



# VERMONT

## DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES Family Services Division

To: Child Protection Oversight Committee  
 From: Cindy Walcott, Deputy Commissioner  
 Date: June 28, 2016  
 Subject: Status Report on Additional Positions Funded

This year, the legislature funded 35 additional positions for DCF's Family Services Division. Of the 35 positions, 32 are being filled in our direct service operations.

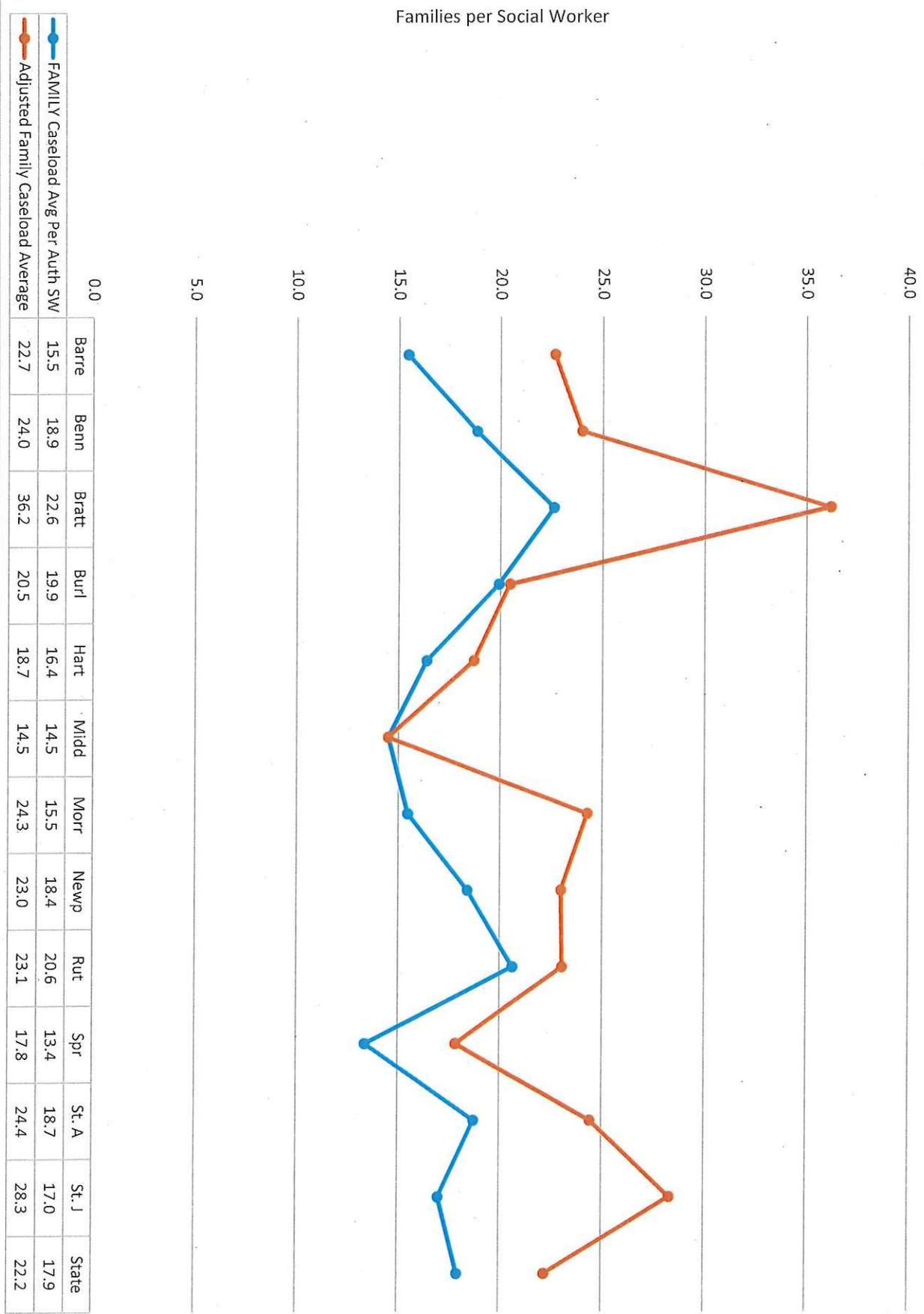
Social Worker positions comprised 25 of the new positions – 20 to district offices and 5 to Centralized Intake. In Centralized Intake, the intent was to dramatically reduce ongoing reliance on temporary staff.

District	SW	Sup	Senior SW	Admin	State and Federal Agreement Mgr	Client Placement	RC	QA Specialist	Status
Barre	1			1					Filled
Benn	2								Filled
Bratt	1		1						1 SW still pending
Burl	3						1		Filled
Hart	1								Filled
Midd	1								Filled
Morr	1								Filled
Newp	1								Filled
Rut	3								Filled
Spr									Filled
St. A	3	1					1		1 SW still pending
St. J	1								Filled
Centralized Intake	5			1					Filled
Residential Licensing	2			1					Filled
Central Office					1	1		1	2 of 3 filled (Agreement Mgr under recruitment)
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>35</b>

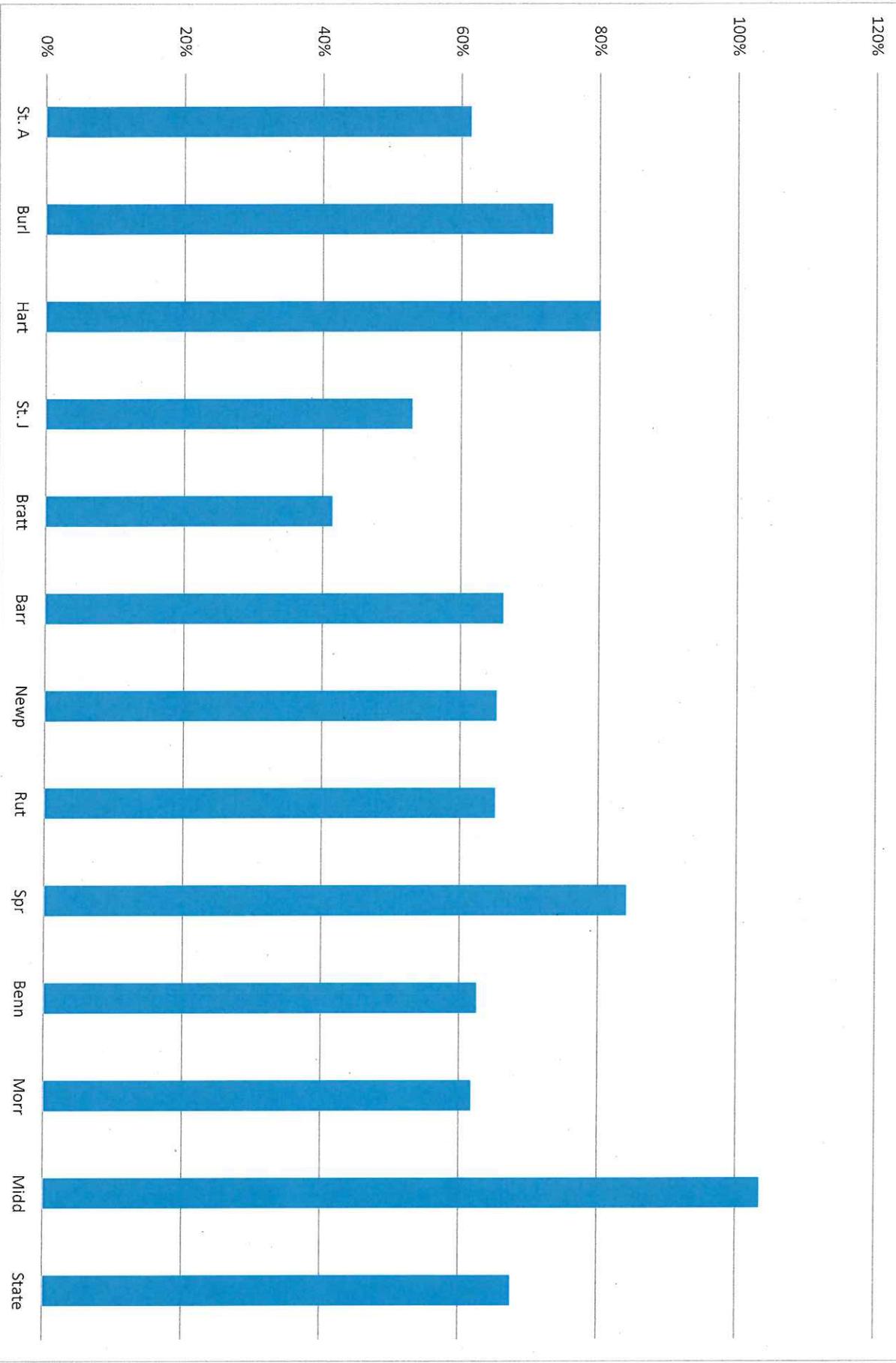
Several positions were allocated to the Central Office, as follows:

- 1 Quality Assurance Coordinator, to address our failure to meet federal requirements for a quality assurance system.
- 1 Federal and State Agreement Specialist, to address the findings of the State Auditor's report, which found that DCF was using sole source agreements too often;
- 1 Client Placement Specialist, to assist districts in finding and monitoring placements for children with high behavioral health needs.

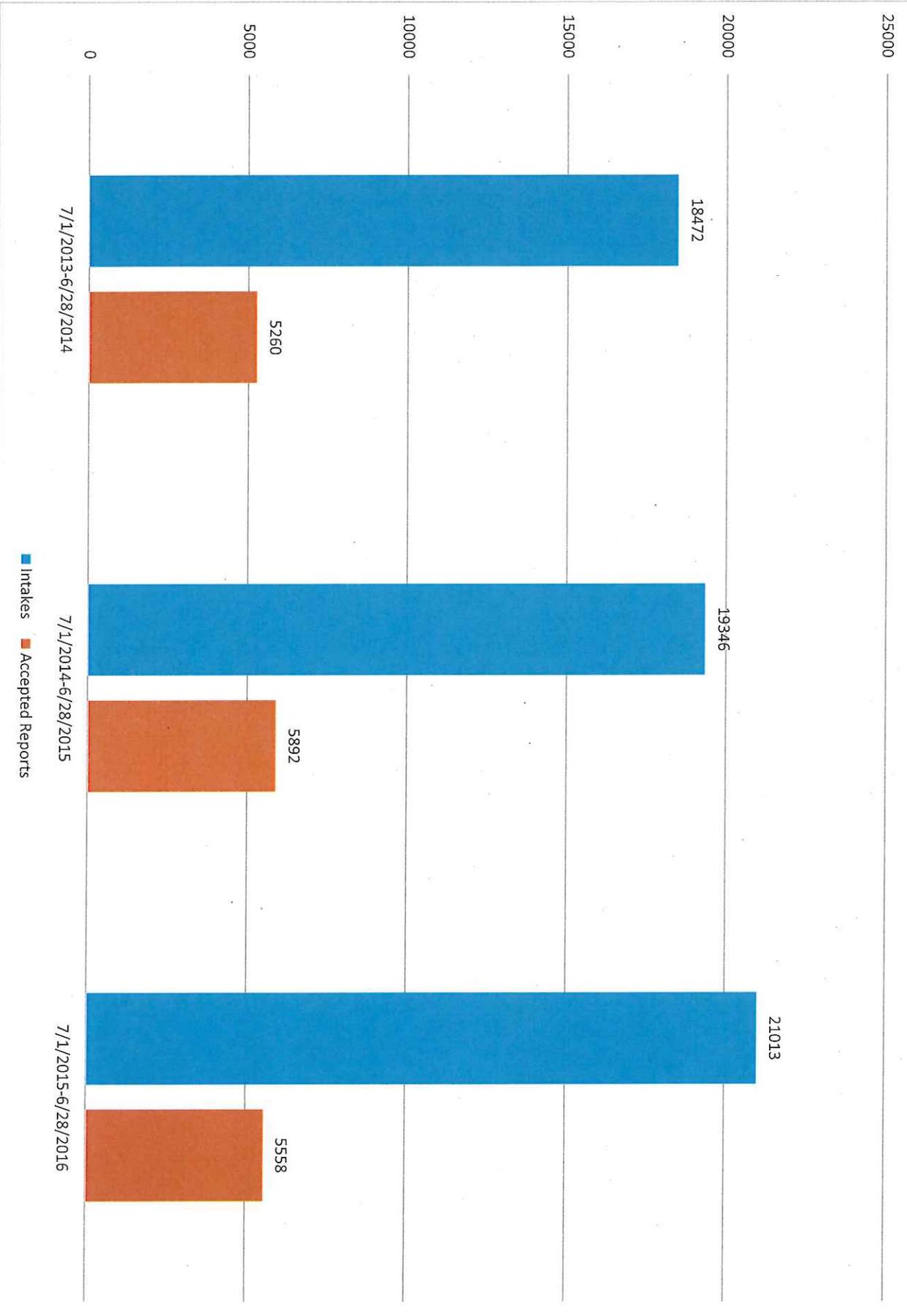
# Average Caseload per District - Families per Social Worker - 6/8/2016



District Capacity to Serve Currently Open Caseload - 6/8/2016  
(Excludes vacant positions, and counts workers in first 6 months as .5 FTE)

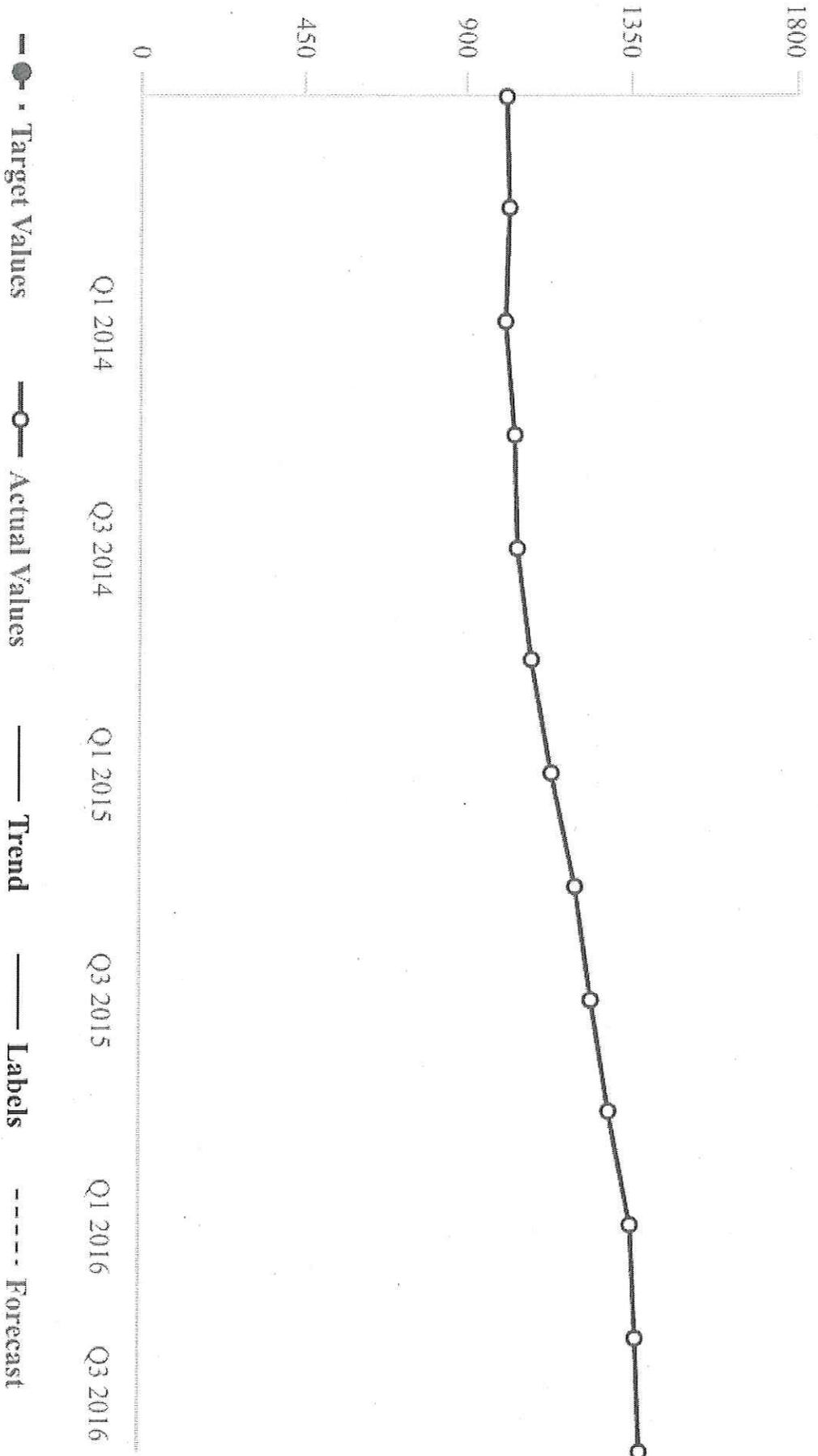


# Intakes and Accepted Reports FY 2014 - FY 2016 (to June 28 only)



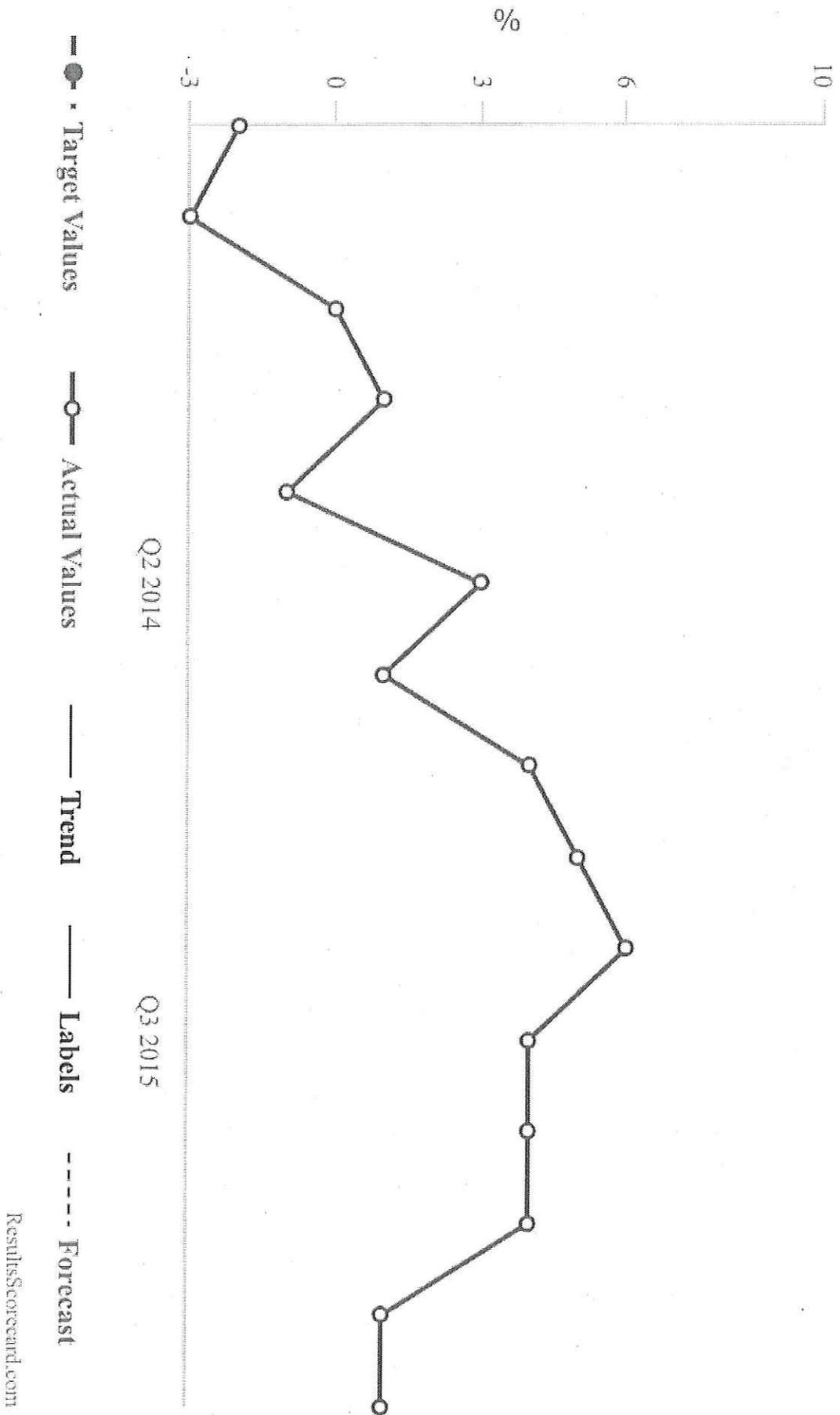
# Total # of children in custody

Data Source: SSMIS (by SFY)



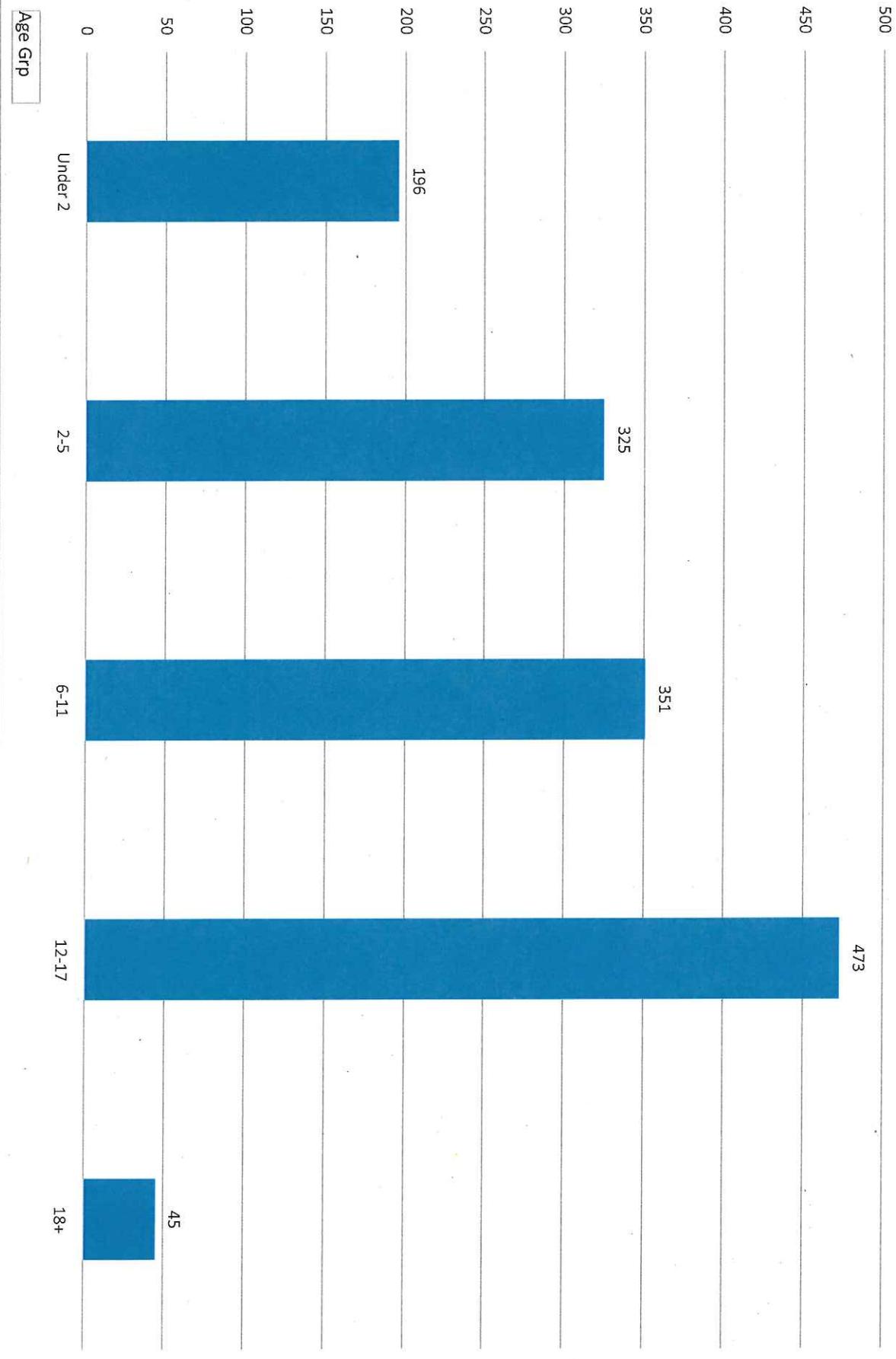
# % increase in children in custody, from previous quarter

Data Source: SSMIS (by SFY)



Count of Age Grp

### Children in DCF Custody by Age Group - 6/28/2016 - 1390 total



**Provided by the Vermont Court Improvement Project - 6/28/2016  
Abuse/neglect case filings by FY**

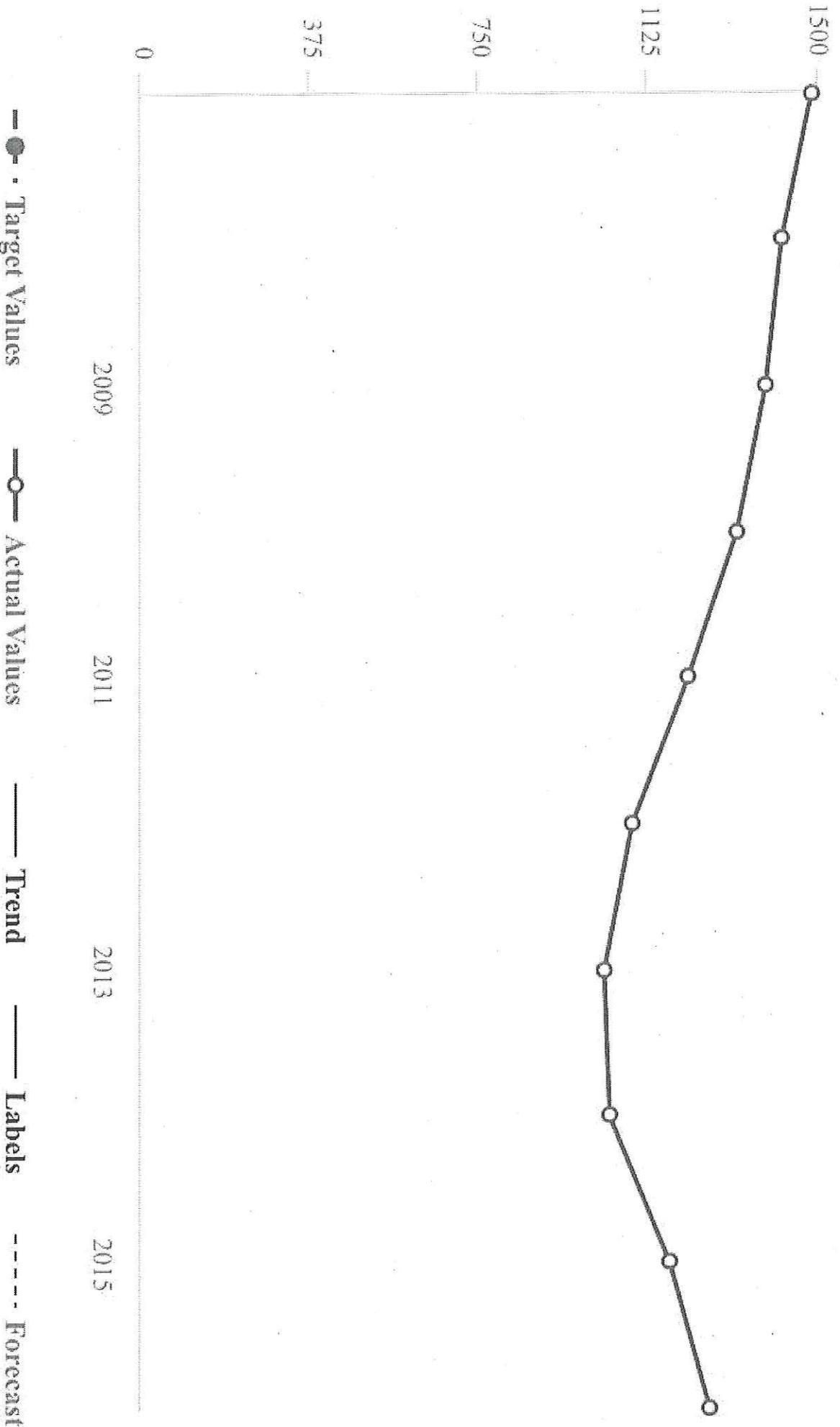
Revised projections for FY16 abuse/neglect case filings - looks like there will be around the SAME number of cases filed as FY16 (based on filings thru May).

Courts with a projected **increase** from FY15: Bennington, Chittenden, Gl, Washington, Windham  
Courts with a projected **decrease** from FY15: Ca, Fr, Le, Os, Rd, Wr

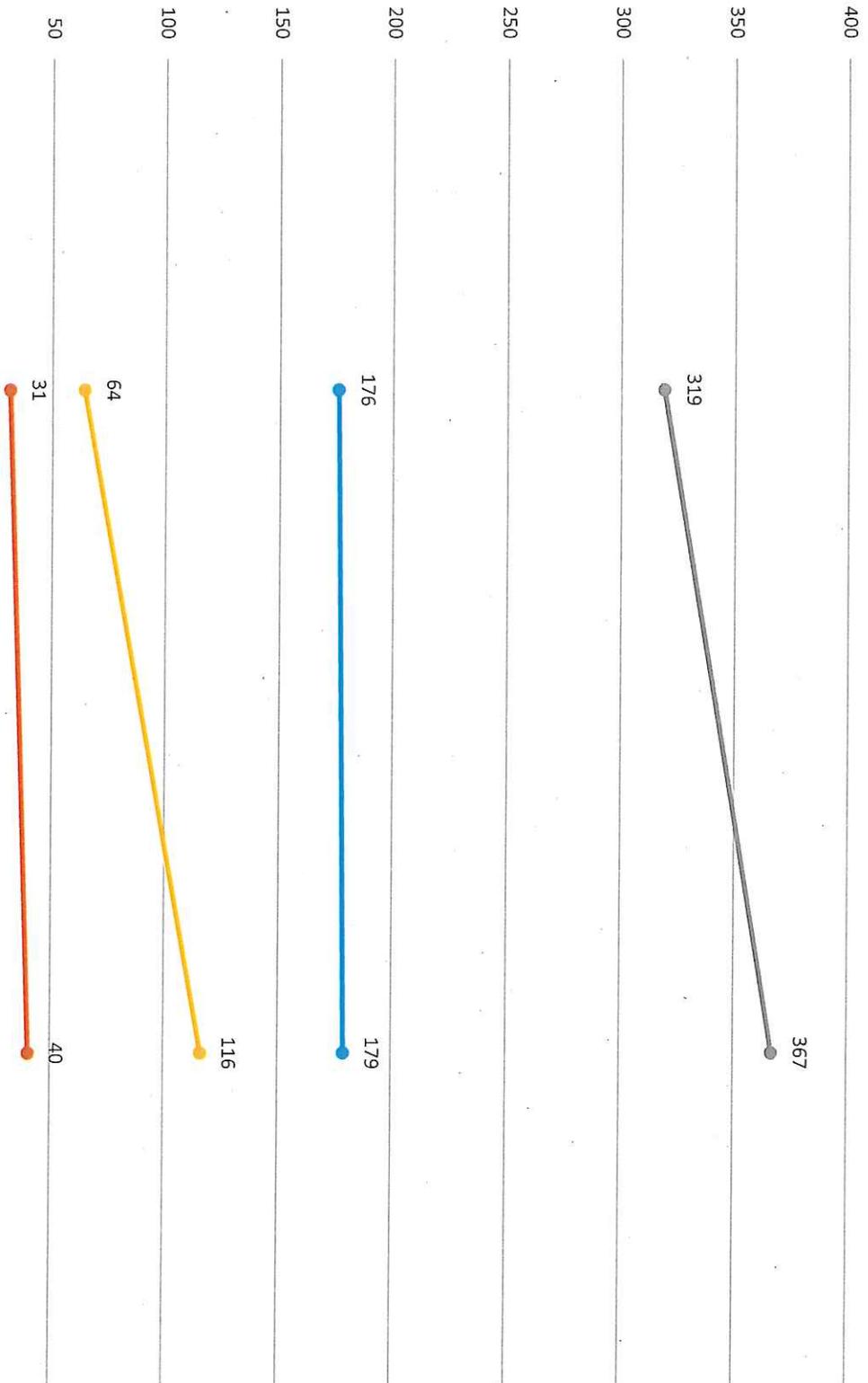
	An	Bn	Ca	Cn	Ex	Fr	Gl	Le	Oe	Os	Rd	Wn	Wm	Wr	Total
2010	41	26	32	153	6	19	3	16	19	20	21	46	49	47	498
2011	49	25	30	133	3	54	9	25	22	19	33	68	32	51	553
2012	27	37	54	136	3	85	5	23	23	39	44	84	83	58	701
2013	29	35	67	128	12	97	8	7	24	14	37	82	47	70	657
2014	47	59	58	121	10	64	18	32	61	24	47	69	70	128	808
2015	69	52	77	175	9	148	3	36	45	43	74	109	82	140	1062
FY16 projected	67	62	51	202	10	134	13	23	45	29	68	163	103	109	1078

# Licensed Foster Home

Data Source: FSD Residential Licensing & Special Investigations



### Exits to Permanency - Four Primary Categories - Cal 2014 and 2015



	2014	2015
Adoption	176	179
Guardianship	31	40
Refunification	319	367
Custody to Relative	64	116

# Caseload - # of family support cases, point in time

Data Source: SSMIS (by SYF)

