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# **DATA REPORT**

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Welcome to Fostering Court Improvement ♦ a non-profit organization dedicated to the philosophy that "*anything worth doing is worth measuring*".

Fostering Court Improvement is committed to provide every state in the nation a platform of shared data that the Dependency Court and Child Welfare Agency can collaboratively use to make informed decisions, manage operations, monitor performance, and make systemic changes to improve outcomes for children and families.

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# WHO ARE WE?

Bartow

Fannin

Oconee

Catoosa

Forsyth

Paulding

Chatham

Fulton

Pickens

Chattooga

Gilmer

Polk

Clarke

Gordon

Richmond

Clayton

Gwinnett

Rockdale

Cobb

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Dawson

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Douglas

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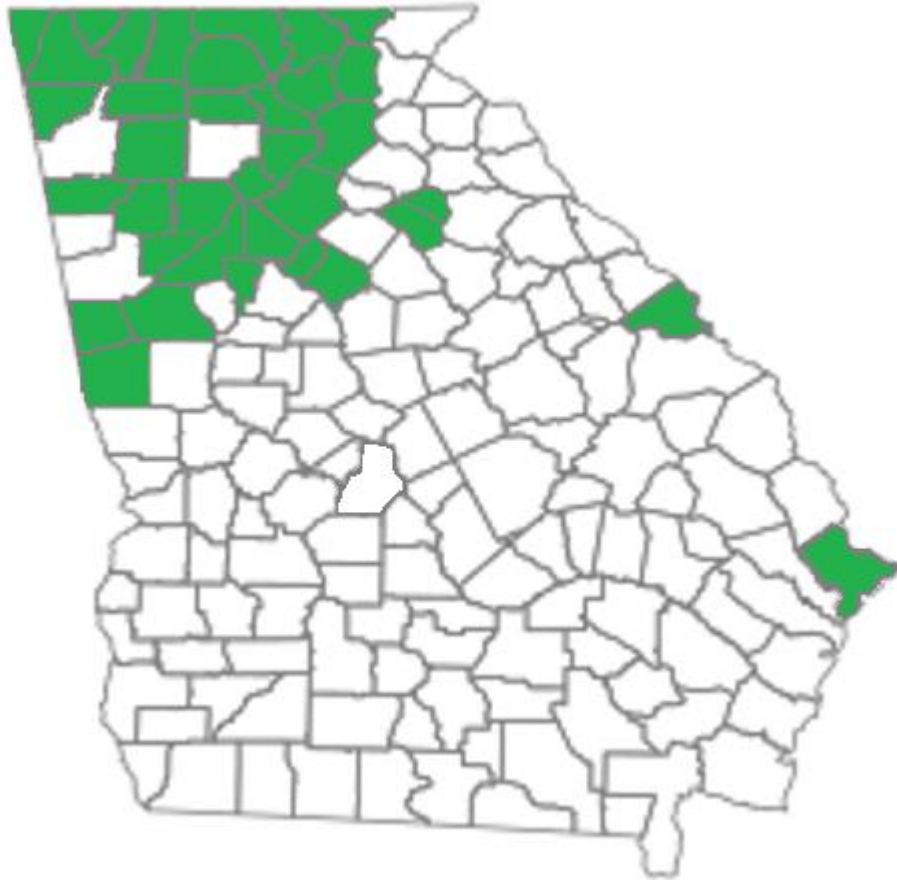
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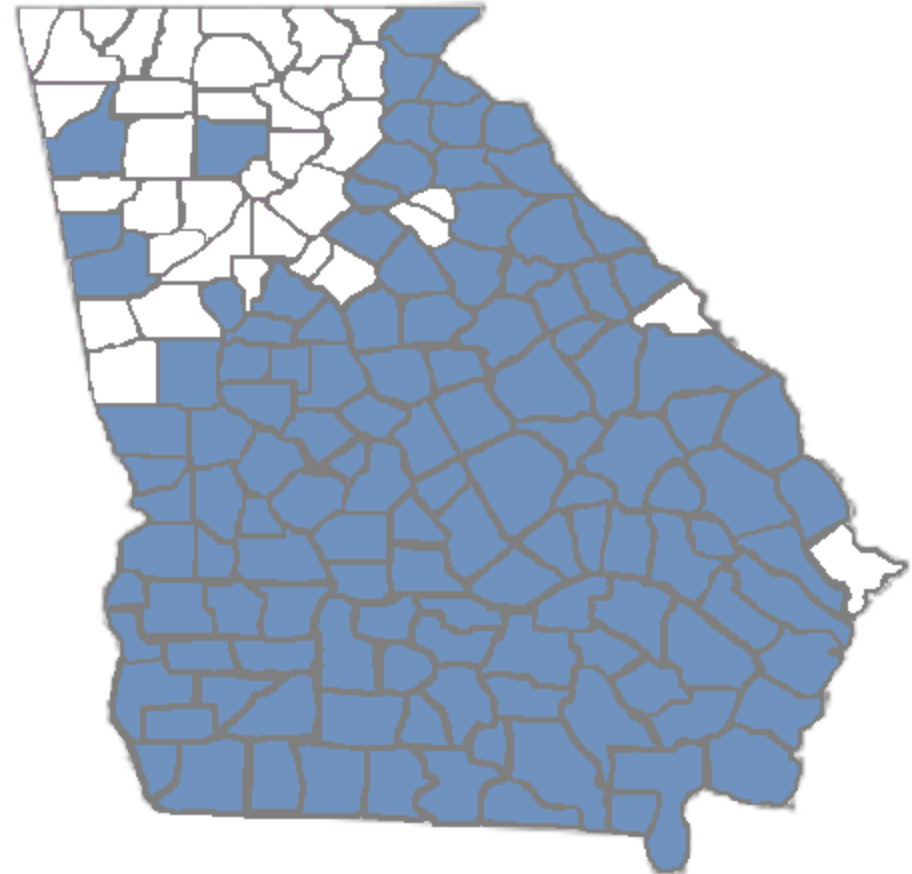
# WHERE ARE WE?



**CII**

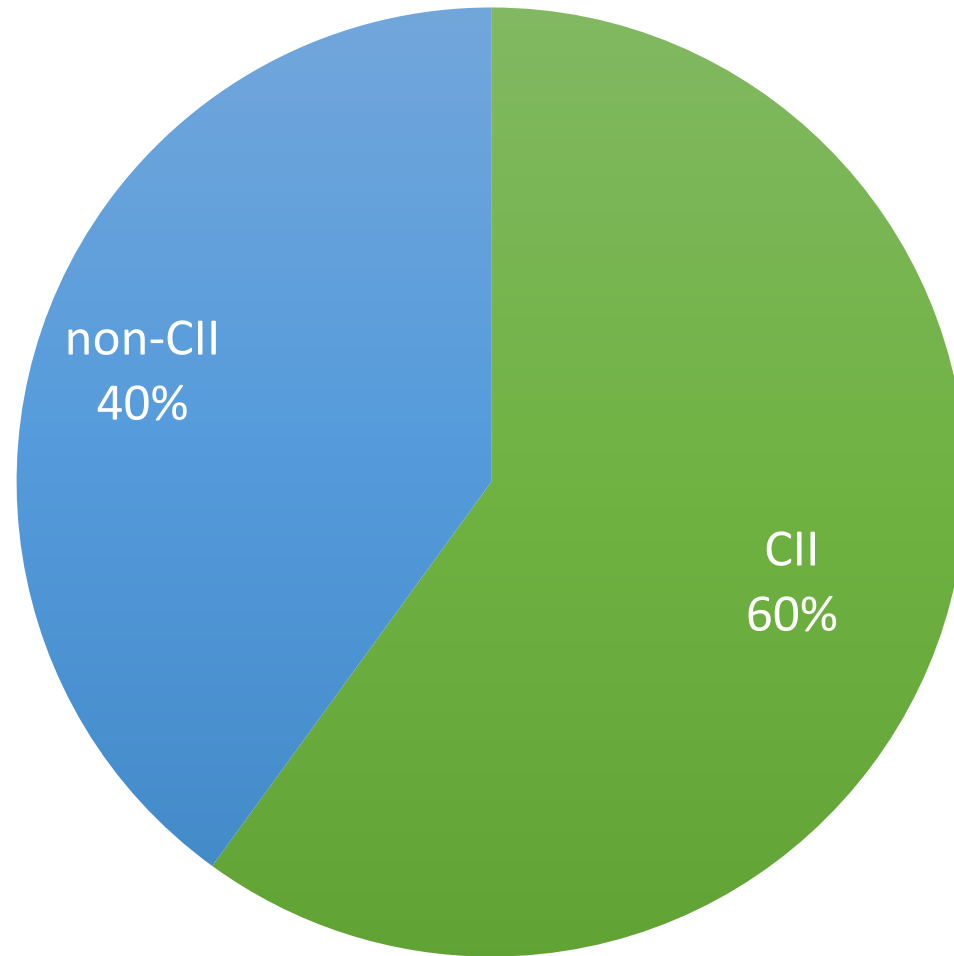


**NON-CII**



# CHILD POPULATION OF GEORGIA

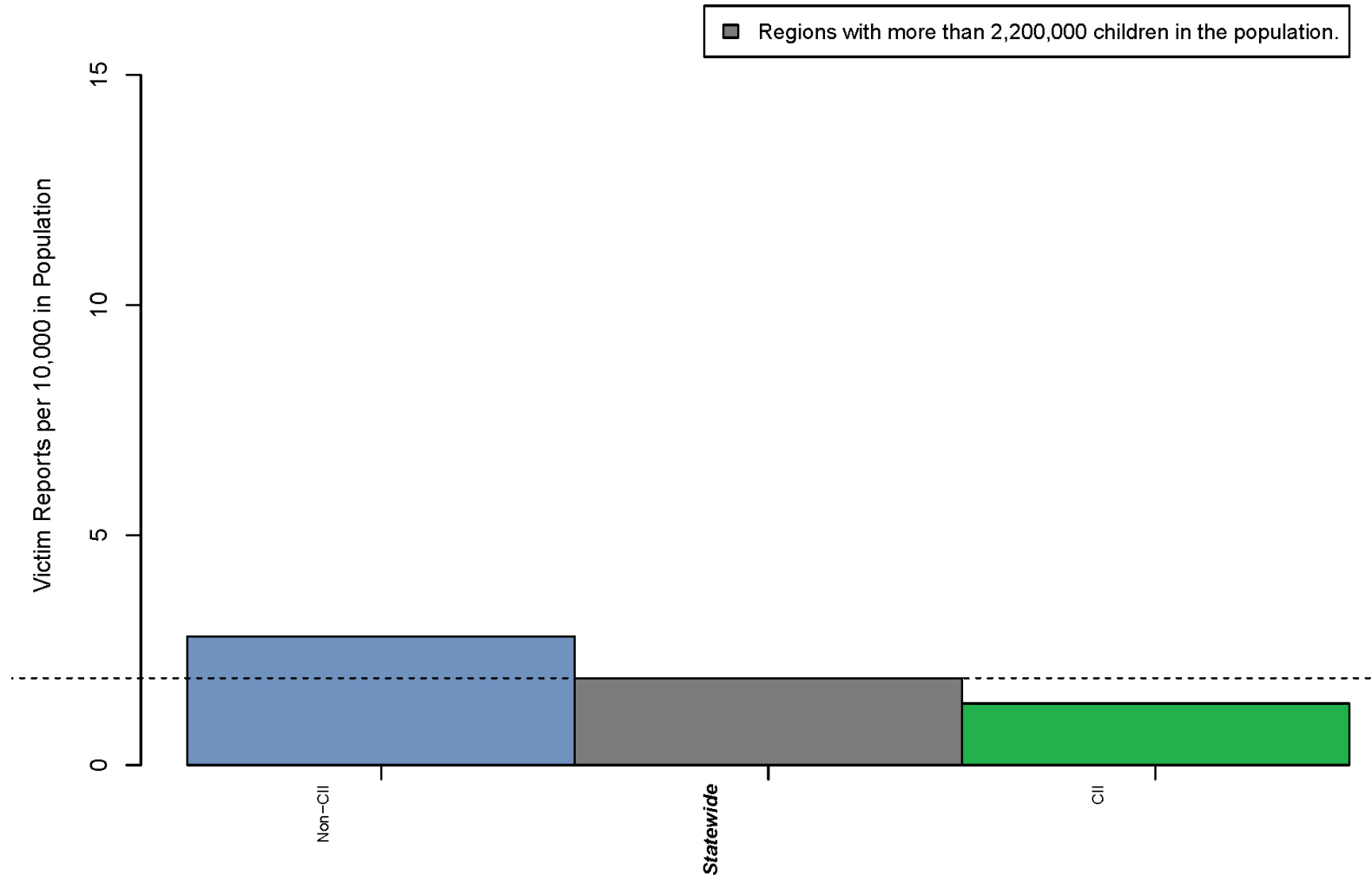
2.5 million

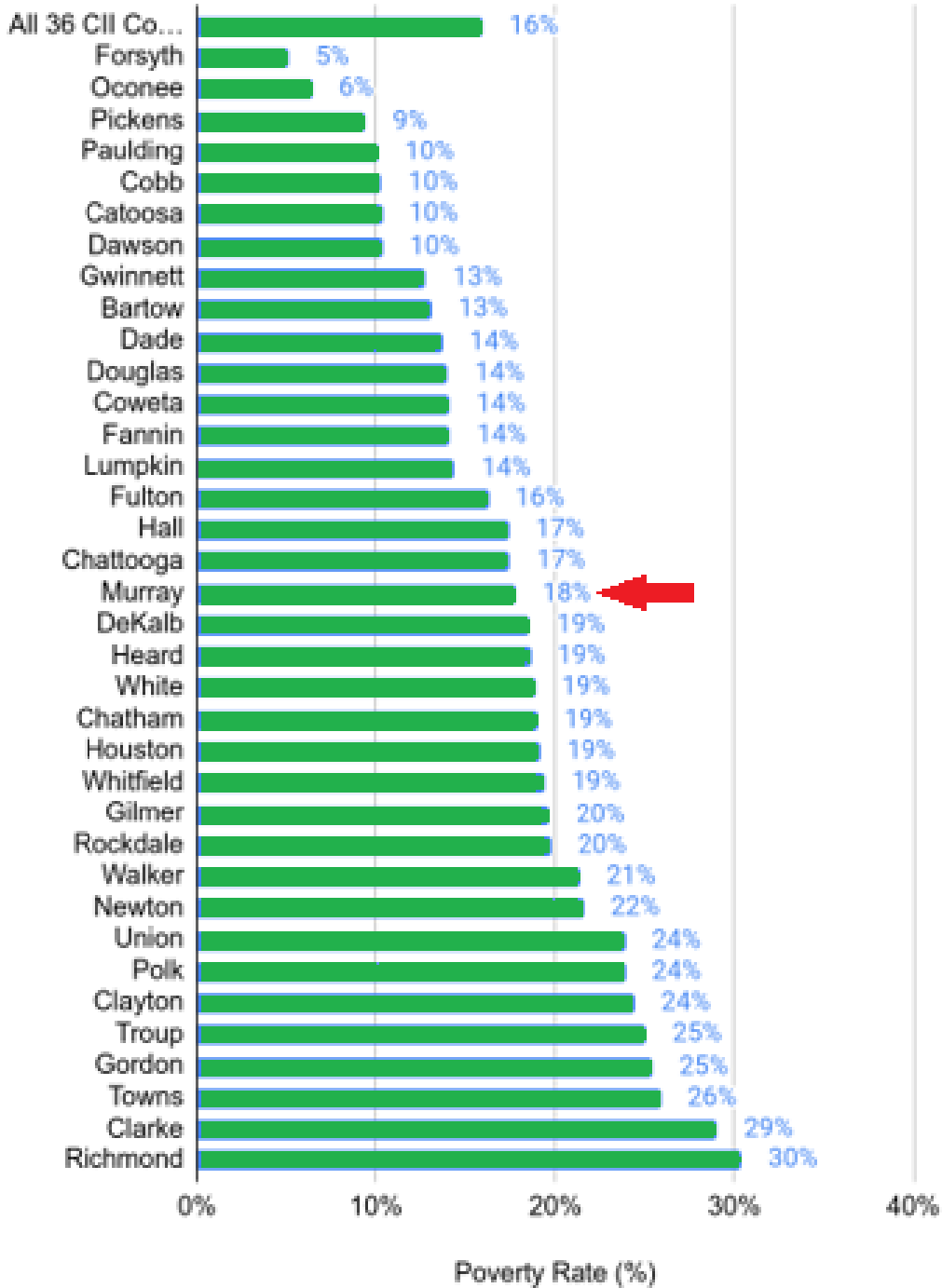


# SUBSTANTIATED NEGLECT CASES

Rankings: Substantiated or Indicated Reports of Victims of Maltreatment

- CII counties have half as many substantiated neglect cases as non-CII counties
- Note that child poverty is also lower in CII counties

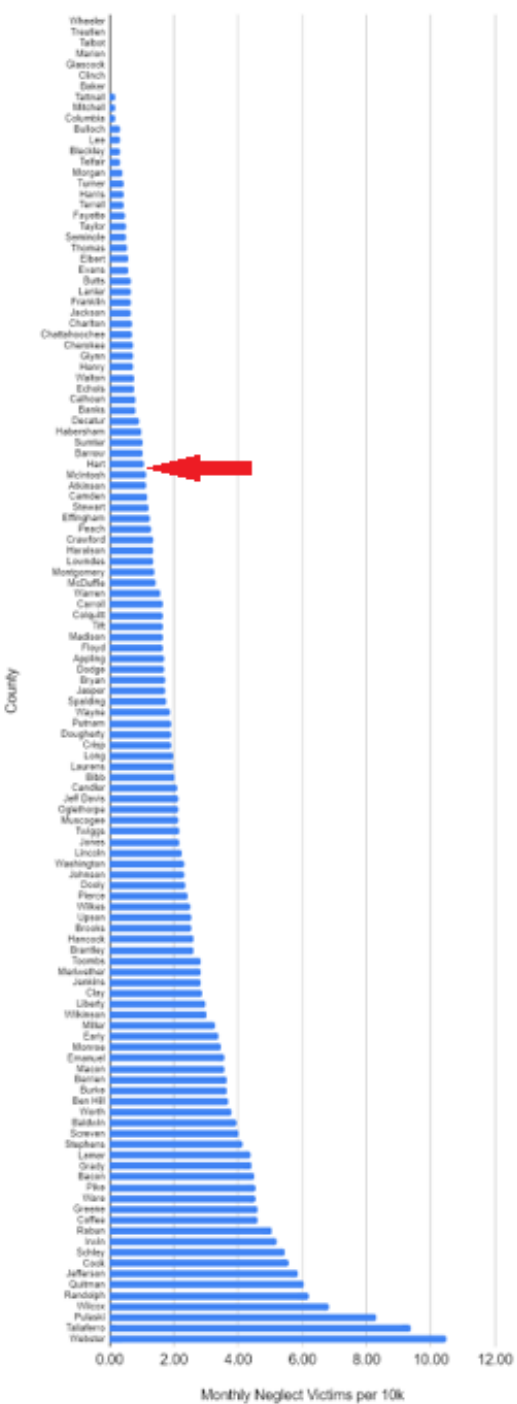




# CHILD POVERTY RATES IN CII COUNTIES

- State rate = 18%
- Non-CII average = 22%
- CII average = 16%
  - Low poverty rates in Cobb and Gwinnett skew CII average down



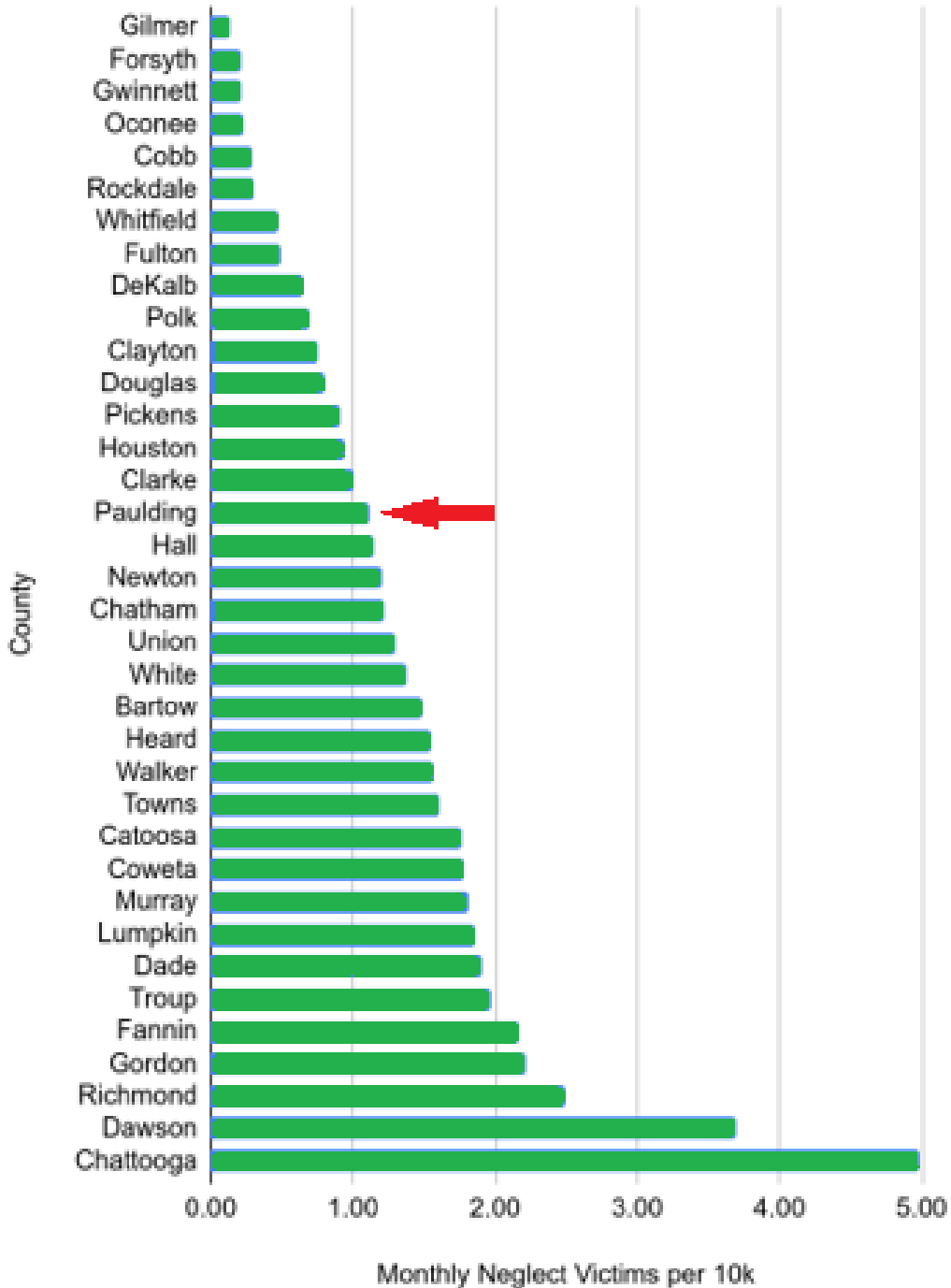


# NON-CII MONTHLY NEGLECT VICTIMS PER 10K IN CY 2020

- State rate = 1.1
- Range = 0.0 to 10.48



# CII MONTHLY NEGLECT VICTIMS PER 10K IN CY 2020

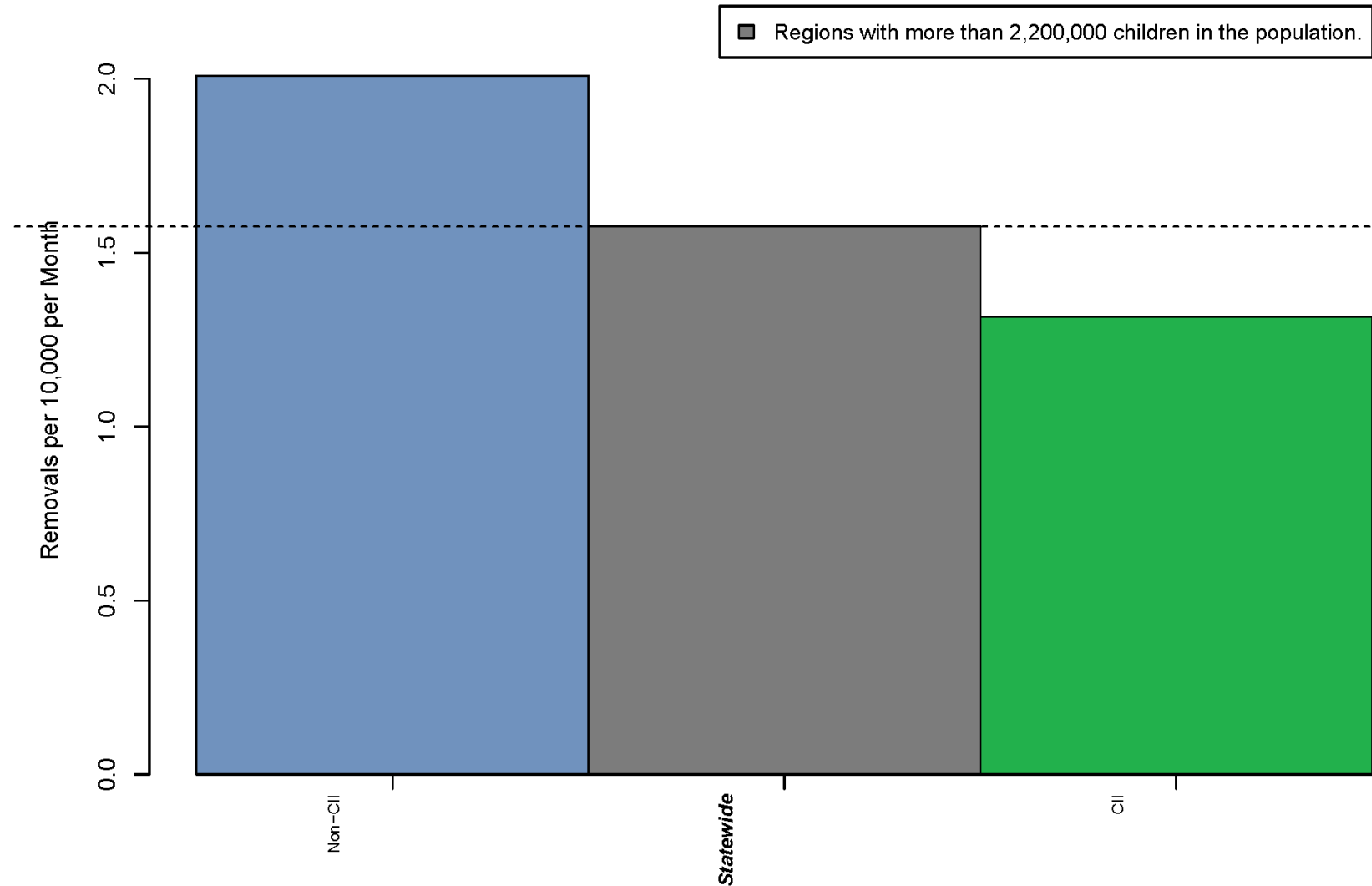


- State rate = 1.1
- Range = 0.1 to 4.9

# REMOVALS

- Removals in CII counties are 35% lower than in non-CII counties
- Non-CII = 2.0
- State = 1.6
- CII = 1.3

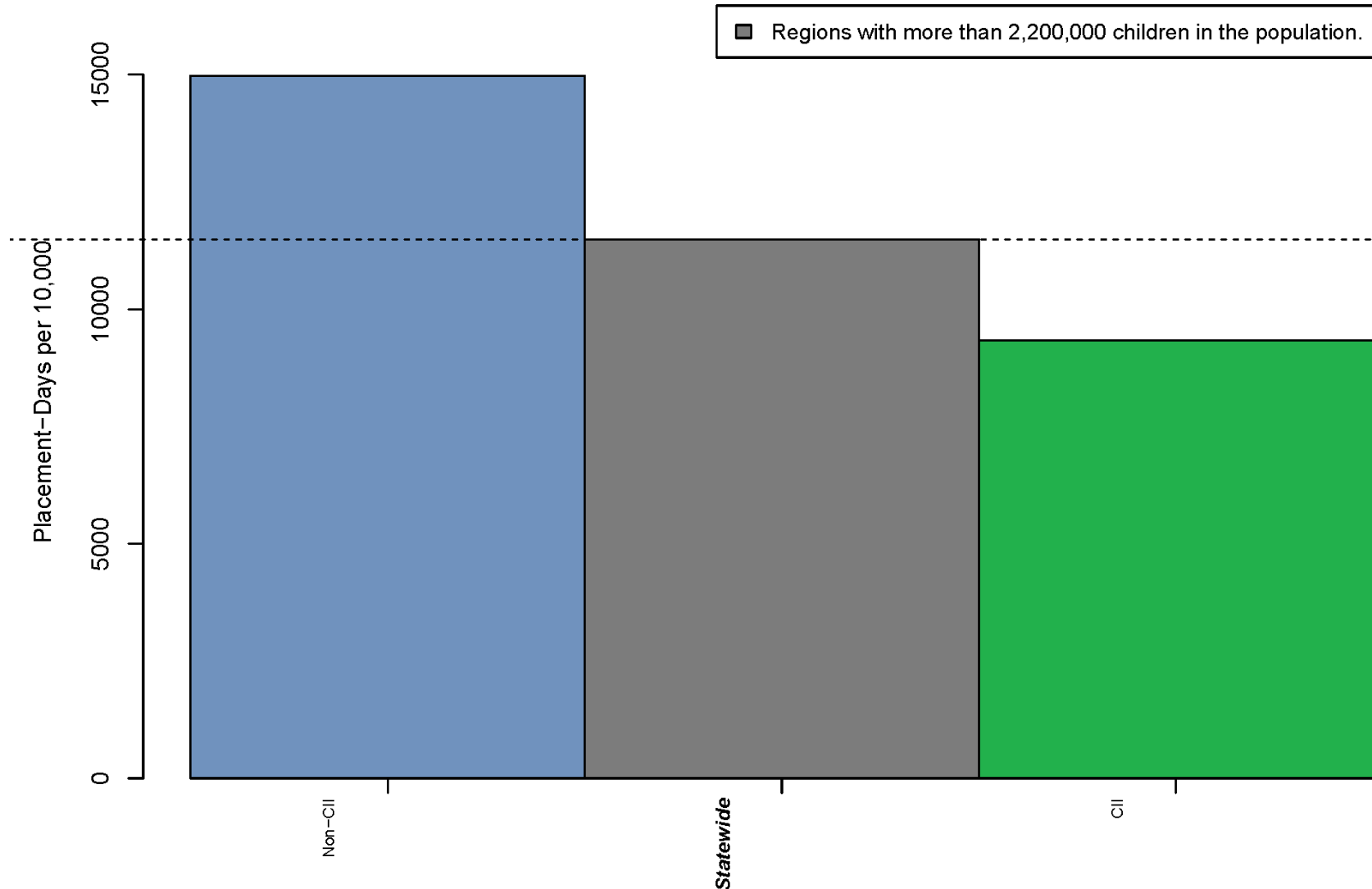
Rankings: Average Removals per 10,000 Children in the Population per Month, October 2020 through September 2021



# FOSTER CARE

- CII children spend 28% fewer days separated from family
- Non-CII = 14,974
- State = 11,485
- CII = 9,336

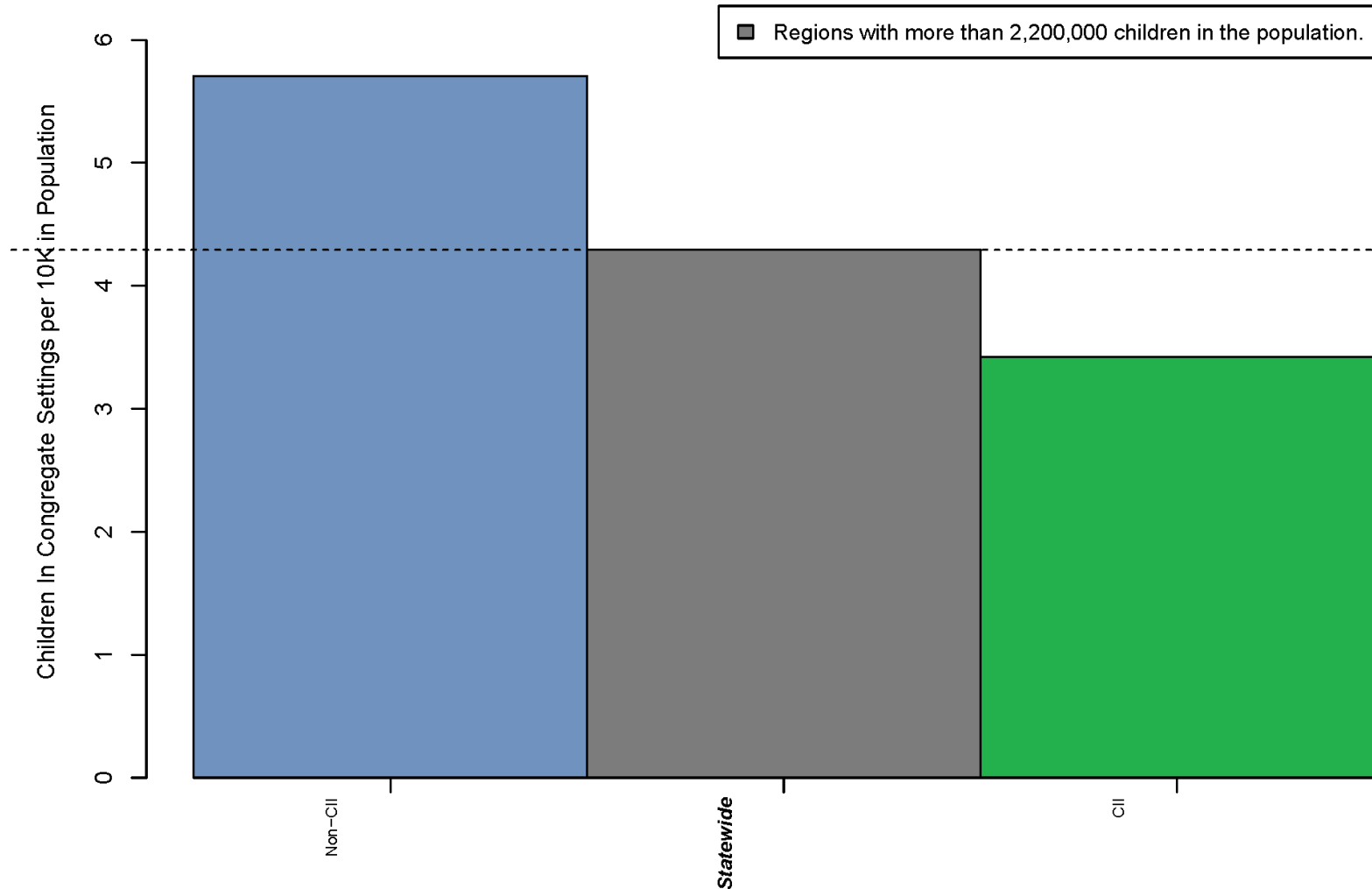
Rankings: Placement-Days Away From Family per 10,000 Children in the Population during October 2020 through September 2021



# CONGREGATE CARE

- CII counties have 40% fewer children in congregate care
- Non-CII = 5.7
- State = 4.3
- CII = 3.4

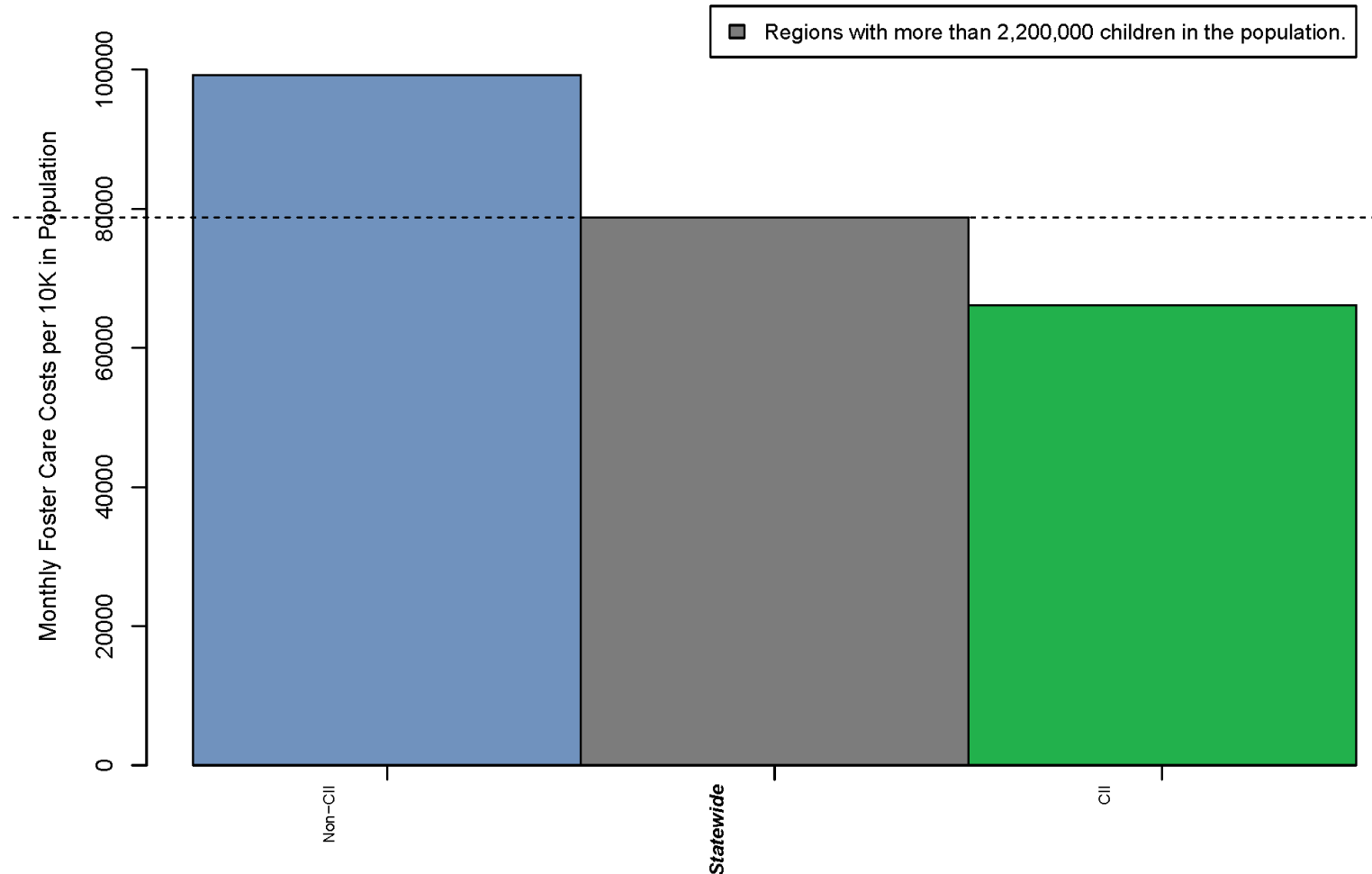
Rankings: Children in Group Home or Institutional Placement Settings on September 30 2021



# FOSTER CARE PER DIEM

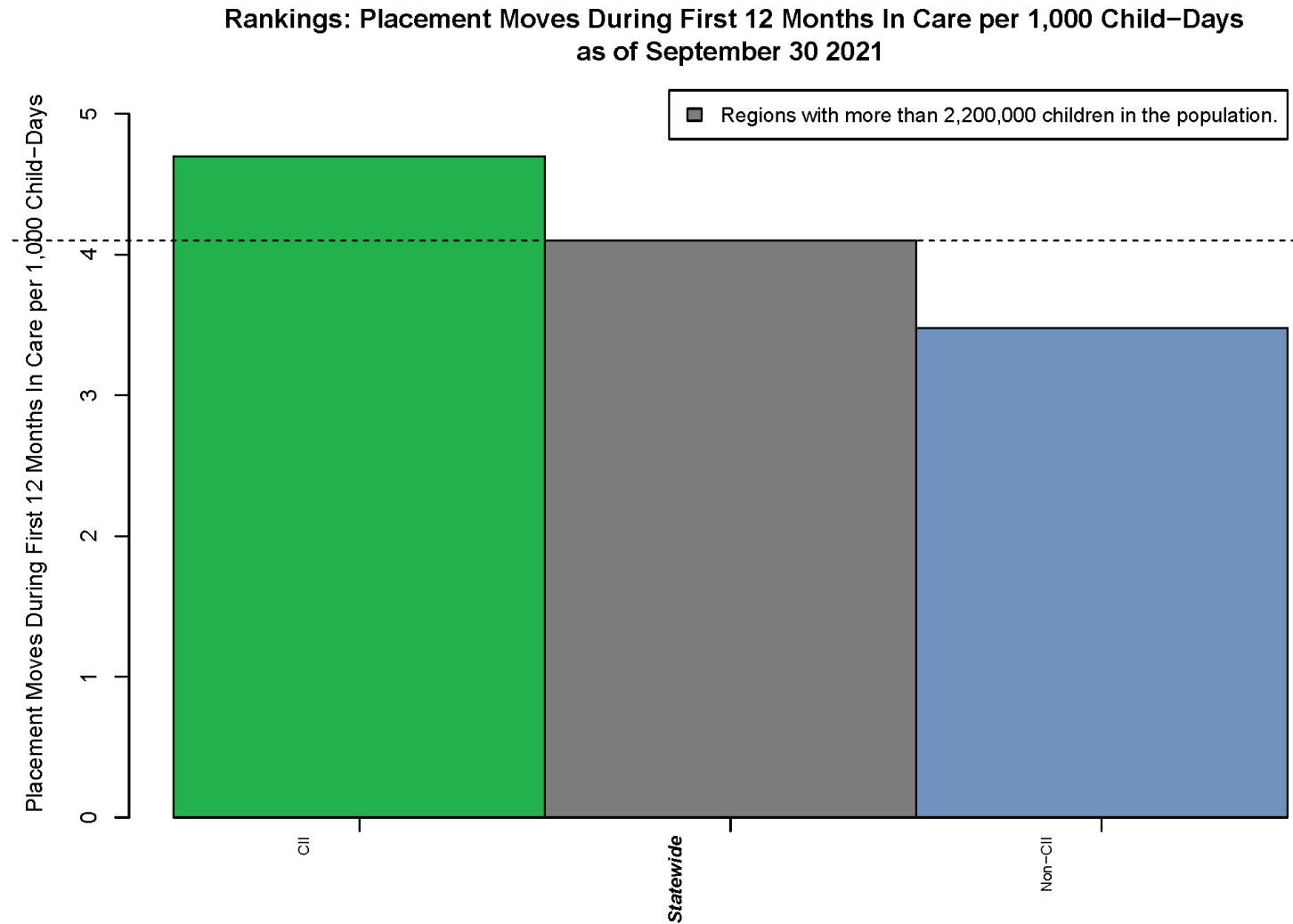
- 33% lower foster care per diem costs
- Non-CII = 99,210
- State = 78,745
- CII = 66,147

Rankings: Monthly Foster Care Costs During October 2020 through September 2021



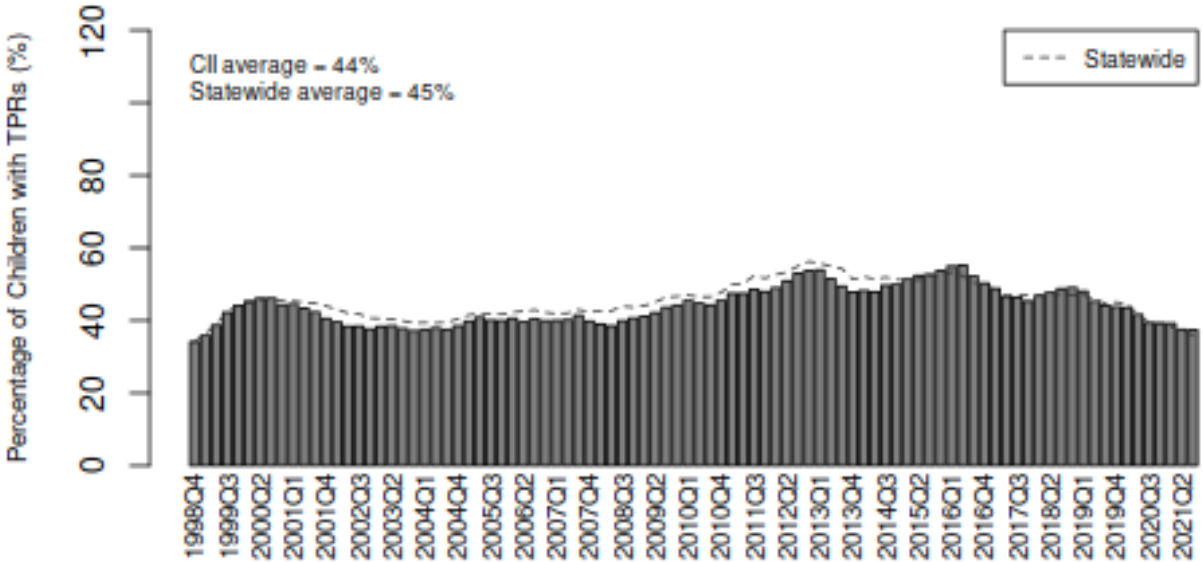
# PLACEMENT MOVES

- Placement moves are a little higher in CII counties
- CII = 4.7
- State = 4.1
- Non-CII = 3.5

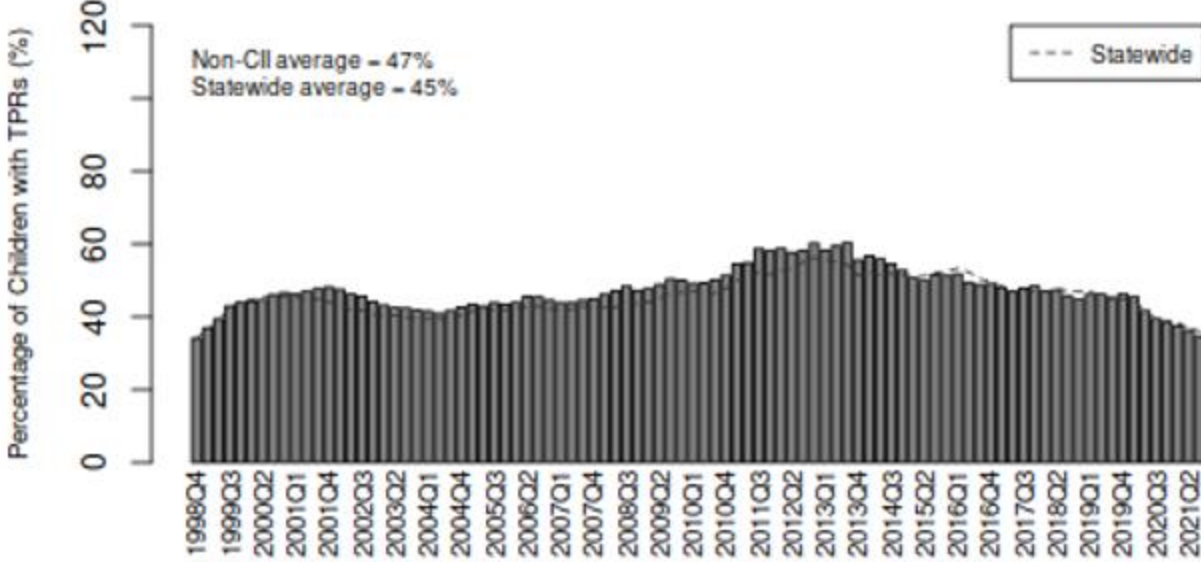


# TPR RATES

CII: Percent with Both TPRs Among Children In Non-Relative Care Over 24 Months by Quarter, October 1998 through September 2021



Non-CII: Percent with Both TPRs Among Children In Non-Relative Care Over 24 Months by Quarter, October 1998 through September 2021

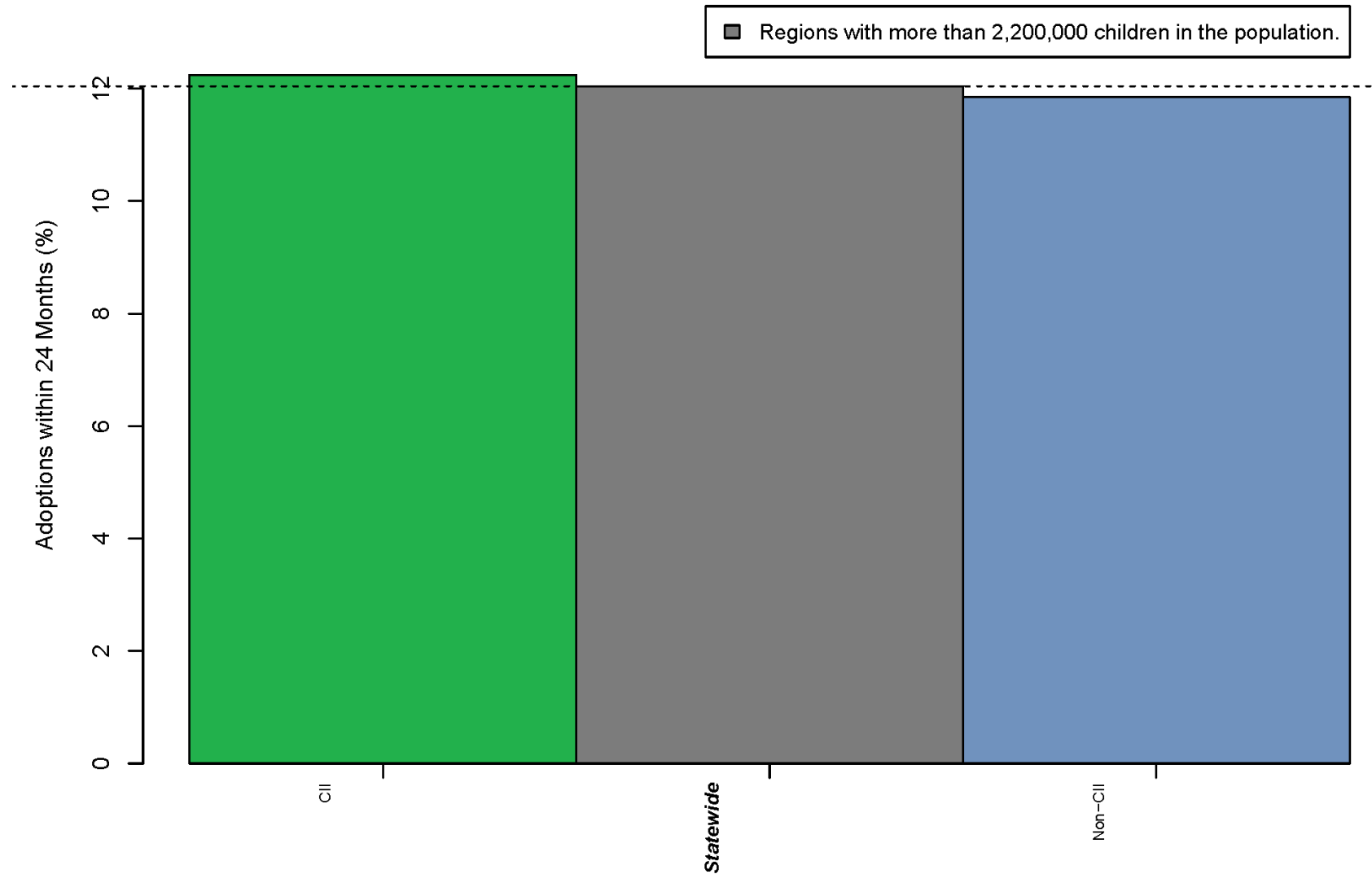




# ADOPTIONS

- State average = 12.04

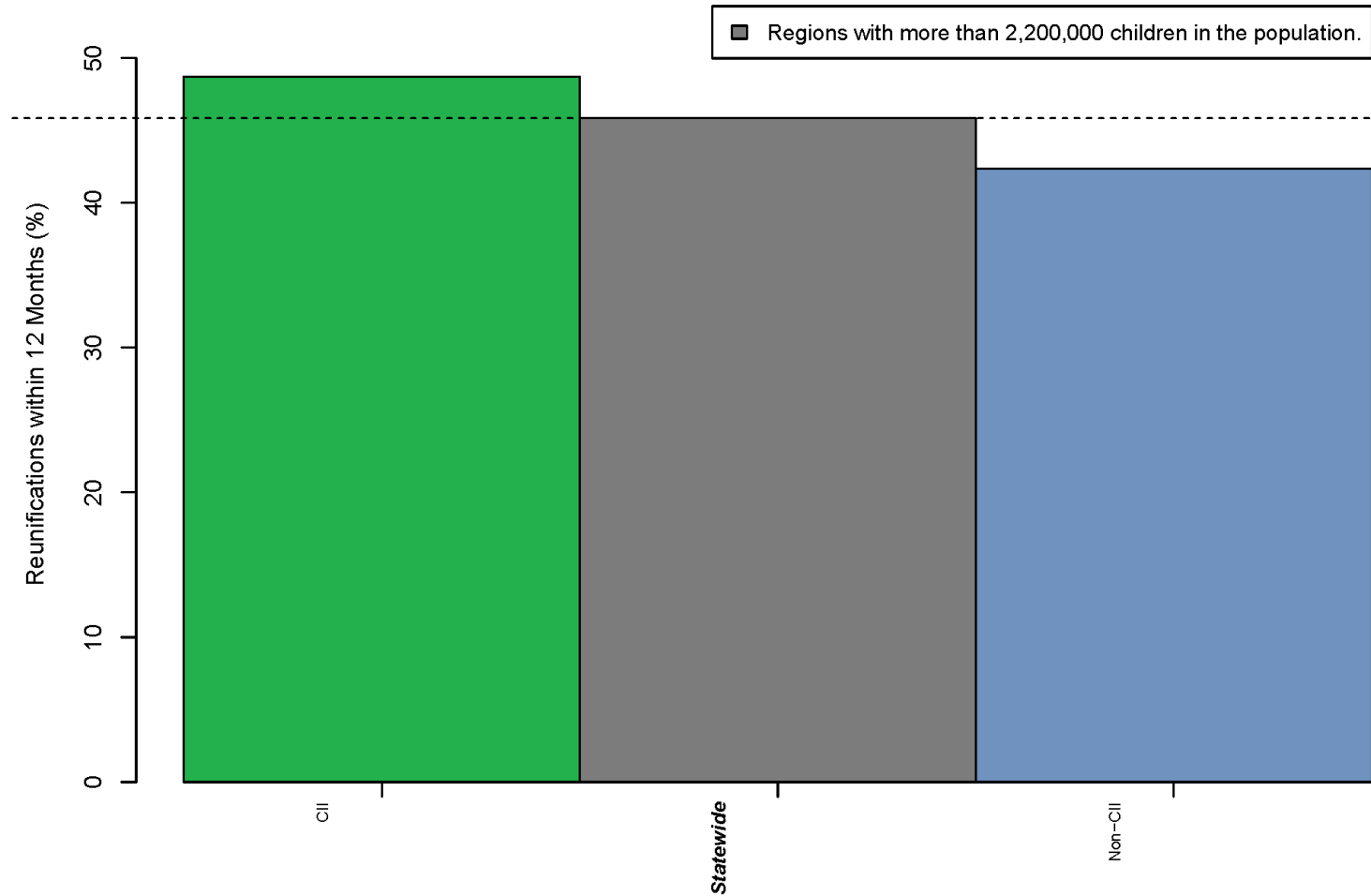
Rankings: Percentage Adopted within 24 Months  
Among Adoptions Finalized During Latest 12 Months

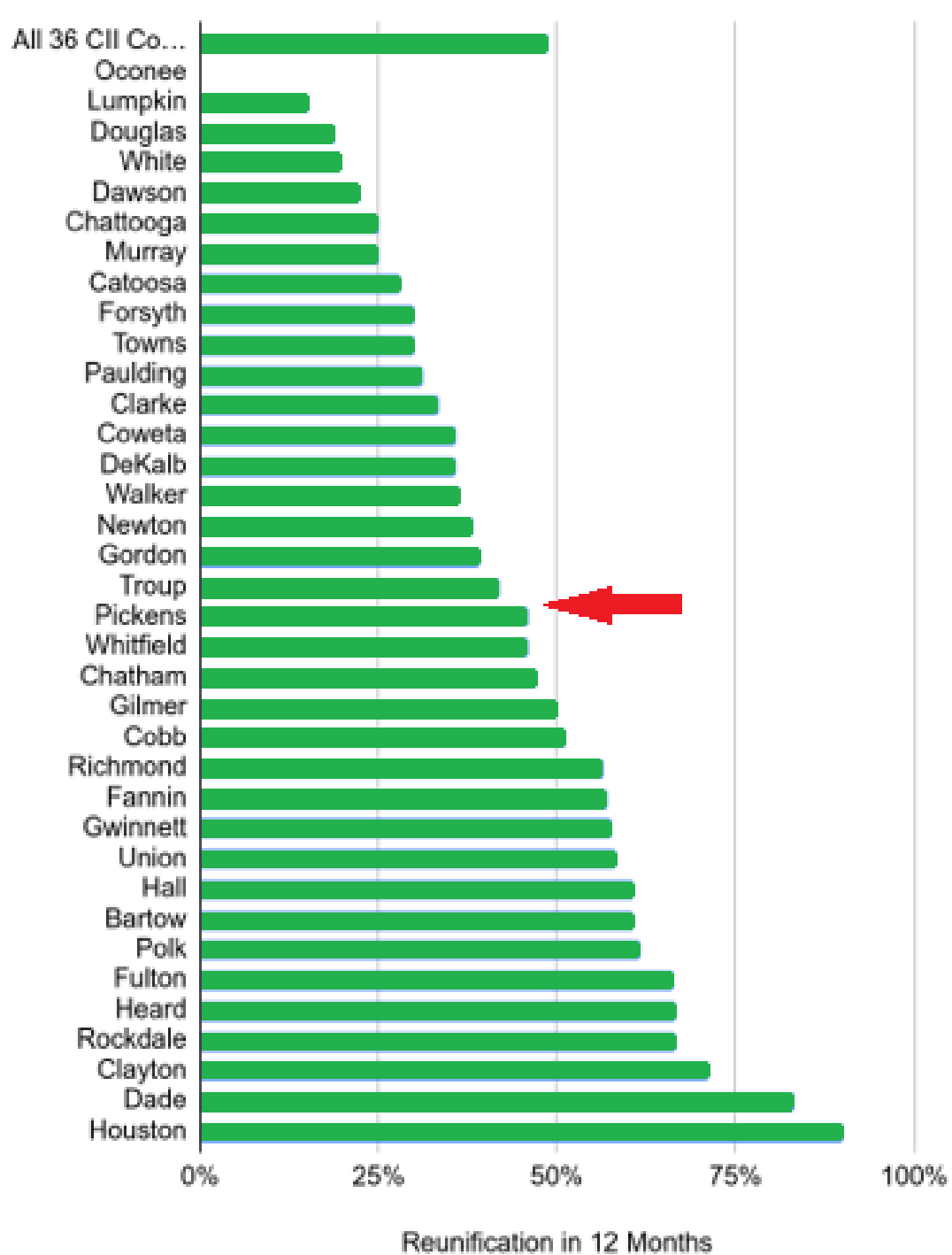


# REUNIFICATIONS

- Reunifications are faster in CII counties
- CII 49%
- State = 45.85%
- Non-CII 42%

Rankings: Percentage Reunified within 12 Months  
Among Children Reunified During Latest 12 Months

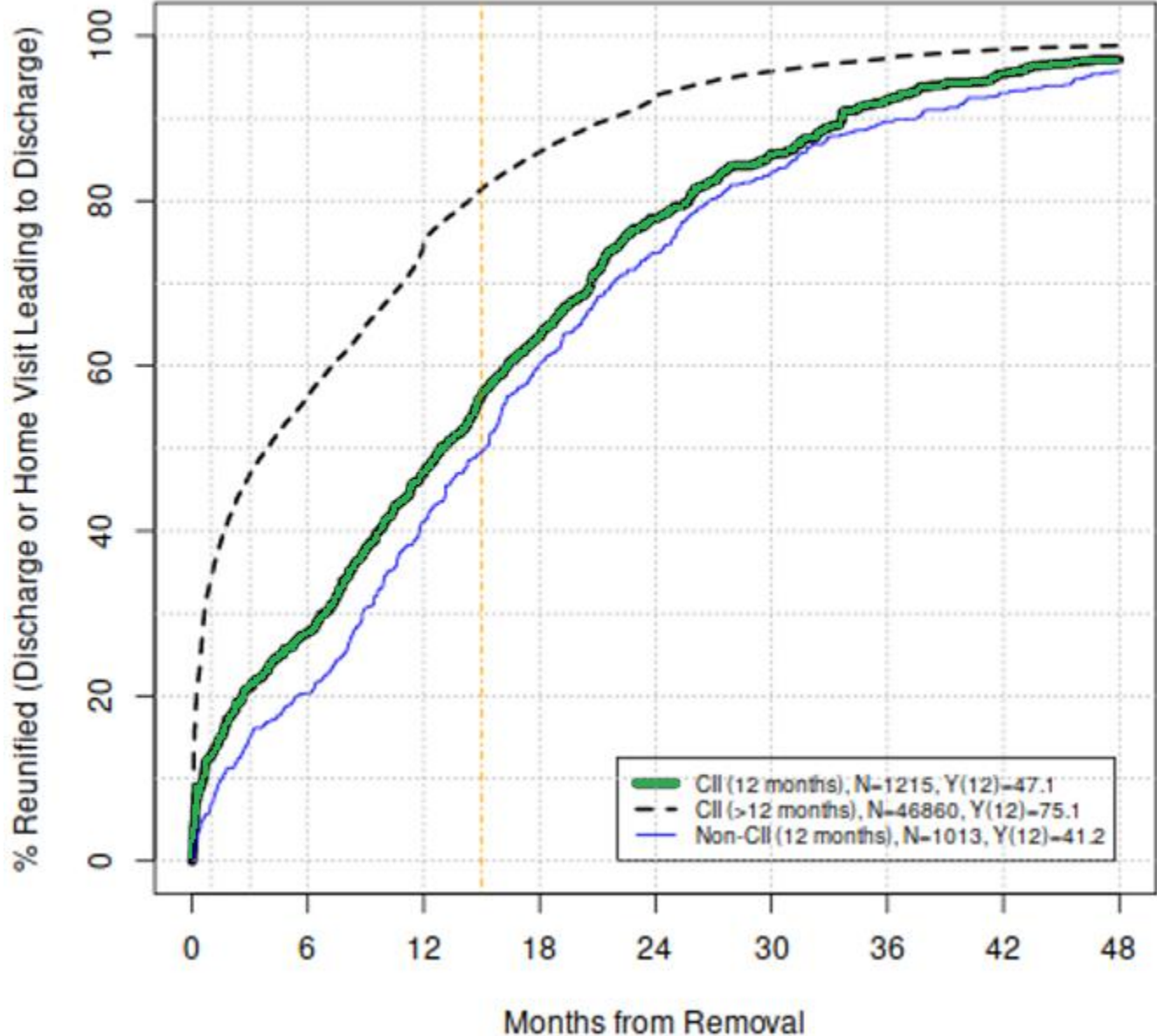




# CII REUNIFICATIONS

- State rate = 45.85%
- Range 0 to 90%

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

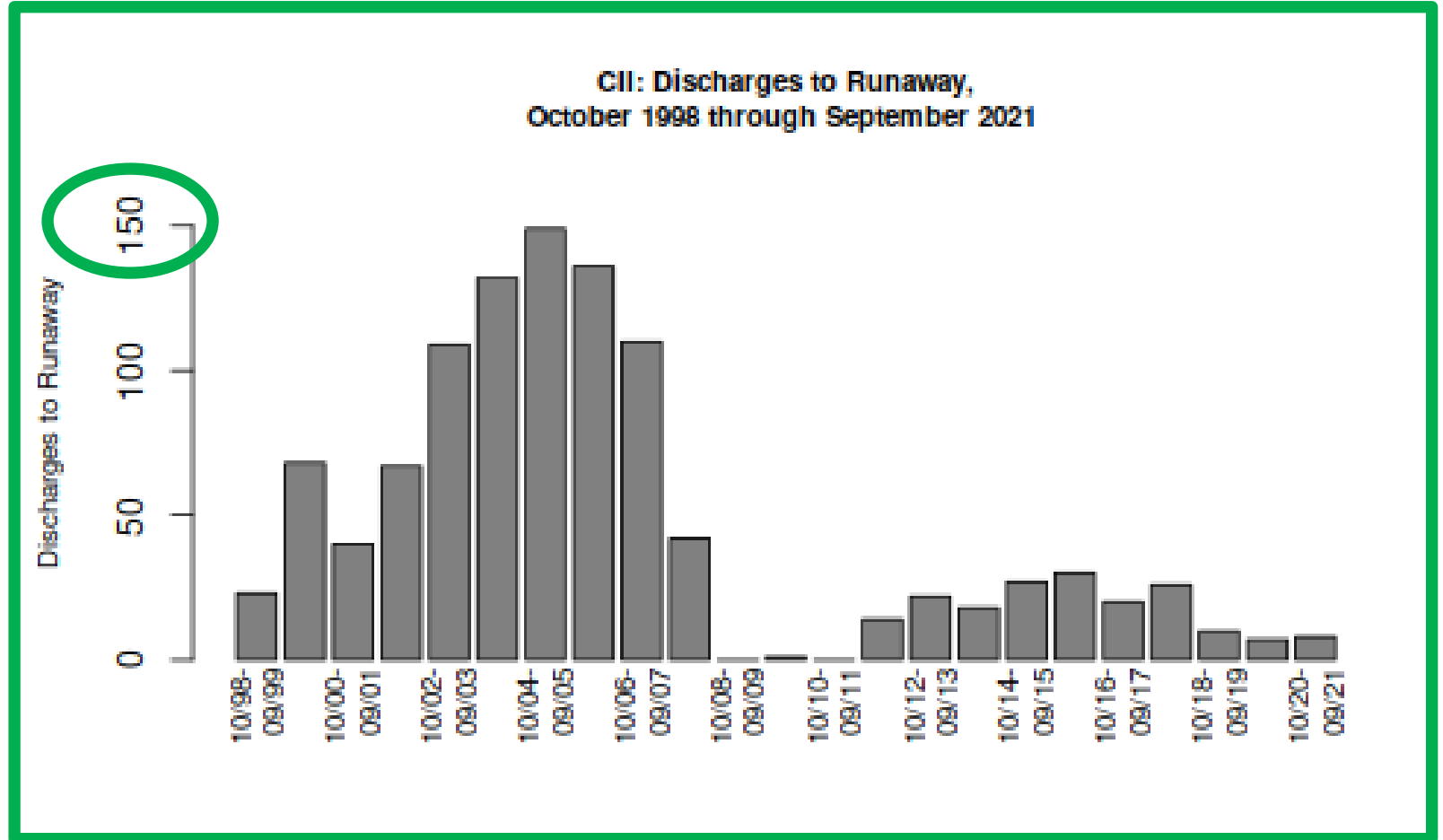


## SHORT STAYS ARE A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR

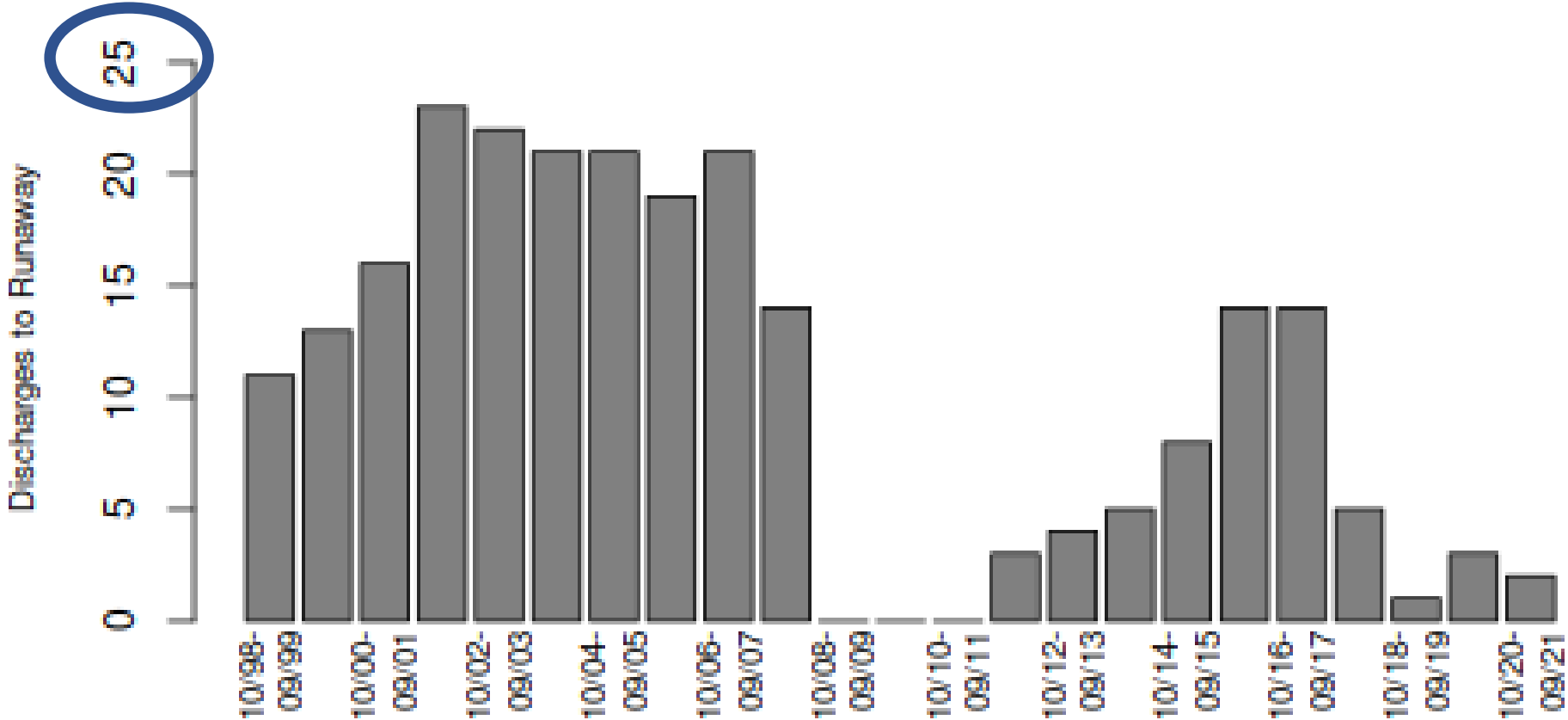
- High 12-month reunification rate driven by short stays in CII counties

# DISCHARGES TO RUNAWAY

- CII counties have double the rate of discharges to runaway
- CII: 9.1 discharges per 1million children in population
- State: 7.2
- Non-CII: 4.2



**Non-CII: Discharges to Runaway,  
October 1998 through September 2021**



**QUESTIONS?**