

GREENE COUNTY JUVENILE OFFICE

2013 CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT STATISTICS

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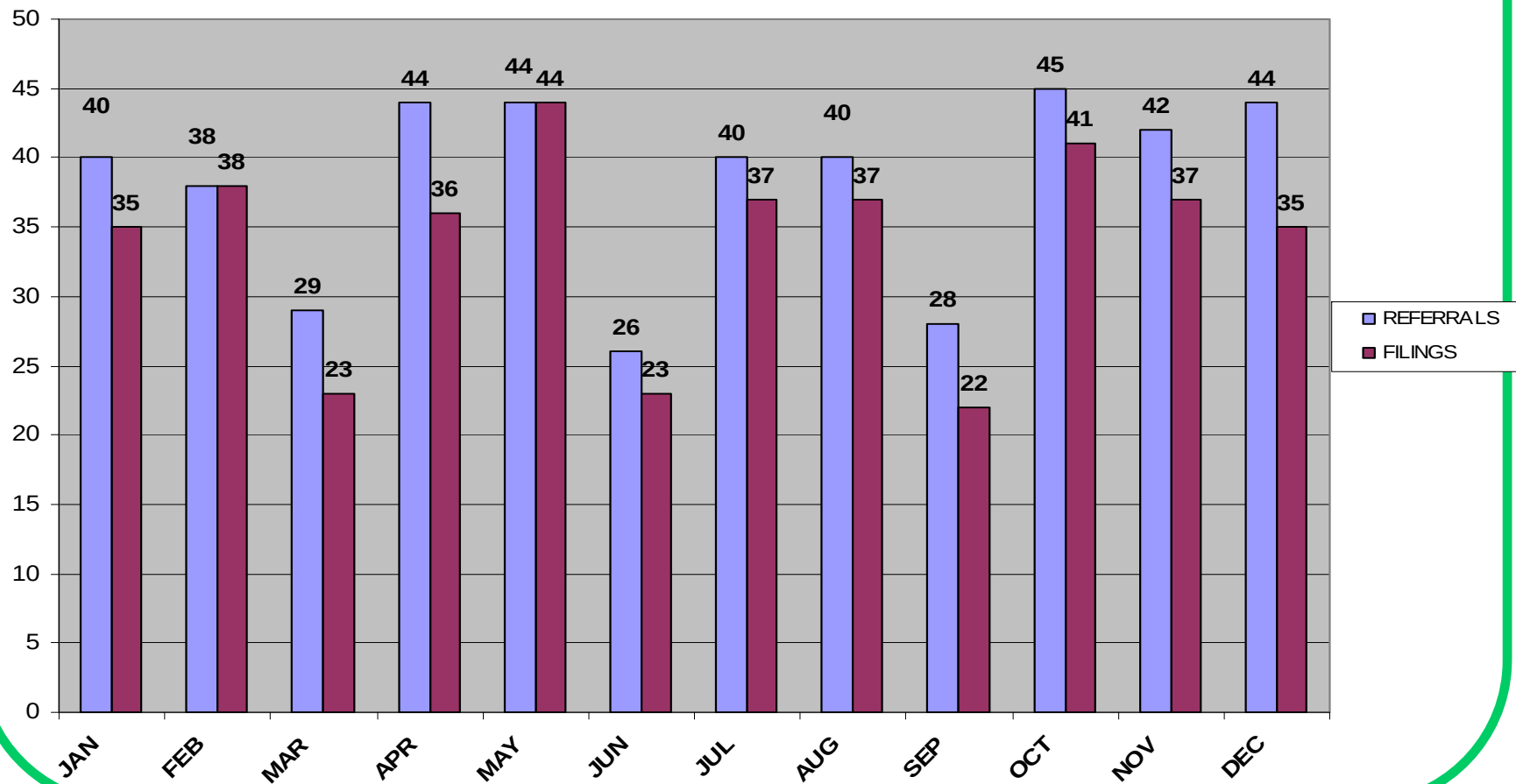
Abuse & Neglect Numbers

- On average, there were 837 children in care involving an average of 488 families.
- | <u>Referrals</u> | <u>total</u> | <u>average</u> |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| ● Family | 262 | 22/month |
| ● Children | 460 | 38/month |
- | <u>Filings</u> | <u>total</u> | <u>average</u> |
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| ● Family | 241 | 20/month |
| ● Children | 408 | 34/month |
- Petitions were filed on 89% of the referrals received.

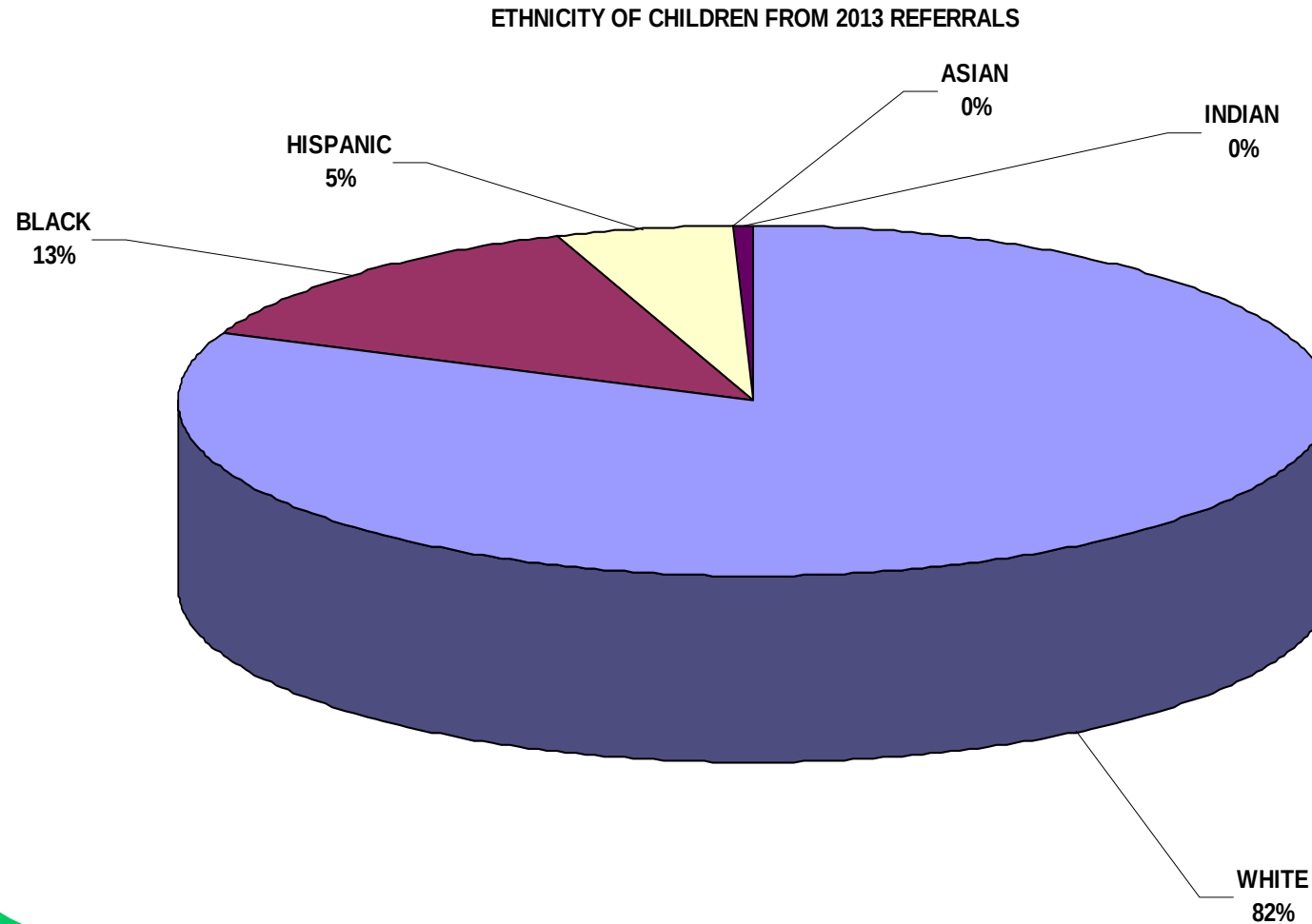
The average number of children in care decreased by 4% from 2012.

ABN Referrals & Filings

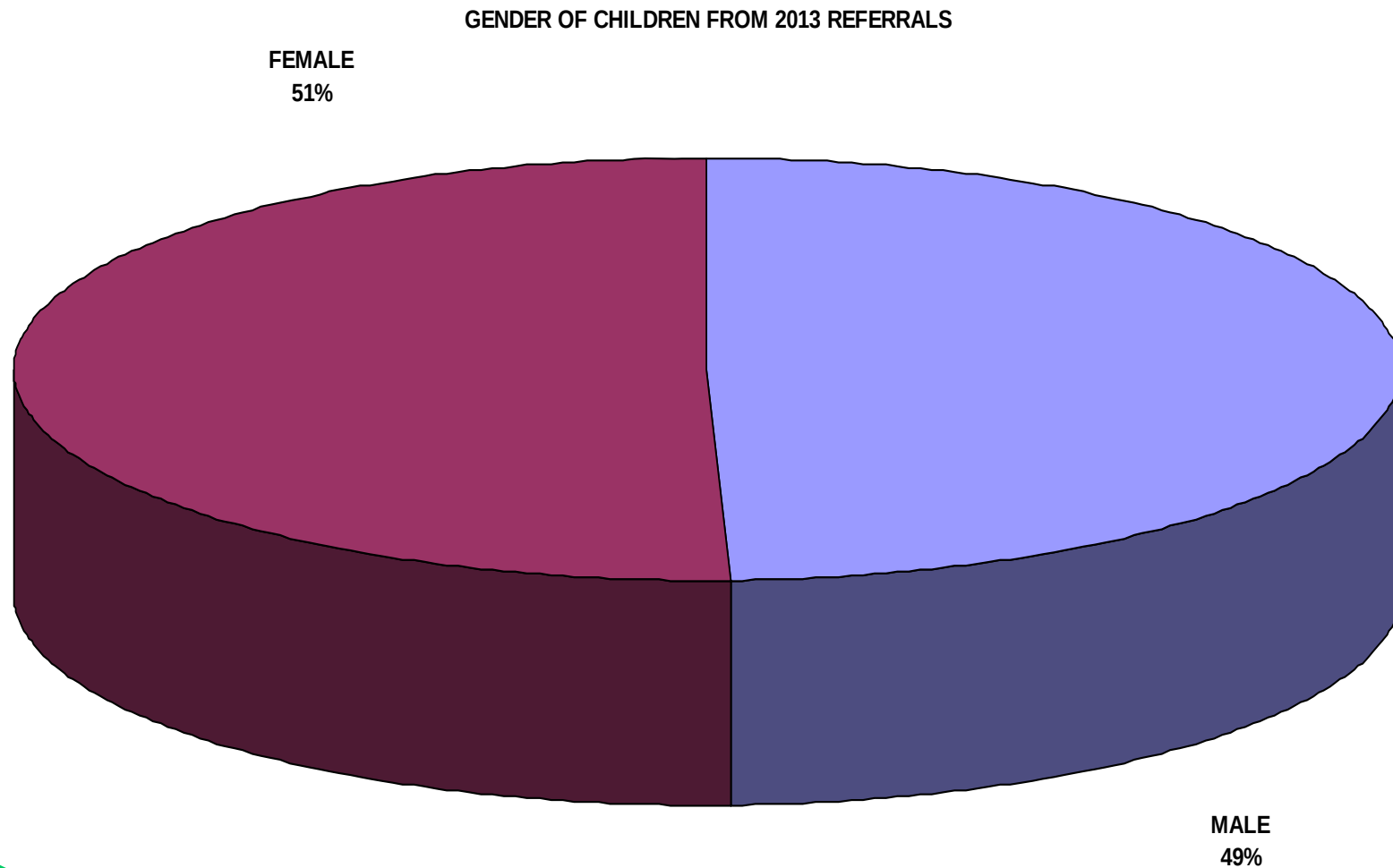
ABUSE & NEGLECT REFERRALS & FILINGS FOR 2013



ABN Referrals by Ethnicity

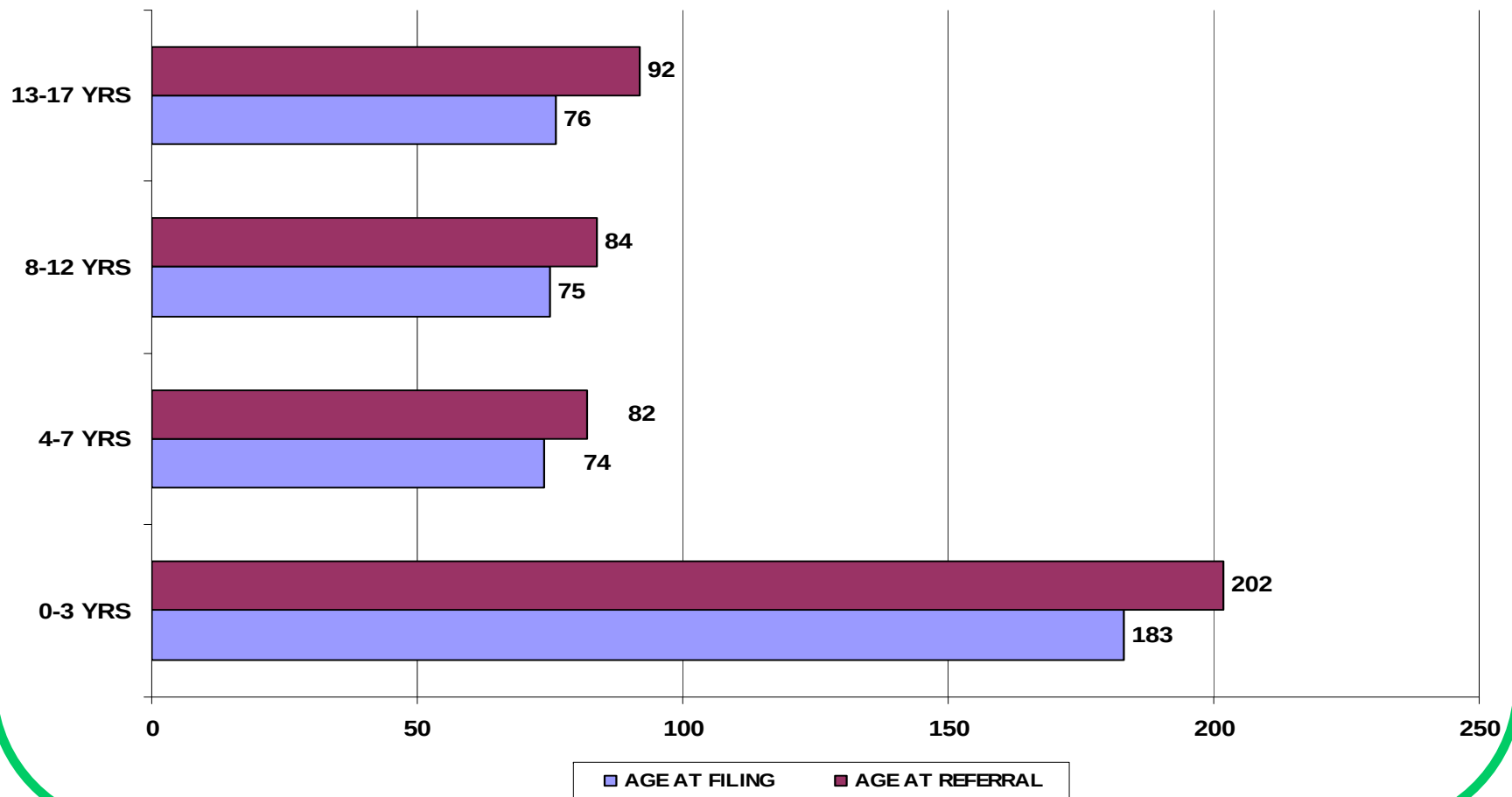


ABN Referrals by Gender



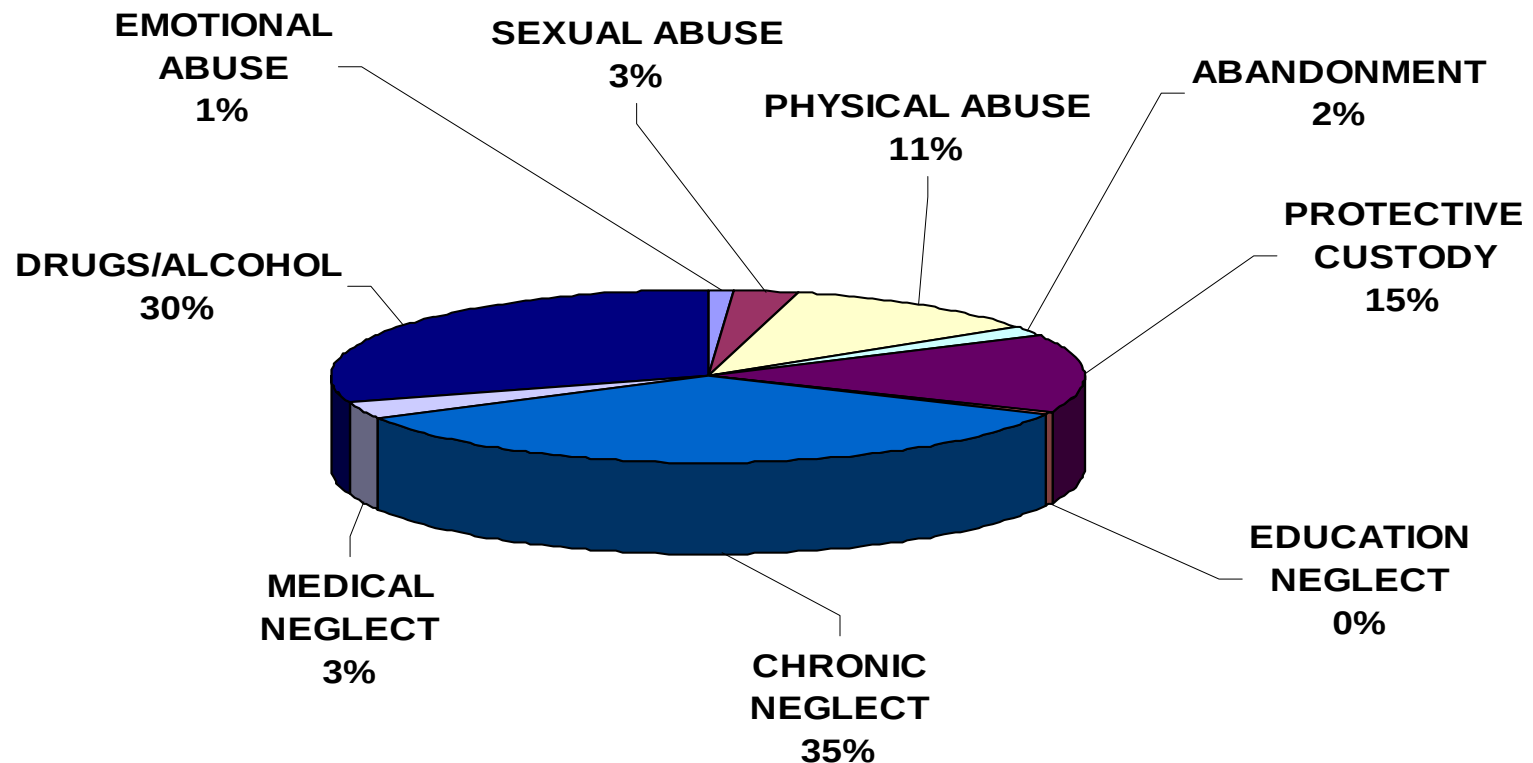
ABN Referrals & Filings by Age Groups

2013 ABUSE & NEGLECT REFERRALS AND FILINGS BY AGE GROUPS



ABN Referral Allegations

Abuse & Neglect Referral Allegations 2013



- Chronic Neglect includes lack of supervision, unsafe/unsanitary housing, domestic violence & mental health/functioning issues*
- Protective Custody indicates custody being taken by Law Enforcement or Doctor*

Controlled Substance Referrals

- **Drugs & Alcohol involved ABN Referrals**

- **Family**

- Referrals 146
- Filings 138

**47% of the 146 families
had report of
polysubstance use**

- **Children**

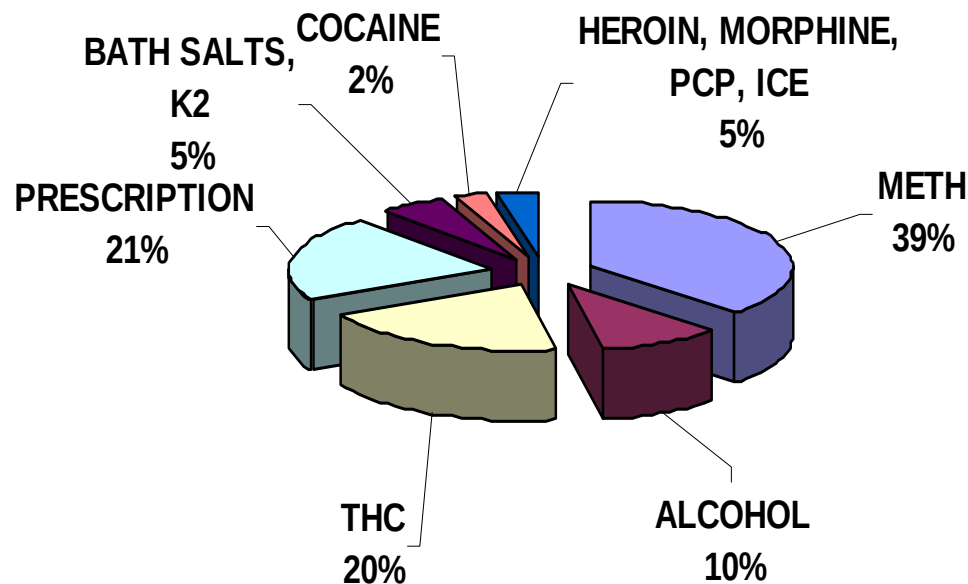
- Referrals 254
- Filings 237

- **Petitions were filed on 93% of referrals received involving drugs and/or alcohol.**

Controlled Substance Referrals

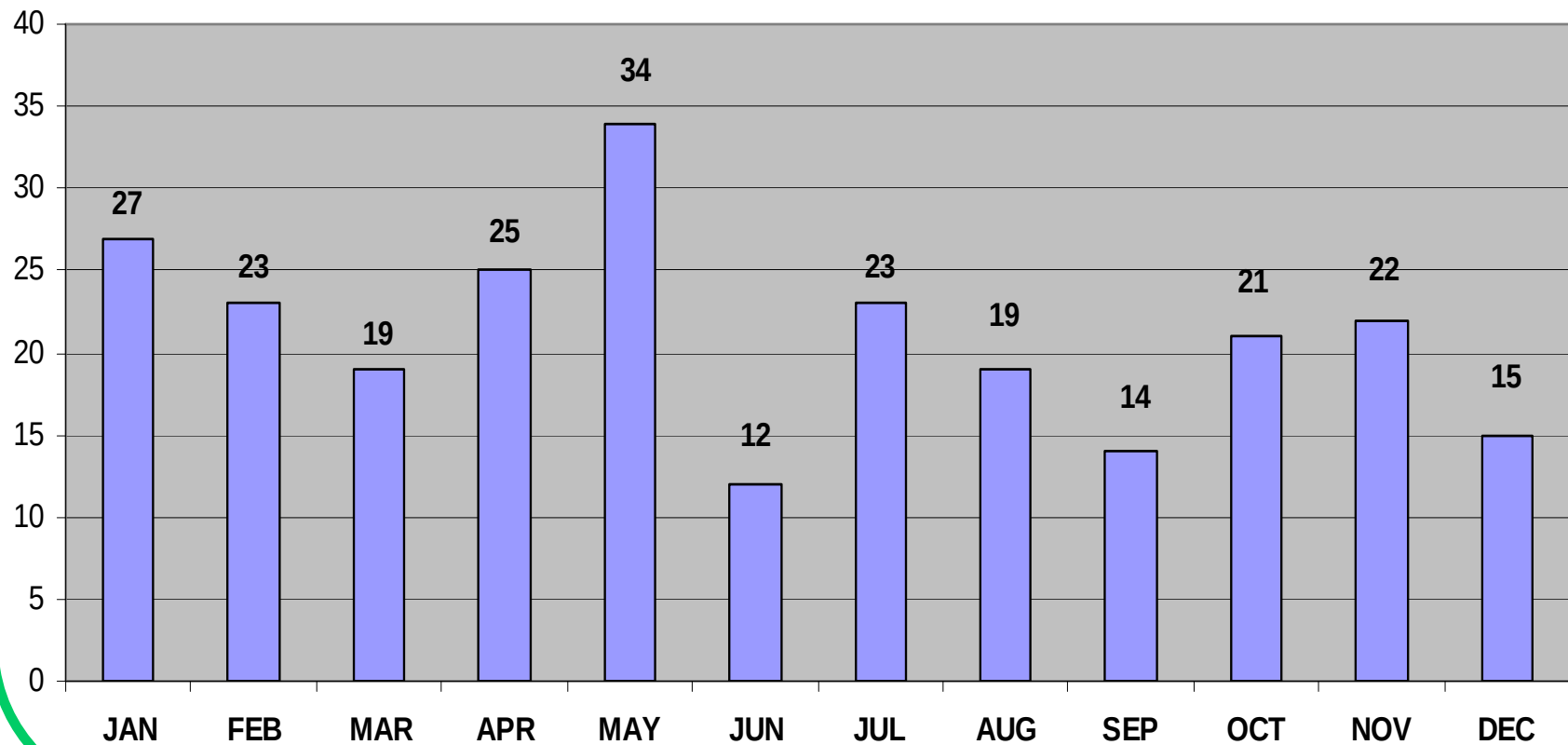
DRUGS OF CHOICE 2013

**52% of the 122
families had report
of polysubstance
use**



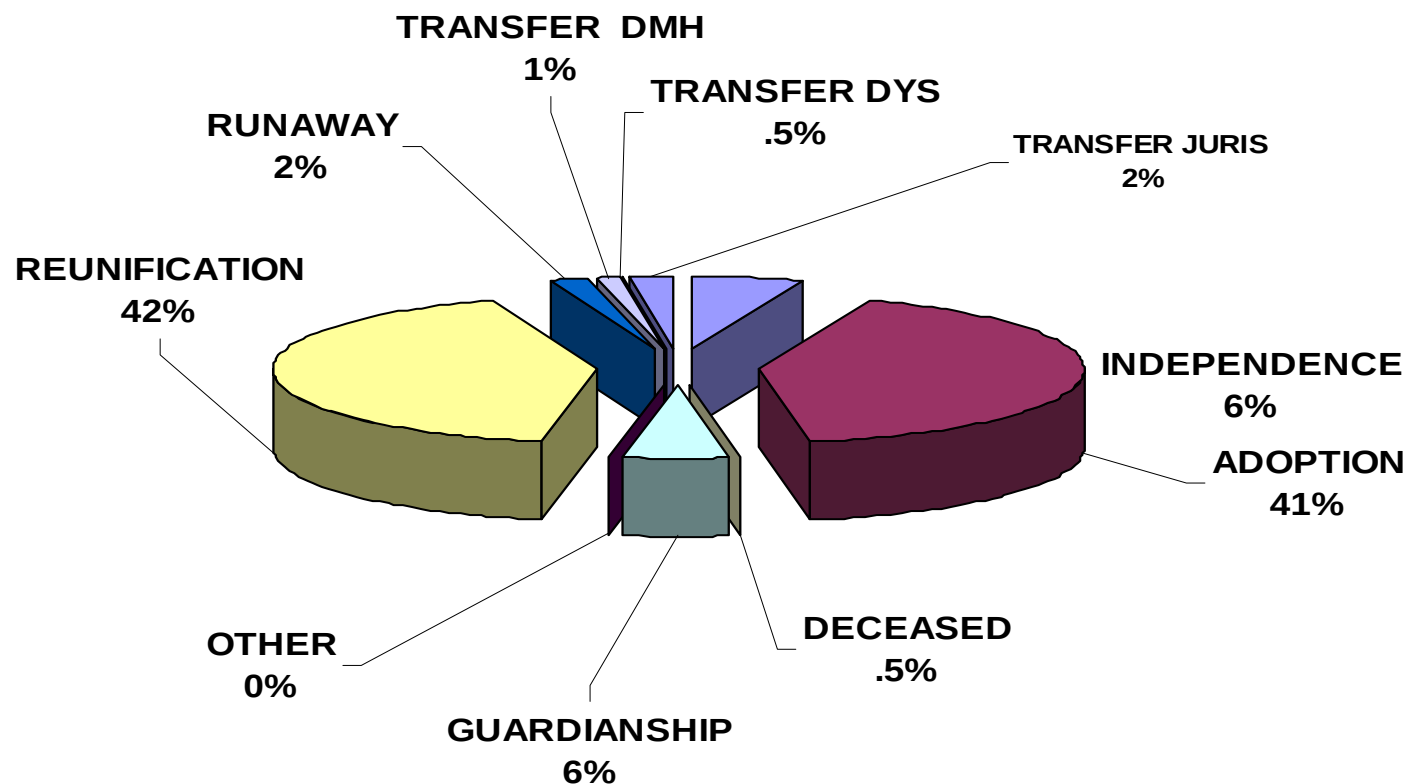
Controlled Substance Referrals

2013 Controlled Substance Related Referrals by Month



Permanency Outcomes

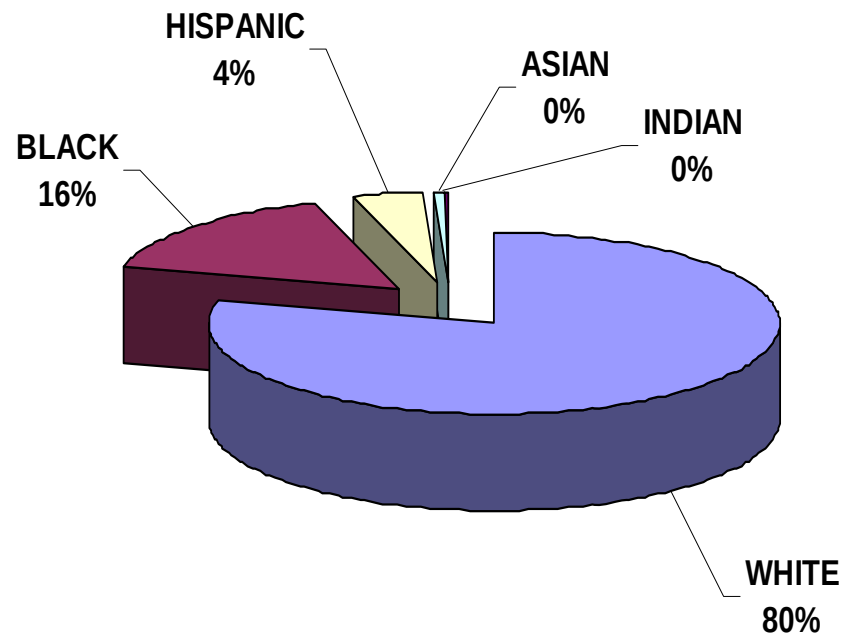
CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT CASE CLOSING OUTCOMES 2013



There were 363 children's cases closed in 2013

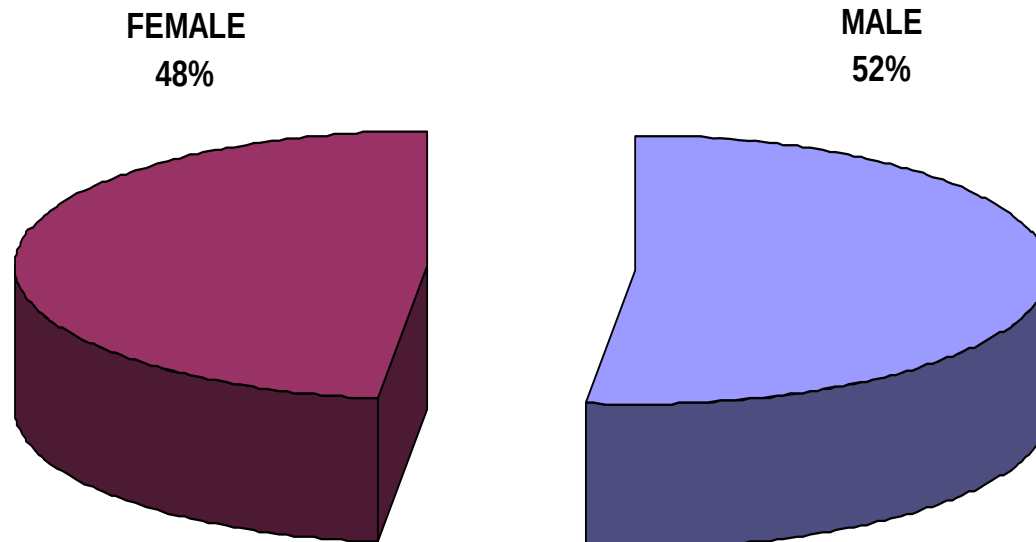
Ethnicity of Greene County Children

ETHNICITY OF GREENE COUNTY FOSTER CHILDREN
AS OF JANUARY 1, 2014



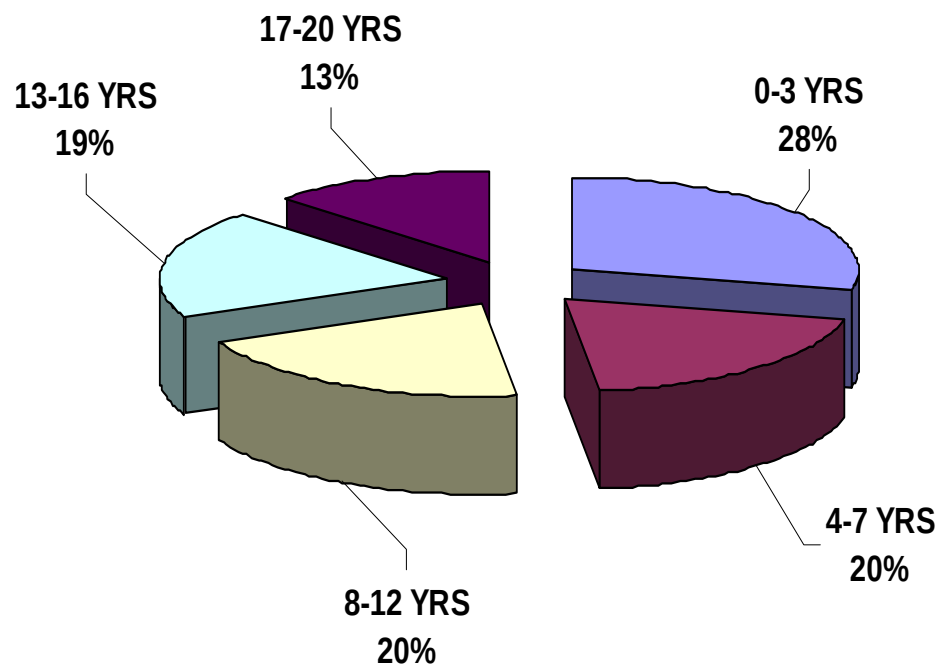
Gender of Greene County Children

GENDER OF GREENE COUNTY FOSTER CHILDREN
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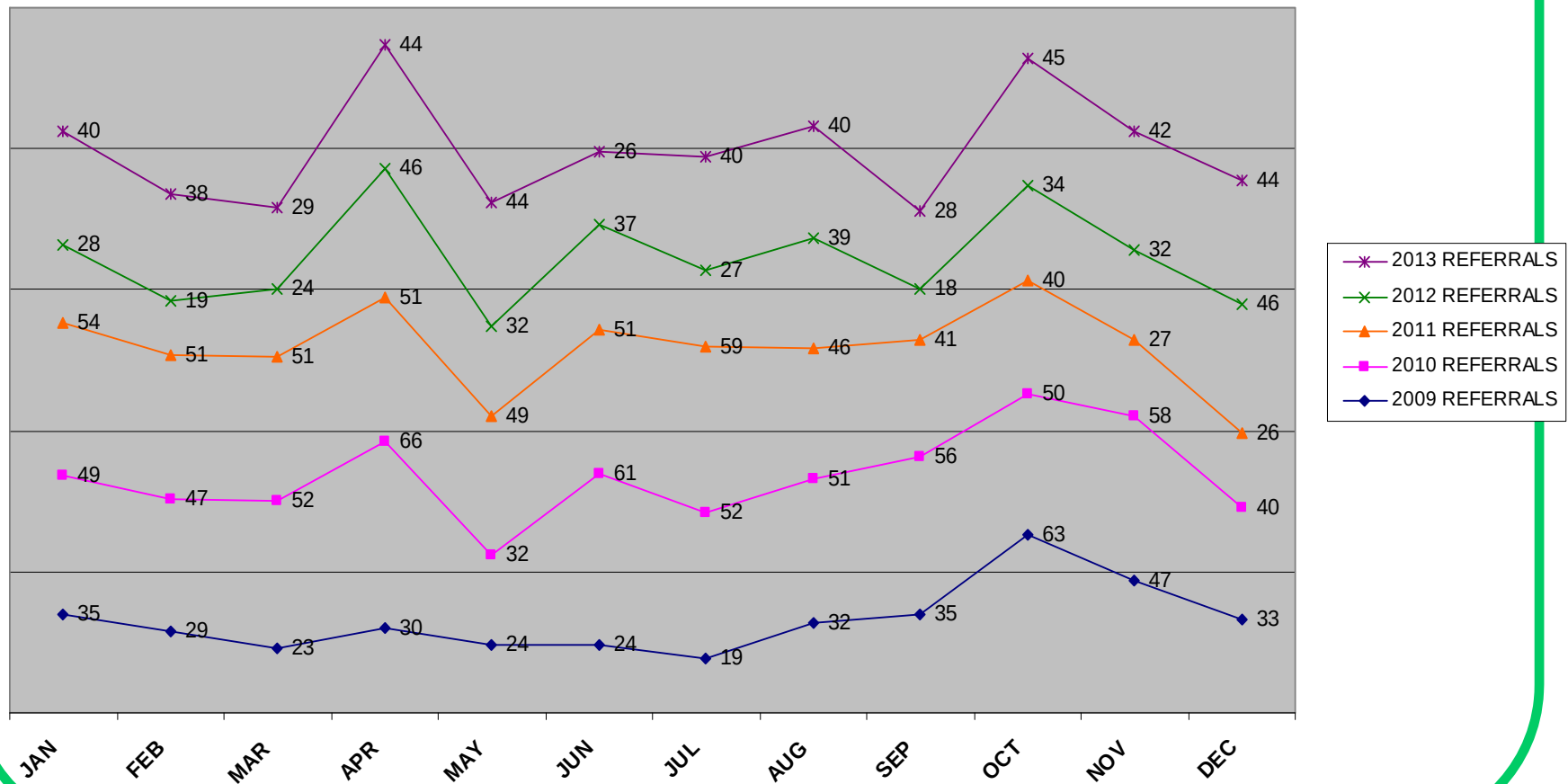
Ages of Greene County Children

GREENE COUNTY CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE BY AGE GROUP
AS OF JANUARY 1, 2014



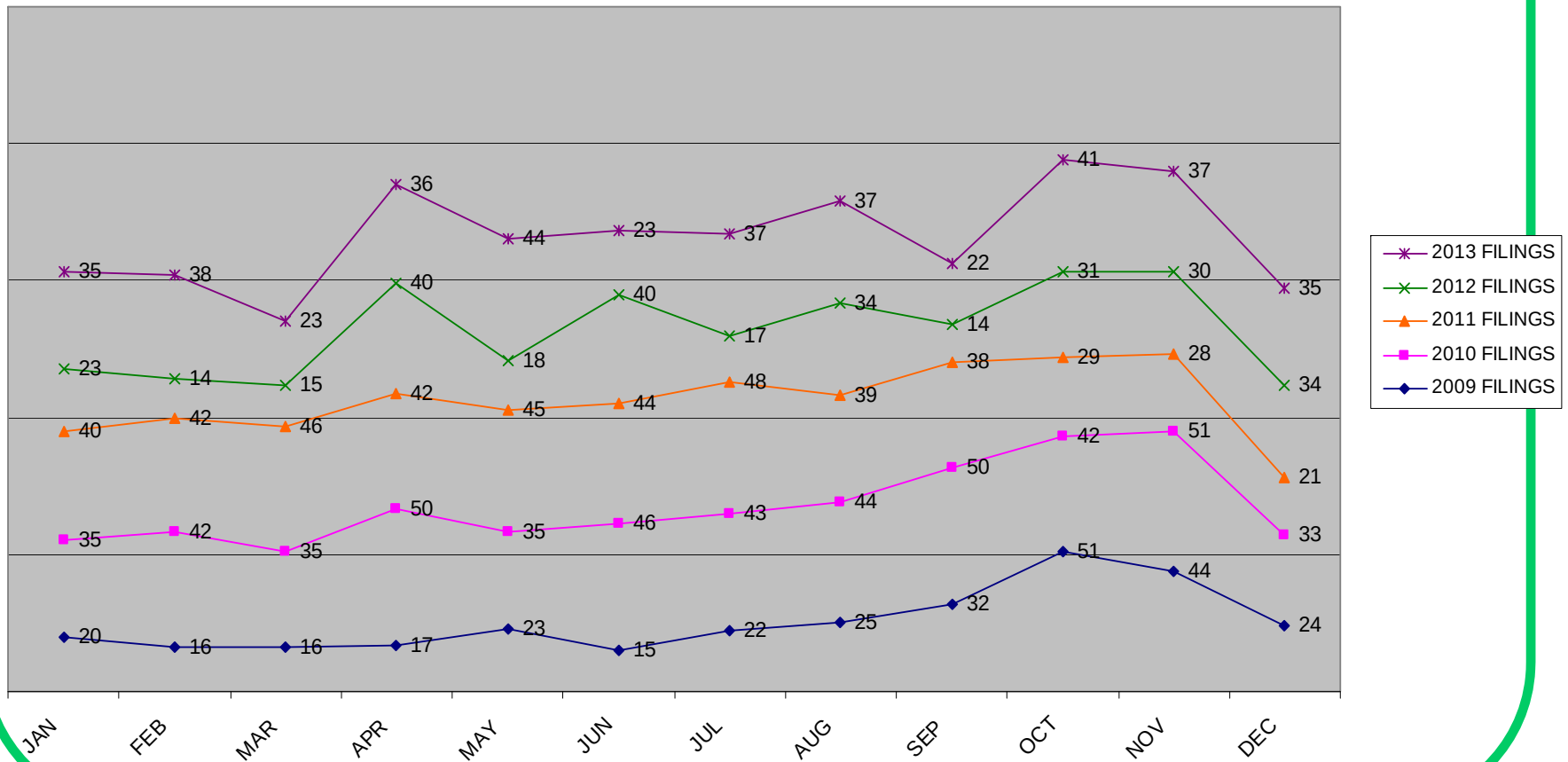
5 Year ABN Referral Comparison

ABUSE & NEGLECT REFERRALS FOR 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013



5 Year ABN Filing Comparison

ABUSE & NEGLECT FILINGS FOR 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013



Fostering Court Improvement

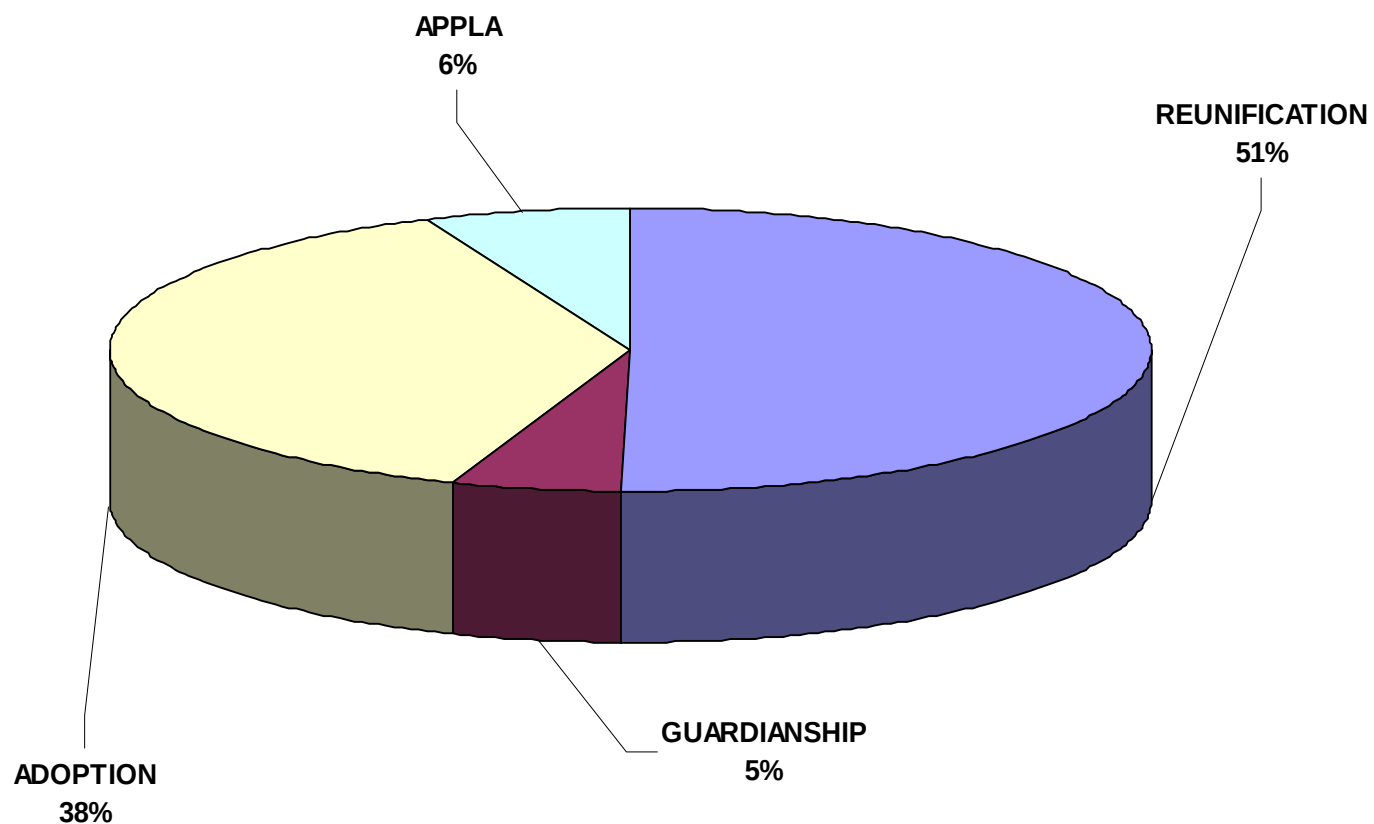
- Fostering Court Improvement is an ongoing collaborative committee tasked to actively review the system and work to alleviate barriers to permanency.
- Some of the accomplishments of the FCI committee in 2013 include:
 - Hosted two Family Group Conferencing trainings
 - Chosen as one of two Missouri sites for implementation of the Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM)
 - Birth Parent Support Group plan developed.

Road To Reunification (R2R)

- Road to Reunification was developed in Greene County and is a class put on by Abuse/Neglect Juvenile Officers which explains the court process, team meeting process, roles and responsibilities of team members, treatment plans and parent-child visitation and interactions to parents with children who have been placed into foster care.
 - 80 Parents completed the R2R class in 2013.
- 2013 Permanency rulings
 - 62% of the 2012 cases were either closed prior to one year or had a permanency finding of exceptions, meaning that a petition to terminate parental rights was not required by statute to be filed.

Road To Reunification (R2R)

2012 Permanency Case Goals



Road To Reunification (R2R)

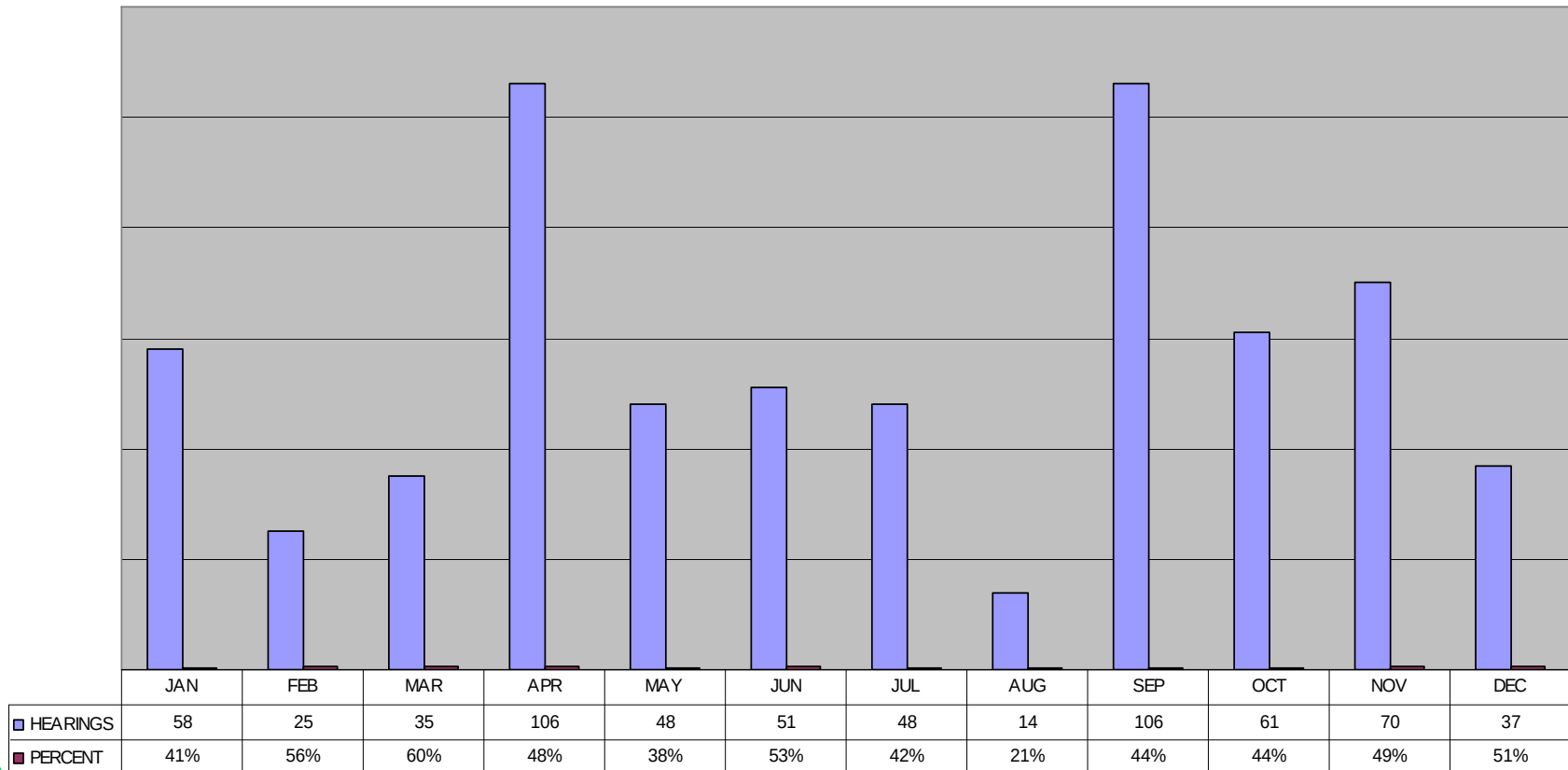
- Each parent completing the R2R class is asked to describe what they found most helpful about the class. Here are a few of their comments.
 - It gives those that don't know an understanding of how the system works for you and you for it.
 - Learning how to better communicate with the team.
 - The explanation of the overall meaning of everything.
 - It gave me a better understanding of how to progression of visits are an indicator of how my case is processing.
 - It just gave me the information I needed to get through this.

Kids In Court (KIC)

- Kids In Court is a Greene County initiative that advocates for older youth (age 12 and older) to attend court hearings on their case. KIC is utilized to give older youth an active voice in the court room and decisions that affect their life and their future.
- In 2013, 660 hearings were held for older youth that involved 323 older youth.
 - In 2013 older youth were overall able to attend their hearings 46% of the time. Court attendance was up from 34% compared to 2012.

Kids In Court (KIC)

KIC Older Youth 2013 Court Attendance



Kids In Court (KIC)

- When older youth attend hearings they are asked provide comments about the importance of attending court hearings. Here are a few of their comments.
 - Because I could voice my opinion.
 - So that people know that I am part of this too and have a voice.
 - Because it made me feel more involved in my case and in my life.
 - I can tell the Judge how I feel.
 - I want to hear what everyone has to say in person.
 - It makes my mind more at ease to know exactly what is going on with my family.

In Conclusion

- While this information and data comes from the juvenile system it is important to recognize that many entities are involved with these children and families. Thank you's are extended to CASA Volunteer's, Family Members, Foster Parent's, Guardian ad Litem's, Parent Attorney's, Social Workers, Teachers, Therapist's, Treatment Providers and the many Community Partners who provide much needed support to the system.
- We appreciate your interest in learning more about Child Abuse & Neglect cases in Greene County.
- If there are any questions or additional information needed, please feel free to contact us.
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