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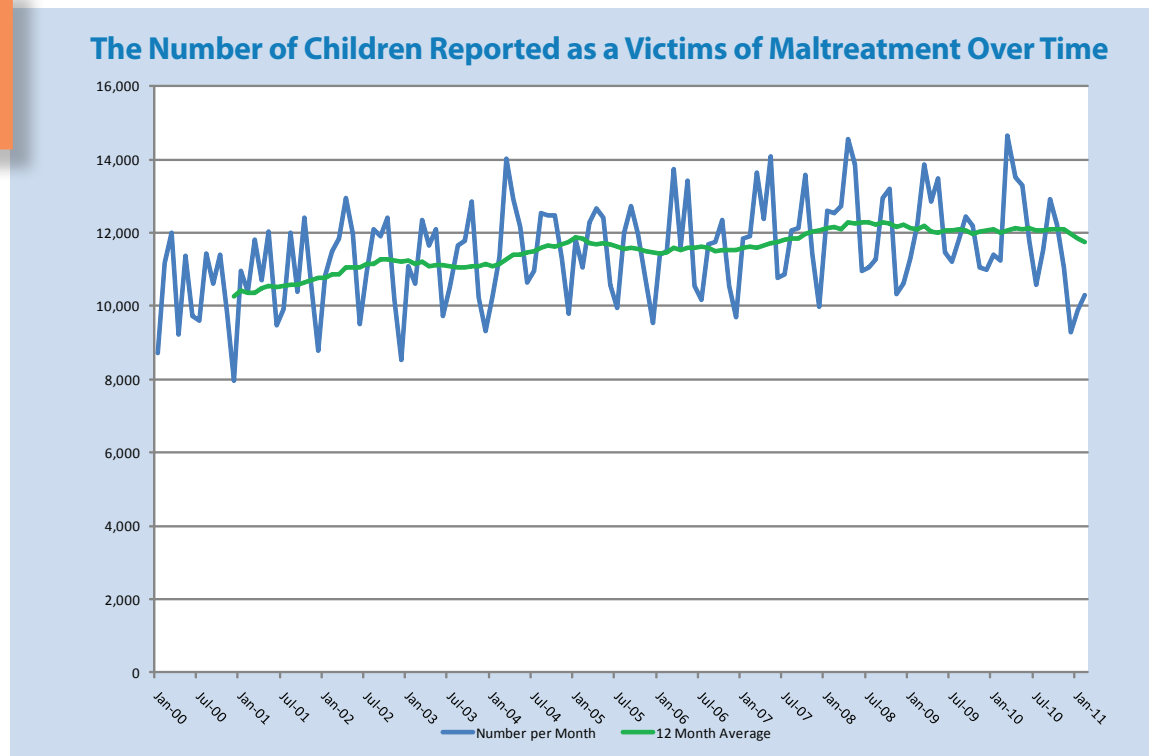
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This report explores changes and trends in the child welfare caseload in North Carolina. This analysis is based on data extracted from the Services Information System (SIS) in early June 2011. These extracts are used to construct and maintain a longitudinal file that tracks the experiences of children and youth who have been involved with the child welfare system in North Carolina. The analysis explores changes in the number of children reported as victims of maltreatment, the number of those reports which are substantiated, and the number of children entering foster care. Long-term trends are also discussed.

Figure One illustrates the changes in the number of reports of maltreatment<sup>1</sup> over time (specific monthly numbers can be found in Appendix A, Table One). As the figure indicates, the number of reports of maltreatment received monthly has increased slightly over time and is illustrated by

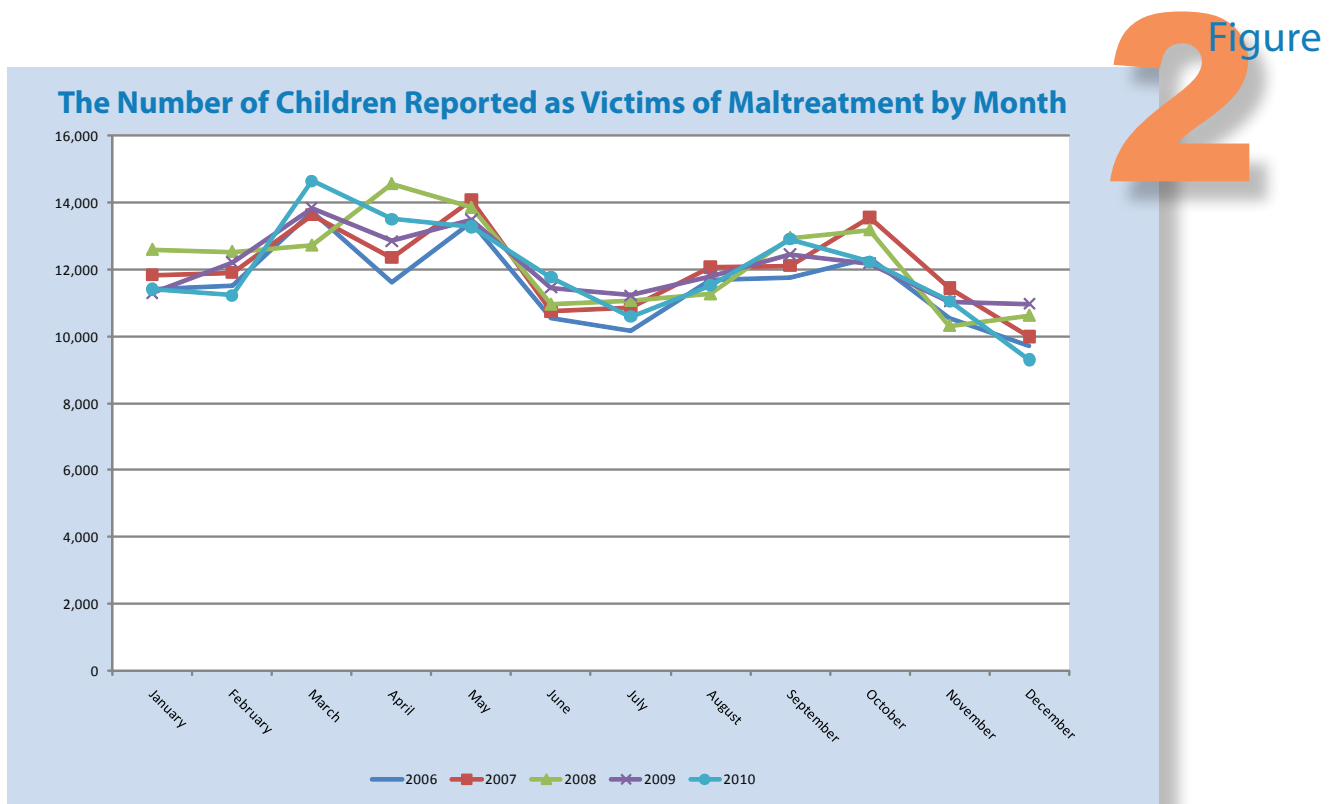
Figure 1



<sup>1</sup> The reports of maltreatment tracked in Figures One through Five of this report do not provide a unique count of children per year. There are a number of instances in which a child may have more than one report investigated within a calendar year. Also, there are some instances where two separate investigations—as indicated by date of case decision on the DSS-5104 form—about an individual child are concluded within a calendar month. Instances where there are separate allegations of maltreatment for an individual child—as indicated by the form identification number—with the same case decision date are collapsed into a single report. Also, state policies require that when a report of maltreatment is received, all children living in the home must be assessed as a possible victim of maltreatment. As a result, the number of children reported as victims of maltreatment could fluctuate based upon the size of families involved, even as the number of reports remains steady.

the twelve month average trend line. From 2000 to 2001, the number of children reported monthly ranged from 10,200 to 10,800 and then rose above 11,000 to about 11,800 from 2002 to 2004. The number of reports settled around 11,500 in 2005 to 2006 before rising above 12,000 beginning in 2007 to 2009. The monthly number of reports has remained around 12,000 in 2010. The decline in reports for January and February 2011 will likely attenuate as data are updated over time.

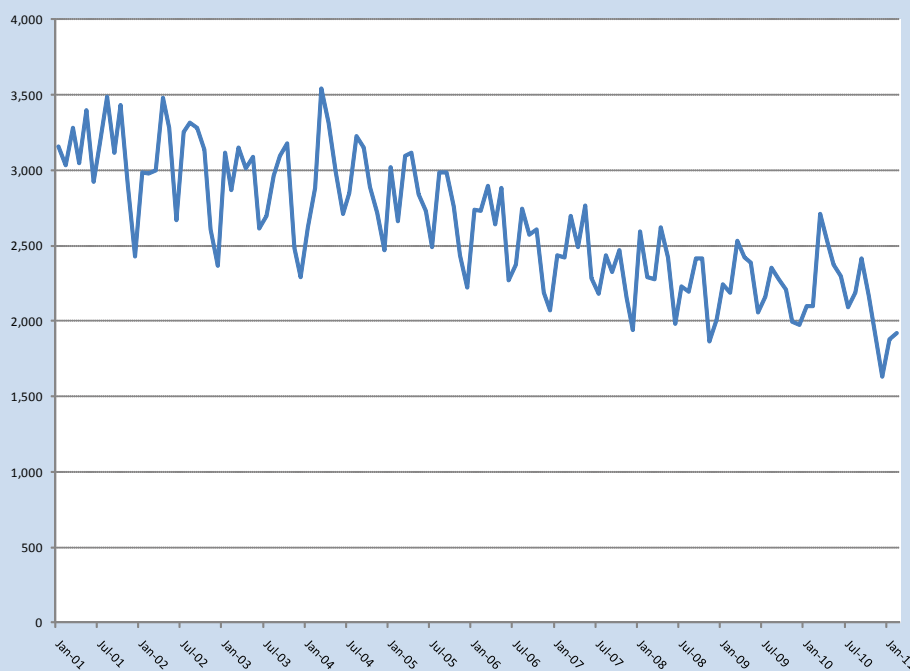
Figure One also indicates that there is variation from month to month in the number of children reported. That variation is further illustrated in **Figure Two** which shows the pattern of the number of reports received each month by year from January 2006 through December 2010. Reports for 2011 will be added as more data become available. As the figure indicates, the number of reports received generally peaks around May, then falls in June and July before beginning a slight rise through October. The number of reports then declines through December. One purpose of this figure is to gauge whether there has been a rise in the number of reports received corresponding to the downturn in the state's economy. The figure does not suggest that there has been a consistent and sustained increase in the number of reports, although the number of reports received in April 2008 and March 2010 was higher than that for previous years. The number of reports received in May in the years 2008, 2009, and 2010 was slightly lower than that for May 2007. The pattern for 2010 appears to follow that of prior years.



**Figure Three** illustrates the number of children whose reports of maltreatment were substantiated. Specific monthly numbers can be found in **Appendix A, Table Two**. A report is considered substantiated if it has a finding of abuse, neglect, abuse and neglect, dependency, or services needed. It does not include instances where the finding was services provided, child protective services no longer needed. Again, these reports are not based on a unique count of children per

# Figure 3

## The Number of Children with Substantiated Reports of Maltreatment Over Time



year. As the figure indicates, the number of children whose report is substantiated has declined over time, from around 3,100 per month in 2001 to around 2,200 per month in 2009-2010. The decline generally corresponds to the implementation of the Multiple Response System (MRS) between 2001 and 2006<sup>2</sup>, which resulted in an increase in the number of instances where services were provided to the child or the child’s family but were no longer needed when the investigation was completed. Under MRS, investigations of reports of maltreatment can follow one of two tracks: investigative or family assessment. The investigative track is similar in most respects to the way maltreatment reports were handled prior to the implementation of MRS. The family assessment track, on the other hand, allows and encourages the provision of services to families that would build on their strengths and eliminate the risk of harm to their children. The apparent decline also could be associated with an increase in the number of instances where the finding is services provided, child protective services no longer needed.

Counties have some flexibility in whether to use the investigative or the family assessment track. According to policy<sup>3</sup>, the choice of response should be based on the approach that best provides for the child’s safety, permanence, and well being. State policies require that all reports of abuse follow the investigative track. In addition, the policies require that certain reports of neglect—such as those involving a child fatality or where there is medical neglect of a disabled infant—follow the

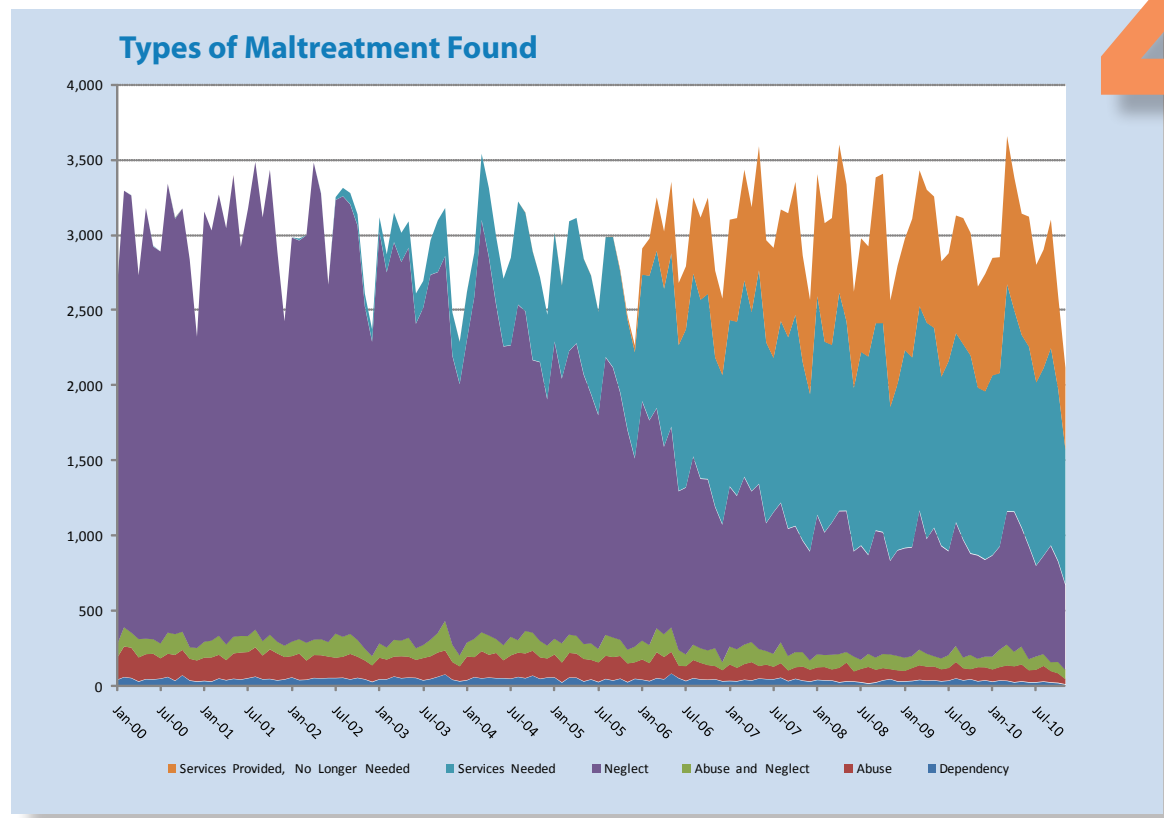
<sup>2</sup> MRS was implemented as a pilot program in ten counties in 2001. In 2003, 42 additional counties began applying MRS policies. MRS was expanded statewide in January 2006.

<sup>3</sup> The policies for investigations are found in Volume 1: Children’s Services, Chapter VIII: Child Protective Services, of the NC-DSS Family Services Manual available at <http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/csm-60/man/>.

investigative track as well. For other neglect or dependency reports, county departments of social services may use the family assessment response. The family assessments incorporate System of Care (SOC) principles such as involving the family in decisions, developing an individualized plan which builds on the family’s strengths, fostering interagency collaboration to address the family’s needs, and developing culturally appropriate responses.

Just as the tracks differ in their approach, the findings differ as well. Under the investigative track, findings for abuse, neglect, or dependency are classified as either substantiated or unsubstantiated. For reports handled through the family assessment track, the findings can be services needed; services recommended; services provided, protective services no longer needed; and services not recommended. The finding of services needed is made when there are questions about the frequency and severity of maltreatment, current safety issues, if there is a risk of harm in the future, or if the child is in need of protective services. The finding of services provided, protective services no longer needed is used if, during the assessment, a determination was made that the threat to the child’s safety or the risk of future harm were great enough to require the provision of involuntary services, but the problems were addressed and services were no longer required at the end of the assessment period.

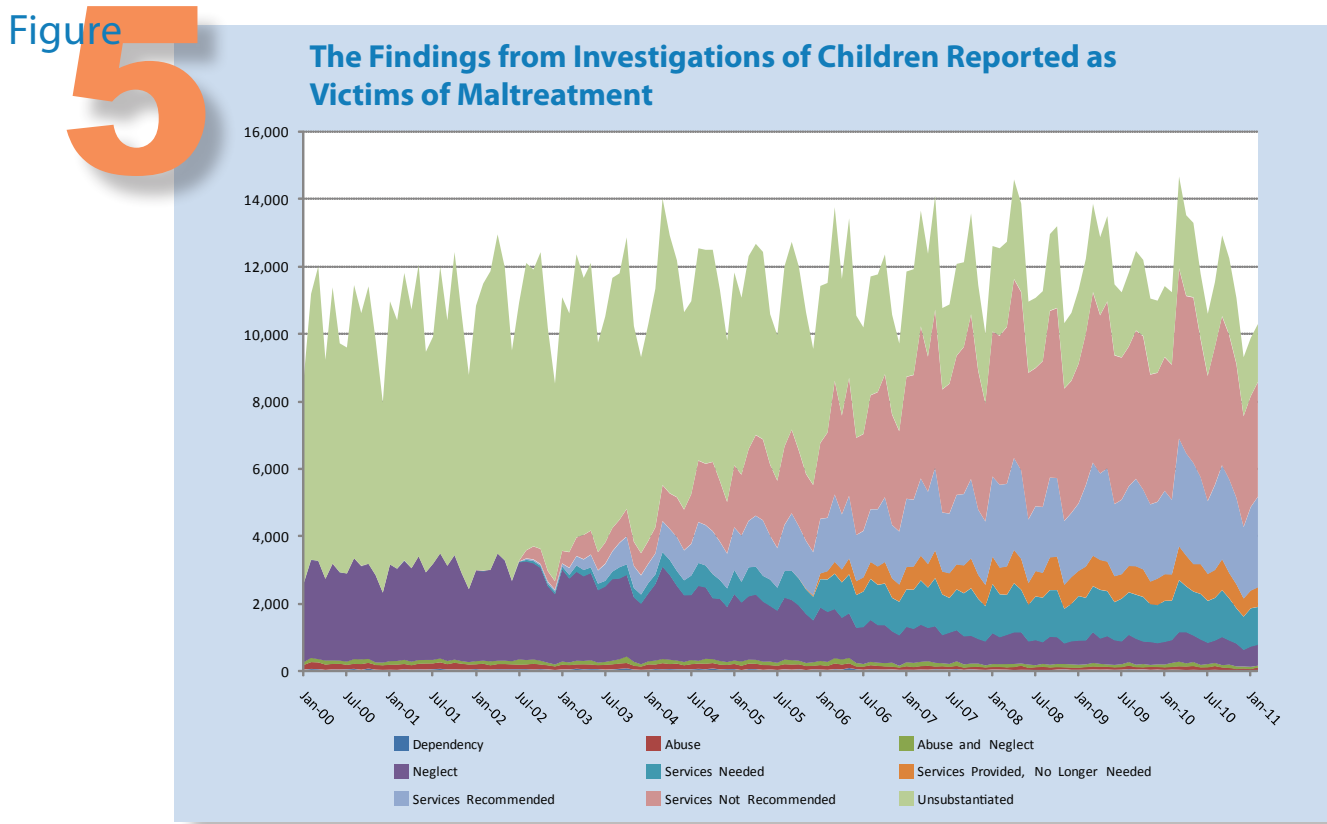
The changes in the type of maltreatment found over time are shown in **Figure Four**. In addition to the types presented in Figure Three (e.g., abuse, neglect, abuse and neglect, dependency, and services needed), this figure contains the count of children whose maltreatment investigation found that services were provided to the child or family during the protective services investigation but that child protective services were no longer needed. These reports do not



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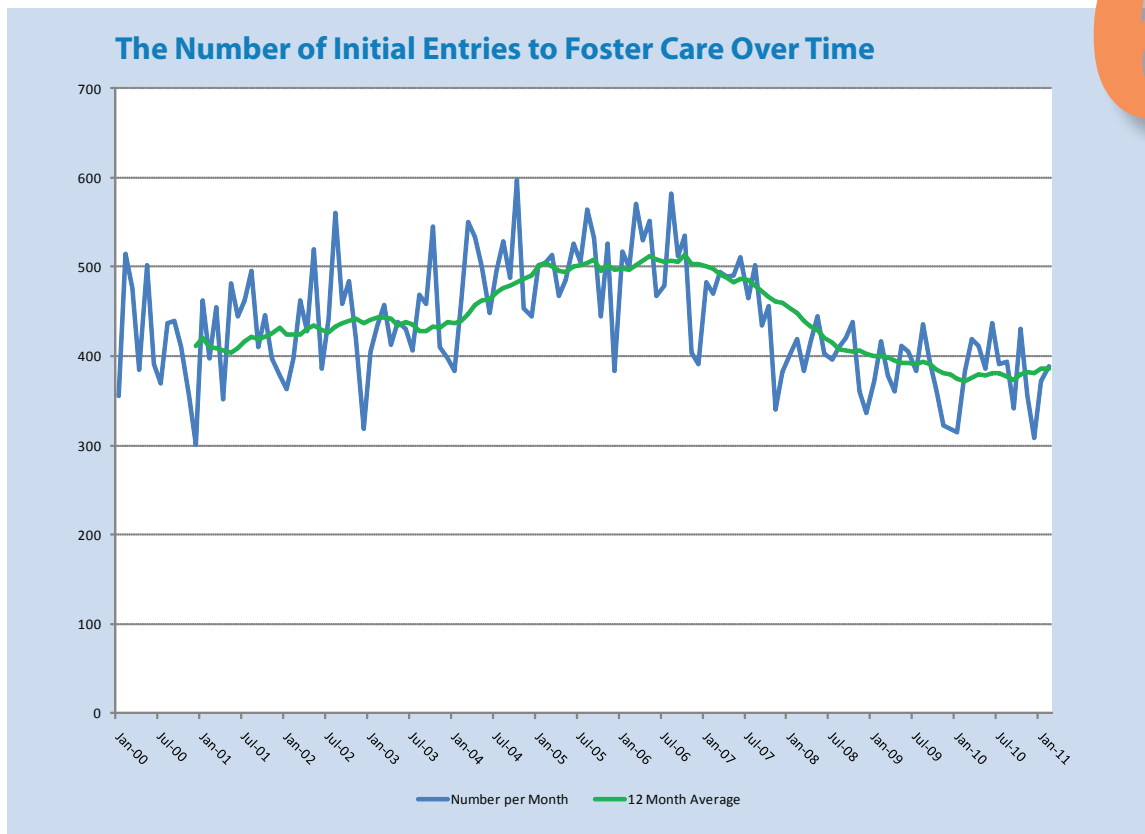
provide a unique count of children per year. Specific monthly numbers can be found in Appendix A, Table Three. As the figure indicates, there has been a decline in the number of children found to be victims of neglect. This decline corresponds with an increase in the number of children where the investigation into the maltreatment concluded that services were needed. In mid-2006, there also was an increase in the number of maltreatment investigations that concluded that as the result of the services provided during the protective services investigation, no additional services were needed. In addition to the decrease in the number of instances where children and youth were found to be victims of neglect, there is a slight decrease over time in the number of children who were found to be victims of abuse.

**Figure Five** illustrates findings from the investigation of maltreatment reports have changed over time. As the figure indicates, while there has been a decrease in the findings of abuse, neglect, abuse and neglect, and dependency, there has also been a decrease in the number of unsubstantiations. This decline in unsubstantiations is likely due to a decrease in the number of investigations routed through the investigative track. That notion is further supported by the increase in the number of findings of services not recommended, an outcome of the family assessment track. Figure Five also shows an increasing number of findings of services recommended. The increase reflects the growth of MRS. Even after the expansion of MRS statewide in 2006, the number of findings of services recommended has continued to grow. As Figure Four suggested earlier, the monthly sum of findings of abuse; neglect; abuse and neglect; dependency; services needed; and services provided, protective services no longer needed, has remained fairly steady over time. With the expansion of MRS, there appears to have been an increase in the number of families and children recommended for services above the number of children determined to be victims of maltreatment.



**Figure Six** reports the number of children entering foster care for the first time. Specific monthly numbers can be found in **Appendix A, Table Four**. According to the figure, the number of children entering foster care generally ranged between 400 and 500 per month between 2000 and 2004. There appears to have been an increase between 2005 and 2007, when the number of children entering care centered around 500 per month. In mid 2007, the number entering each month began to fall and has ranged between a high of 511 children in June 2007 to a low of 308 in December 2010. The twelve month average trend demonstrates these variations.

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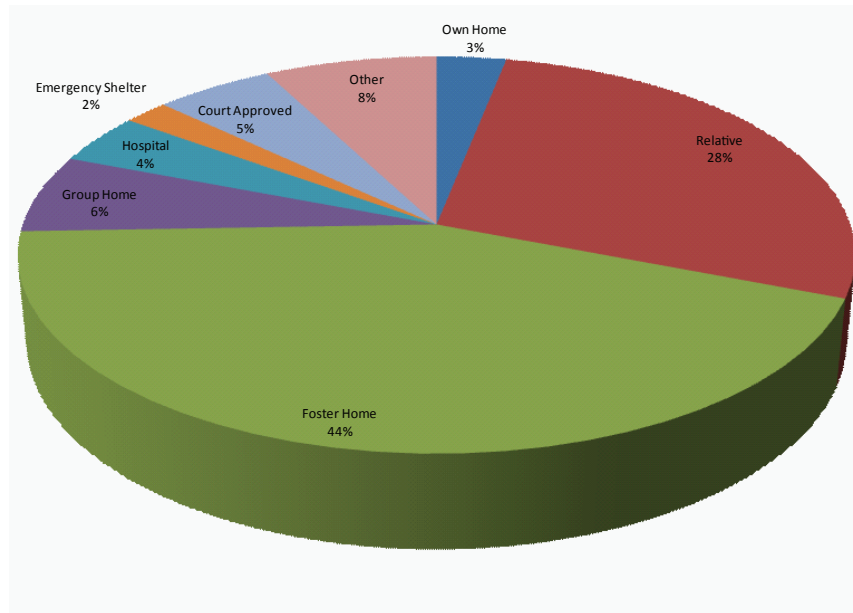


## Age at Entry into Foster Care and Initial Placement Types

Children entering foster care are placed in a number of different types of placements, such as with relatives or court approved placements and licensed homes, such as foster homes and group homes. **Figure Seven** displays the percentage of initial placement types for all children initially entering care between state fiscal year (SFY) 2006 and SFY 2011. The predominant placement types were foster homes, specifically family foster care homes, and the homes of relatives.

# Figure 7

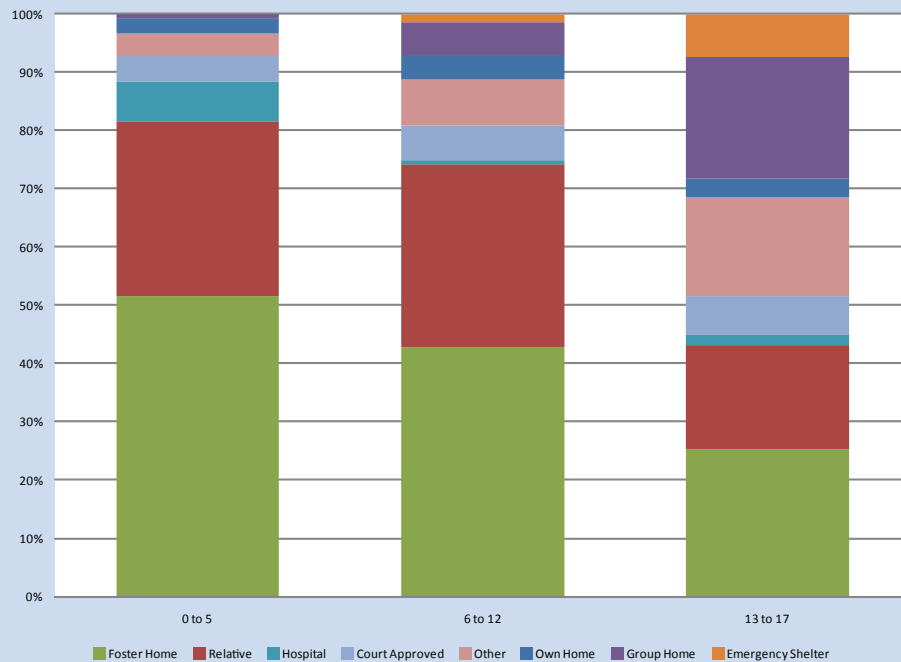
## Initial Placement Types for Children Entering Foster Care (SFY 2006 to SFY 2011)



**Figure Eight** explores the variation in type of initial placement for children by their age upon first entering foster care. The figure shows the six year average of placement type percentages by age group for children initially entering care between SFY 2006 and 2011. On average, over half of children who entered care at age 0 to 5 were placed in foster homes compared to 43% for children age 6 to 12 and 25% for children age 13 to 17. Foster home and relative placements combined

# Figure 8

## Initial Placement Types for Children Entering Foster Care (SFY 2006 to SFY 2011)



represented the majority of initial placements for children age 0 to 5 at 82% of total placement types and 74% for children age 6 to 12 compared to 46% for children age 13 to 17. Children age 0 to 5 had hospital placements more often than older children. Finally, non-family placement settings, such as group homes and emergency shelters, were utilized more often for children age 13 to 17 than younger children as well as “other” placement types, which consisted primarily of therapeutic homes and jail/detention or runaway.



## Summary

Since 2000, there has been a gradual increase in the monthly number of children with reports of maltreatment. In comparing patterns across months for the last several years, there does not appear to have been a sharp increase associated with the current economic downturn. There has been a gradual decrease in the number of reports that are classified as substantiations. That decrease is not as apparent when MRS assessments with a finding of services provided, services no longer needed are included. Also, following the implementation of MRS, there has been a gradual decrease in the combined number of assessments with a finding of unsubstantiated or services not recommended. There has been an increase in the number of cases with an MRS finding of services recommended. Initial entries into foster care increased until 2006-2007 and declined thereafter. Initial placement types for children entering foster care between SFY 2007 and SFY 2011 varied by age group with foster homes and relatives comprising the majority of initial placement types for children aged 0 to 12 while children aged 13 to 17 more often experienced non-family settings, such as group homes and emergency shelters.

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Additional information on the child welfare program at the state or county level is available through the Management Assistance for Child Welfare, Work First, and Food and Nutrition Services web site, <http://ssw.unc.edu/ma/>.

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# Appendix A

Table 1

**The Number of Children Reported As Maltreated**

Month	Number of Children Reported
Jan-00	8,713
Feb-00	11,182
Mar-00	11,993
Apr-00	9,225
May-00	11,373
Jun-00	9,714
Jul-00	9,589
Aug-00	11,438
Sep-00	10,608
Oct-00	11,400
Nov-00	9,808
Dec-00	7,956
Jan-01	10,959
Feb-01	10,397
Mar-01	11,800
Apr-01	10,717
May-01	12,041
Jun-01	9,464
Jul-01	9,913
Aug-01	11,983
Sep-01	10,393
Oct-01	12,417
Nov-01	10,552
Dec-01	8,775
Jan-02	10,830
Feb-02	11,483
Mar-02	11,850
Apr-02	12,941
May-02	11,964

Jun-02	9,500
Jul-02	10,918
Aug-02	12,094
Sep-02	11,900
Oct-02	12,414
Nov-02	10,164
Dec-02	8,517
Jan-03	11,080
Feb-03	10,602
Mar-03	12,350
Apr-03	11,653
May-03	12,093
Jun-03	9,733
Jul-03	10,509
Aug-03	11,653
Sep-03	11,788
Oct-03	12,853
Nov-03	10,224
Dec-03	9,304
Jan-04	10,269
Feb-04	11,335
Mar-04	14,005
Apr-04	12,907
May-04	12,170
Jun-04	10,637
Jul-04	10,963
Aug-04	12,531
Sep-04	12,483
Oct-04	12,485
Nov-04	11,297
Dec-04	9,795
Jan-05	11,812
Feb-05	11,067
Mar-05	12,297

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Apr-05	12,660
May-05	12,421
Jun-05	10,578
Jul-05	9,949
Aug-05	12,004
Sep-05	12,721
Oct-05	11,981
Nov-05	10,630
Dec-05	9,548
Jan-06	11,415
Feb-06	11,503
Mar-06	13,747
Apr-06	11,622
May-06	13,415
Jun-06	10,535
Jul-06	10,184
Aug-06	11,696
Sep-06	11,755
Oct-06	12,346
Nov-06	10,563
Dec-06	9,706
Jan-07	11,841
Feb-07	11,910
Mar-07	13,643
Apr-07	12,363
May-07	14,089
Jun-07	10,758
Jul-07	10,865
Aug-07	12,067
Sep-07	12,115
Oct-07	13,562
Nov-07	11,443
Dec-07	9,995
Jan-08	12,596
Feb-08	12,531
Mar-08	12,723

Apr-08	14,568
May-08	13,853
Jun-08	10,950
Jul-08	11,063
Aug-08	11,259
Sep-08	12,952
Oct-08	13,184
Nov-08	10,312
Dec-08	10,617
Jan-09	11,299
Feb-09	12,219
Mar-09	13,846
Apr-09	12,859
May-09	13,484
Jun-09	11,461
Jul-09	11,225
Aug-09	11,810
Sep-09	12,449
Oct-09	12,184
Nov-09	11,040
Dec-09	10,978
Jan-10	11,410
Feb-10	11,227
Mar-10	14,655
Apr-10	13,510
May-10	13,282
Jun-10	11,772
Jul-10	10,589
Aug-10	11,530
Sep-10	12,912
Oct-10	12,230
Nov-10	11,055
Dec-10	9,301
Jan-11	9,875
Feb-11	10,286

# Table 2

**The Number of Children Substantiated (including Services Needed)**

Month	Number of Children with a Substantiated Report
Jan-01	3,158
Feb-01	3,032
Mar-01	3,280
Apr-01	3,047
May-01	3,399
Jun-01	2,924
Jul-01	3,178
Aug-01	3,487
Sep-01	3,119
Oct-01	3,435
Nov-01	2,900
Dec-01	2,428
Jan-02	2,985
Feb-02	2,977
Mar-02	2,999
Apr-02	3,483
May-02	3,281
Jun-02	2,671
Jul-02	3,253
Aug-02	3,314
Sep-02	3,280
Oct-02	3,138
Nov-02	2,609
Dec-02	2,370
Jan-03	3,119
Feb-03	2,871
Mar-03	3,149
Apr-03	3,015
May-03	3,091
Jun-03	2,611
Jul-03	2,694
Aug-03	2,966
Sep-03	3,098
Oct-03	3,180
Nov-03	2,484
Dec-03	2,289
Jan-04	2,624
Feb-04	2,882
Mar-04	3,542
Apr-04	3,312
May-04	2,985
Jun-04	2,709
Jul-04	2,849
Aug-04	3,223
Sep-04	3,148
Oct-04	2,890
Nov-04	2,720
Dec-04	2,469
Jan-05	3,017
Feb-05	2,665
Mar-05	3,092
Apr-05	3,114
May-05	2,841
Jun-05	2,730
Jul-05	2,489
Aug-05	2,987
Sep-05	2,988
Oct-05	2,756
Nov-05	2,435
Dec-05	2,221
Jan-06	2,737
Feb-06	2,730
Mar-06	2,899
Apr-06	2,643
May-06	2,880
Jun-06	2,268
Jul-06	2,374
Aug-06	2,745
Sep-06	2,570
Oct-06	2,609
Nov-06	2,186

Month	Number of Children with a Substantiated Report
Dec-06	2,070
Jan-07	2,435
Feb-07	2,425
Mar-07	2,699
Apr-07	2,489
May-07	2,767
Jun-07	2,286
Jul-07	2,183
Aug-07	2,436
Sep-07	2,322
Oct-07	2,471
Nov-07	2,157
Dec-07	1,941
Jan-08	2,595
Feb-08	2,291
Mar-08	2,275
Apr-08	2,619
May-08	2,425
Jun-08	1,983
Jul-08	2,226
Aug-08	2,193
Sep-08	2,414
Oct-08	2,416
Nov-08	1,863
Dec-08	2,011
Jan-09	2,240
Feb-09	2,187
Mar-09	2,529
Apr-09	2,422
May-09	2,384
Jun-09	2,060
Jul-09	2,162
Aug-09	2,350
Sep-09	2,280
Oct-09	2,212
Nov-09	1,998

Dec-09	1,973
Jan-10	2,099
Feb-10	2,102
Mar-10	2,710
Apr-10	2,526
May-10	2,372
Jun-10	2,301
Jul-10	2,095
Aug-10	2,185
Sep-10	2,414
Oct-10	2,169
Nov-10	1,877
Dec-10	1,630
Jan-11	1,878
Feb-11	1,917

# Table 3

**The Number of Children by Type of Finding (Not Based on a Unique Count of Children; Some Children May Have Multiple Reports Investigated at the Same Time)**

Month	Dependency	Abuse	Abuse and Neglect	Neglect	Services Needed	Services Provided, No Longer Needed	Services Recommended	Services Not Recommended	Unsubstantiated
Jan-00	39	143	89	2,342	5	0	2	3	6,090
Feb-00	58	205	130	2,903	0	0	7	0	7,879
Mar-00	52	204	102	2,907	1	0	1	1	8,725
Apr-00	29	161	125	2,419	0	0	0	0	6,491
May-00	45	167	106	2,863	0	0	0	9	8,183
Jun-00	43	172	99	2,611	4	0	0	0	6,785
Jul-00	48	136	101	2,607	0	0	0	2	6,695
Aug-00	59	156	143	2,984	0	0	0	2	8,094
Sep-00	34	173	141	2,761	6	2	1	9	7,481
Oct-00	70	171	123	2,814	0	0	1	0	8,221
Nov-00	36	145	80	2,579	0	0	1	0	6,967
Dec-00	29	141	86	2,069	0	0	0	0	5,631
Jan-01	33	156	108	2,861	0	0	1	0	7,800
Feb-01	29	161	115	2,727	0	1	3	0	7,361
Mar-01	49	159	129	2,934	9	0	5	4	8,511
Apr-01	38	134	107	2,768	0	0	0	4	7,666
May-01	47	170	113	3,069	0	2	0	1	8,639
Jun-01	42	181	113	2,587	1	0	1	3	6,536
Jul-01	51	175	109	2,843	0	0	0	1	6,734
Aug-01	61	197	120	3,109	0	0	0	0	8,496
Sep-01	44	159	98	2,818	0	0	0	3	7,271
Oct-01	46	198	100	3,091	0	0	4	3	8,975
Nov-01	37	180	80	2,602	1	0	2	5	7,645
Dec-01	43	150	78	2,157	0	0	0	2	6,345
Jan-02	56	143	99	2,687	0	0	0	9	7,836
Feb-02	39	177	98	2,651	12	0	0	10	8,496
Mar-02	41	128	121	2,709	0	0	0	3	8,848
Apr-02	52	154	105	3,172	0	0	0	0	9,458
May-02	50	155	109	2,963	4	0	4	2	8,677
Jun-02	52	144	99	2,376	0	0	4	4	6,821
Jul-02	52	136	163	2,883	19	0	0	25	7,640
Aug-02	54	141	135	2,929	55	0	38	234	8,508
Sep-02	43	171	135	2,856	75	0	42	380	8,198

Month	Dependency	Abuse	Abuse and Neglect	Neglect	Services Needed	Services Provided, No Longer Needed	Services Recommended	Services Not Recommended	Unsubstantiated
Oct-02	53	142	114	2,755	74	0	44	445	8,787
Nov-02	44	126	81	2,276	82	0	62	302	7,191
Dec-02	27	110	64	2,090	79	0	53	249	5,845
Jan-03	44	144	98	2,735	98	0	84	366	7,511
Feb-03	44	132	83	2,494	118	0	204	457	7,070
Mar-03	62	134	114	2,643	196	0	274	543	8,384
Apr-03	51	147	107	2,517	193	0	311	714	7,613
May-03	55	140	129	2,592	175	0	374	704	7,924
Jun-03	53	121	80	2,157	200	0	389	531	6,202
Jul-03	37	149	89	2,241	178	0	495	624	6,696
Aug-03	46	152	112	2,426	230	0	596	682	7,409
Sep-03	60	163	132	2,399	344	0	719	674	7,297
Oct-03	76	161	198	2,426	319	0	822	810	8,041
Nov-03	41	118	118	1,921	286	0	648	709	6,383
Dec-03	31	100	74	1,804	280	2	563	646	5,804
Jan-04	38	159	95	2,014	318	2	565	669	6,409
Feb-04	58	134	124	2,271	295	0	618	769	7,066
Mar-04	50	182	128	2,742	440	0	915	1,060	8,488
Apr-04	55	153	131	2,515	458	0	915	1,047	7,633
May-04	51	169	95	2,220	450	0	1,001	1,172	7,012
Jun-04	51	120	103	1,986	449	0	884	1,200	5,844
Jul-04	48	156	126	1,937	582	0	933	1,466	5,715
Aug-04	59	163	85	2,230	686	0	1,206	1,816	6,286
Sep-04	51	166	152	2,124	655	3	1,188	1,811	6,333
Oct-04	68	167	123	1,811	721	3	1,263	2,050	6,279
Nov-04	47	144	112	1,852	565	0	1,127	1,790	5,660
Dec-04	55	128	89	1,636	561	0	1,027	1,522	4,777
Jan-05	56	154	107	1,975	725	3	1,253	1,829	5,710
Feb-05	24	133	130	1,760	618	4	1,358	1,803	5,237
Mar-05	55	165	125	1,884	863	0	1,373	2,118	5,714
Apr-05	54	162	121	1,943	834	0	1,503	2,386	5,657
May-05	30	150	102	1,790	769	2	1,638	2,392	5,548
Jun-05	43	131	112	1,657	787	2	1,291	2,100	4,455
Jul-05	26	131	92	1,554	686	1	1,169	1,989	4,301
Aug-05	46	155	142	1,845	799	1	1,358	2,316	5,342

Month	Dependency	Abuse	Abuse and Neglect	Neglect	Services Needed	Services Provided, No Longer Needed	Services Recommended	Services Not Recommended	Unsubstantiated
Sep-05	36	157	133	1,794	868	2	1,699	2,472	5,560
Oct-05	48	152	110	1,643	803	13	1,535	2,234	5,443
Nov-05	25	125	94	1,459	732	28	1,409	1,978	4,780
Dec-05	47	111	106	1,252	705	47	1,271	1,982	4,027
Jan-06	41	136	128	1,590	842	175	1,615	2,241	4,647
Feb-06	32	120	123	1,493	962	248	1,578	2,520	4,427
Mar-06	51	174	162	1,465	1,047	355	1,991	3,362	5,140
Apr-06	44	149	154	1,246	1,050	382	1,633	2,923	4,041
May-06	82	146	164	1,333	1,155	475	1,852	3,485	4,723
Jun-06	51	85	106	1,055	971	415	1,360	2,879	3,613
Jul-06	33	99	81	1,108	1,053	420	1,375	2,863	3,152
Aug-06	51	122	105	1,249	1,218	506	1,556	3,375	3,514
Sep-06	43	111	100	1,126	1,190	547	1,693	3,464	3,481
Oct-06	41	98	101	1,136	1,233	640	1,915	3,637	3,545
Nov-06	44	89	121	939	993	578	1,579	3,268	2,952
Dec-06	31	74	55	916	994	510	1,571	2,967	2,588
Jan-07	33	110	122	1,062	1,108	668	2,016	3,610	3,112
Feb-07	31	90	126	1,019	1,159	690	1,976	3,692	3,127
Mar-07	41	105	132	1,113	1,308	736	2,287	4,497	3,424
Apr-07	36	123	136	1,001	1,193	698	2,139	4,001	3,036
May-07	49	84	116	1,095	1,423	824	2,451	4,672	3,375
Jun-07	45	97	94	848	1,202	681	1,744	3,643	2,404
Jul-07	44	84	89	939	1,027	733	1,767	3,842	2,340
Aug-07	54	98	141	933	1,210	742	2,056	4,117	2,716
Sep-07	32	71	99	845	1,275	826	2,112	4,354	2,501
Oct-07	47	77	104	836	1,407	883	2,350	4,874	2,984
Nov-07	35	95	98	740	1,189	711	1,930	4,113	2,532
Dec-07	29	79	65	723	1,045	629	1,877	3,490	2,058
Jan-08	40	84	90	924	1,457	812	2,371	4,286	2,532
Feb-08	37	89	83	813	1,269	789	2,453	4,413	2,585
Mar-08	36	74	101	881	1,183	844	2,442	4,643	2,519
Apr-08	24	98	94	949	1,454	986	2,721	5,297	2,945
May-08	30	126	73	936	1,260	916	2,619	5,281	2,612
Jun-08	29	68	102	698	1,086	641	1,883	4,341	2,102
Jul-08	24	91	63	757	1,291	756	1,915	4,092	2,074

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Aug-08	16	113	90	654	1,320	734	1,948	4,319	2,065
Sep-08	23	85	84	842	1,380	970	2,362	4,939	2,267
Oct-08	37	82	97	807	1,393	994	2,322	5,033	2,419
Nov-08	45	67	101	626	1,024	710	1,888	3,921	1,930
Dec-08	30	74	99	700	1,108	792	1,898	3,909	2,007
Jan-09	30	71	90	731	1,318	746	1,994	4,135	2,184
Feb-09	33	87	82	722	1,263	926	2,400	4,490	2,216
Mar-09	40	98	107	923	1,361	905	2,757	5,045	2,610
Apr-09	35	94	89	763	1,441	887	2,558	4,686	2,306
May-09	37	93	71	851	1,332	876	2,765	4,934	2,525
Jun-09	31	80	76	746	1,127	768	2,133	4,405	2,095
Jul-09	35	85	88	690	1,264	726	2,202	4,210	1,925
Aug-09	50	110	109	820	1,261	783	2,357	4,136	2,184
Sep-09	37	81	75	783	1,304	843	2,586	4,387	2,353
Oct-09	44	68	99	682	1,319	817	2,361	4,542	2,252
Nov-09	31	95	61	692	1,119	673	2,283	3,842	2,244
Dec-09	37	87	79	645	1,125	785	2,270	3,820	2,130
Jan-10	28	83	88	685	1,215	787	2,468	3,959	2,097
Feb-10	36	90	120	690	1,166	780	2,208	3,999	2,138
Mar-10	34	107	142	887	1,540	1,000	3,194	5,038	2,713
Apr-10	24	111	98	937	1,356	910	3,030	4,660	2,384
May-10	32	117	122	802	1,299	814	2,997	4,898	2,201
Jun-10	24	86	78	765	1,348	884	2,579	4,094	1,914
Jul-10	25	88	99	643	1,240	800	2,154	3,707	1,833
Aug-10	30	118	95	679	1,263	828	2,513	4,088	1,916
Sep-10	23	85	73	845	1,388	915	2,785	4,410	2,388
Oct-10	26	70	101	728	1,244	748	2,779	4,269	2,265
Nov-10	12	54	78	689	1,044	711	2,560	3,962	1,945
Dec-10	15	63	62	505	985	540	2,112	3,279	1,740
Jan-11	17	46	68	614	1,133	526	2,471	3,279	1,721
Feb-11	25	83	58	632	1,119	586	2,678	3,392	1,713

# Table 4

## The Number of Children Initially Entering Foster Care

Month	Number of Children Initially Entering Care
Jan-00	356
Feb-00	514
Mar-00	476
Apr-00	385
May-00	502
Jun-00	391
Jul-00	369
Aug-00	437
Sep-00	439
Oct-00	410
Nov-00	356
Dec-00	301
Jan-01	462
Feb-01	397
Mar-01	455
Apr-01	352
May-01	481
Jun-01	445
Jul-01	463
Aug-01	495
Sep-01	410
Oct-01	446
Nov-01	398
Dec-01	378
Jan-02	363
Feb-02	397
Mar-02	462
Apr-02	428
May-02	520
Jun-02	386
Jul-02	442
Aug-02	561

Sep-02	459
Oct-02	484
Nov-02	421
Dec-02	318
Jan-03	405
Feb-03	435
Mar-03	457
Apr-03	413
May-03	438
Jun-03	430
Jul-03	406
Aug-03	469
Sep-03	459
Oct-03	545
Nov-03	410
Dec-03	397
Jan-04	383
Feb-04	462
Mar-04	550
Apr-04	534
May-04	501
Jun-04	448
Jul-04	496
Aug-04	529
Sep-04	488
Oct-04	597
Nov-04	453
Dec-04	444
Jan-05	502
Feb-05	505
Mar-05	513
Apr-05	468
May-05	485
Jun-05	526
Jul-05	506
Aug-05	564
Sep-05	532
Oct-05	444

Nov-05	526
Dec-05	384
Jan-06	517
Feb-06	499
Mar-06	570
Apr-06	530
May-06	552
Jun-06	468
Jul-06	479
Aug-06	582
Sep-06	512
Oct-06	535
Nov-06	404
Dec-06	391
Jan-07	483
Feb-07	470
Mar-07	494
Apr-07	489
May-07	491
Jun-07	511
Jul-07	465
Aug-07	502
Sep-07	435
Oct-07	456
Nov-07	340
Dec-07	382
Jan-08	402
Feb-08	419
Mar-08	384
Apr-08	417
May-08	445
Jun-08	402
Jul-08	396
Aug-08	410
Sep-08	421
Oct-08	438
Nov-08	360
Dec-08	336
Jan-09	372

Feb-09	416
Mar-09	379
Apr-09	360
May-09	411
Jun-09	405
Jul-09	384
Aug-09	436
Sep-09	394
Oct-09	361
Nov-09	323
Dec-09	318
Jan-10	315
Feb-10	383
Mar-10	419
Apr-10	411
May-10	386
Jun-10	437
Jul-10	391
Aug-10	394
Sep-10	342
Oct-10	431
Nov-10	356
Dec-10	308
Jan-11	372
Feb-11	389