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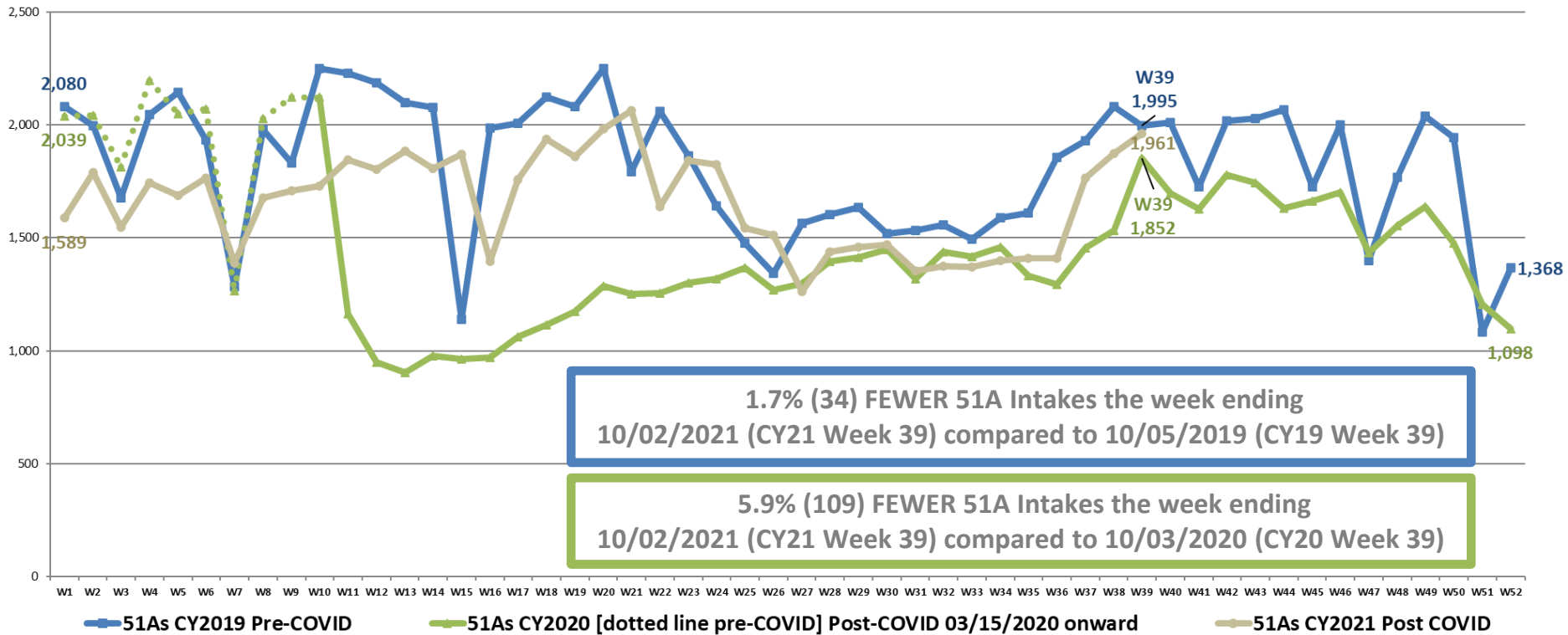


Department of Children and Families – Agency Update

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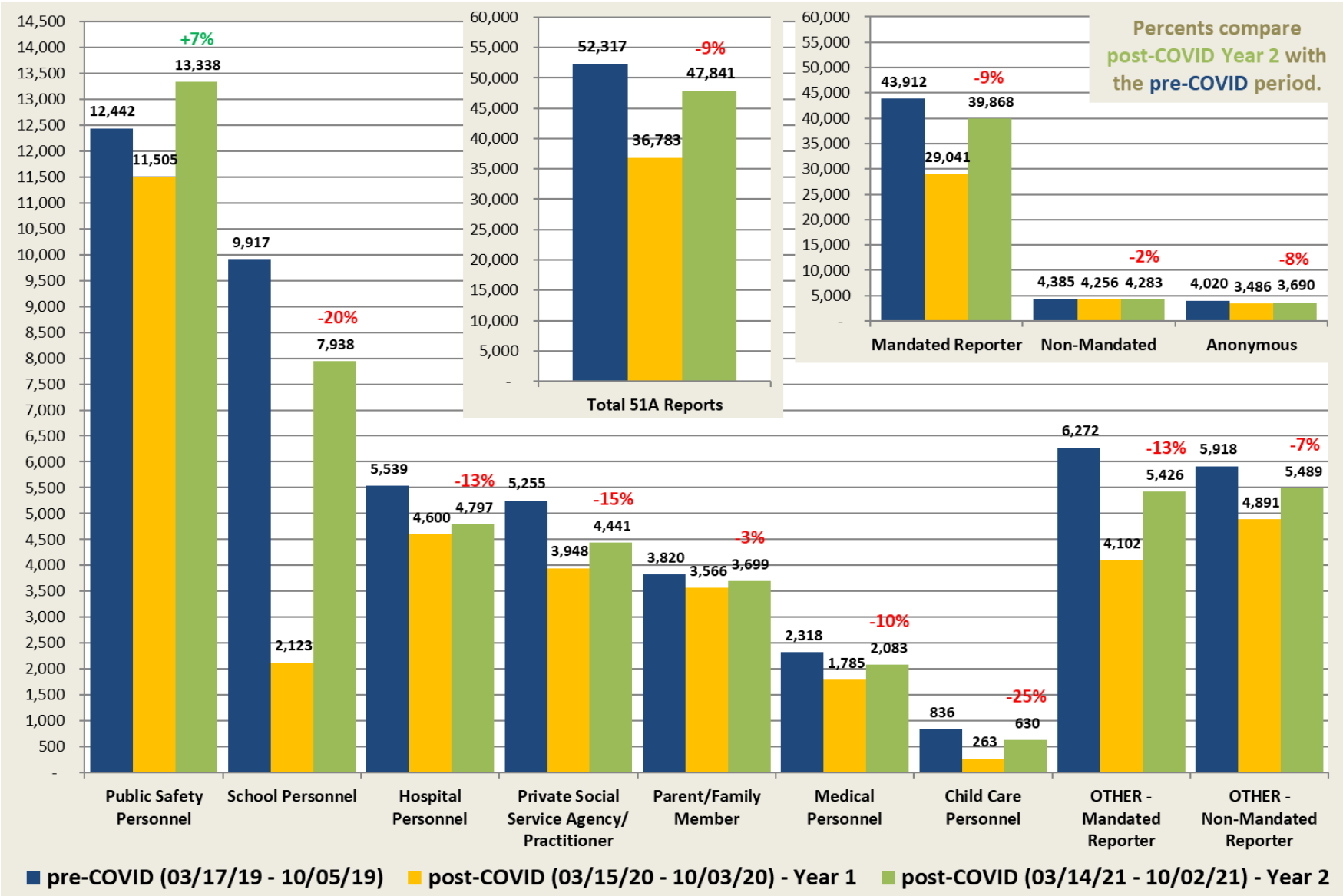
51A Intakes Pre vs Post COVID-19 Comparing CY2019, CY2020, and CY2021



- While overall year-to-date 51A Intake counts post COVID-19 remain lower than corresponding report rates pre COVID-19, counts continue to show signs of convergence in CY2021.



29-Week Comparison Period: 51As are within 9% of the pre-COVID period



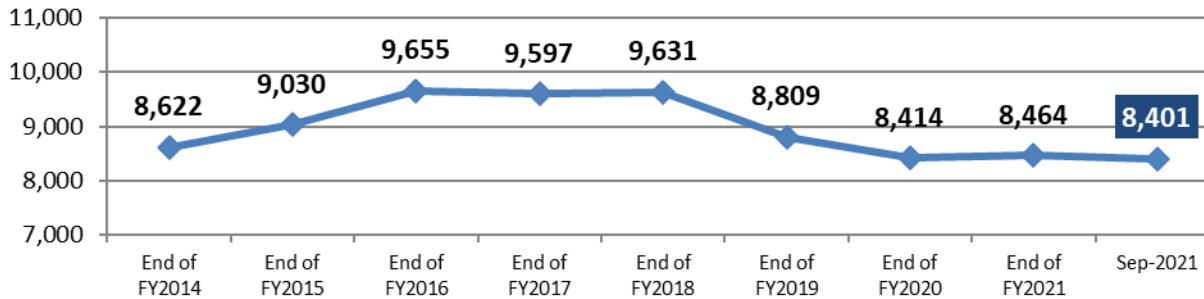


Children (0-17) in DCF Placement

All Placement Types



Children (0-17) in Placement



- The number of children (0-17) in DCF placement at fiscal year-end decreased by 9% (-822) from FY18-19, and by 4% (-395) from FY19-20.
- By end of FY21, the placement count increased by 0.6% (50) compared to the count at the end of FY20.
- As of 9/30/2021, the placement count is 0.7% (-33) less than the count at the end of FY21 and just below the count at the end of FY20.

Note: Recent monthly counts are not final.

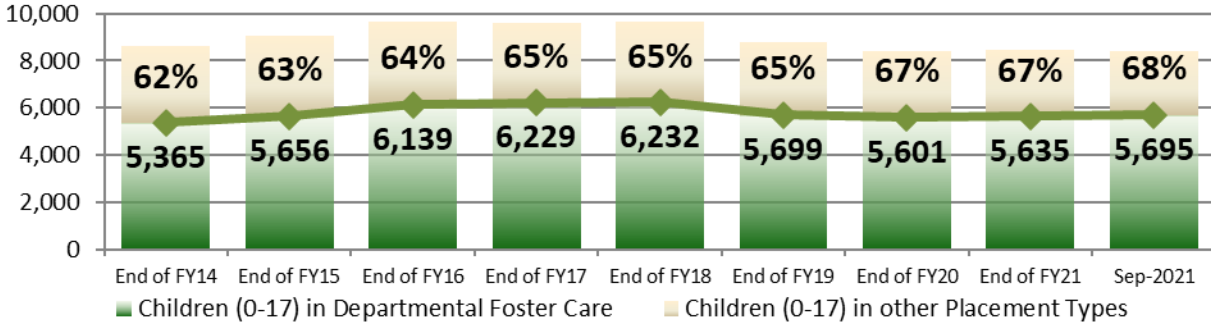


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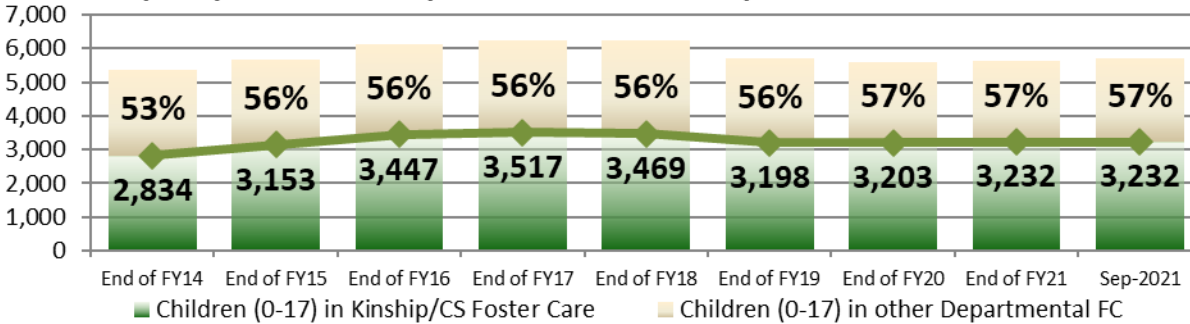
Departmental FC: Non-Kinship and Kin/Child Specific



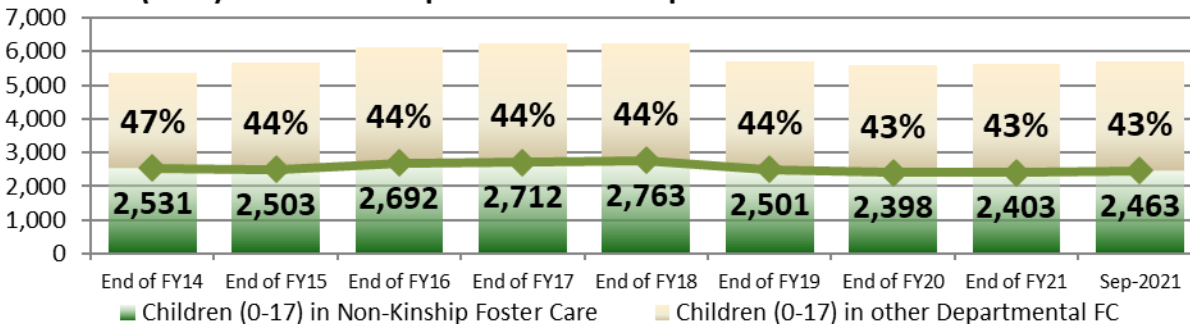
Children (0-17) in Departmental FC as a % of All Placements



Children (0-17) in Kin/Child Specific FC as a % of Departmental FC



Children (0-17) in Non-Kinship FC as a % of Departmental FC



- As of 9/30/2021, there were 5,695 children (0-17) placed in a family setting (i.e., Departmental Foster Care).
- Of all DCF placed children (0-17), 68% are in Departmental Foster Care (DFC).
- As of 9/30/2021, there were 3,232 children (0-17) placed in a Kinship/Child Specific Departmental Foster Care family setting.
- Recognizing that children/youth experience fewer placement disruptions and achieve greater well-being when placed with kin, the Department has increased the proportion placed with kin to 57% of all Departmental FC.
- As of 9/30/2021, there were 2,463 children (0-17) placed in Non-Kinship Foster Care family settings.
- As a proportion of children placed in Departmental Foster Care, 43% are living in a non-kin family setting.

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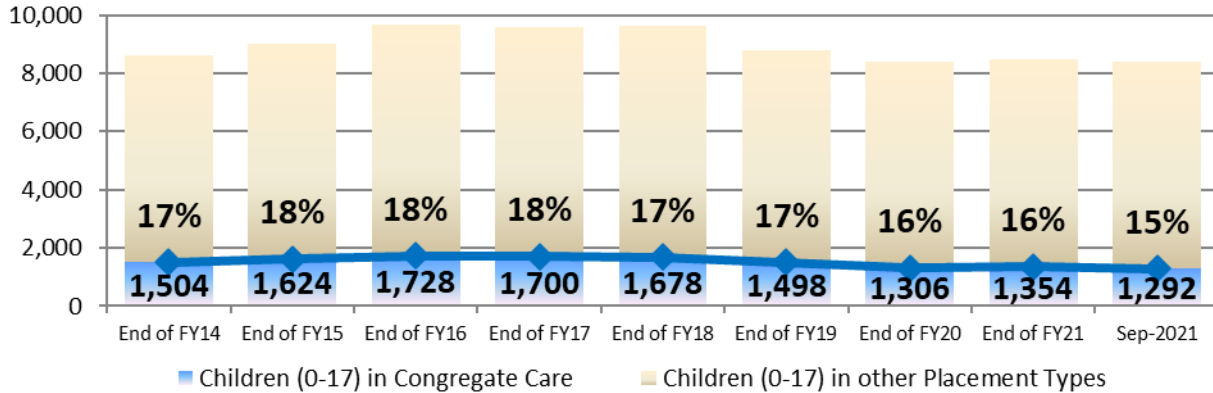


Children in DCF Placement

Congregate Care and Comprehensive Foster Care

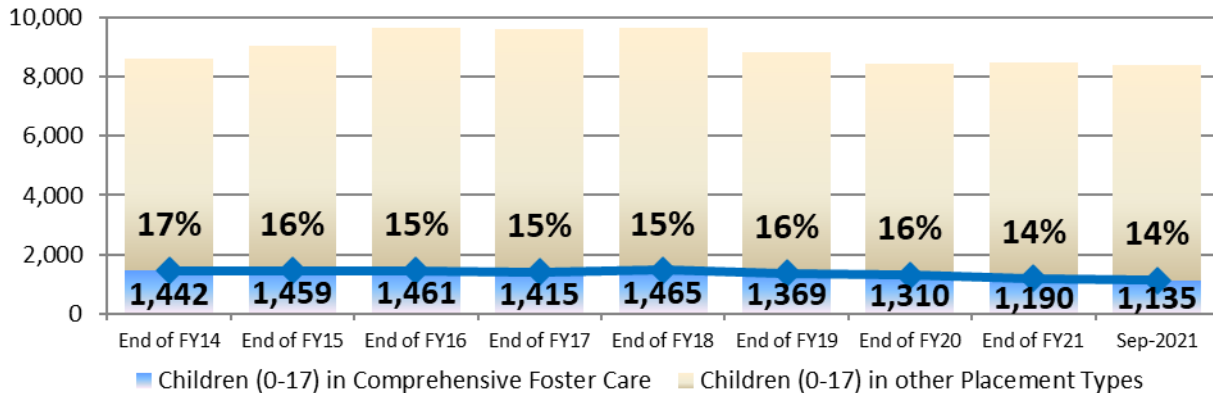


Children (0-17) in Congregate Care as a % of All Placements



- As of 9/30/2021, there were 1,292 children placed in Congregate Care.
- Congregate Care represents 15% of all placement utilization.

Children (0-17) in Comprehensive FC as a % of All Placements



- As of 9/30/2021, there were 1,135 children placed in Comprehensive Foster Care.
- Comprehensive Foster Care now represents 14% of all placement utilization.

• *These contracted, intensive foster care services are generally provided for children/youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not suitable or sufficiently supportive.*

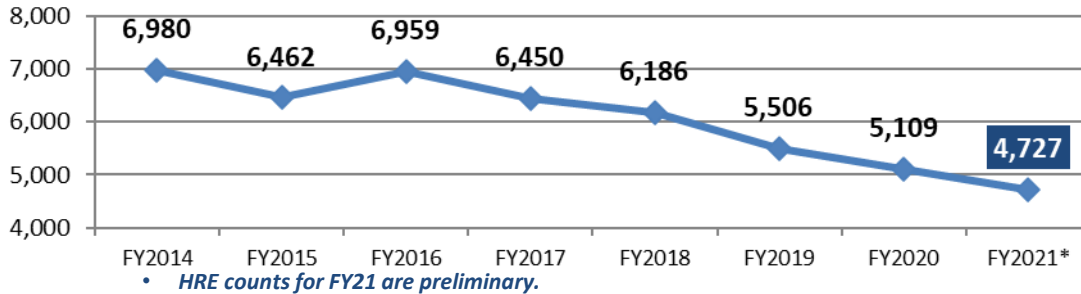
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Home Removal Episodes

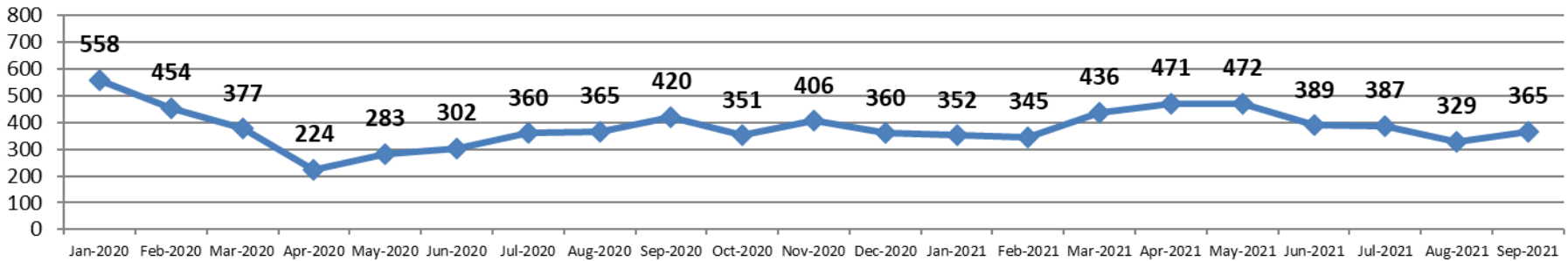


Home Removal Episodes (HREs)



- Home Removal Episodes (HREs) decreased by 27% (-1,871) between FY14 & FY20.
- FY21 HRE count of 4,727 is a 7% (382) decrease over FY20.

Home Removal Episodes (HREs) CY2020 and CY2021-preliminary



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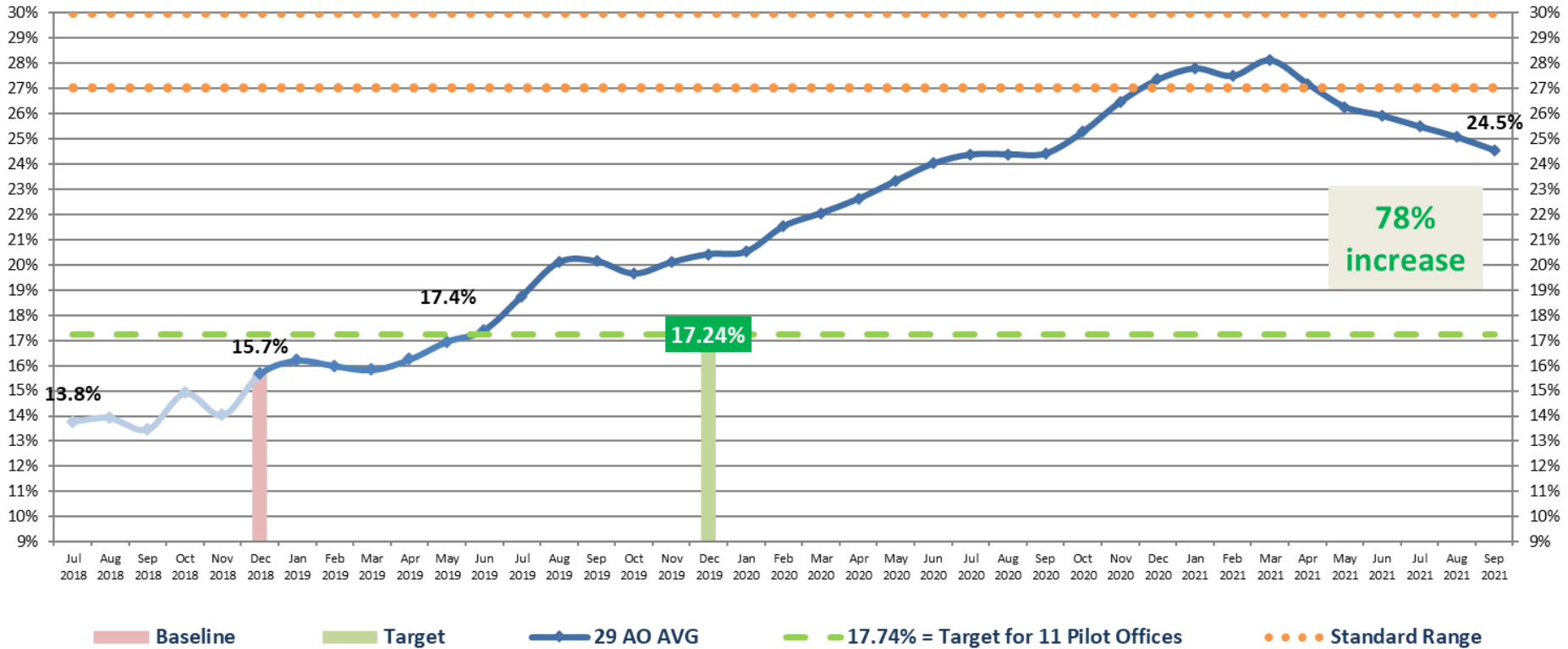


Initial Placement with Kin

Kin-First



% of Initial Placements Placed with Kin - ALL 29 Area Offices



- Extending the Kin-First metric across all 29 area offices, a 78% increase in kin as the initial placement was evidenced from Jul-2018 to Sep-2021.
- While no statewide target was established, at 25.5% the Sep-2021 statewide performance exceeds the 17.24% target established for the 11 Pilot Offices, and within 2.5% of the 27-30% standard range.
- Kin placements account for 40% of all out-of-home placements; and 57% of all Departmental Foster Care placements.

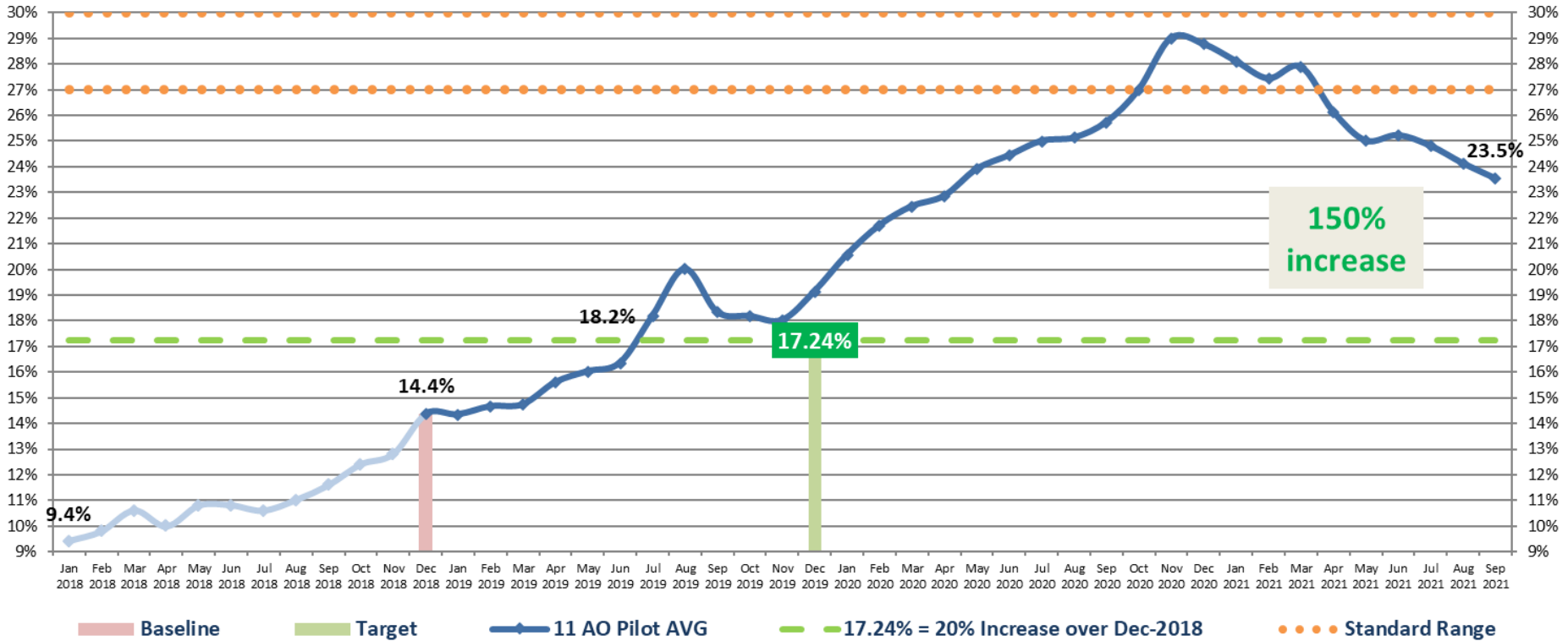


Initial Placement with Kin

Kin-First Pilot



% of Initial Placements Placed with Kin - 11 Pilot Area Offices



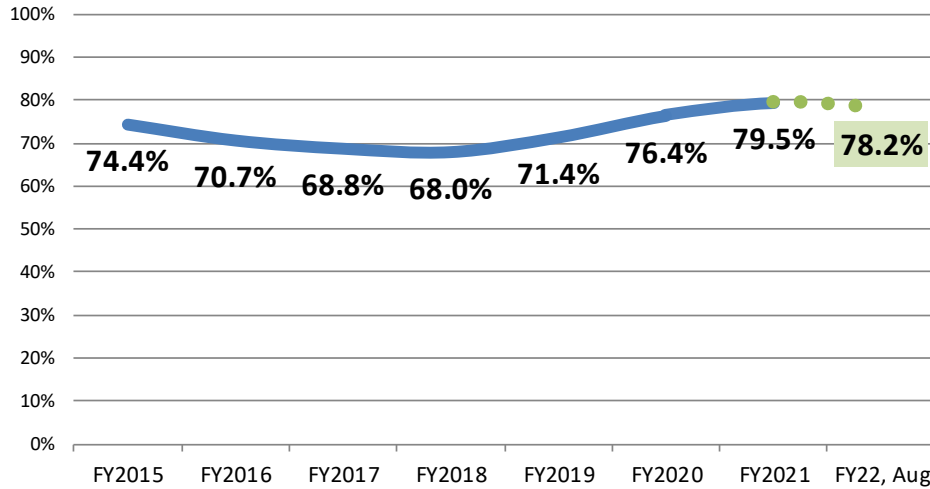
- A 150% increase in kin as the initial placement was evidenced from Jan-2018 to Sep-2021.
- At 23.5%, the Sep-2021 performance exceeds the 17.24% target established for the 11 Pilot Offices, and within 3.5% of the 27-30% standard range.



Placement Stability

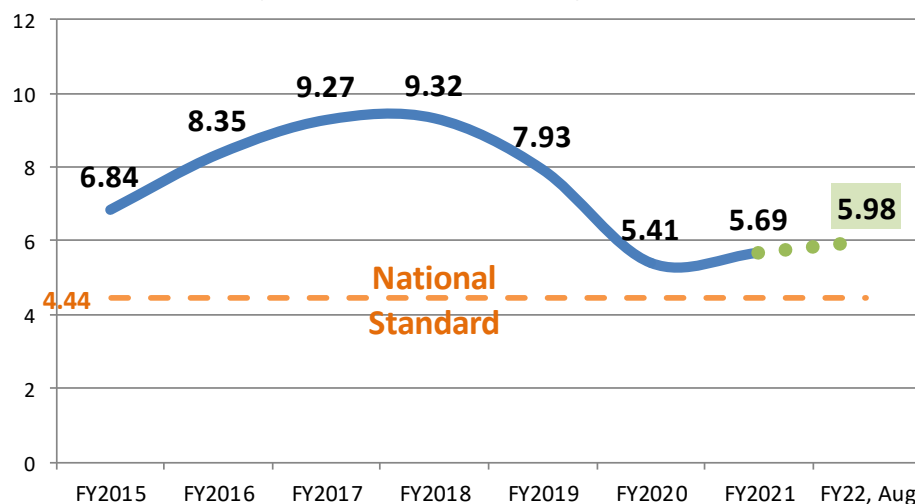


Percent of Children (0-17) In Placement Less Than 12-Months with Two or Fewer Placement Settings - CFSR-r2



- Compared to FY2018 (68.0%), 15% more children experienced placement stability in the 12-month period ending FY2022, Aug (78.2%).

Placement Moves per 1,000 Placement Days - CFSR-r3



- Placement stability in the 12-month period ending FY2022, Aug (5.98) as measured by moves per 1,000 placement days improved by a significant 36% relative to FY2018 (9.38).



Case Closing Trend Pre vs Post COVID-19 Accounting for Seasonality



CASE CLOSING TREND Pre vs Post COVID-19 (13 week intervals)

