



State of Rhode Island

Department of Children, Youth & Families

Strategic Metrics Dashboard

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DCYF				Rhode Island Training School			
			Figure				Figure
Percent In Home	Dec-25	39.5%	1	Number of Adjudicated Youth	Dec-25	11	34
Percent Out-of-Home	Dec-25	59.8%	2	Number of Non-Adjudicated Youth	Dec-25	24	34
Percent in Foster Home	Dec-25	74.5%	39	Youth with a <u>High-Risk Assessment</u>	Dec-25	20	37,38
Percent in Kinship	Dec-25	73.2%	39	Youth with a <u>Moderate Risk Assessment</u>	Dec-25	1	37,38
Percent in Non-Kinship	Dec-25	26.8%	39	Youth with a <u>Low Risk Assessment</u>	Dec-25	0	37,38
Percent in Residential Intervention	Dec-25	25.5%	40	Youth with <u>No Risk Assessment</u>	Dec-25	14	37,38
Number Removed from Home*	Nov-25	47	48	Support and Response Unit			
Number Entering Supportive Reunification*	Nov-25	38	48	Number of Calls to SRU	Nov-25	158	9
Number Discharging from All Placements*	Nov-25	57	48	Number of Prevention Responses Opened	Oct-25	101	11
Number of Youth Placed Out of State	Dec-25	70	46	Number of Prevention Responses closed	Oct-25	80	12
Juvenile Probation				Family Services Unit - Statewide			
			Figure				Figure
Number of Probation Youth	Dec-25	216	26	Percent of Children with A Monthly Face to Face Visit	Oct-25	96.9%	16
Youth in Assessment Unit	Dec-25	47	27	Percent of Mothers with a Monthly Face to Face Visit	Oct-25	67.1%	17
Youth in Transition Unit	Dec-25	22	28	Percent of Fathers with a Monthly Face to Face Visit	Oct-25	48.4%	17
Youth in Electronic Monitoring Unit	Dec-25	23	29	Percent of Children with an Active Service Plan	Dec-25	99.8%	20
Percent of Youth with a Monthly Face to Face Visit	Oct-25	97.4%	30	Percent of Children with a Timely Service Plan – Overall	Dec-25	95.9%	24
Percent of Youth with an Active Service Plan	Nov-25	92.0%	31	Percent of Children with a Timely Service Plan – Monthly	Nov-25	94.7%	22
Youth with a <u>High-Risk Assessment</u>	Dec-25	81	32,33	Licensing			
Youth with a <u>Moderate Risk Assessment</u>	Dec-25	68	32,33				Figure
Youth with a <u>Low Risk Assessment</u>	Dec-25	26	32,33	Number of Newly Licensed Providers	Nov-25	16	50
Youth with <u>No Risk Assessment</u>	Dec-25	41	32,33	Number of DCYF Actively Licensed Homes Utilization	Nov-25	47.0%	51
Child Protective Services				Voluntary Extension of Care			
			Figure				Figure
Total Number of Reports	Nov-25	1572	3	Number of Private Foster Agency Actively Licensed Homes Utilization	Nov-25	57.0%	52
Reports Screened Out	Nov-25	1210	3	RI DCYF Traditional: Age of Children Served	Nov-25	206	53
Reports Screened In	Nov-25	305	3	Private Foster Agency: Age of Children Served	Nov-25	107	54
Prevention Response	Nov-25	57	3	RI DCYF Traditional: DCYF Homes Level of Need for Children Served	Nov-25	206	55
Screen in Percentage	Nov-25	19.4%	3	RI DCYF: Private Foster Agency Level of Need for Children Served	Nov-25	107	56
Priority 1	Nov-25	1	4	Voluntary Extension of Care			
Priority 2	Nov-25	69	4				Figure
Priority 3	Nov-25	235	4	Number of VEC Participants	Nov-25	99	57
Percent Meeting Screen in Policy	Nov-25	99.7%	6	Percent Enrolled in Education or Employment	Nov-25	73.7%	57
Percent Meeting Response Time Policy	Sep-25	93.4%	7				
Percent of Investigations Completed Per Policy	Sep-25	71.8%	8				



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DCYF Divisions	
Family Services Unit*	1761
Juvenile Probation**	216
Rhode Island Training School	35
Family Navigation	34
Other***	73

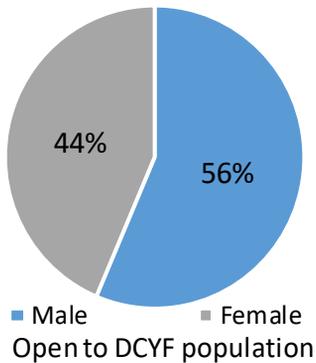
*FSU includes the SRU Unit
 **Probation excludes Units 181, 581, and 681, includes duplicate youth with dual supervision, and several ICJ out-going youth.
 ***Other includes ICJ In-Coming, JCS, Management & Budget, Office of the Director, CPS (excluding no legal status), and YDS (excludes adoptions & guardianships & Youth placed out of state)
 ****Some youth in foster care placements may not have current kinship labels so cumulative counts may not match overall foster care counts

In-Home	839
Out-of-Home	1248
RITS	35
Family Navigation	34

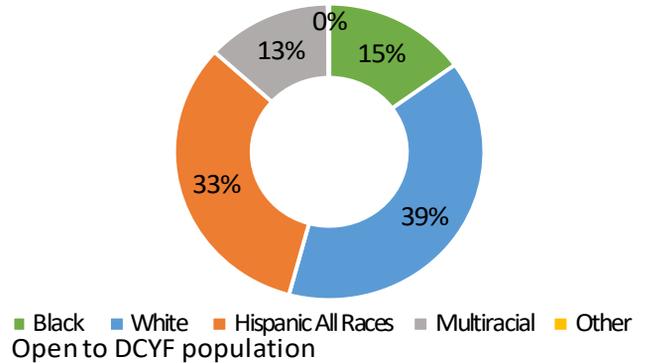
Foster Home****	824
Residential Intervention	282
Medical Hospital	3
Psychiatric Hospital	30
Independent Living	67
Absent from Care	7
Voluntary Extension of Care	99

Relative Kinship	440
Non-Rel Kinship	163
Not Kinship	221
Semi Independent	37
Group Home	103
Residential	130
Assessment and Stabilization	12
Supervised Living Arrangement	80
Other Living Arrangement	19

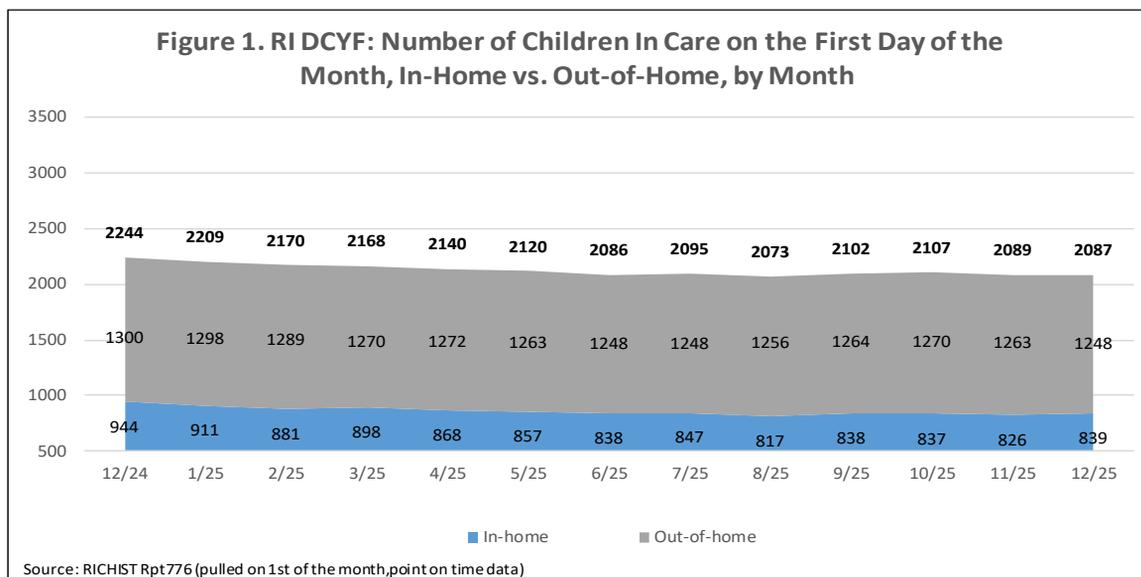
Gender



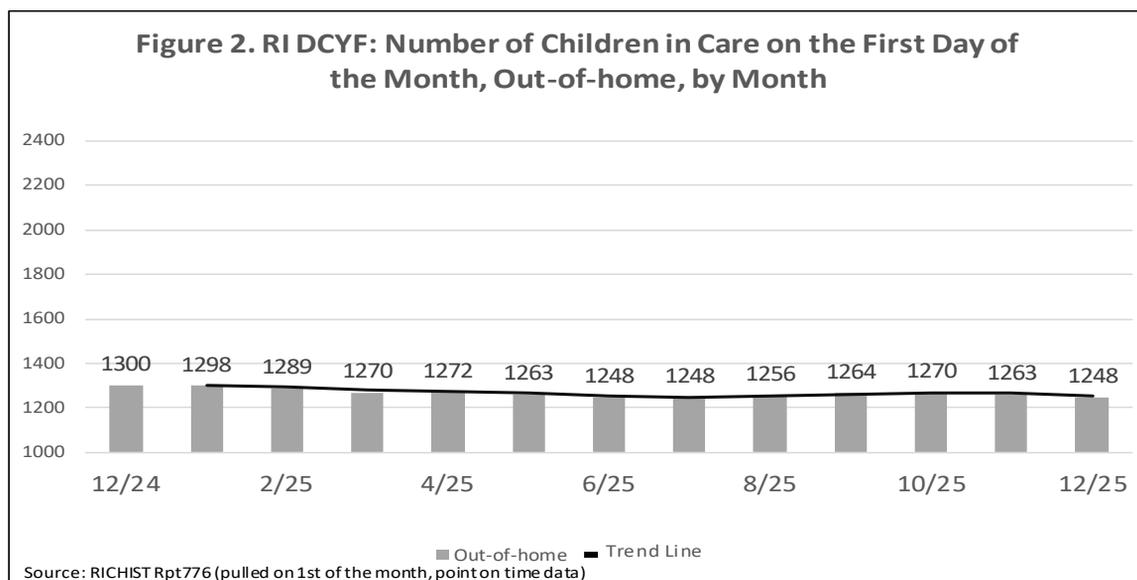
Race and Ethnicity



DCYF: Number of Children In Care



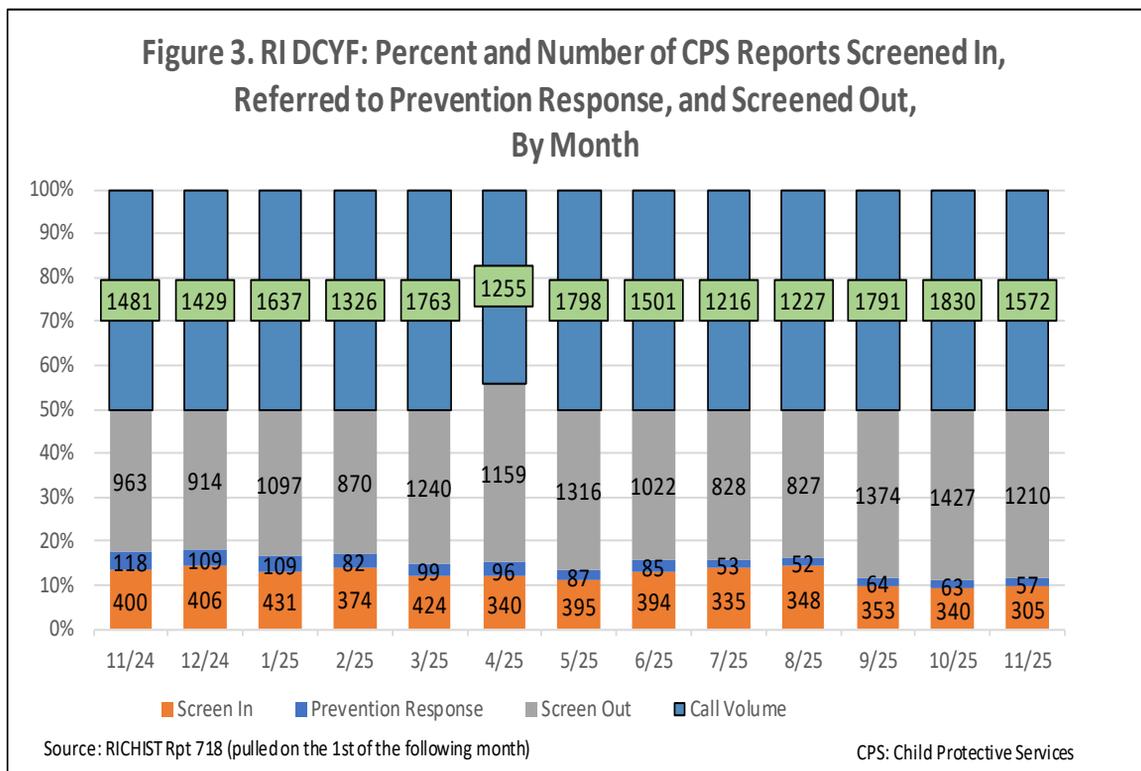
The number of children open to DCYF on the first day of the month by at-home and in out of home placement.



The number of children open to DCYF on the first day of the month in placement. Out of home includes all children removed from home and excludes adoption and guardianship subsidy, VEC.

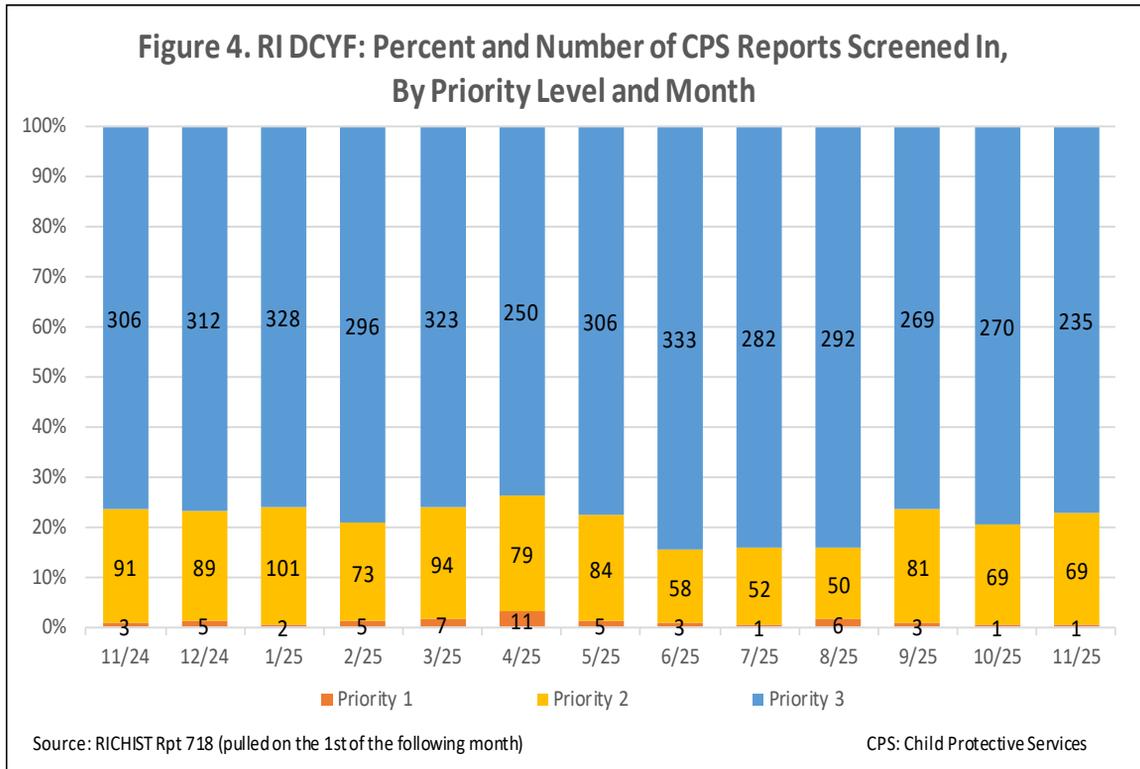
CPS (Child Protective Services): is the investigative division of the Department and includes the Department’s hotline. This division ensures each child and youth is protected from harm through the timely investigation of reports of child abuse and neglect. CPS receives, screens and responds to reports of suspected child maltreatment.

Number and Percentage of CPS Reports



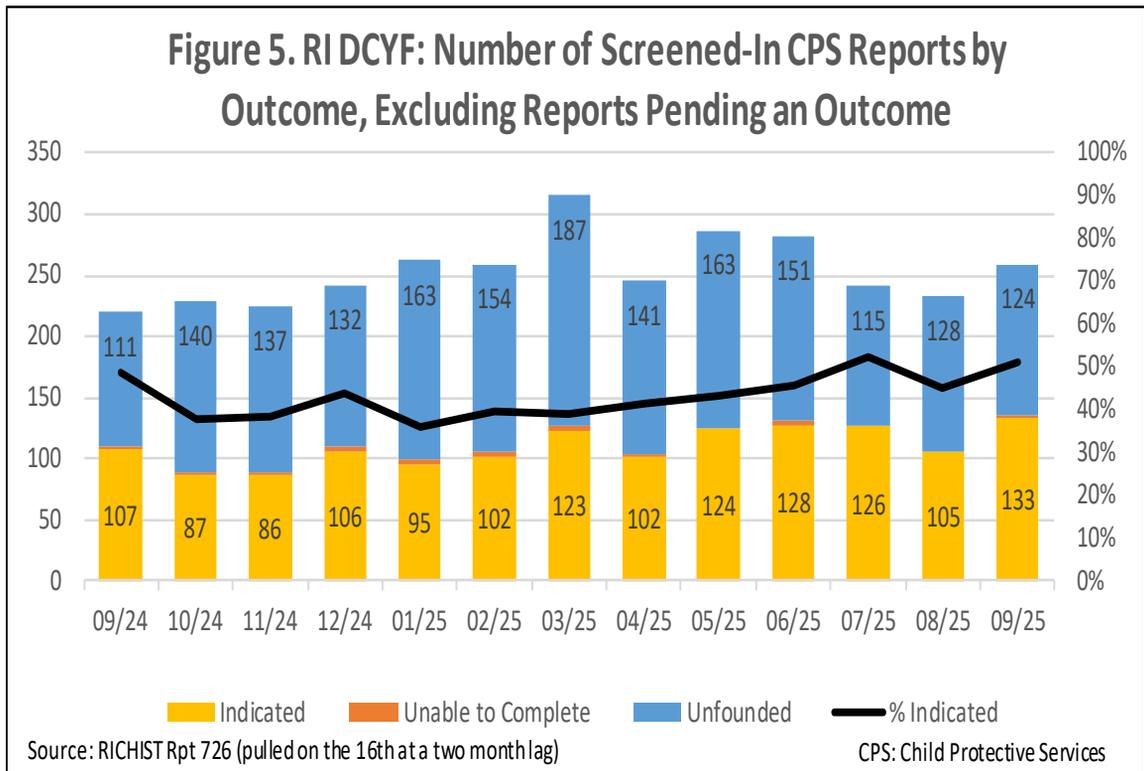
Percentage and number of CPS reports received during the reporting month by whether they were screened in, screened out, or referred to a prevention response.

Number and Percentage of CPS Reports



Percent and number of screened in CPS reports received during the reporting month by response priority classification. Priority classifications are determined by the hotline CPI based on criteria of how imminent potential risk or harm is to the child.

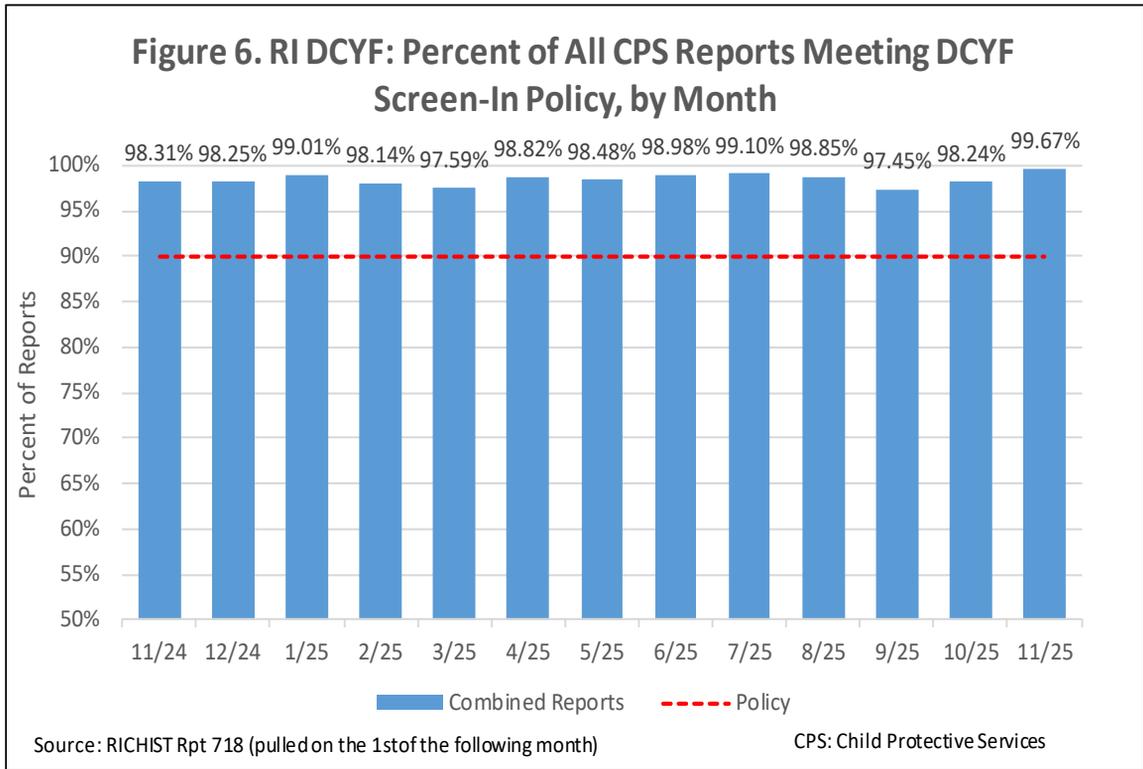
Number and Percentage of CPS Investigation Outcomes



Of all the reports screened in during the month, the number of allegations that were indicated, unfounded, or unable to be completed, and the overall percentage that was indicated during that month.

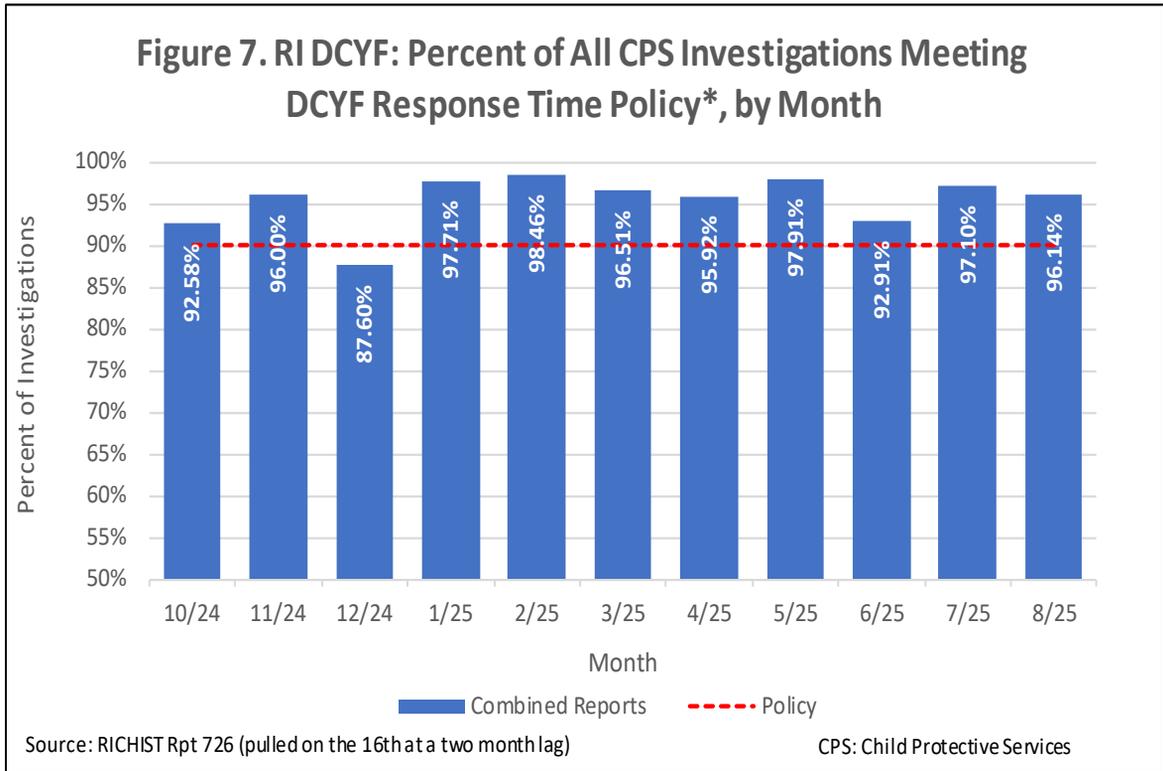
This data is reported with a two-month lag to allow the investigation to be completed and approved.

Percent of All CPS Reports Meeting DCYF Screen-In Policy



The percentage of all CPS reports accepted by the supervisor within the timeframe specified by DCYF policy. Screen-in time is measured from CPS report creation by the worker to CPS report acceptance by the supervisor. DCYF target is to screen-in 90% of CPS reports within timeframes set by policy.

Percent of All CPS Investigations Meeting DCYF Response Time Policy

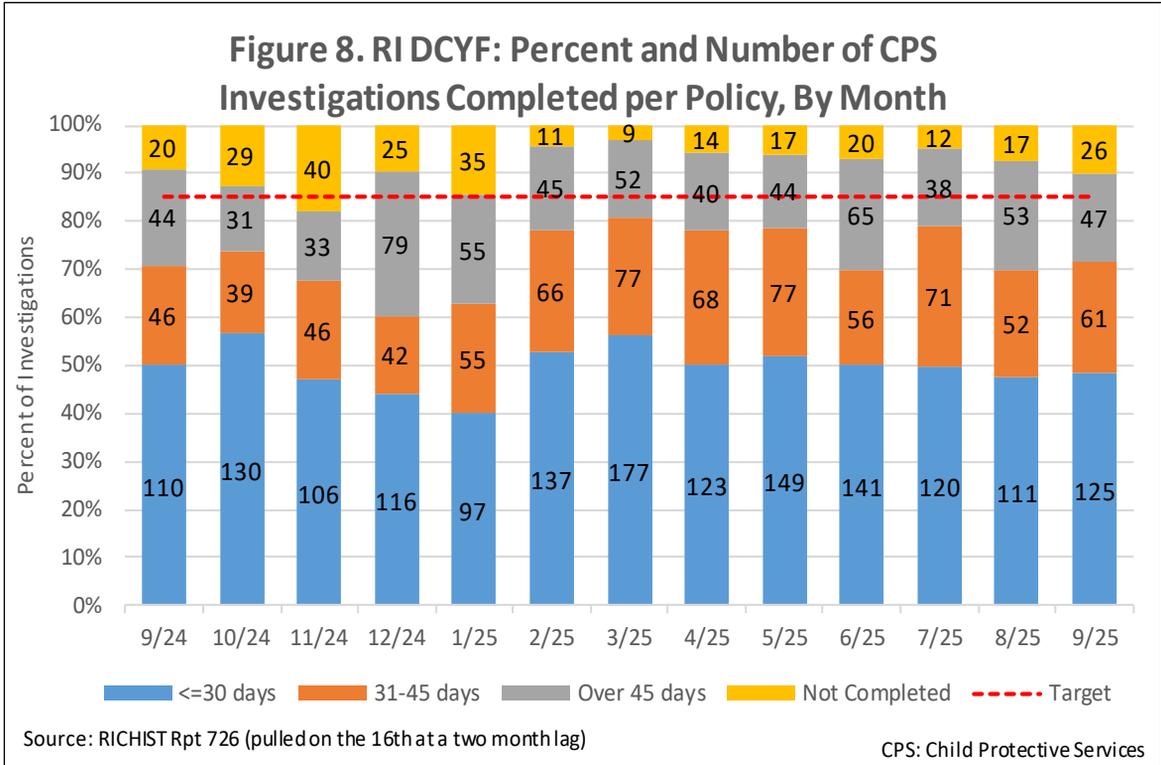


*Response time policy DOP 500.0025

The percentage of investigations created during the month and responded to according to DCYF policy. Response time is measured from supervisor acceptance of the CPS report to investigator’s first contact with any participant in the investigation. DCYF target is to respond to 90% of investigations within timeframes set by policy.

This data is reported with a two-month lag to allow the investigation to be completed and approved.

Percent of CPS Investigations Completed per Policy

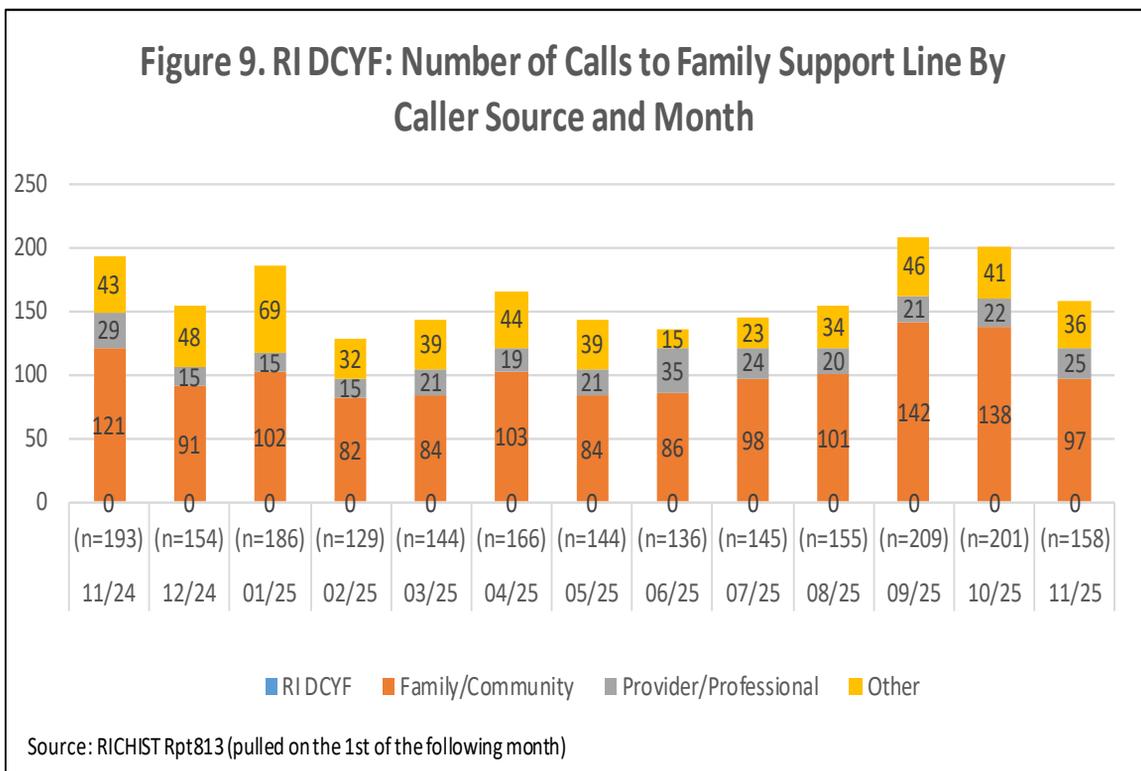


The percentage of CPS investigations created during the reporting month by length of time to completion. DCYF policy is to complete investigations within 30 days. A 15-day extension may be granted by an administrator. DCYF target is to complete 85% of investigations within timeframes set by policy.

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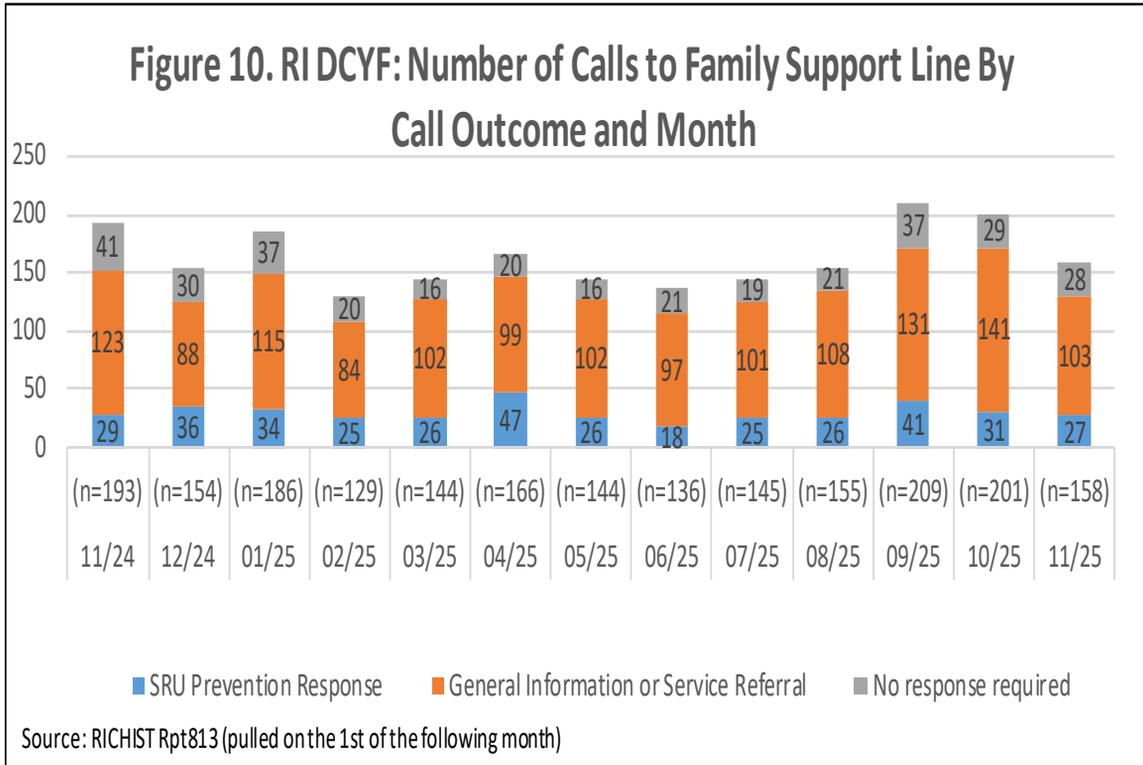
SRU (Support and Response Unit): unit, which is located within DCYF’s Division of Family Services (DFS), helps families navigate services in their own communities. Also, the unit is a resource families who are feeling overwhelmed or who need assistance with accessing home and community-based services for a variety of needs.

Number of Family Support Line Calls By Caller Source, By Month



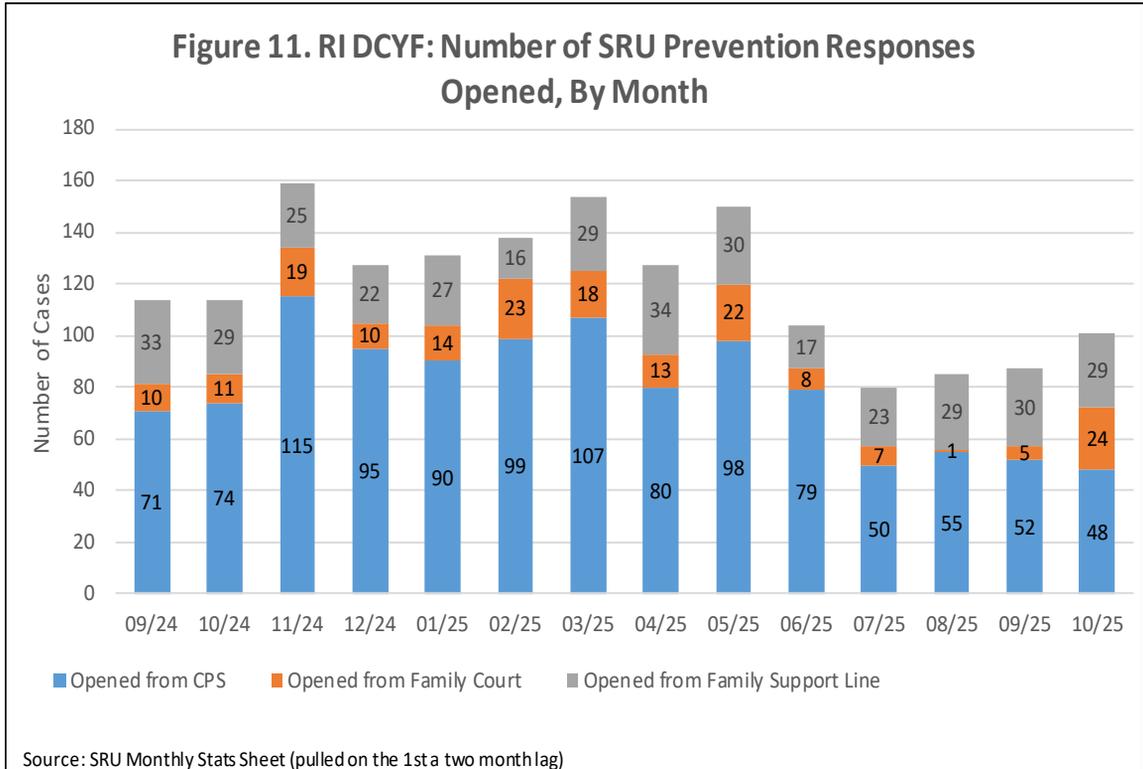
The number of calls to the Family Support Line by caller source and call outcome. Callers outside of RI DCYF can be classified into two subpopulations, callers who are reporting in their professional role, “Professional/Provider” (i.e., Education, Child Care Providers), and reporters who are reporting not in a non-professional role, “Family/Community” (i.e., Parents, Family, Relatives).

Number of Family Support Line Calls By Call Outcome, By Month



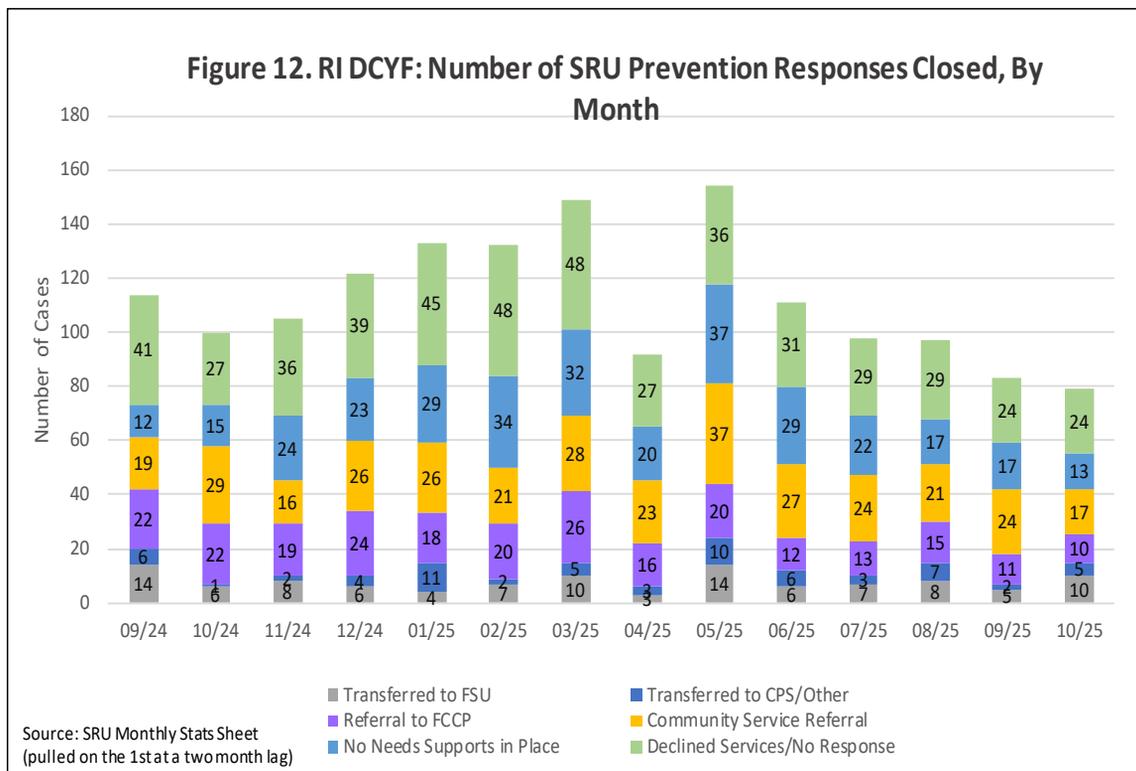
The number of calls to the Family Support Line by call outcome. Outcomes are categorized into three categories SRU Prevention Response, General Information or Service Referral(i.e. include service referral to CPS Hotline, referral to other DCYF division). and no response required.

Number of Prevention Responses Opened by Source and Month



The number of Prevention Responses that were opened by the Support and Response Unit from referral source.

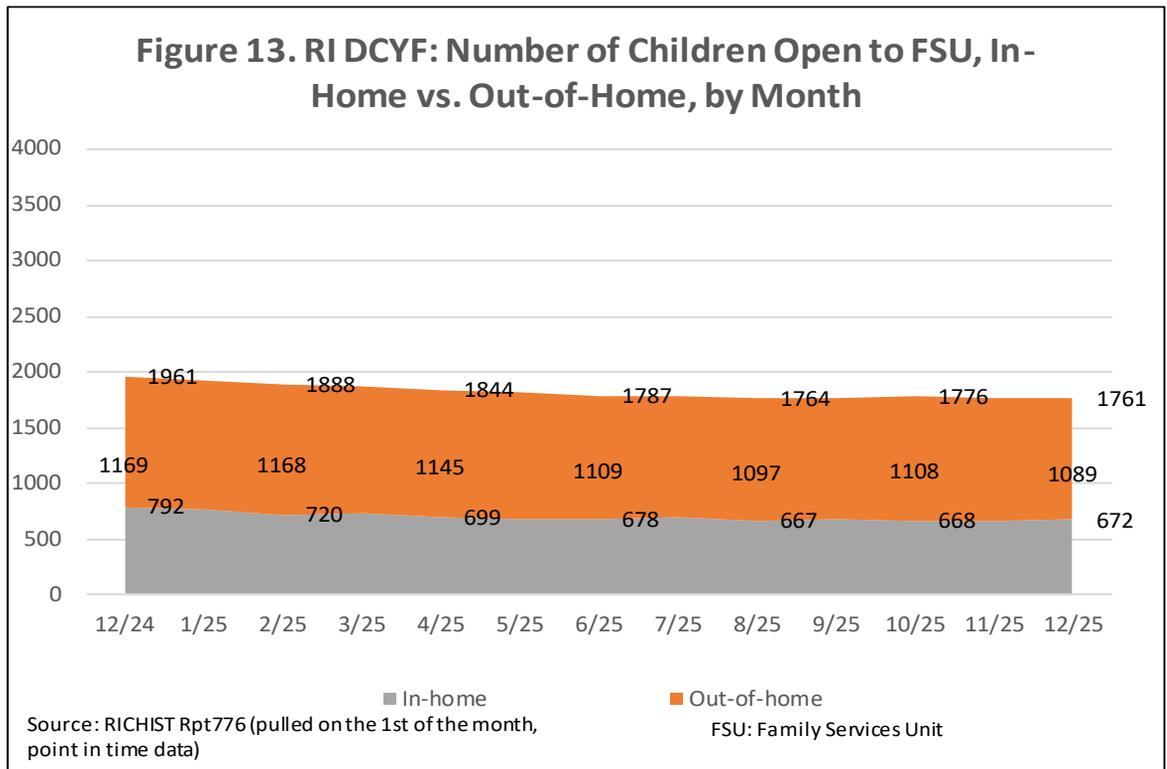
Number of Prevention Responses Closed by Month



The number of Prevention Responses that were closed by the Support and Response Unit and the case outcome.

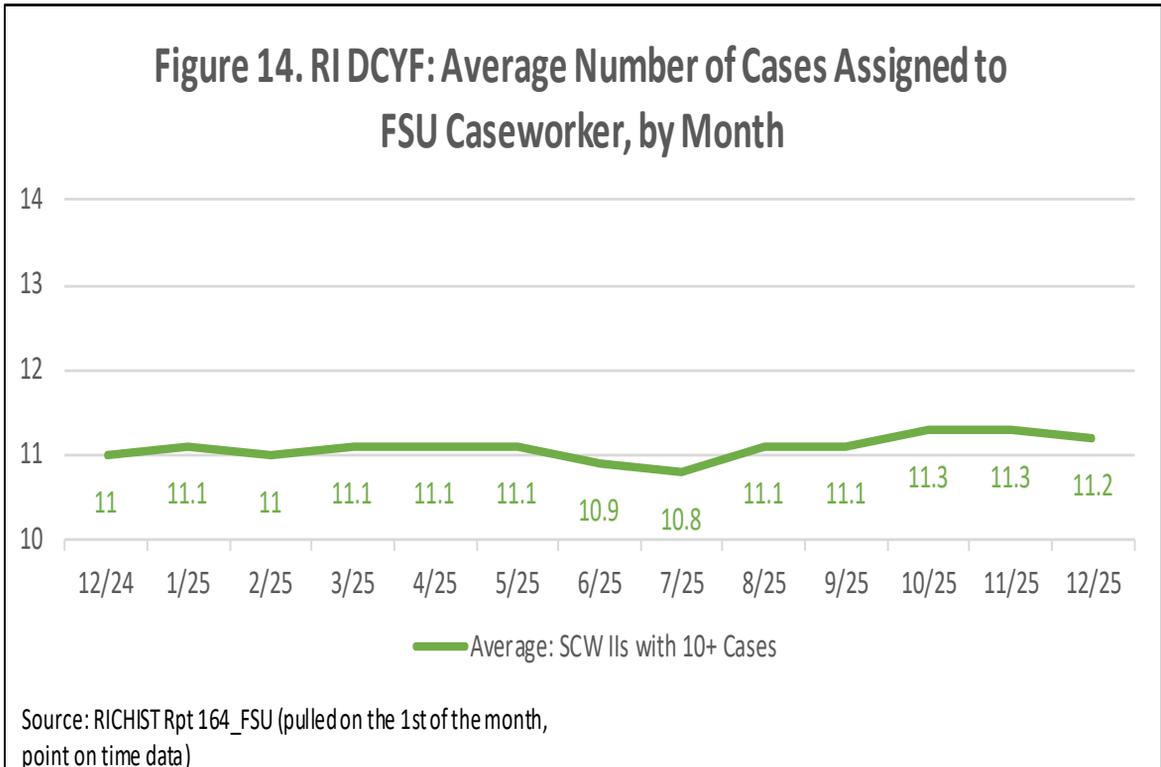
FSU (Family Service Unit): unit of the Department becomes involved with families after a Child Protective Services (CPS) investigation has been conducted and a determination made that services are needed to address abuse, neglect, or dependency within the family

In Home vs. Out-of-Home



The number of children open to a Family Service Unit worker on the first day of the month by at-home vs in placement.

Average Number of Families Assigned to FSU Caseworkers



The average number of families (cases) assigned to FSU caseworkers on a statewide level. In the chart depicts caseworkers carrying 10 or more cases to include those nearing the end of their probation.

Percent of All FSU Youth with a Safety and Well-Being Visit Conducted

Figure 15. RI DCYF: Percent of All FSU Youth with a Safety and Well-Being Visit Conducted, by Month/Statewide ¹

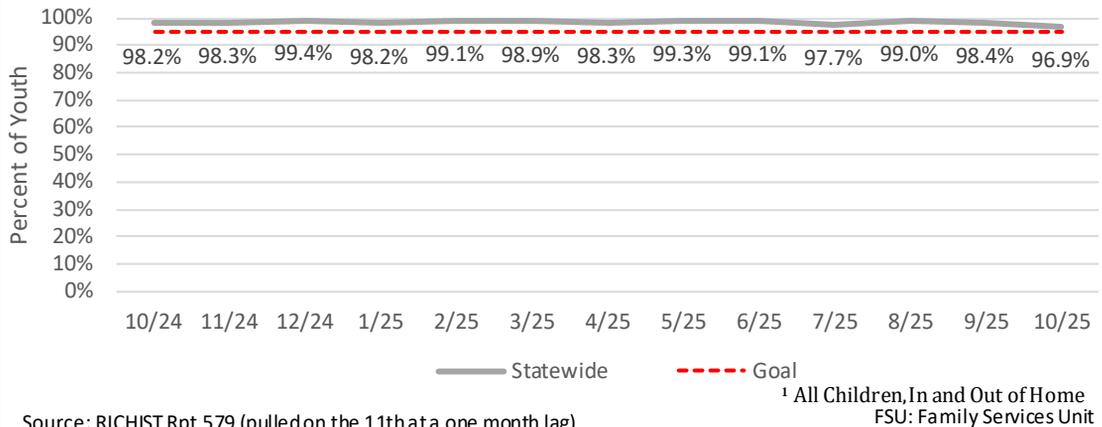
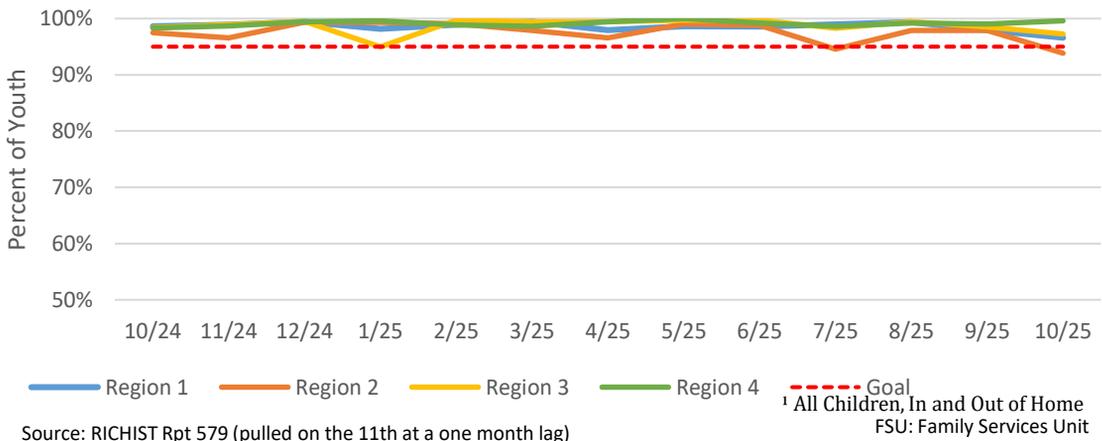


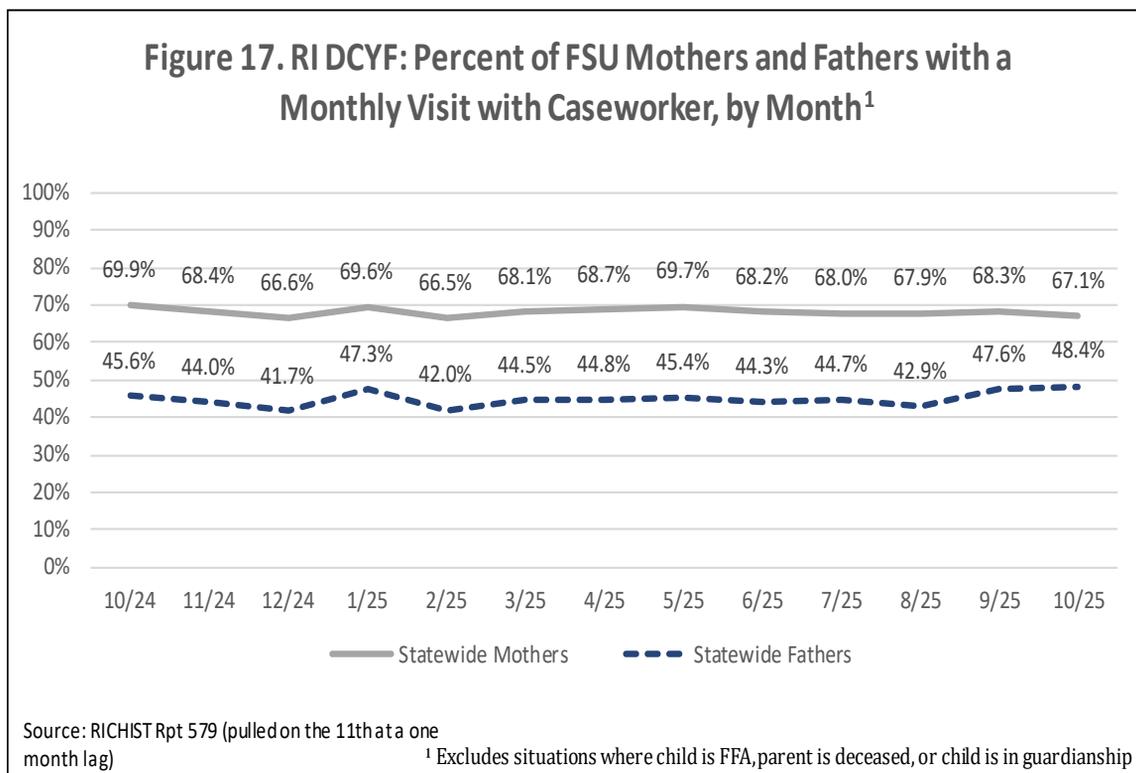
Figure 16. RI DCYF: Percent of All FSU Youth with a Safety and Well-Being Visit Conducted, by Month/Region ¹



Percentage of youth open to a Family Service Unit (FSU) worker during the reporting month with a documented safety and well-being visit. The federal standard is for 95% of youth in out-of-home care for the entire month to have at least one visit. The data on this chart measures visits for youth who are both in-home and out-of-home.

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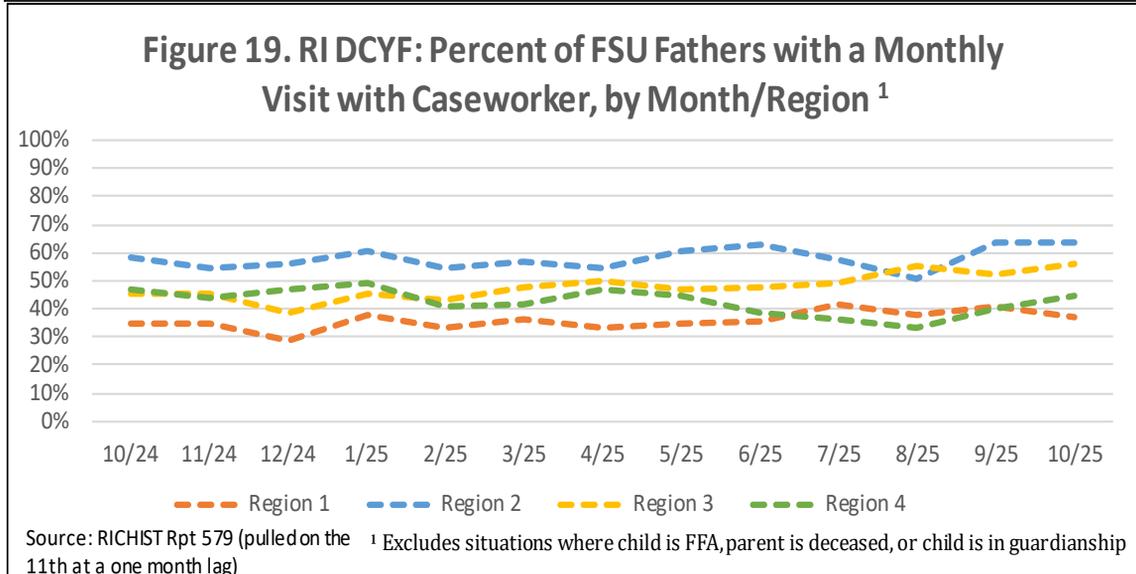
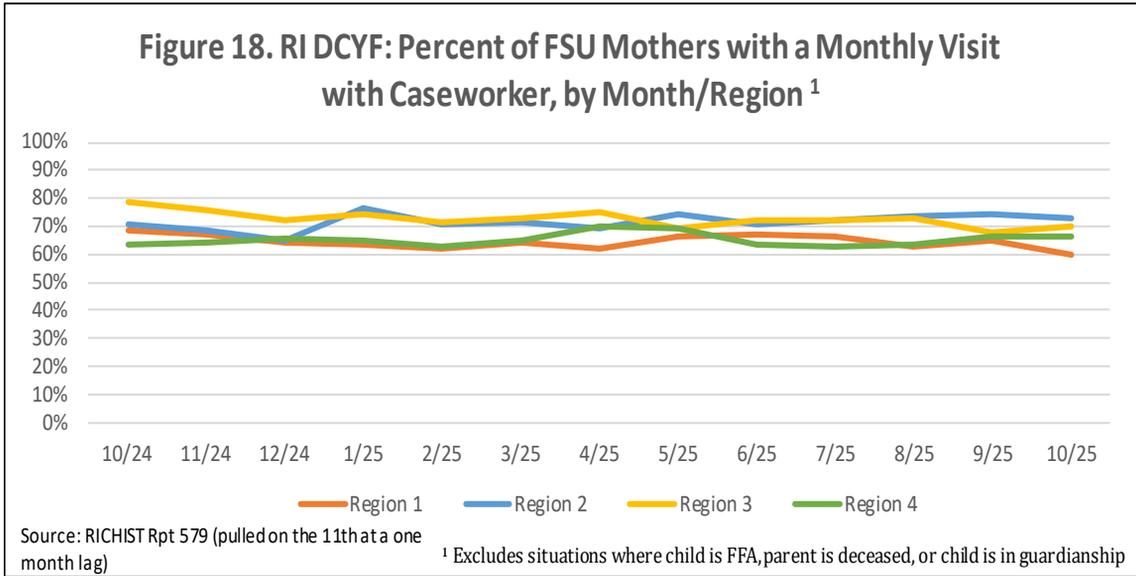
Percent of Mothers and Fathers Open to FSU who Received a Monthly Visit with Caseworker Statewide



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Percentage of cases open to a Family Service Unit (FSU) worker during the reporting month with a documented visit between the mother, father, and caseworker. Departmental policy indicates that children’s parent’s must be seen at least one time per month. Cases with deceased or unknown parents, or parents whose rights have been terminated are excluded from calculation. In addition, parents whose children are in guardianships are also excluded.

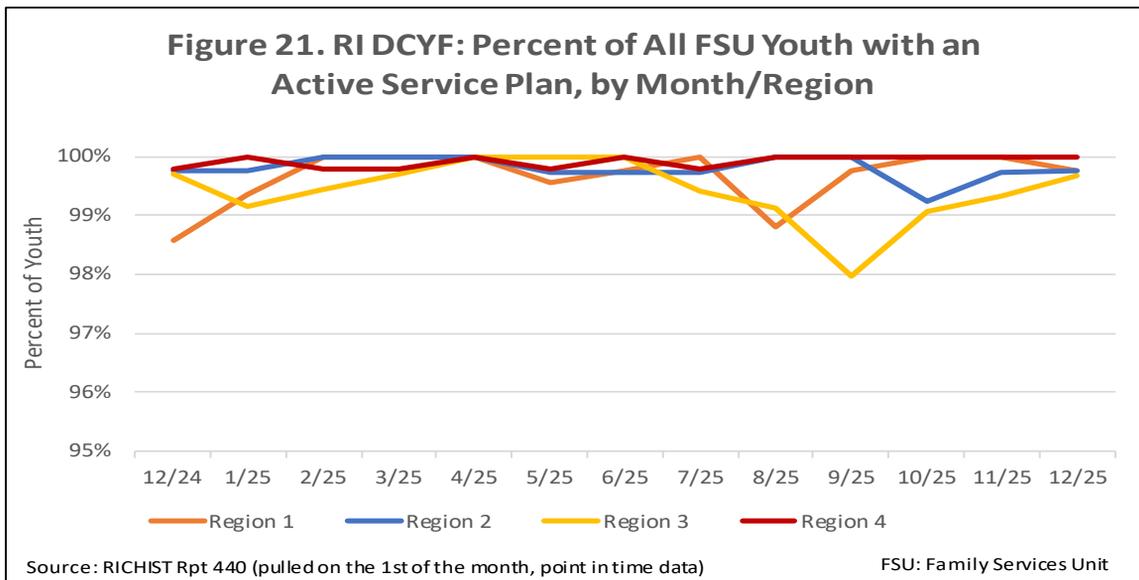
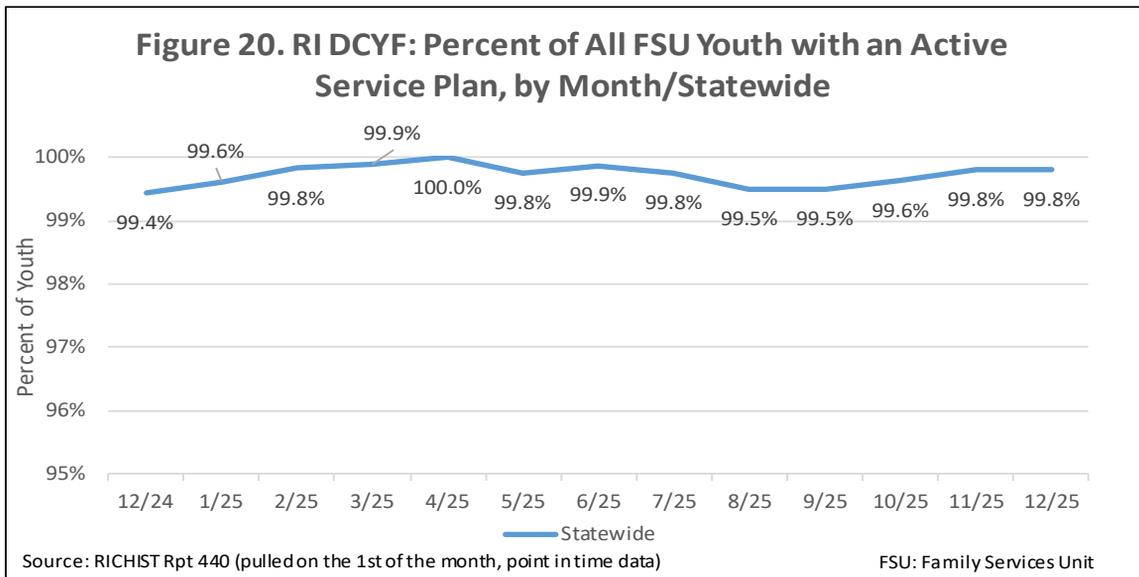
Percent of Mothers and Fathers Open to FSU who Received a Monthly Visit with Caseworker By Region



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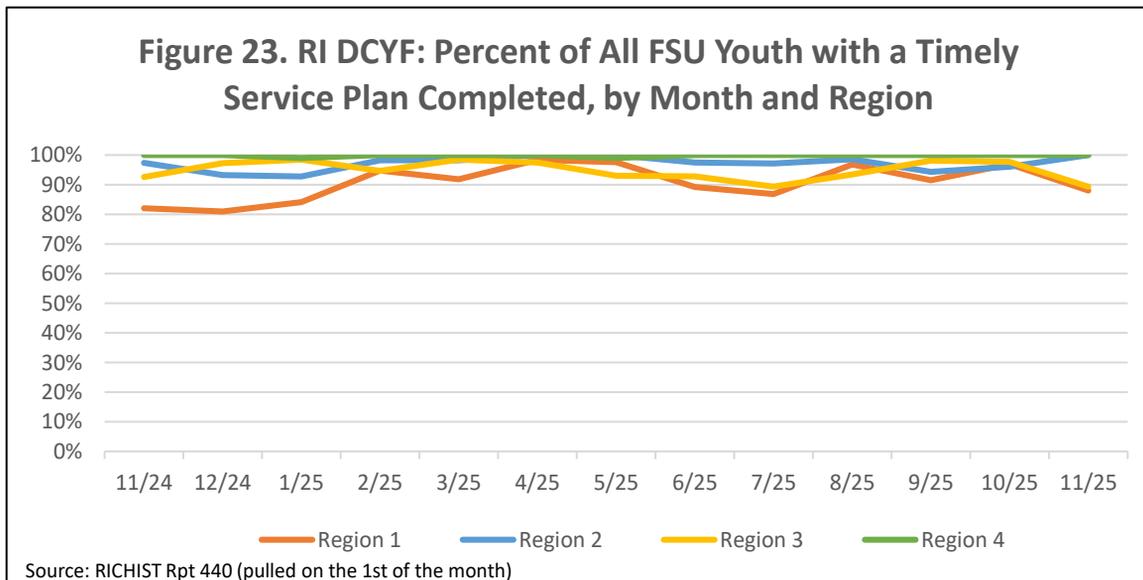
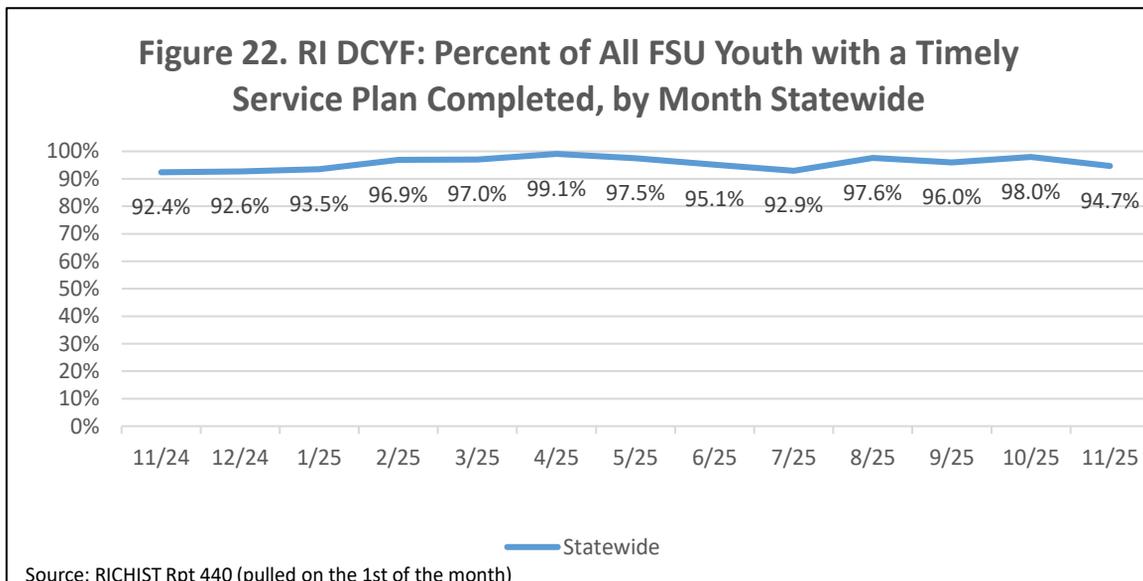
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Percent of All FSU Youth with an Active Service Plan



Percentage of youth open to a Family Service Unit (FSU) worker for at least 60 days with service plan due in the previous month. Point in time data extracted on the last day of the subsequent month.

Percent of All FSU Youth with a Timely Service Plan Monthly



Of all youth open to a Family Services Unit (FSU) worker and who had a service plan due during the reporting month, the percentage who had the plan completed and approved before the due date.

Percent of All FSU Youth with a Timely Service Plan Overall

Children's Rights 10.1: Case Plan Timeliness is a subset of this population

Figure 24. RI DCYF: Percent of All FSU Youth with a Timely Service Plan Completed Overall Statewide

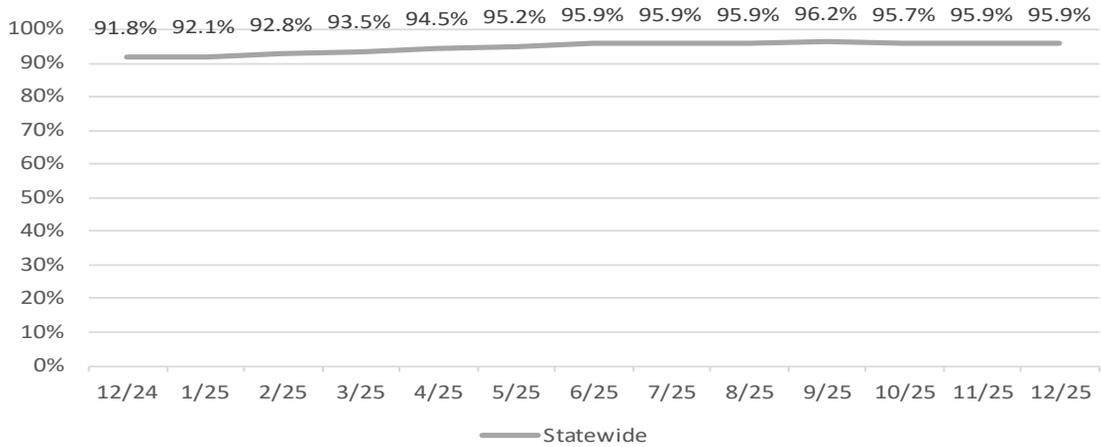
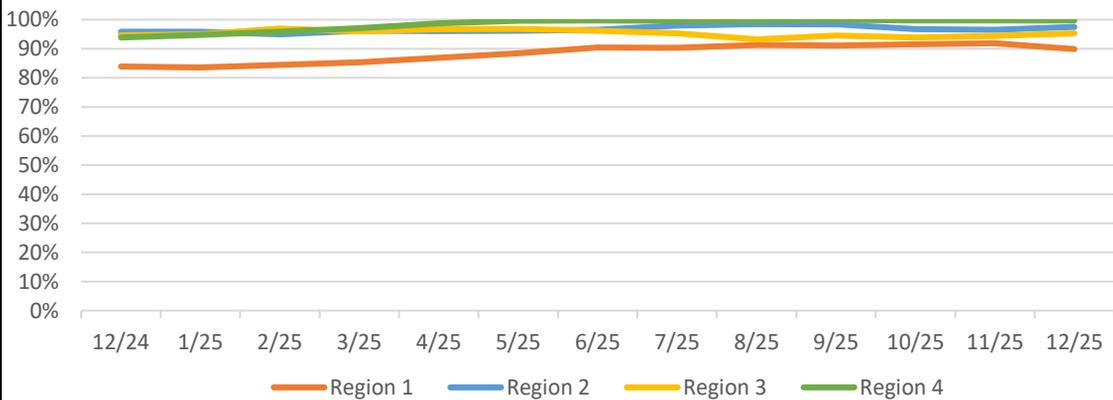


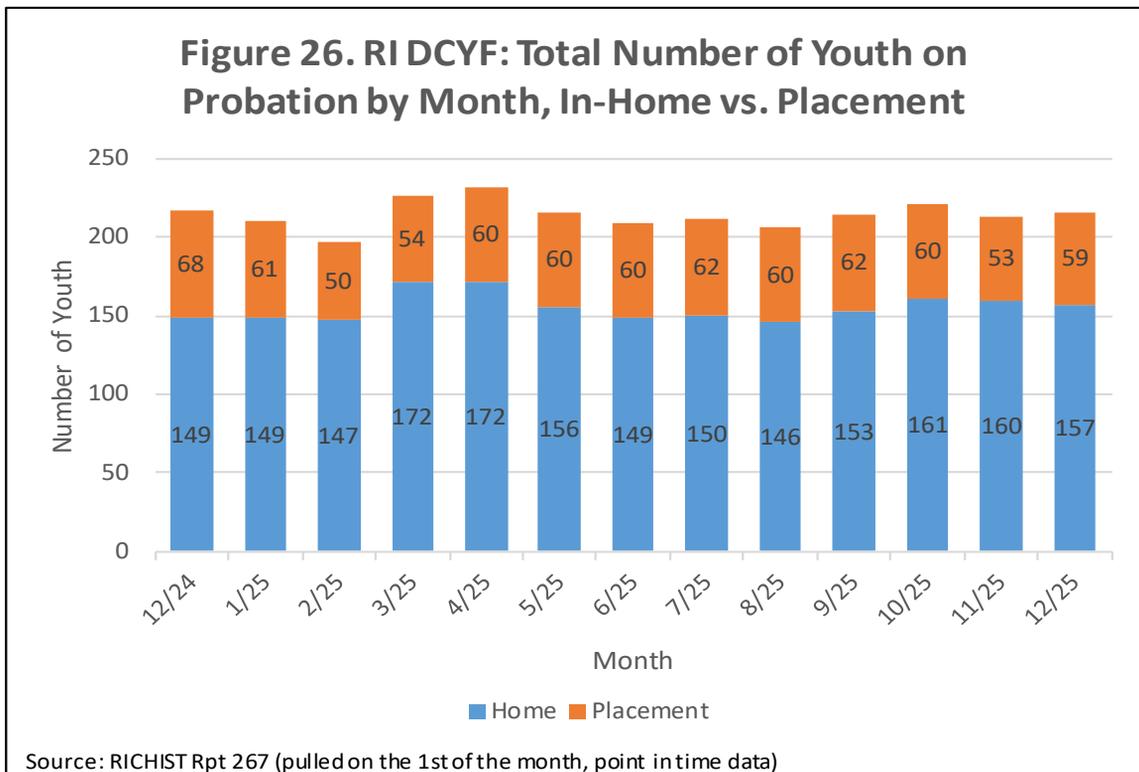
Figure 25. RI DCYF: Percent of All FSU Youth with a Timely Service Plan Completed Overall by Region



Of all youth open to a Family Services Unit (FSU) worker, the percentage who had a plan completed and approved before the due date.

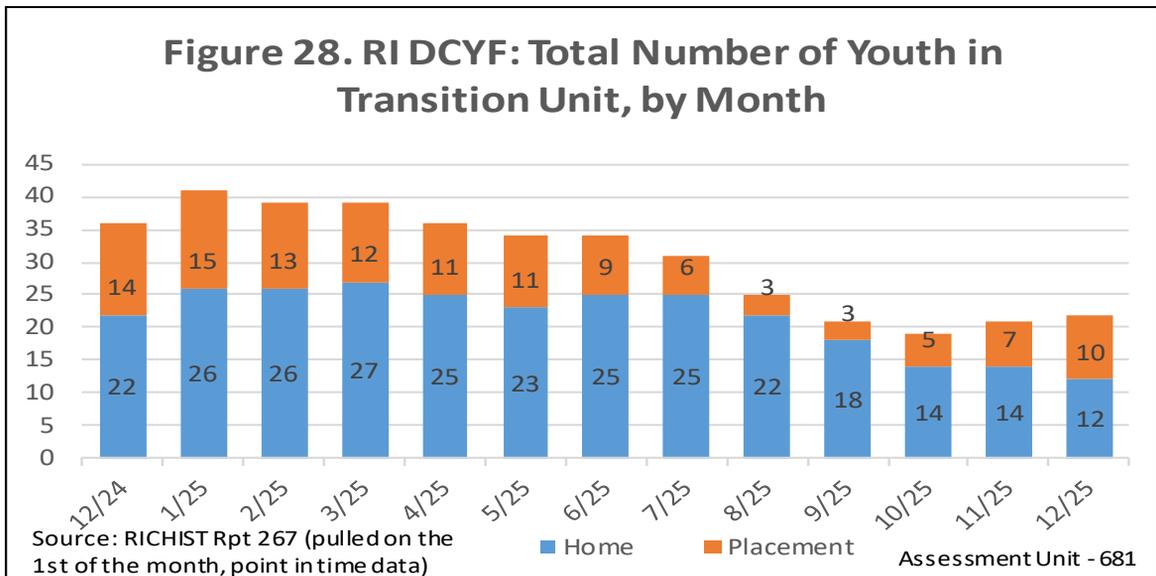
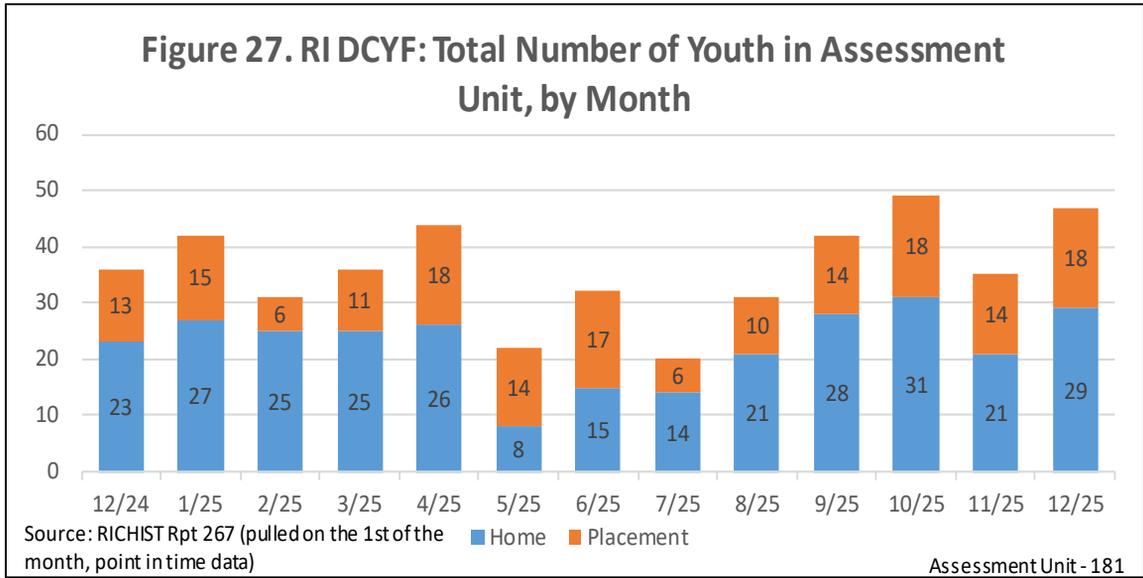
Office of Juvenile Probation: provides supervision in the community for youth who have been adjudicated wayward or delinquent by the Rhode Island Family Court and are sentenced to a term of probation, or who are sentenced to the Rhode Island Training School (RITS) but can serve their sentence in a residential treatment program (temporary community placement).

Total Number of Youth on Probation



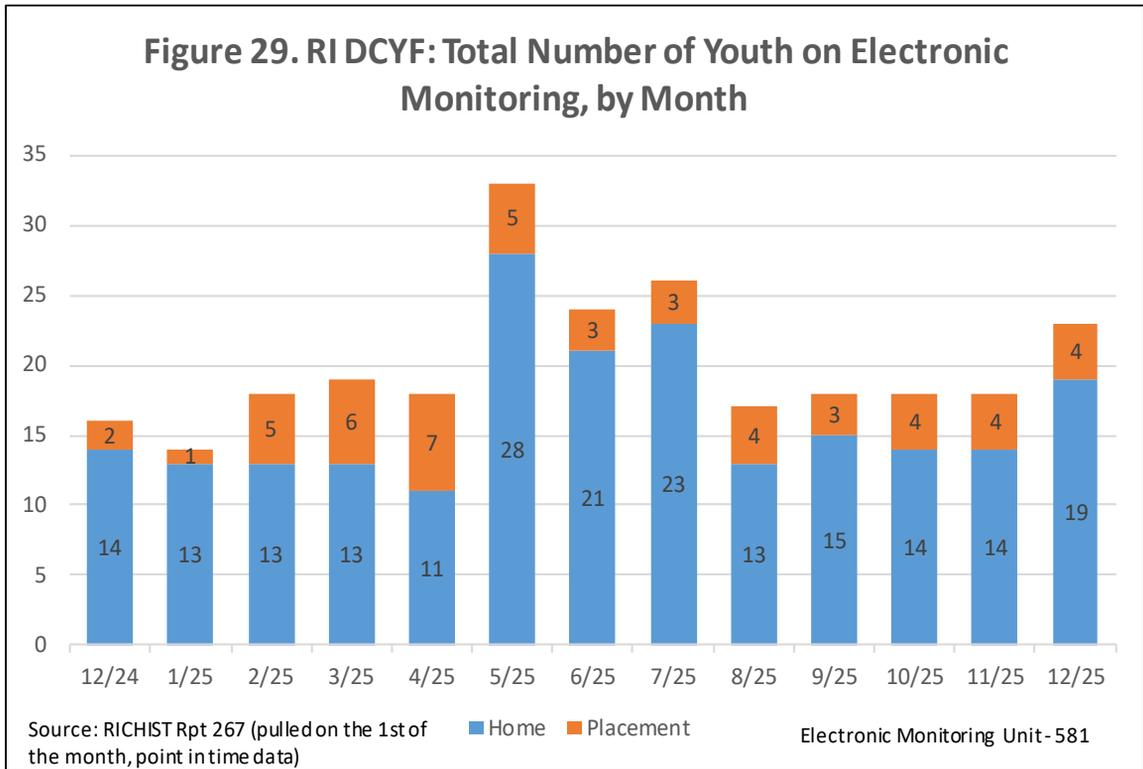
Number of youth open to probation on the first day of the reporting month by at home vs. in placement. Does not include youth assigned to the Electronic Monitoring Unit (581) or the Assessment & Transition Unit (681).

Total Number of Youth on Probation Assigned to Assessment Unit and Transition Unit



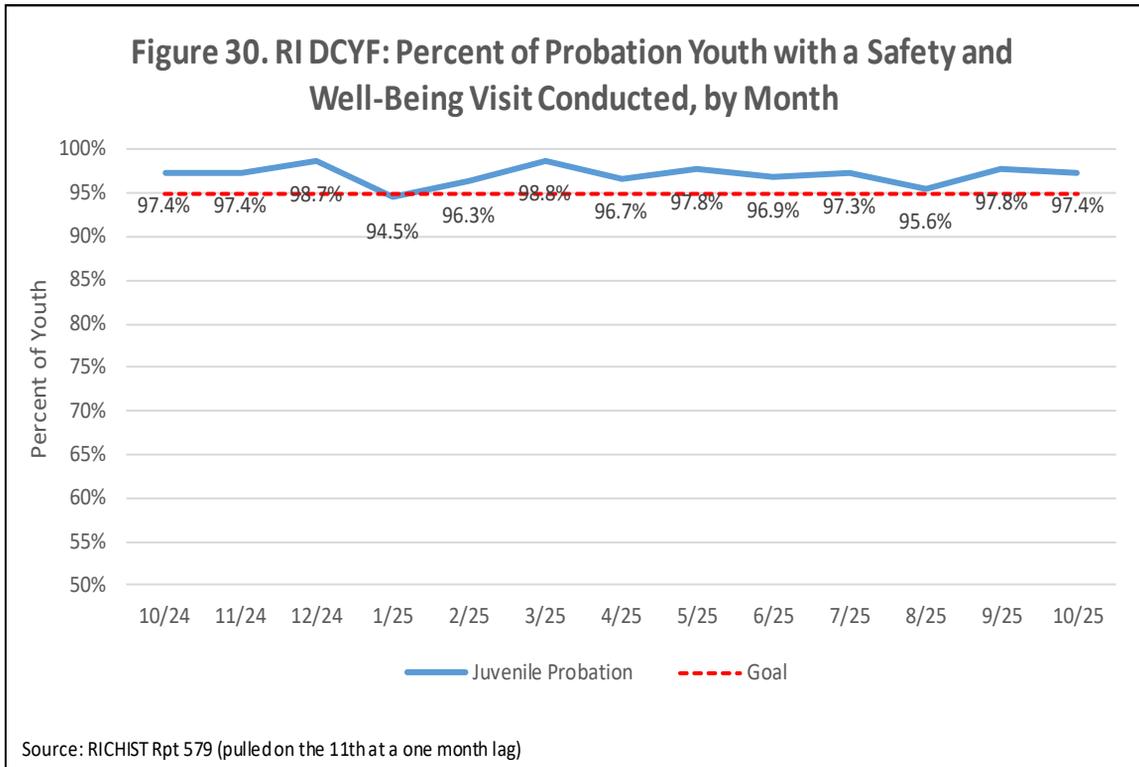
Number of youth open to the Assessment Unit (181) and the Transition Unit (681) on the first day of the reporting month by at home vs. in placement.

Total Number of Youth on Probation Assigned to Electronic Monitoring Unit



Number of youth open to the Probation Electronic Monitoring (pre-adjudicated youth only) (581) on the first day of the reporting month by at home vs. in placement.

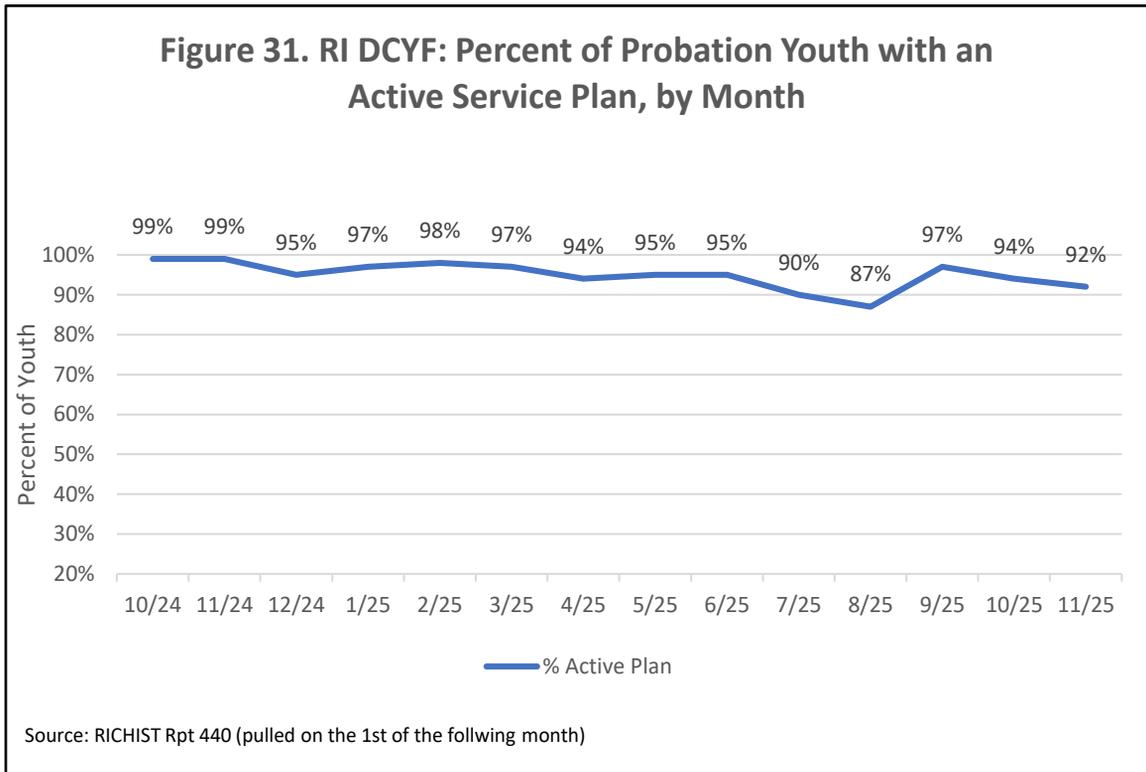
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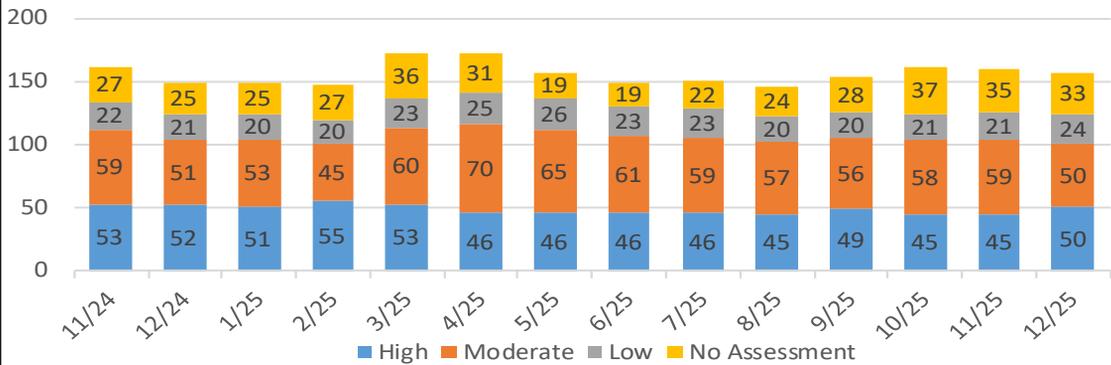
Percent of Probation Youth with an Active Service Plan by Month



Percentage of youth open to a probation worker for at least 60 days with an active service plan. Point-in-time data as of the first day of each month. Does not include youth assigned to the Electronic Monitoring Unit (581) or the Assessment & Transition Unit (681), Does not include youth assigned to Electronic Monitoring Unit (581), ICJ youth, pre-adjudicated youth, or youth 18+ years old living in-home

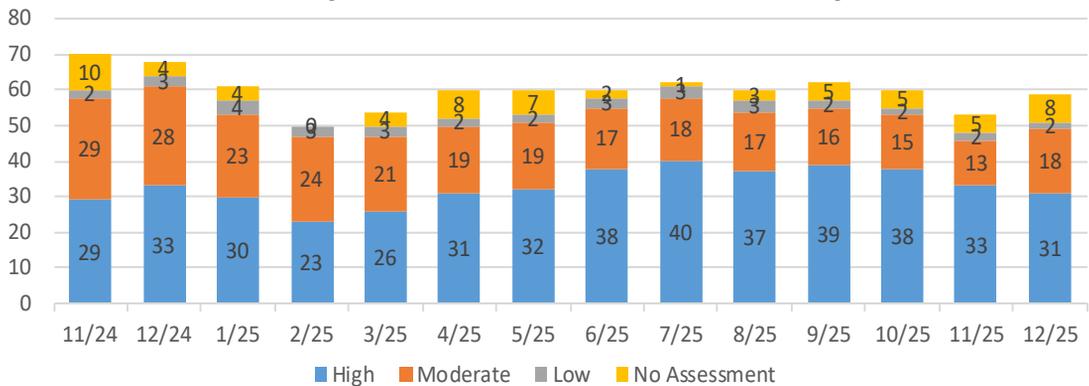
Number of All Probation Youth by Most Recent Risk Assessment

Figure 32. RI DCYF: Number of Probation Youth In-Home by Most Recent Risk Assessment, by Month



Source: RICHIST Rpt 267 (pulled on the 1st of the month, point in time data)

Figure 33. RI DCYF: Number of Probation Youth in Placement by Most Recent Risk Assessment, by Month

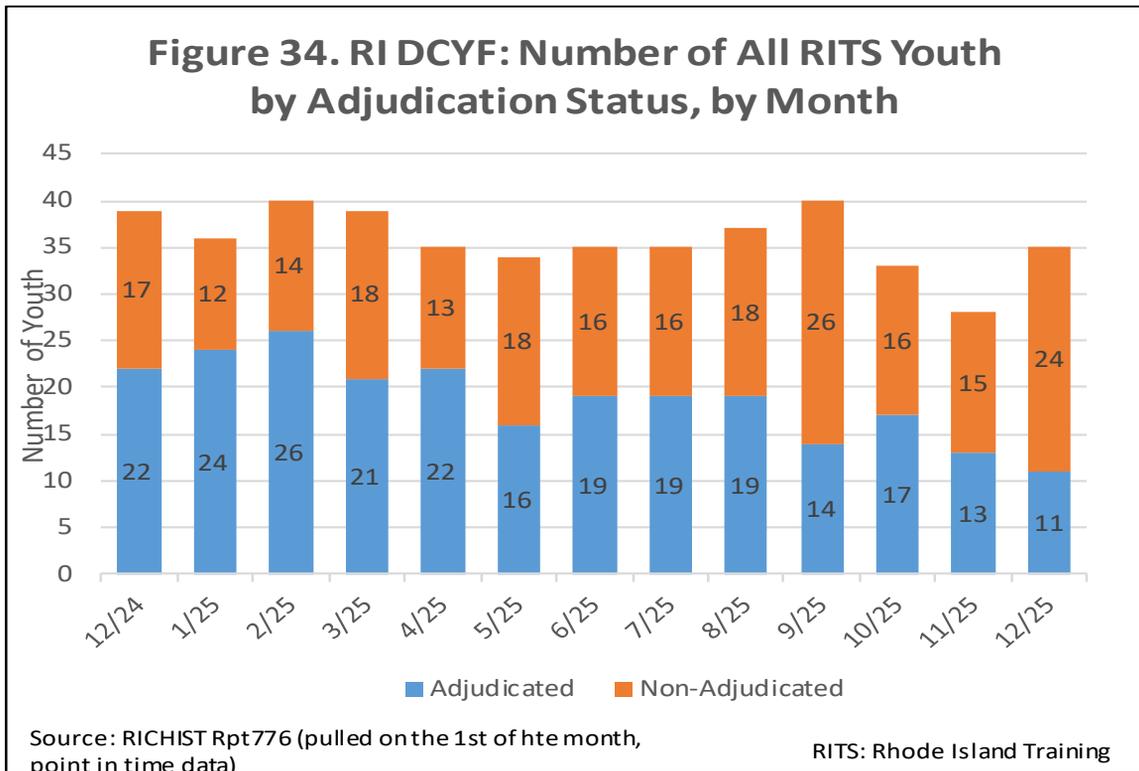


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Number of youth open to a probation worker by risk level, in-home and in placement. Point-in-time data as of the first day of each month. Risk level is assessed by the Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth (SAVRY). Does not include youth assigned to the Electronic Monitoring (581), Assessment (181) or Transition (681).

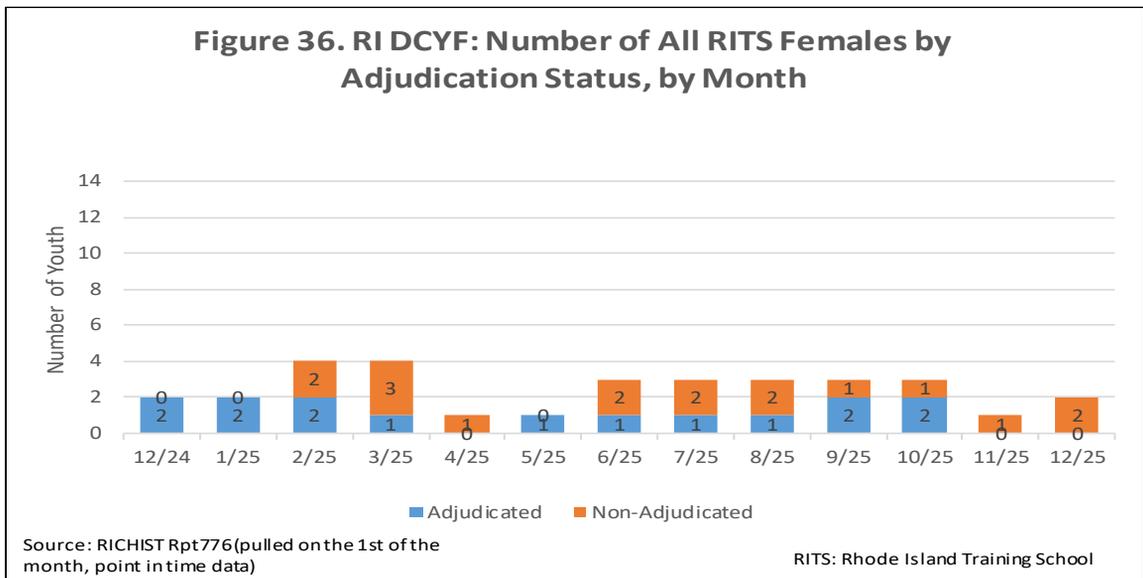
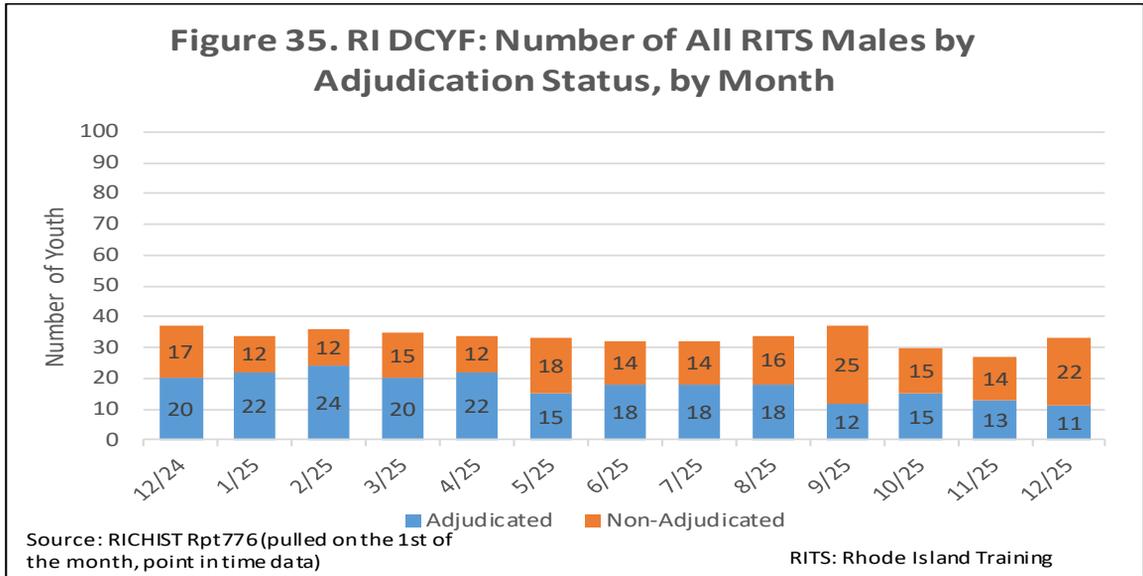
Rhode Island Training School (RITS): a secure juvenile justice program for male and female youth who are detained and /or sentenced to the facility by order of the Rhode Island Family Court.

Number of All RITS Youth by Adjudication Status, by Month



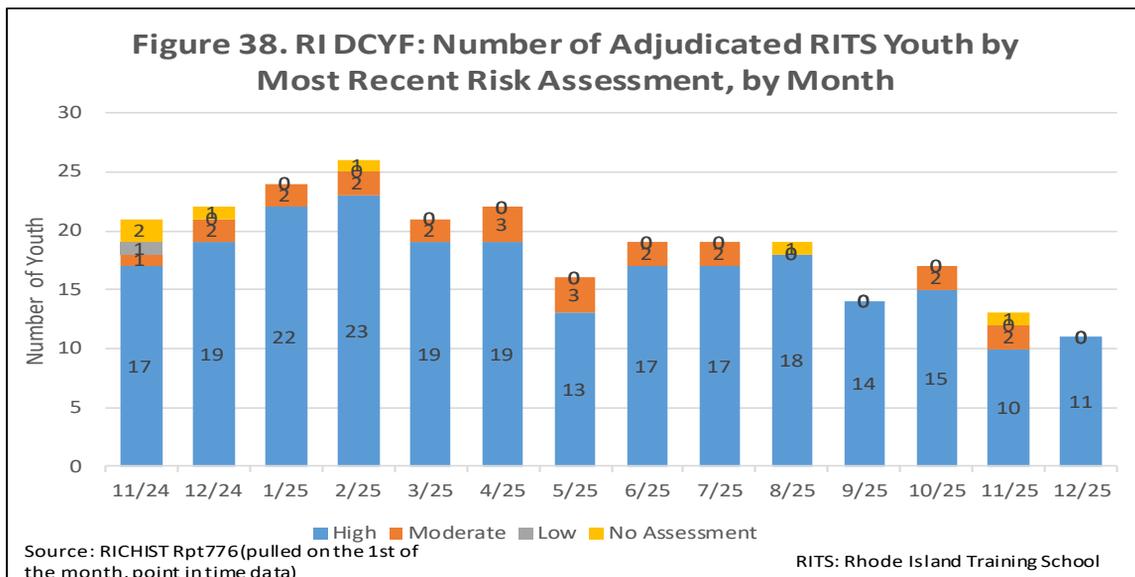
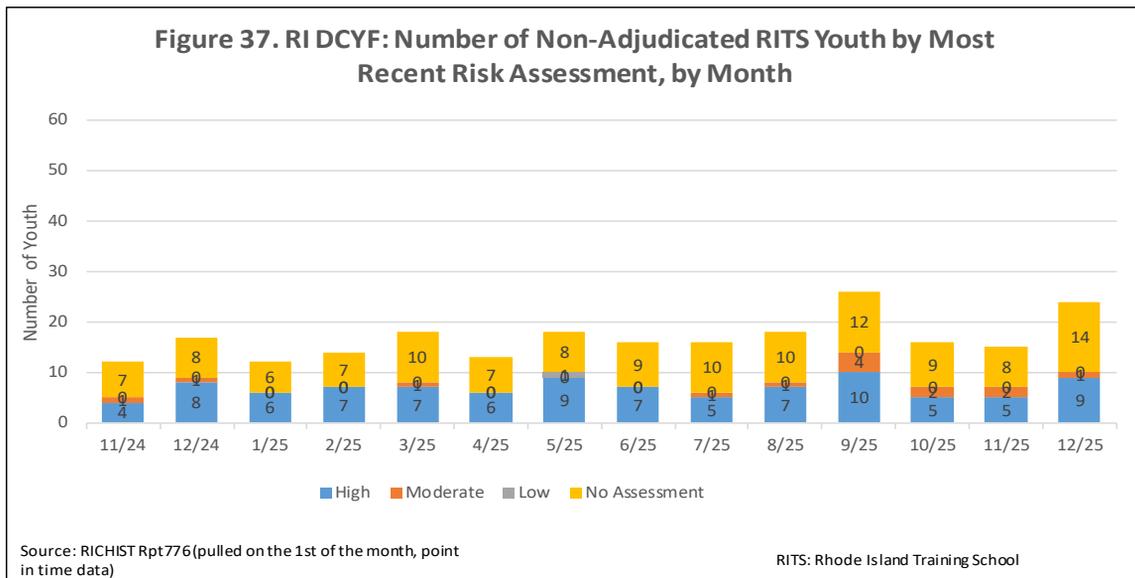
The number of youth at the RI Training School on the first day of the month by adjudication status.

Number of RITS Youth by Adjudication Status and Gender, by Month



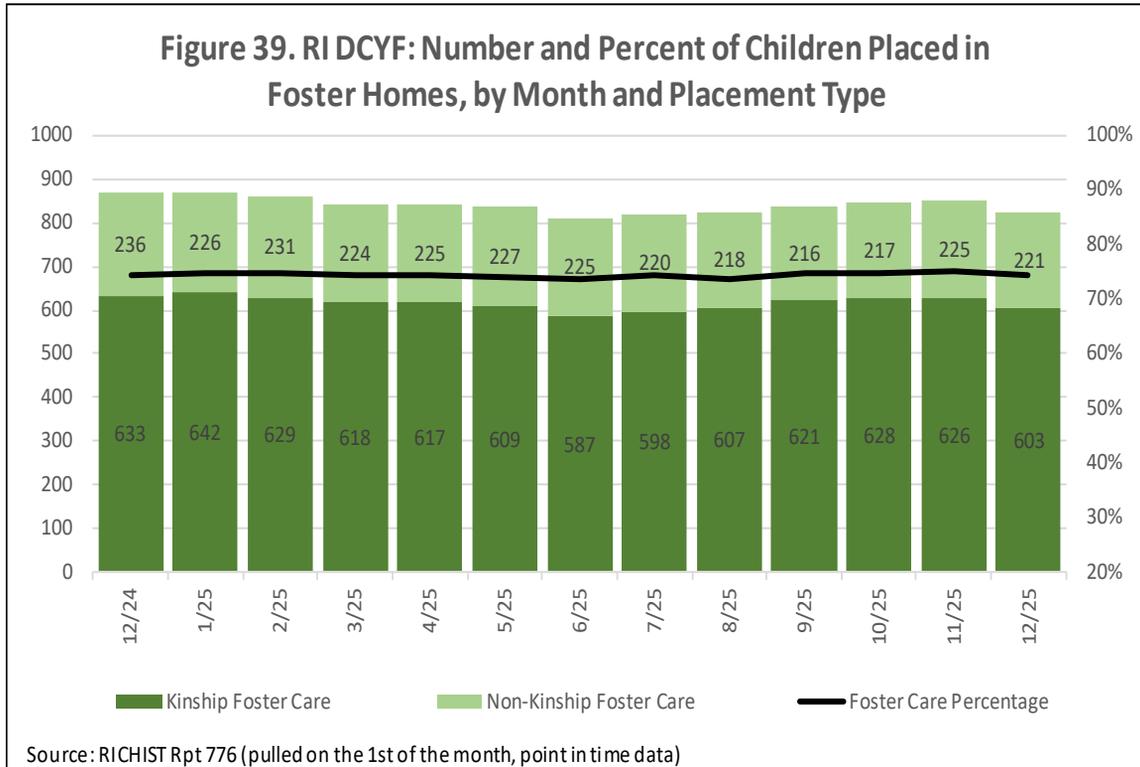
The number of youth at the RI Training School on the first day of the month by adjudication status and gender.

Number of RITS Youth by Most Recent Risk Assessment; Adjudicated and Non-Adjudicated



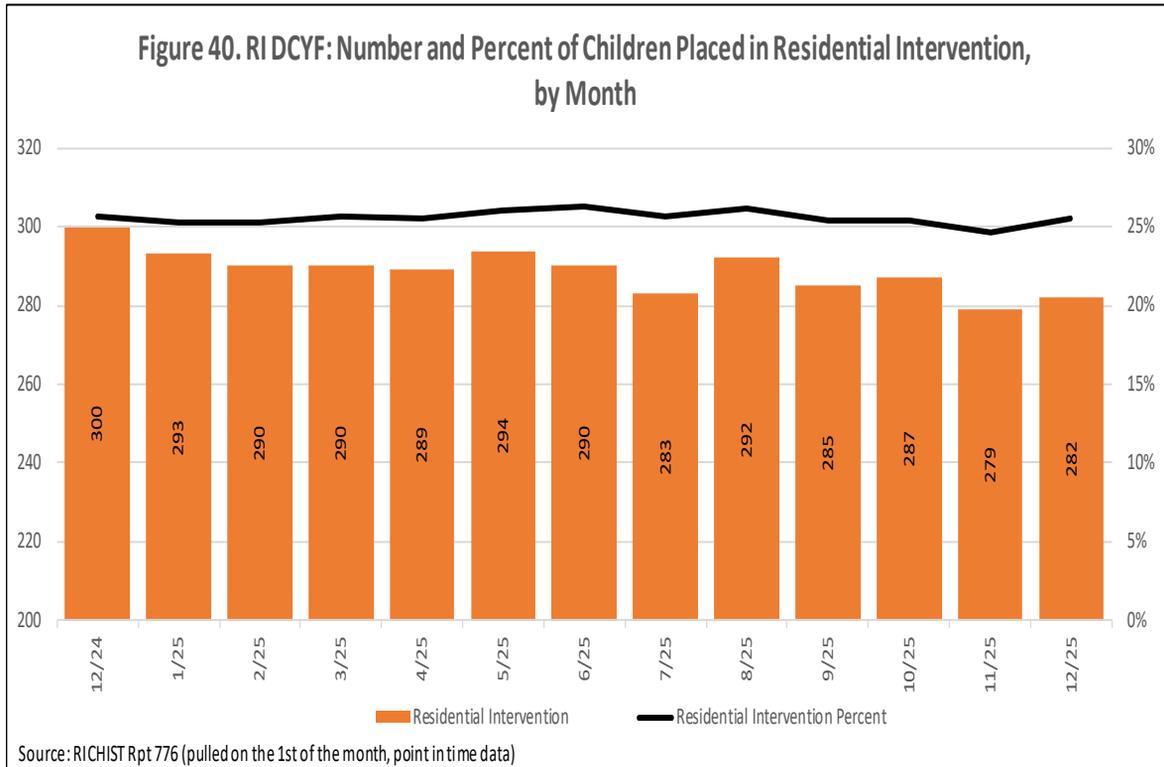
Number of youth open to a Rhode Island Training School worker by risk level. Point-in-time data as of the first day of each month. Risk level is assessed by the Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth (SAVRY).

Number and Percent of Children Placed in Foster Homes



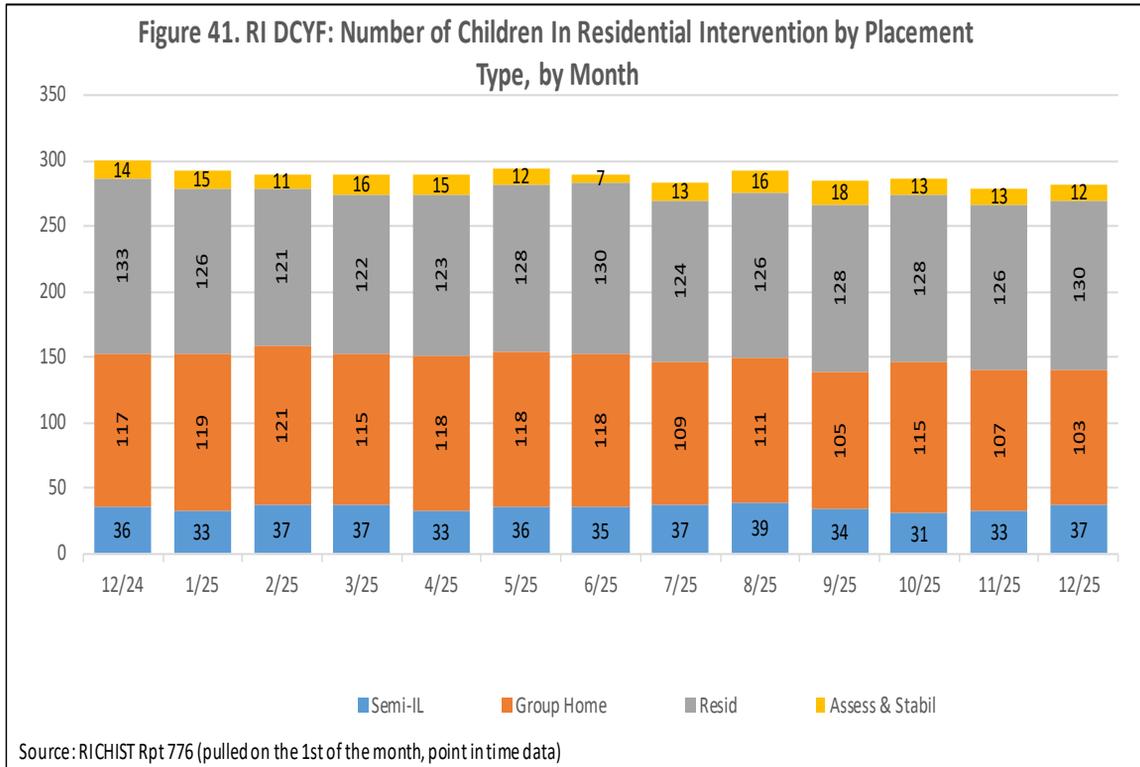
Of all children in out-of-home placement on the first day of the month, what number were placed in kinship foster care and what number were placed in non-kinship foster care. Include children in private agency foster care as well.

Number and Percent of Children in Residential Intervention



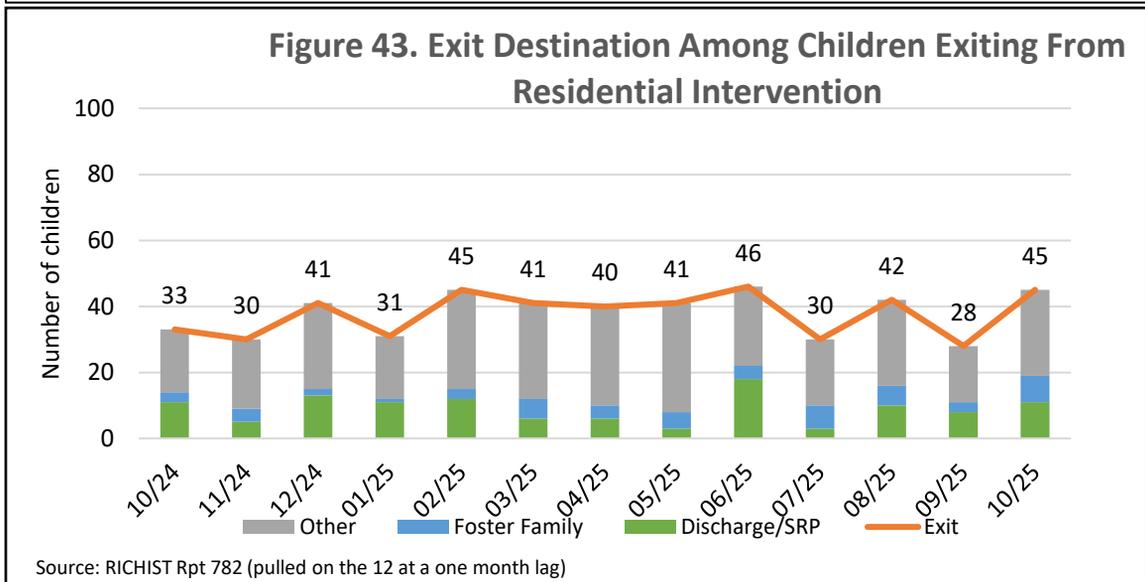
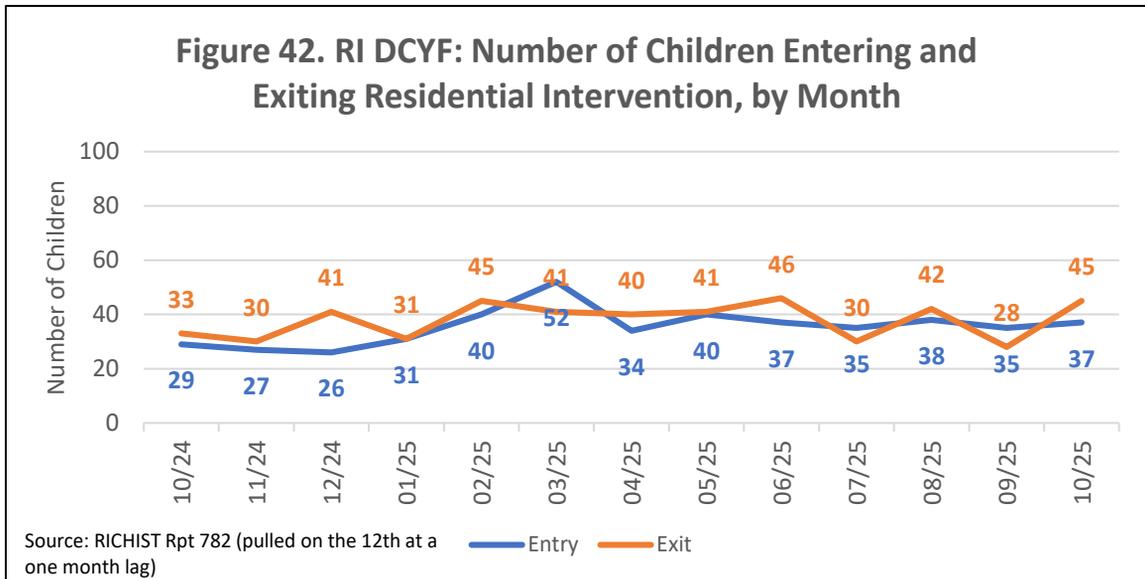
Of all children in out-of-home placement on the first day of the month, how many were placed in a residential intervention setting. Residential intervention includes group homes, semi-independent living, residential treatment centers, and assessment and stabilization centers. It does not include independent living, medical hospital, psychiatric hospital, or absent from care.

Number of Children in Residential Intervention by Placement Type



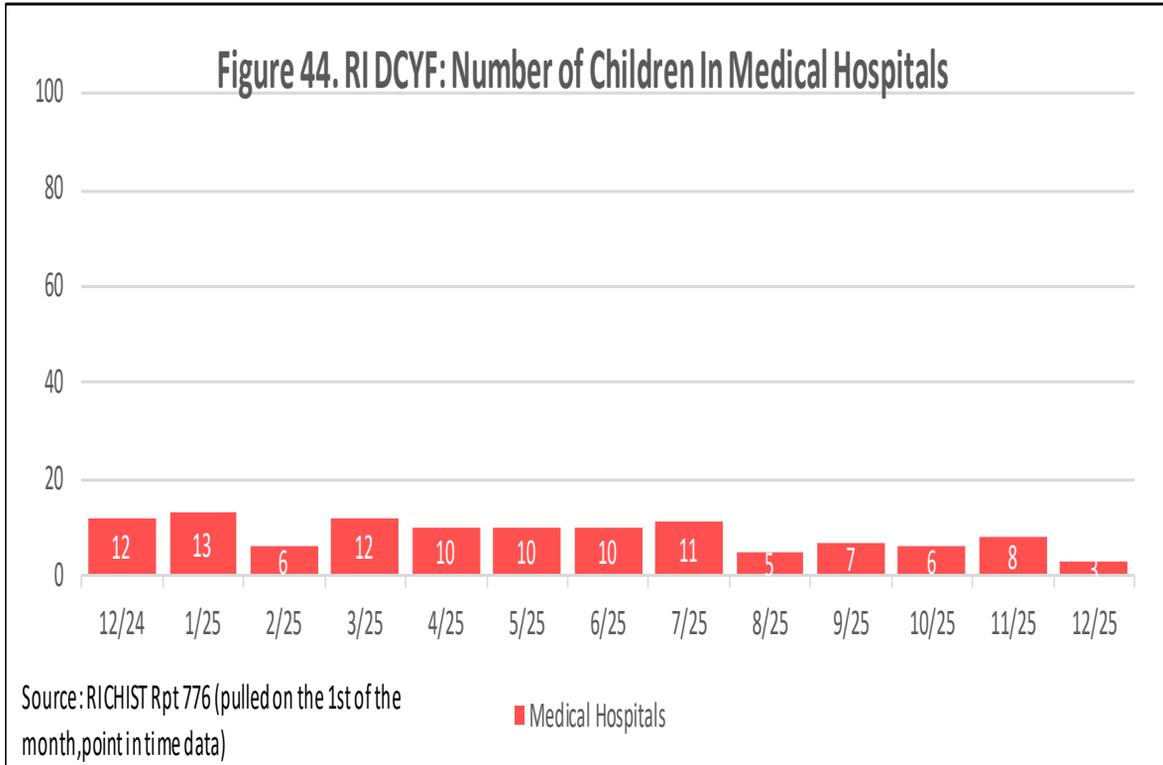
Of all children in a residential intervention placement on the first day of the month, how many were placed in each residential intervention setting. Residential intervention includes group homes, semi-independent living, residential treatment centers, and assessment and stabilization centers. It does not include independent living, medical hospital, psychiatric hospital, or absent from care.

Number of Children Entering, Discharging and Exit Destination Residential Intervention Placements by Month



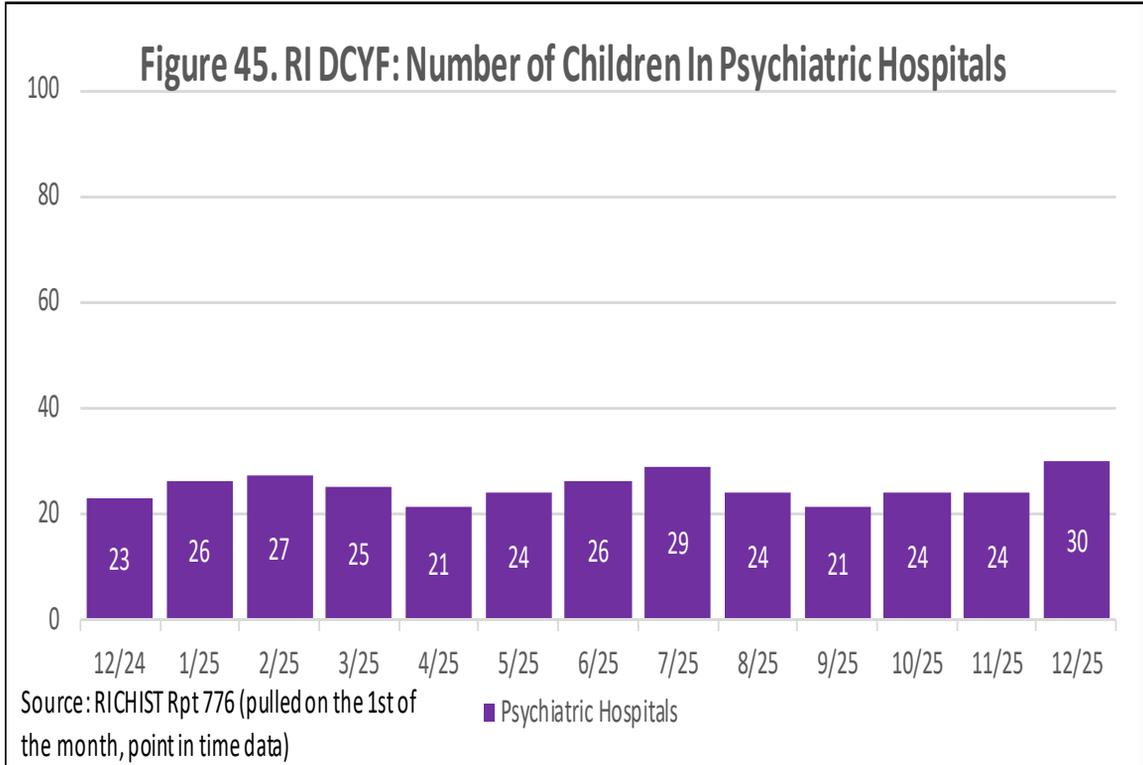
The total number of children who enter and exit from all combined residential intervention types by month. A child may be counted more than once if the child had multiple entries and exits to and from residential intervention. Exits and entries are counted when there is a break in the residential intervention placements. For example, an exit from residential intervention is counted if the child exits residential intervention and went into a hospital, foster family, absent from care, RI Training School or returned home. When there are no breaks between residential intervention placements (i.e., different residential intervention providers) exits and entries are not counted as they have remained in residential intervention. This data is reported on a delay to account for placement entries.

Number of Children in Medical Hospitals



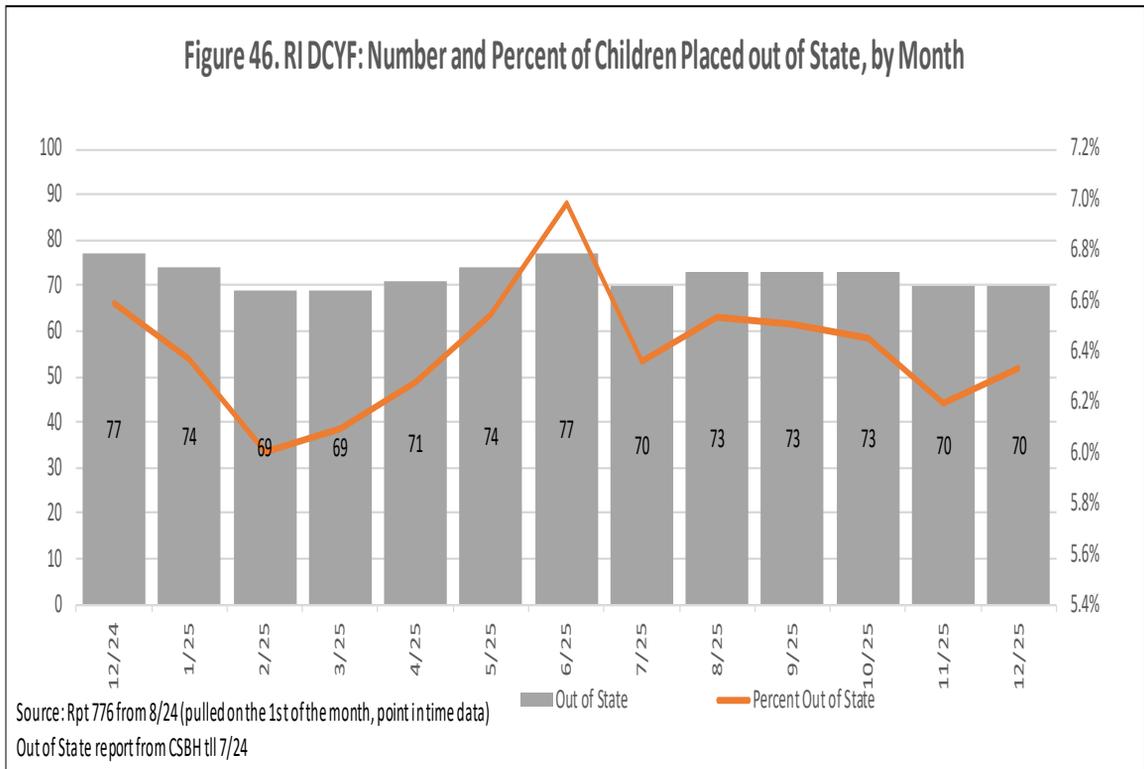
Of all children in out-of-home placement on the first day of the month, how many were placed in a medical hospitals.

Number of Children in Psychiatric Hospitals



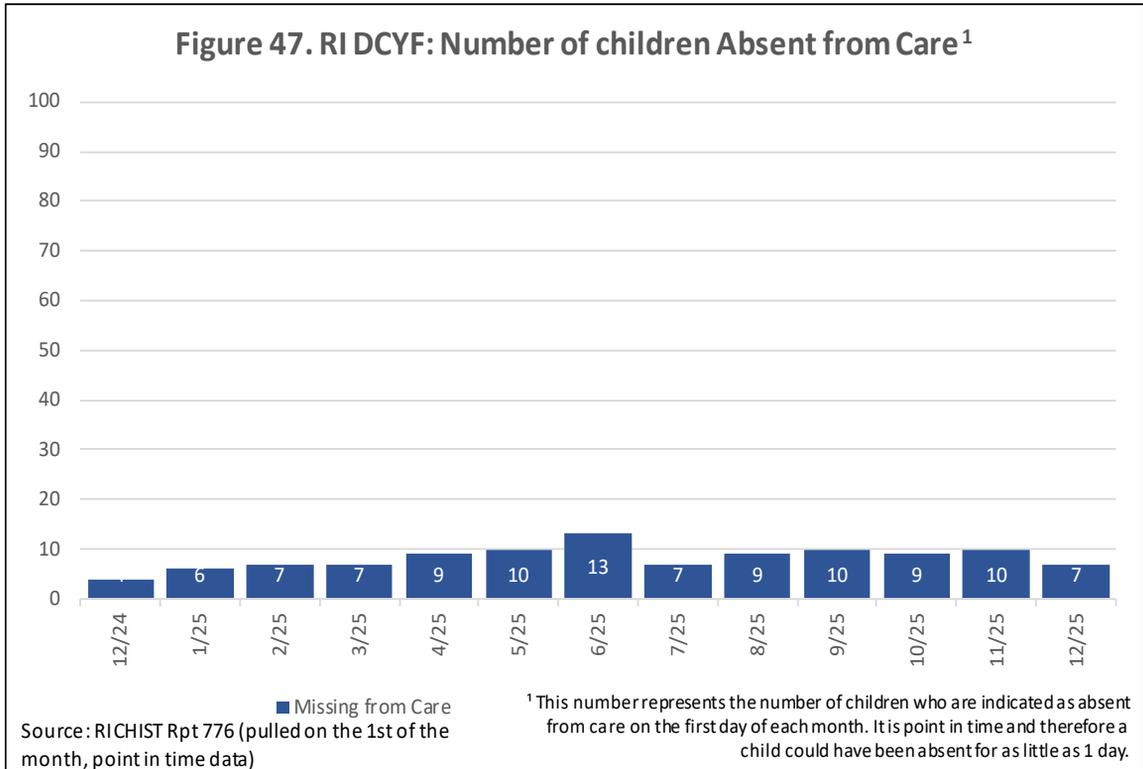
Of all children in out-of-home placement on the first day of the month, how many were placed in psychiatric hospitals.

Number and Percent of Children Placed Out of State (Residential)



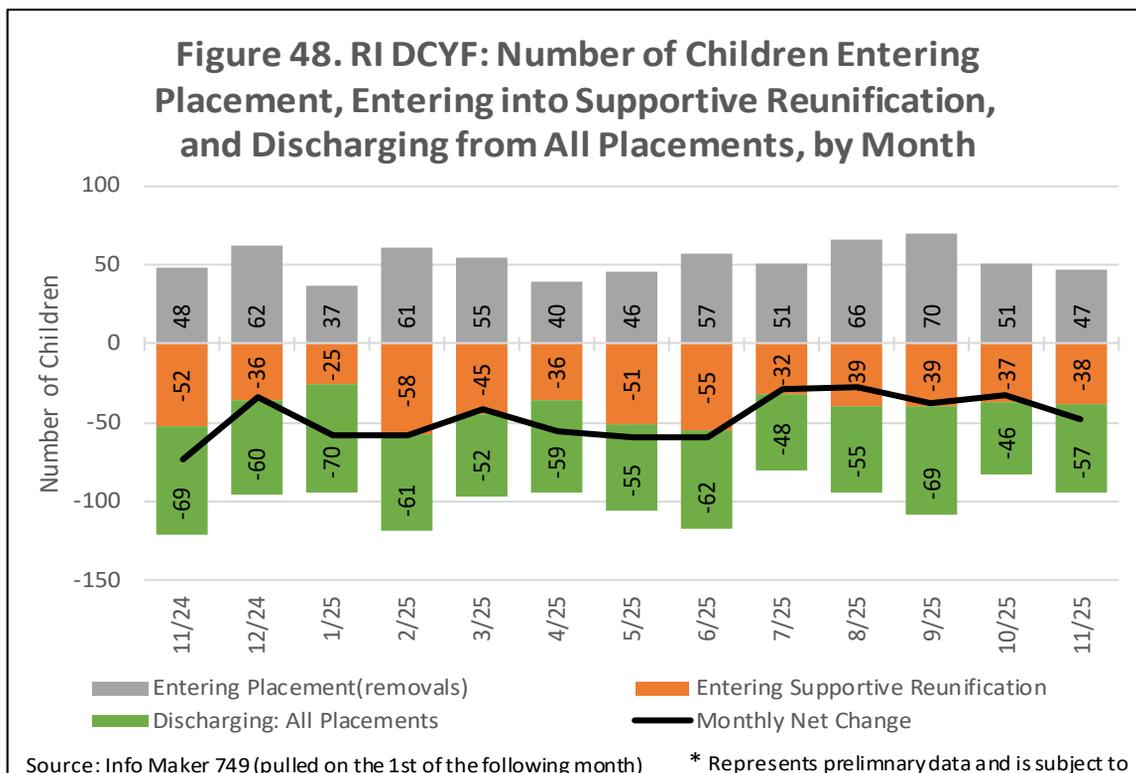
Of all children in out-of-home placement on the first day of the month, how many and what percentage were placed in an out of state residential intervention setting.

Number of Children Absent from Care



The number of children in out-of-home placement on the first day of the month who were indicated as absent from their placement. Absent from placement is defined as the child or youth missing curfew. Common reasons include staying at a relative, partner, or friend's house. This chart does not reflect the length of time a child or youth has been absent, but rather is used for census purposes on the first day of each month. Children above could have been absent for as little as less than 1 day.

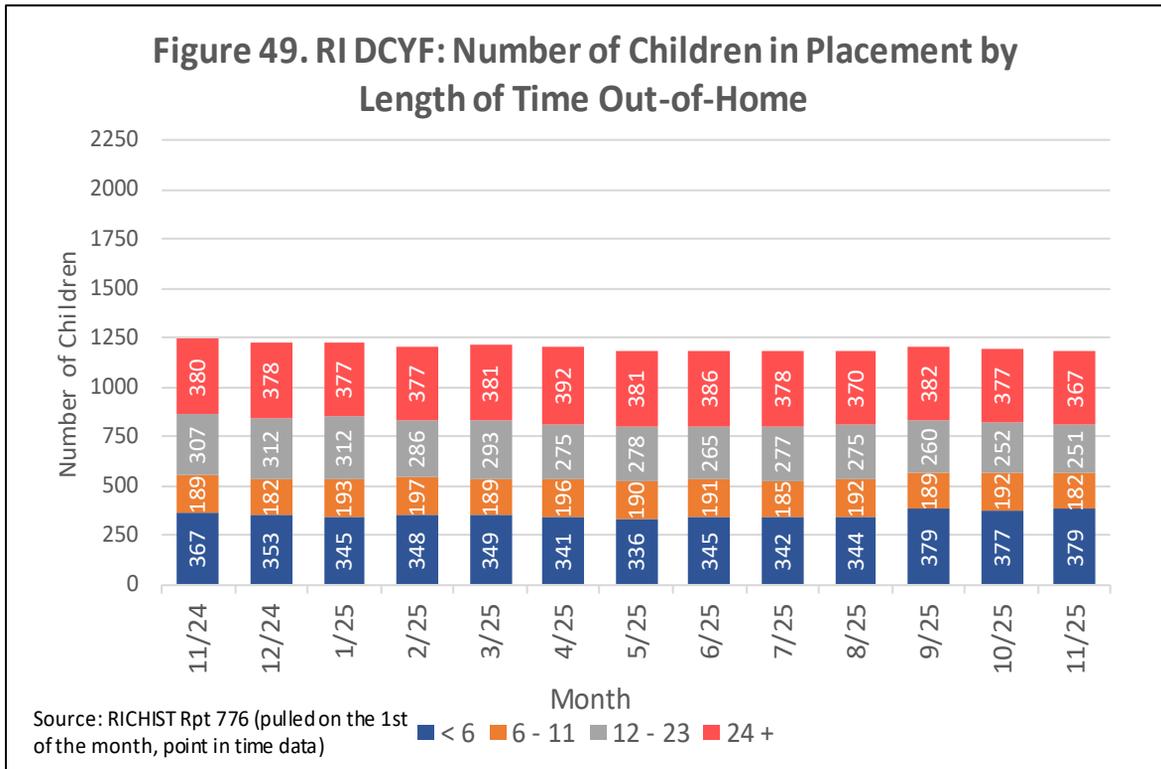
Number of Children Entering Placement, Entering Supportive Reunification, and Discharging from All Placements



The number of children entering placement, the number of children discharging from all placements, and the number of children who entered supportive reunification during the entire month.

*NOTE: The most recent month of data indicated by * is preliminary. Data is subject to adjustment due to data entry, verification, and placement amendments.*

Children in Placement by Length of Time

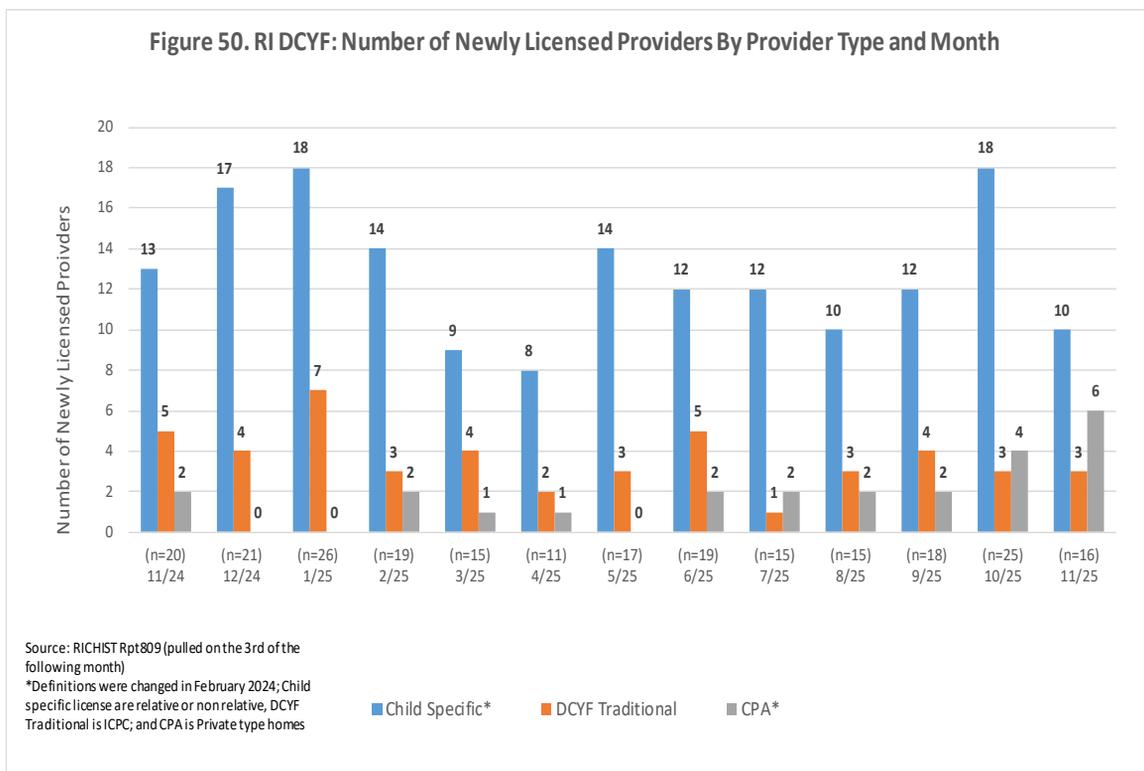


The number of children in out-of-home placement on the first day of the month by length of time since removal from home.

This chart excludes children and youth in the Voluntary Extension of Care Program and children and youth who are at home on a supportive reunification.

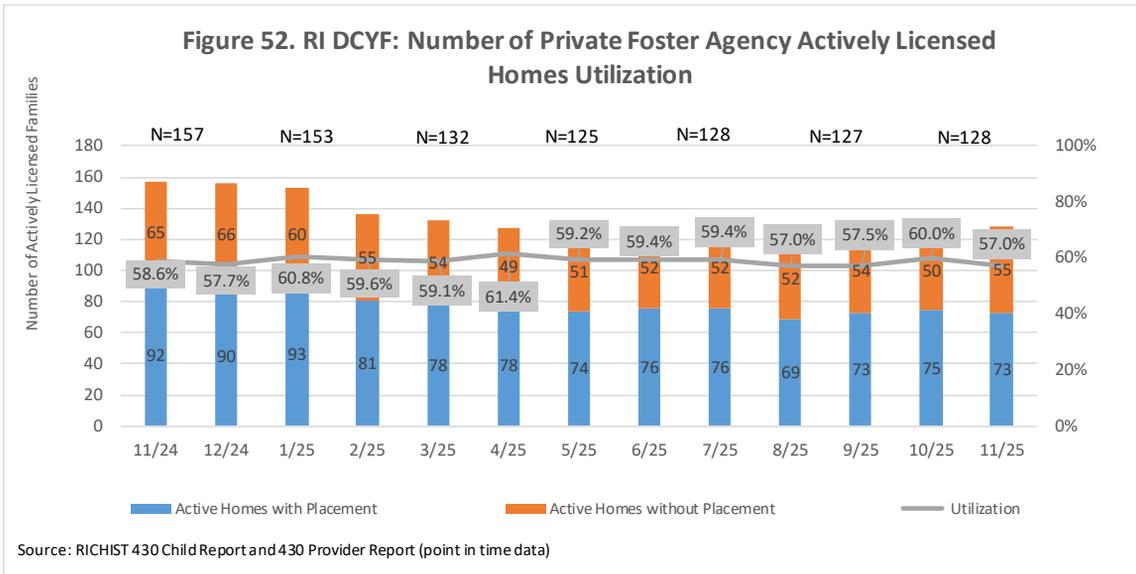
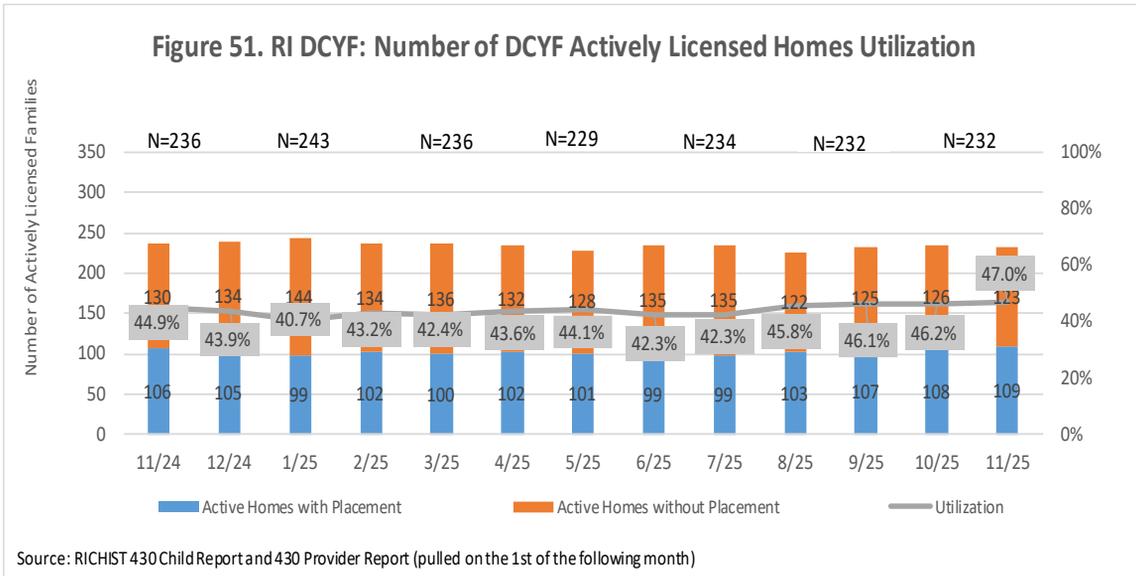
Licensing: under [RI General Law §42-72.1](#), this division oversees the licensing, monitoring, and enforcement of regulations in all foster homes, residential facilities, and for agencies who place children.

Newly Licensed Providers by Provider Type, by Month



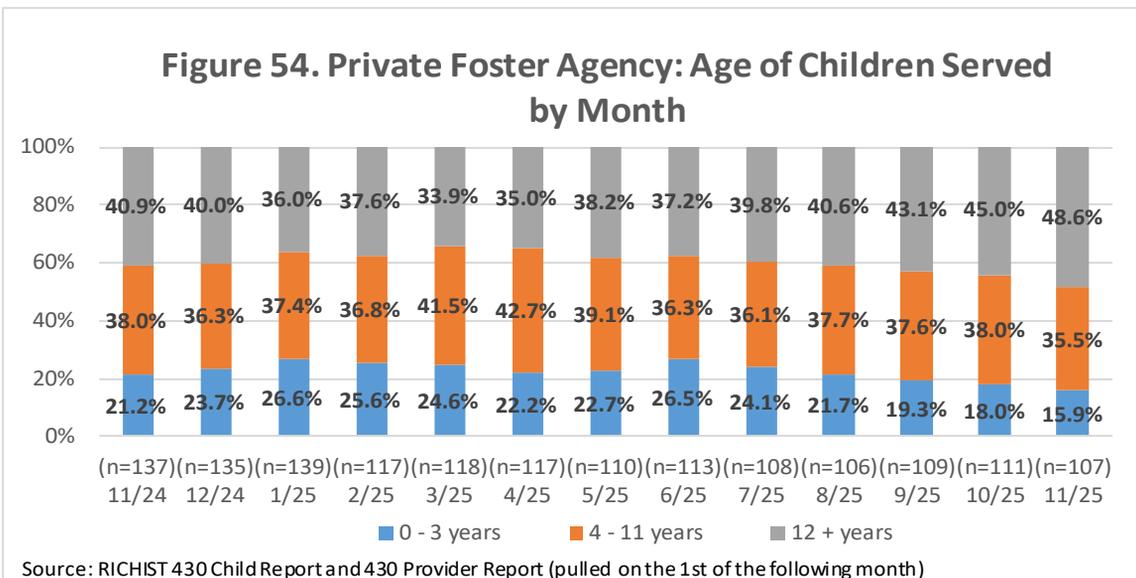
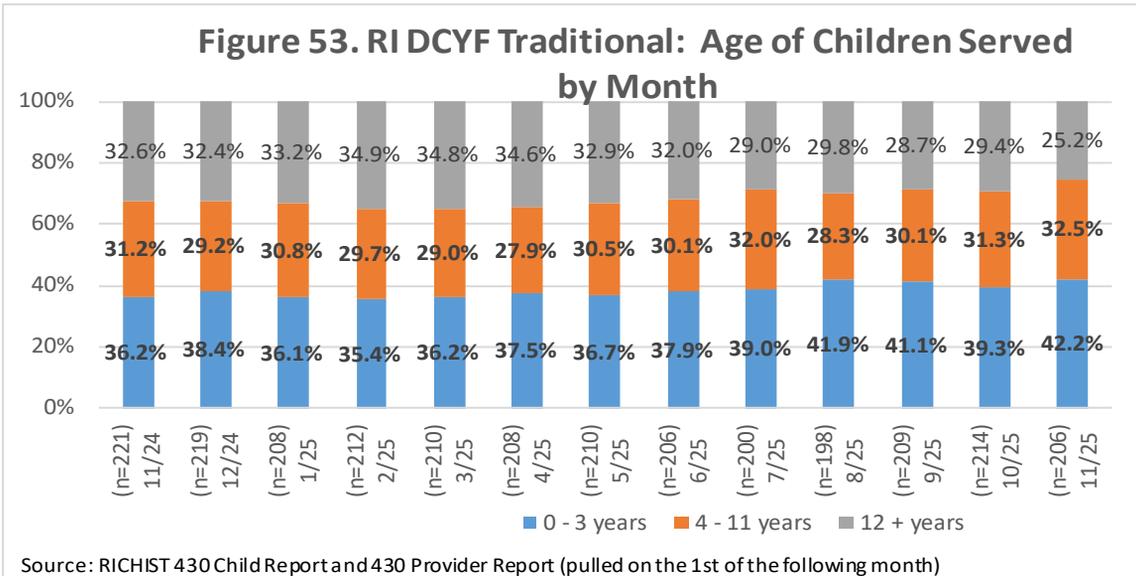
The number of newly licensed foster families on the third day of the month by provider type.

Number of Actively Licensed Homes and Utilization Percentage By Month



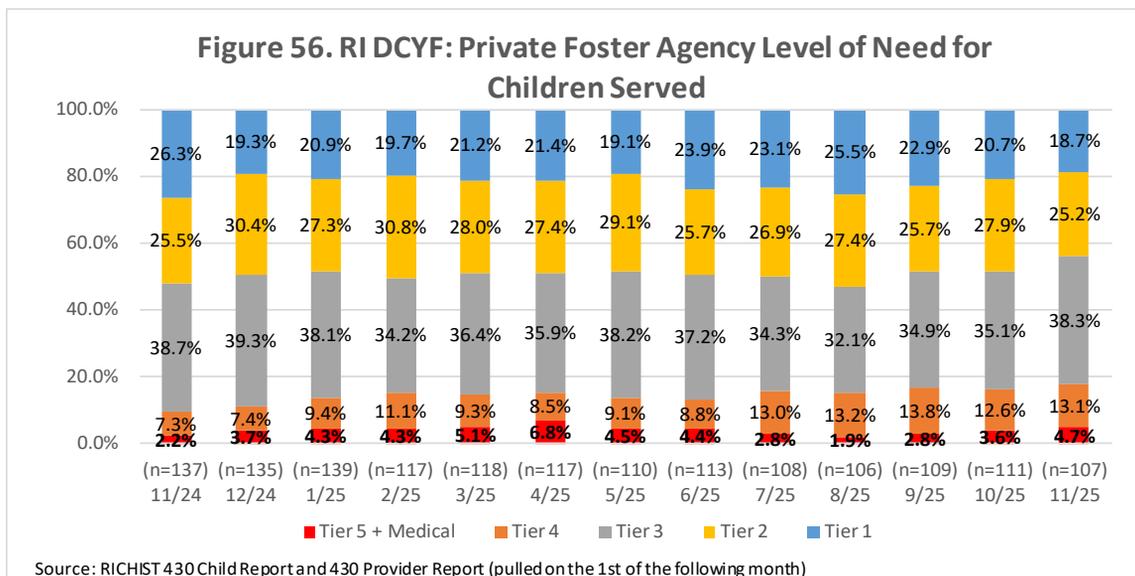
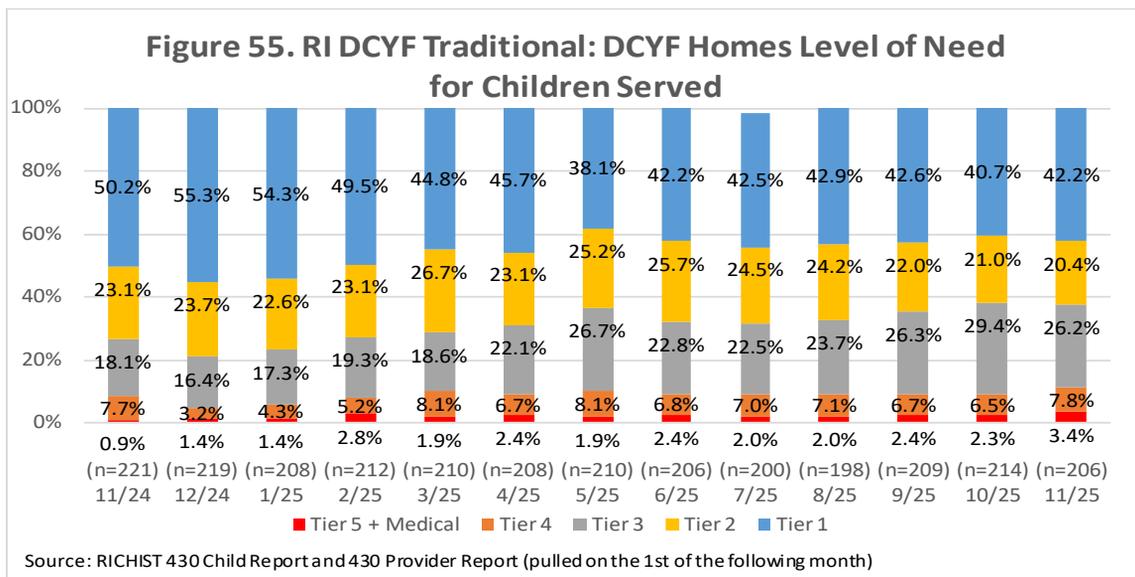
Utilization of actively licensed DCYF Traditional Foster Families and actively licensed Private Agency Foster Families on the first day of the month. The blue represents the number of actively licensed families that currently have placement, and the orange represents the number of actively licensed families without placement. The total number of actively licensed families is presented above each bar graph. The percentage in grey is the percentage of actively licensed foster families that have placement out of the total number of actively licensed foster families.

Age of Children Served in DCYF Homes and Private Agency Homes, By Month



The distribution of age for children placed in an actively licensed DCYF Traditional Foster family and an actively licensed Private Agency Foster Family on the first of the month. The Department is using these graphs to look at the population currently being served.

Level of Need For Children Served by DCYF and Private Foster Agency Homes, By Month

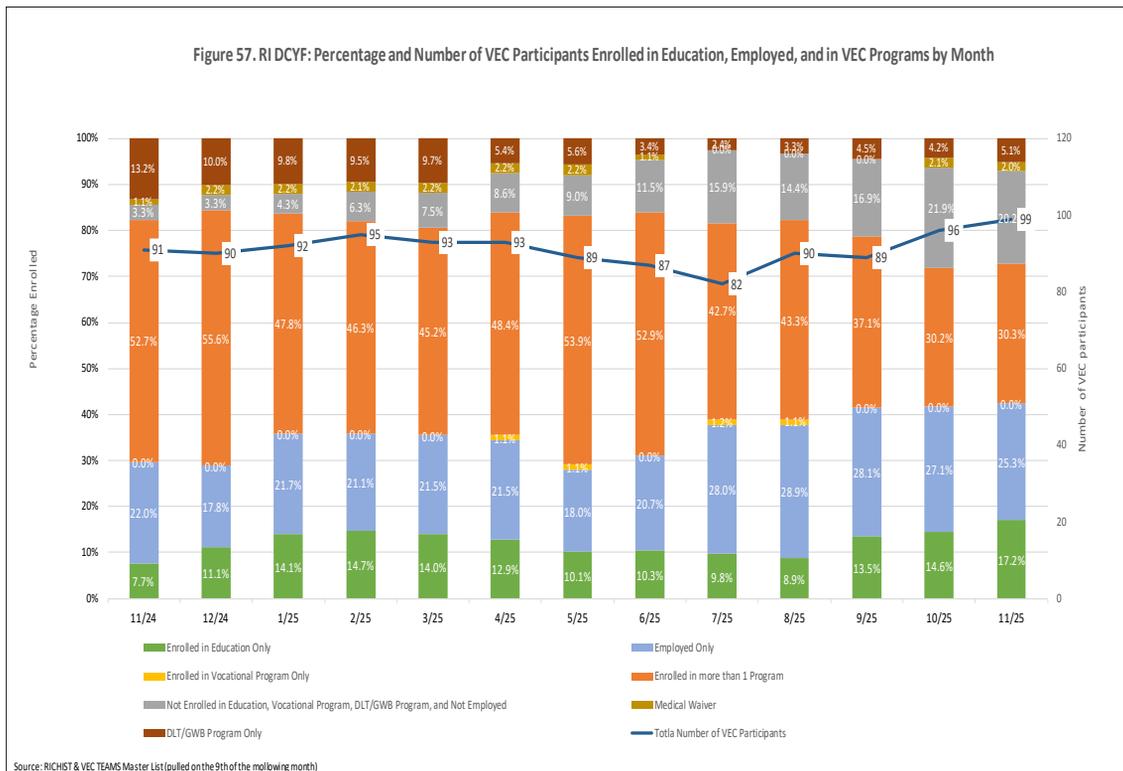


The distribution of the level of need for children placed in an actively licensed DCYF Traditional Foster family and an actively licensed Private Agency Foster Family on the first of the month. The Department is using these graphs to look at the population currently being served.

Data Note: Intensity of needs ranges from 1 (low) to 5 (high)

Voluntary Extension of Care (VEC) Program: supports young adults from ages 18-20 who are in DCYF care and want continued help as they begin their adult lives. Any young adults who left DCYF care when they were 18 who wants to come back to DCYF is welcome to do so as long as they are under 21.

Voluntary Extension Care



August 2021, transitioned to a new tracking method to only include youth who are court-approved VEC participants.

The total number of youth participating in the Voluntary Extension of Care (VEC) program and the percent who are enrolled in education or employment by month. Data is reported on a 1-month delay. Includes all youth who have a legal status of “Court Supervision/VEC” according to RICHIST and who are reported on the VEC TEAMS Master List.