

GREENE COUNTY JUVENILE OFFICE

2012 CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT STATISTICS

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Abuse & Neglect Numbers

- On average, there were 875 children in care involving an average of 530 families.
- **Referrals**

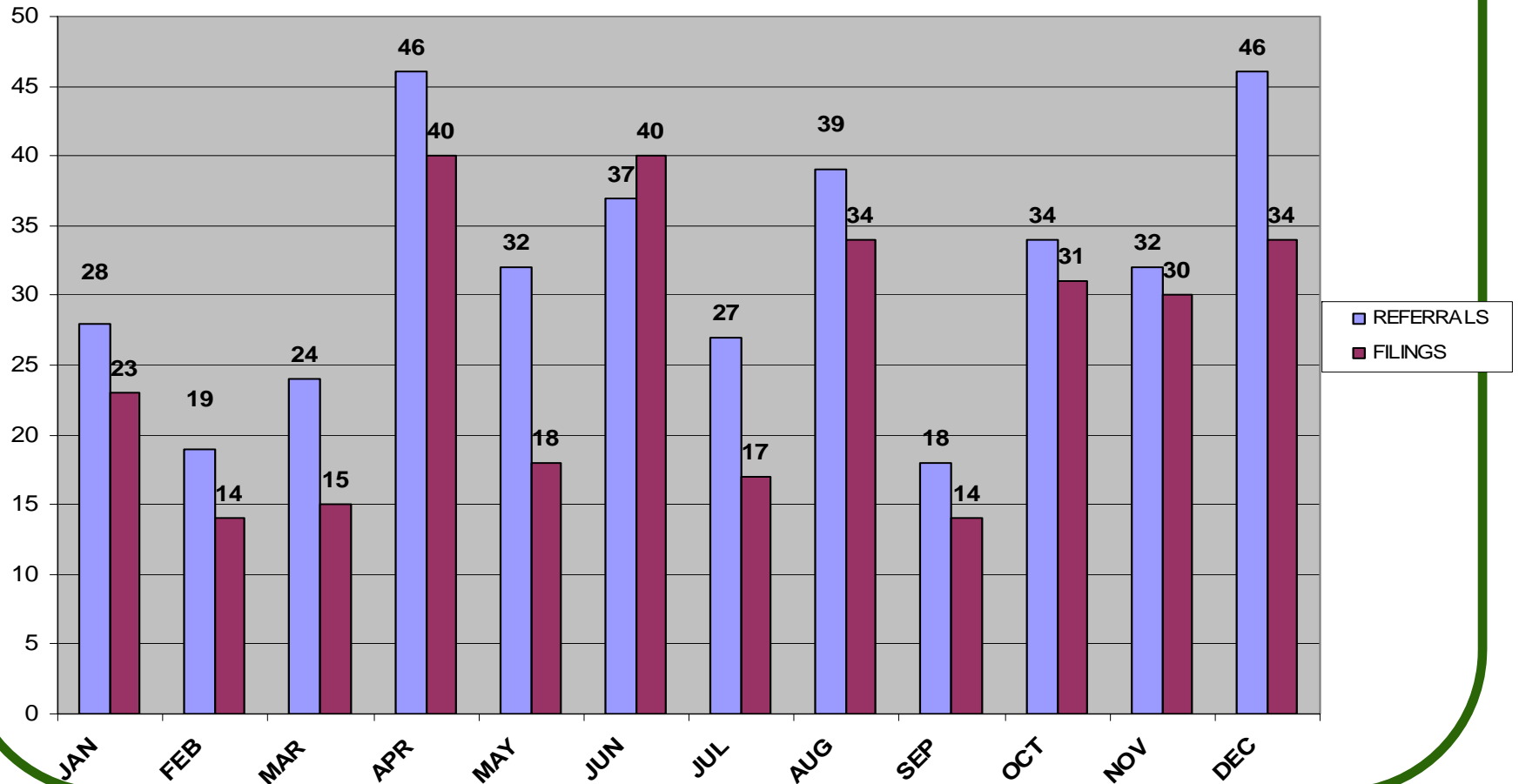
	<u>total</u>	<u>average</u>
● Family	232	19/month
● Children	382	32/month
- **Filings**

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● Family	195	16/month
● Children	310	26/month
- Petitions were filed on 81% of the referrals received.

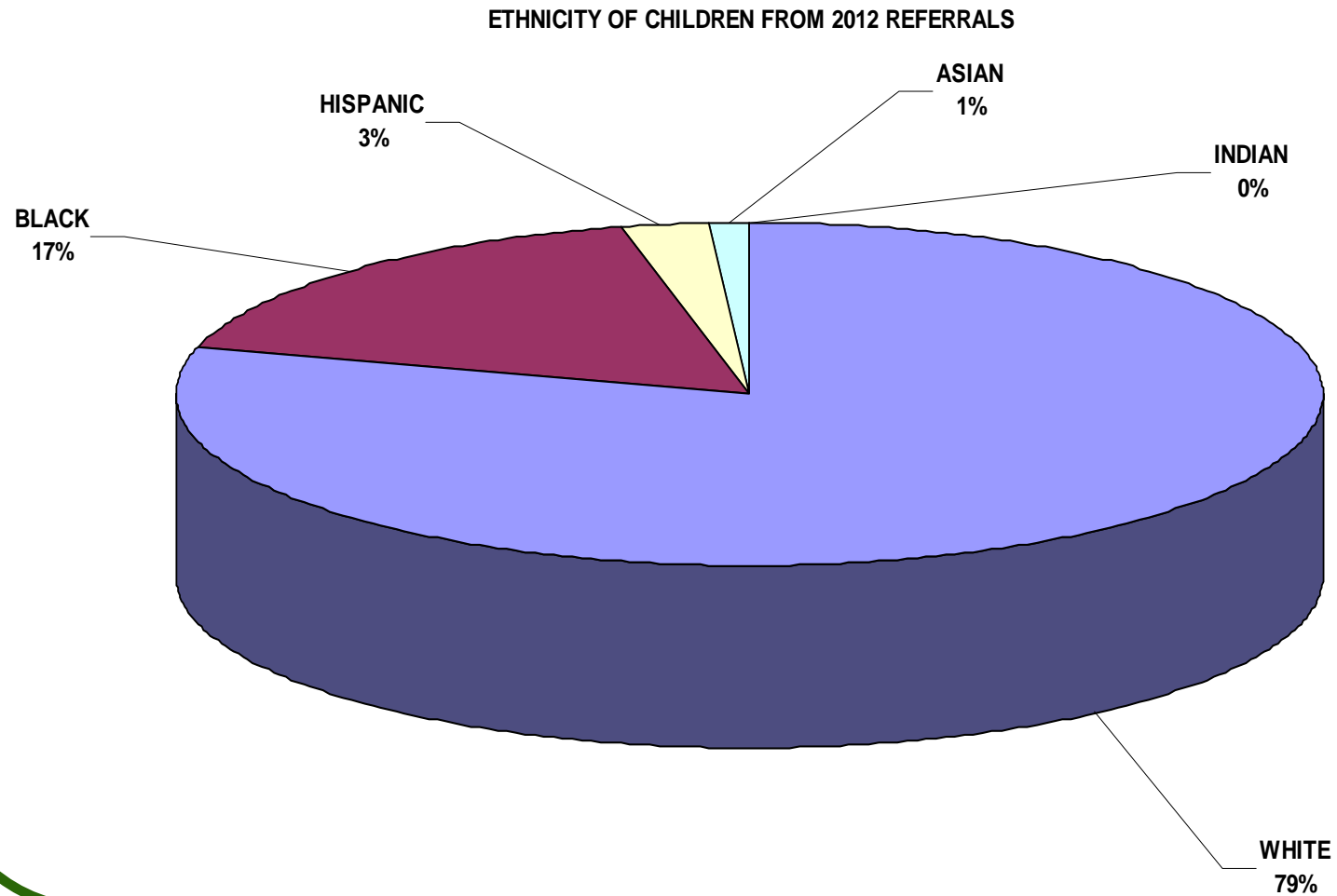
The average number of children in care decreased by 12% from 2011.

ABN Referrals & Filings

ABUSE & NEGLECT REFERRALS & FILINGS FOR 2012

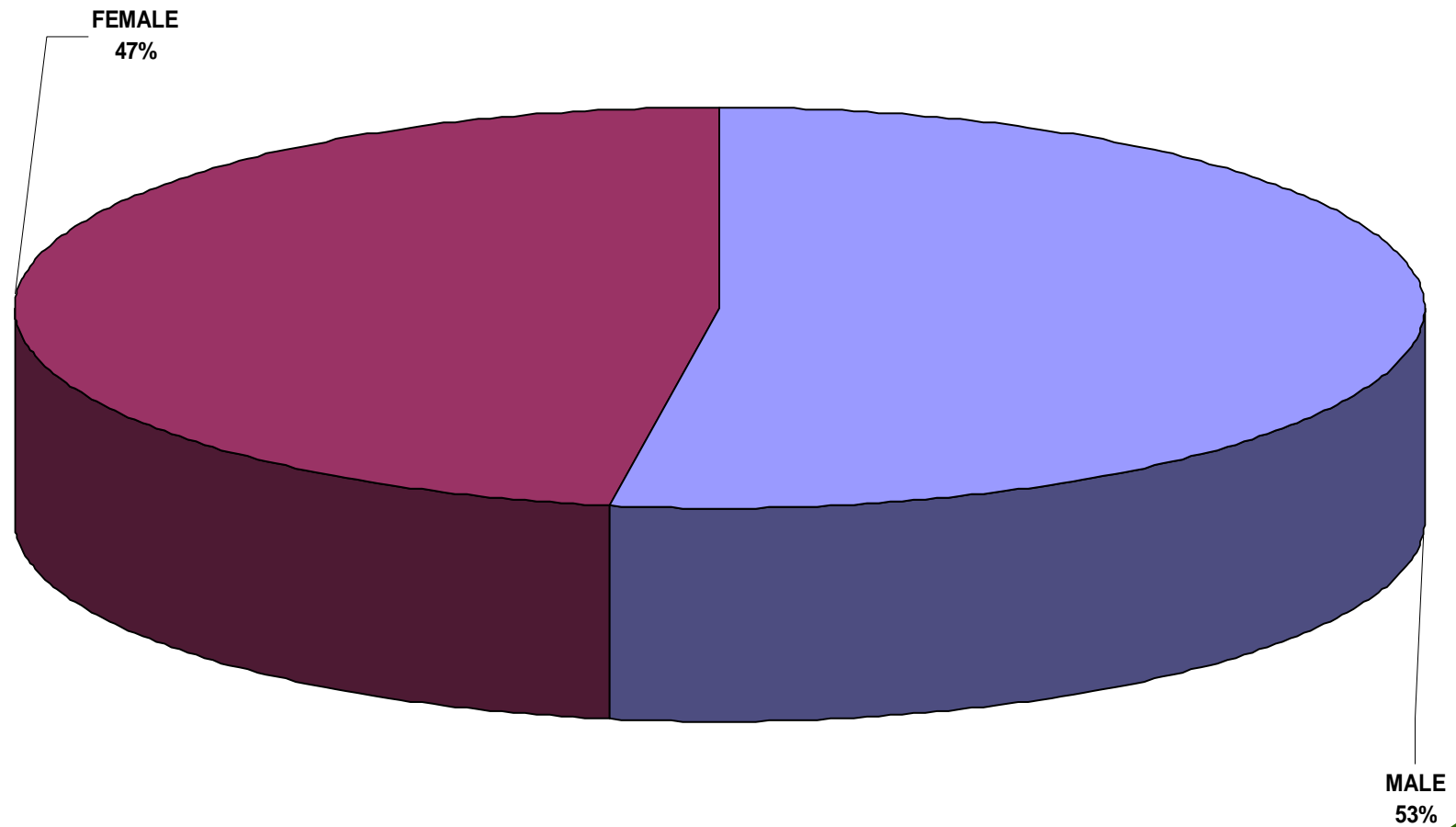


ABN Referrals by Ethnicity



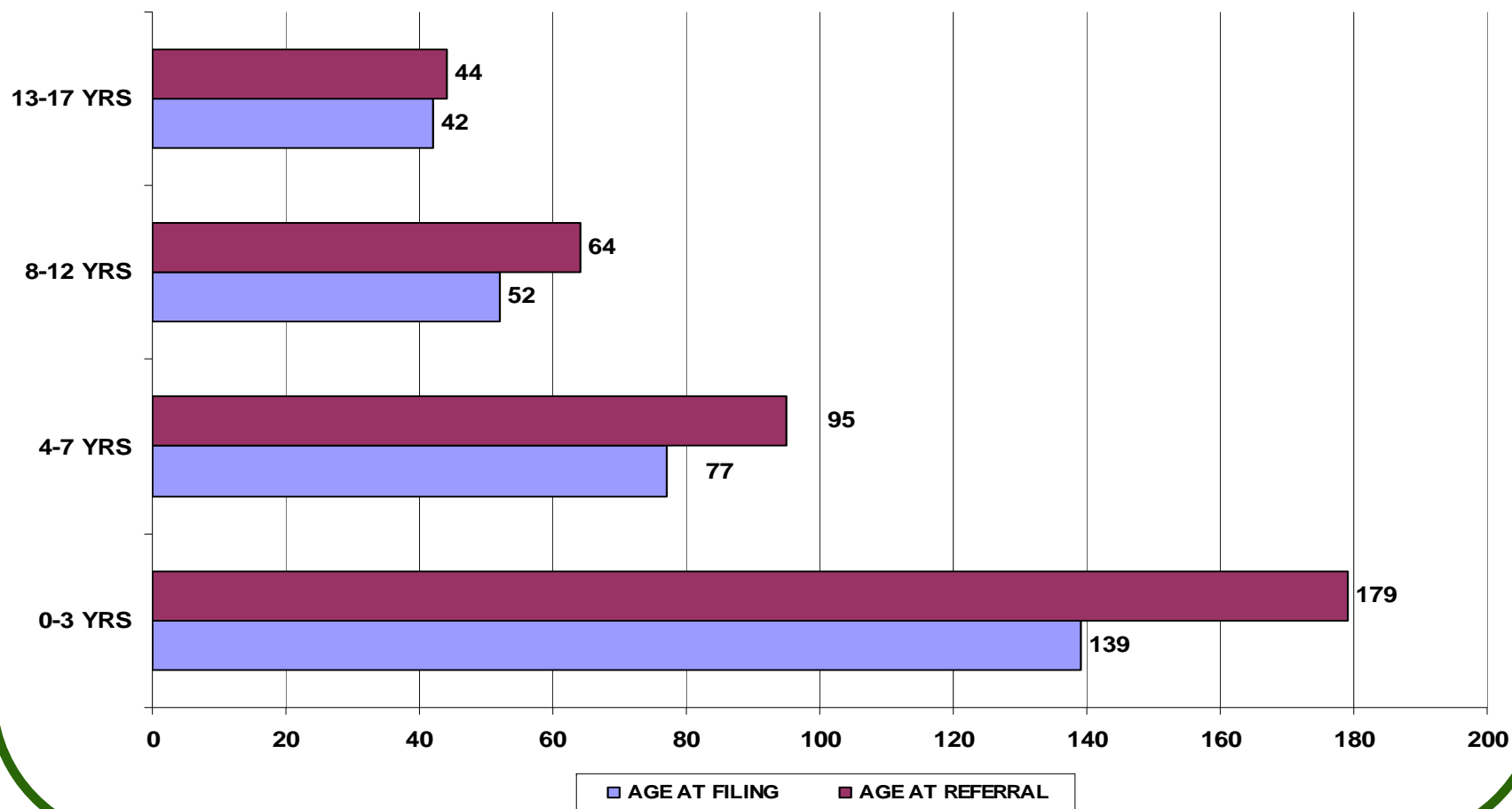
ABN Referrals by Gender

GENDER OF CHILDREN FROM 2012 REFERRALS



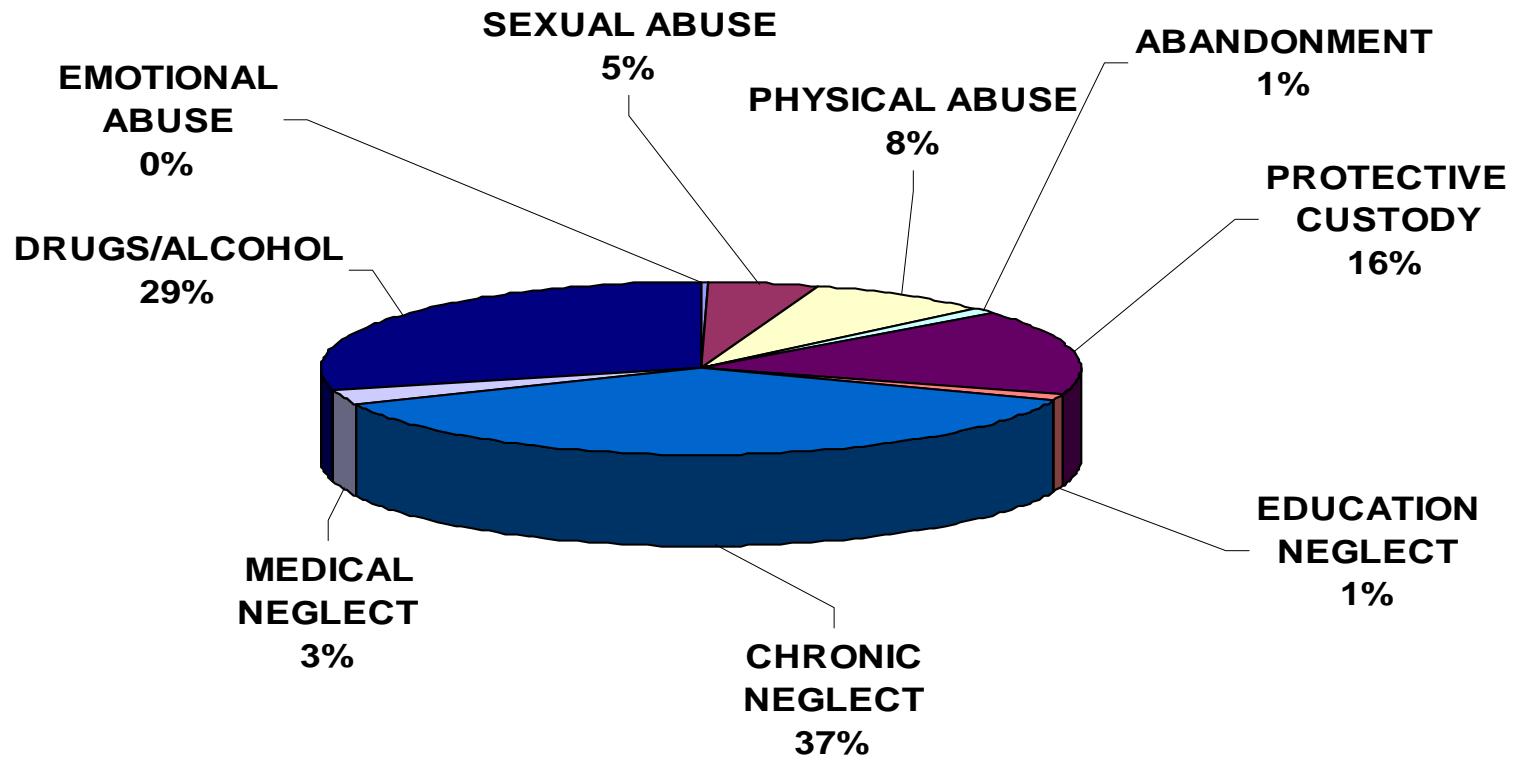
ABN Referrals & Filings by Age Groups

2012 ABUSE & NEGLECT REFERRALS AND FILINGS BY AGE GROUPS



ABN Referral Allegations

Abuse & Neglect Referral Allegations 2012



•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	122
● Filings	106

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polysubstance use**

- **Children**

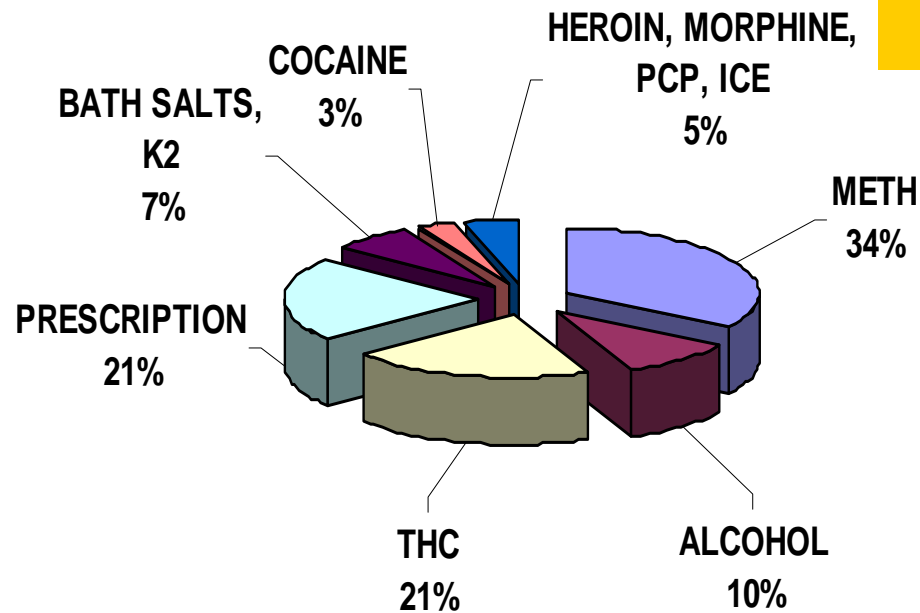
● Referrals	201
● Filings	170

- **Petitions were filed on 85% of referrals received involving drugs and/or alcohol.**

Controlled Substance Referrals

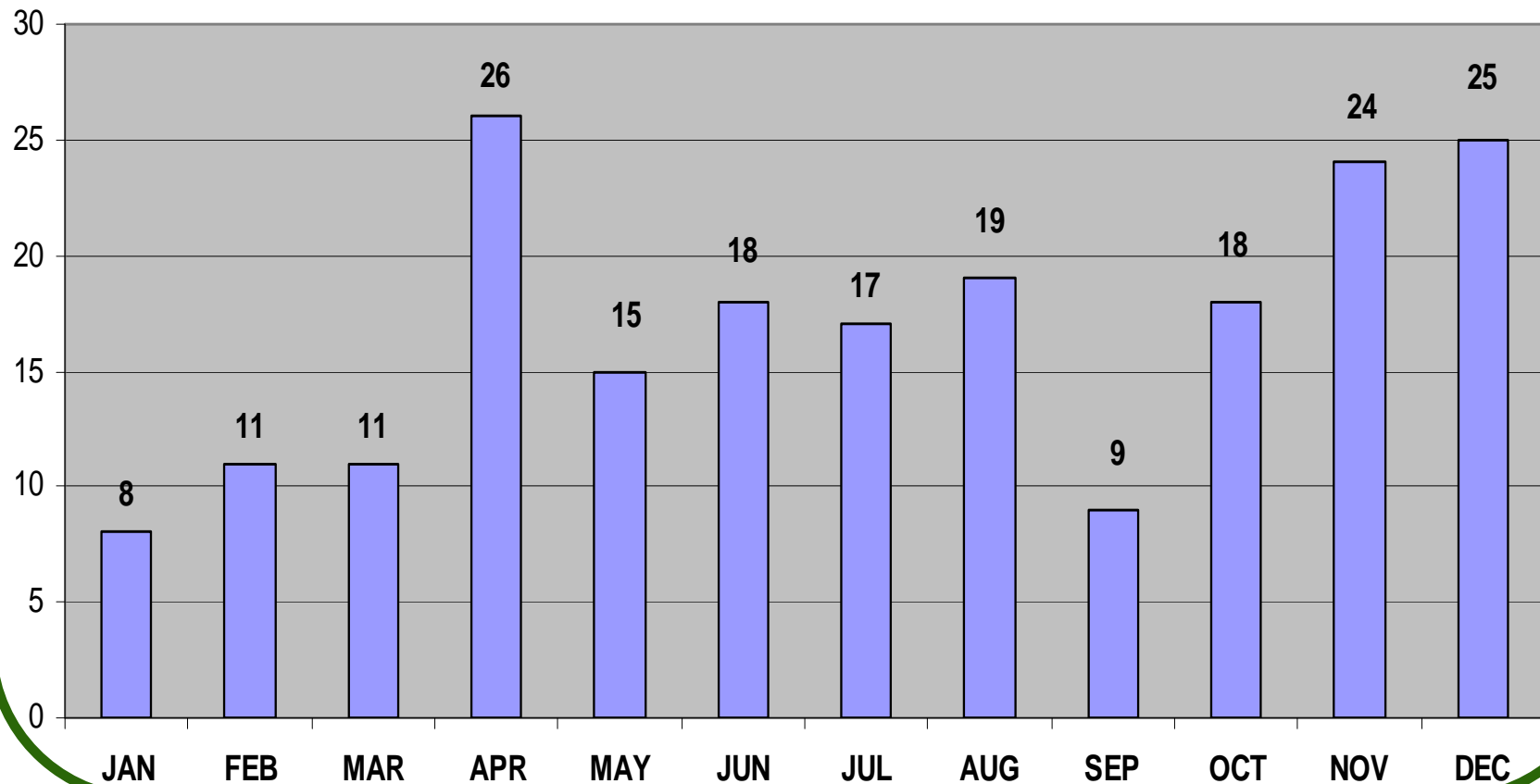
DRUGS OF CHOICE 2012

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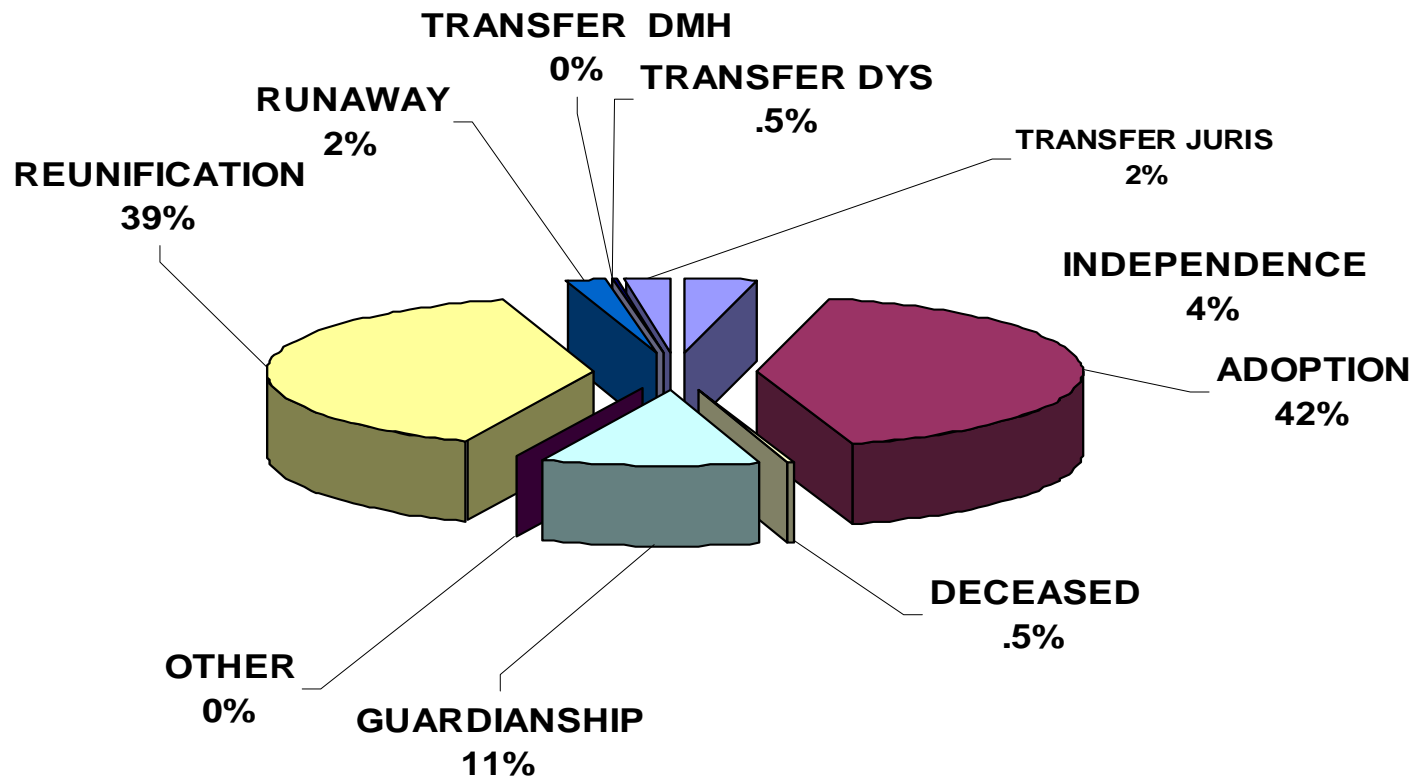
Controlled Substance Referrals

2012 Controlled Substance Related Referrals by Month



Permanency Outcomes

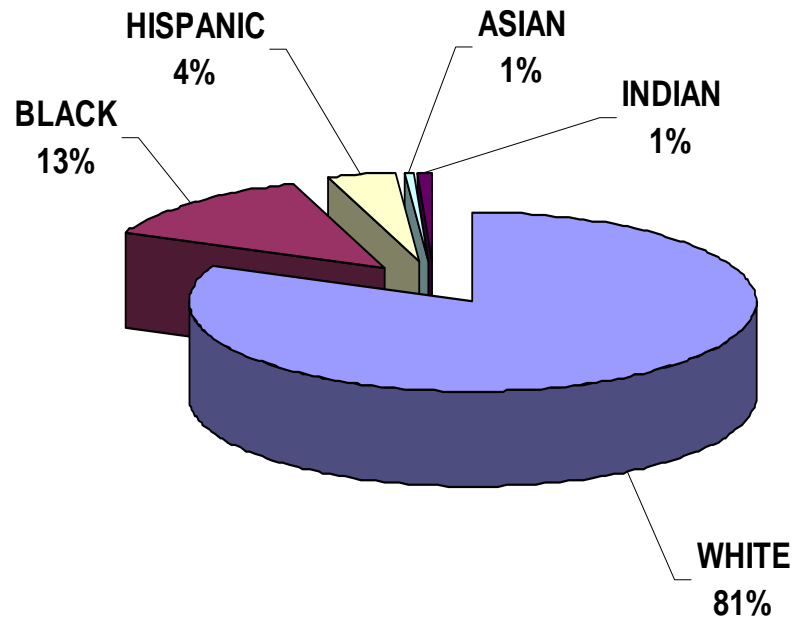
CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT CASE CLOSING OUTCOMES 2012



There were 462 children's cases closed in 2012

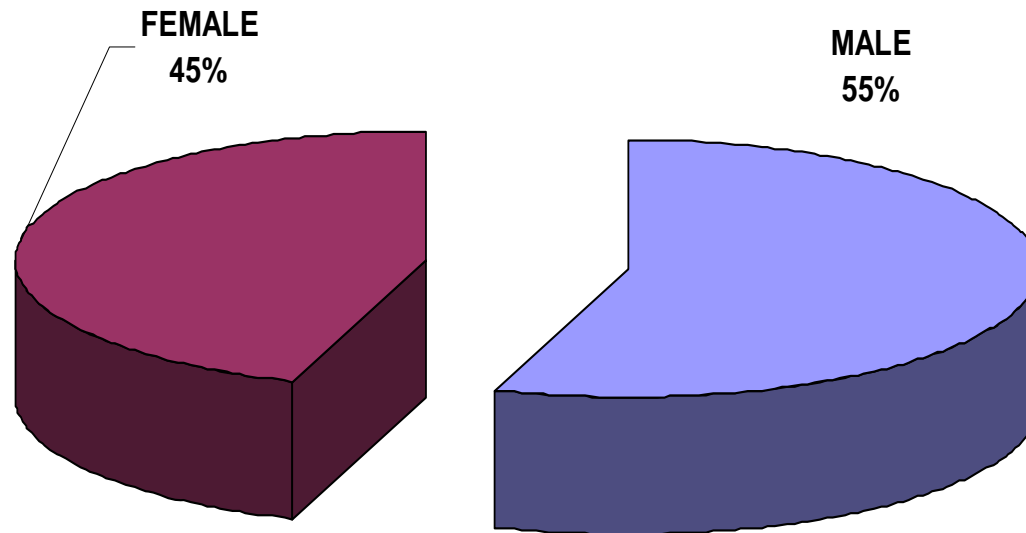
Ethnicity of Greene County Children

ETHNICITY OF GREENE COUNTY FOSTER CHILDREN
AS OF JANUARY 1, 2013



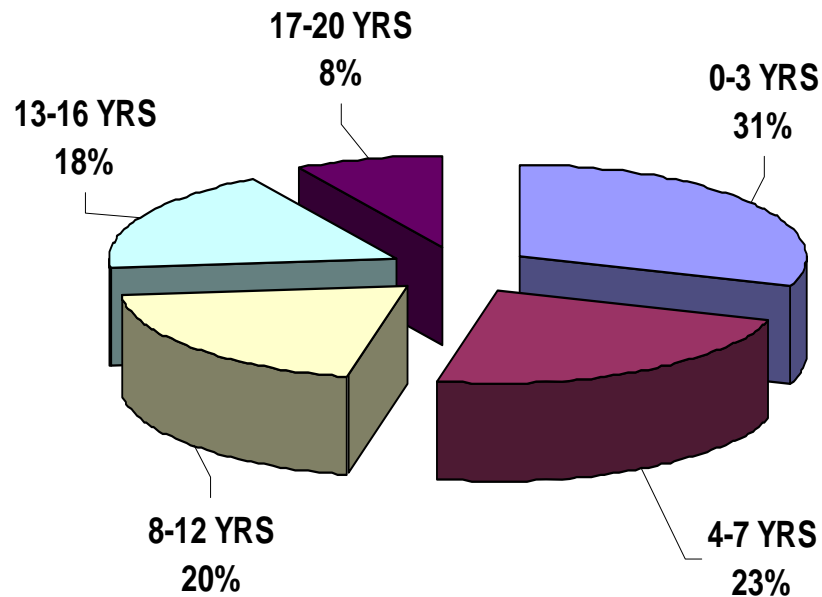
Gender of Greene County Children

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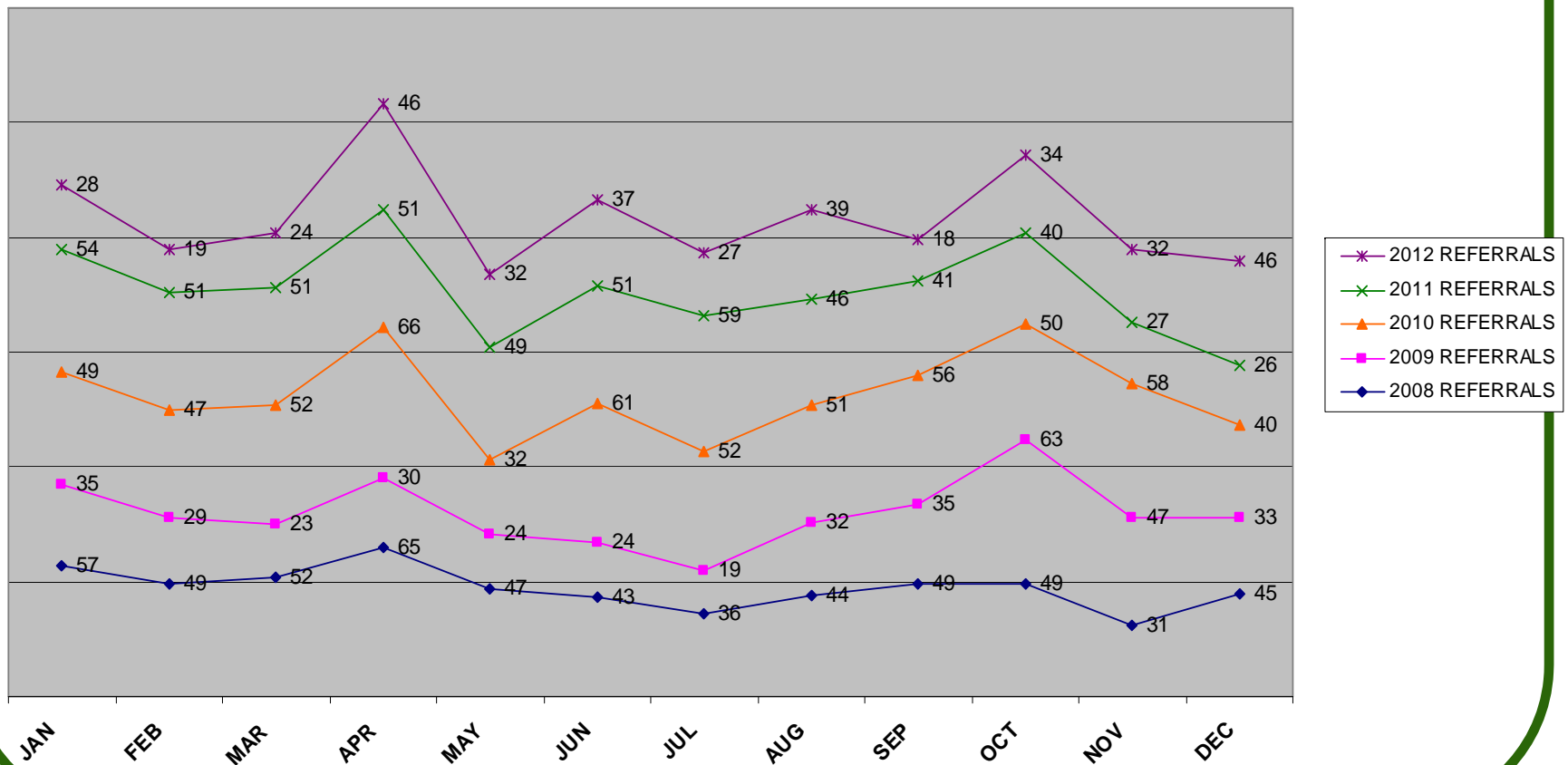
Ages of Greene County Children

GREENE COUNTY CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE BY AGE GROUP
AS OF JANUARY 1, 2013



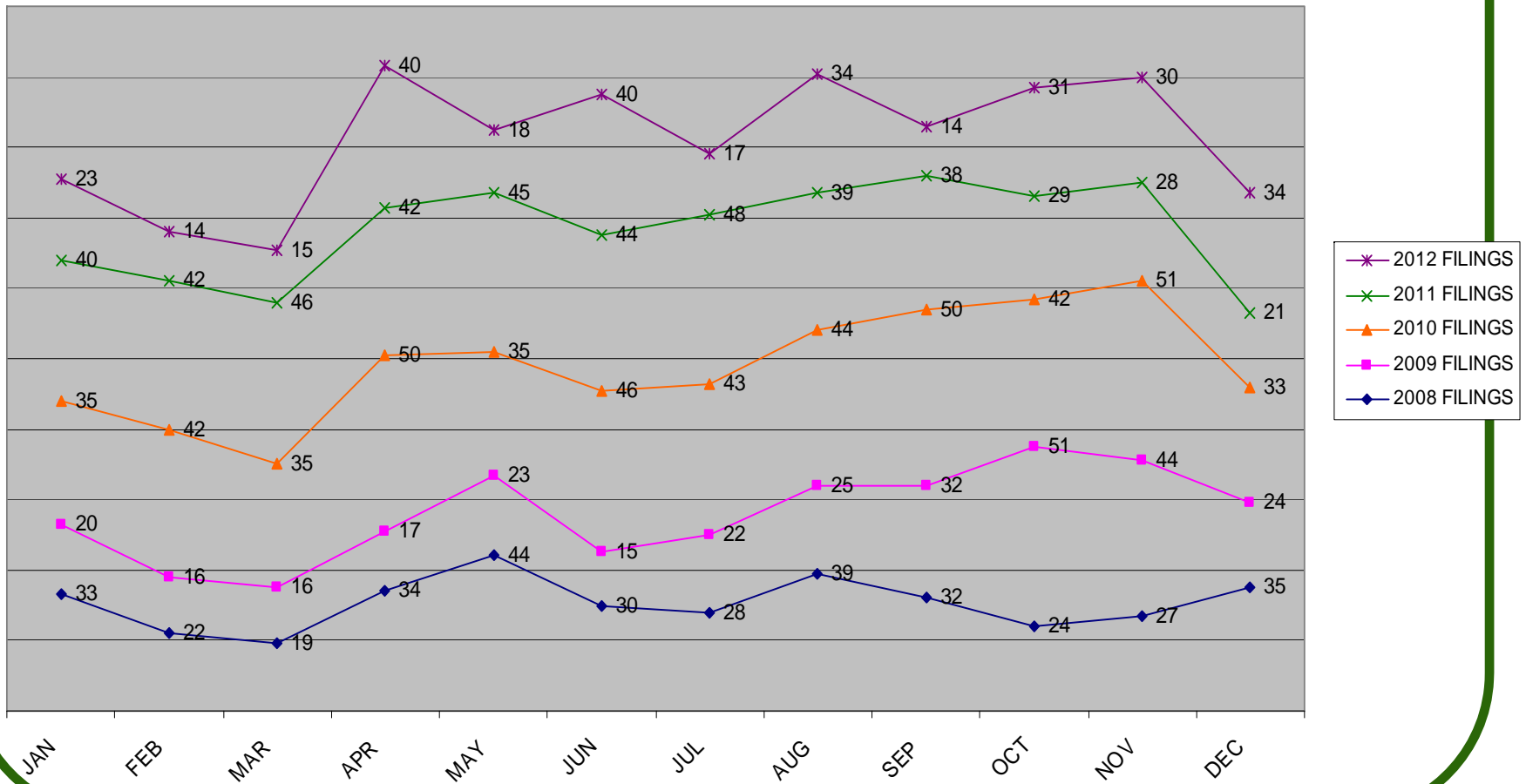
5 Year ABN Referral Comparison

ABUSE & NEGLECT REFERRALS FOR 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012



5 Year ABN Filing Comparison

ABUSE & NEGLECT FILINGS FOR 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012



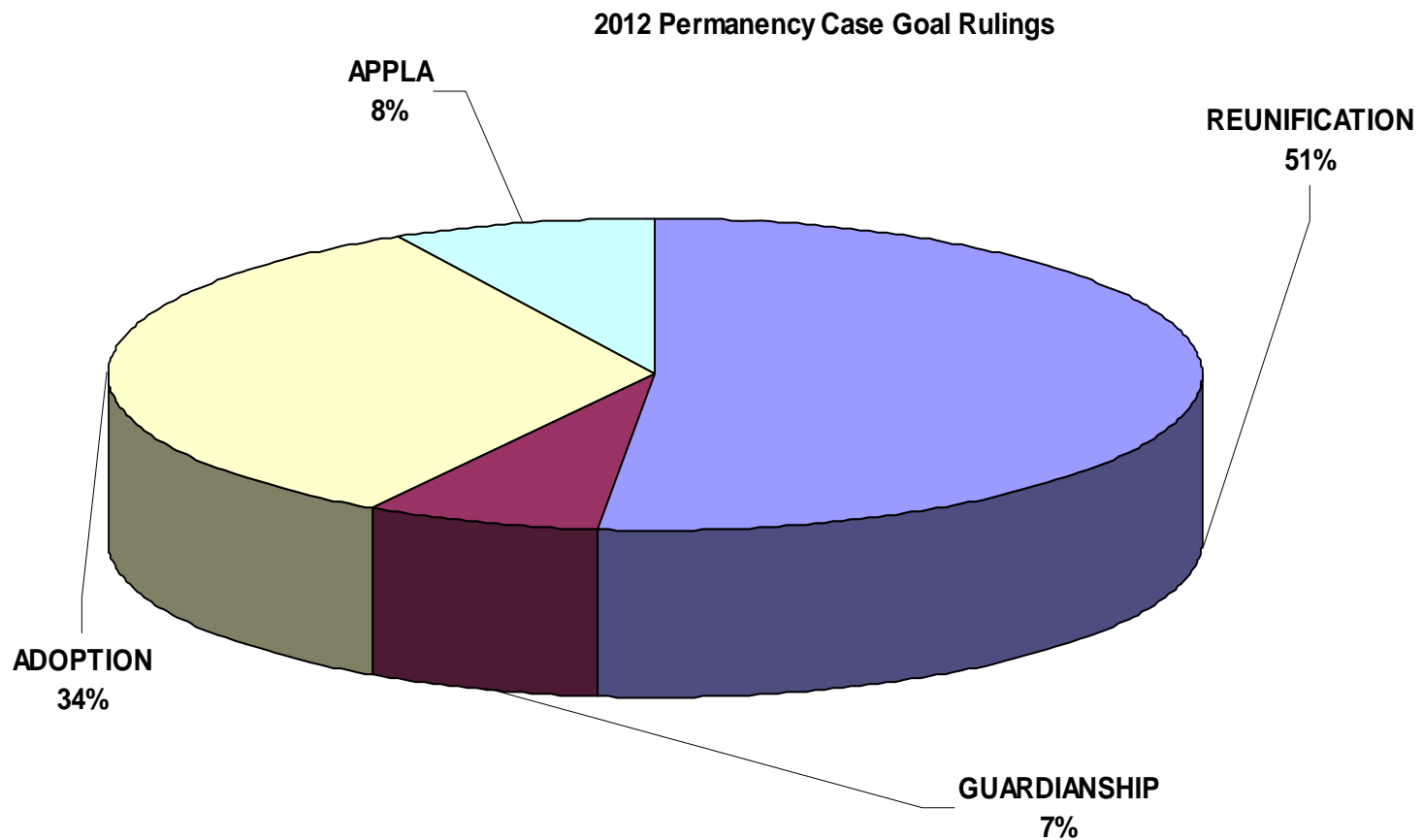
Fostering Court Improvement

- 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 2012 include:
 - Court Summary Committee remodeled content court hearing reports and treatment plans utilized in Child Abuse & Neglect cases in Greene County with an emphasis of incorporating Framework for Safety concepts.
 - Developed and presented Visitation Training to Attorney's, CASA, Case Workers, Foster Parents, and Juvenile Officers.
 - Established permanency goal subcommittees' to address permissive placements exceeding 180 days and protective custody assessment.

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.
 - 75 Parents completed the R2R class in 2012.
- 2012 Permanency rulings
 - 66% of the 2011 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.

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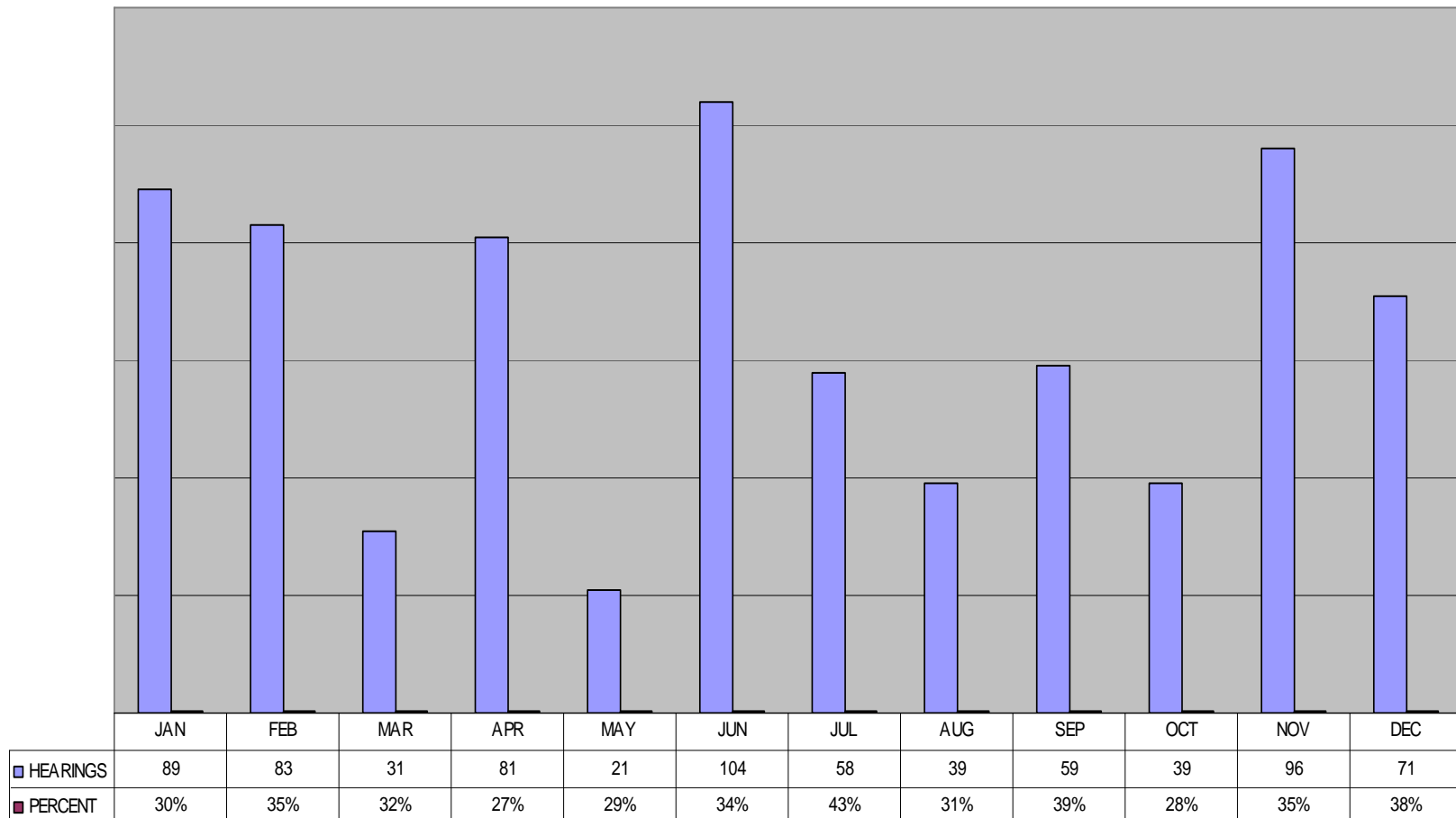
- Each parent completing the R2R class is asked to describe what they found most helpful about the class. Here are a few of their comments.
 - “The class gave me information to answer all my questions.”
 - “I am more confident in the process and steps I’m going to take and changes I’m going to make.”
 - “The class gave a full step by step explanation of the overall process.”
 - “The visitation suggestions and court process description.”
 - “To know what questions to ask to help me and my child.”
 - “This was helpful to understand the process and know what to expect.”

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 2012 772 hearings were held for older youth that involved 338 older youth.
 - In 2012 older youth were overall able to attend their hearings 34% of the time.

Kids In Court (KIC)

KIC Older Youth 2012 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 need to know what is going on. I have the right to know everything that is going on.”
 - “Because we need to know what is going on and want our dad to try hard and not give up on his kids.”
 - “I like to hear what’s said first hand.”
 - “Because if it is going to change my life in the slightest I would like to be there.”
 - “Advocating for myself is important to me.”
 - “I love being here. I think it’s amazing. All of the people in that room are very supportive of me a lot. I just enjoy being around them so much.”

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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