intervening with families to meet their needs can occur at various times to prevent child maltreatment

Paths to Prevention

The early support of a caring adult can build a child's resiliency and prevent/mitigate the damaging effects of stress responses to ACEs.



Home visiting programs



Treatment for mental illness



Substance use treatment



Support for low-income families



Access to healthcare



High quality childcare



Support programs for parenting teens



Prevention of domestic violence

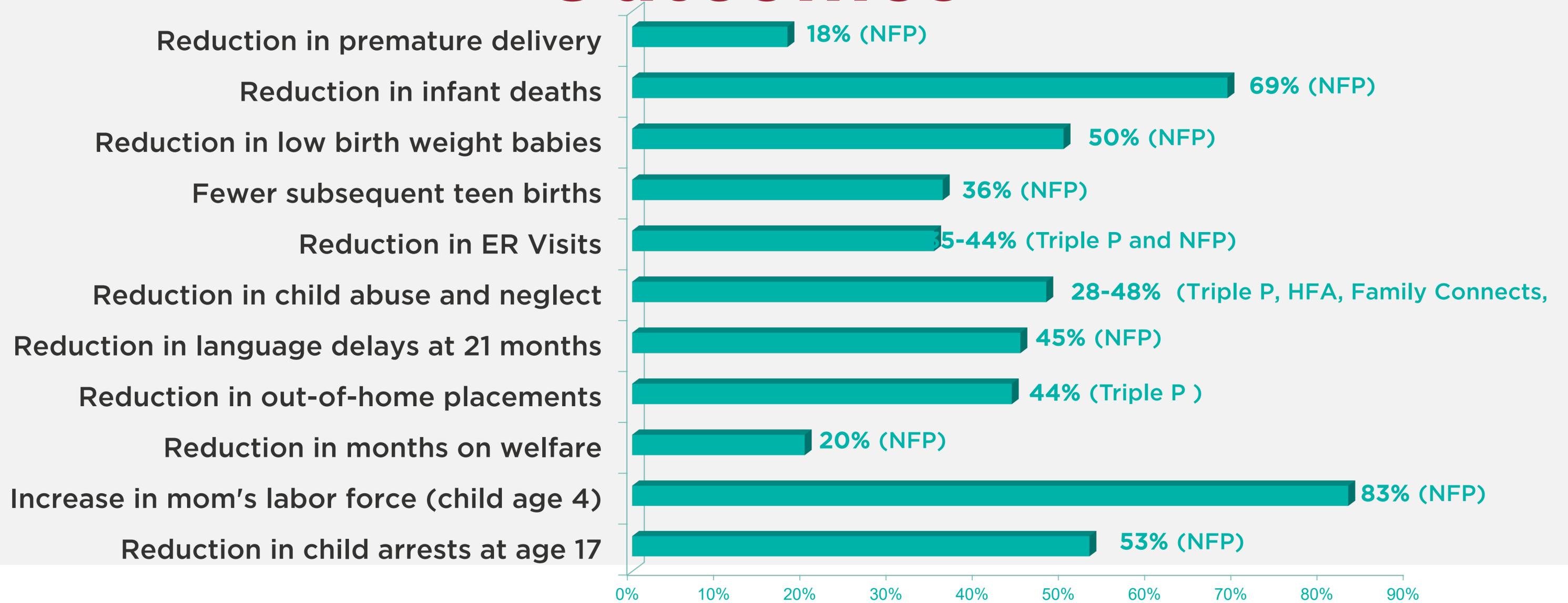


Parent training and support



Trauma-Informed Training In all Sectors

Evidence Based Home Visiting Outcomes



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