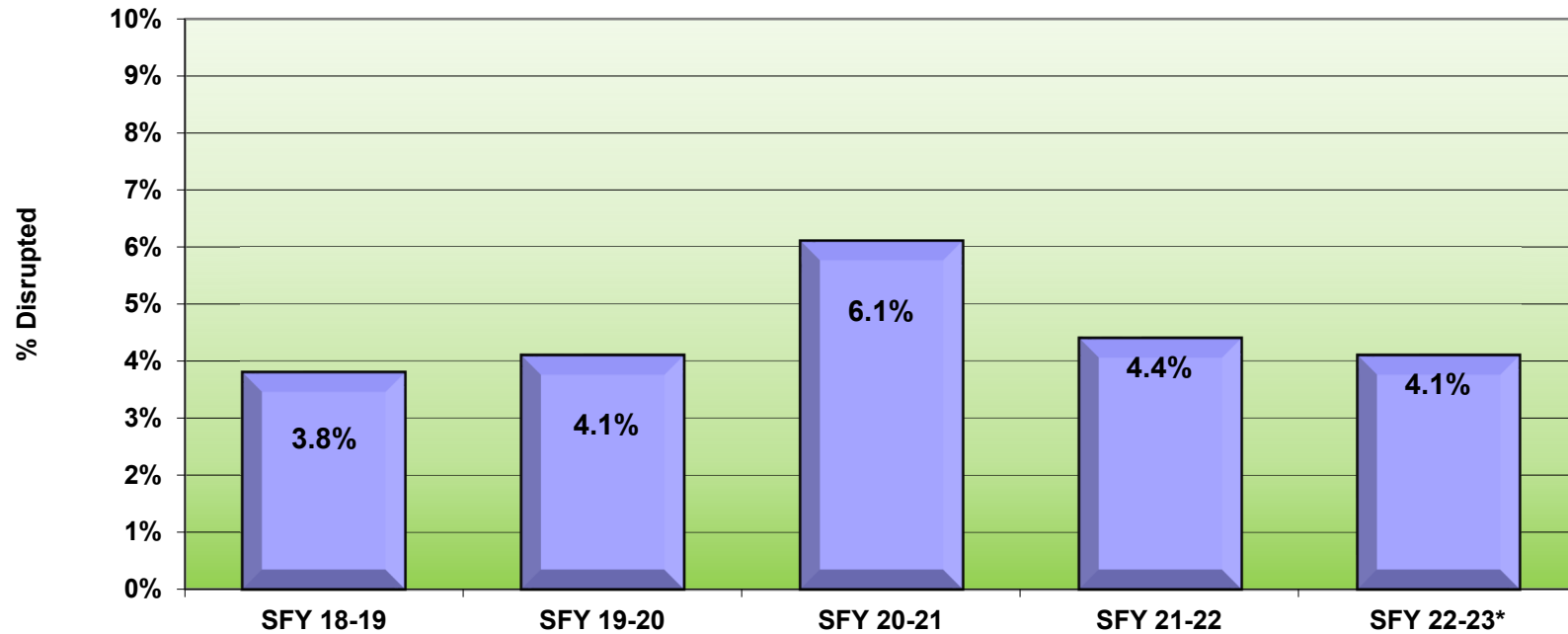


An “Adoptive Placement” occurs when a child is placed in a home with parent(s) who are planning to adopt the child. The purpose of an “Adoptive Placement” is to give the child and the family time to bond with one another, during which time DSS continues to provide case management assisting both the child and the adoptive family to make all necessary adjustments. “Adoptive Placement Disruption” describes when a child is removed from an adoptive placement (at the request of the child, the family, or DSS personnel) prior to the finalization of the adoption due to unresolvable issues between the child and adoptive family. At this point, the process begins to find a new adoptive family for the child. The national average for adoption disruption is 10-12%. If further issues surface after the adoption has been finalized, SCDSS also provides additional support to the child and family when requested

## Adoptive Placement Disruption Rate



Note: \* indicates # is preliminary