

**Georgia's Multi-Disciplinary
Child Abuse and Neglect Institute Training**

March 31 - April 1, 2022

Douglasville Police Department
Community Building



KEY OUTCOME MEASUREMENTS

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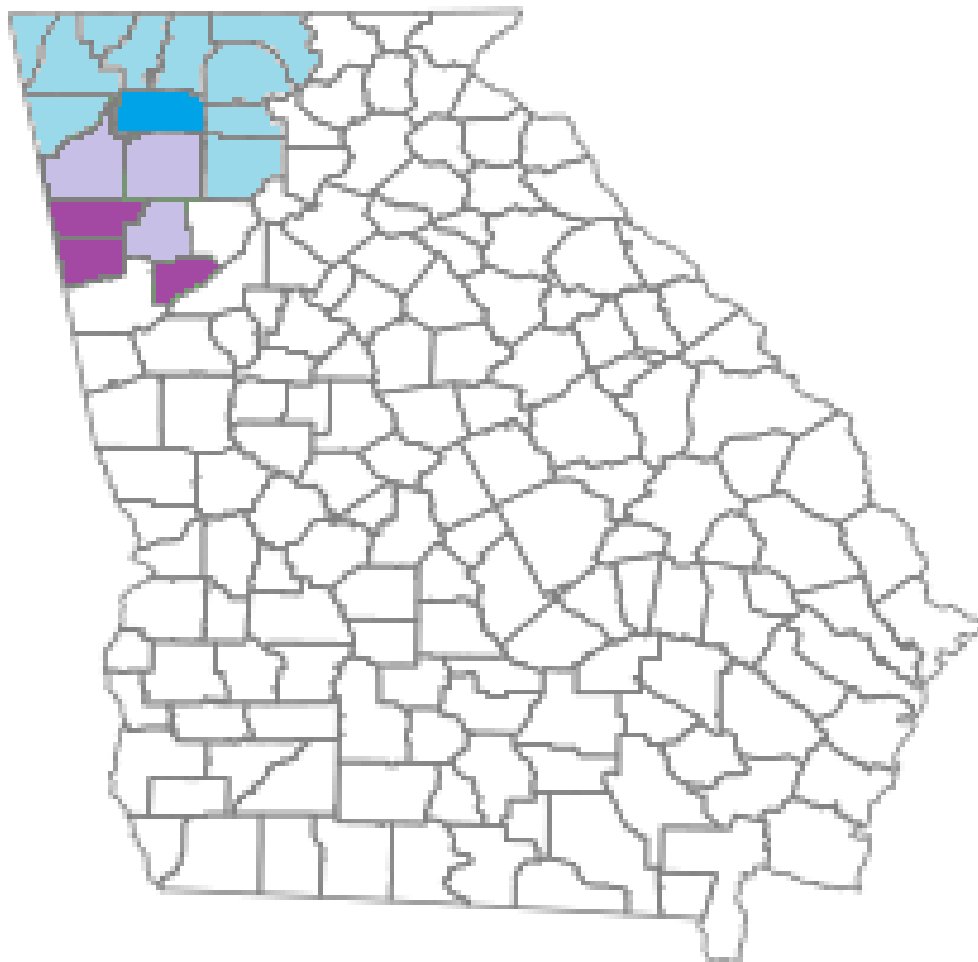
WELCOME TO MD CANI

- **REGION 3**

- Douglas County
- Polk County
- Haralson County

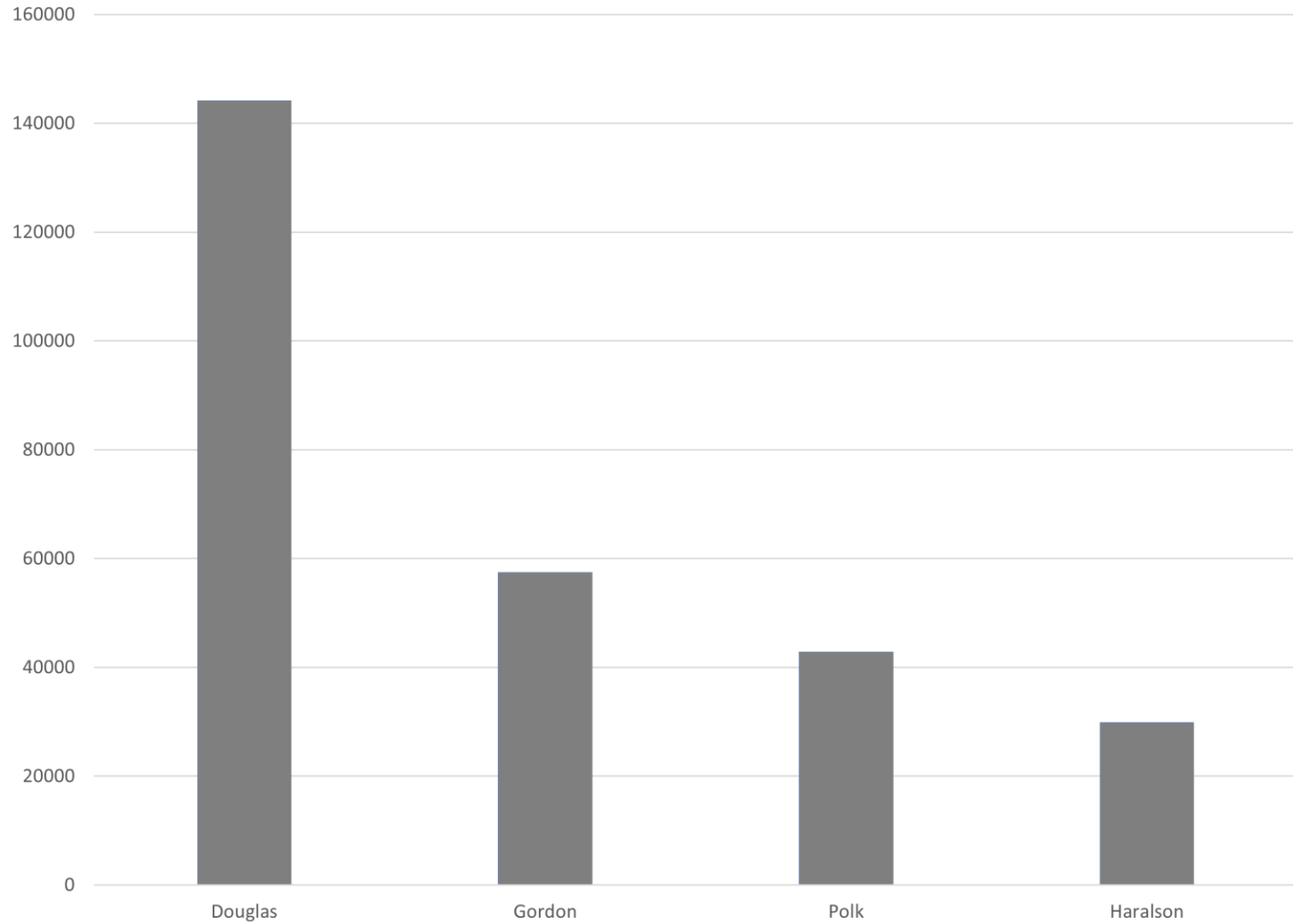
- **REGION 1**

- Gordon County



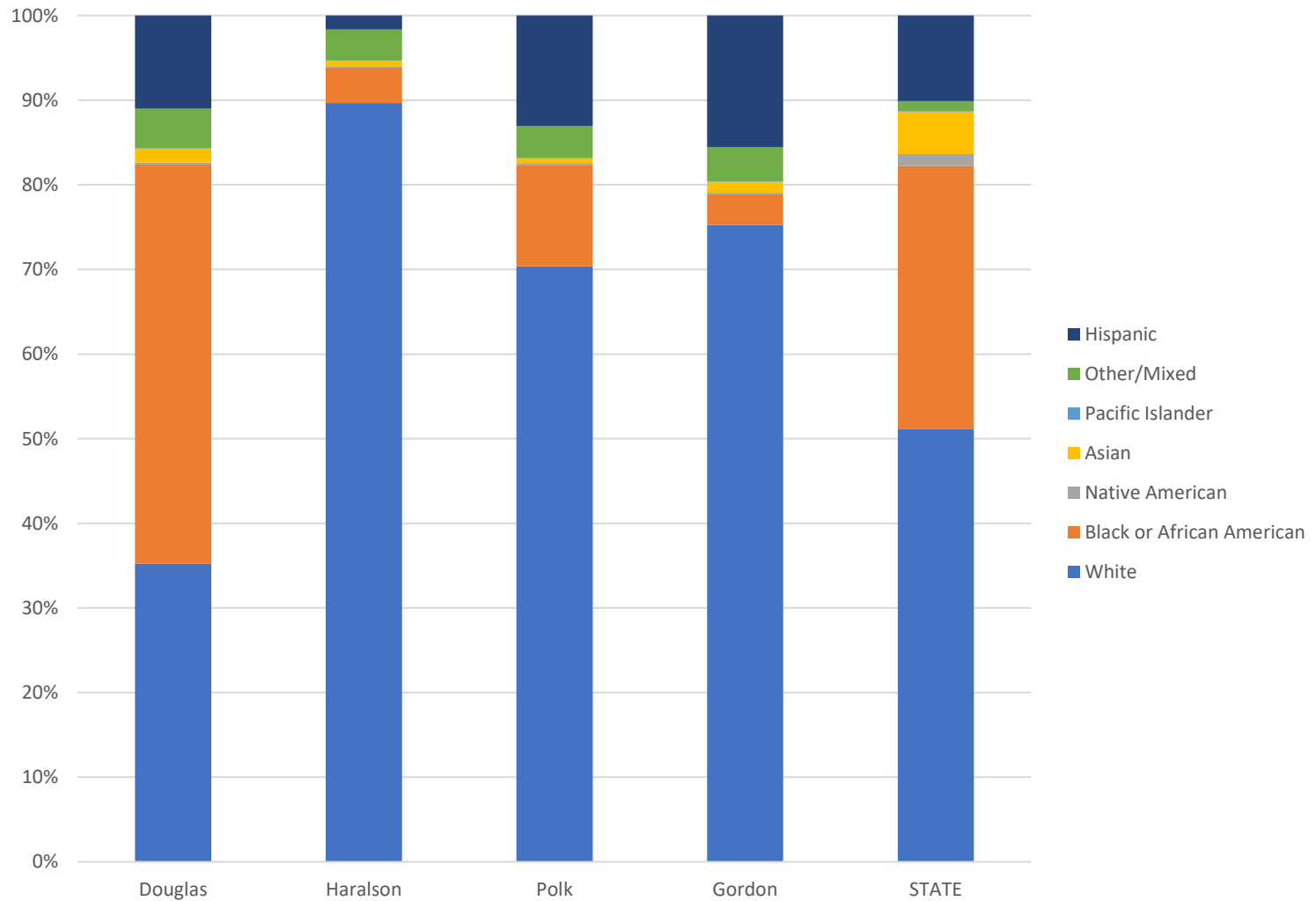
POPULATION SIZE

2020 CENSUS



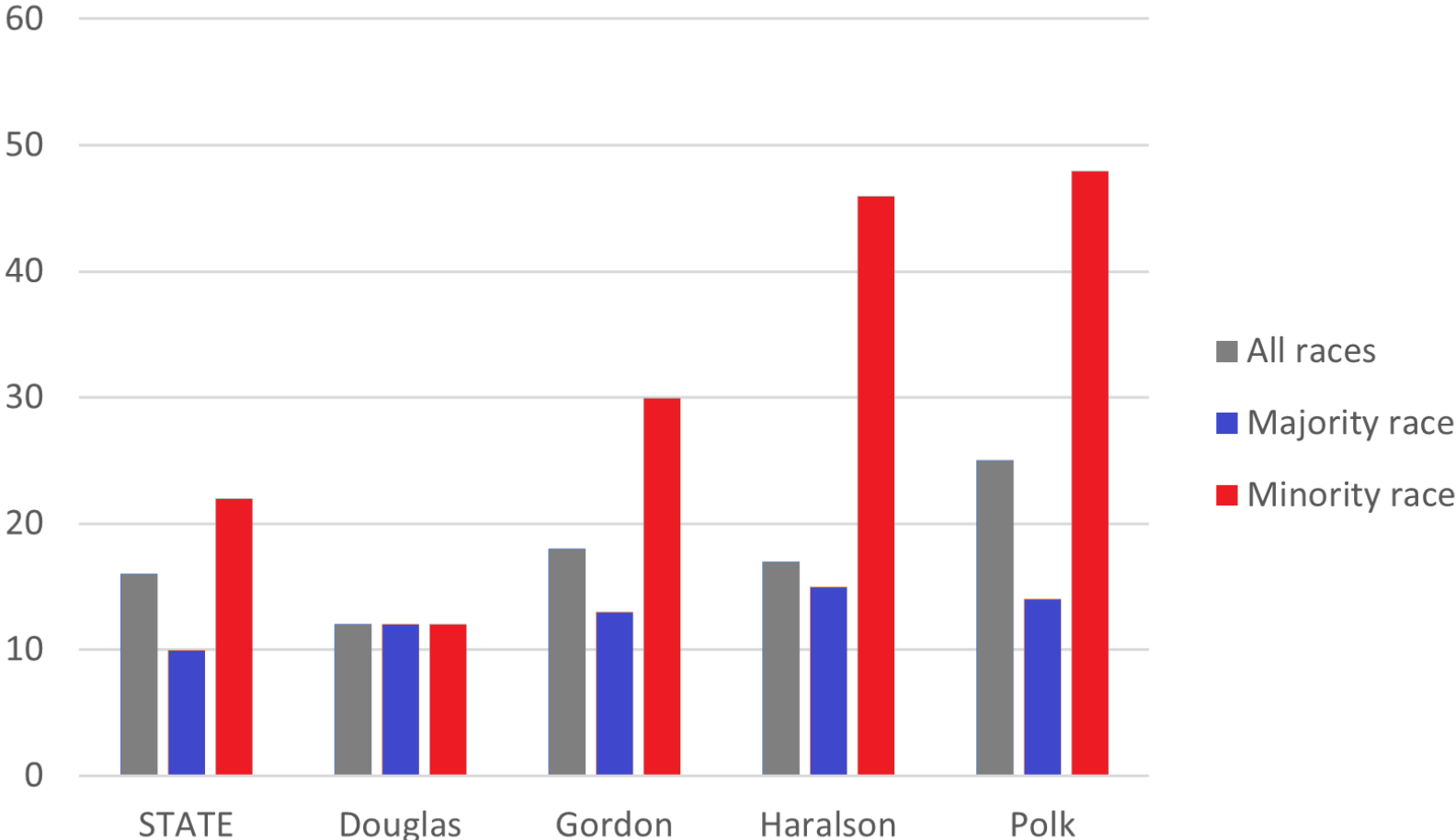
POPULATION OVERVIEW

2020 CENSUS



PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE

2020 CENSUS



ROAD MAP

- **CPS**

- Reports
- Investigations
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- Family regulation days
- Removals to foster care

- **FOSTER CARE**

- Entries and exits
- Reasons for removal
- Placement types
- Placement stability
- Time in foster care
- Family separation days

- **DISCHARGES FROM FOSTER CARE**

- Reunification
- Adoption
- Other ways children leave foster care



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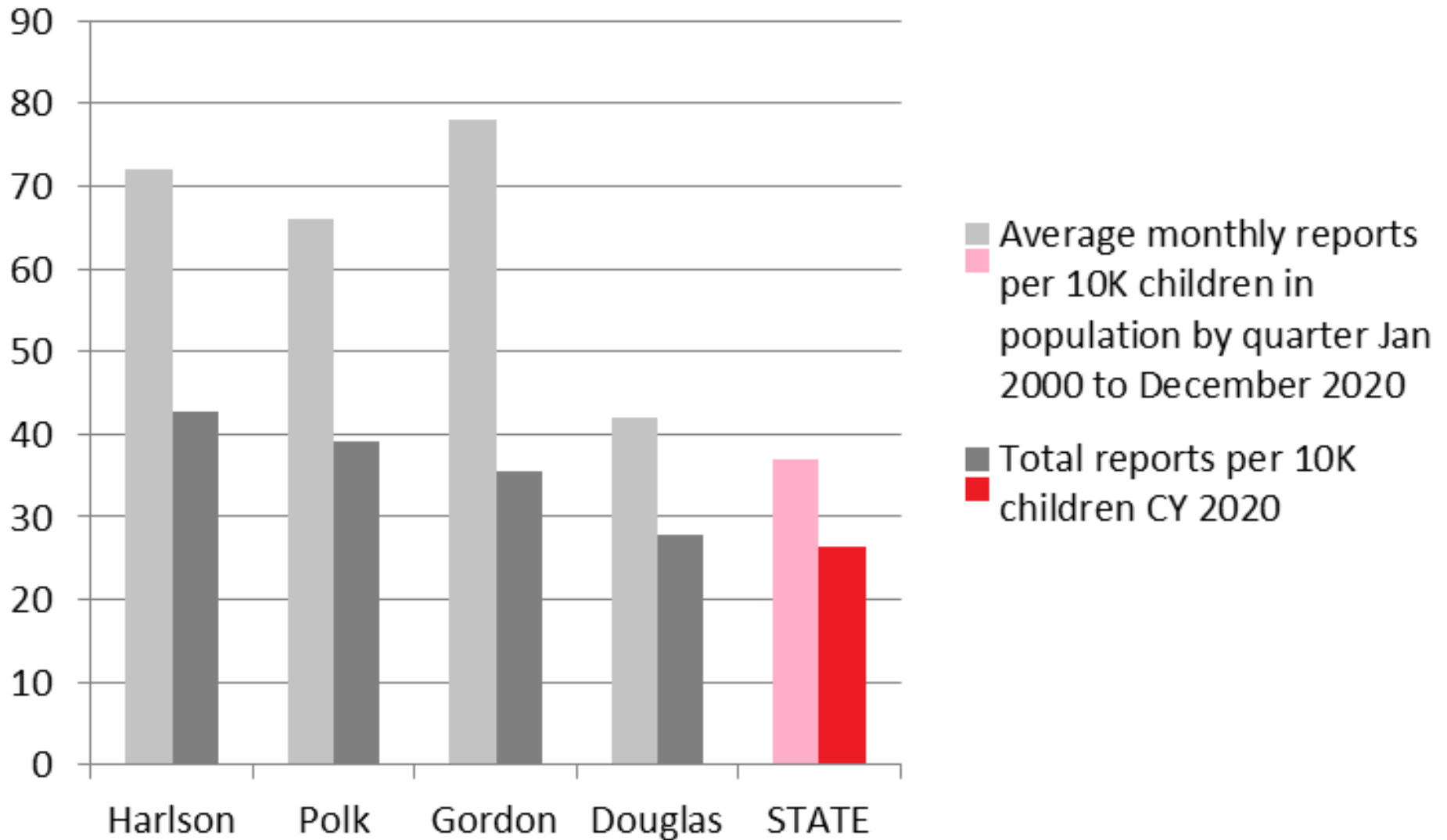
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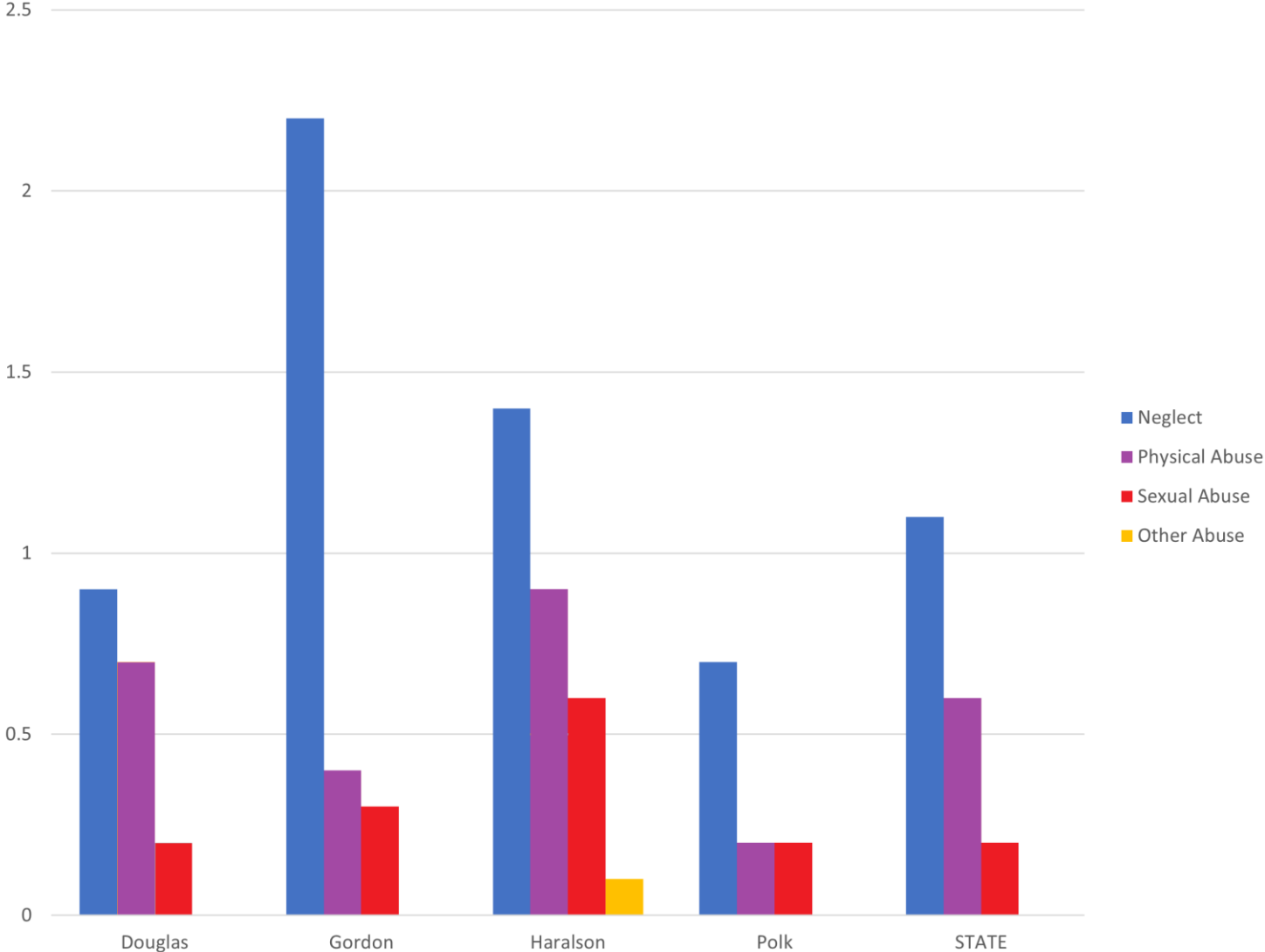
CPS

Reports

REPORTS OF MALTREATMENT



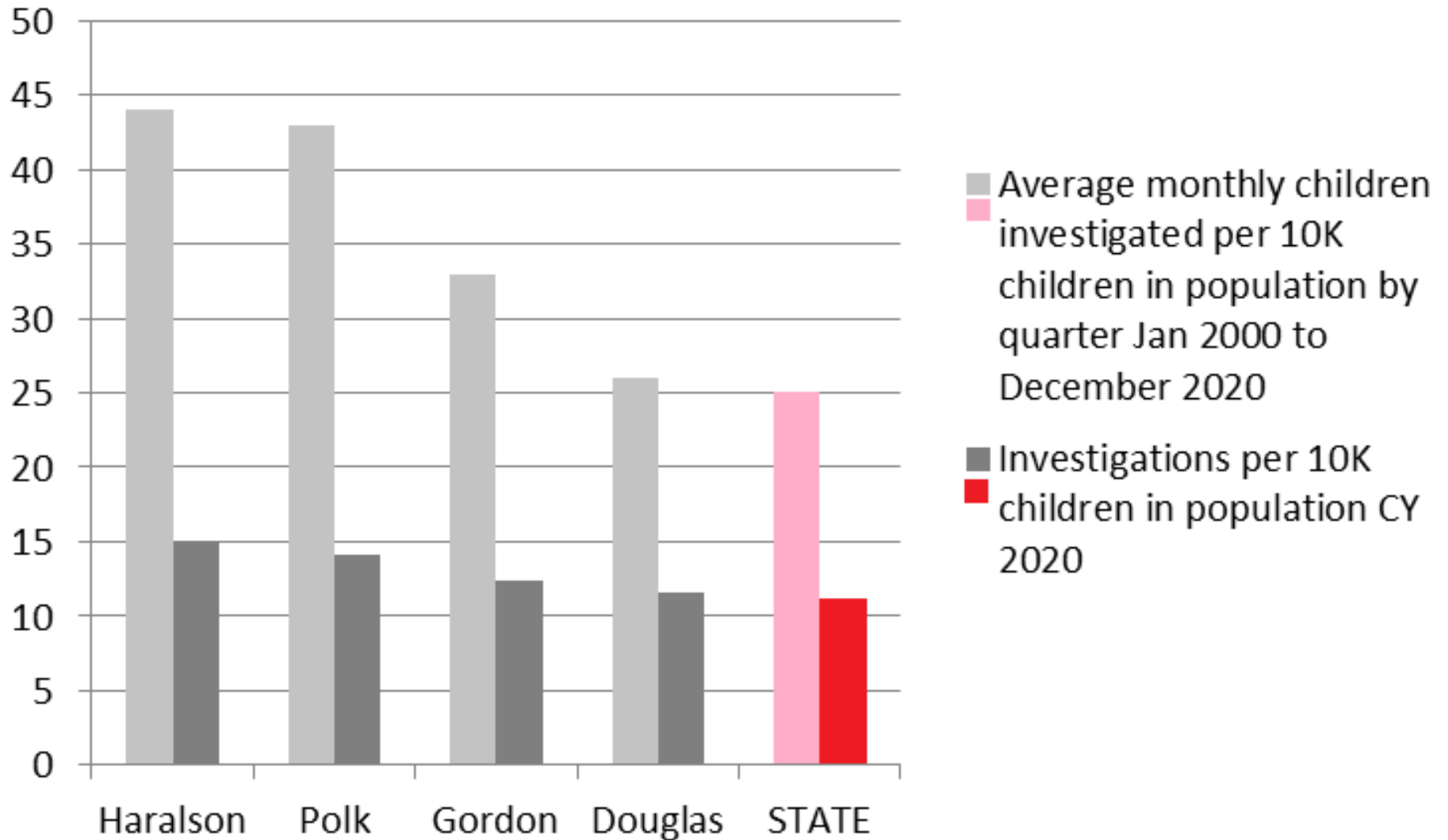
TYPES OF REPORTS PER 10K CHILDREN IN POPULATION CY 2020



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Investigations

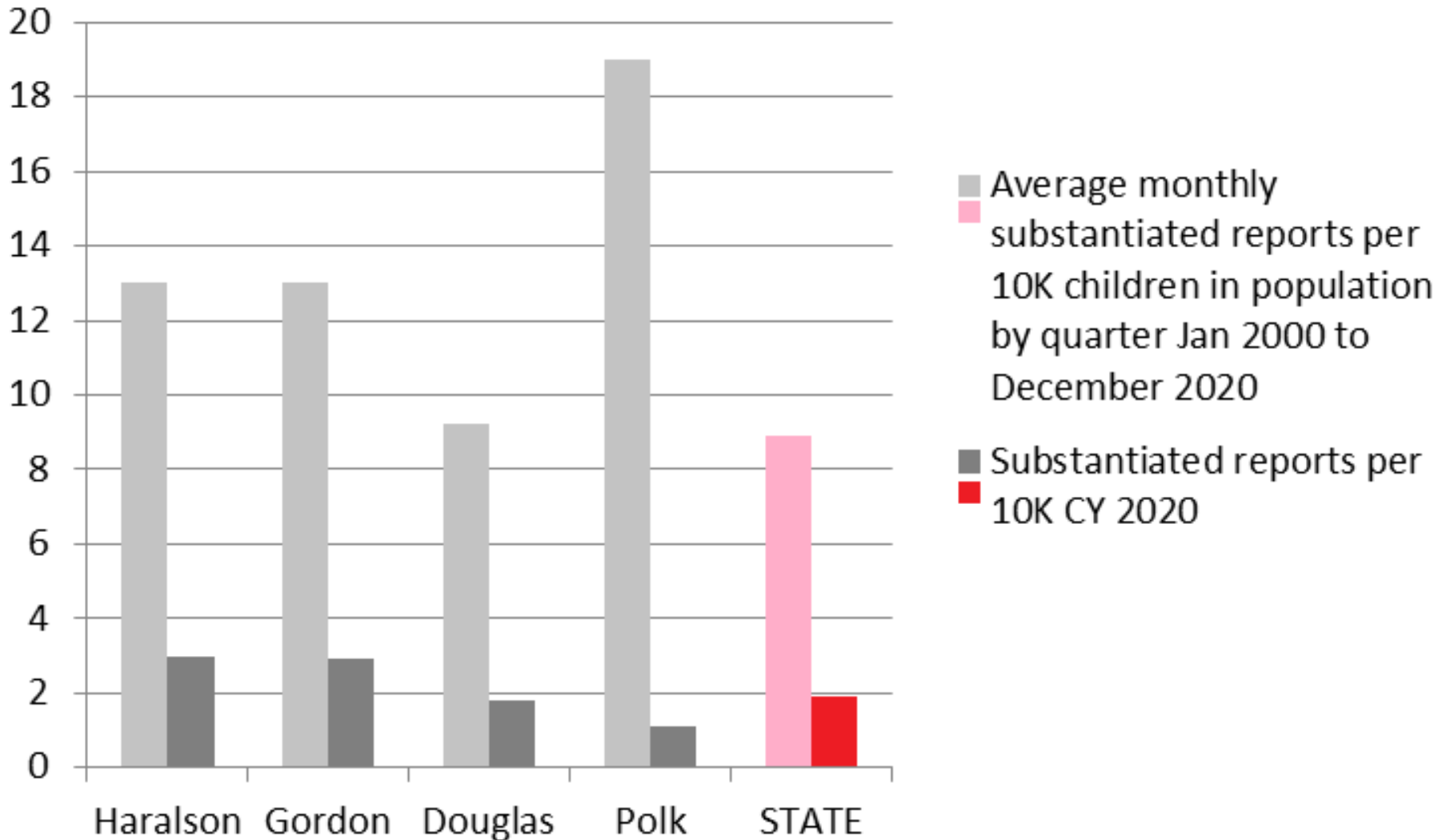
INVESTIGATIONS



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Substantiated Investigations

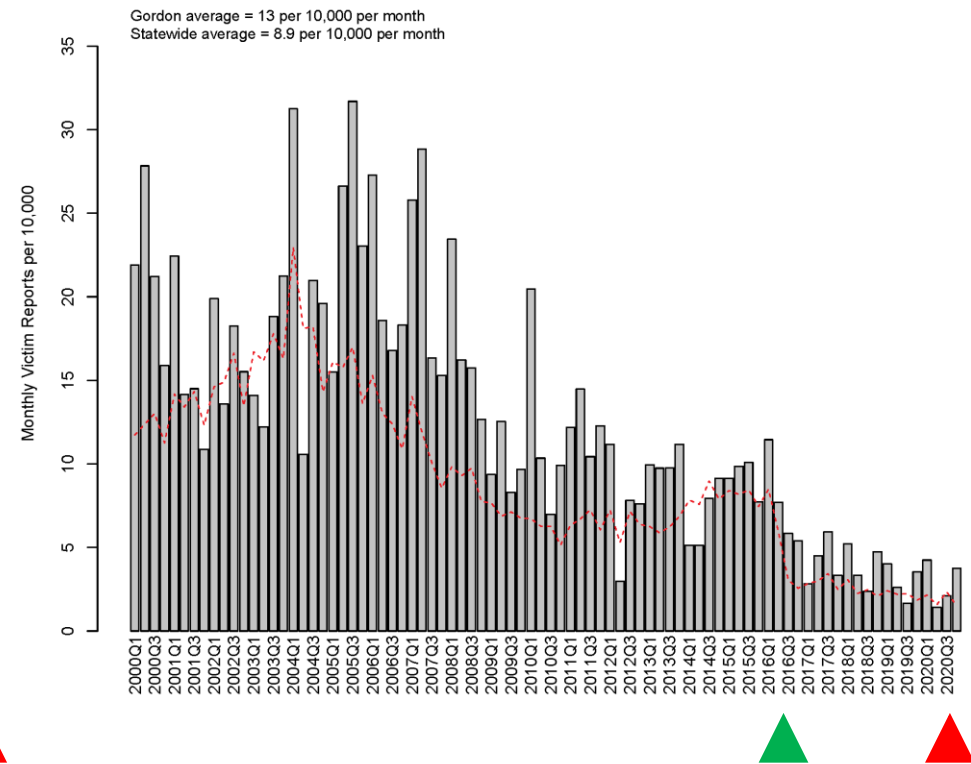
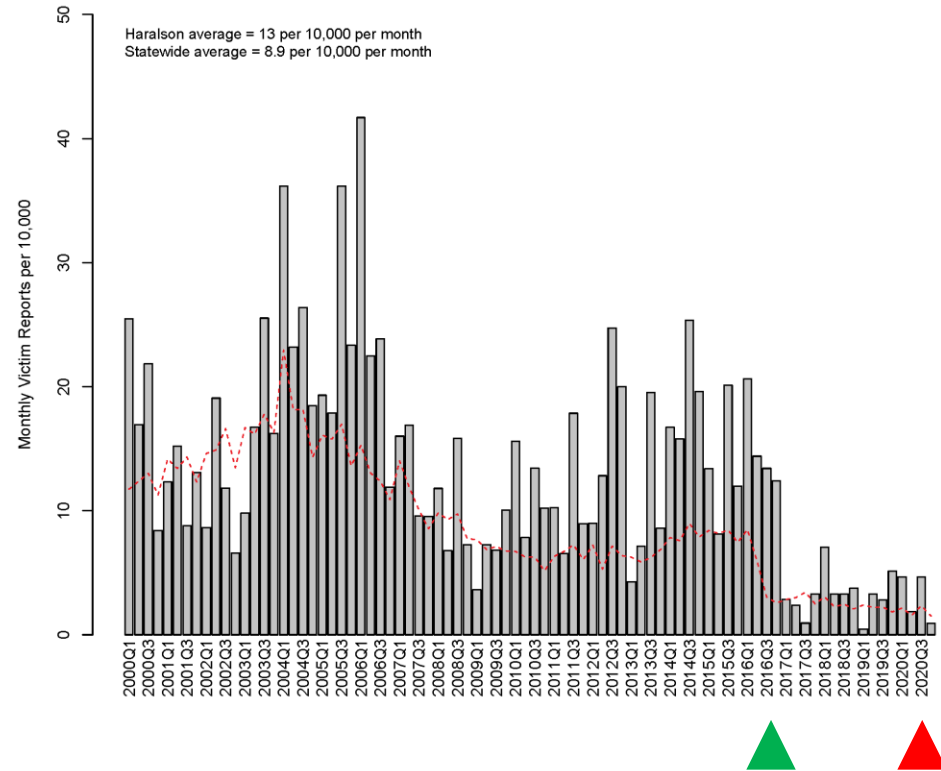
SUBSTANTIATED INVESTIGATIONS

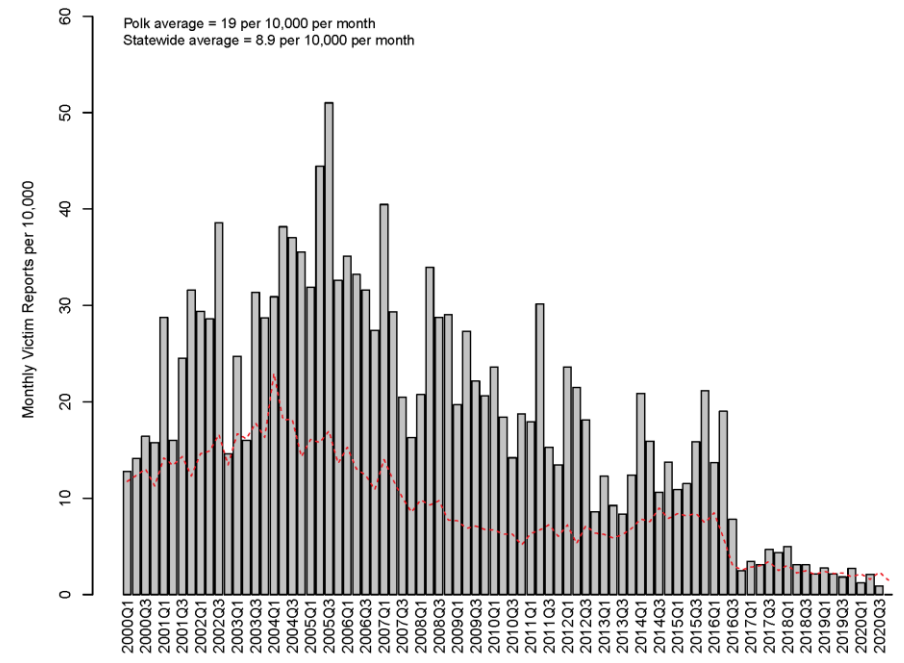
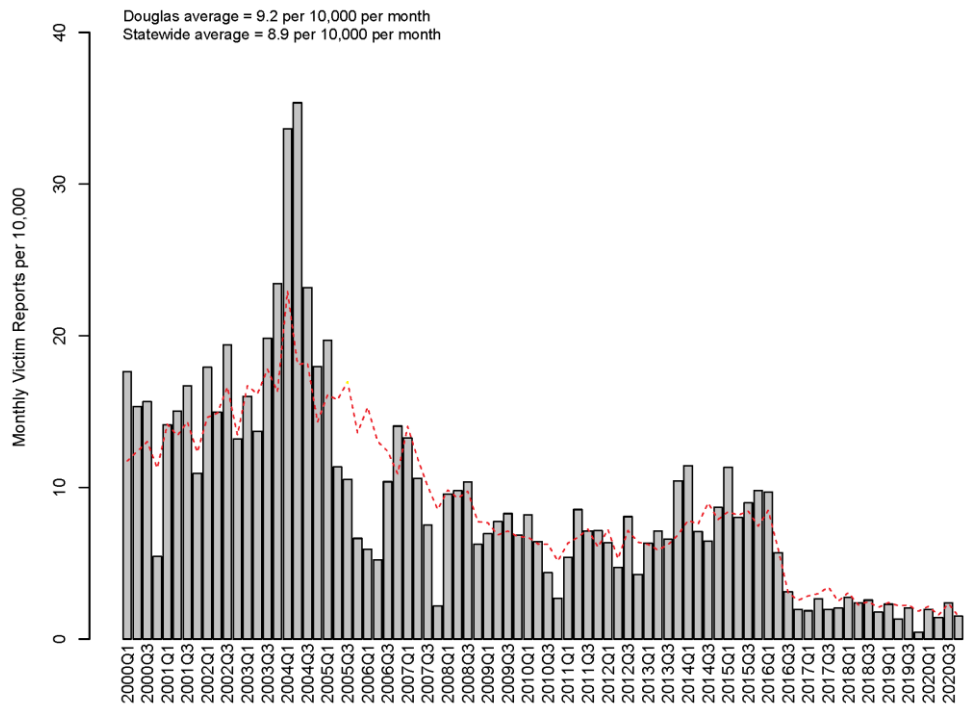


HISTORICAL SUBSTANTIATIONS

AVERAGE MONTHLY REPORTS SUBSTANTIATED PER 10K CHILDREN IN POPULATION BY QUARTER

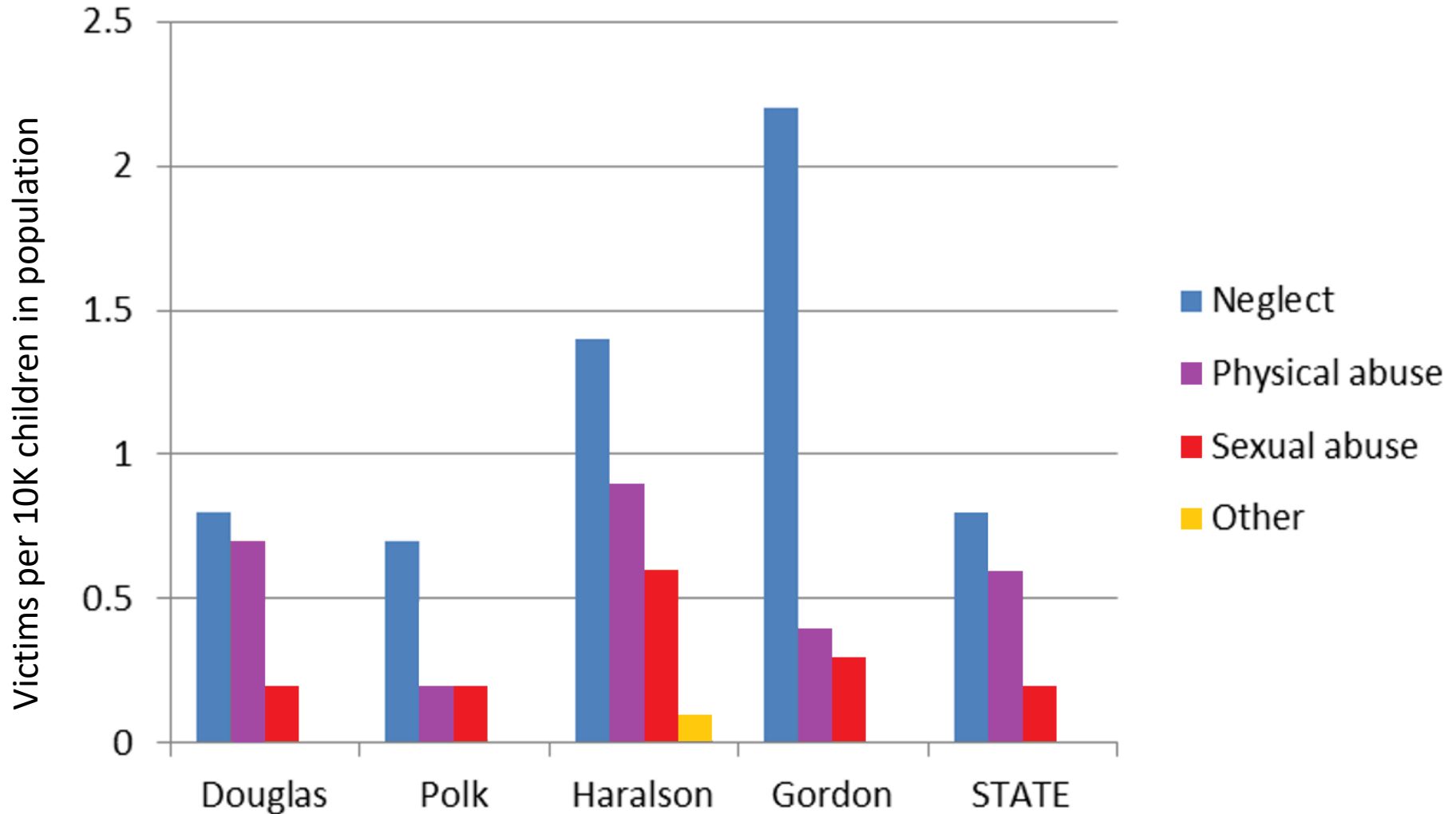
January 2000 – December 2020





MALTREATMENT TYPES AMONG SUBSTANTIATED CASES

CY 2020



CPS

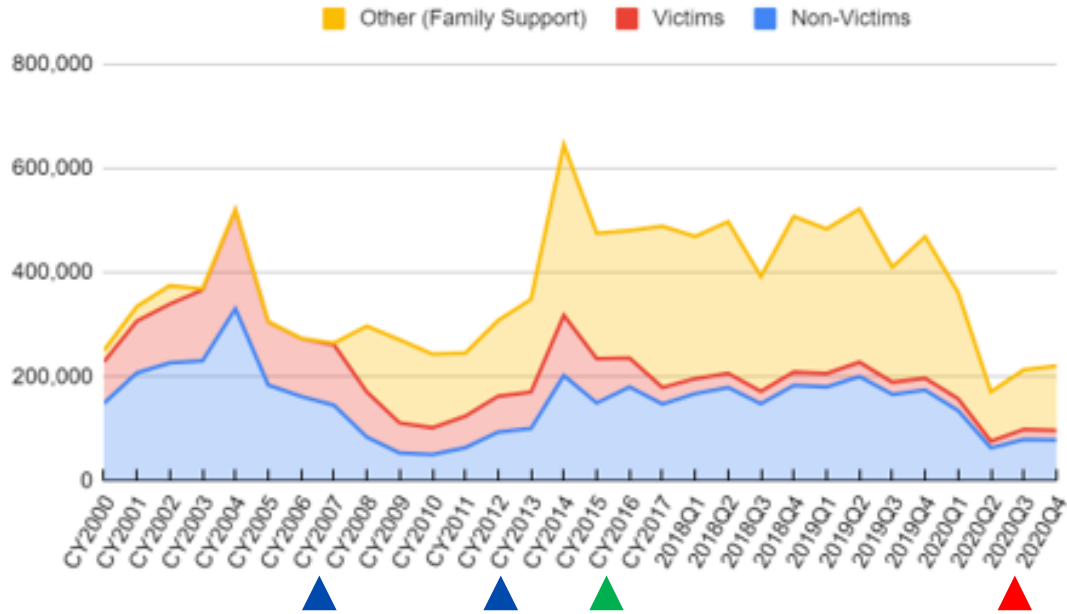
Family Regulation

FAMILY REGULATION

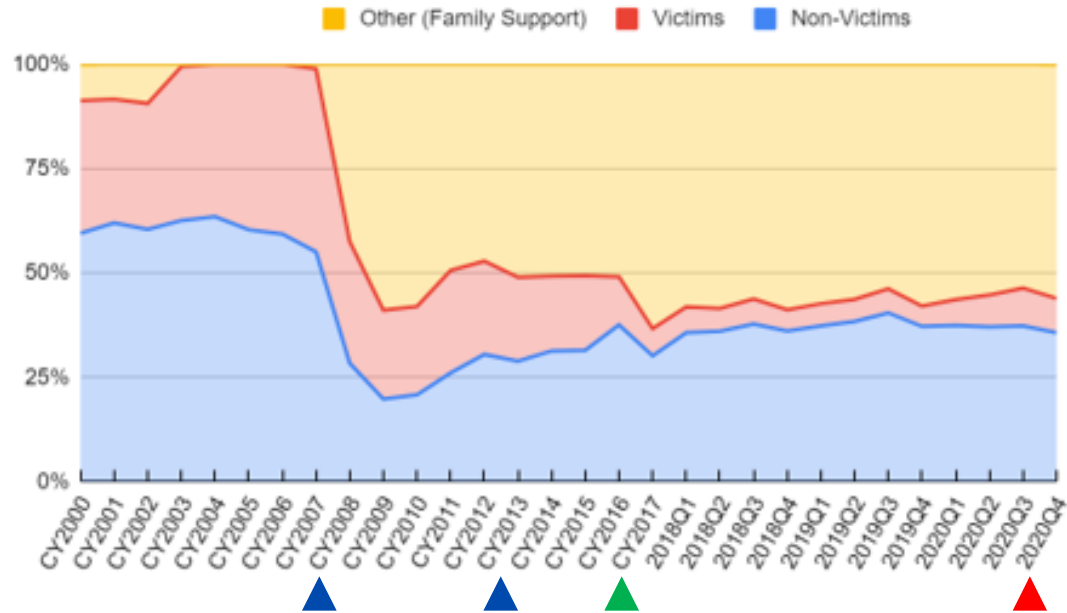


- High-level “person-time” metric
- Count ALL days that ALL children were in open CPS cases
 - Investigation or family support
 - Does NOT include days in family **preservation** cases
- We call it days regulated or FAMILY REGULATION DAYS
- Provides a picture of families and children touched by DFCS

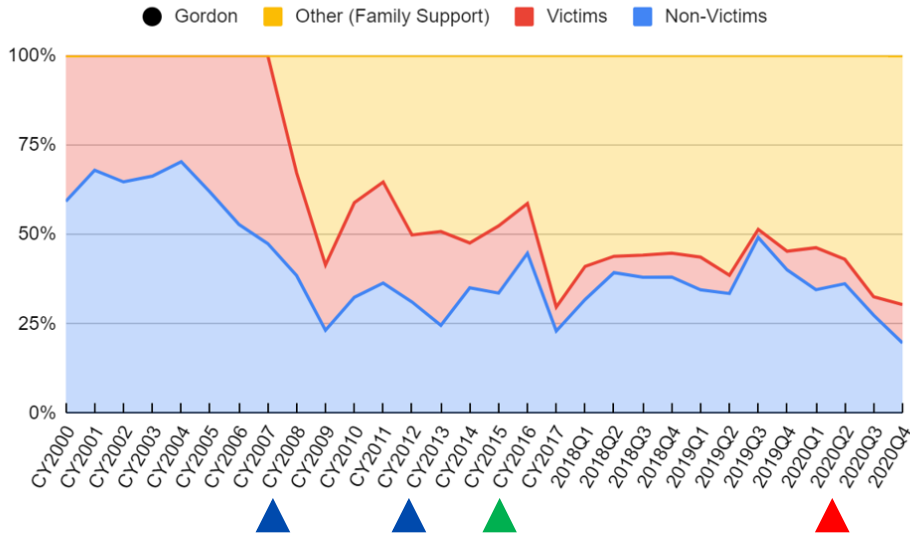
GA: Monthly Family Regulation Days



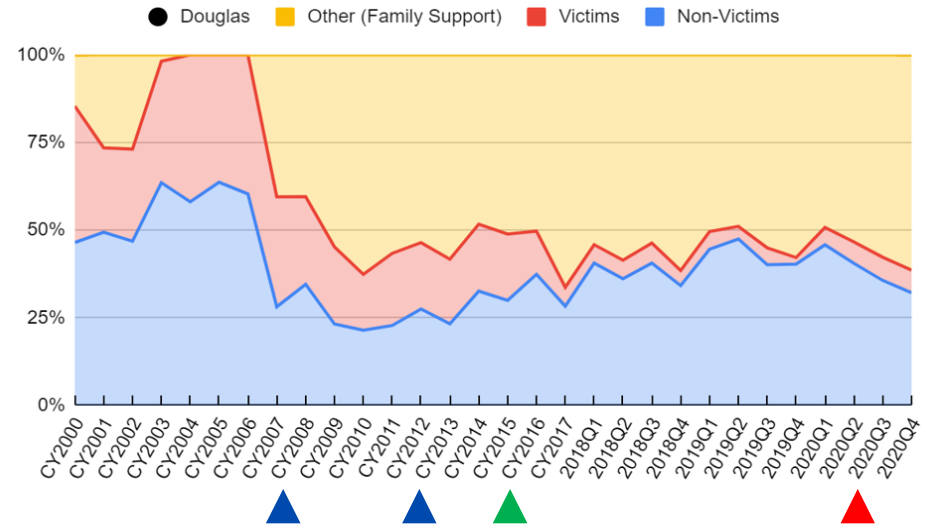
GA: Monthly Proportion of Family Regulation Days



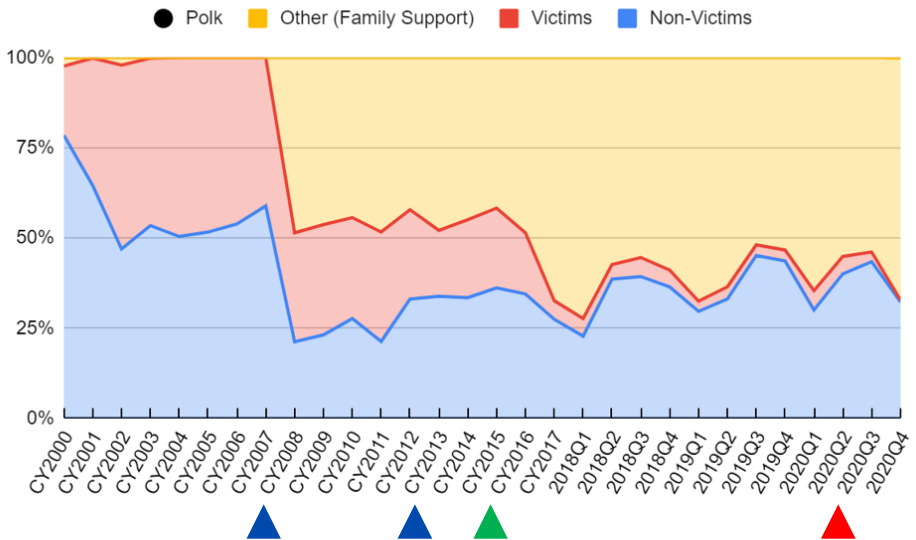
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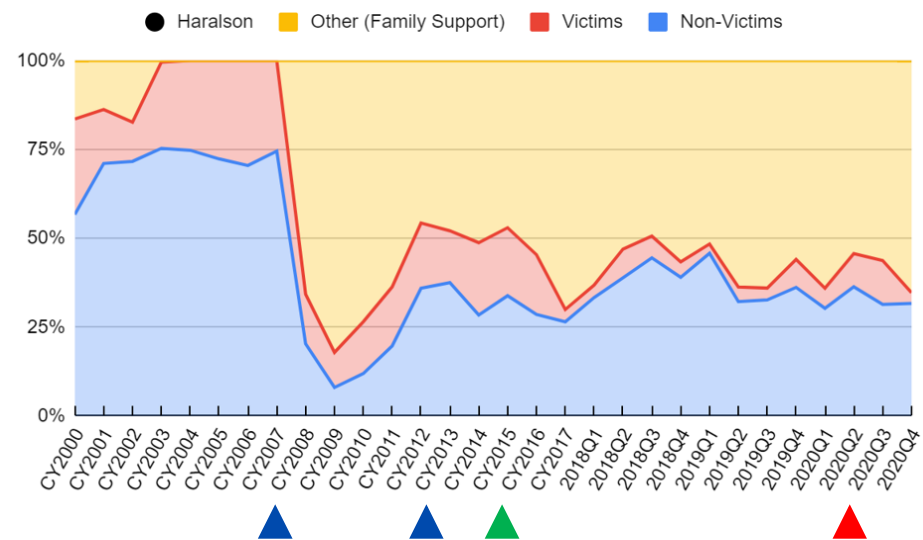
Douglas



Polk



Haralson



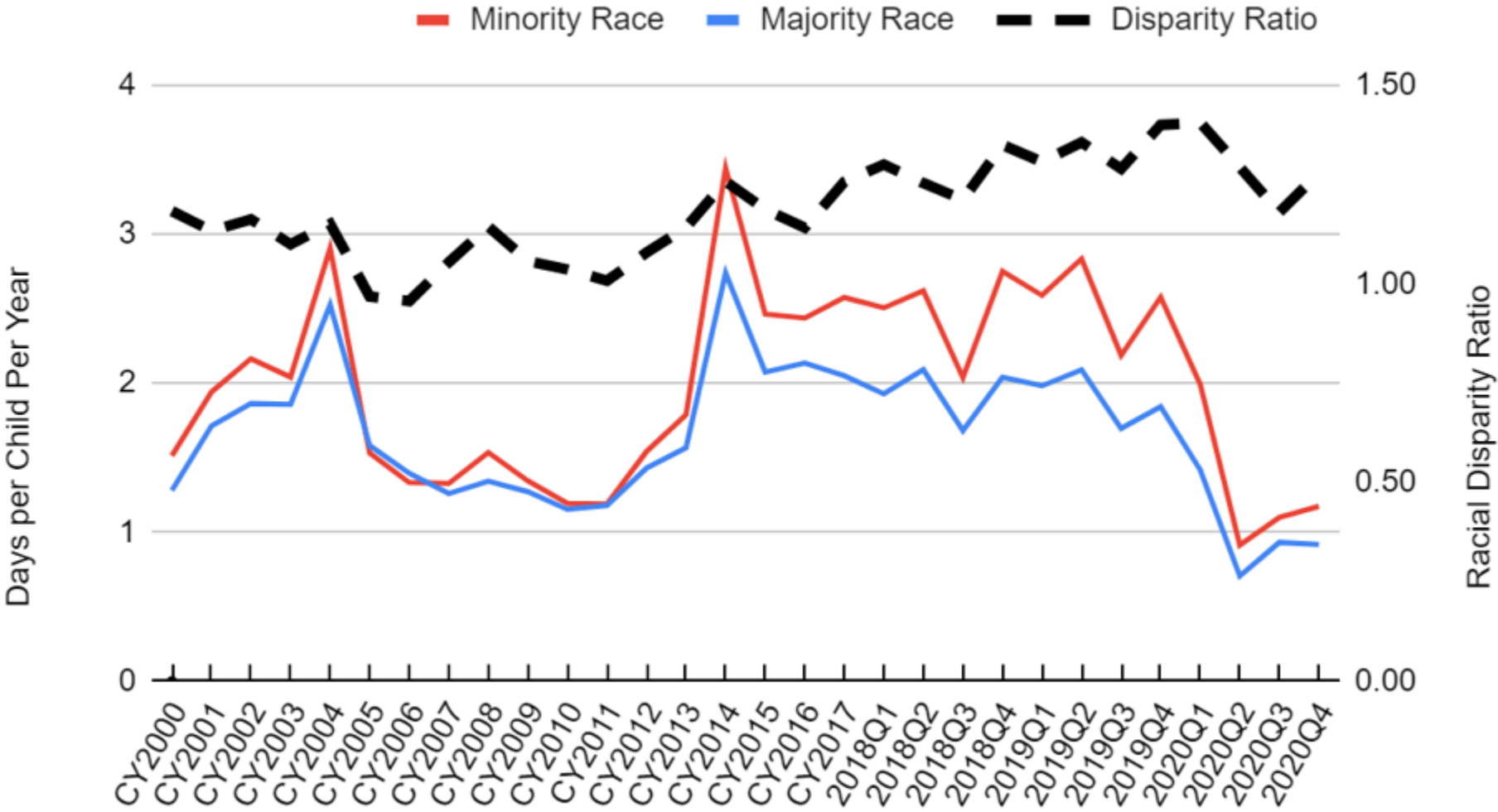
RACIAL DISPARITY RATIO

$$a = \frac{\text{days/year that children of **minority** race spend in family regulation}}{\text{number of minority race children in the population}}$$

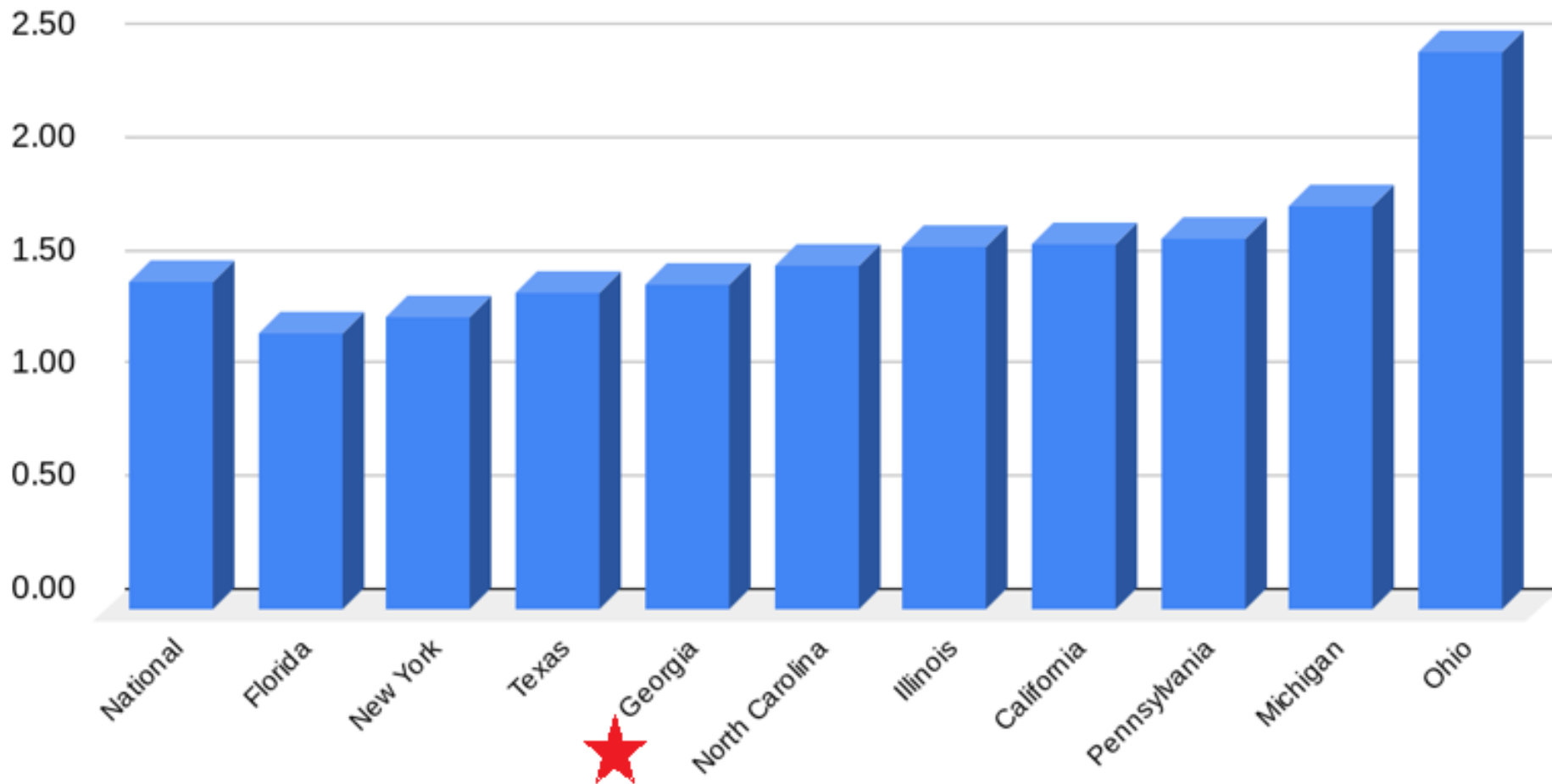
$$b = \frac{\text{days/year that children of **majority** race spend in family regulation}}{\text{number of majority race children in that population}}$$

$$\frac{a}{b} = \text{racial disparity ratio}$$

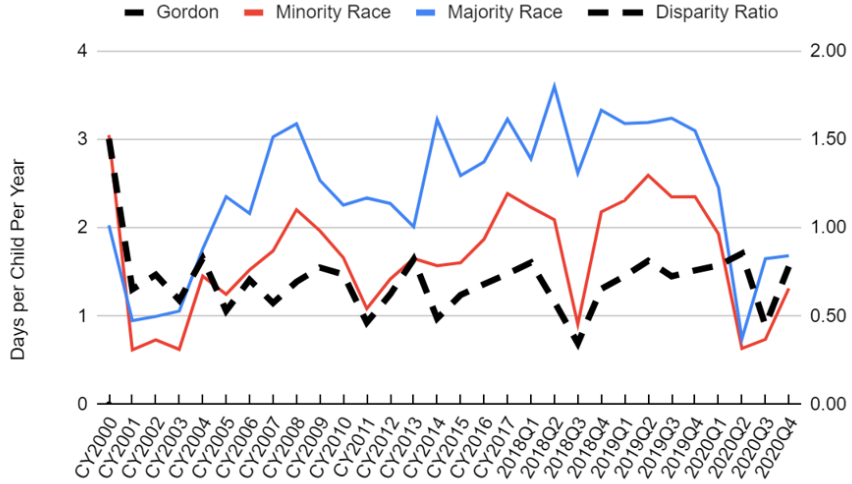
RACIAL DISPARITY IN STATEWIDE FAMILY REGULATION



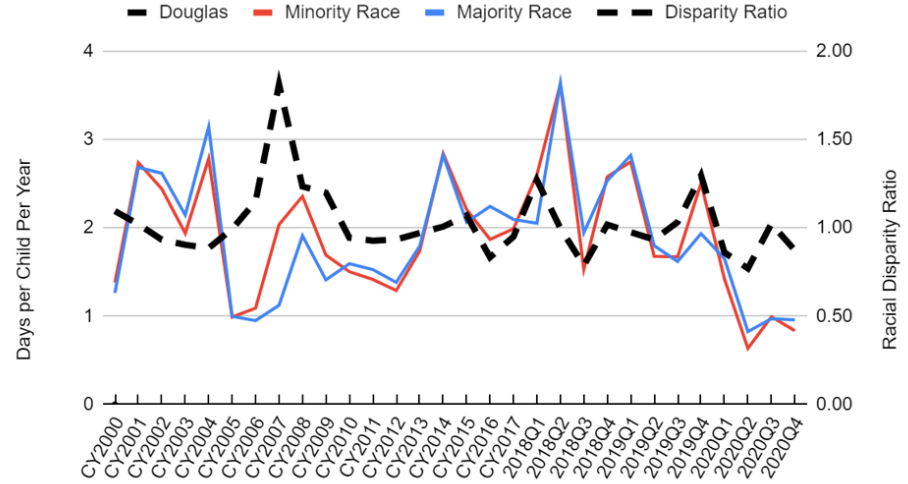
LARGE STATE RACIAL DISPARITY RATIOS FOR DAYS UNDER FAMILY REGULATION APRIL 2020



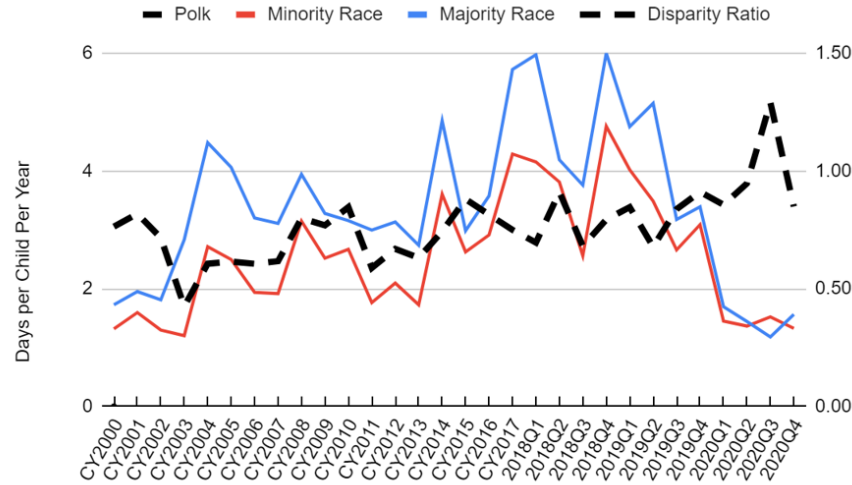
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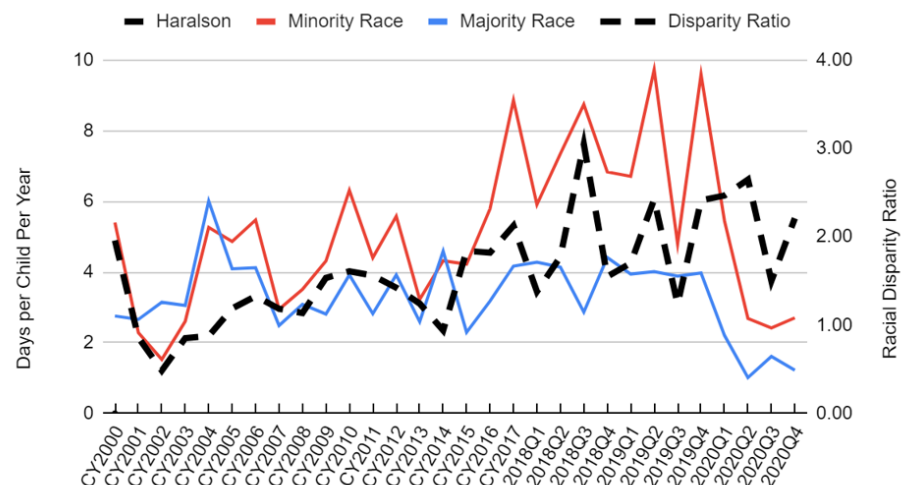
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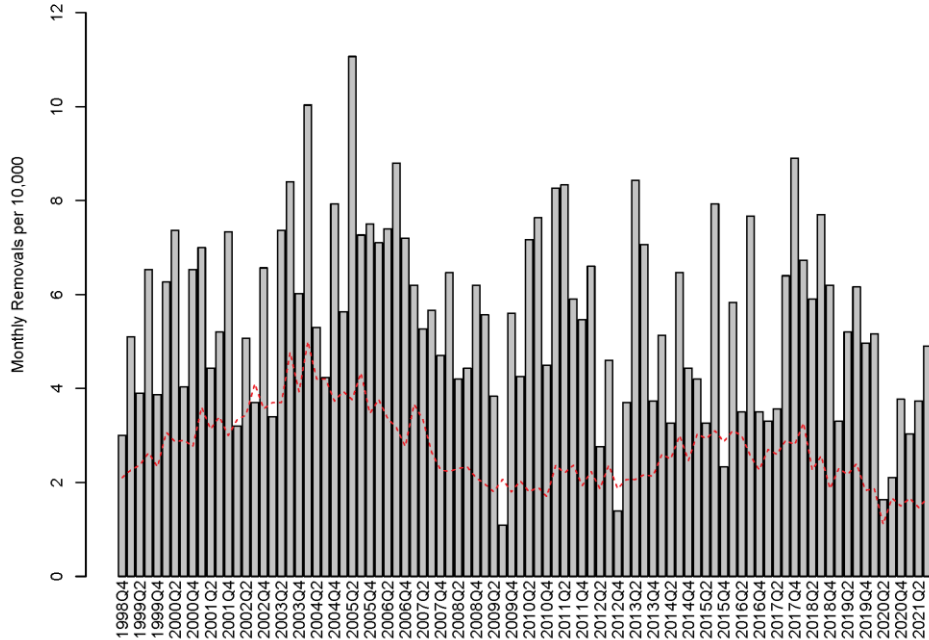
CPS

Removals to Foster Care

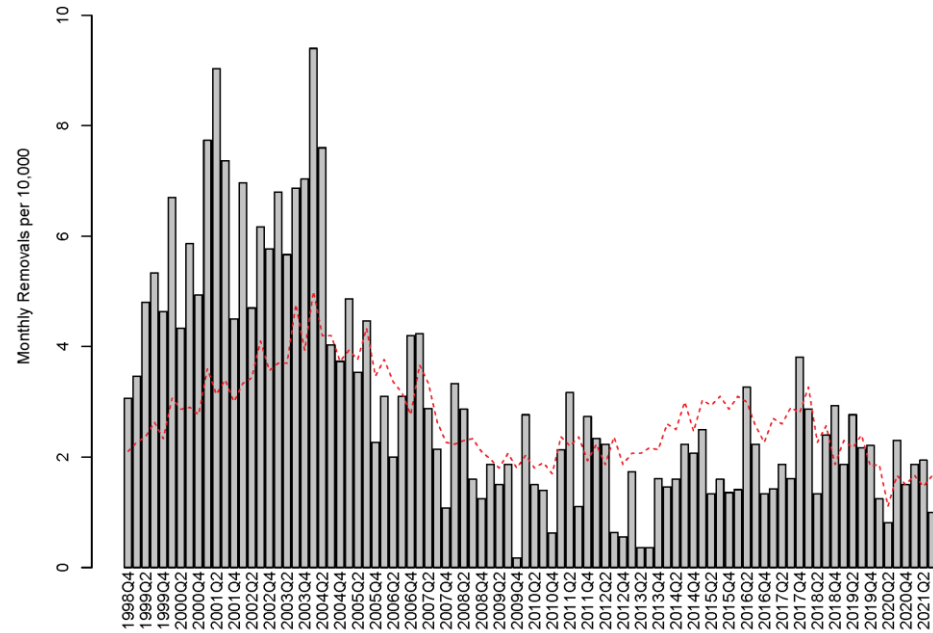
HISTORICAL REMOVALS

AVERAGE MONTHLY REMOVALS PER 10K CHILDREN
IN POPULATION BY QUARTER
OCTOBER 1998 – SEPTEMBER 2021

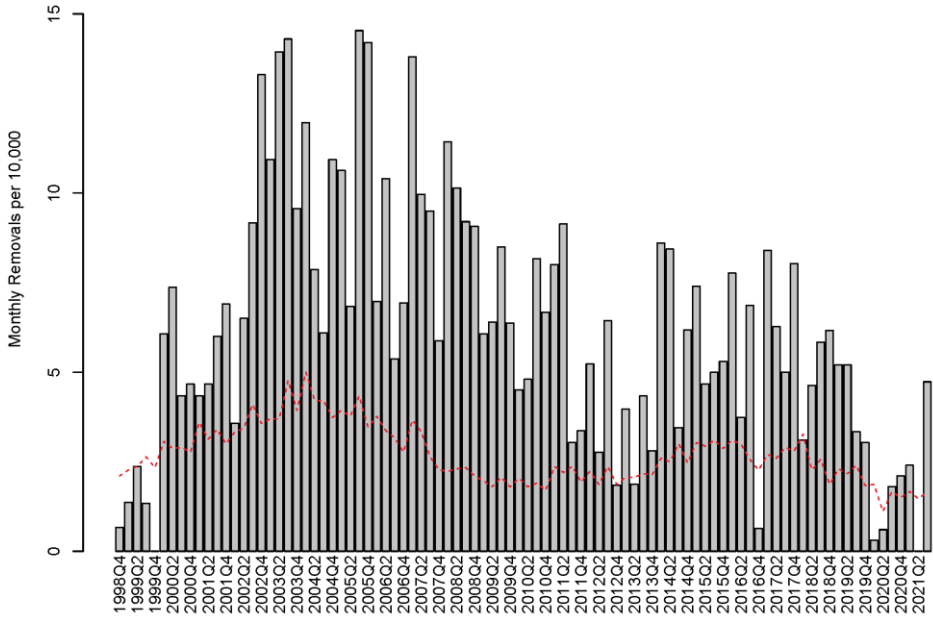
Gordon average = 5.5 per 10,000 per month
Statewide average = 2.7 per 10,000 per month



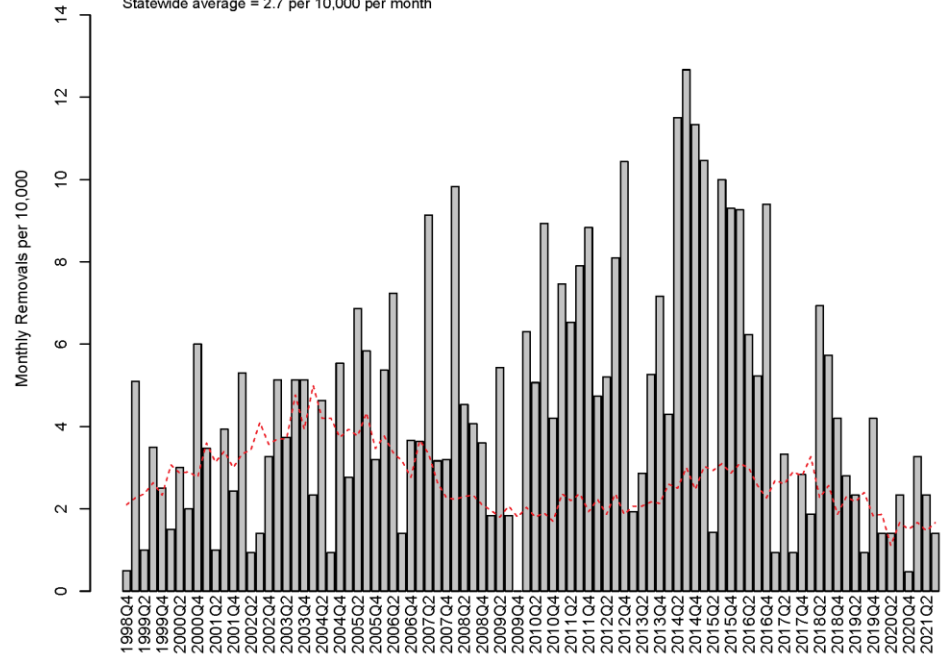
Douglas average = 3.1 per 10,000 per month
Statewide average = 2.7 per 10,000 per month



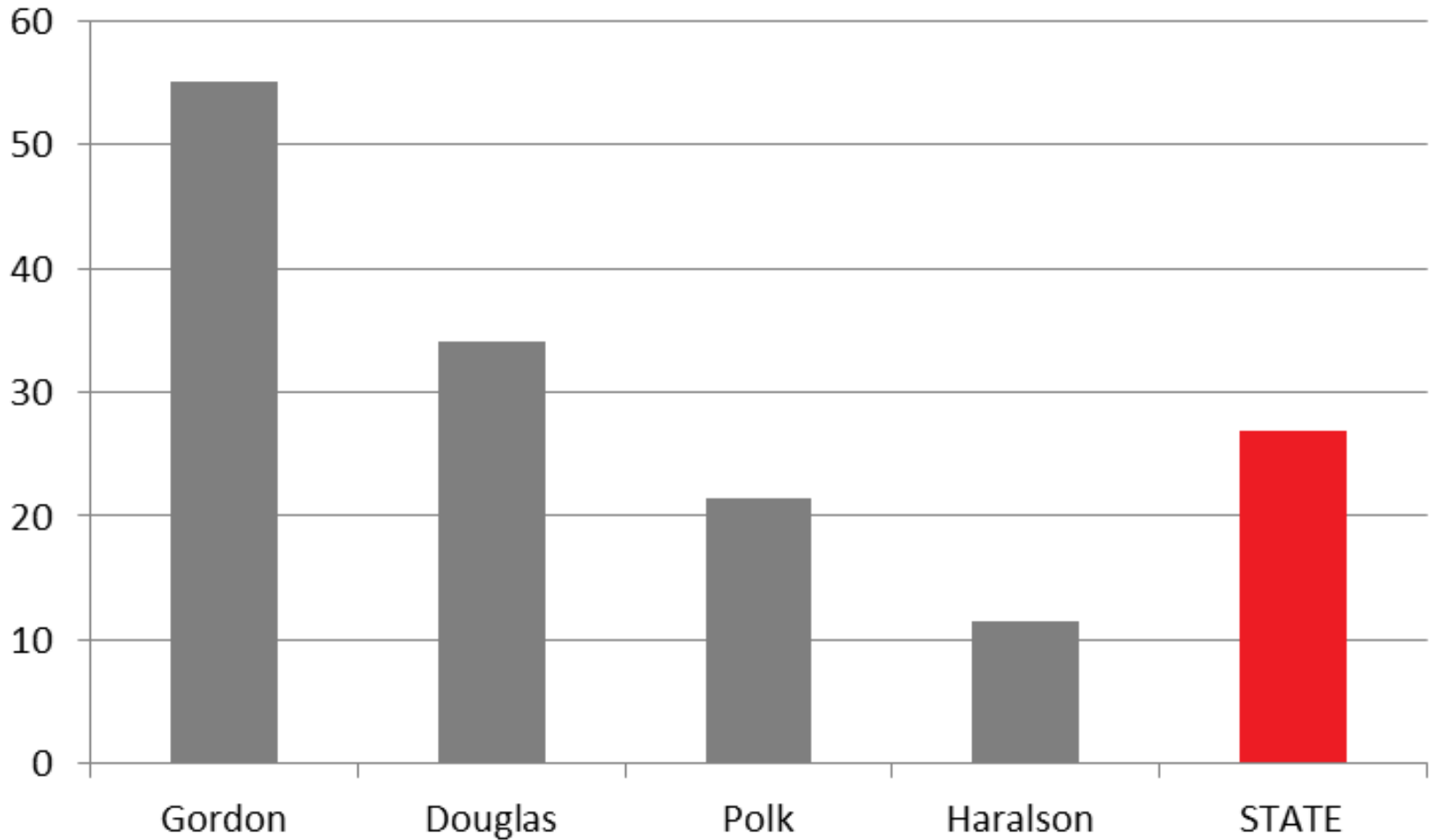
Polk average = 6.2 per 10,000 per month
Statewide average = 2.7 per 10,000 per month



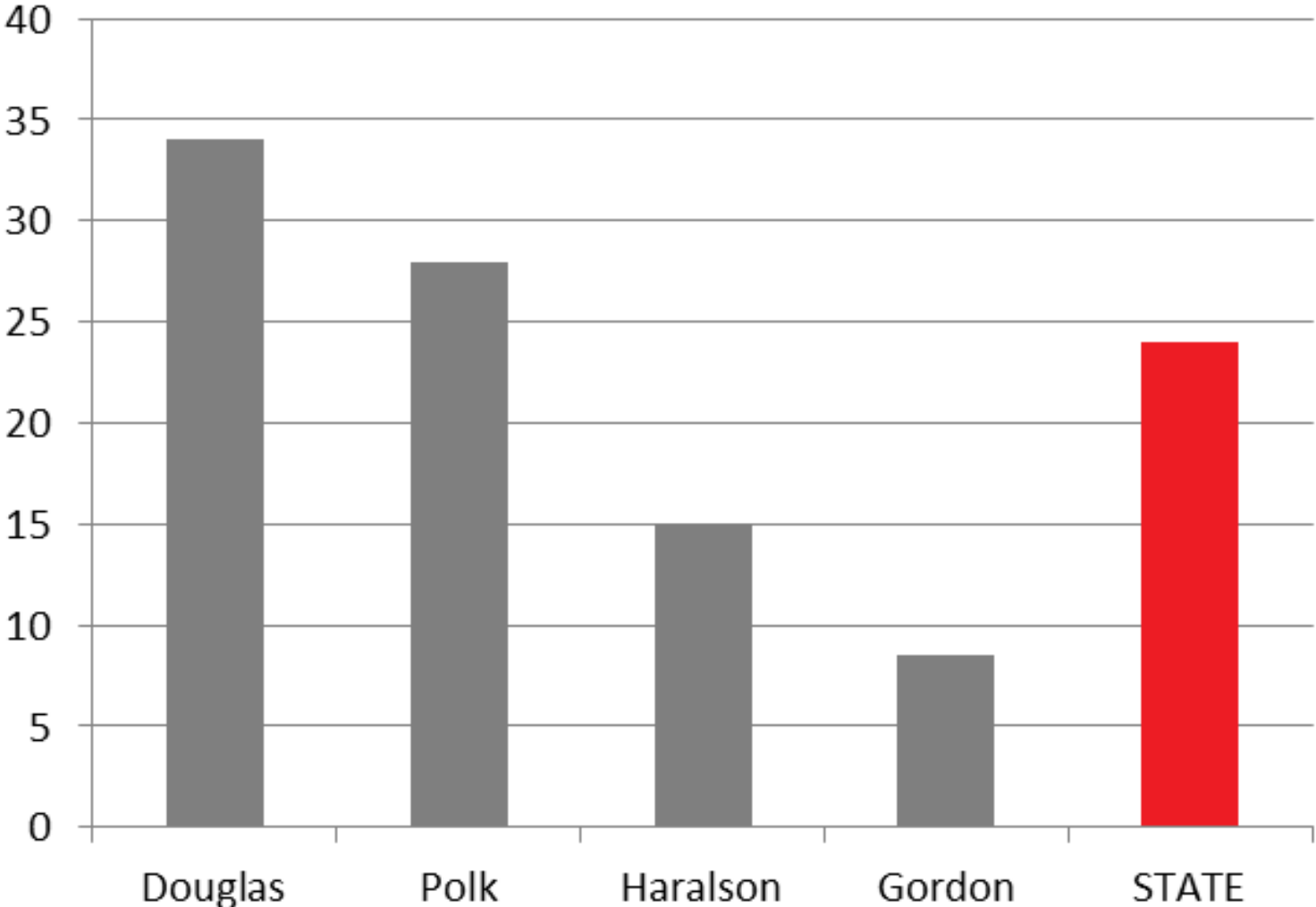
Haralson average = 4.5 per 10,000 per month
Statewide average = 2.7 per 10,000 per month



PERCENT OF SUBSTANTIATED VICTIMS REMOVED TO FOSTER CARE CY 2020



MEDIAN DAYS FROM REPORT TO REMOVAL CY 2020



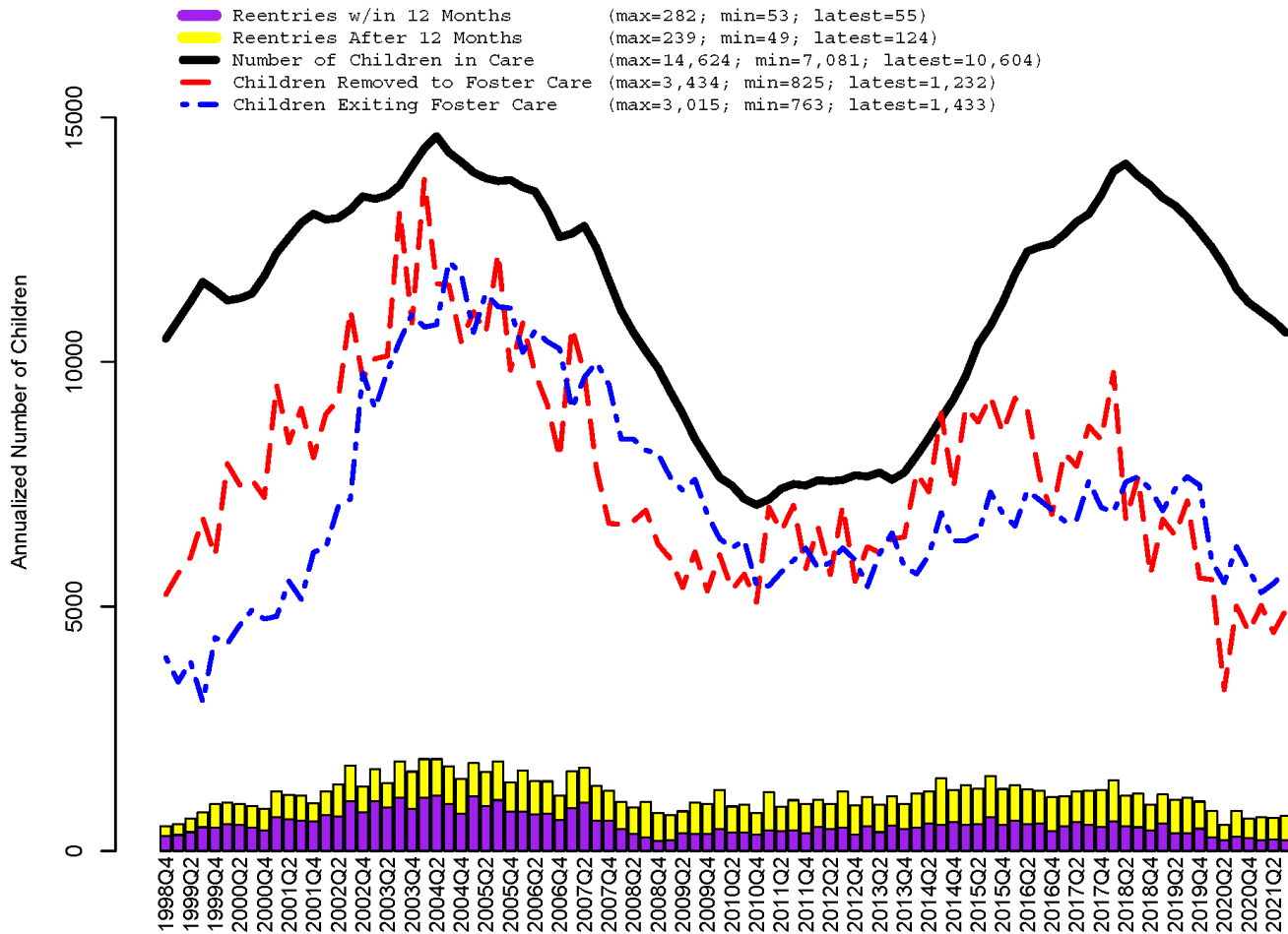
Foster Care

Entries and Exits

GEORGIA FOSTER CARE DYNAMICS

OCTOBER 1998 – SEPTEMBER 2021

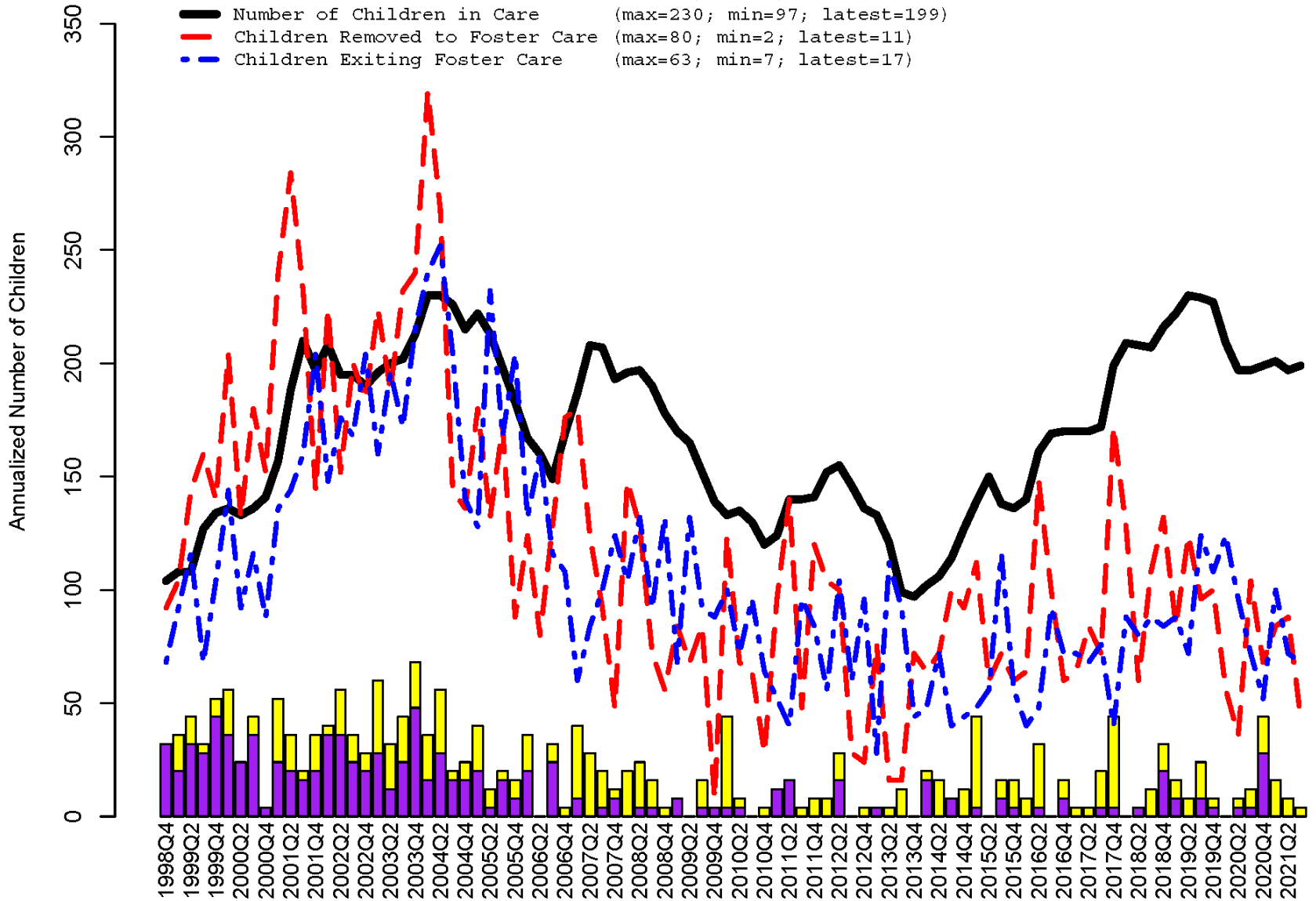
Statewide: Foster Care Dynamics
October 1998 through September 2021 by Quarter



Douglas County: Foster Care Dynamics

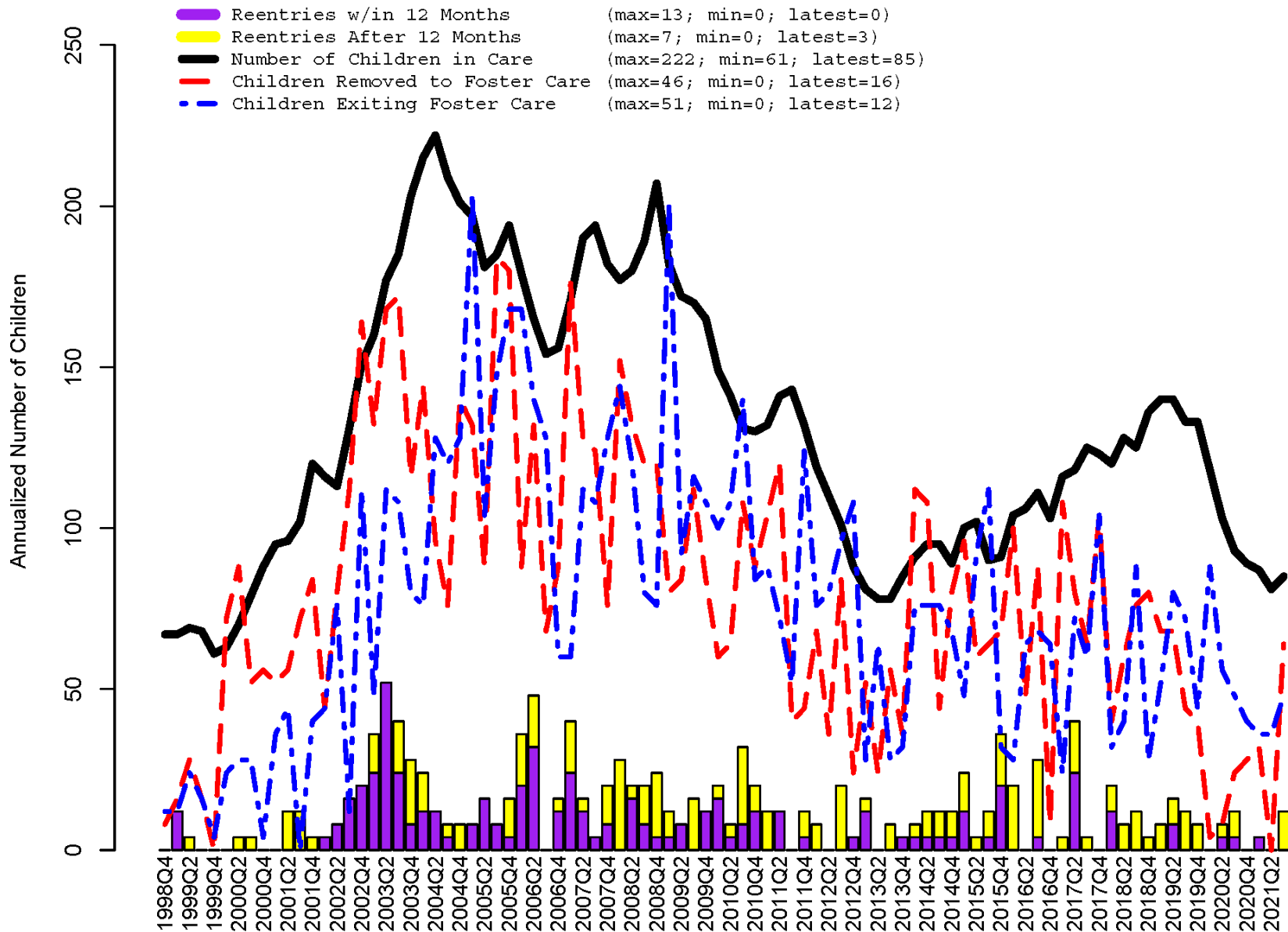
October 1998 through September 2021 by Quarter

- Reentries w/in 12 Months (max=12; min=0; latest=0)
- Reentries After 12 Months (max=10; min=0; latest=1)
- Number of Children in Care (max=230; min=97; latest=199)
- - - Children Removed to Foster Care (max=80; min=2; latest=11)
- - - Children Exiting Foster Care (max=63; min=7; latest=17)



Polk County: Foster Care Dynamics

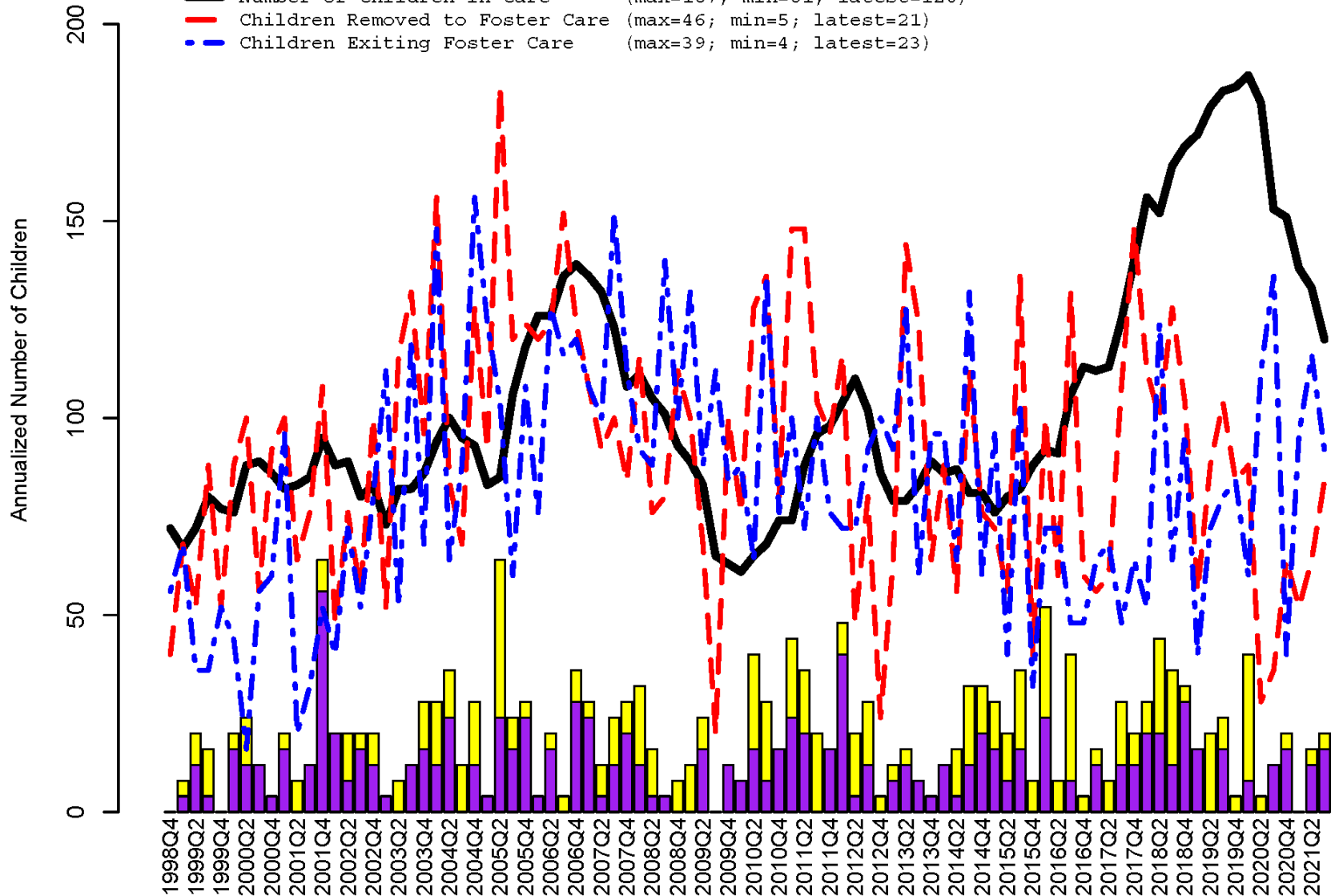
October 1998 through September 2021 by Quarter



Gordon County: Foster Care Dynamics

October 1998 through September 2021 by Quarter

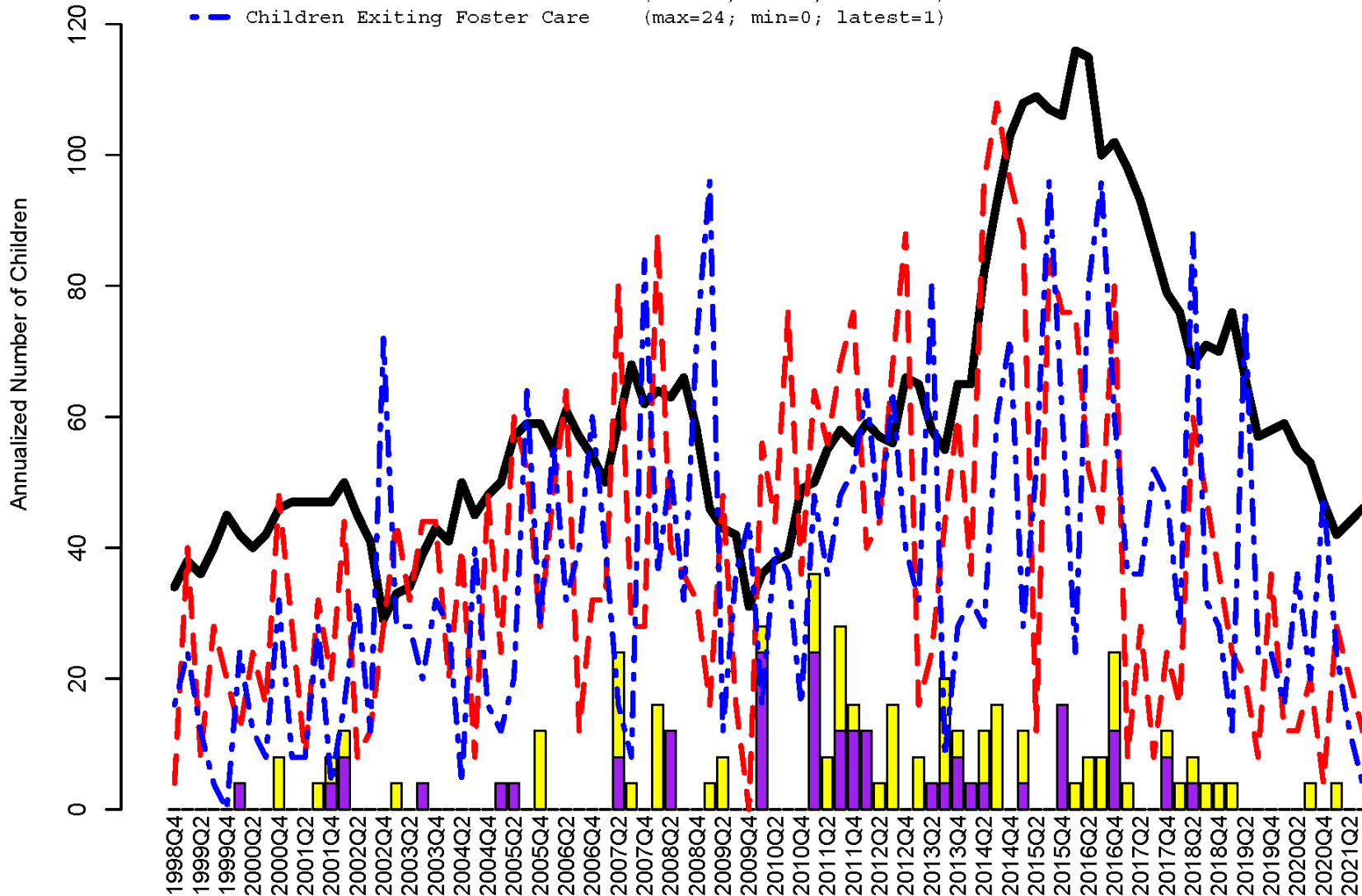
- Reentries w/in 12 Months (max=14; min=0; latest=4)
- Reentries After 12 Months (max=10; min=0; latest=1)
- Number of Children in Care (max=187; min=61; latest=120)
- - - Children Removed to Foster Care (max=46; min=5; latest=21)
- - - Children Exiting Foster Care (max=39; min=4; latest=23)



Haralson County: Foster Care Dynamics

October 1998 through September 2021 by Quarter

- Reentries w/in 12 Months (max=6; min=0; latest=0)
- Reentries After 12 Months (max=4; min=0; latest=0)
- Number of Children in Care (max=116; min=29; latest=46)
- - - Children Removed to Foster Care (max=27; min=0; latest=3)
- - - Children Exiting Foster Care (max=24; min=0; latest=1)

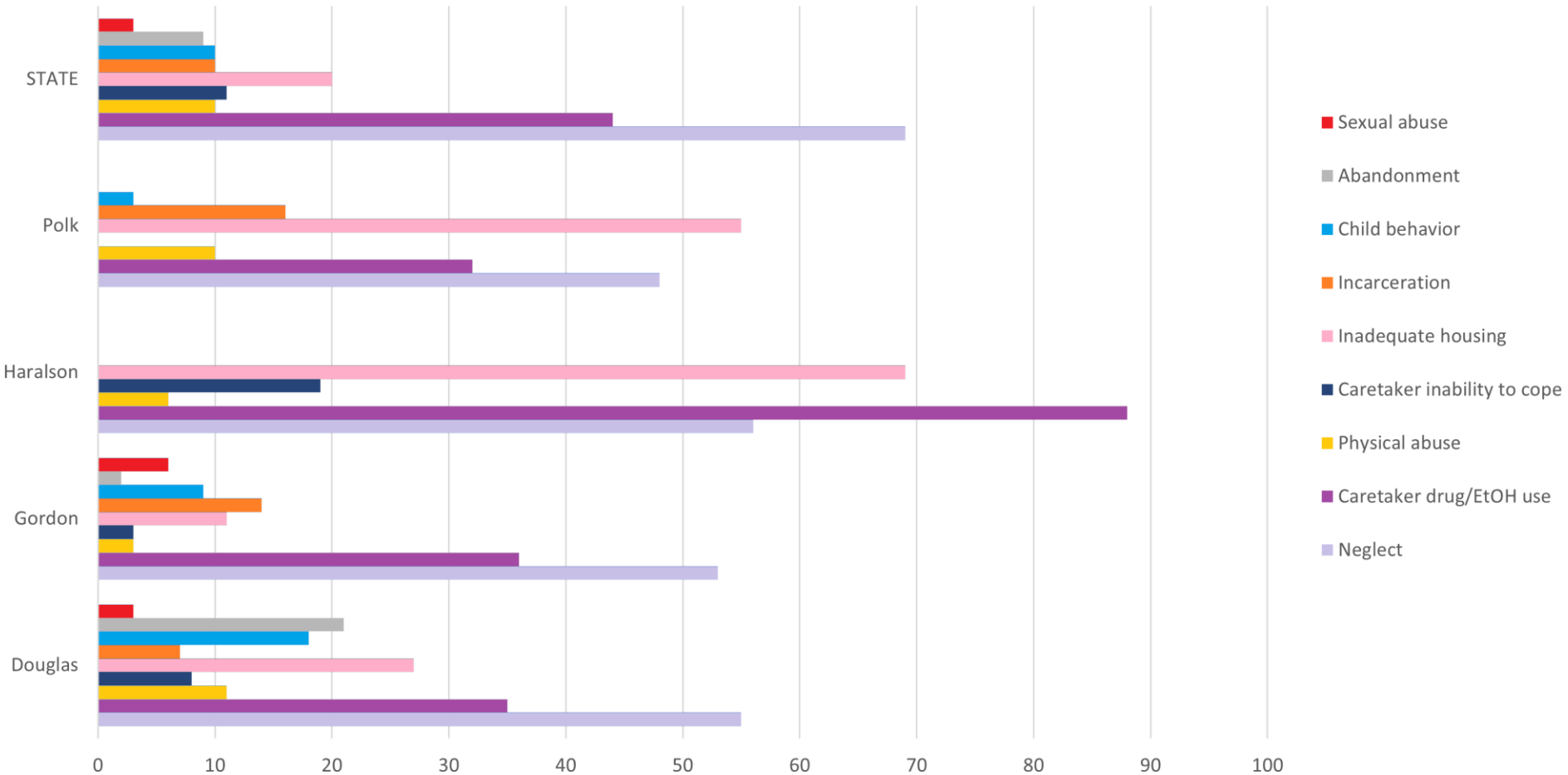


Foster Care

Reasons for Removal

REASONS FOR REMOVAL

OCTOBER 2020 – SEPTEMBER 2021

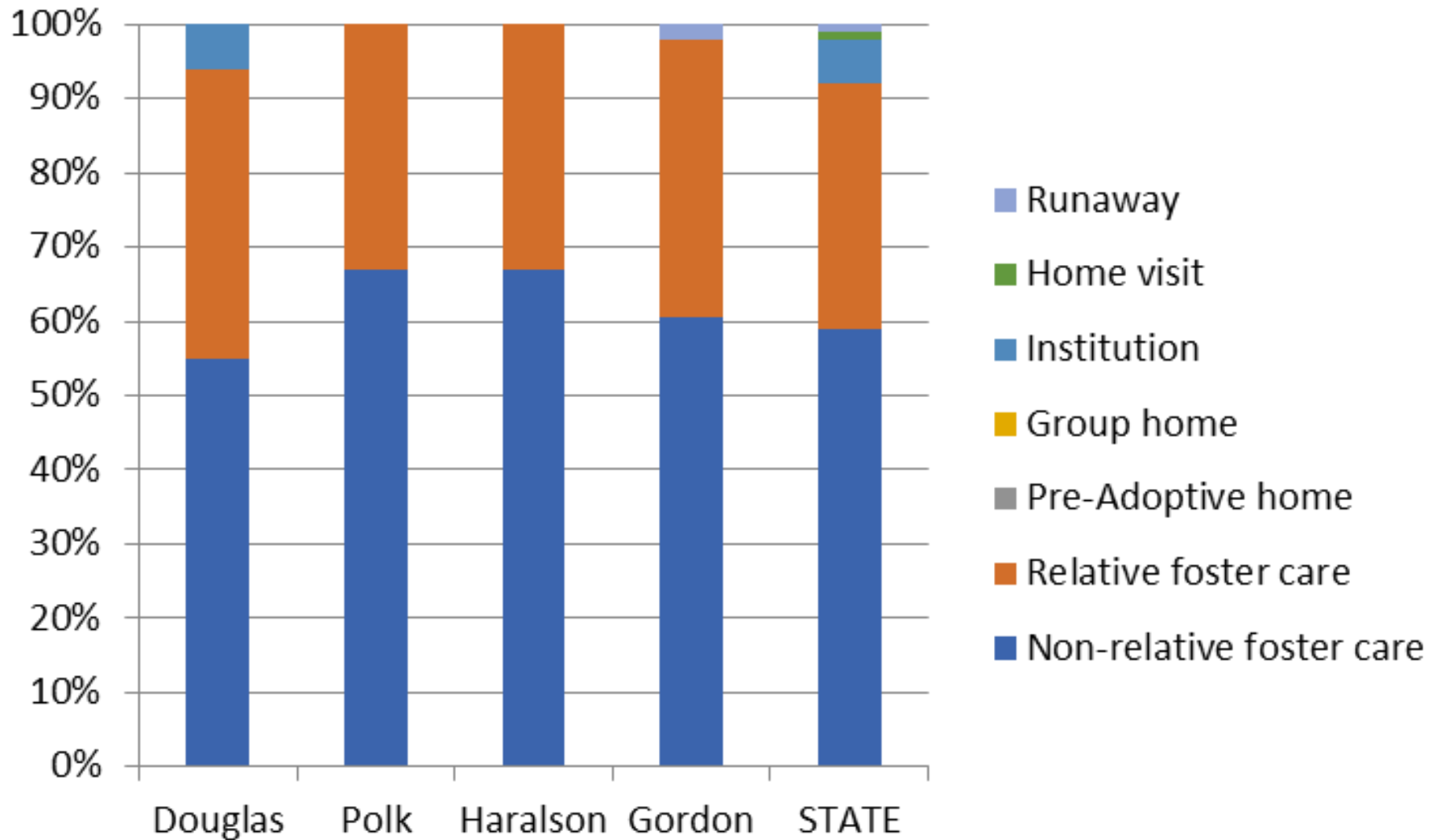


Foster Care

Placement Types

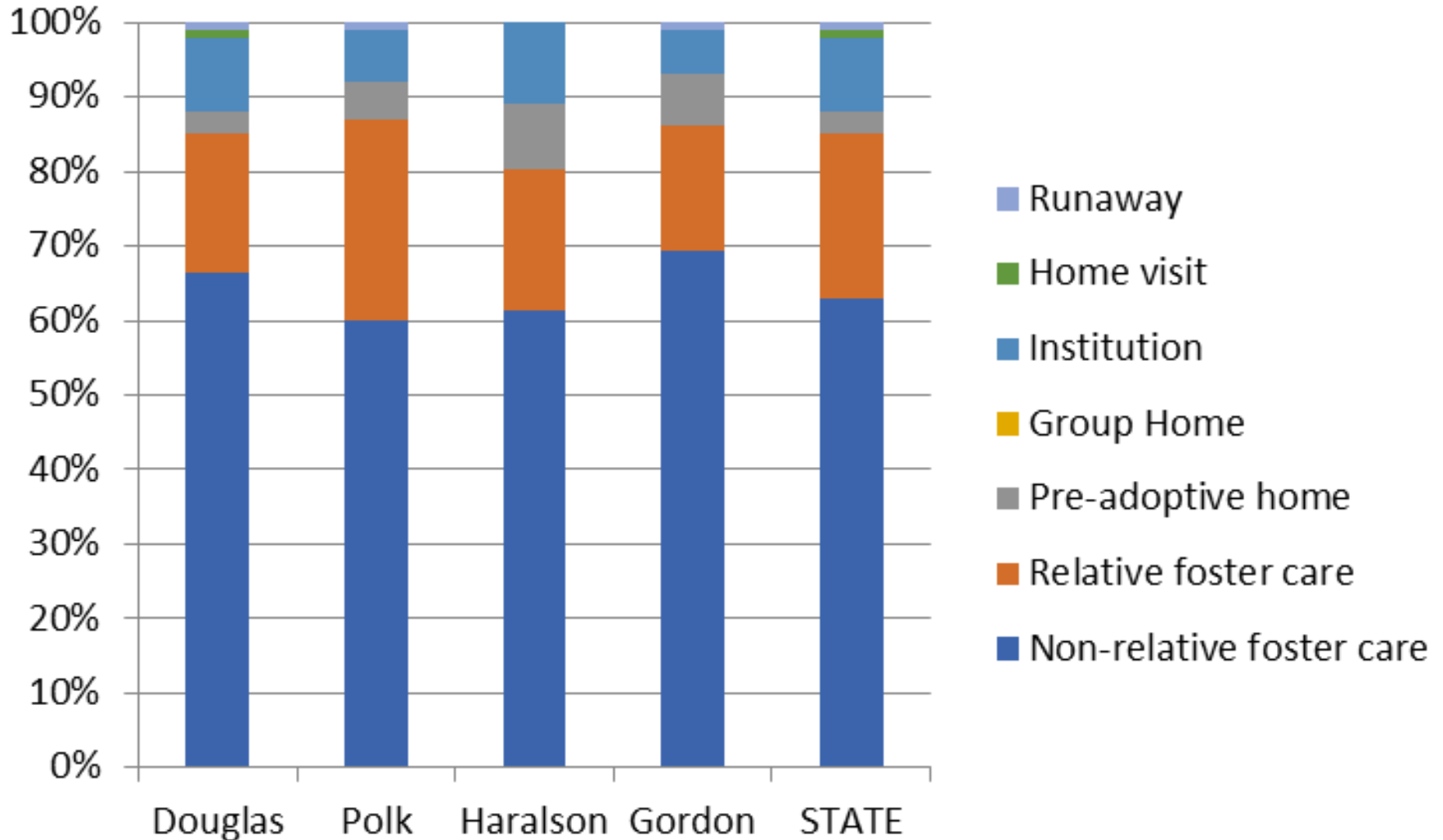
FIRST PLACEMENTS BY TYPE

OCTOBER 2020 – SEPTEMBER 2021



SNAPSHOT OF ALL PLACEMENT TYPES BY PERCENTAGE

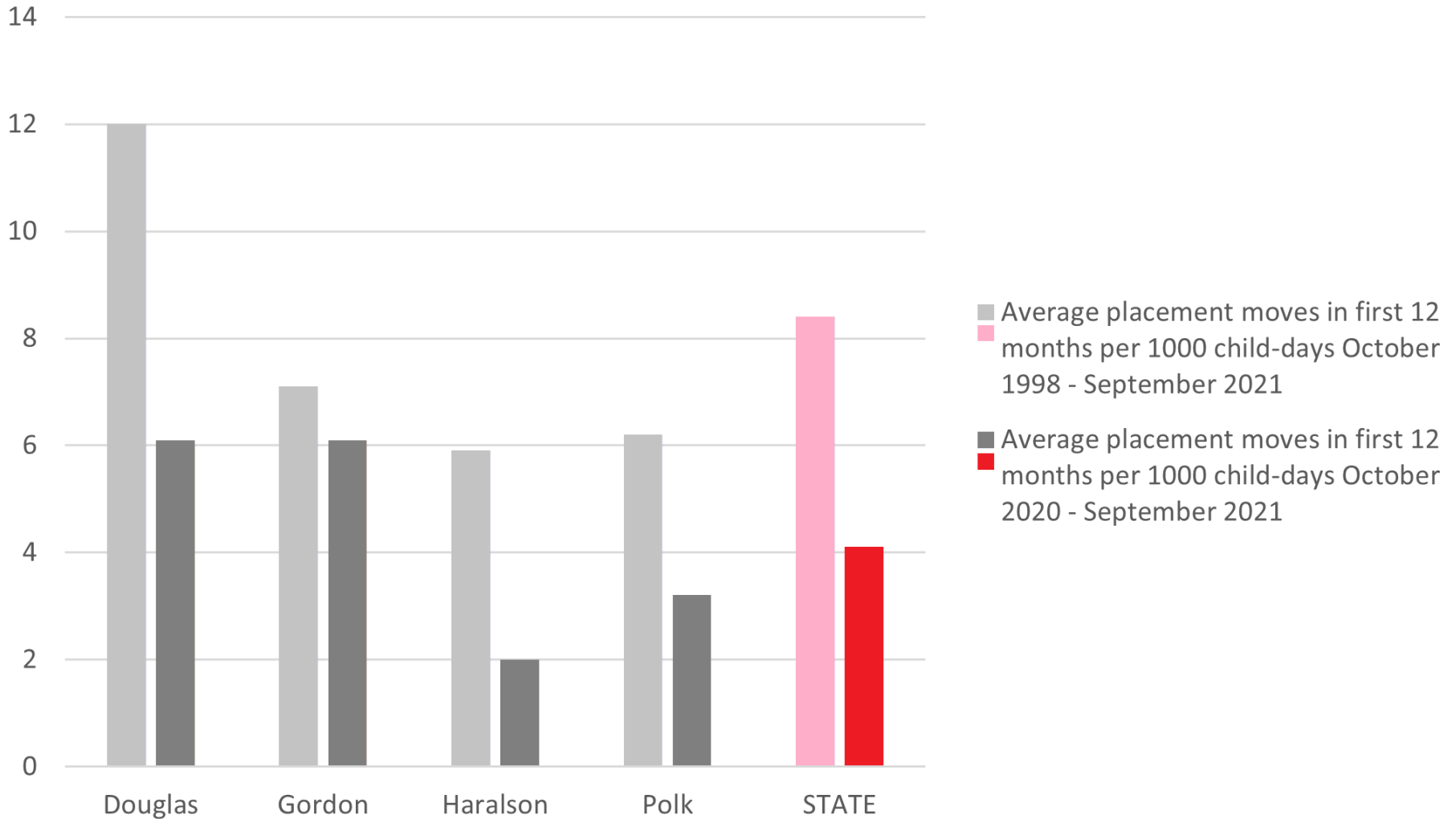
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Foster Care

Placement Stability

PLACEMENT MOVES

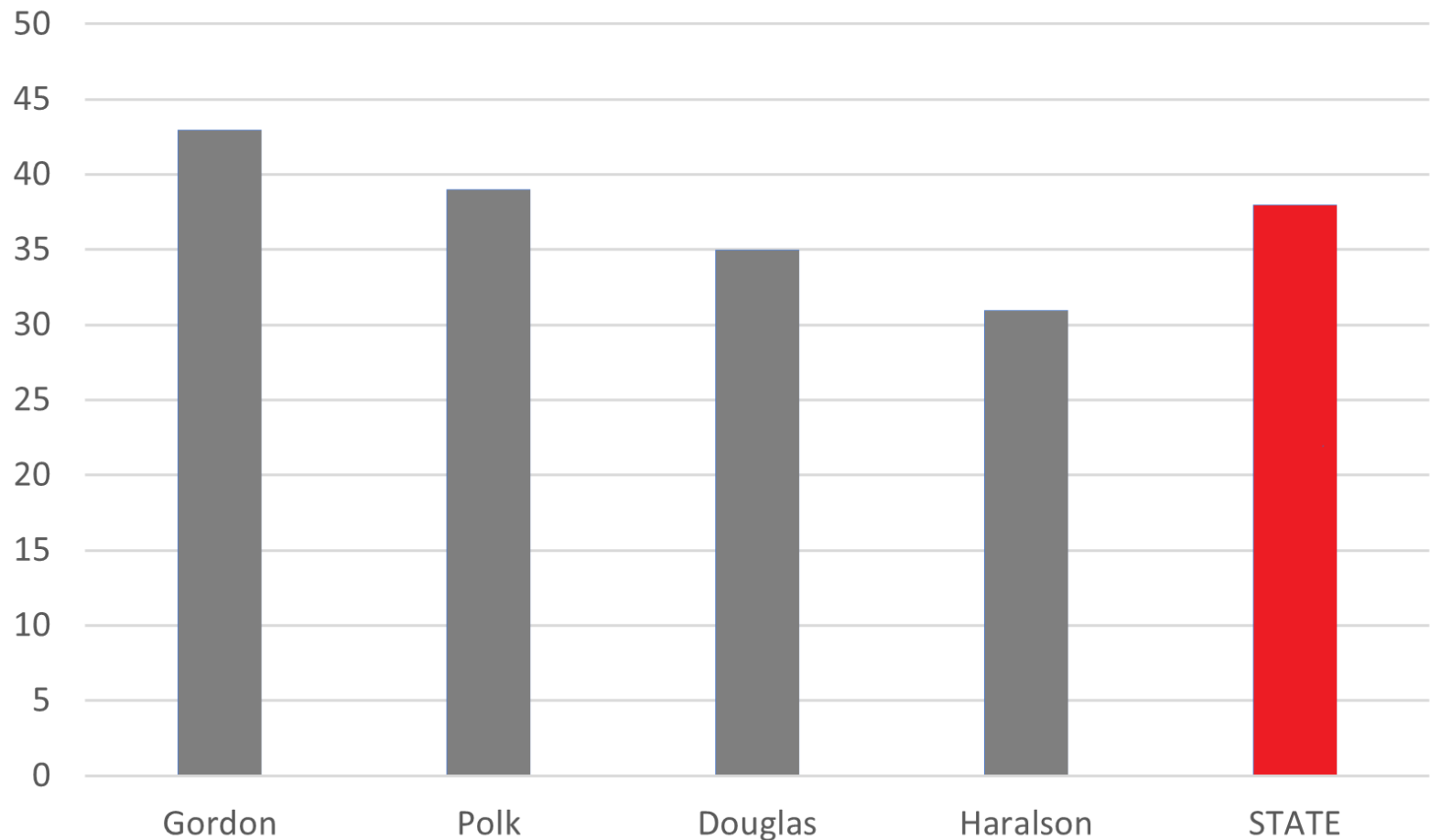


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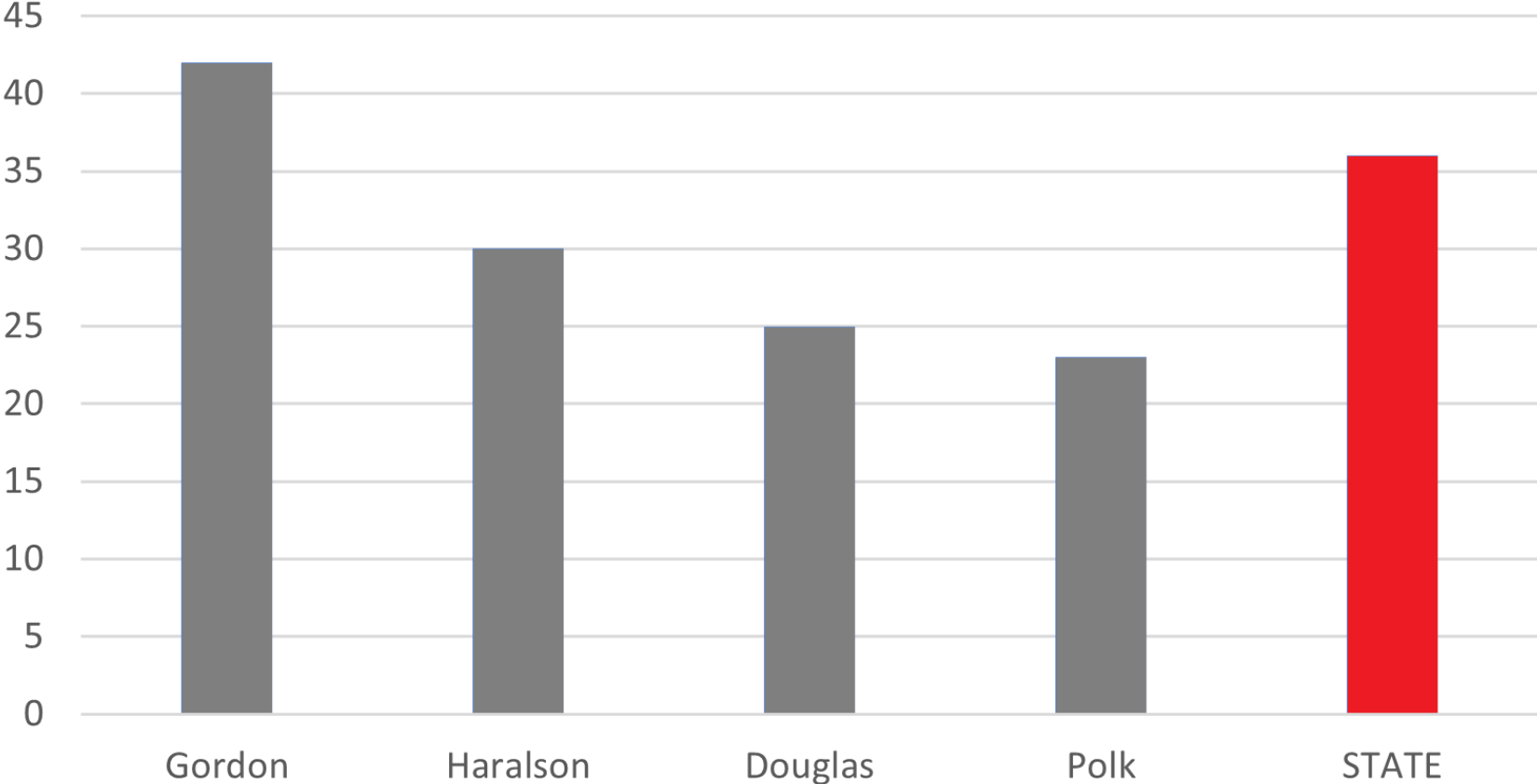
Time in Foster Care

PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE ACHIEVING PERMANENCE WITHING 12 MONTHS

OCTOBER 1998 – SEPTEMBER 2021

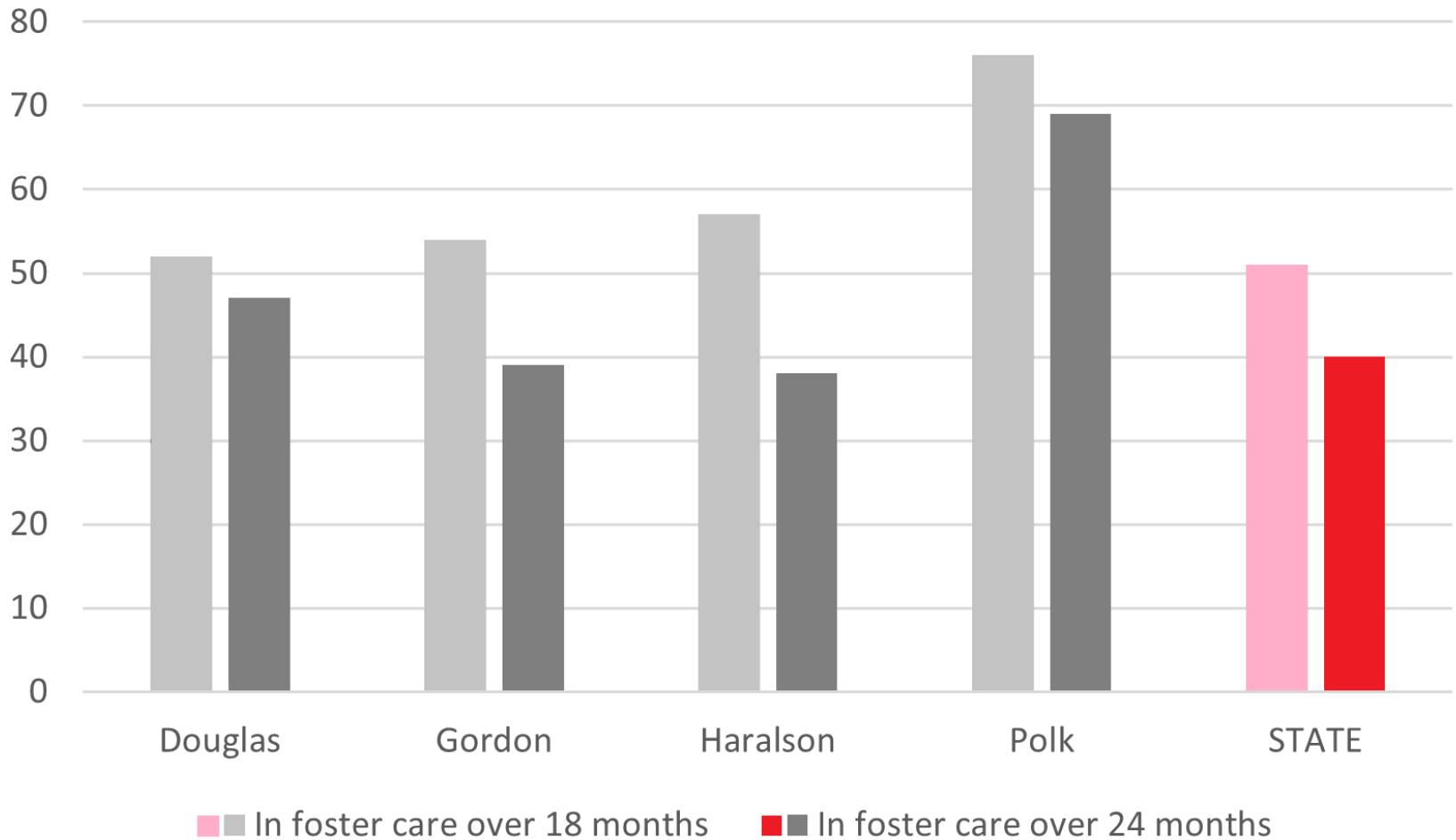


PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 WHO ACHIEVED PERMANENCE WITHIN 12 MONTHS



PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN LONG STAY FOSTER CARE

SEPTEMBER 30, 2021



Foster Care

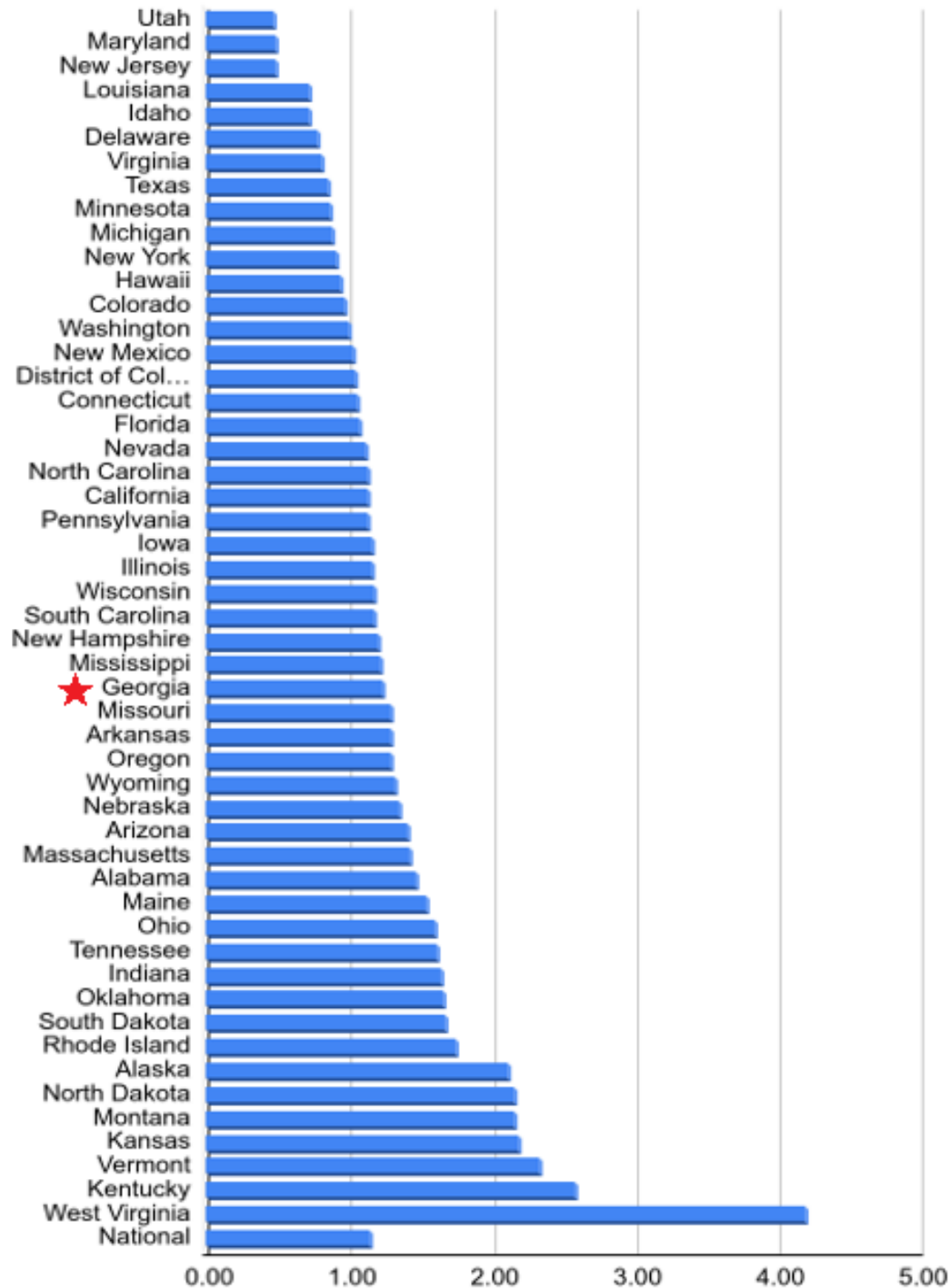
Family Separation Days

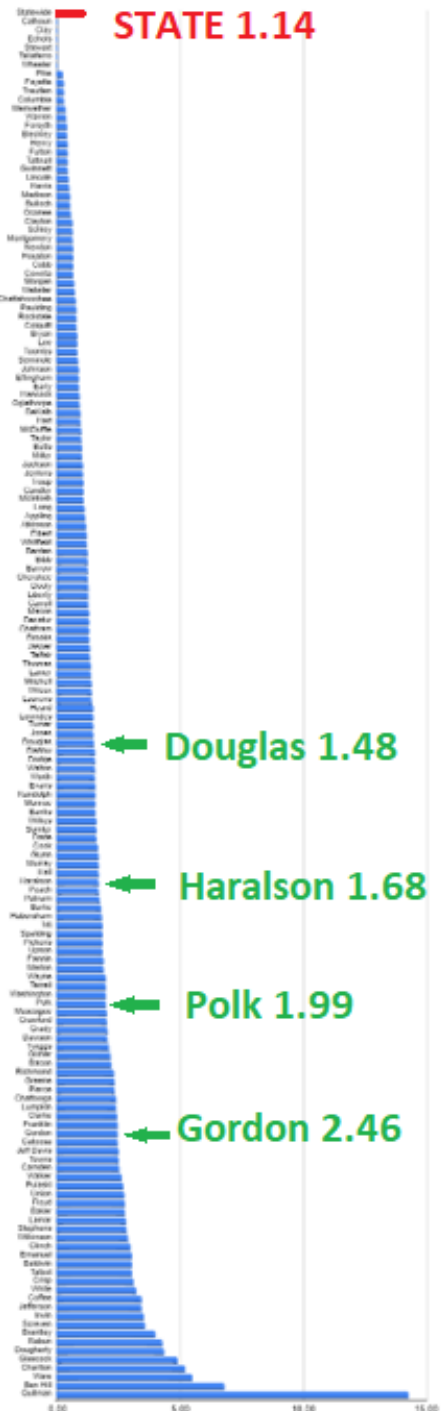
FAMILY SEPARATION



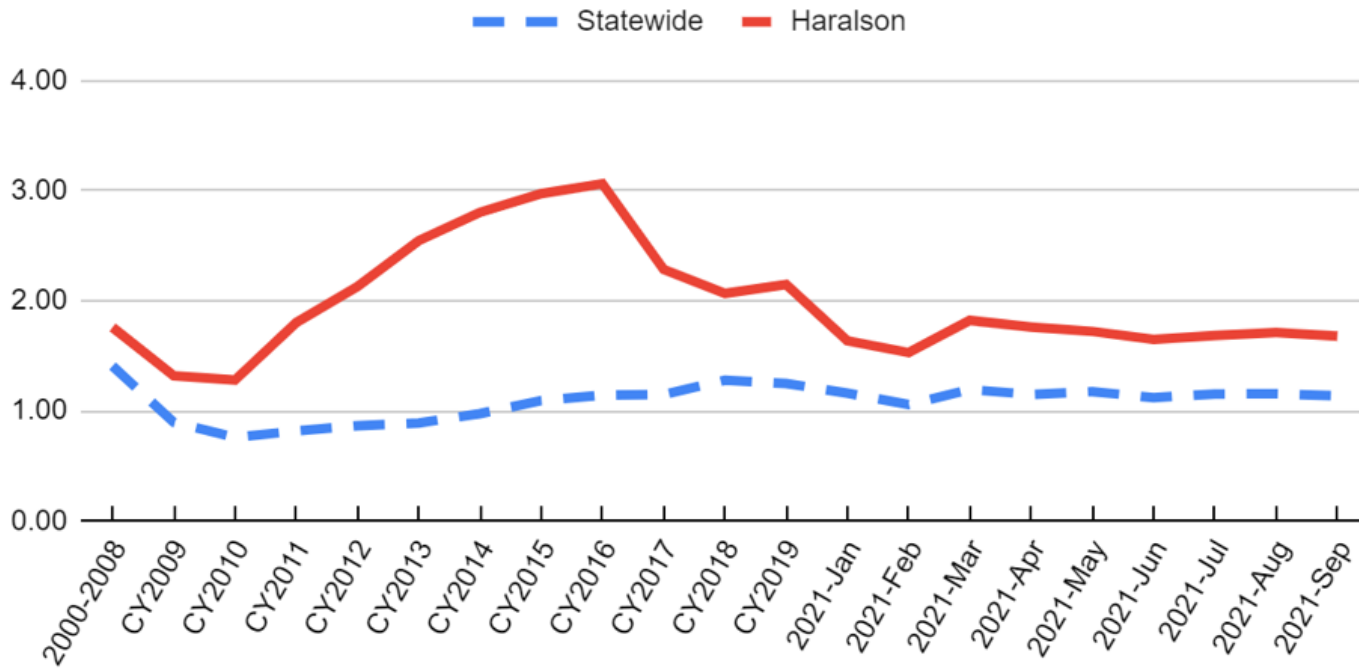
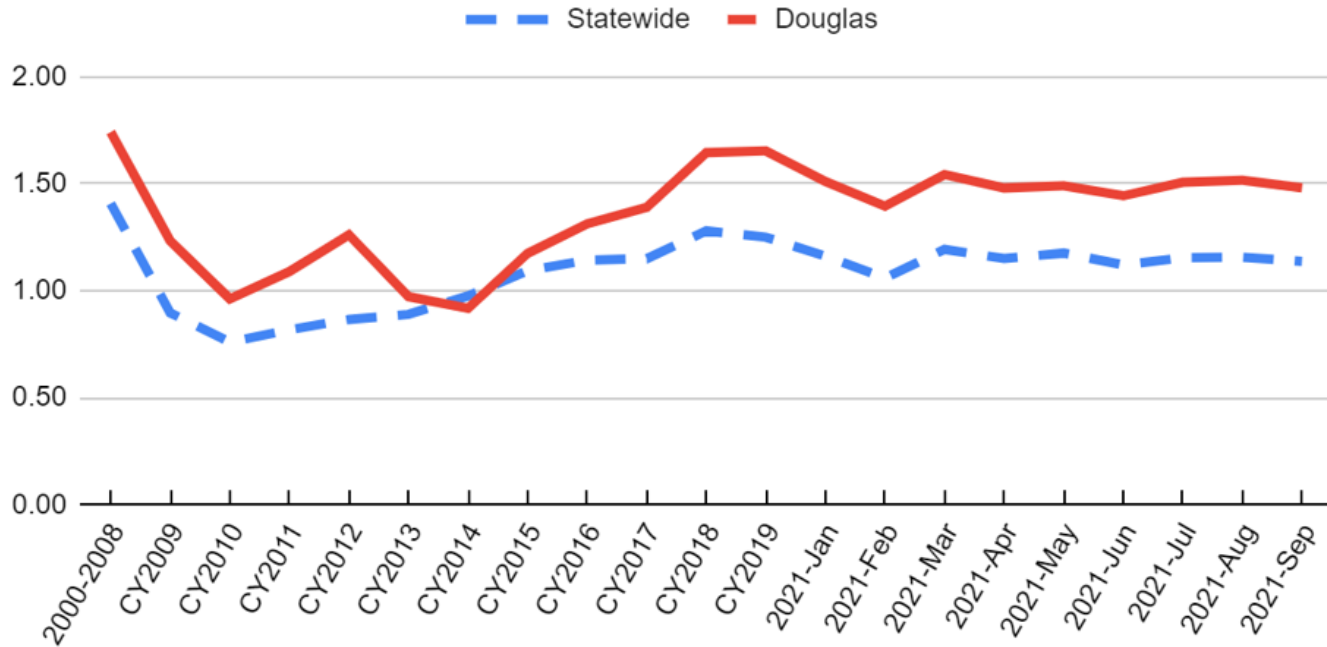
- Another “person-time” metric
- Count up ALL days that ALL children in foster care were in non-family placements
 - Non-relative foster care, congregate care, runaway, or ILP placement
- We call it days separated from family or **FAMILY SEPARATION DAYS**

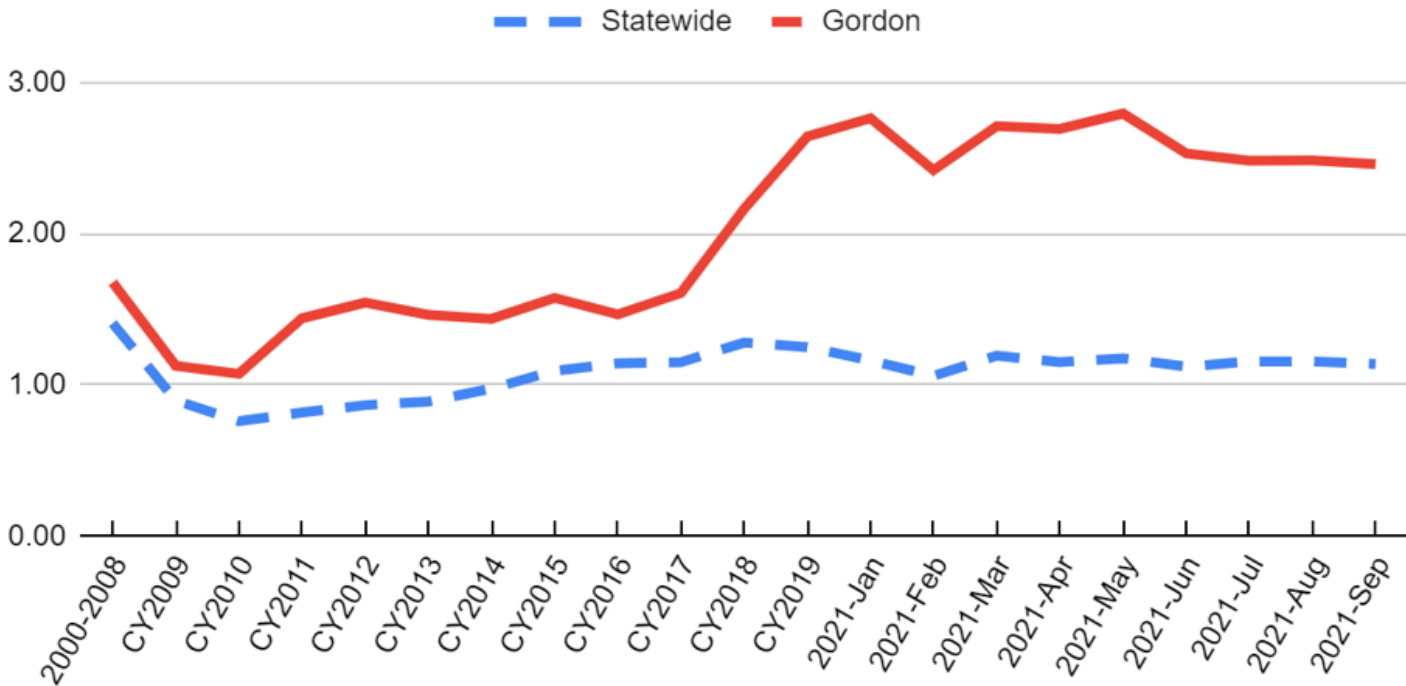
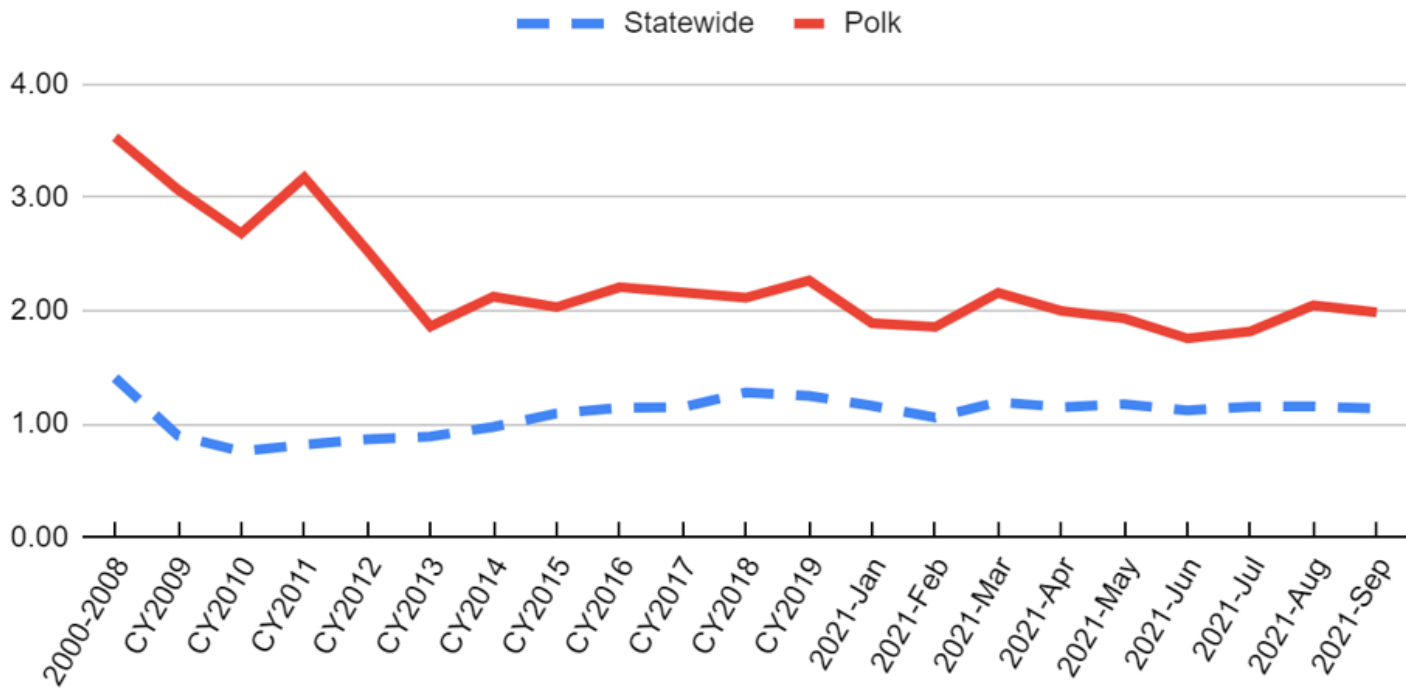
NATIONAL COMPARISON OF AVERAGE DAYS SEPARATED FROM FAMILY FY 2020





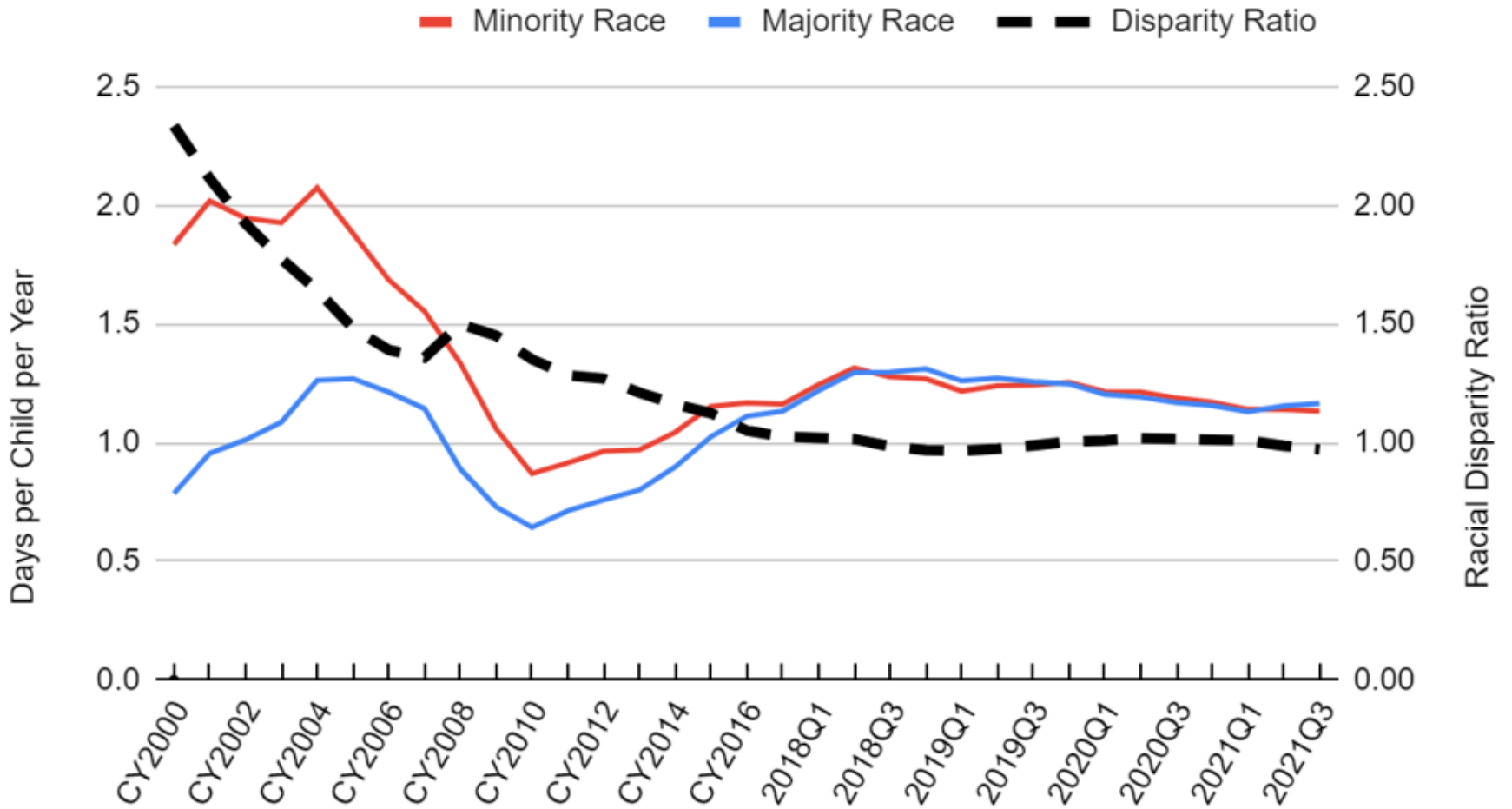
AVERAGE DAYS SEPARATED FROM FAMILY PER CHILD IN COUNTY SEPTEMBER 2021



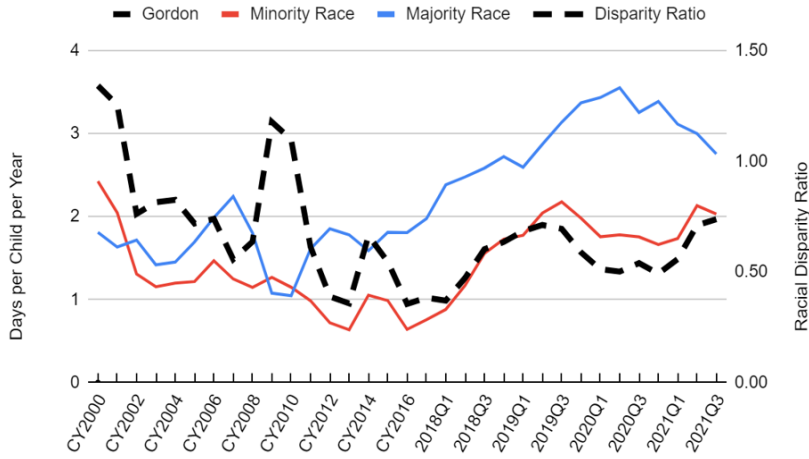


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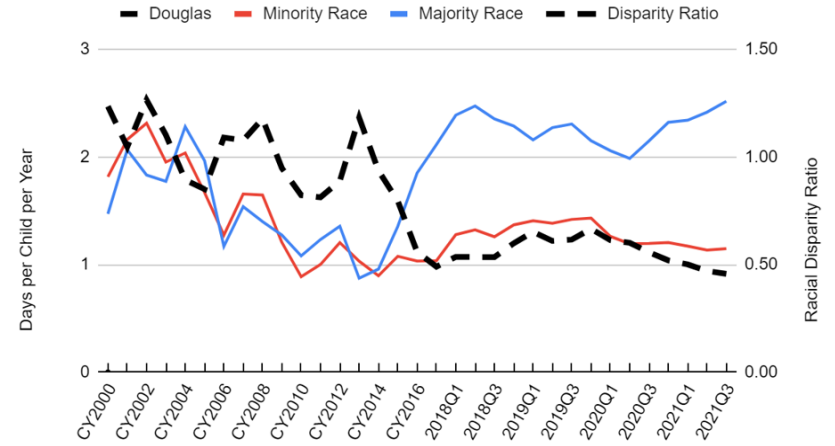
Monthly Family Separation Days per Child per Year



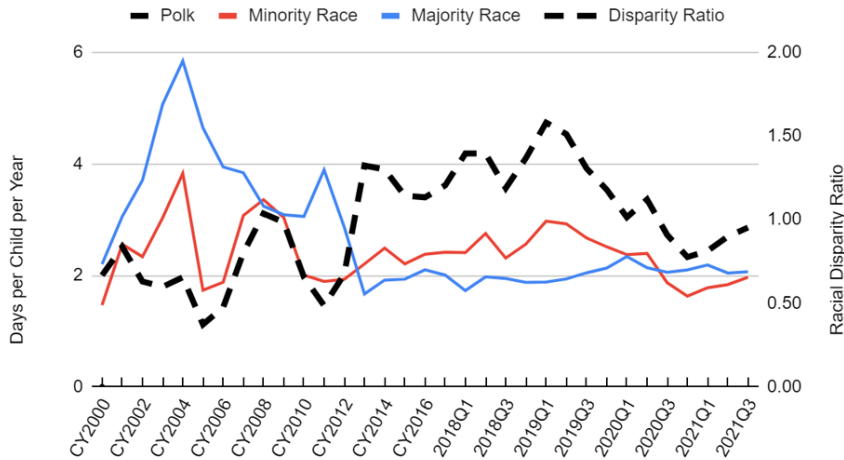
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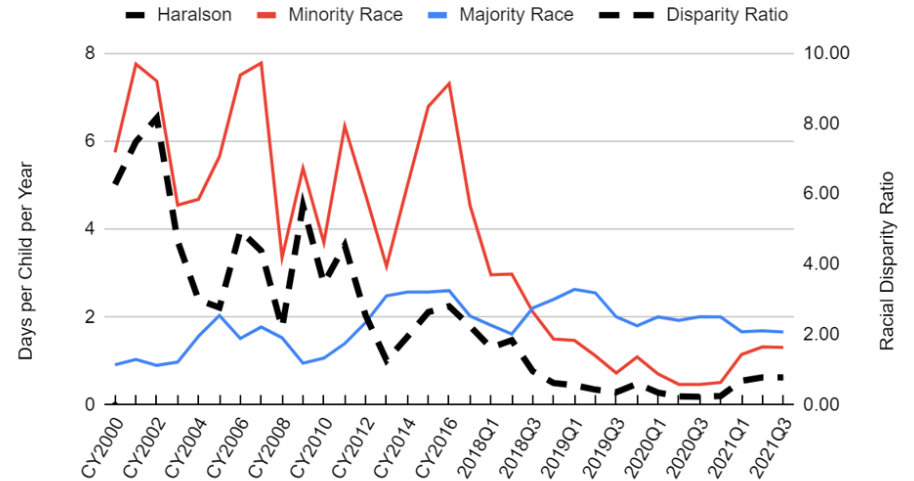
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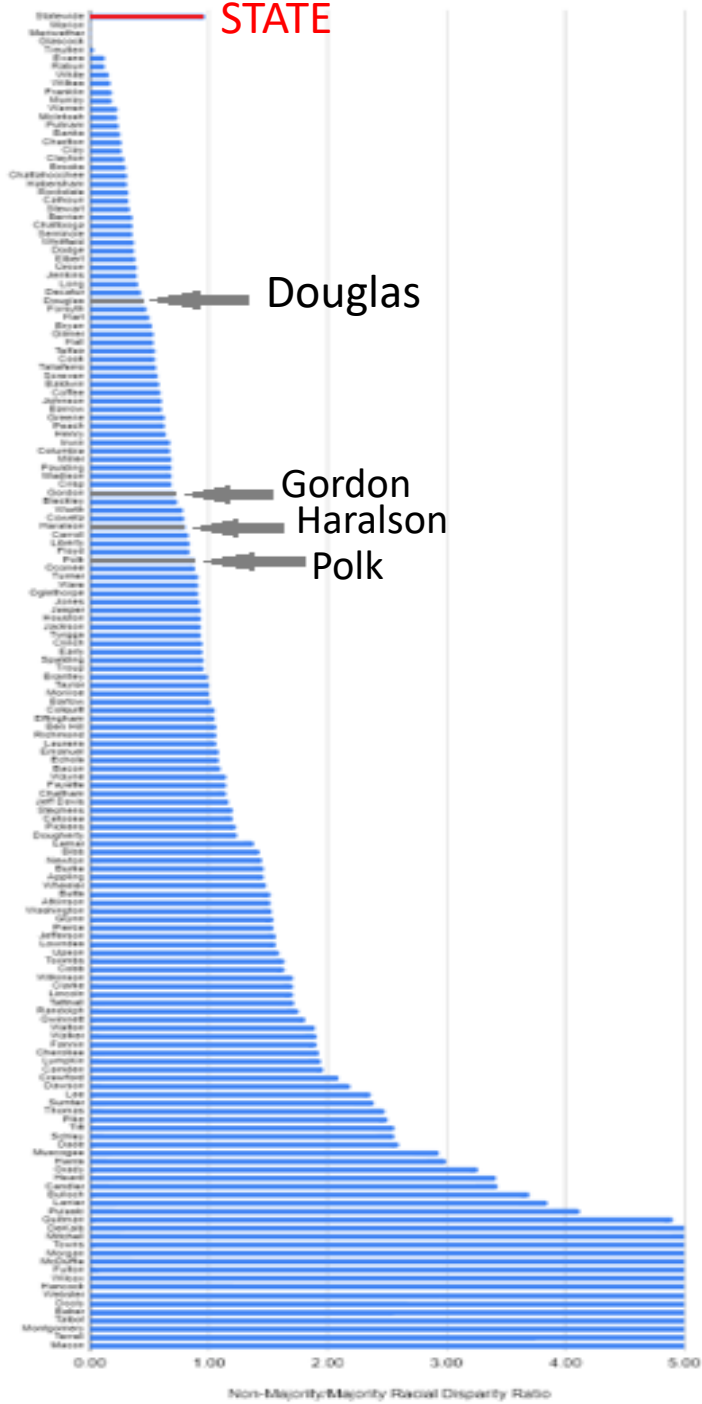
Polk



Haralson



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FAMILY SEPARATION RACIAL DISPARITY RATIO

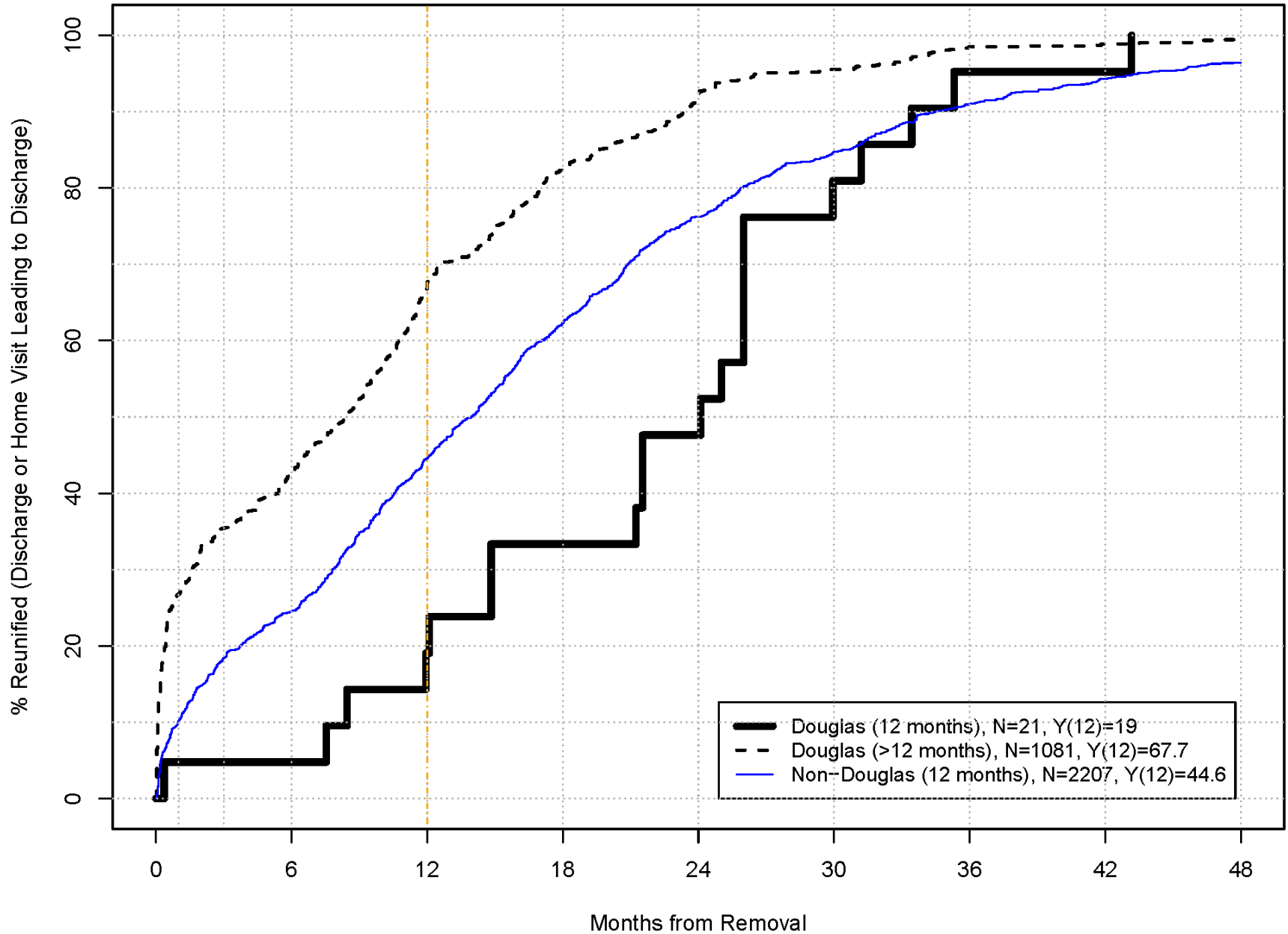
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Non-Majority/Majority Racial Disparity Ratio

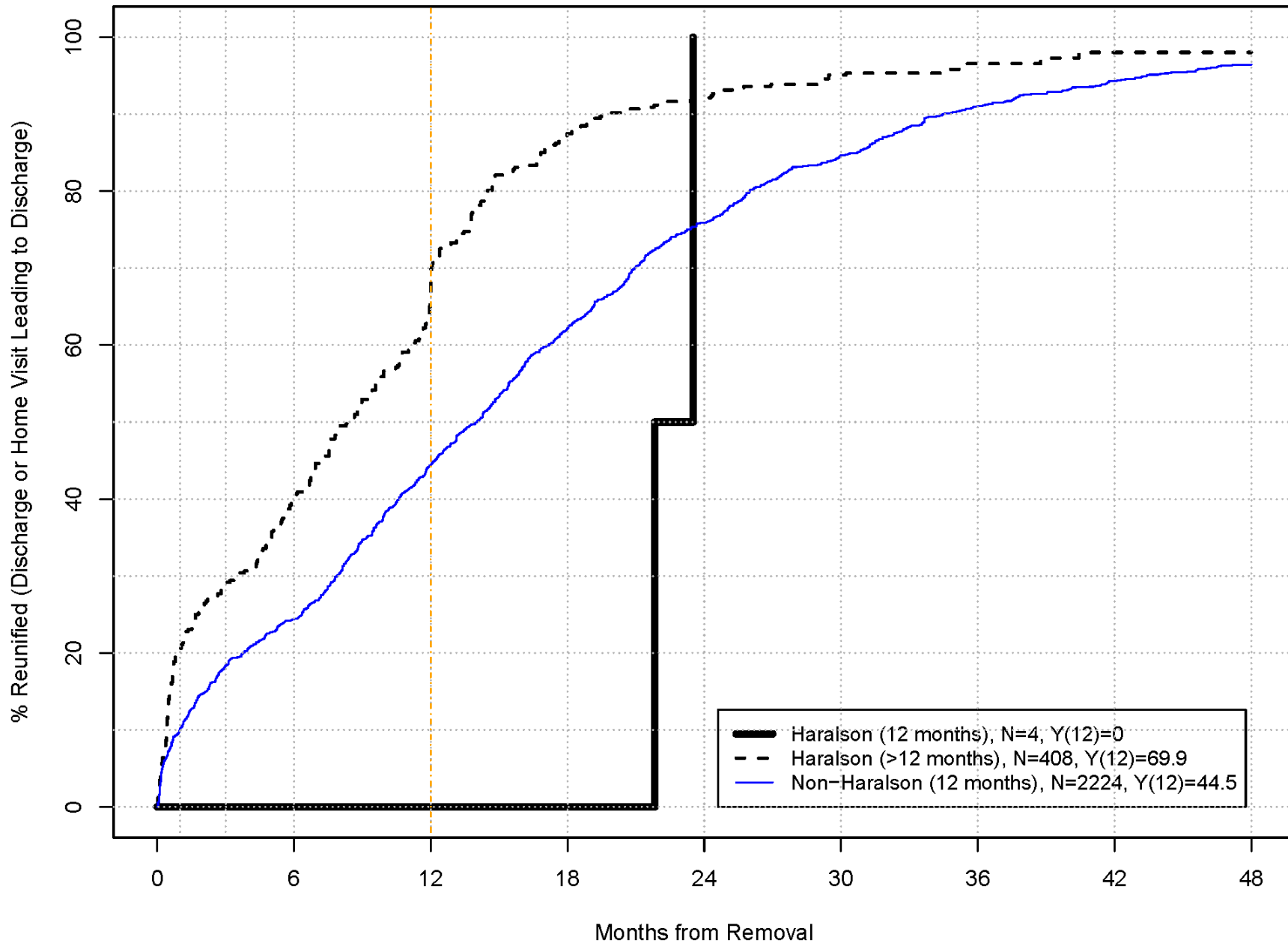
Discharges from Foster Care

Reunification

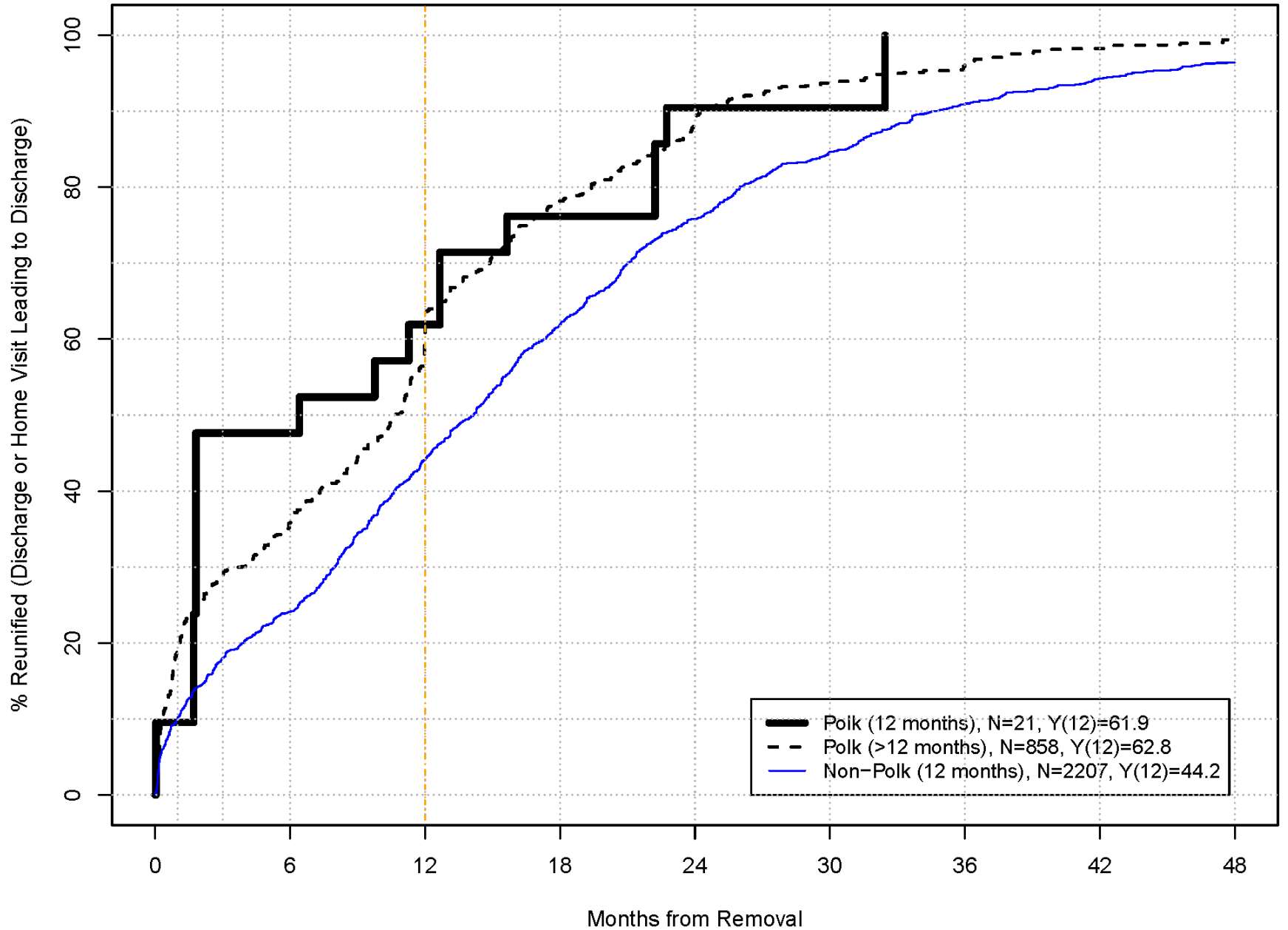
Douglas County: Discharges for Reunification Length of Stay, October 1998 through September 2021



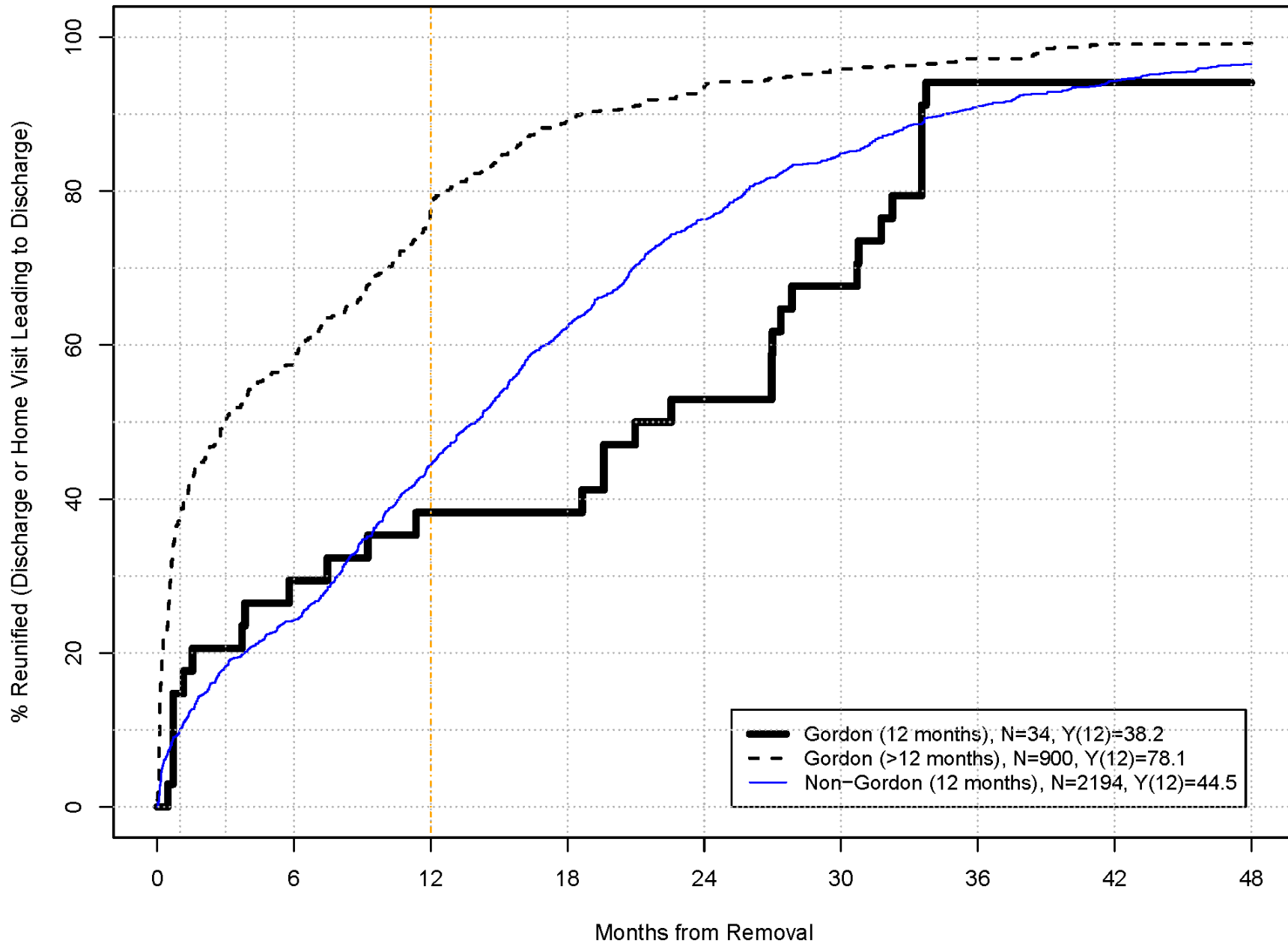
Haralson County: Discharges for Reunification Length of Stay, October 1998 through September 2021



Polk County: Discharges for Reunification Length of Stay, October 1998 through September 2021



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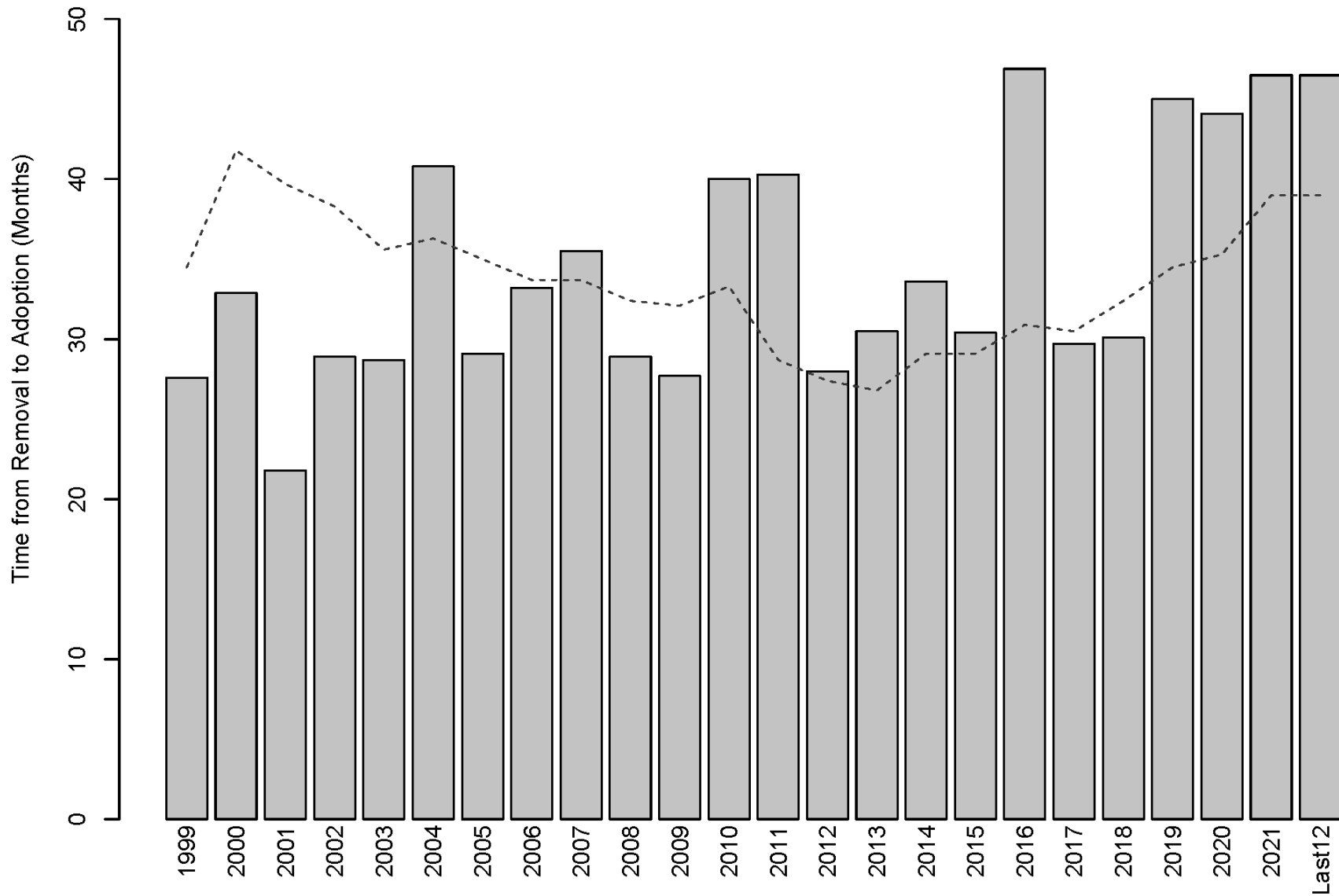
Discharges from Foster Care

Adoptions

Douglas County: Median Months to Adoption by Year, FFY1999 to FFY2021

Douglas average = 34 months
Statewide average = 34 months

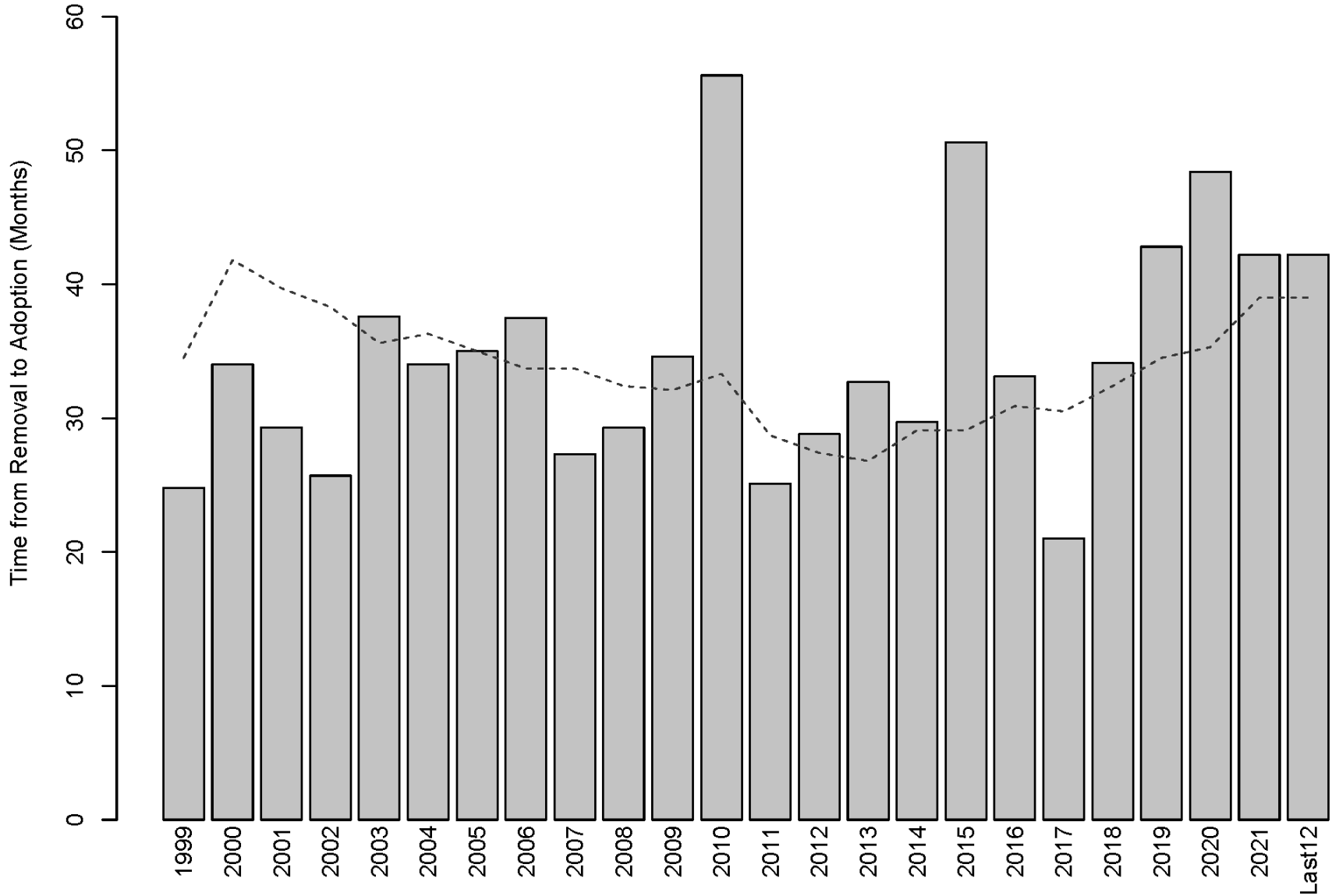
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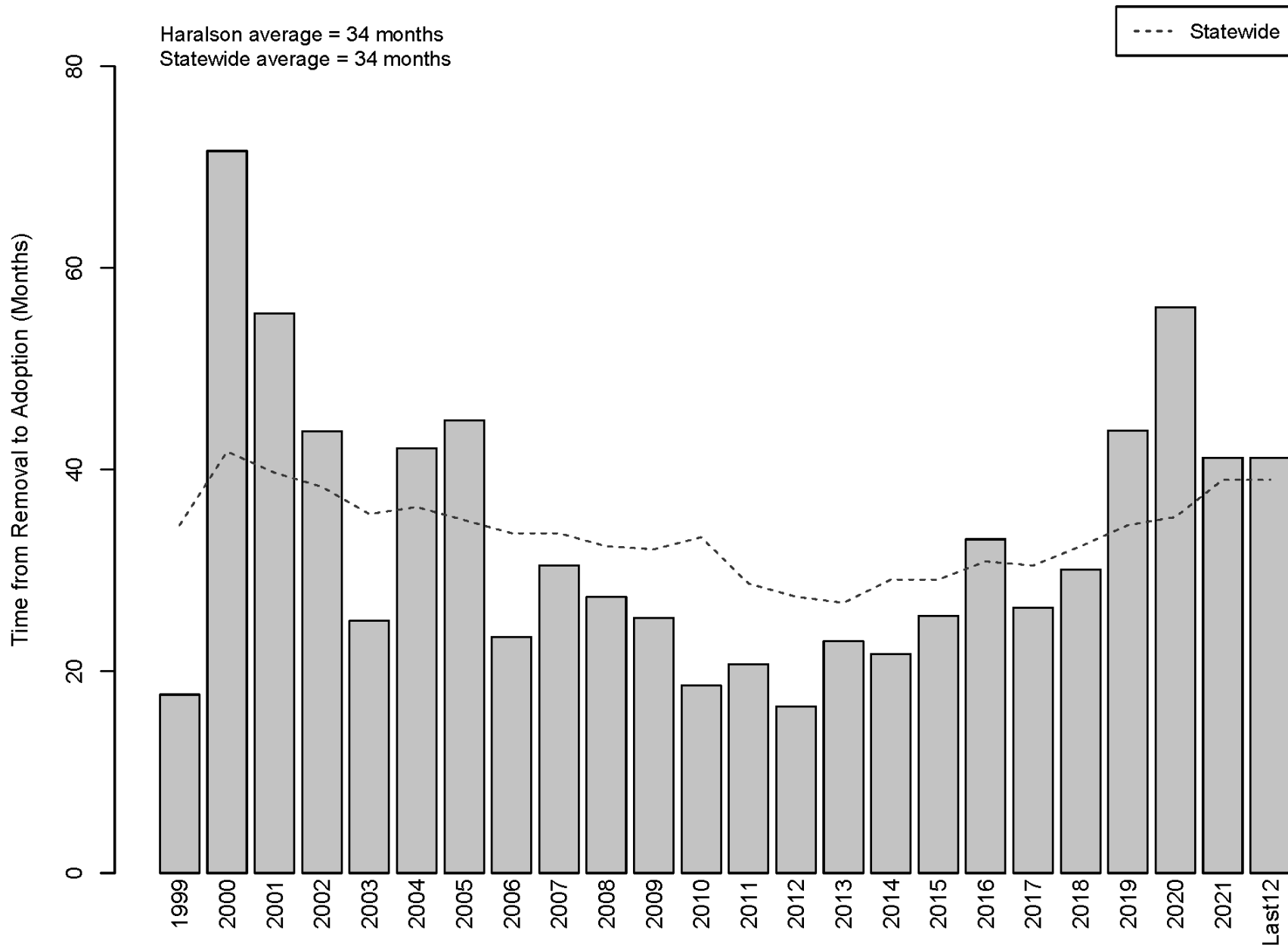
Gordon County: Median Months to Adoption by Year, FFY1999 to FFY2021

Gordon average = 35 months
Statewide average = 34 months

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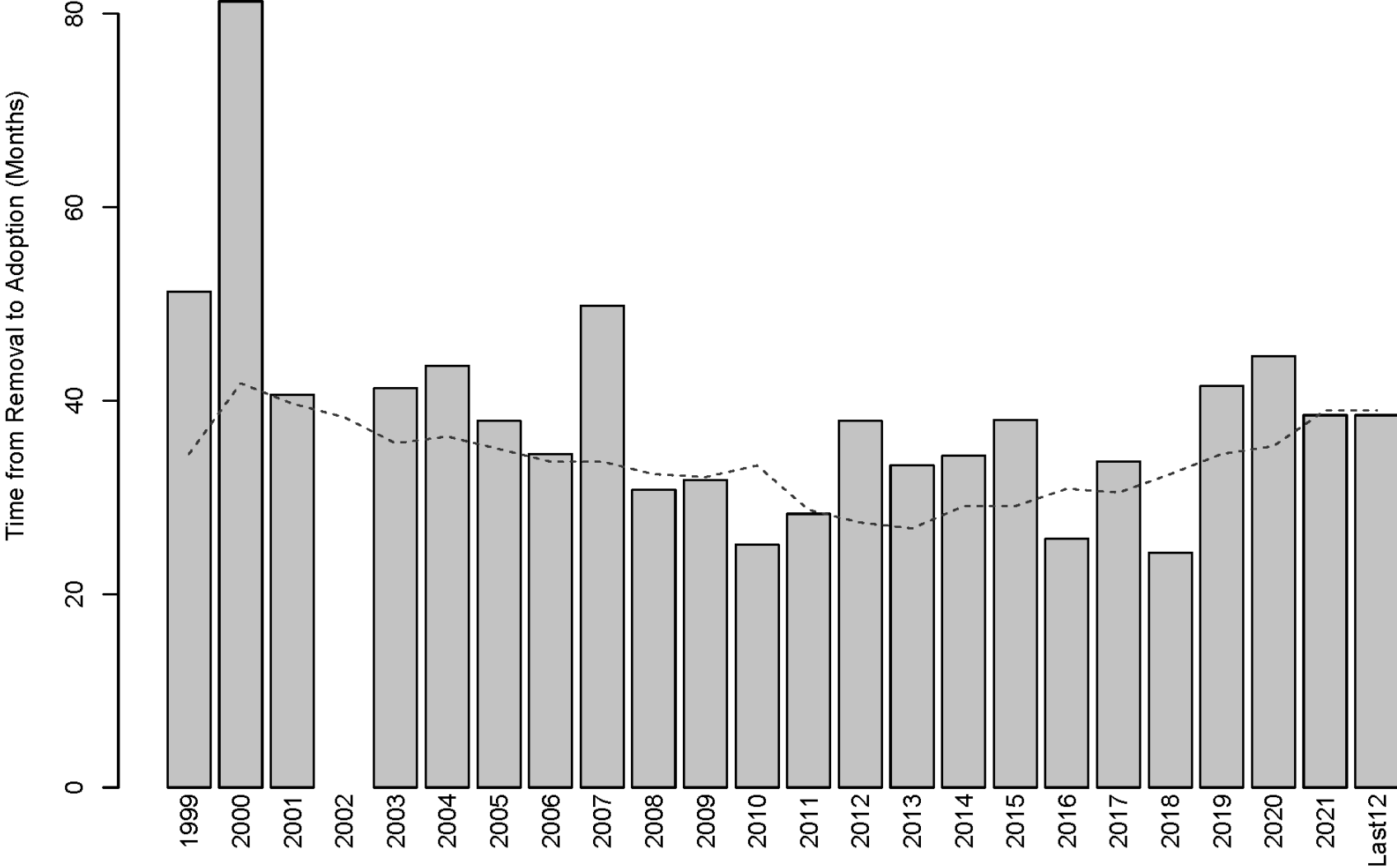
Haralson County: Median Months to Adoption by Year, FFY1999 to FFY2021



Polk County: Median Months to Adoption by Year, FFY1999 to FFY2021

Polk average = 39 months
Statewide average = 34 months

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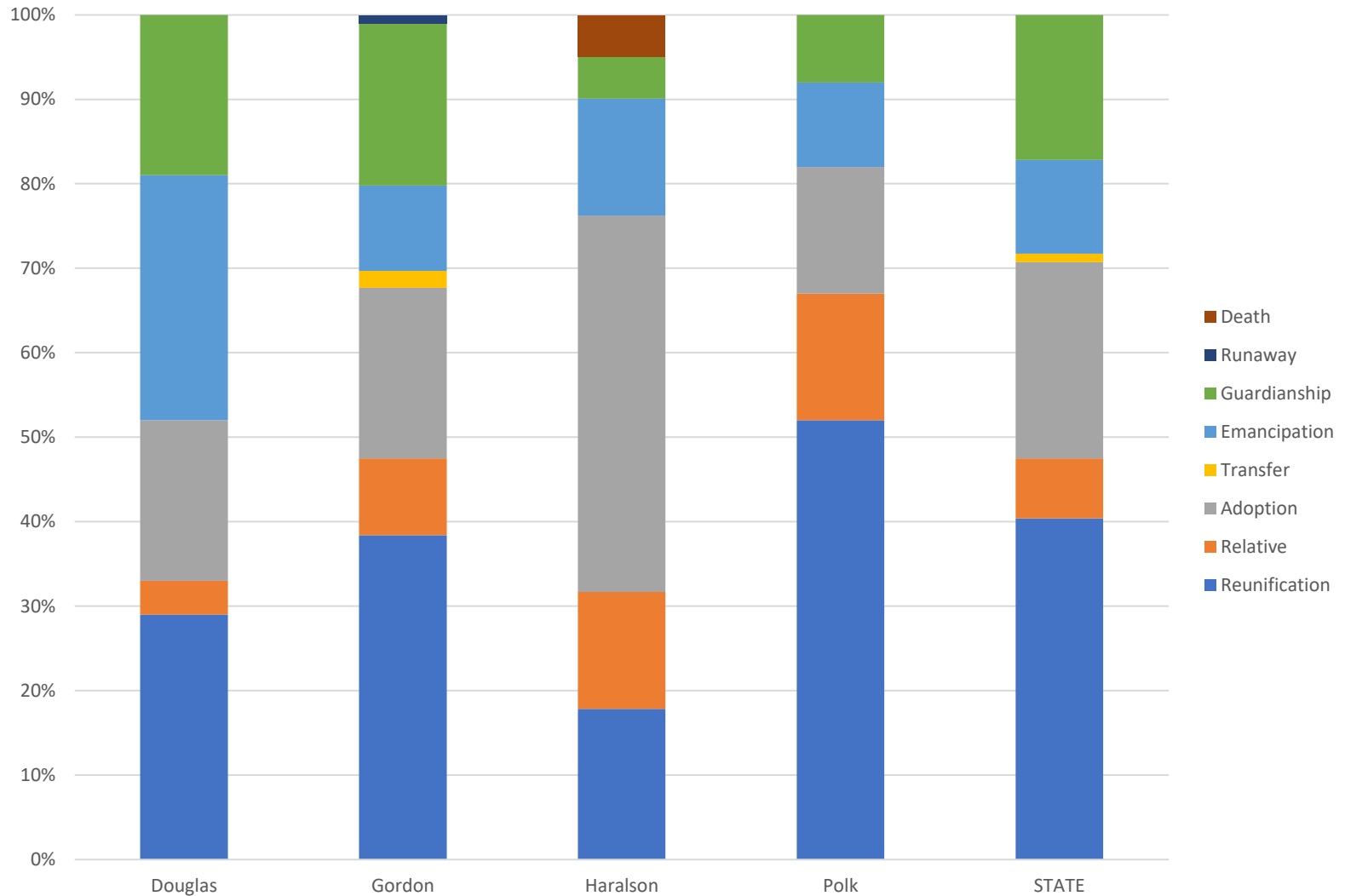


Discharges from Foster Care

All Discharge Types

DISCHARGES FROM FOSTER CARE

OCTOBER 2020 – SEPTEMBER 2021



QUESTIONS?