



**HEALTH &
HUMAN
SERVICES**

FARIBAULT &
MARTIN
COUNTIES

QUARTERLY REPORT
JULY- SEPTEMBER 2025





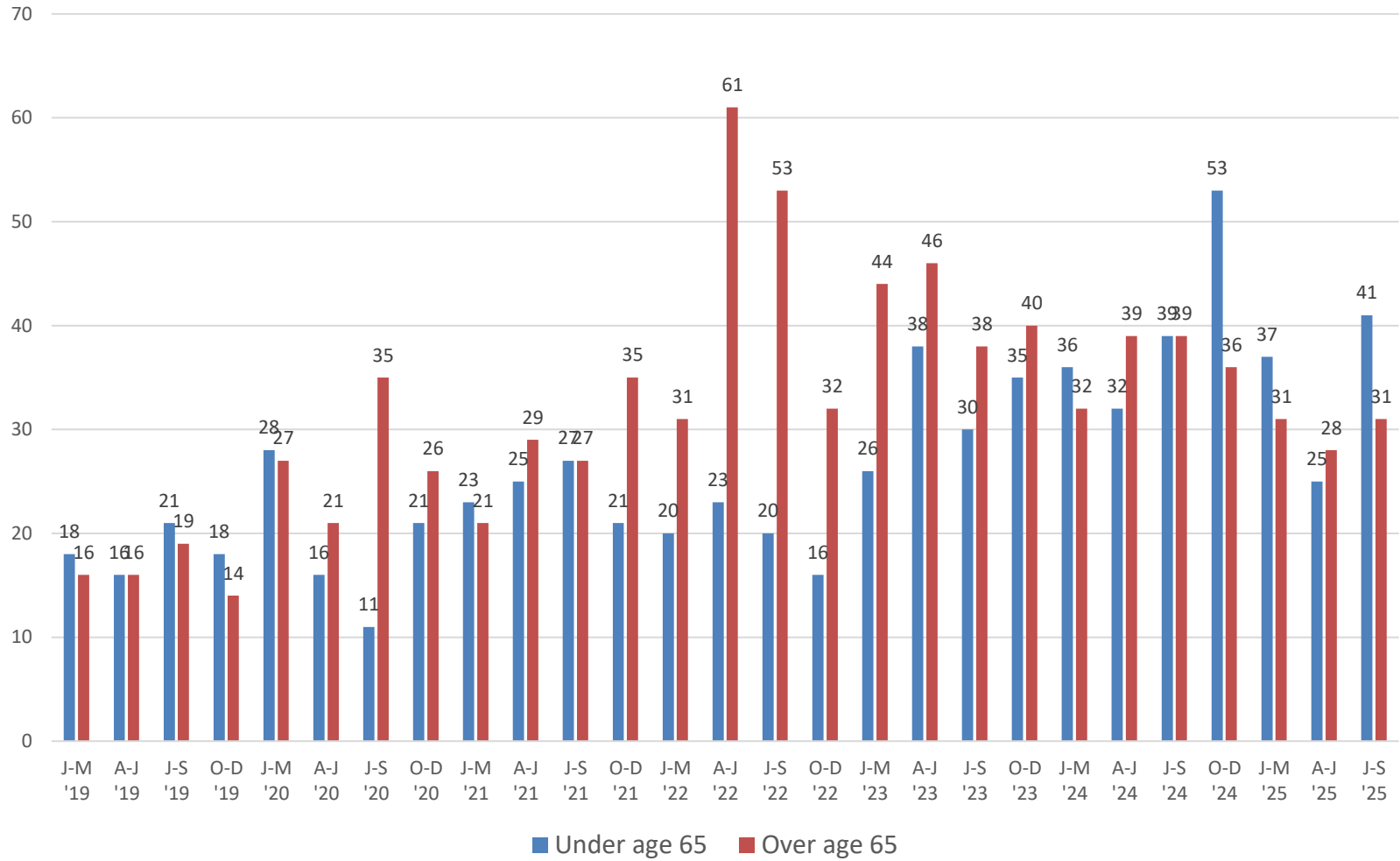
**PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO
SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS**

Goal I.A

All residents will safely live within the community and be free to participate at their highest functional level.



MnCHOICES Referrals



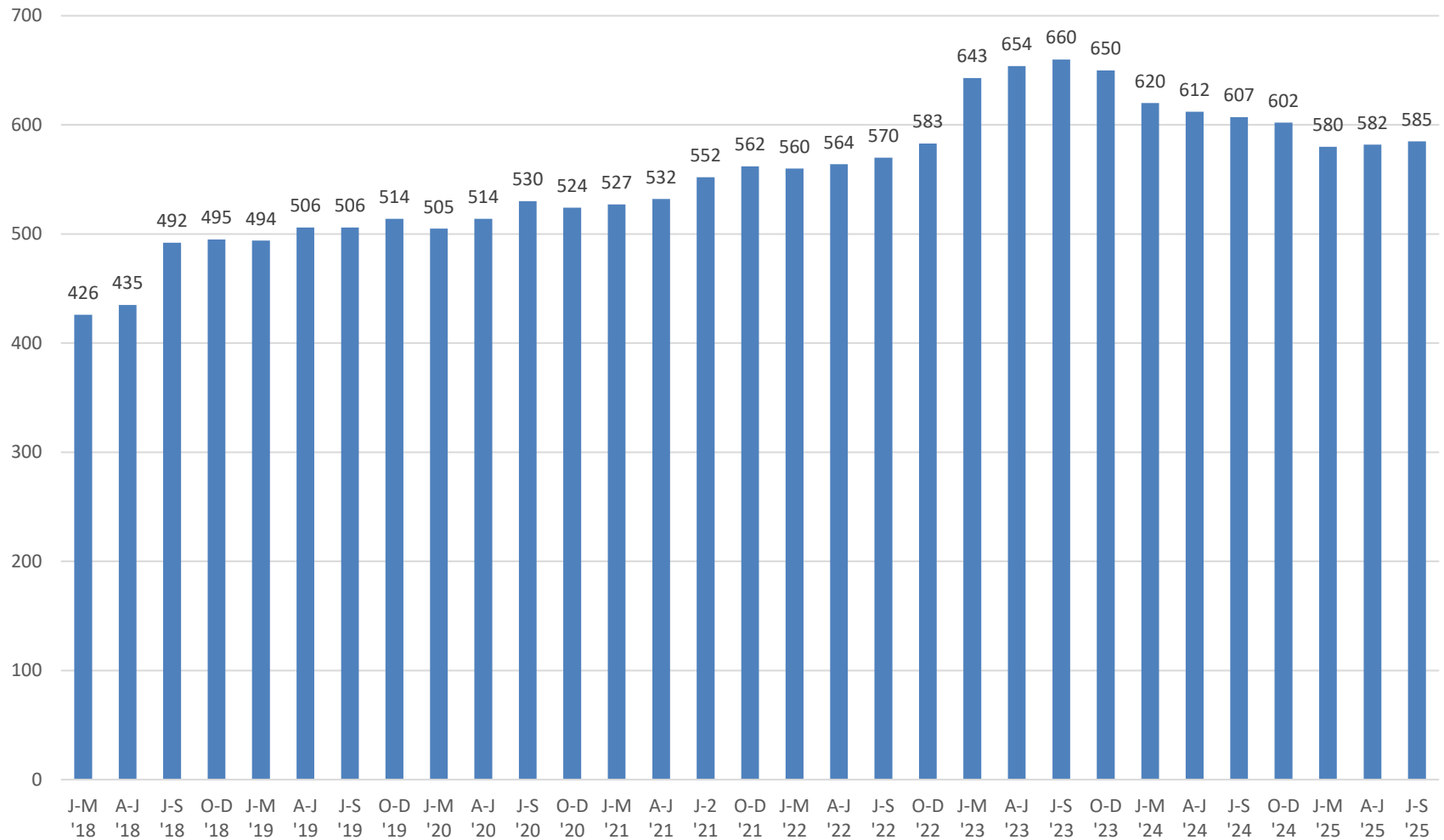


MNCHOICES Referrals to Open to Waiver Services

- There were 41 referrals for MnCHOICES for people under the age of 65 this past quarter.
- There were 31 referrals for MnCHOICES for people over the age of 65 this past quarter.
- Additionally, there were 12 County of Location assessment referrals and seven (7) Personal Care Attendant assessment referrals.



65+ Care Coordination Caseload – Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO)

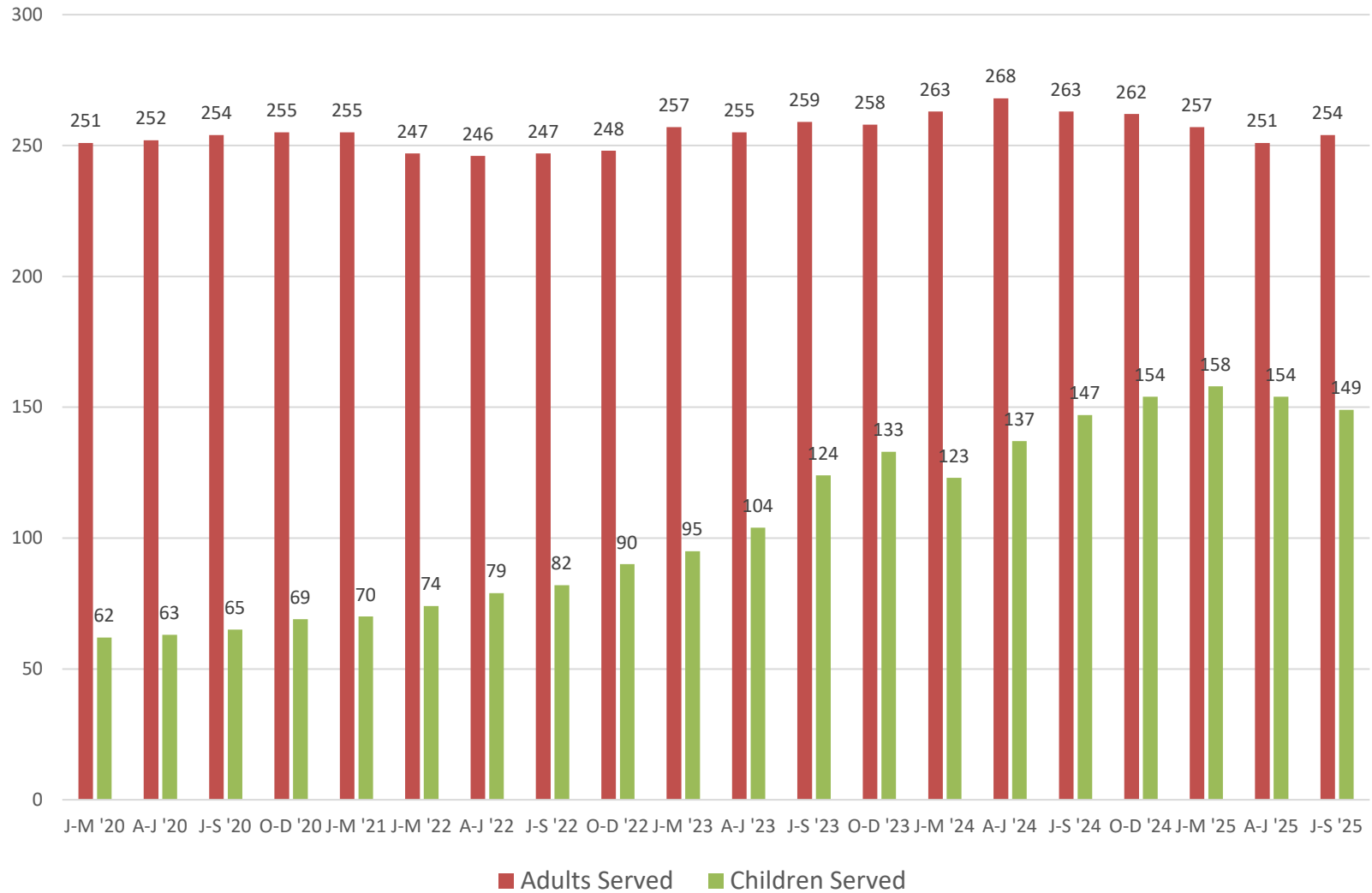


Minnesota Senior Health Options & Elderly Waiver

- MSHO is managing a caseload of 585 clients as of September 30, 2025.
- Staff completed 167 re-assessments in addition to the 31 new community referrals and 42 referrals from the managed care organizations (MCOs).
- Client scenarios continue to be complicated with various issues and situations related to mental health, chemical dependency, housing problems and adult protection concerns. We've seen an increase in clients needing help making life decisions and especially managing finances.
- Starting to see clients who had fallen off MA due to not getting paperwork turned in or being over assets as residual from the pandemic-now coming back on to services.
- With the loss of Mn Para transportation-care coordinators are struggling to help clients meet their transportation need. We are at a loss as how this will resolve. At this time, health plans will not allow medical transportation to be billed under the waiver.



Developmental Disabilities Case Management

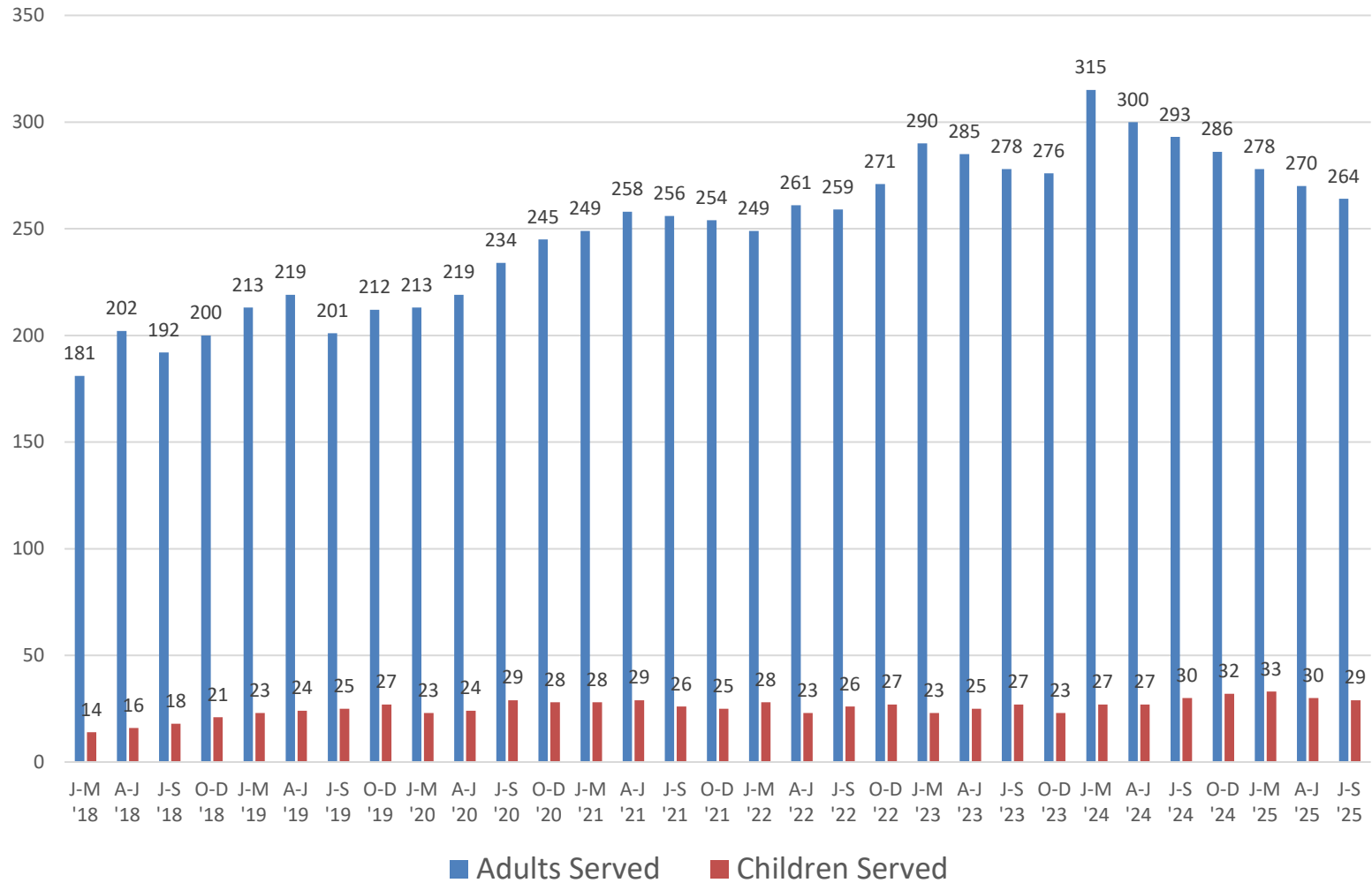


Developmental Disabilities Case Management

- Adults served total 254
- Children served total 149
- Five (5) of the children referred for Developmental Disabilities Case Management were determined eligible for Rule 185 case management services.
- No “new” teenagers were referred for Rule 185 services.



CADI/CAC/BI Waiver Caseload



CADI – Community Access for Disabled Inclusion
CAC – Community Alternative Care
BI – Brain Injury

CADI/CAC/BI Waiver Caseload

- Adults served by CCBI waiver total 264. Twenty-nine (29) children are served.
- 59 CCBI/DD referrals were accepted.
- SMRT (State Medical Review Team) process has slowed the process considerably so the timelines do not start until SMRT is complete. We have 20 days to complete assessment.
- A wait list has been established.

CCBI – CAC/CADI/BI

CADI – Community Access for Disabled Inclusion

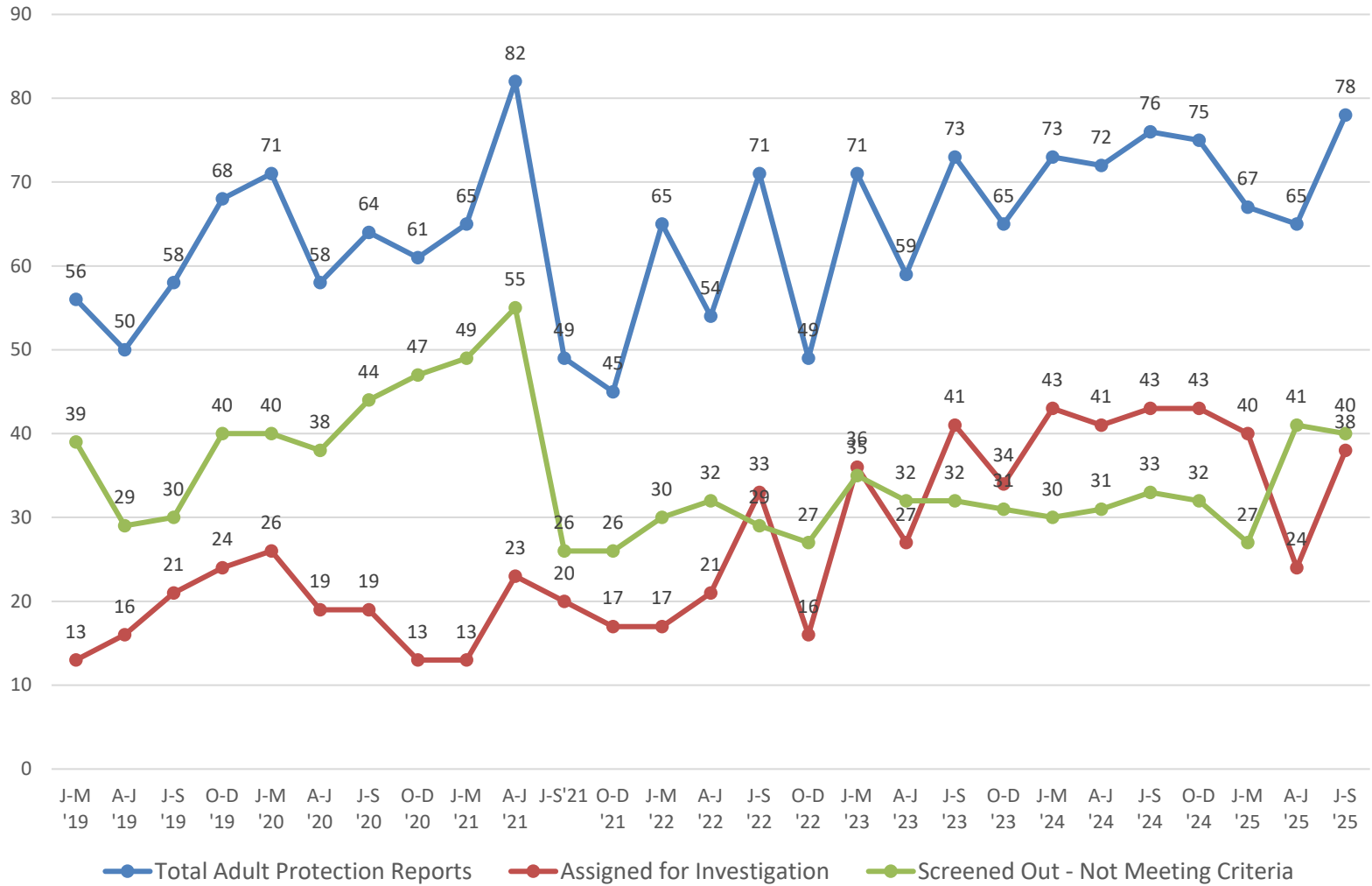
CAC – Community Alternative Care

BI – Brain Injury

DD – Developmental Disabilities



Adult Protection

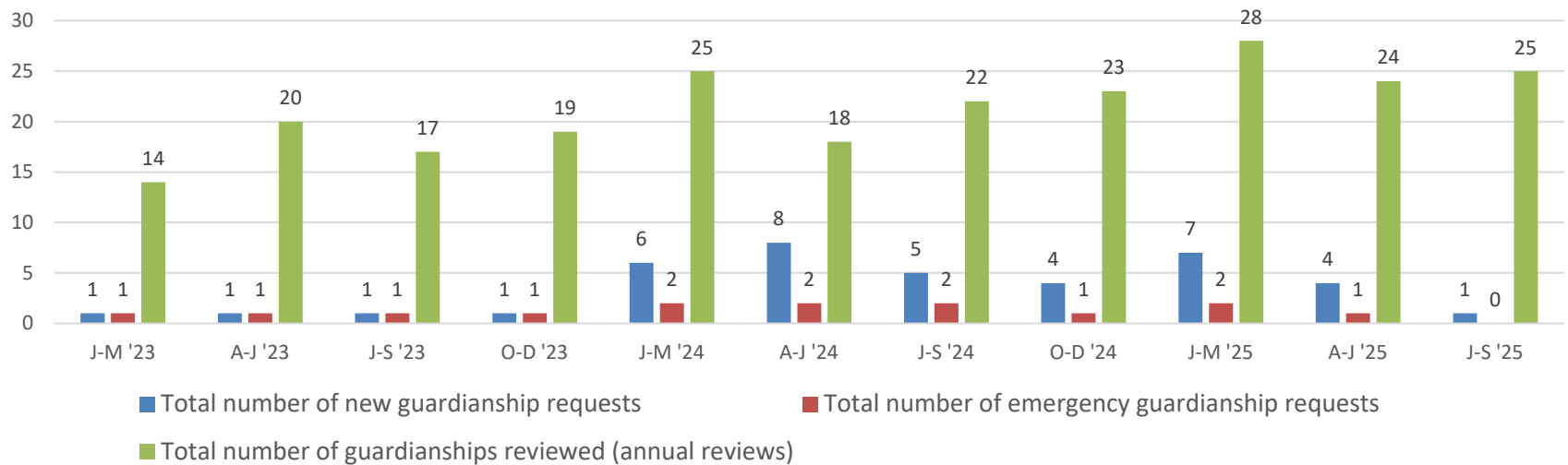
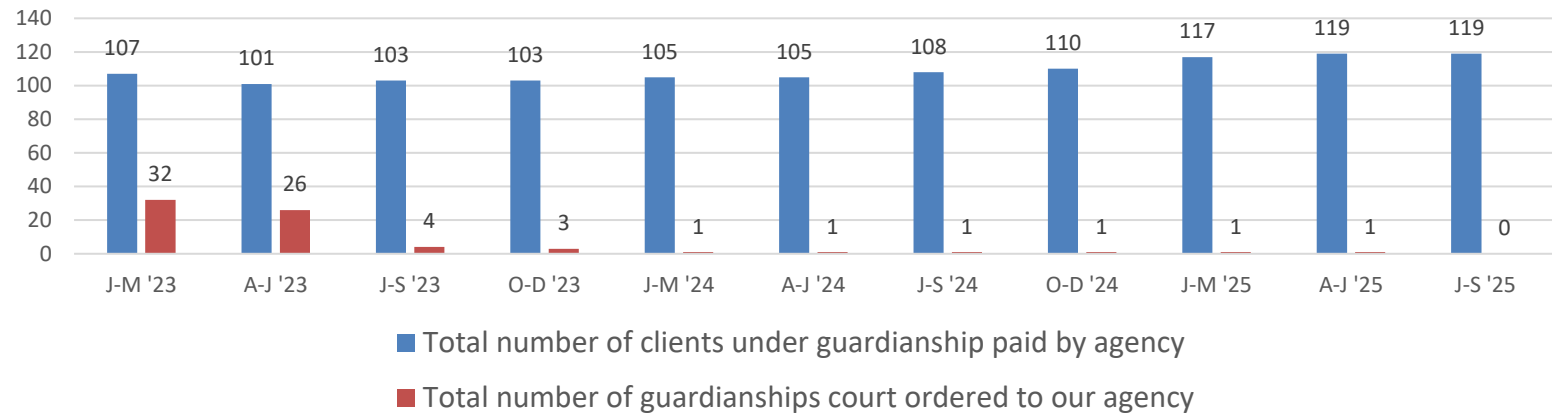


Adult Protection

- During Quarter 3, 78 adult protection reports were received.
- 38 of the reports were assigned for investigation.
- 40 were screened out as not meeting criteria.
- One (1) report was assigned for emergency protective services.



Guardianship Services

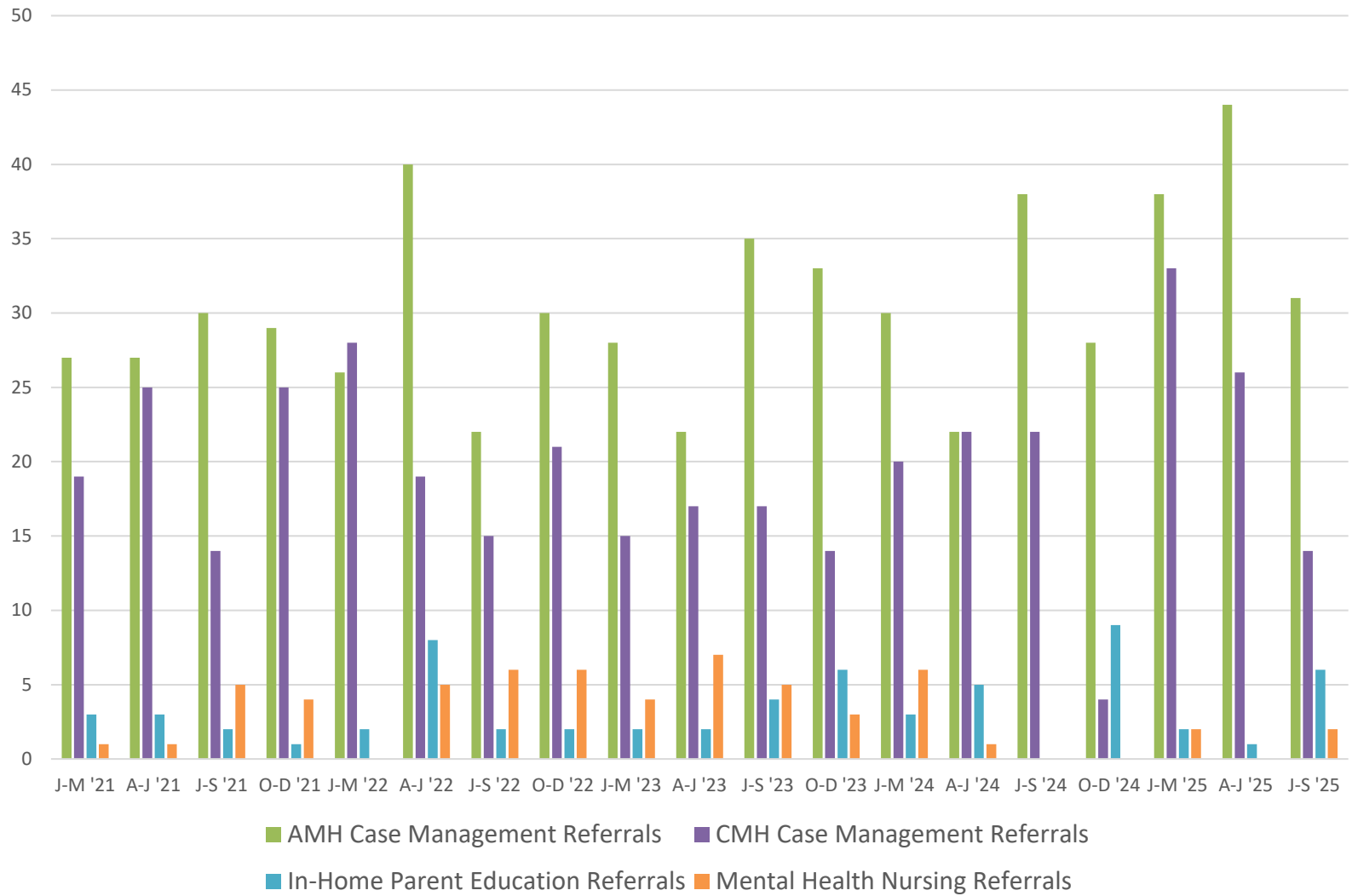


Guardianship Services

- We have 119 individuals court ordered for guardianship services paid for by Faribault & Martin Counties.
- 25 clients received annual review of guardianship services. The new standard will be to review all clients on guardianship annually to determine continued need for service.
- One (1) new client was evaluated for guardianship service. No emergency guardianships were requested.
- One screened out for guardianship, reconsideration was requested by County Attorney's office, and it was again denied.



Mental Health Referrals

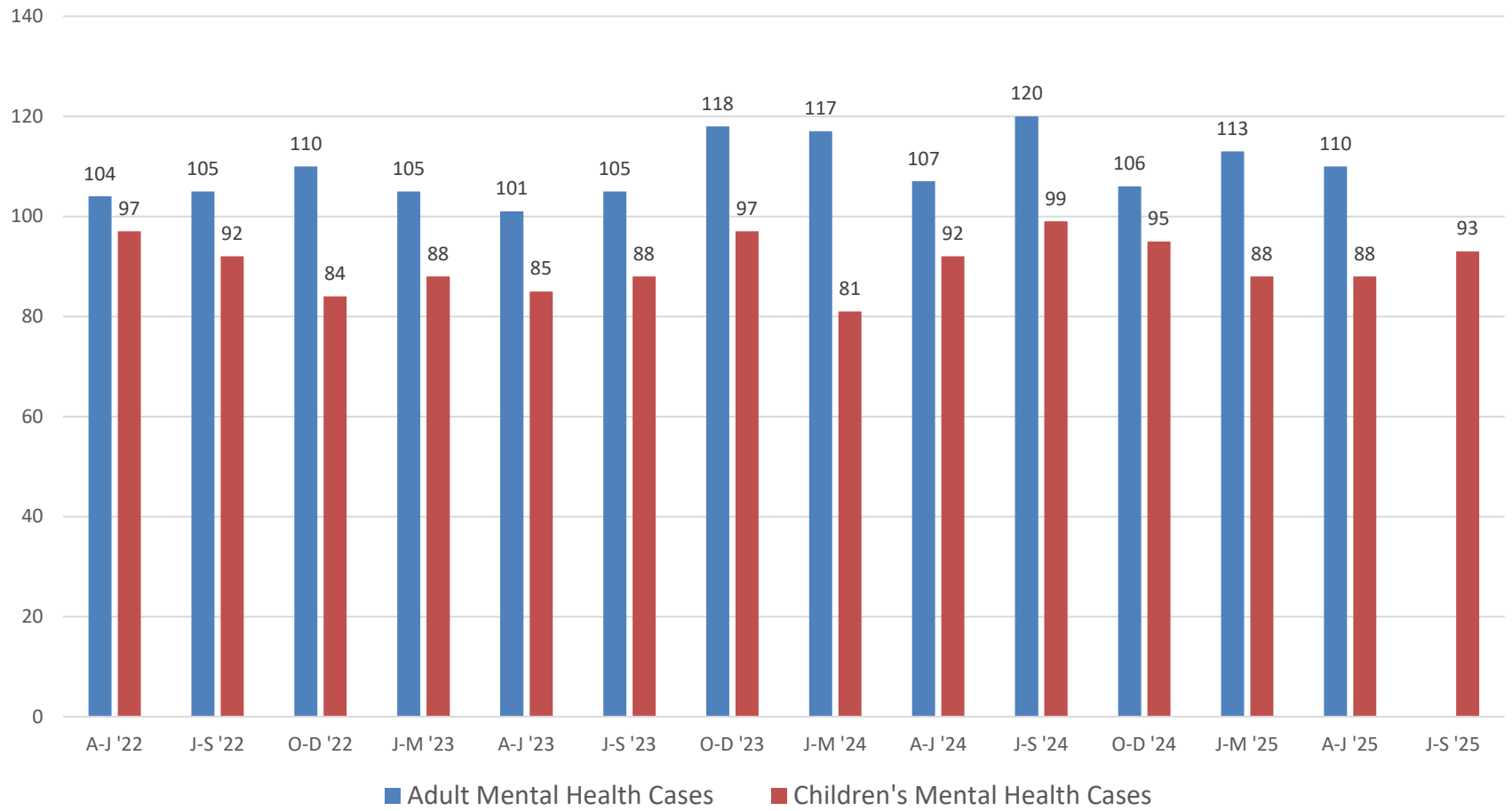


Mental Health Referrals

We had 33 new referrals for Adult Mental Health Services, 14 new referrals for Children's Mental Health Services, six (6) referrals for In-Home Parent Education, and two (2) referrals for mental health nursing services this past quarter.



Mental Health Caseloads

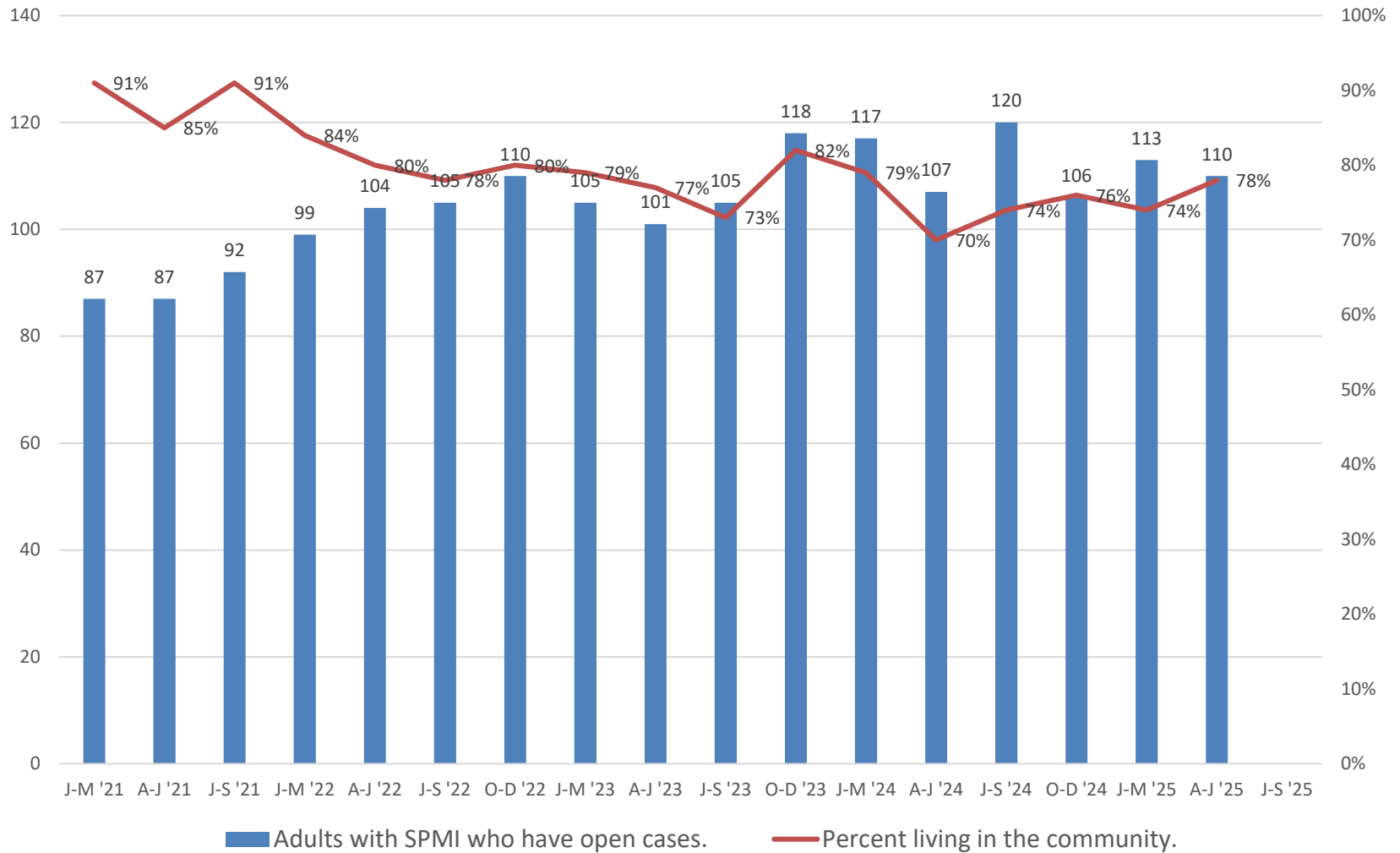


Mental Health Caseloads

- The adult mental health caseload this quarter was 93 cases.
- The average adult mental health caseload this quarter was 23.25 (standard is 30 cases per case manager).
- We had 93 children who meet Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED) criteria open to targeted case management.
- The average children's mental health caseload this quarter was 16.46 (standard is 15 cases per case manager).



Adults with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness

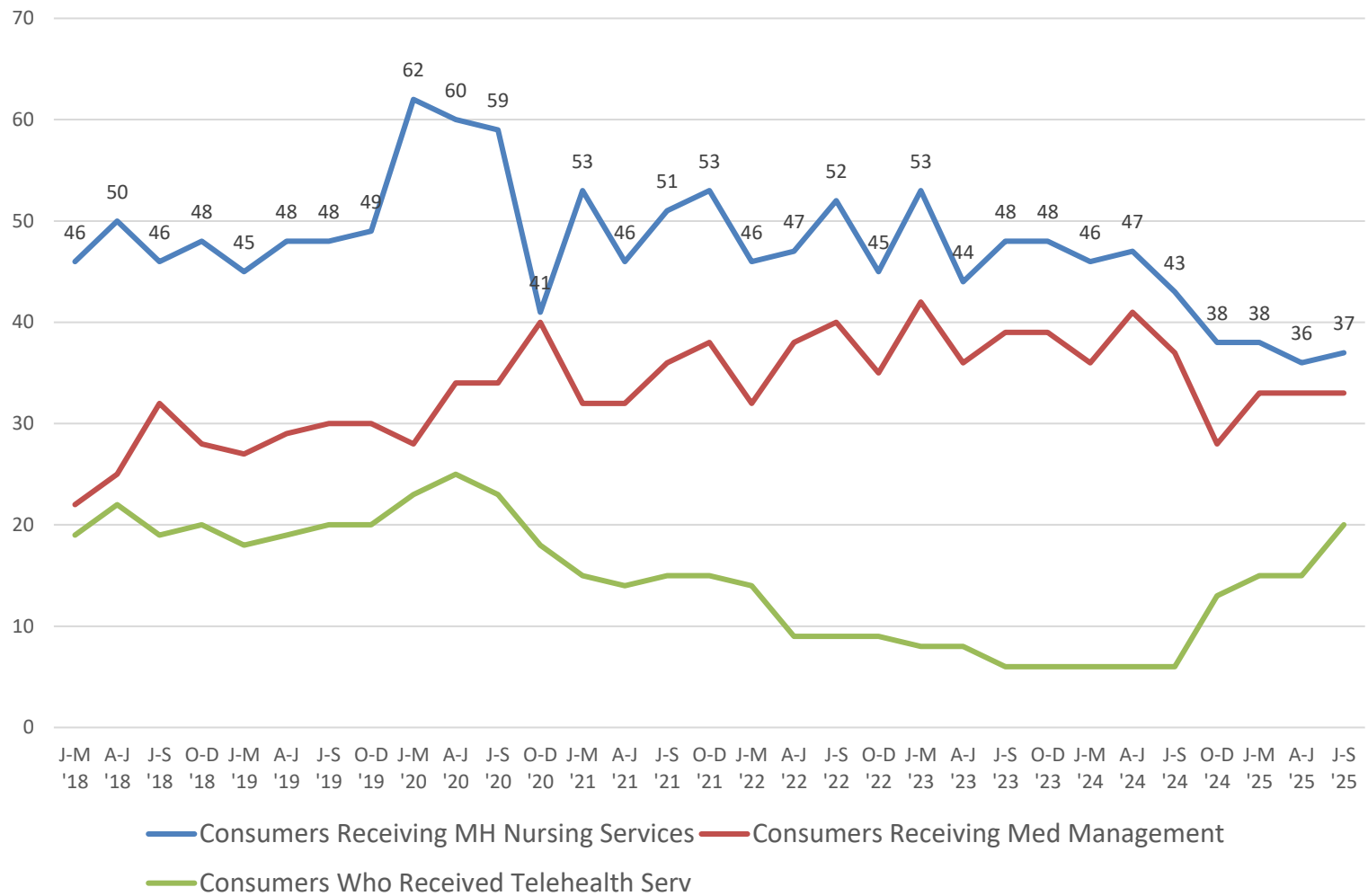


Adults with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness

Of the 93 adults with serious and persistent mental illness open to targeted case management services, 65% are living within the community.



Mental Health Nursing Services



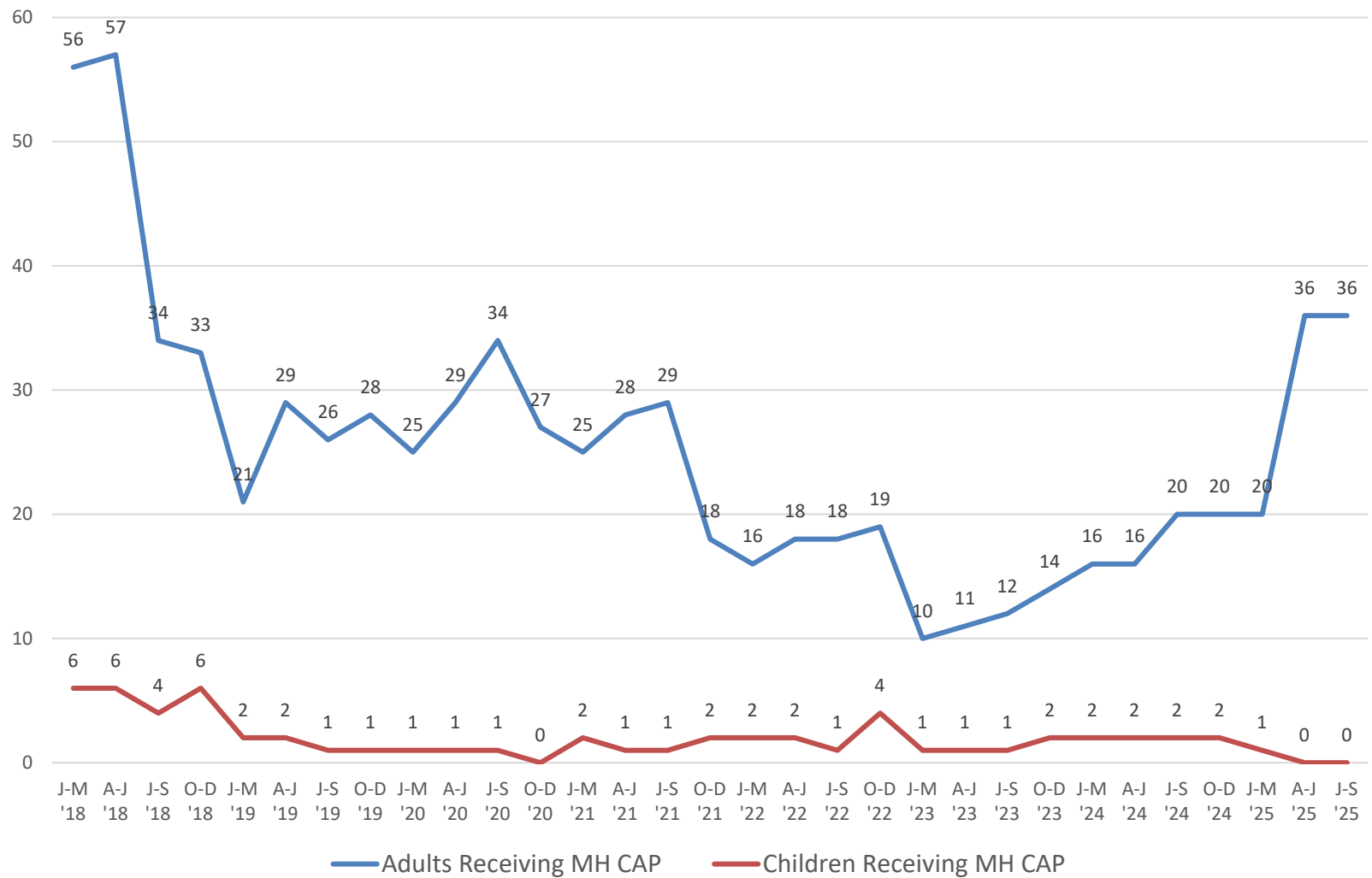


Mental Health Nursing

- We have 37 consumers receiving mental health nursing services.
- 33 consumers are receiving mediation management.
- 20 consumers are receiving telehealth services.
- 13 consumers are receiving injections.



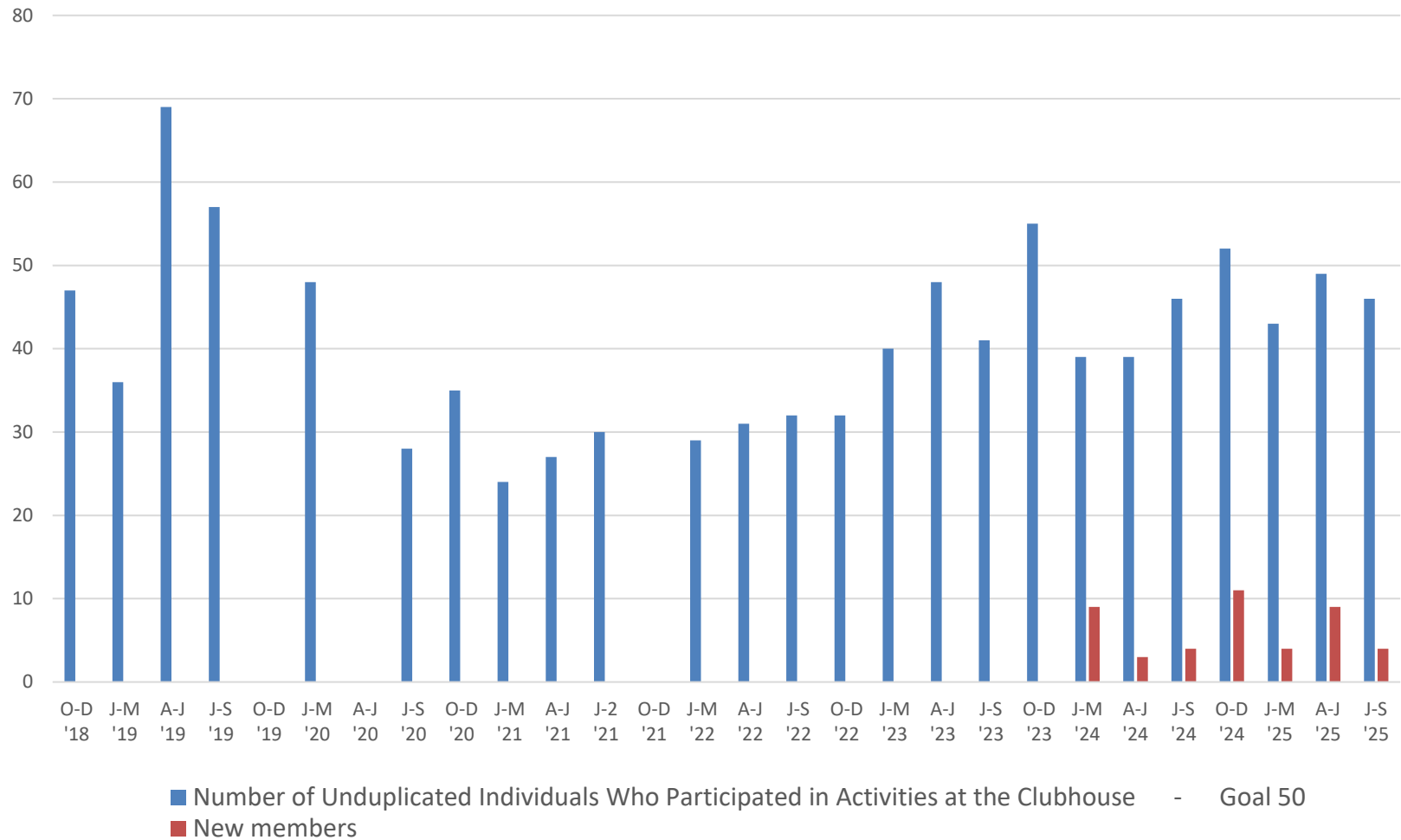
Mental Health Client Assistance Program



Mental Health Client Assistance Program

- The Mental Health Client Assistance Program (MHCAP) assists adults, youth, and their families who have no insurance or expensive insurance with accessing free or affordable mental health services. MHCAP contracts with local mental health agencies.
- In this quarter, we had 36 adults who used the MH CAP program. No children were served.

Clubhouse Activities



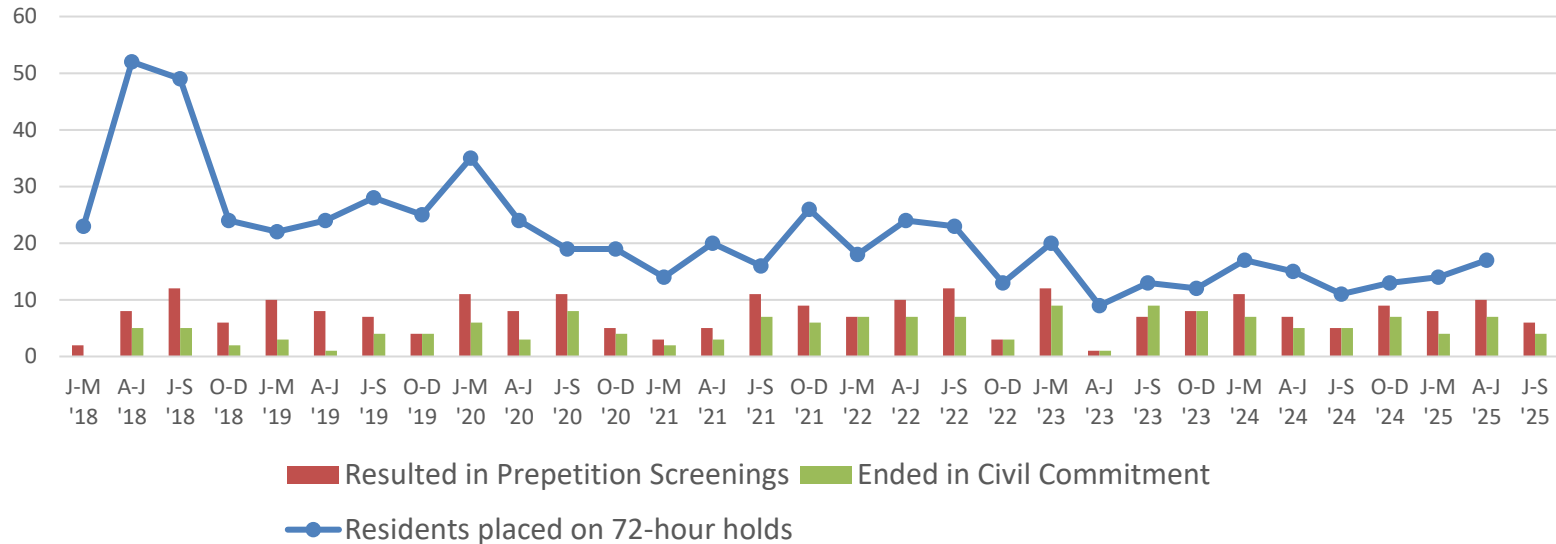


Upward Bound/5th Street Express Clubhouse

We have been busy...
COME JOIN US!



Residents Placed on 72-hour Holds and Results of 72-hour Holds



2025 Costs:

Faribault Mn Sex Offender Prog – \$81,074
Faribault Does Not Meet Criteria - \$28,027
Martin Mn Sex Offender Prog – \$189,804
Martin Mn State Hospital – \$89,806
Martin Forensic Nursing Home - \$29,657

Residents Placed on 72 Hour Holds

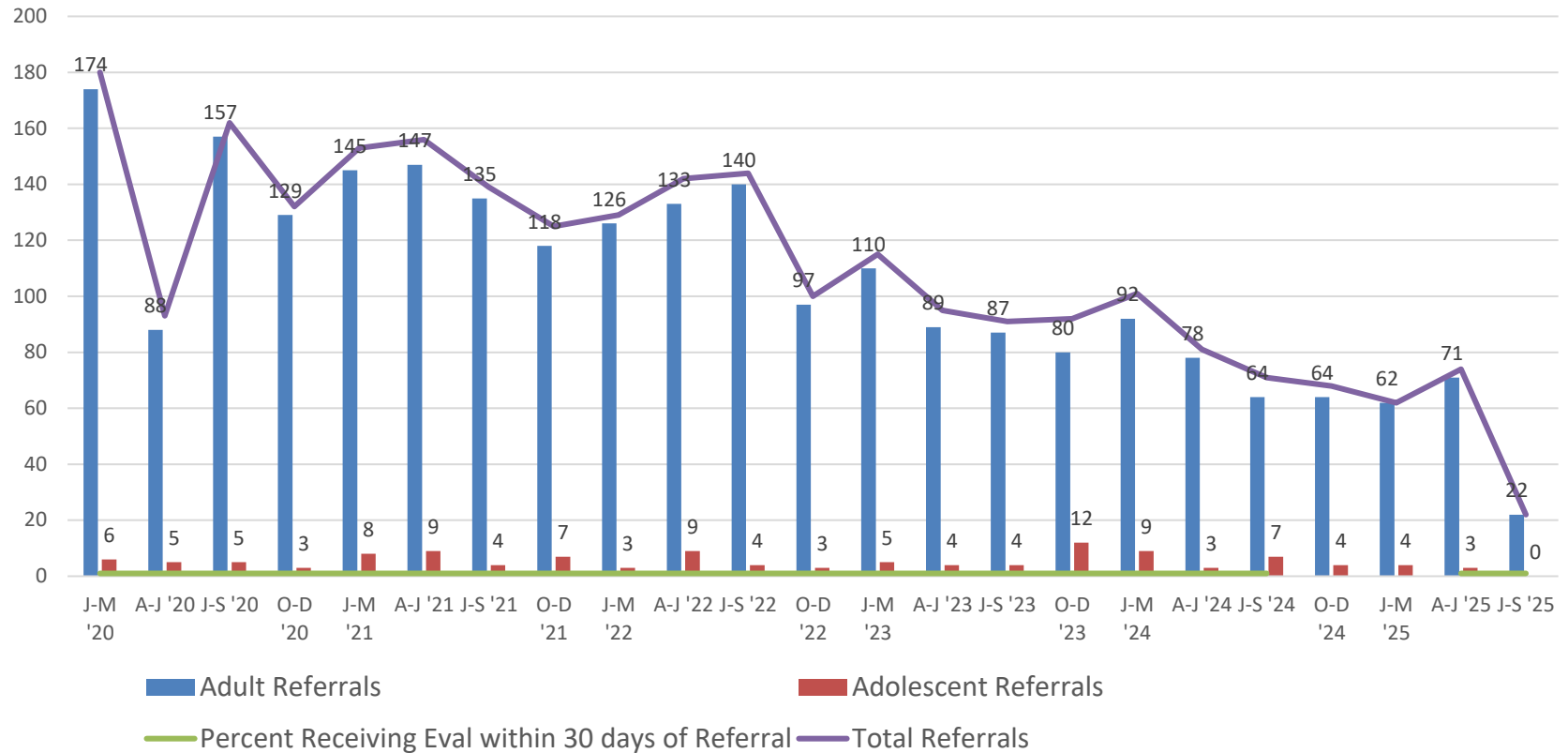
- We were notified that the hospitals will no longer be alerting us when residents are placed on holds.
- Six (6) prepetition screenings with four (4) civil commitments and two (2) Rule 20 commitments were completed.

Goal I.B.

High risk juveniles and adults will develop into productive, law abiding members of the community.



Chemical Dependency Evaluations



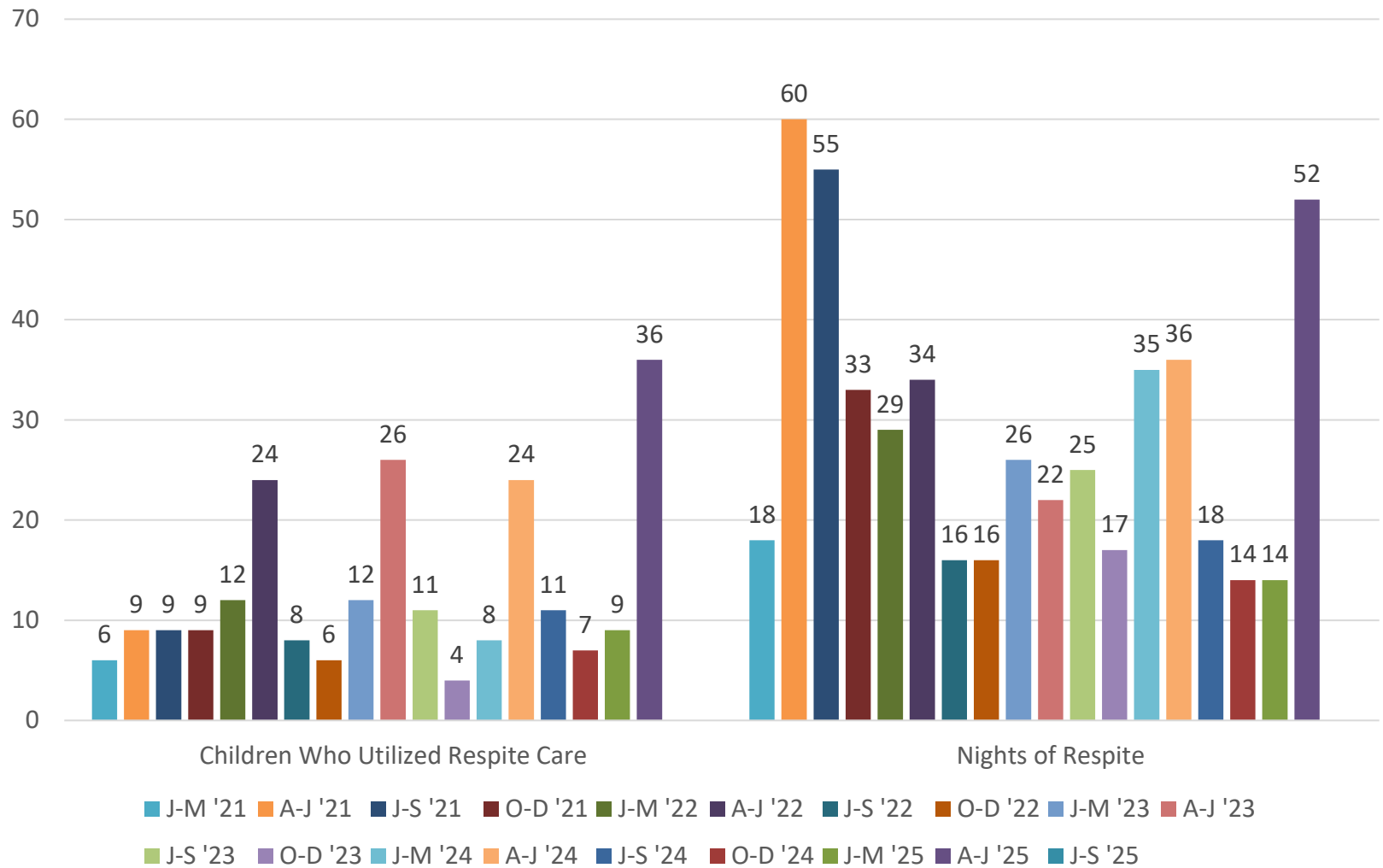
100% of high risk youth and adults received chemical dependency evaluations within 30 days of a court, self, or agency referral.

Chemical Dependency Evaluations

- Beginning in August, we reduced staffing for chemical dependency; leaving one assessor in Faribault Center.
- We received 22 adult referrals for comprehensive assessments and no referrals for adolescents.
- All assessments were completed within 30 days of the referral



Mental Health Respite Grant



Mental Health Respite

In this quarter, we had 17 children utilize respite for a total of 56 nights of respite care.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO SUPPORT FAMILIES

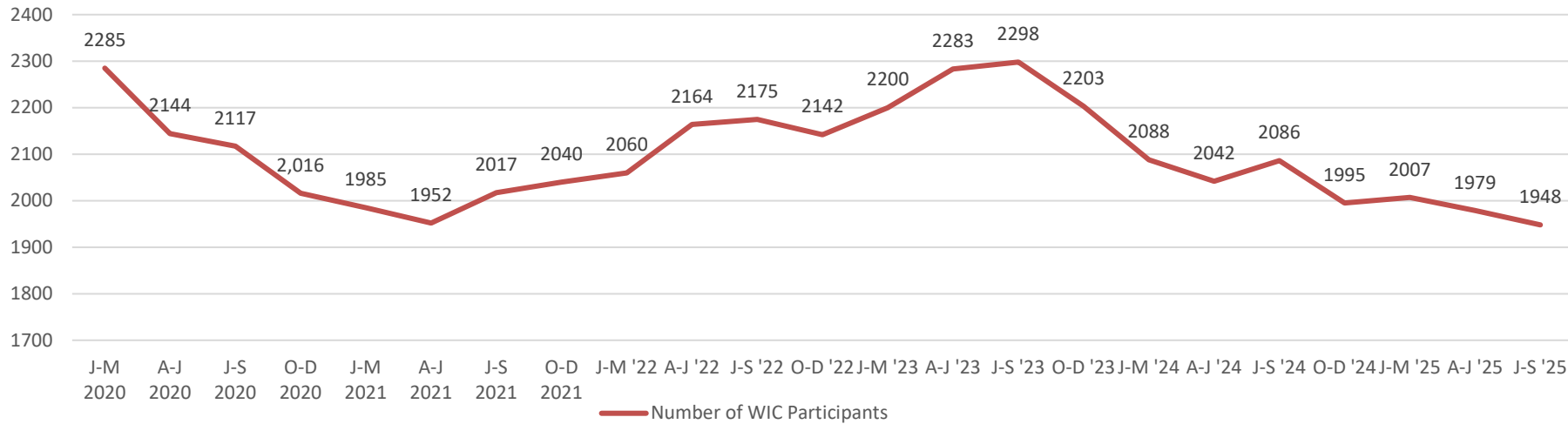


Goal II.A.

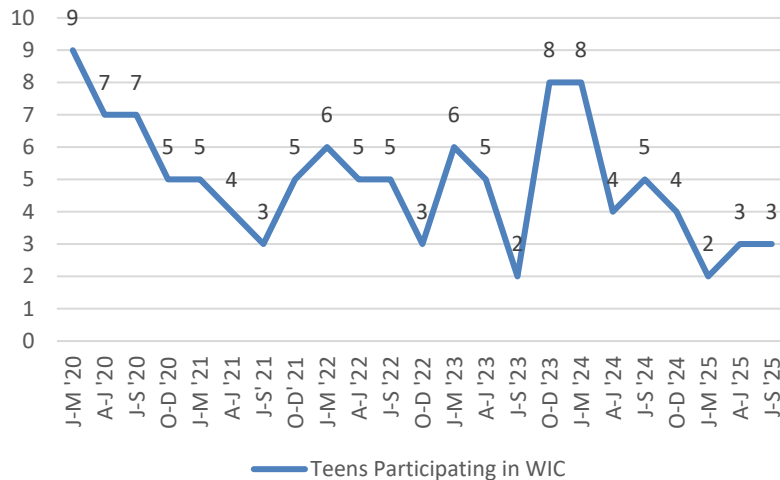
Families will have healthy pregnancies, deliveries, and parenting so all children will grow and develop to their full potential. Help parents prevent overweight in their children by influencing their health-related knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors. Increase the duration of breastfeeding among Minnesota WIC participants.



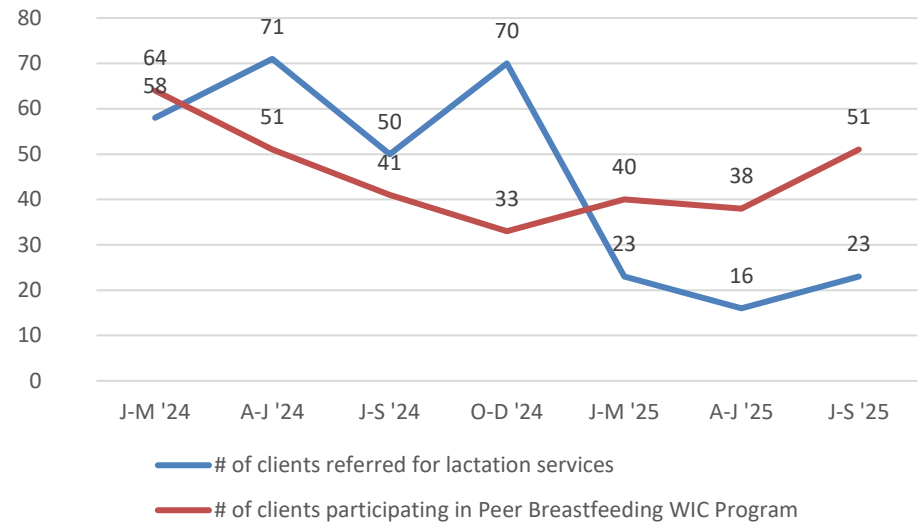
WIC Participation



Pregnant or Parenting Teens



WIC Peer Breastfeeding Program

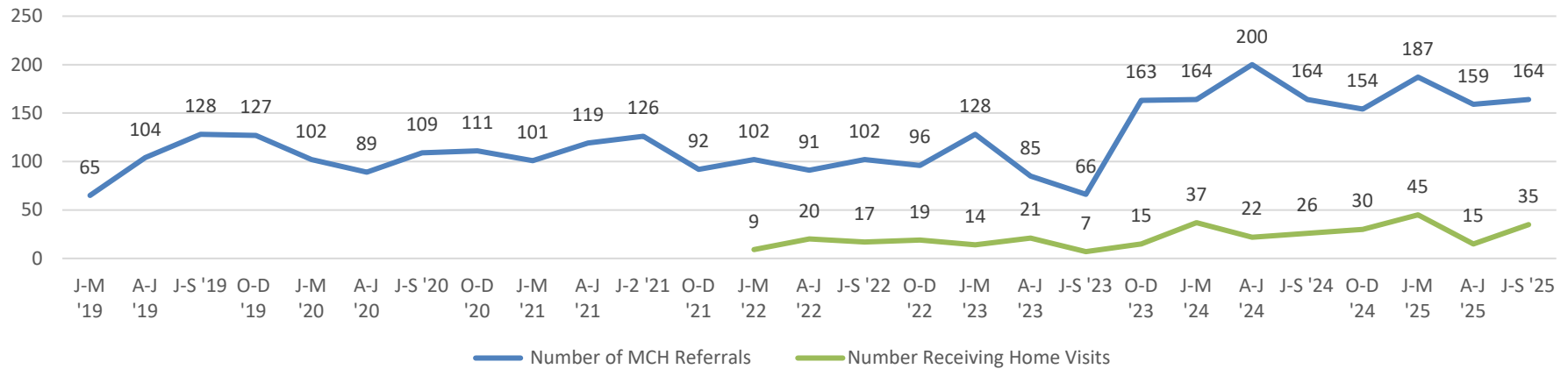


Women Infant Children (WIC)

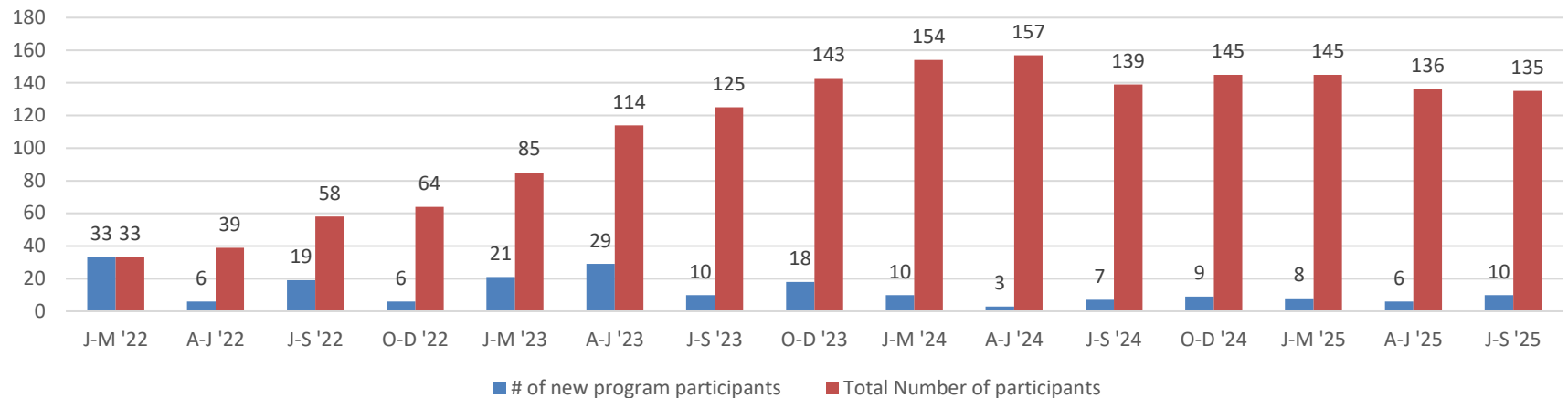
- The agency serviced 1,948 WIC clients during Quarter 3, 2025.
- We served 3 pregnant or parenting teens in WIC this quarter.
- The WIC Peer Breastfeeding Program is serving 51 clients at the end of the quarter. 23 clients were referred to lactation services during the quarter.



Maternal Child Health Referrals



Follow Along Program



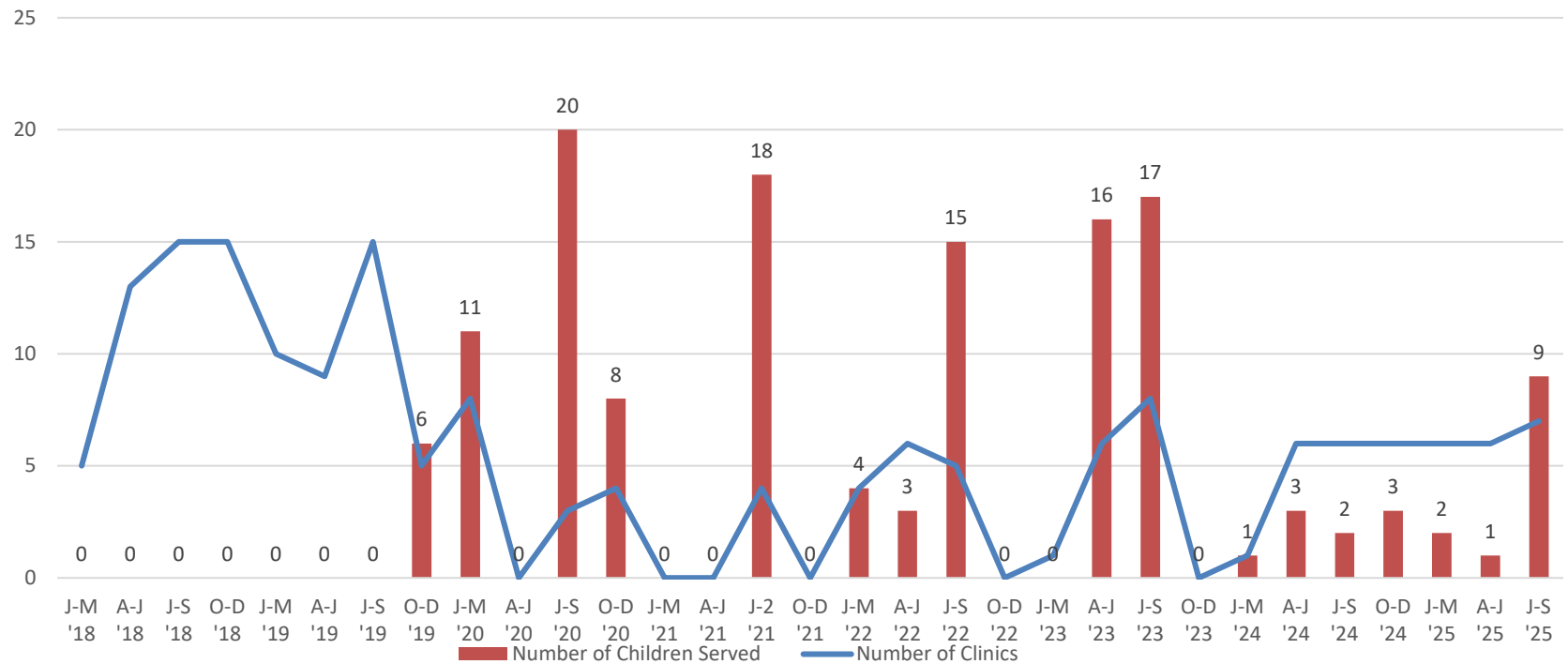
Maternal Child Health (MCH)

- This quarter we received 164 referrals for pregnant and postpartum women.
- 10 new clients enrolled in the Follow Along Program.
- MCH nurses completed 35 home visits with prenatal and postpartum women this quarter and visited 4 new mothers in the hospital after delivery.



Child & Teen Check-Up Clinics

Number of Child & Teen Checkup Clinics

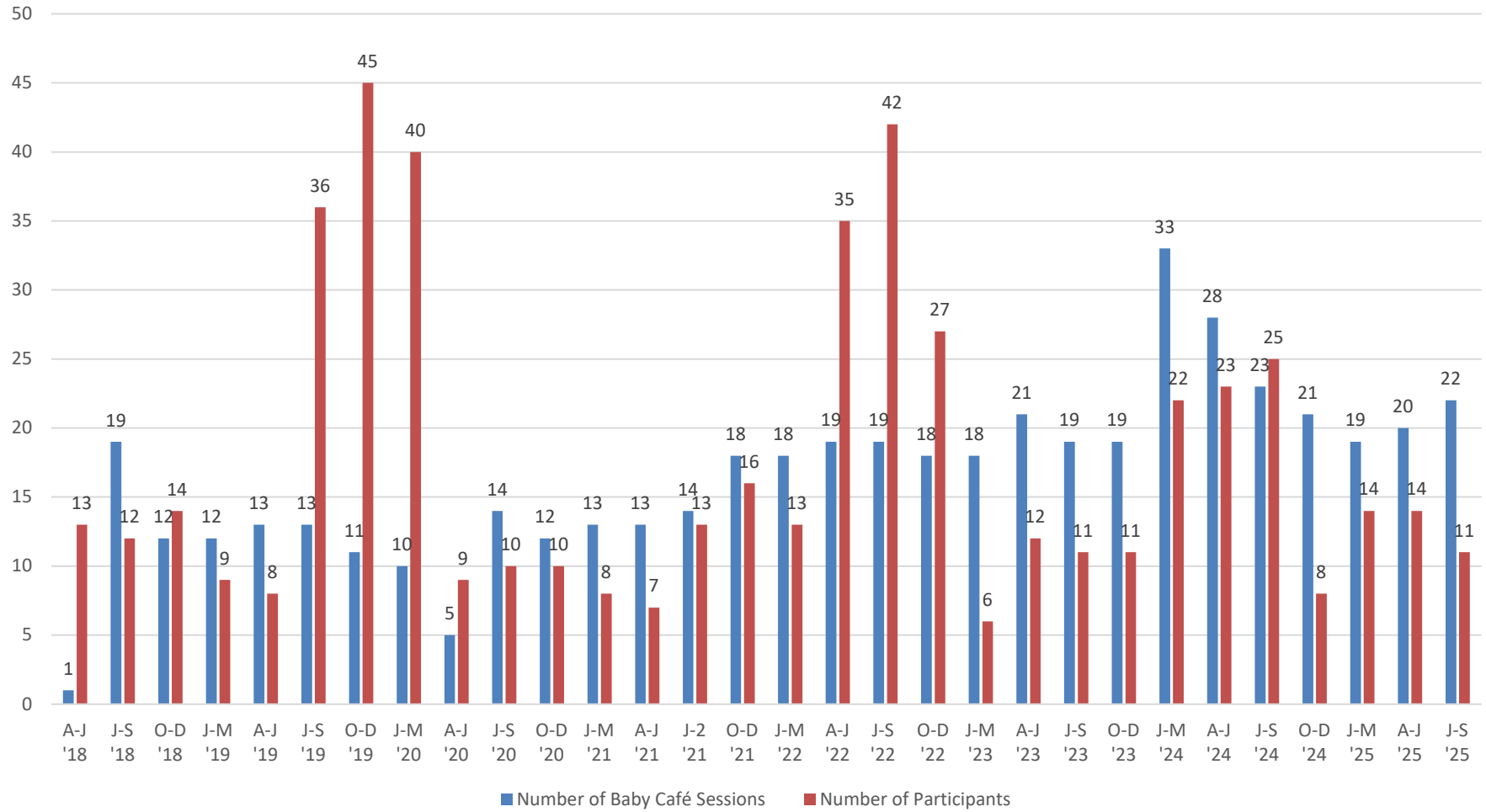


Child & Teen Check-Up Clinics

- We offered seven (7) child and teen check-up clinics this quarter. Nine (9) children were served.



Baby Cafe

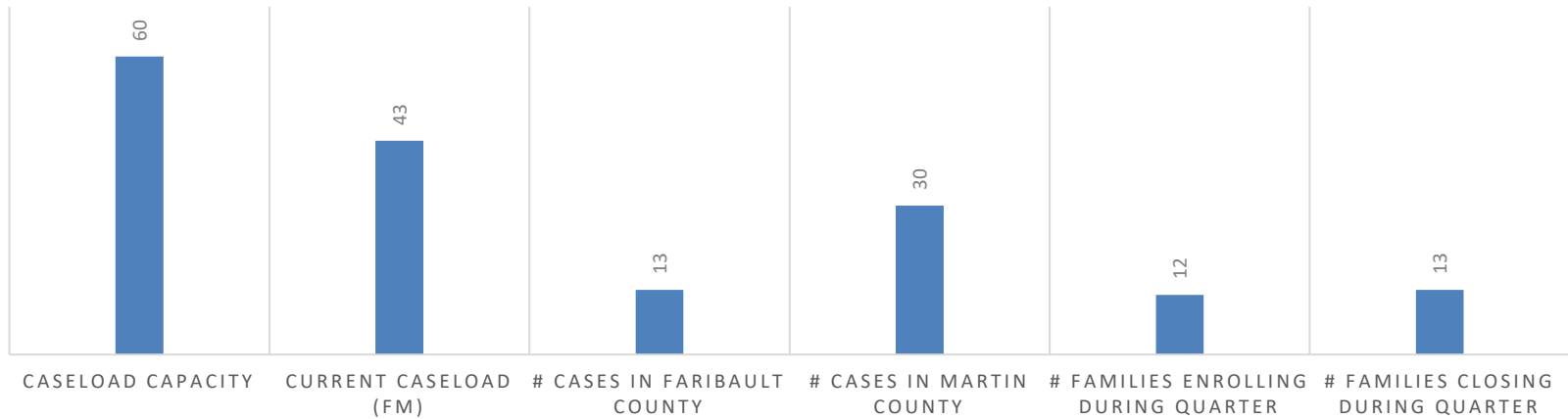


Baby Café Breastfeeding Program

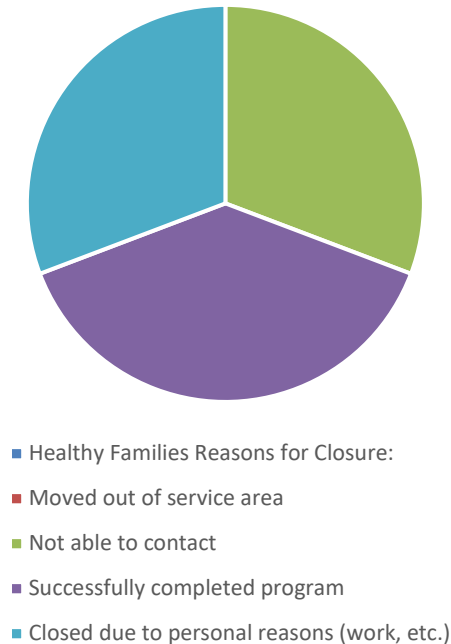
- We held 22 baby café clinics between both counties this quarter serving 11 total families.
- Clinics are being offered in Fairmont weekly at the elementary school, bi-weekly in Blue Earth at United Hospital District.



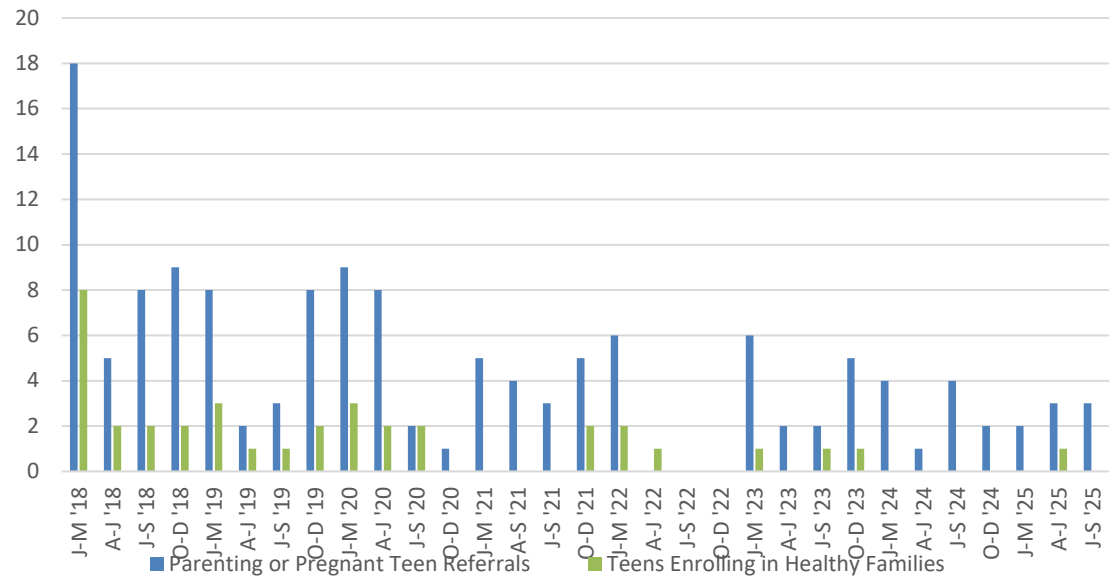
HEALTHY FAMILIES AMERICA CASELOAD



Reasons for Closures



Teens Enrollment in HFA



Healthy Families America Home Visiting Program

- As of Sep 30, 2025, we had a caseload of 43 families, which is 72% of our target caseload size of 60 families.
- 13 cases are families who reside in Faribault County and 30 families reside in Martin County.
- We had 12 families enroll during the quarter. We closed 13 families to services – 5 successfully completed, 4 was unable be contacted after 3 months and 4 closed for personal reasons.



HFA Graduate Story

The client began services in September 2022. At the start, the client presented as a nervous and uncertain mother, unsure of herself and her abilities. However, by the time she graduated from the program, she had developed a remarkable sense of confidence. Her transformation as a mother was both evident and inspiring.

The client had previously struggled with substance use and identified as an addict. However, upon learning of her pregnancy, she made the courageous decision to enter rehabilitation. She successfully completed treatment and never looked back, fully committing to a healthier lifestyle for herself and her unborn child.

In addition to overcoming addiction, the client had also endured an abusive domestic relationship. The father of her baby was incarcerated following a domestic incident involving her. During his absence, the client came to the realization that she and her baby, Bexlee, deserved a better life. She made the empowering decision not to return to that relationship.

When the father of the baby was released from prison in February 2025, the client experienced understandable fear and uncertainty about whether he might attempt to contact or locate her. With the support of her Family Support Specialist (FSS), she was connected with a CADA advocate who assisted her in obtaining an order for protection.

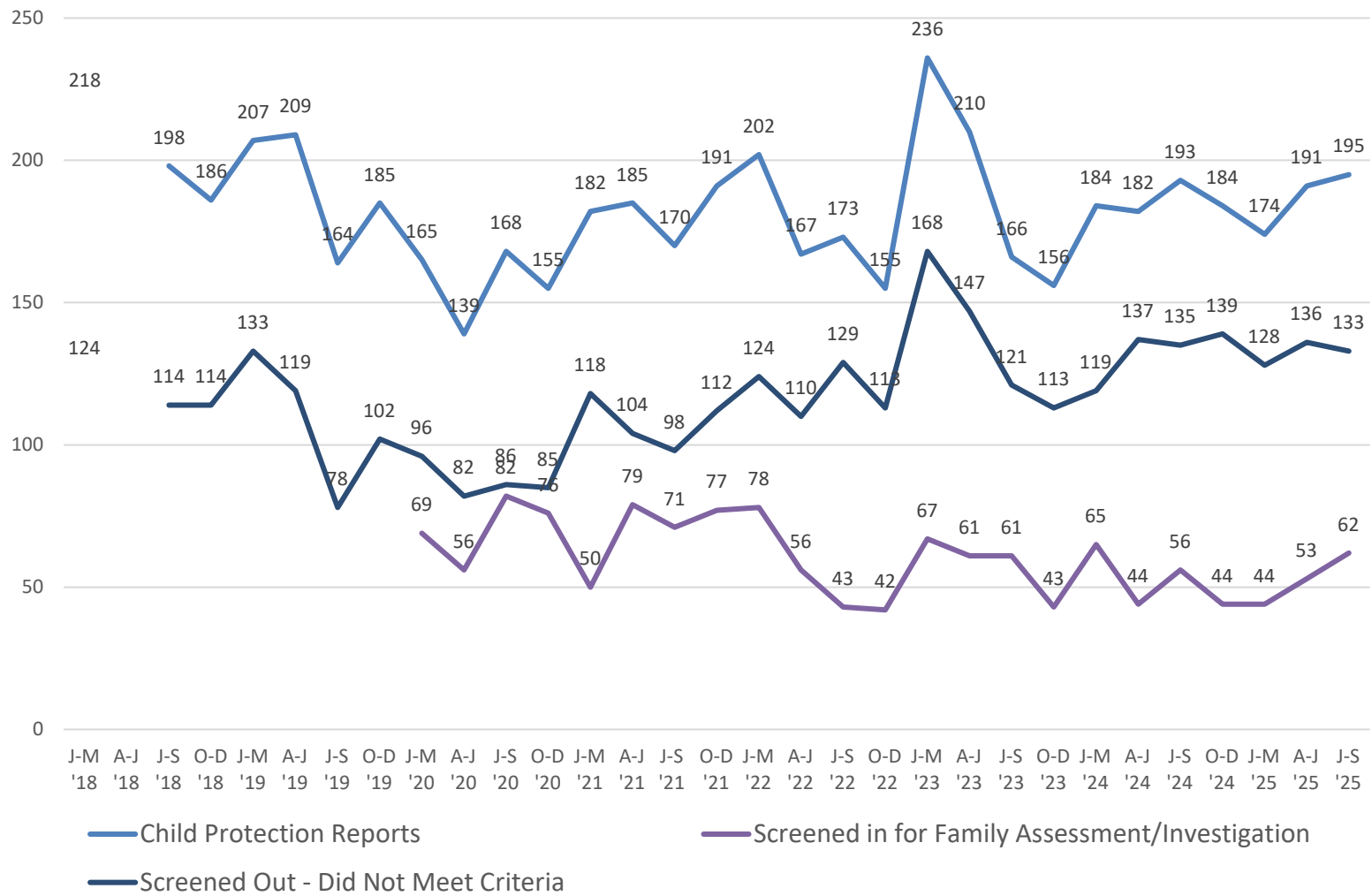
Since then, the client has been raising her daughter—described as feisty, smart, and full of personality—entirely on her own, and she has been thriving in her role as a mother. At her graduation, she beamed with pride as her home visitor affirmed the incredible progress she had made. Her joy and pride were unmistakable, reflected in the wide smile that lit up her face.

Goal II.B.

Children will be raised in a healthy,
happy, safe, permanent family
environment.



Child Protection

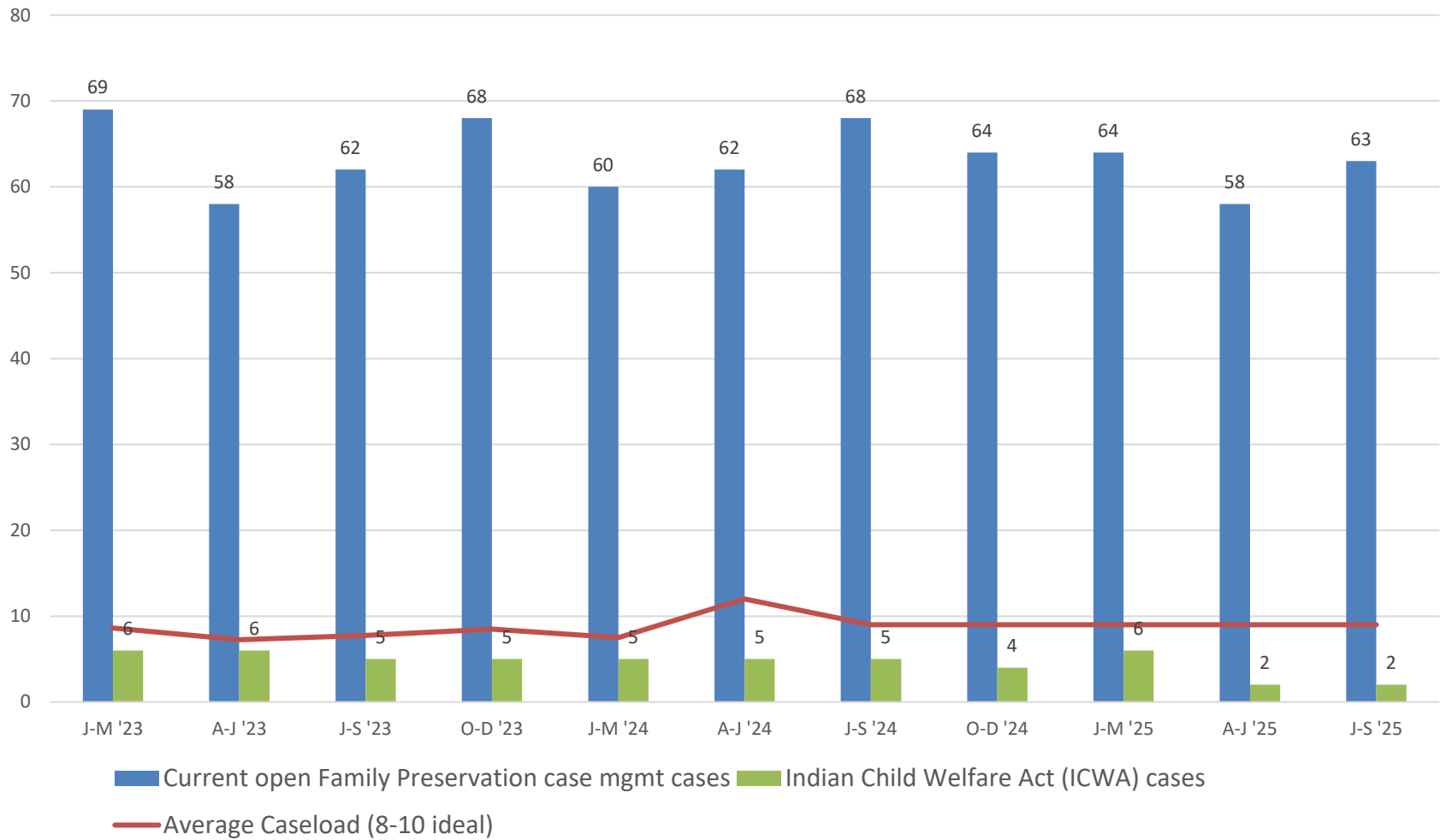


Child Protection Investigations

- During the quarter, 195 child protection reports were received.
- 133 reports were screened out as did not meet criteria.
- 62 reports were screened in for Family Assessment/Investigation



Child Protection/Family Preservation Case Management

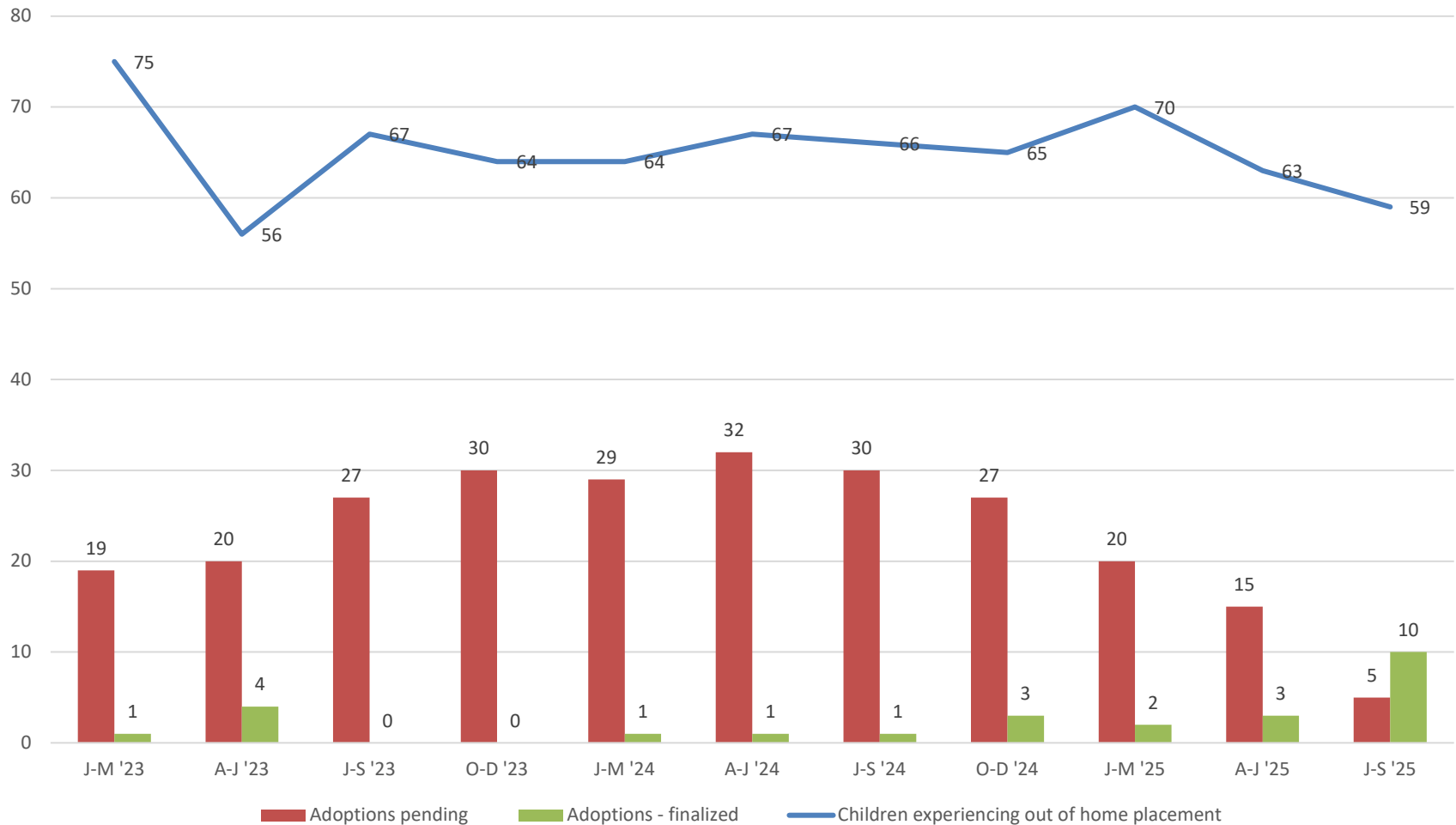


Child Protection/Family Preservation Case Management

- The Family Preservation case management caseload was at 63. With seven active case managers and one recovery specialist, this results in nine (9) average caseload (8-10 is ideal).
- Within the 58 cases, two (2) were ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act) children which basically doubles the paperwork involved.



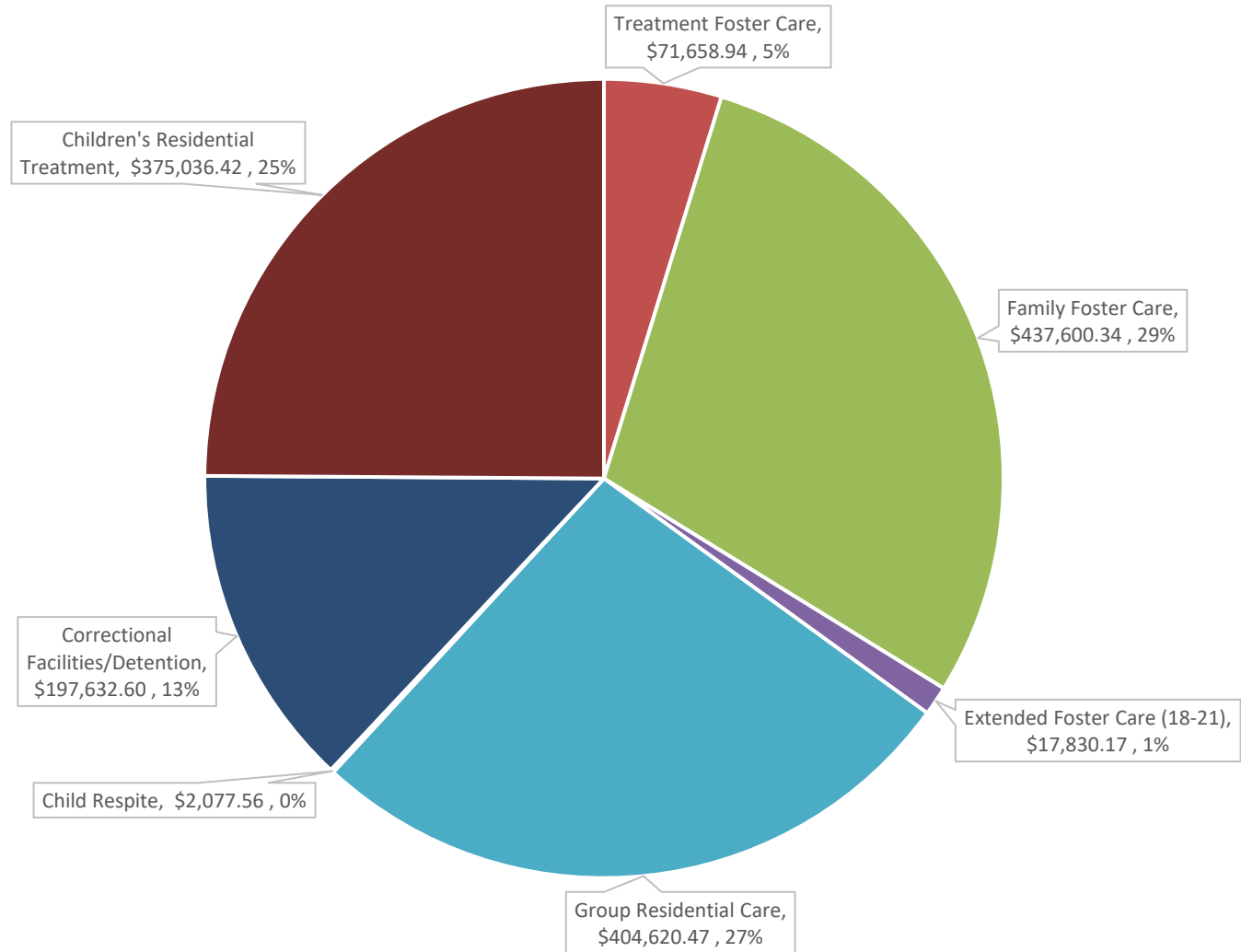
Child Protection/Adoptions



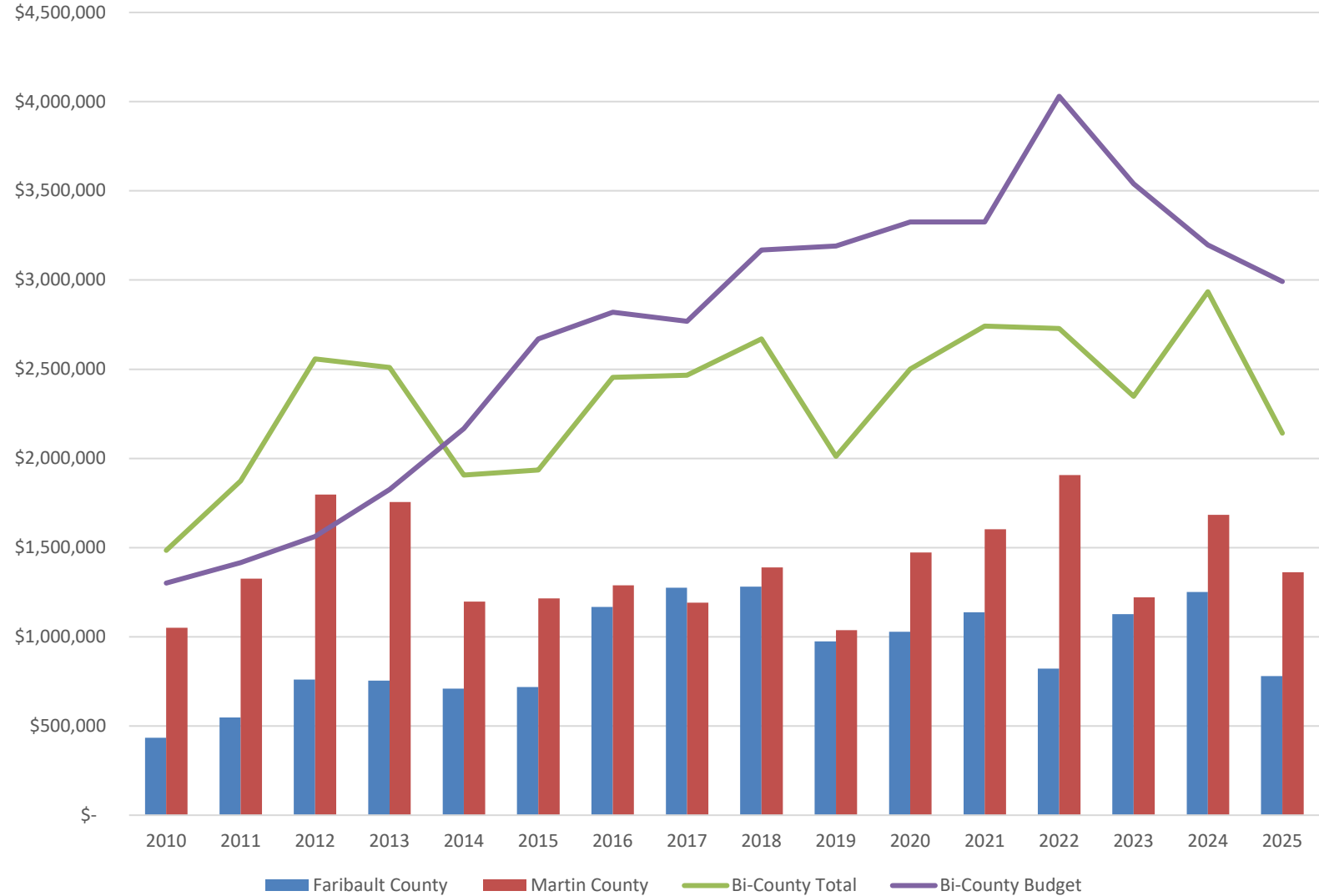
Child Protection/ Adoptions

- Children experiencing out of home placement this quarter totaled 59.
- Adoptions finalized this quarter equal ten (10). Five (5) adoptions are pending.

Out of Home Placement by Type - Year to Date 2025



Actual vs Budget Out of Home Placement Costs



OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT BY COUNTY

	2nd Qrt 2024	3rd Qrt 2024	4th Qrt 2024	1st Qrt 2025	2nd Qrt 2025	3rd Qrt 2025	
FARIBAULT COUNTY							
# of Kids	29	26	24	23	24	26	
# of Days	1,773	1,676	1,749	1,628	1,941	1,996	
Cost	285,555	307,264	303,707	227,062	181,386	372,067	
MARTIN COUNTY							
# of Kids	62	61	66	67	55	56	
# of Days	4,838	4,913	4,902	4,982	4,375	3,972	
Cost	348,412	494,075	463,481	443,996	453,899	463,342	
TOTAL BI-COUNTY							
# of Kids	91	87	90	90	79	82	
# of Days	6,611	6,589	6,651	6,610	6,316	5,968	
Cost	\$ 633,967	\$ 801,339	\$ 767,188	\$ 671,058	\$ 635,285	\$ 835,409	

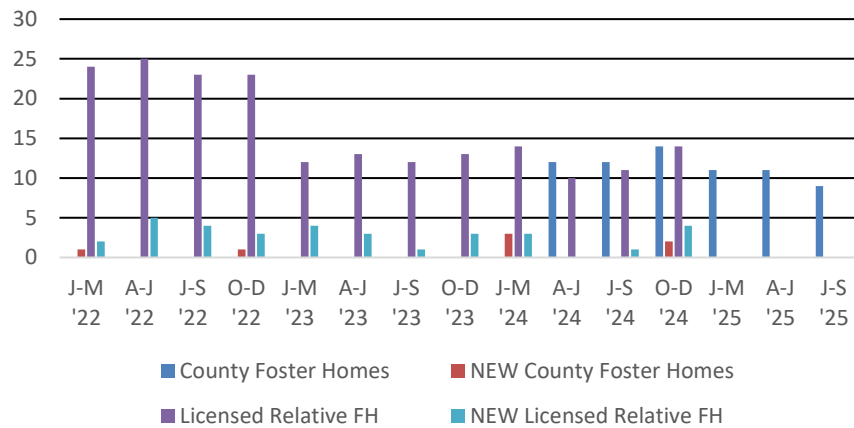
School Social Workers

Summary Data (with 14 of 14 SSW reporting)

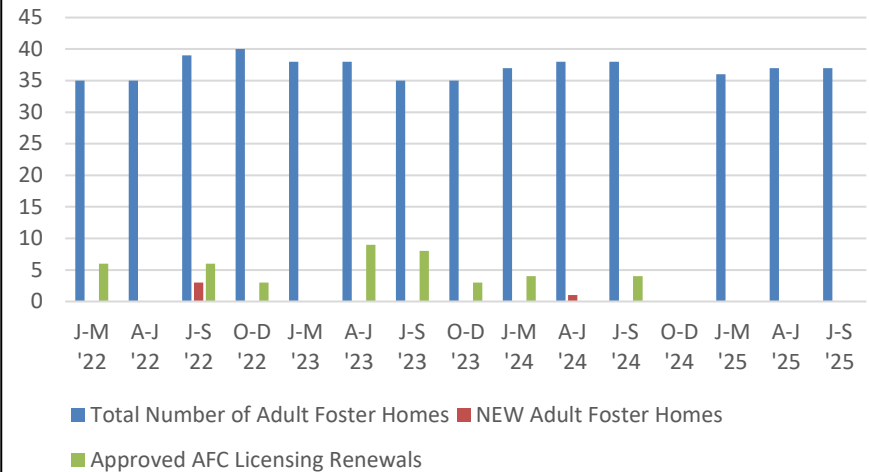
- Cases Open at End of Quarter: 478
- Number of Reports to Human Services this Quarter for Child Abuse/Neglect: 8
- Cases Closed for Completion of Program: 59
- Percent of problems identified at case opening that have resolved upon closure: 98%
- Looking at same quarter last year, cases closed: 49
- Percent of cases were NOT later active with Human Services: 100%

Day Care & Foster Care Licensing

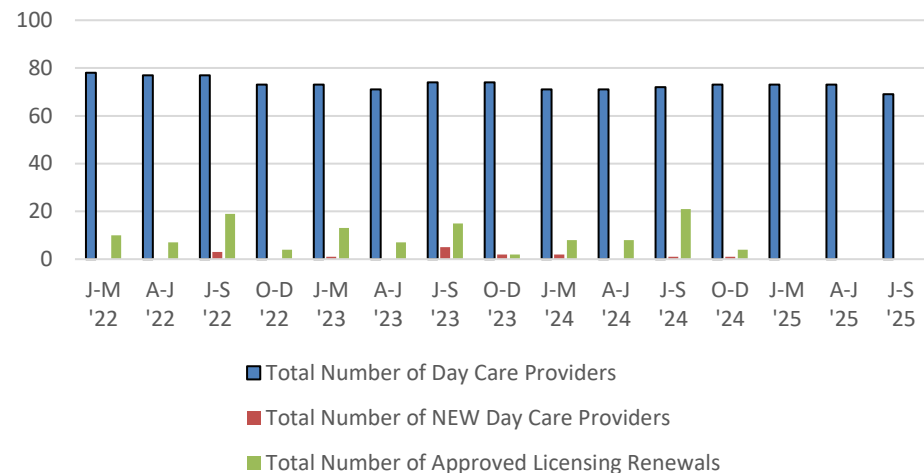
Licensed Relative Foster Care and Licensed County Foster Homes



Adult Foster Care Homes



Licensed Day Care Services



Licensing

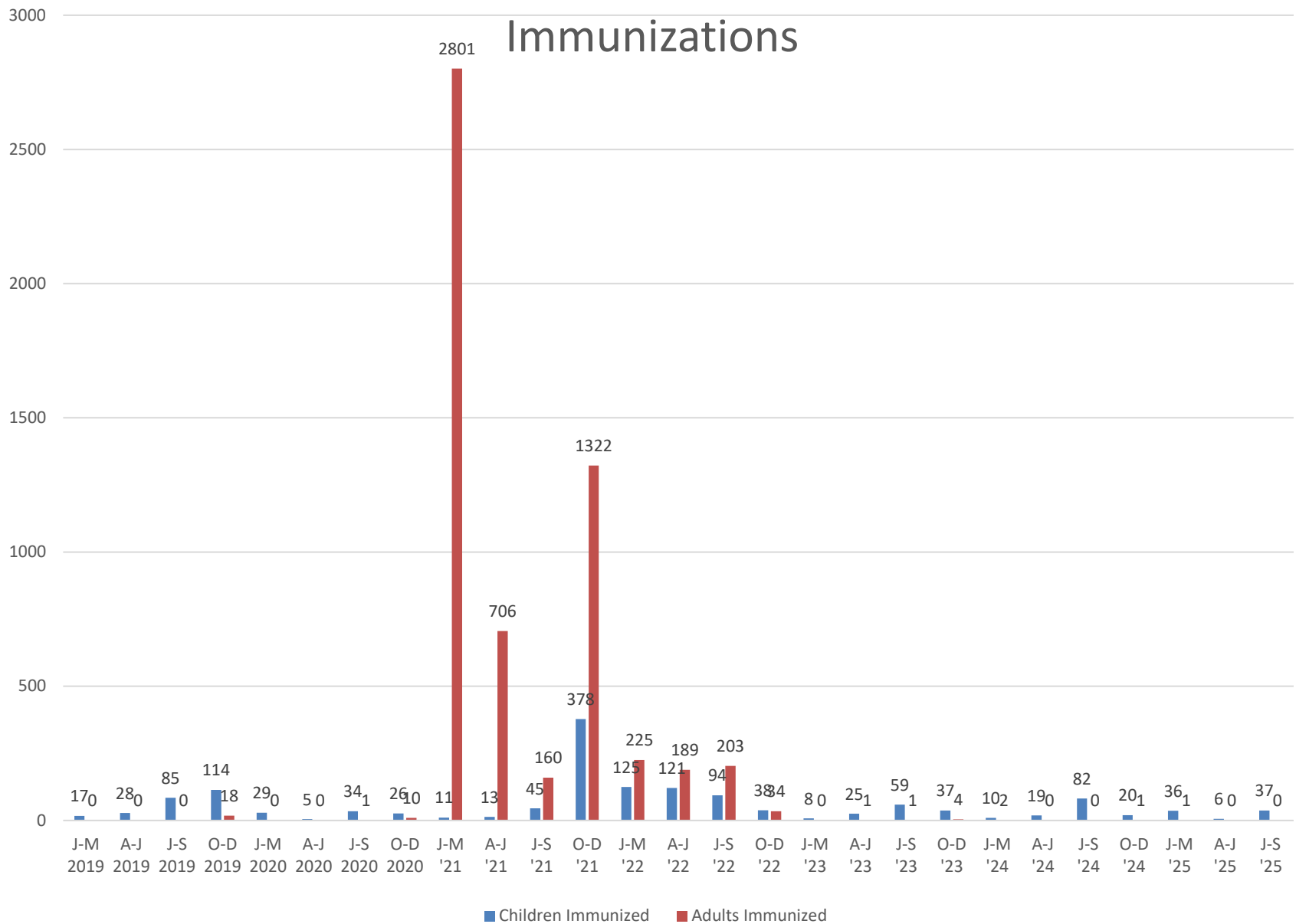
- For Quarter 3, there were 69 licensed day care providers.
- There were nine (9) licensed county foster homes.
- There were twelve (12) licensed relative foster homes; two (2) new homes were added.
- There were 37 adult foster homes.



**PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY**

Goal III.A.

Residents and visitors are protected from acute communicable diseases and other health threats including unintentional injury.

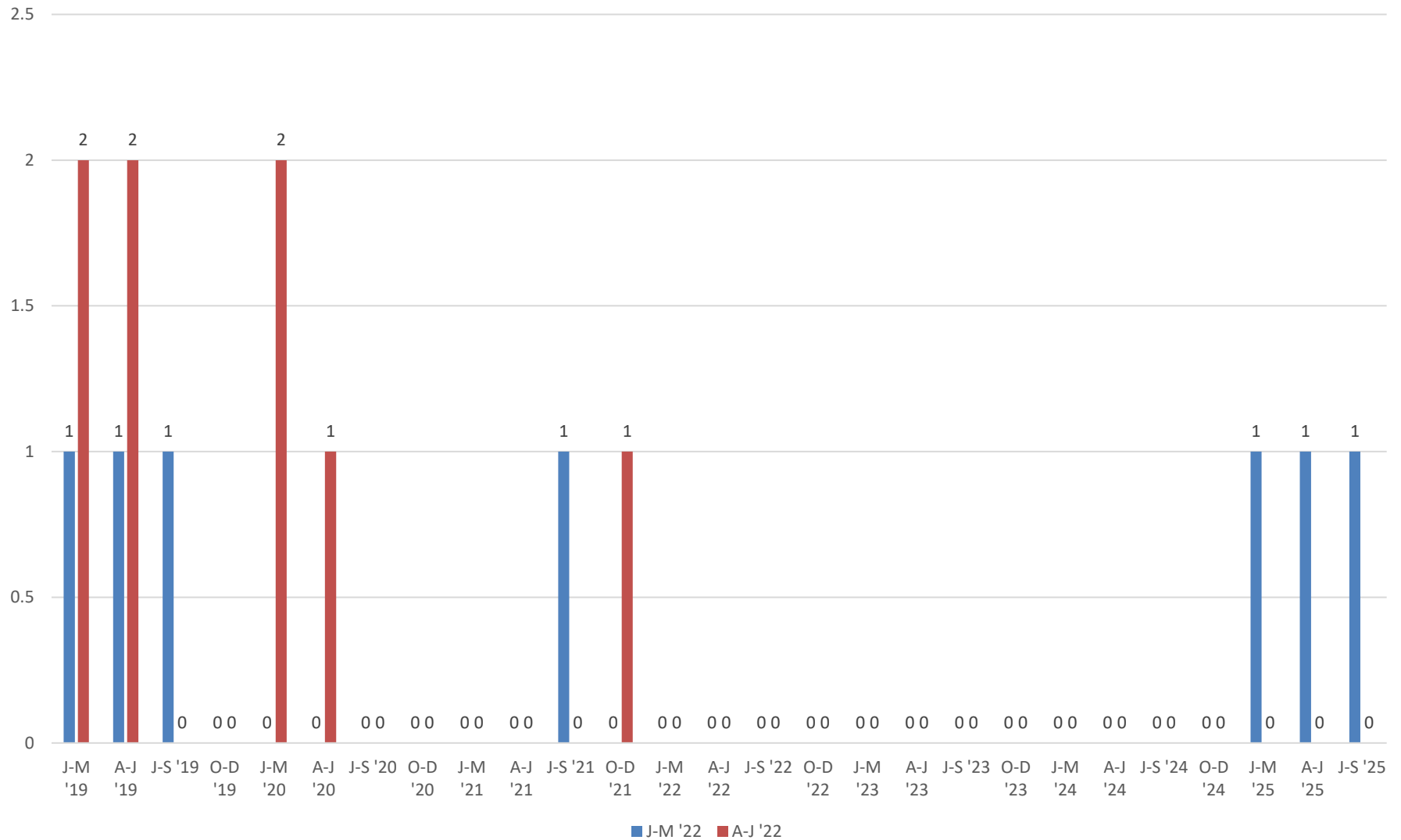


Immunizations

- This quarter we vaccinated 37 children for routine childhood immunizations.



Tuberculosis Case Management

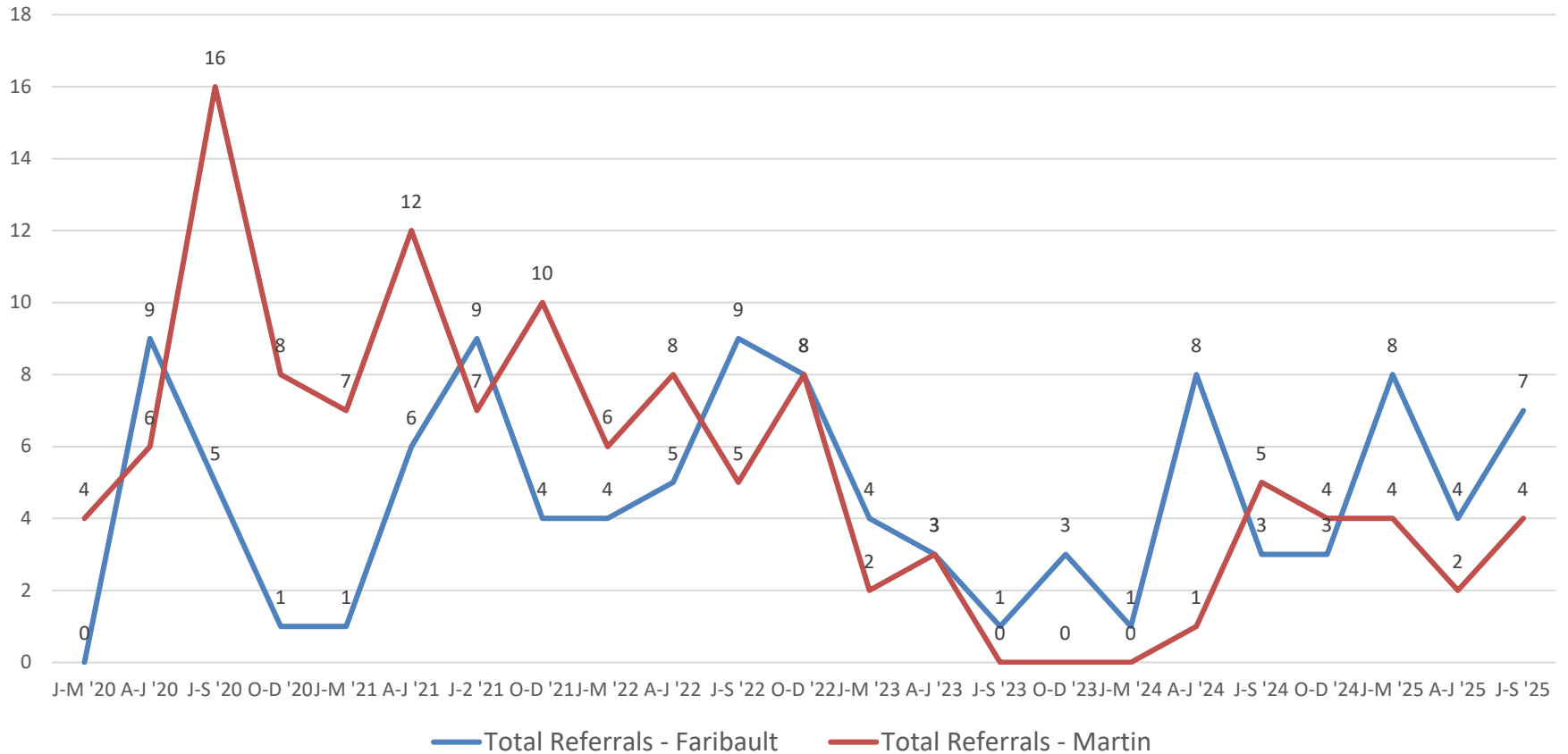


Tuberculosis

- This quarter we continue to manage the one active Tuberculosis case.



Elevated Blood Lead

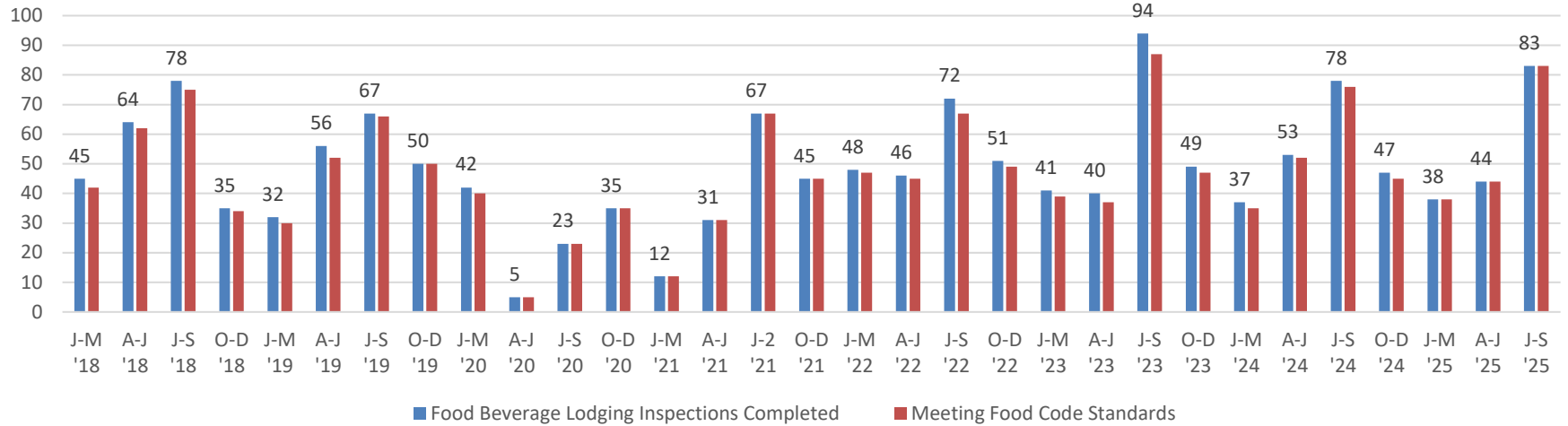


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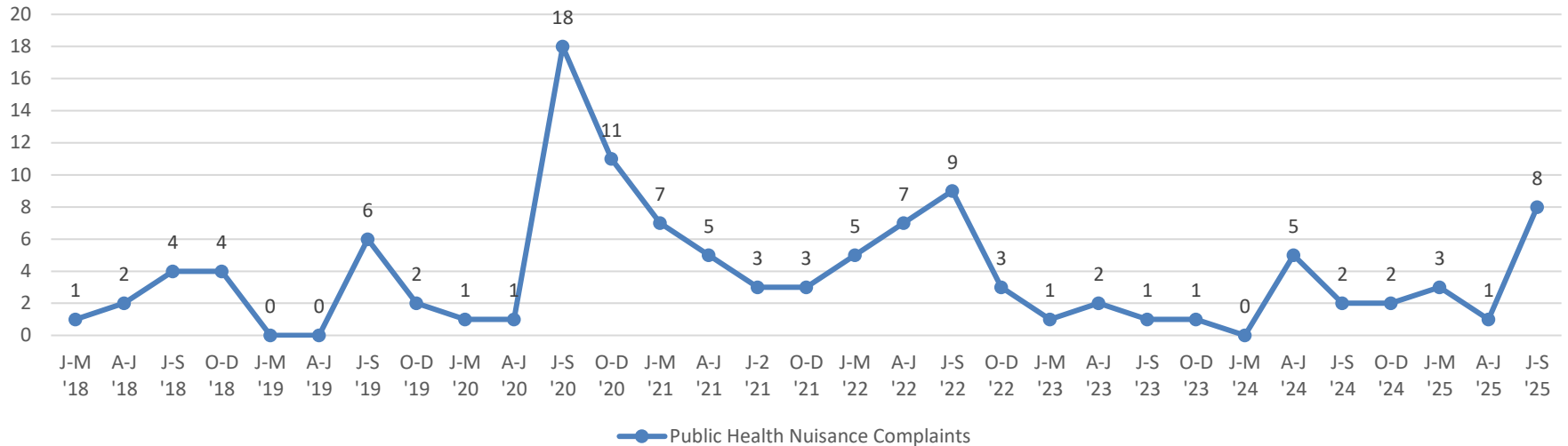
- We provided case management on 7 cases in Faribault County and 4 in Martin County. All had levels greater than 3.5.



Food Beverage Lodging Inspections Completed



Public Health Nuisance Complaints



Environmental Health

- Our Sanitarian completed 83 inspections in food, beverage, lodging and pool establishments this quarter. Of those, one (1) required a follow-up inspection.
- Four (4) plan reviews were completed for potential new or remodeled establishments.
- Eight (8) public health nuisance complaints responded to this quarter for environmental hazards.



Stronger Together



COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE OF
FARIBAUT & MARTIN COUNTIES

Inspire healthy, resilient communities through partnership and collaboration.

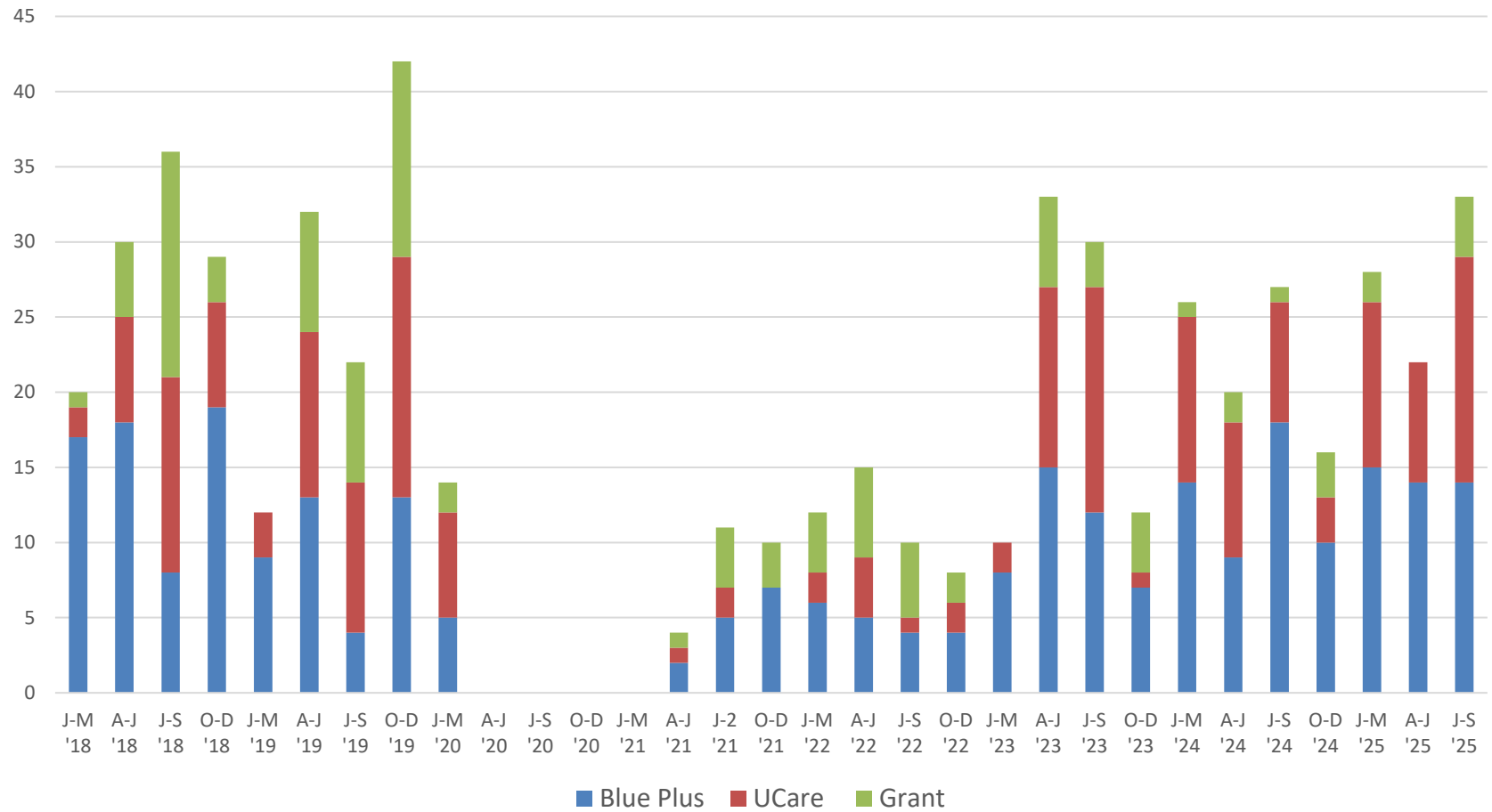


Stronger Together Coalition

- Staff attended partner meetings, provided technical assistance to grantees and collaborators, and shared public health data to inform local decision-making. Outreach efforts increased drastically in the 3rd quarter to support grantees in spending down remaining funds ahead of the SHIP cycle transition. A large amount of partner reimbursements were submitted in the end of September to process and submit to the Business Office.
- Staff planned and implemented a communications training for Stronger Together members, Watonwan County Public Health Advisory Committee Members, as well as regional LPH partners to participate in a Workshop titled, “Storytelling with Data” where partners learned all about communicating data to community partners in a simple and easy to understand way.
- Staff completed application for the next year of SHIP funding and submitted to MDH.
- Staff continue to collaborate with the Region 9 Development Commission and other regional SHIP coordinators to continue work on the regional project to address food access and food recovery.
- Truman Area Farmers Market Power of Produce program has been successful this year, with over 400 tokens submitted.
- The new Bike Share in Fairmont had a great kick-off, with over 300 people using the Bike Share so far.
- A Bike Fleet & trailer have been purchased to support curriculum requirements with our school partners over the upcoming year.
- Staff partnered with Blue Earth Parks and Rec with funding to install new signage in the community for bikers and walkers.
- In the area of tobacco prevention, SHIP staff attended Faribault county Fair on behalf of tobacco prevention and mental health promotion. Staff also attended Blue Earth and USC school open houses.
- Staff continue to disseminate the Medical Transportation Assessment within the community- raising awareness of significant barriers to transportation.
- Kicked off work on a Health Care Gaps Analysis to better understand the health care landscape in our rural communities.
- Solicited applications for the next round of Opioid Settlement Projects.
- Staff are working on developing a case study to highlight active living efforts within the three counties.



Car Seat Distribution



Car Seats

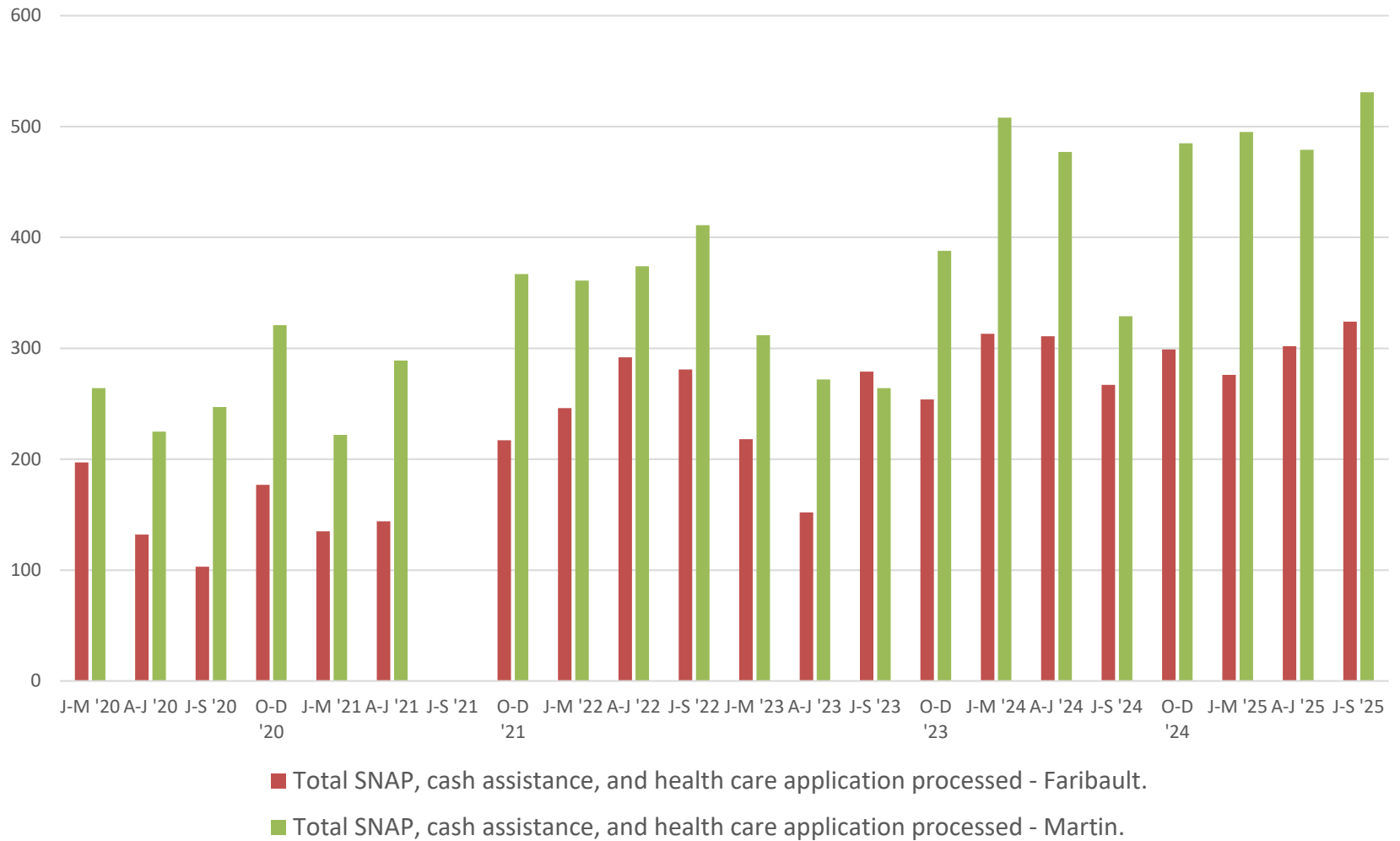
- This quarter we distributed 33 car seats to families.

Goal III.B.

Residents will be financially secure while also maintaining family stability.



Total Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, cash assistance, and health care application processed

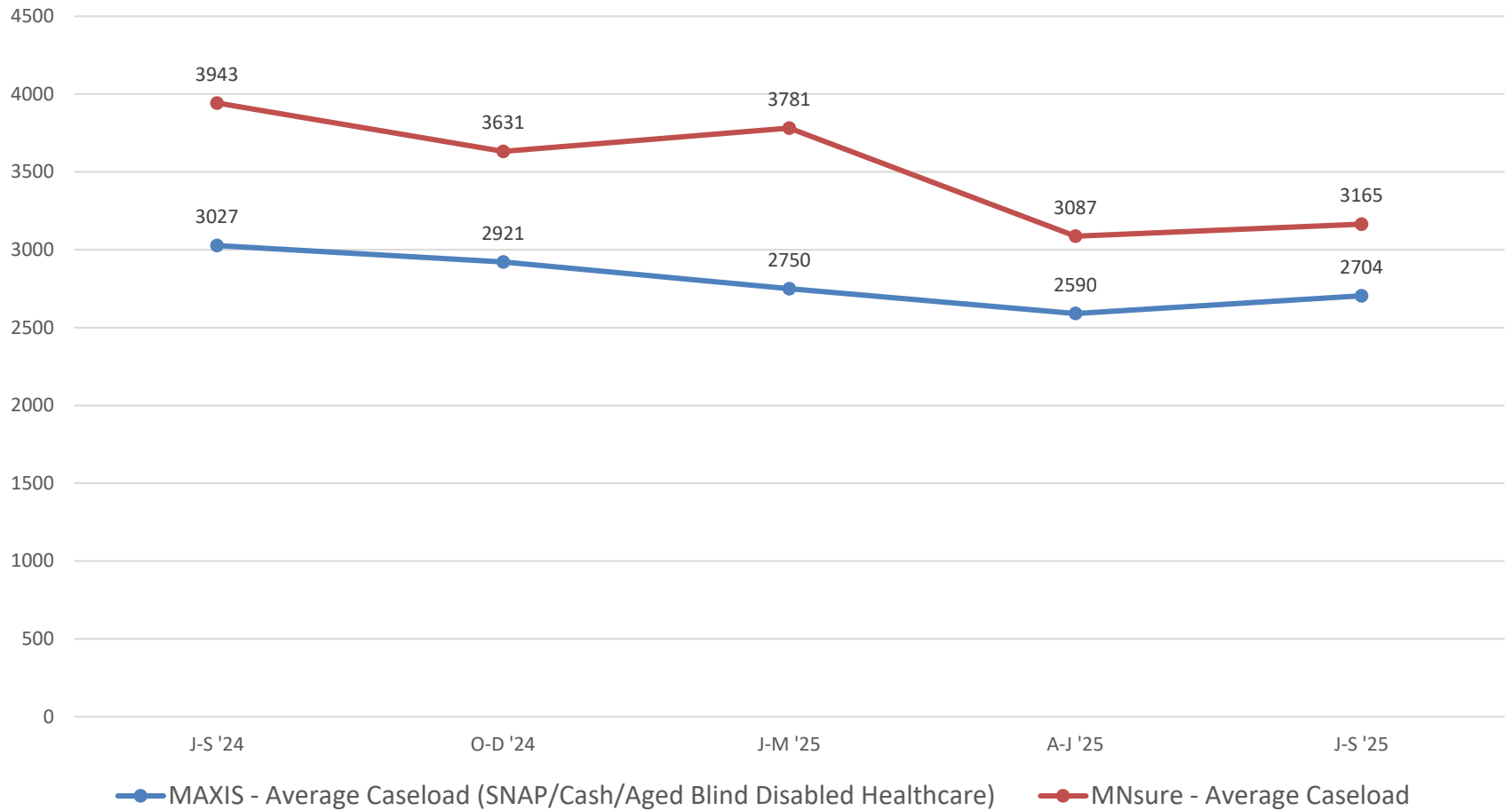


Financial Assistance

- 324 applications received for Faribault County –increase from 2nd quarter 2025.
- 531 applications received for Martin County – increase from 2nd quarter 2025.



Financial Assistance Average Caseloads

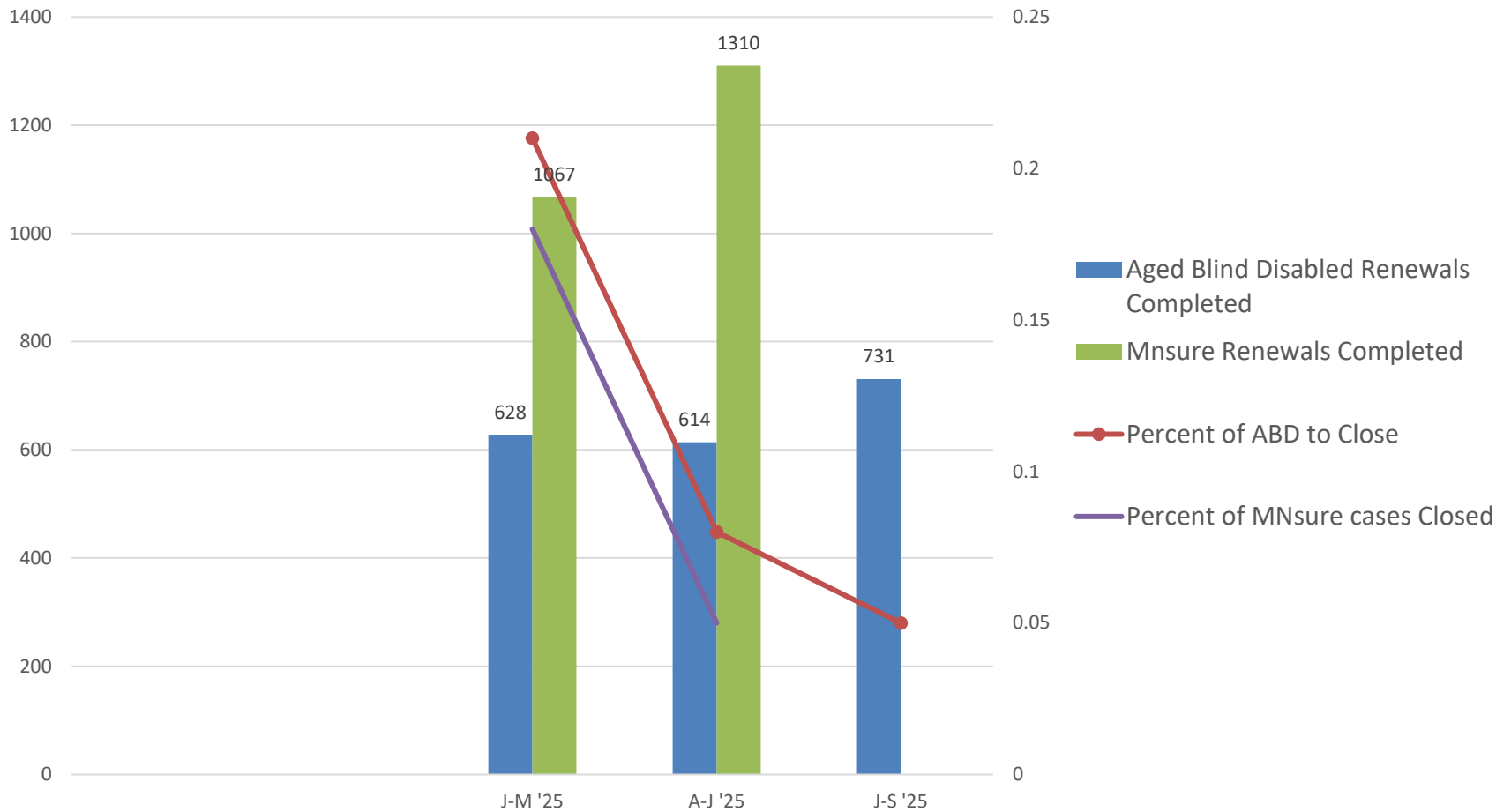


Average Caseloads

- The average caseload for MAXIS cases (including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – SNAP, Cash, Aged Blind Disabled Healthcare) was 2,704.
- The average caseload for MNsure cases was 3,165.



Completed Renewals/Cases Closed



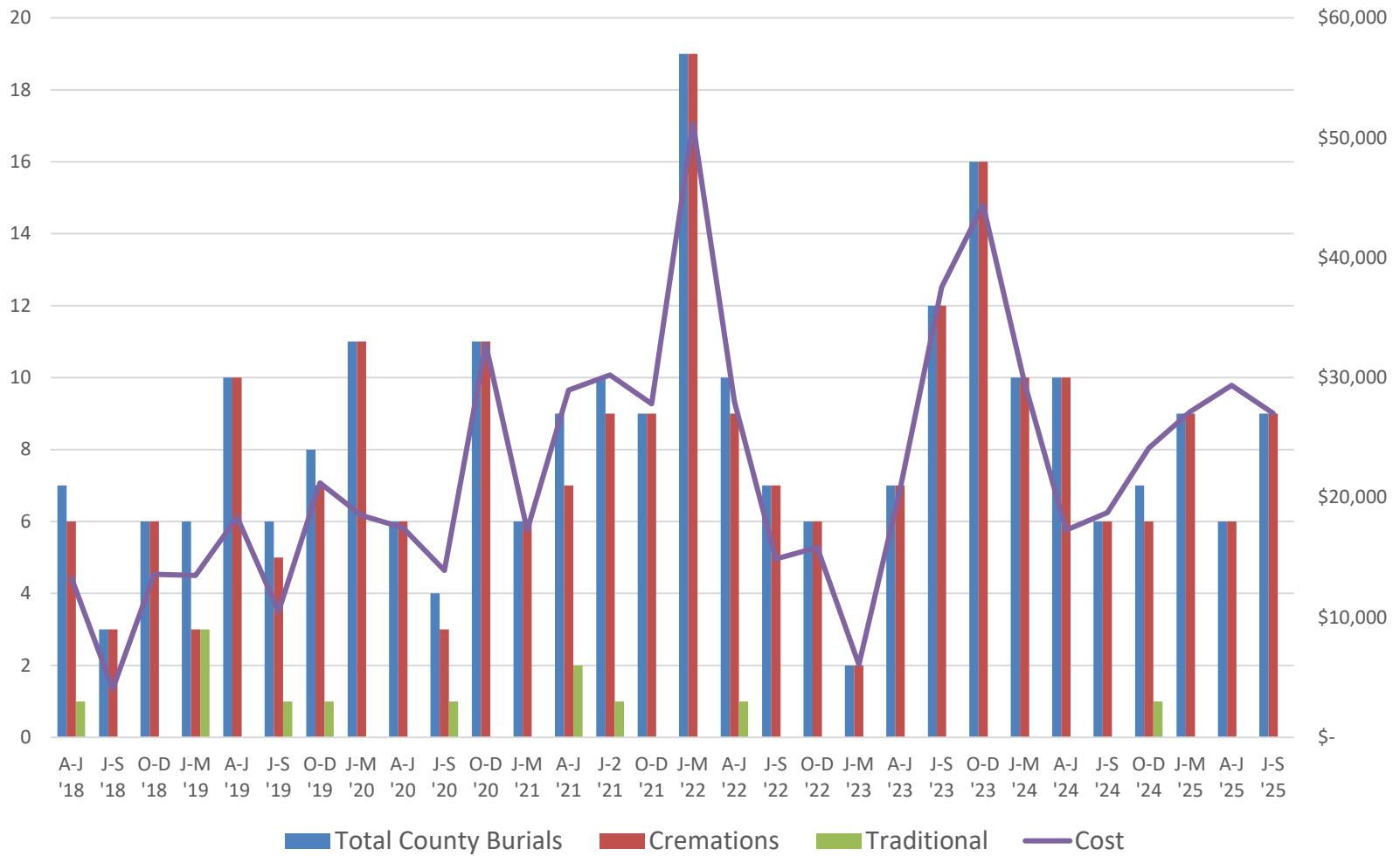


Completed Renewals/Cases Closures

- Completed 731 renewals Aged Blind Disabled (ABD) Healthcare Applications.
 - 5% of ABD cases to close



County Burial

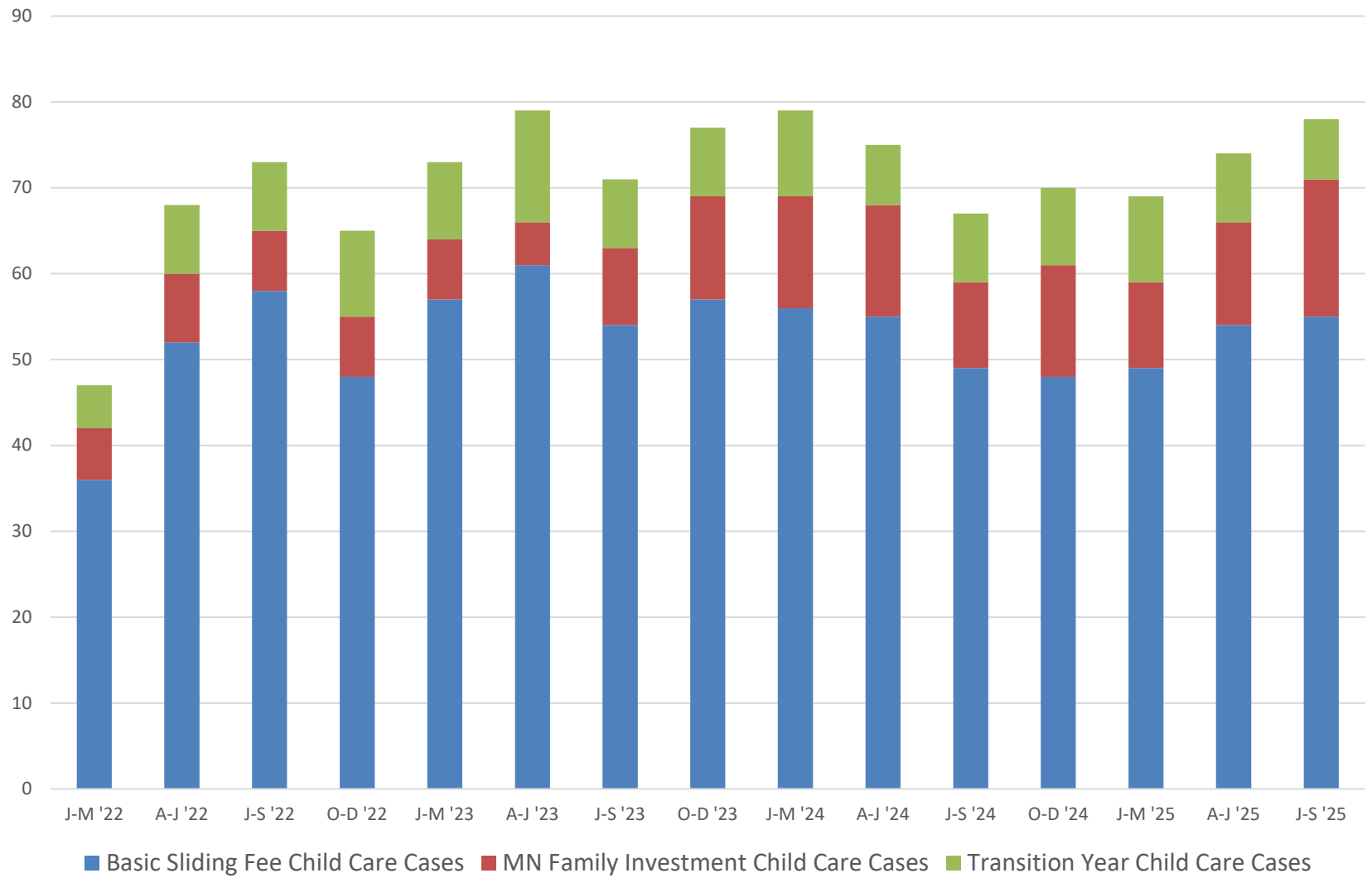


County Burials

- For 3rd Quarter 2025, we approved nine (9) county burials at a cost of \$27,021.
- All were cremations.



Child Care

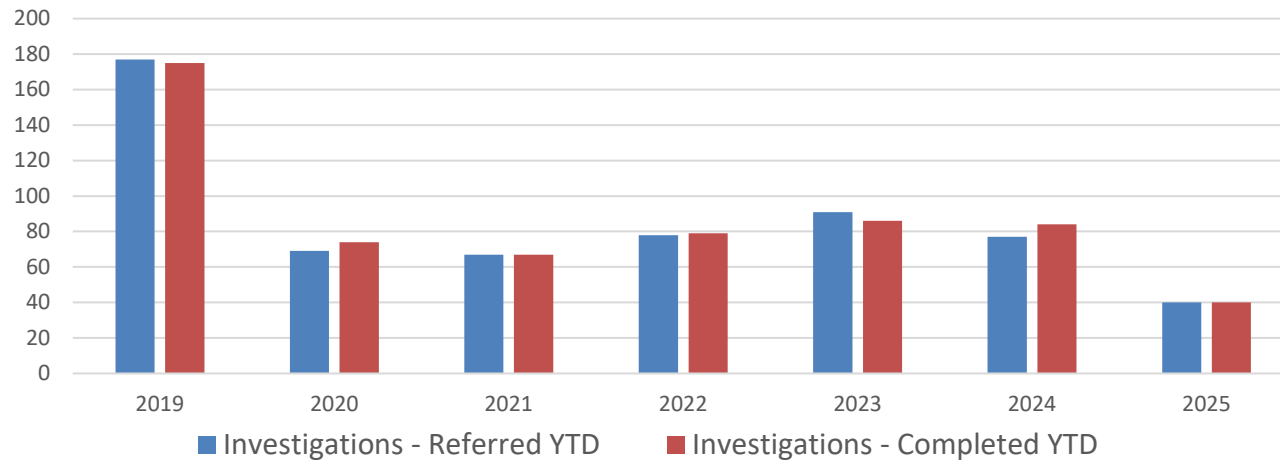


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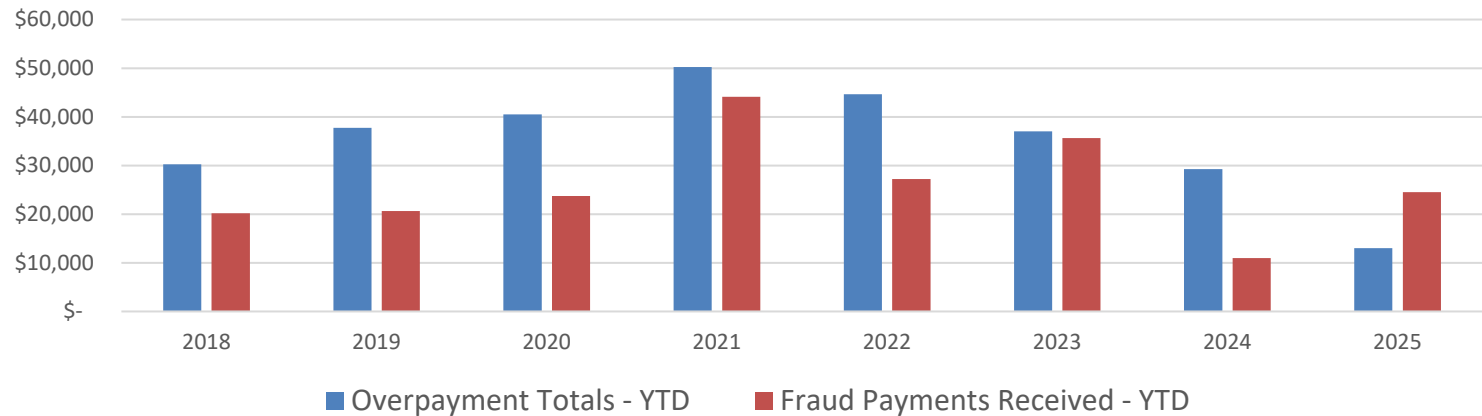
- During the 3rd Quarter, we served 55 basic sliding fee cases.
- Sixteen (16) cases were served by MN Family Investment Program childcare.
- Seven (7) cases were served by Transition Year childcare.
- This quarter we spent \$287,113 for childcare assistance (81% of allocation).



Fraud Investigations Year to Date



Fraud Overpayments/Payments Received Year to Date

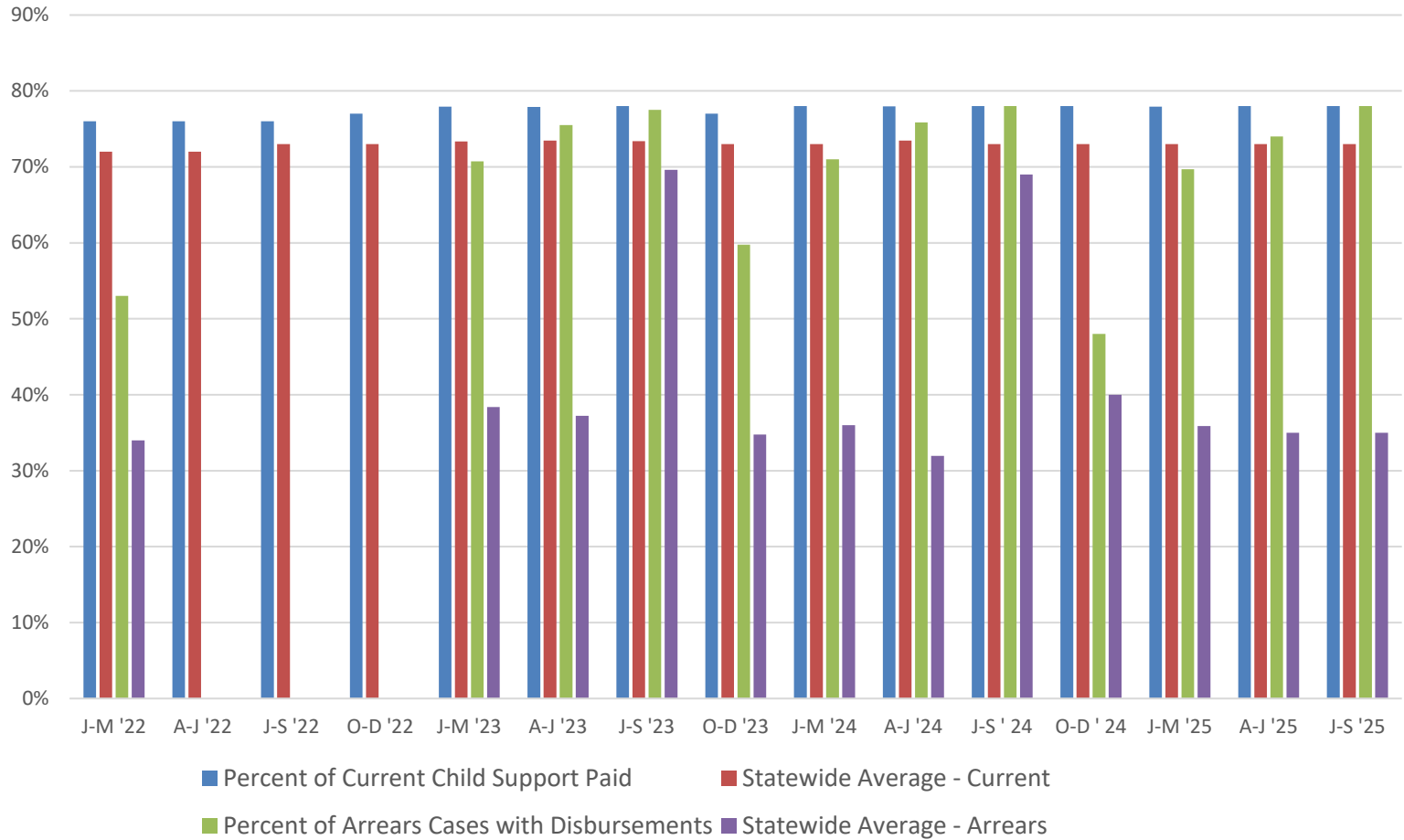


Fraud

- New fraud investigation referrals year to date 2025 totaled forty (40), all completed.
- New overpayments year to date 2025 total \$13,043. Fraud payments received totaled \$24,532.69 (large tax recoveries).



Child Support

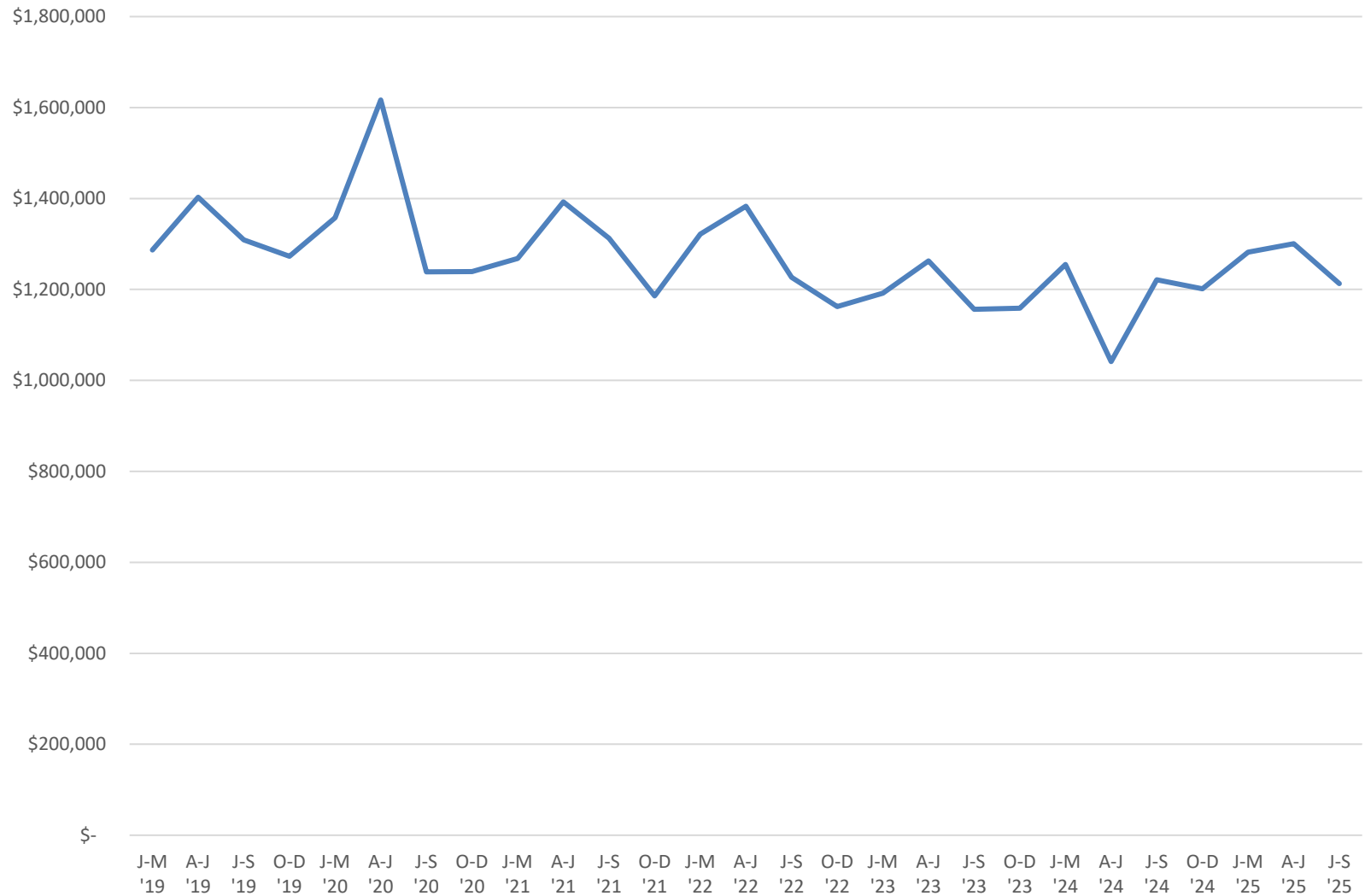


Child Support

- 78% of current child support was paid compared to the state average of 73%.
- 78% of arrears cases had disbursements compared to the state average of 35%.



Child Support Collections



Child Support Collections

- During the 3rd Quarter of 2025, \$1,212,632 was collected in child support.
- Year to Date, \$3,795,498 has been collected.

AGENCY UPDATES & SPECIAL PROJECTS



Business Office/Financial Updates



As of September 30, 2025

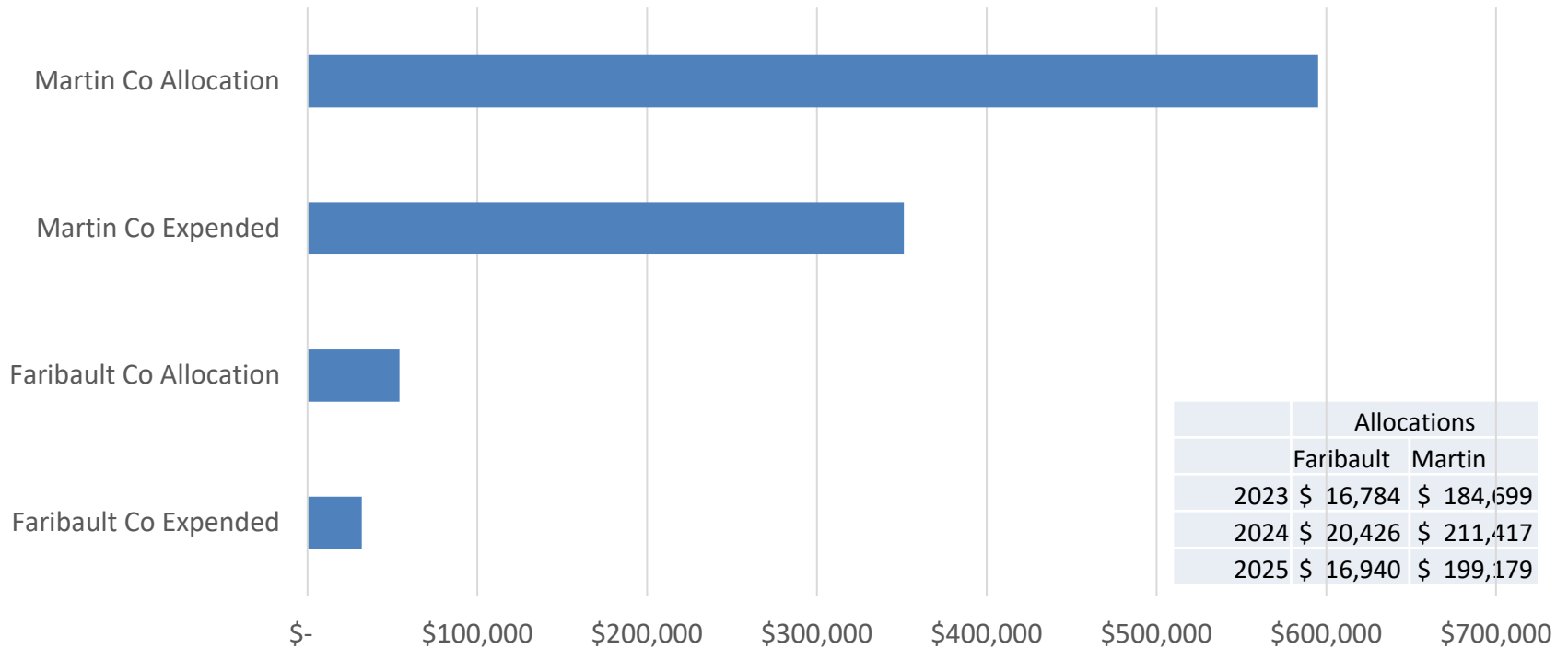
- Total Revenues **\$18,416,468.42**
- **Budgeted Annual Revenues** **\$21,987,767.00**
- Total Expenditures **\$16,530,659.83**
- **Budgeted Annual Expenditures** **\$21,987,767.00**
- Active Staff = 129

2026 Capital and Operating budgets were approved by the Commissioners in August. The Business Office went live with Caseworks in September to help streamline our accounts payable systems and improve our electronic record storage. We sent out RFP's to accept proposals for life insurance for employees and selected a new vendor. We also sent our RFP's to select a vendor to manage the new PFML system being introduced in MN in 2026.



Local Homeless Prevention Aid

Expended Compared to allocation
(Full 2023-2025 allocation)





Local Homeless Prevention Aid

- Faribault County – Six (6) applications were received; three (3) families were served in 3rd Quarter 2025.
- Martin County – Forty-eight (48) applications were received; thirty (30) families were served in 3rd Quarter 2025.



CRPHI Updates

- Initiative led by our agency focusing on supporting 25 counties in South Central and Southwest MN to meet Foundational Public Health requirements by partnering to complete work together and utilizing University partner and student/faculty support. Received a \$530,000 grant that started July 1, 2024.
- **Teamwork & Planning:** We reviewed how our committees work and made plans to move forward more effectively as teams. Sent out a survey to gather feedback from workgroups and leadership to improve our efforts.
- **New Partnerships:** Welcomed new faculty and county representatives into our collaborative.
- **Communications Work:**
 - Launched the powerofpublichealthmn.com website. We continue to update our website to better explain public health work and created a guide for counties and students interested in public health careers.
 - Shared best practices across counties to improve how we use social media.
 - Launched a second round of measles education for back-to-school season.
 - Formed a new group to focus on mental health, especially in farming communities.
 - Launched a regional campaign to show how public health supports our communities.
 - Counties received templates to spotlight their local public health staff.
 - A new subcommittee created a year-long campaign to educate the public about cannabis. We built a webpage, created resources, and partnered with the state to gain approval for use. Several counties are now using these materials. We also gave presentations to local law enforcement and public health teams.
 - We developed a risk communications plan template to help all counties meet their MDH 2026 reporting requirement.
- **Data Work:** Held a meeting to prioritize key health indicators and explore ways to collect and use data regionally. Continue to explore data available to help offset costs for local health departments
- **MSU Partnership with Internship and Courses:** We welcomed 6 interns this fall. MSU interns helped with community events, data collection, and outreach. Collected project ideas from counties and matched them with interns to support regional needs. Promoted internships through classrooms, social media, and posters. Continue to partner with several MSU, Mankato courses to support regional local public health needs.
- **Year 2 Budget and Workplan:** Year 2 budget including Year 1 carryover and workplan was finalized and approved by MDH. This included creating a budget within the grant to help CRPHI members attend conferences and workshops, with a requirement to share what they learned.