

Child Welfare Caseload Trends



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Main Points

- By mid-2025, child welfare caseloads were still lower than before the Covid-19 pandemic and showed no signs of returning to pre-pandemic levels.
- Before the pandemic, the number of children assessed for maltreatment per month averaged 12,000 per month compared to the 2024 to mid-2025 average of 10,600 per month. The late 2024 and mid-2025 numbers will likely increase as data are updated.
- Foster care entries were trending downward in 2022 but held steady through the end of 2024 with a slight increase through August 2025.
- Exits from care also experienced a decline in 2022 which leveled off through 2024. However, data through August 2025 showed a further decline in exits from care per month.

This report explores changes and trends in the child welfare caseload in North Carolina and is produced on a quarterly or semiannual basis depending on availability of updated data. This analysis is based on data extracted from state child welfare databases in September 2025. 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 and exiting foster care. Long-term trends are also discussed.

Figure One illustrates the changes in the number of children assessed for maltreatment¹ over time (specific monthly numbers are in Appendix A, Table One). As the figure indicates, while numbers fluctuate monthly, the number of children assessed monthly remained above 12,000 in 2016-2017 until a decline to about 12,000 in 2018 which is illustrated by the twelve-month average trend line. The twelve-month average went above 12,000 again by the end of

¹ The number of children tracked in Figures One through Four of this report do not provide a unique count of children per year. There are a few instances in which a child may be counted more than once in the analyses for this report. For example, a child may have more than one report investigated within a calendar year. Also, there are some instances where two separate investigations about an individual child are concluded within the same calendar month. However, instances where there are separate allegations of maltreatment for an individual child 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 sizes of families involved, even as the number of reports remains steady.

2019. At the beginning of 2020, the number per month was similar to previous years until a decline in March 2020 and a precipitous drop to 8,154 in April 2020 which is apparently due to the pandemic. The number of children assessed per month increased to 12,430 in October 2020. The number declined significantly again through the end of 2020 with a twelve-month average of about 10,800. In 2021, the average increased to just under 11,300 then declined slightly to about 11,200 by the end of 2022. The average for 2023 increased slightly to about 11,400 before declining again in 2024 to 10,600. The average through May 2025 is like that of 2024. The number of children assessed will likely increase for the end of 2024 and mid-2025 as the data are updated.

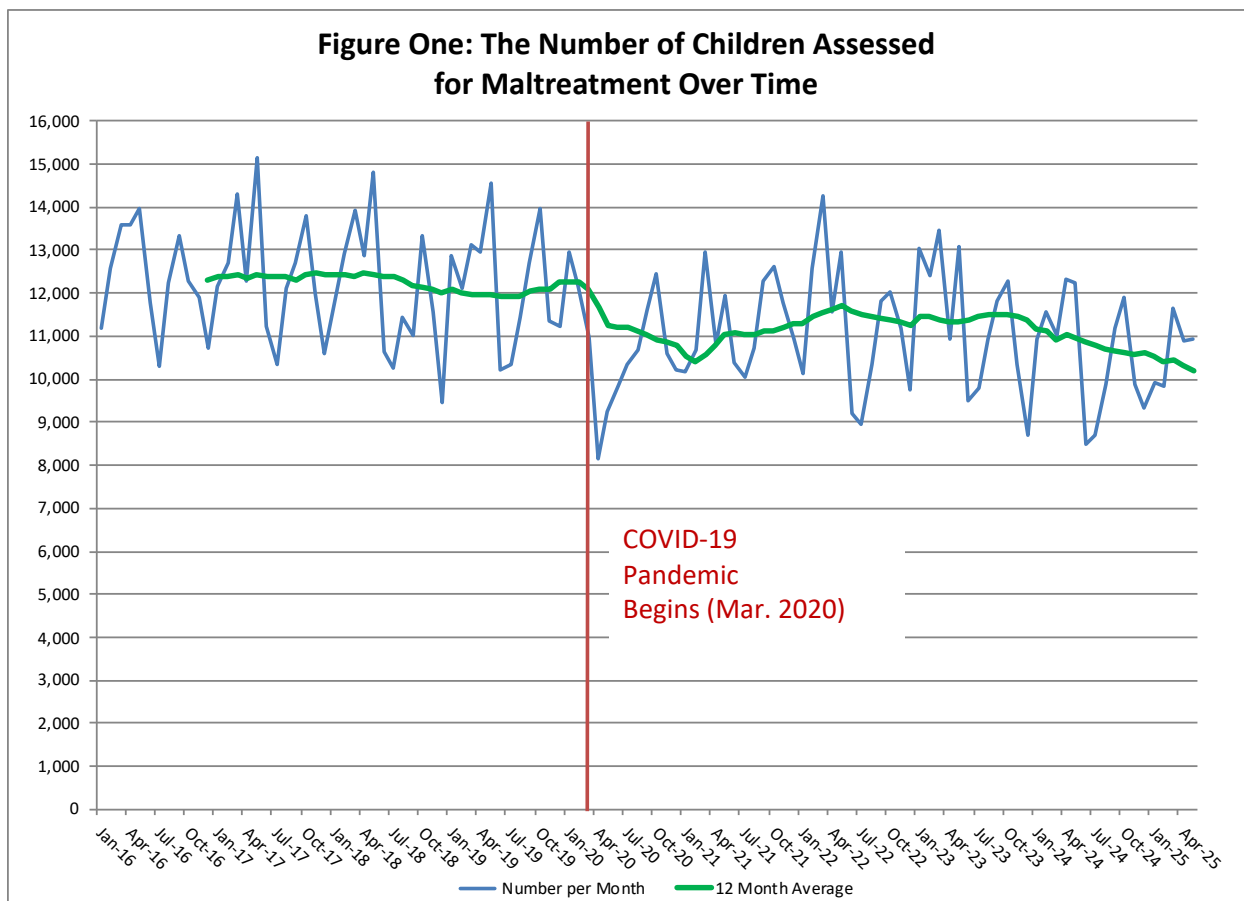


Figure Two shows the pattern of the number of children assessed each month by year from January through December for 2020 to 2024 and January through May for 2025. This figure is helpful in showing seasonal variation and further illustrates the effects of the pandemic. Much of the usual seasonal variation appears tied to the school calendar. As the figure indicates, the number of children assessed generally peaks in March or May, then falls in June and July reflecting declining reports from educational personnel during summer months. The number of children increases in August as school starts and then rises through October. The number of children assessed then

declines through December reflecting periods of holidays and school breaks. The pattern for 2020 was different from previous years with severe declines in March and April 2020. While the pattern for 2021 to 2024 is more like earlier years than 2020, the number of children assessed remains lower overall than before the pandemic. As stated earlier, the number of children assessed for late 2024 and mid-2025 will likely increase as the data are updated.

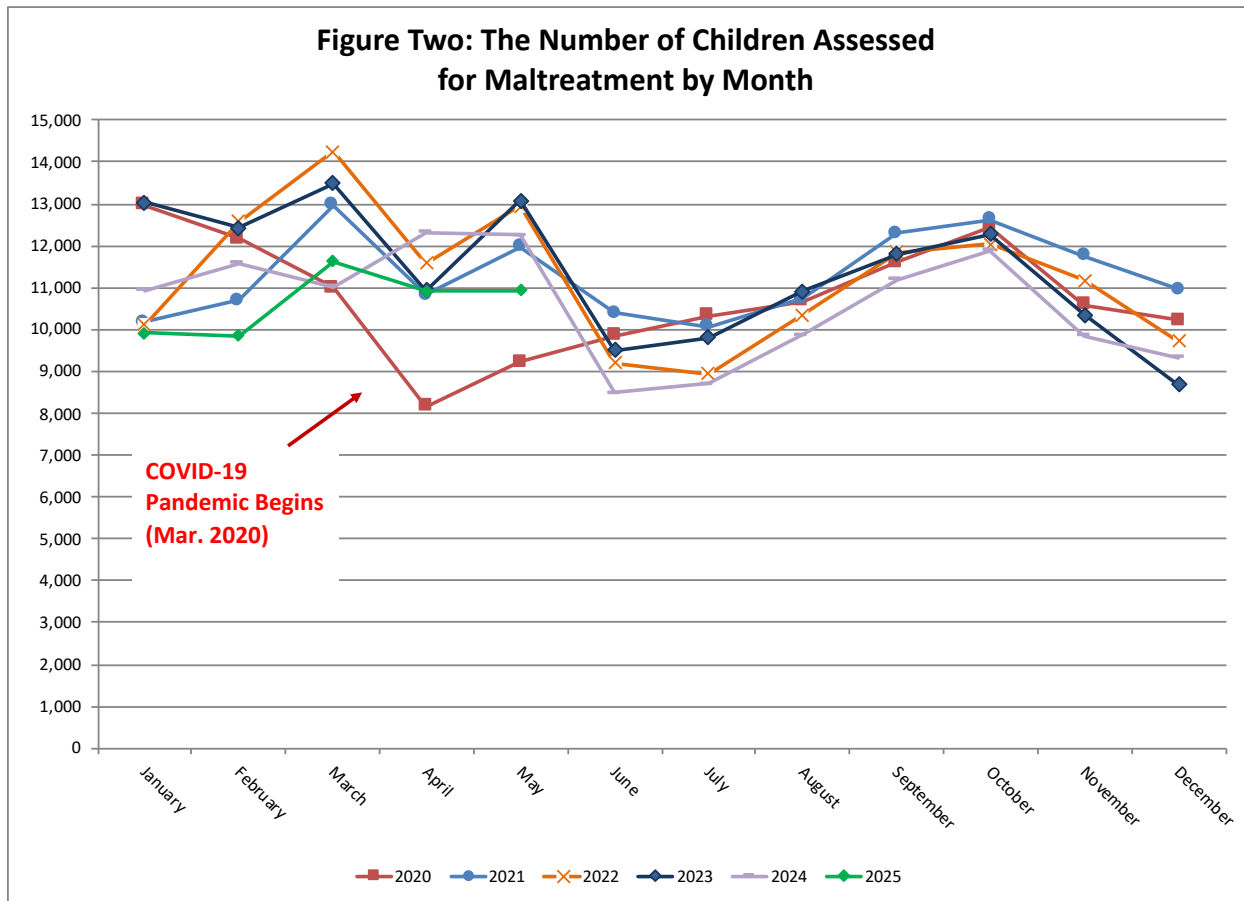


Figure Three illustrates the number of children whose maltreatment reports were substantiated. Specific monthly numbers are in Appendix A, Table Two. A report is considered substantiated if there is a finding of abuse, neglect, abuse and neglect, dependency, or child protective services needed. These findings indicate that child protective services confirmed that a child was maltreated and/or that further services are needed to address concerns. 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 year. Given that they are related, much of the trends in the number of substantiations reflect those of the assessments, although they are not entirely dependent as substantiations are based on case decisions related to the allegations made in reports. The average number per month remained at about 2,000 until early 2018 when a decline began and ended the year at about

1,850 before rising again to 1,950 by the end of 2019. Like the number of assessments, the number of substantiations decreased at the onset of the pandemic, although the drop was not as severe, and was more pronounced in December of 2017 and 2018. Still the average of about 1,800 for 2020 is lower than the pre-pandemic level. The average for 2021 was like 2020 until a downward trend occurred in 2022 with an average of around 1,700. The average for 2023 saw a slight increase to nearly 1,800. The trend for 2024 is significantly lower at an average of just above 1,600. The trend through May 2025 is like 2024, however, these numbers will likely increase as the data are updated.

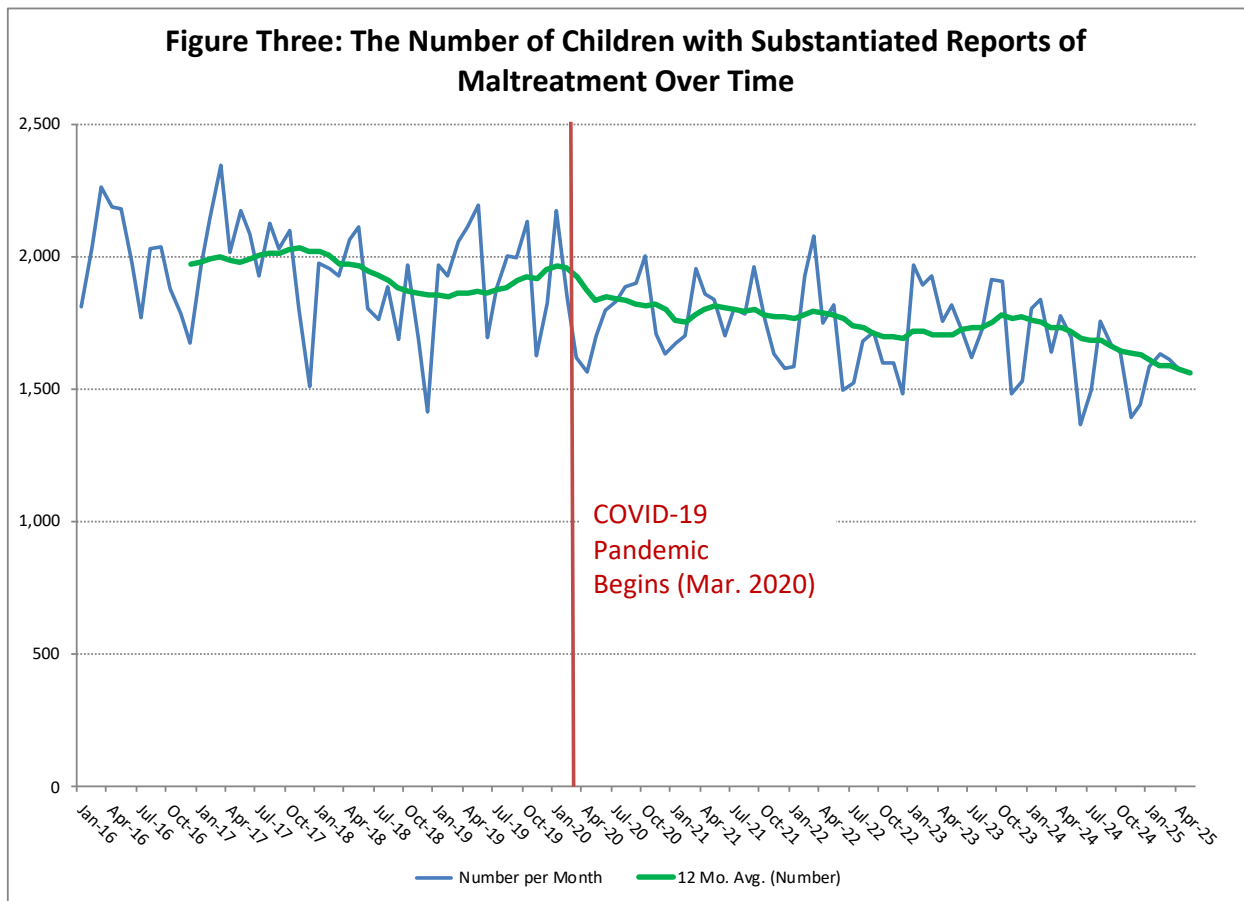


Figure Four illustrates the number of children by assessment finding type over time (see Appendix A, Table Three for specific monthly numbers). Unlike Figure Three, this figure includes all finding types and not just those that are “substantiated” (abuse, neglect, abuse and neglect, dependency, and child protective services needed). While monthly numbers fluctuate and with the exception of the early pandemic, the percentage of substantiated reports consistently makes up about 15-16% of findings while all others are about 84-85% (services provided, services recommended, services not recommended, and unsubstantiated). In June 2023, NCDHHS changed its policy related to finding types by discontinuing the

use of the “services recommended” finding. This change led to the increased use of other finding types, such as “services not recommended” and “services provided”. In particular, “services not recommended” has increased from about 43% of all findings to now about 59% while “services provided” increased from about 4.5% to 5.5% currently. The finding of “unsubstantiated” has also increased from about 14% in mid-2023 to 20% at the end of 2024. This change suggests that there has been an increase in reports that are assigned to the investigative assessment versus the family assessment track.

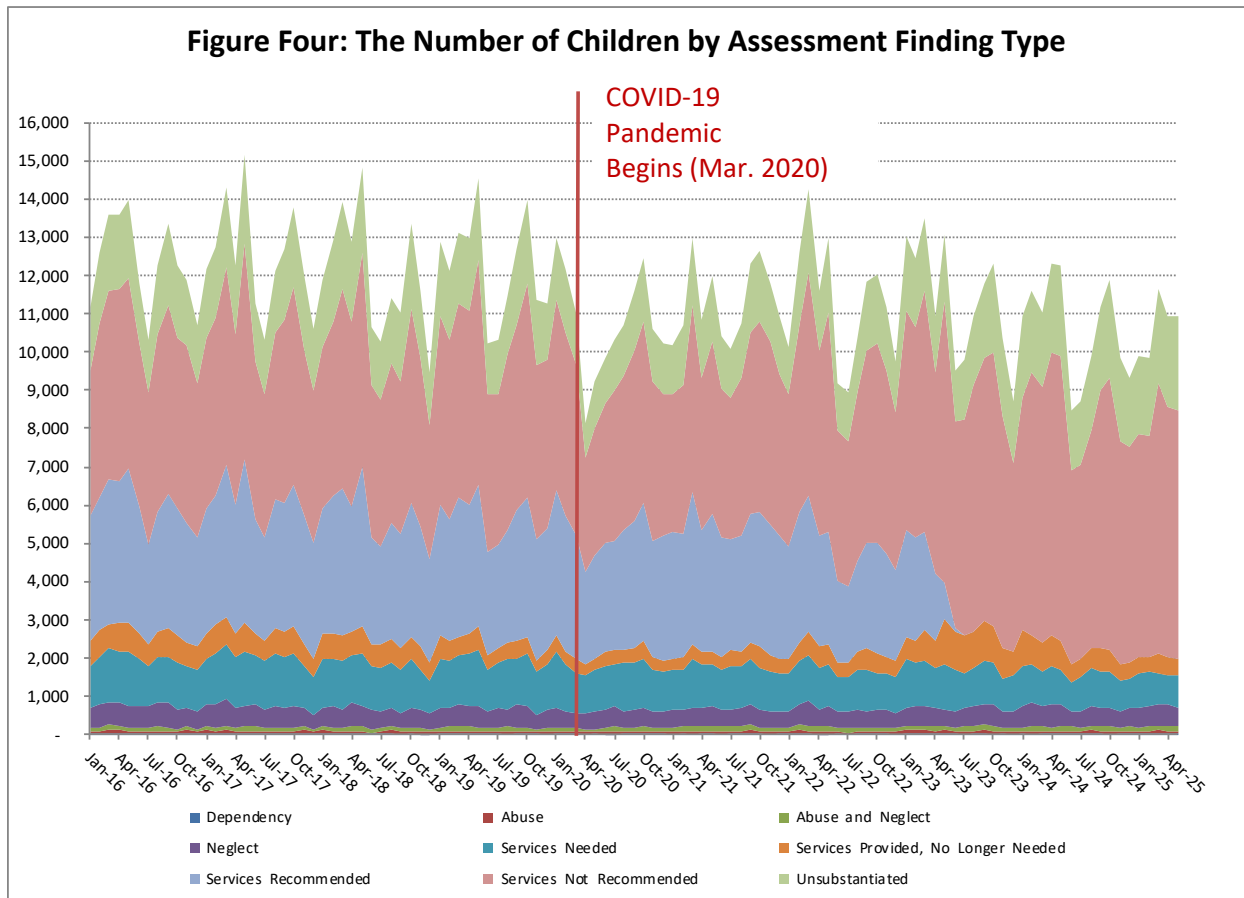


Figure Five Figure Five reports the number of children entering foster care for the first time, the total entries (including re-entries into care), and the twelve-month average for total entries. Children enter foster care when child protective services determines that the risk of harm to a child is too great to safely remain in the home and obtain a court order to assume custody of the child. Specific monthly numbers are in Appendix A, Table Four. Over time, about 81% to 88% of children entering care each month are coming into care for the first time. According to the figure, the twelve-month average shows that there were about 514 children entering care per month in 2016 which increased slightly to about 523 in 2017. The number

decreased to about 483 in 2018 and then to 482 in 2019. As we saw in other caseload figures, both the initial and total number of entries decreased significantly after the onset of the pandemic, in April 2020 with a low for initial entries of 271 and 325 for total entries, which were lows not seen in the past twenty years. The number of entries began to rise again in May 2020, however, the average for 2020 at 448 was below the pre-pandemic level. This downward trend continued into 2021 and 2022 with averages of 443 and 429 entries, respectively. The average held steady at 431 for 2023 and 428 for 2024. The average entries were slightly higher at 443 through August 2025.

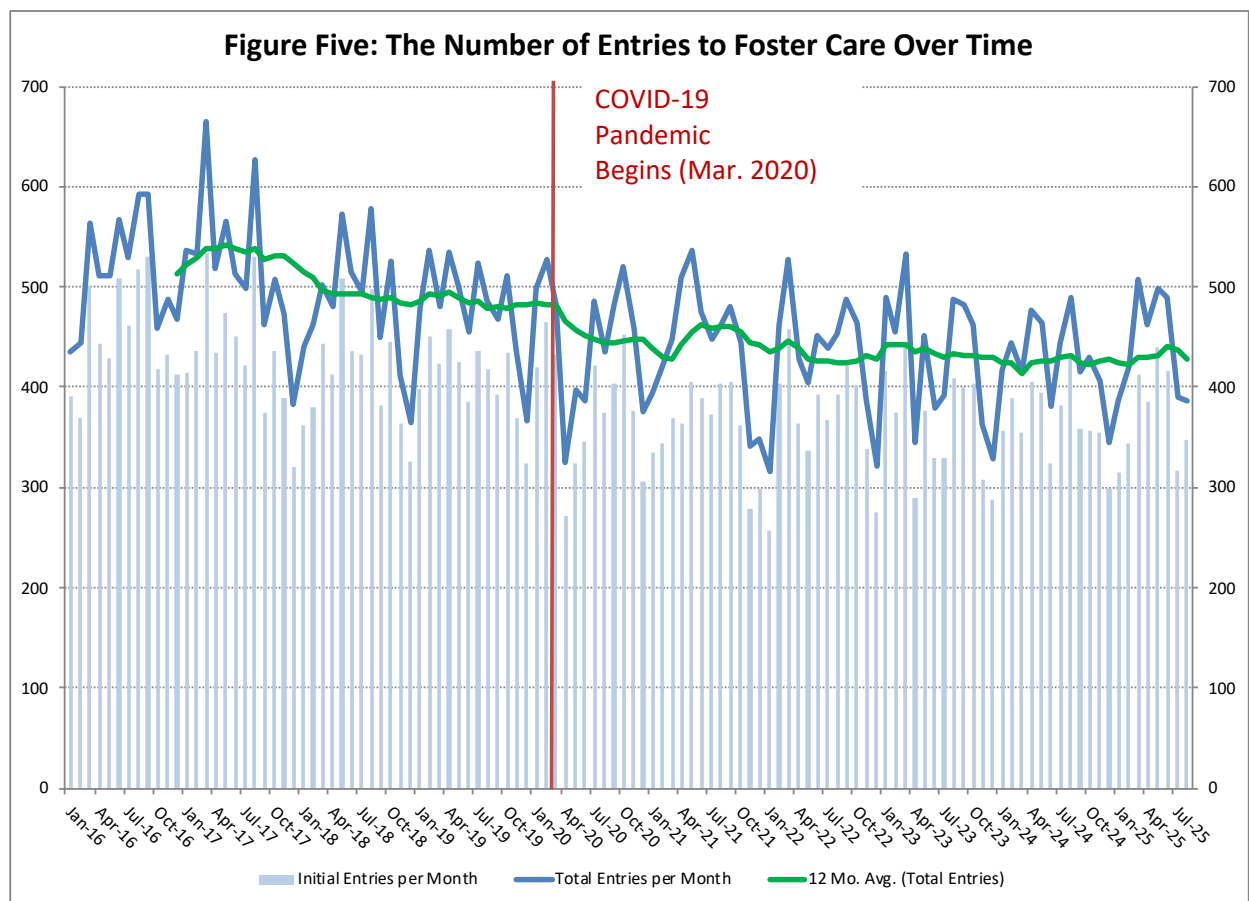
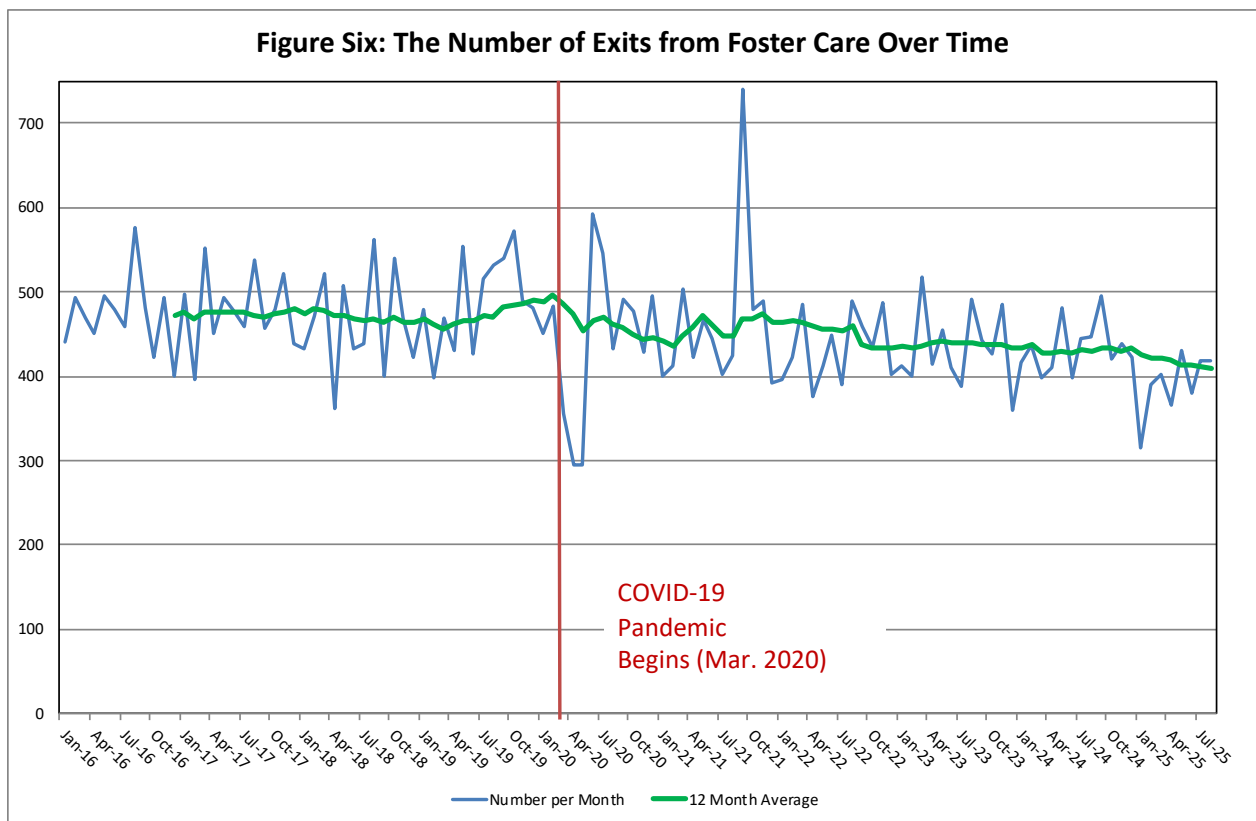


Figure Six shows the number of children exiting foster care each month as well as the twelve-month average (see Appendix A, Table Five for specific monthly numbers). Most children leave foster care when permanency is achieved, such as reunification with parents, custody or guardianship with a relative/caretaker, or adoption. They may also leave through emancipation or aging out of care at 18 or other less common reasons (for example, death, running away, or court revoking placement authority). As Figure Six indicates, the number of children exiting foster care fluctuates considerably from month to month. The annual average for 2016 was about 472 children, which increased somewhat to about 480 in 2017. The

average then declined to 464 in 2018 before increasing again to 491 in 2019. Figure Six shows that, at the onset of the pandemic, exits began declining in March 2020 to 356 and then dropped significantly to 296 in April 2020 and 294 in May 2020, which were lows not seen in the past twenty years. Exits went back up sharply to 592 in June 2020 and remained high at 545 in July 2020. The average for 2020 was 445 which was below the pre-pandemic level. The average for 2021 was continuing at this level until an unusually high number of exits of 740 in September 2021. These exits were related to the ending of a federal pandemic program that temporarily suspended age, education, and employment requirements for youth to remain in care beyond age 18. Given these types of exits, the average for 2021 increased to about 465. A downward trend began in January 2022 with an average through the end of 2022 of about 434. The average remained steady at 434 for 2023 and 2024. The average through August 2025 has lowered to 391 per month.



Summary

In summary, child welfare caseloads, including maltreatment reports, substantiations, non-substantiated findings, entries, and exits from foster care have continued to be lower than before the Covid-19 pandemic and showed no signs of returning to those levels. Before the pandemic, the number of children assessed for maltreatment per month averaged 12,000 per

month compared to the 2024 and early 2025 average of about 10,600 per month. However, the number of children assessed per month in late 2024 and mid-2025 is likely to increase as data are updated over time. Foster care entries were trending downward in 2022 but held steady through 2024 before rising slightly through August 2025. Exits from care also experienced a decline in 2022 which held through 2024 before decreasing again by August 2025.

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Appendix A

TABLE ONE: The Number of Children Assessed for Maltreatment

Month	Number of Children Assessed	Month	Number of Children Assessed
Jan-16	11,171	Feb-19	12,111
Feb-16	12,593	Mar-19	13,134
Mar-16	13,581	Apr-19	12,973
Apr-16	13,598	May-19	14,557
May-16	13,953	Jun-19	10,234
Jun-16	11,774	Jul-19	10,327
Jul-16	10,304	Aug-19	11,434
Aug-16	12,244	Sep-19	12,694
Sep-16	13,328	Oct-19	13,973
Oct-16	12,266	Nov-19	11,353
Nov-16	11,895	Dec-19	11,245
Dec-16	10,706	Jan-20	12,969
Jan-17	12,160	Feb-20	12,161
Feb-17	12,722	Mar-20	10,994
Mar-17	14,301	Apr-20	8,154
Apr-17	12,279	May-20	9,233
May-17	15,138	Jun-20	9,845
Jun-17	11,244	Jul-20	10,322
Jul-17	10,328	Aug-20	10,676
Aug-17	12,120	Sep-20	11,607
Sep-17	12,701	Oct-20	12,430
Oct-17	13,797	Nov-20	10,586
Nov-17	11,966	Dec-20	10,219
Dec-17	10,594	Jan-21	10,184
Jan-18	11,881	Feb-21	10,692
Feb-18	12,912	Mar-21	12,965
Mar-18	13,921	Apr-21	10,818
Apr-18	12,877	May-21	11,964
May-18	14,809	Jun-21	10,400
Jun-18	10,649	Jul-21	10,061
Jul-18	10,263	Aug-21	10,737
Aug-18	11,418	Sep-21	12,299
Sep-18	11,004	Oct-21	12,615
Oct-18	13,328	Nov-21	11,763
Nov-18	11,583	Dec-21	10,950
Dec-18	9,447	Jan-22	10,121
Jan-19	12,886	Feb-22	12,590

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Mar-22	14,243	Nov-23	10,343
Apr-22	11,580	Dec-23	8,683
May-22	12,947	Jan-24	10,942
Jun-22	9,200	Feb-24	11,579
Jul-22	8,935	Mar-24	11,028
Aug-22	10,351	Mar-24	11,028
Sep-22	11,836	Apr-24	12,316
Oct-22	12,041	May-24	12,248
Nov-22	11,168	Jun-24	8,492
Dec-22	9,732	Jul-24	8,706
Jan-23	13,040	Aug-24	9,876
Feb-23	12,426	Sep-24	11,190
Mar-23	13,483	Oct-24	11,888
Apr-23	10,940	Nov-24	9,862
May-23	13,073	Dec-24	9,322
Jun-23	9,515	Jan-25	9,913
Jul-23	9,807	Feb-25	9,844
Aug-23	10,922	Mar-25	11,638
Sep-23	11,801	Apr-25	10,909
Oct-23	12,285	May-25	10,935

TABLE TWO: The Number of Children Substantiated (including Services Needed)

Month	Number of Children with a Substantiated Report	Month	Number of Children with a Substantiated Report
Jan-16	1,812	Apr-19	2,110
Feb-16	2,032	May-19	2,194
Mar-16	2,260	Jun-19	1,696
Apr-16	2,188	Jul-19	1,877
May-16	2,180	Aug-19	2,000
Jun-16	1,975	Sep-19	1,994
Jul-16	1,769	Oct-19	2,129
Aug-16	2,026	Nov-19	1,625
Sep-16	2,034	Dec-19	1,825
Oct-16	1,876	Jan-20	2,169
Nov-16	1,781	Feb-20	1,841
Dec-16	1,672	Mar-20	1,618
Jan-17	1,958	Apr-20	1,564
Feb-17	2,142	May-20	1,699
Mar-17	2,341	Jun-20	1,797
Apr-17	2,018	Jul-20	1,827
May-17	2,169	Aug-20	1,883
Jun-17	2,080	Sep-20	1,895
Jul-17	1,927	Oct-20	1,998
Aug-17	2,123	Nov-20	1,704
Sep-17	2,026	Dec-20	1,629
Oct-17	2,097	Jan-21	1,671
Nov-17	1,806	Feb-21	1,700
Dec-17	1,510	Mar-21	1,955
Jan-18	1,972	Apr-21	1,854
Feb-18	1,956	May-21	1,837
Mar-18	1,923	Jun-21	1,700
Apr-18	2,062	Jul-21	1,802
May-18	2,110	Aug-21	1,785
Jun-18	1,801	Sep-21	1,960
Jul-18	1,760	Oct-21	1,759
Aug-18	1,887	Nov-21	1,634
Sep-18	1,683	Dec-21	1,580
Oct-18	1,970	Jan-22	1,586
Nov-18	1,683	Feb-22	1,929
Dec-18	1,412	Mar-22	2,078
Jan-19	1,969	Apr-22	1,751
Feb-19	1,927	May-22	1,814
Mar-19	2,055	Jun-22	1,495

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Jul-22	1,520	Jan-24	1,804
Aug-22	1,678	Feb-24	1,836
Sep-22	1,715	Mar-24	1,635
Oct-22	1,598	Apr-24	1,776
Nov-22	1,597	May-24	1,696
Dec-22	1,484	Jun-24	1,364
Jan-23	1,964	Jul-24	1,496
Feb-23	1,889	Aug-24	1,753
Mar-23	1,928	Sep-24	1,664
Apr-23	1,754	Oct-24	1,638
May-23	1,815	Nov-24	1,395
Jun-23	1,717	Dec-24	1,443
Jul-23	1,620	Jan-25	1,584
Aug-23	1,724	Feb-25	1,632
Sep-23	1,914	Mar-25	1,611
Oct-23	1,902	Apr-25	1,570
Nov-23	1,480	May-25	1,566
Dec-23	1,530		

TABLE THREE: The Number of Children by Assessment Finding Type²

Month	Dependency	Abuse	Abuse and Neglect	Neglect	Services Needed	Services Provided, No Longer Needed	Services Recommended	Services Not Recommended	Un-substantiated
Jan-16	32	73	95	496	1,116	617	3,270	3,827	1,645
Feb-16	29	63	98	597	1,245	685	3,491	4,547	1,838
Mar-16	32	87	137	604	1,400	638	3,794	4,886	2,003
Apr-16	21	86	114	607	1,360	723	3,696	5,042	1,949
May-16	30	63	102	572	1,413	724	4,047	4,955	2,047
Jun-16	37	66	96	531	1,245	646	3,339	4,282	1,532
Jul-16	20	68	78	564	1,039	592	2,582	3,986	1,375
Aug-16	17	85	104	617	1,203	664	3,129	4,626	1,799
Sep-16	25	50	126	628	1,205	751	3,518	4,891	2,134
Oct-16	17	54	73	495	1,237	718	3,320	4,445	1,907
Nov-16	26	82	94	488	1,091	620	3,131	4,640	1,723
Dec-16	14	52	60	468	1,078	632	2,855	4,005	1,542
Jan-17	35	76	112	588	1,147	669	3,262	4,478	1,793
Feb-17	19	66	94	633	1,330	727	3,355	4,640	1,858
Mar-17	33	81	126	673	1,428	719	3,966	5,209	2,066
Apr-17	29	77	78	509	1,325	622	3,379	4,434	1,826
May-17	26	73	110	560	1,400	764	4,238	5,670	2,297
Jun-17	24	77	118	562	1,299	543	2,986	4,141	1,494
Jul-17	25	62	103	442	1,295	504	2,706	3,772	1,419
Aug-17	26	75	97	540	1,385	646	3,362	4,365	1,624
Sep-17	16	76	97	512	1,325	659	3,389	4,745	1,882
Oct-17	18	71	103	532	1,373	745	3,698	5,165	2,092
Nov-17	14	93	111	493	1,095	551	3,387	4,311	1,911
Dec-17	21	40	74	374	1,001	488	3,025	3,945	1,626
Jan-18	21	93	127	463	1,268	663	3,286	4,183	1,777
Feb-18	14	80	103	560	1,199	675	3,606	4,545	2,130
Mar-18	20	74	86	492	1,251	649	3,865	5,225	2,259
Apr-18	14	89	102	621	1,236	609	3,297	4,823	2,086
May-18	18	83	132	534	1,343	736	4,154	5,588	2,221
Jun-18	15	36	89	489	1,172	550	2,812	3,987	1,499
Jul-18	17	67	91	440	1,145	576	2,564	3,837	1,526
Aug-18	17	96	97	487	1,190	601	3,063	4,144	1,723
Sep-18	8	71	95	400	1,109	575	3,007	3,961	1,778
Oct-18	23	61	106	523	1,257	575	3,521	5,065	2,197
Nov-18	10	58	100	487	1,028	604	3,145	4,434	1,717
Dec-18	9	55	76	403	869	465	2,728	3,495	1,347

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Jan-19	20	59	113	510	1,267	608	3,405	4,955	1,949
Feb-19	21	59	155	476	1,216	545	3,158	4,667	1,814
Mar-19	21	57	131	566	1,280	508	3,621	5,080	1,870
Apr-19	26	71	111	527	1,375	538	3,363	5,086	1,876
May-19	12	82	107	554	1,439	632	3,714	5,862	2,155
Jun-19	20	68	108	393	1,107	389	2,691	4,138	1,320
Jul-19	14	66	88	513	1,196	377	2,691	3,958	1,424
Aug-19	11	85	110	435	1,359	415	2,933	4,601	1,485
Sep-19	23	64	112	590	1,205	437	3,422	4,827	2,014
Oct-19	15	55	130	548	1,381	431	3,639	5,580	2,194
Nov-19	20	55	79	355	1,116	312	3,161	4,573	1,682
Dec-19	11	63	88	496	1,167	386	3,184	4,386	1,464
Jan-20	18	73	110	504	1,464	404	3,799	5,000	1,597
Feb-20	19	59	88	448	1,227	335	3,531	4,807	1,647
Mar-20	16	54	96	413	1,039	358	3,208	4,464	1,346
Apr-20	11	54	71	402	1,026	266	2,438	2,954	932
May-20	17	65	67	449	1,101	285	2,709	3,297	1,243
Jun-20	6	66	99	486	1,140	358	2,832	3,654	1,204
Jul-20	11	71	159	485	1,101	390	2,840	3,917	1,348
Aug-20	18	53	94	450	1,268	327	3,150	3,994	1,322
Sep-20	14	54	128	443	1,256	380	3,287	4,459	1,586
Oct-20	20	61	122	499	1,296	434	3,609	4,746	1,643
Nov-20	18	61	98	423	1,104	313	3,019	4,196	1,354
Dec-20	22	71	93	400	1,043	281	3,300	3,662	1,347
Jan-21	8	64	92	470	1,037	322	3,281	3,615	1,295
Feb-21	17	81	109	426	1,067	309	3,238	3,903	1,542
Mar-21	11	86	113	471	1,274	395	4,001	4,877	1,737
Apr-21	16	89	117	458	1,174	333	3,174	3,949	1,508
May-21	17	88	120	508	1,104	354	3,590	4,471	1,712
Jun-21	10	71	127	427	1,065	320	3,118	3,882	1,380
Jul-21	12	74	126	448	1,142	393	2,909	3,676	1,281
Aug-21	17	63	124	499	1,082	399	3,010	4,108	1,435
Sep-21	24	87	143	527	1,179	451	3,335	4,782	1,771
Oct-21	17	55	108	453	1,126	551	3,485	5,008	1,812
Nov-21	9	72	96	435	1,022	440	3,425	4,771	1,493
Dec-21	12	65	118	416	969	391	3,212	4,245	1,522
Jan-22	16	75	102	423	970	399	2,949	3,948	1,239
Feb-22	25	99	128	562	1,115	464	3,403	4,916	1,878
Mar-22	17	64	135	656	1,206	590	3,579	5,825	2,171
Apr-22	11	80	112	460	1,088	548	2,909	4,846	1,526

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May-22	10	71	133	542	1,058	553	2,911	5,746	1,923
Jun-22	16	53	95	420	911	401	2,129	3,923	1,252
Jul-22	5	47	105	458	905	374	1,967	3,812	1,262
Aug-22	14	68	100	468	1,028	470	2,401	4,399	1,403
Sep-22	25	77	77	442	1,094	568	2,746	5,008	1,799
Oct-22	19	46	104	466	963	535	2,900	5,175	1,833
Nov-22	19	53	103	476	946	447	2,686	4,801	1,637
Dec-22	10	68	90	388	928	426	2,383	4,129	1,310
Jan-23	46	68	99	482	1,269	561	2,812	5,726	1,977
Feb-23	32	96	110	518	1,133	569	2,695	5,479	1,794
Mar-23	23	91	133	515	1,166	799	2,569	6,307	1,880
Apr-23	14	80	129	463	1,068	683	1,750	5,261	1,492
May-23	29	79	106	455	1,146	1,183	970	7,339	1,766
Jun-23	18	81	99	411	1,108	983	81	5,425	1,309
Jul-23	11	86	120	462	941	992		5,622	1,573
Aug-23	12	73	119	533	987	983		6,447	1,768
Sep-23	21	102	143	515	1,133	1,042		6,908	1,937
Oct-23	11	83	118	594	1,096	920		7,147	2,316
Nov-23	18	61	98	415	888	761		6,099	2,003
Dec-23	10	93	94	426	907	642		4,915	1,596
Jan-24	12	82	81	551	1,078	923		6,072	2,143
Feb-24	10	91	118	622	995	778		6,836	2,129
Mar-24	27	72	127	499	910	792		6,673	1,928
Apr-24	25	55	117	574	1,005	800		7,393	2,347
May-24	27	62	136	587	884	777		7,401	2,374
Jun-24	20	70	112	380	782	453		5,089	1,586
Jul-24	16	75	88	425	892	504		5,043	1,663
Aug-24	17	92	128	495	1,021	513		5,688	1,922
Sep-24	23	77	121	498	945	608		6,726	2,192
Oct-24	8	83	111	498	938	573		7,108	2,569
Nov-24	12	67	88	414	814	452		5,814	2,201
Dec-24	20	81	125	475	742	456		5,610	1,813
Jan-25	15	87	98	503	881	463		5,791	2,075
Feb-25	13	86	146	505	882	396		5,759	2,057
Mar-25	15	100	88	583	825	520		7,068	2,439
Apr-25	19	79	128	548	796	435		6,554	2,350
May-25	18	77	111	500	860	431		6,456	2,482

TABLE FOUR: The Number of Children Entering Foster Care

Month	Initial Entries	Total Entries	Month	Initial Entries	Total Entries
Jan-16	391	435	May-19	426	502
Feb-16	369	445	Jun-19	385	455
Mar-16	502	564	Jul-19	436	523
Apr-16	443	511	Aug-19	418	485
May-16	428	511	Sep-19	393	468
Jun-16	509	567	Oct-19	435	512
Jul-16	461	530	Nov-19	369	437
Aug-16	517	593	Dec-19	324	367
Sep-16	531	592	Jan-20	420	499
Oct-16	418	459	Feb-20	465	528
Nov-16	433	488	Mar-20	433	482
Dec-16	413	467	Apr-20	271	325
Jan-17	414	536	May-20	324	398
Feb-17	437	532	Jun-20	345	387
Mar-17	533	664	Jul-20	421	485
Apr-17	435	519	Aug-20	374	435
May-17	475	565	Sep-20	404	483
Jun-17	450	513	Oct-20	452	520
Jul-17	421	498	Nov-20	377	459
Aug-17	531	627	Dec-20	306	375
Sep-17	374	462	Jan-21	335	394
Oct-17	437	507	Feb-21	344	423
Nov-17	390	473	Mar-21	370	448
Dec-17	320	383	Apr-21	364	509
Jan-18	362	440	May-21	406	536
Feb-18	380	462	Jun-21	390	475
Mar-18	443	503	Jul-21	373	447
Apr-18	412	480	Aug-21	403	463
May-18	509	572	Sep-21	405	480
Jun-18	436	515	Oct-21	362	445
Jul-18	432	494	Nov-21	278	342
Aug-18	497	578	Dec-21	299	348
Sep-18	382	449	Jan-22	258	315
Oct-18	446	526	Feb-22	404	463
Nov-18	363	412	Mar-22	458	527
Dec-18	325	365	Apr-22	363	428
Jan-19	399	478	May-22	337	404
Feb-19	450	536	Jun-22	393	451
Mar-19	423	480	Jul-22	367	438
Apr-19	457	535	Aug-22	393	454

Month	Initial Entries	Total Entries
Sep-22	422	487
Oct-22	401	465
Nov-22	339	389
Dec-22	276	321
Jan-23	416	489
Feb-23	375	455
Mar-23	442	532
Apr-23	289	344
May-23	377	451
Jun-23	329	380
Jul-23	329	392
Aug-23	409	488
Sep-23	400	482
Oct-23	403	463
Nov-23	307	363
Dec-23	287	328
Jan-24	356	418
Feb-24	389	444

Month	Initial Entries	Total Entries
Mar-24	355	415
Apr-24	405	476
May-24	394	465
Jun-24	324	381
Jul-24	382	445
Aug-24	429	489
Sep-24	358	415
Oct-24	356	430
Nov-24	354	407
Dec-24	298	345
Jan-25	315	386
Feb-25	343	420
Mar-25	413	507
Apr-25	385	462
May-25	440	499
Jun-25	417	489
Jul-25	317	390
Aug-25	347	387

TABLE FIVE: The Number of Children Exiting Foster Care

Month	Number of Children Exiting Foster Care	Month	Number of Children Exiting Foster Care
Jan-16	440	May-19	554
Feb-16	493	Jun-19	426
Mar-16	468	Jul-19	516
Apr-16	450	Aug-19	532
May-16	496	Sep-19	539
Jun-16	480	Oct-19	573
Jul-16	458	Nov-19	490
Aug-16	577	Dec-19	481
Sep-16	481	Jan-20	451
Oct-16	423	Feb-20	483
Nov-16	494	Mar-20	356
Dec-16	401	Apr-20	296
Jan-17	497	May-20	294
Feb-17	397	Jun-20	592
Mar-17	551	Jul-20	545
Apr-17	451	Aug-20	432
May-17	494	Sep-20	492
Jun-17	477	Oct-20	478
Jul-17	458	Nov-20	428
Aug-17	537	Dec-20	496
Sep-17	456	Jan-21	400
Oct-17	480	Feb-21	412
Nov-17	522	Mar-21	504
Dec-17	439	Apr-21	423
Jan-18	433	May-21	466
Feb-18	472	Jun-21	444
Mar-18	522	Jul-21	403
Apr-18	362	Aug-21	425
May-18	507	Sep-21	740
Jun-18	433	Oct-21	479
Jul-18	438	Nov-21	490
Aug-18	562	Dec-21	392
Sep-18	401	Jan-22	396
Oct-18	540	Feb-22	423
Nov-18	469	Mar-22	485
Dec-18	423	Apr-22	375
Jan-19	479	May-22	413
Feb-19	398	Jun-22	449
Mar-19	469	Jul-22	390
Apr-19	430	Aug-22	489

Month	Number of Children Exiting Foster Care
Sep-22	459
Oct-22	434
Nov-22	488
Dec-22	403
Jan-23	413
Feb-23	400
Mar-23	518
Apr-23	415
May-23	454
Jun-23	410
Jul-23	389
Aug-23	492
Sep-23	443
Oct-23	426
Nov-23	486
Dec-23	359
Jan-24	416
Feb-24	436

Month	Number of Children Exiting Foster Care
Mar-24	398
Apr-24	410
May-24	482
Jun-24	398
Jul-24	444
Aug-24	447
Sep-24	496
Oct-24	420
Nov-24	438
Dec-24	423
Jan-25	316
Feb-25	391
Mar-25	402
Apr-25	366
May-25	431
Jun-25	380
Jul-25	419
Aug-25	419