EXHIBIT J2

Caseload Report for County Legal Operations: Child Welfare Cases
Office of Chief Counsel

3rd Quarter Report, SFY 2016-2017

Introduction

The Office of Chief Counsel's County Legal Operations section (CLO) represents the Arkansas Department of Human Services ("the Department") in child welfare and adult protective services cases and appeals from such cases. CLO also represents the Department in administrative hearings involving the placement of individuals on the Arkansas Child Maltreatment Central Registry and the Arkansas Adult Maltreatment Central Registry where the individual challenges the Department's true finding of maltreatment and is represented by an attorney, as well as appeals of administrative hearings to circuit courts and appellate courts.

CLO employs 51 attorneys and 28 legal support specialists. The attorneys consist of the Deputy Counsel who supervises the CLO section, 4 attorney supervisors, 2 appellate attorneys, and 44 field attorneys. Of the 44 field attorneys, 1 serves as Assistant Deputy Counsel, which is the operational liaison between CLO and the Department's Division of Children and Family Services and Adult Protective Services unit. The remaining 43 field attorneys are housed with their legal support specialists in 19 county offices around the state. Of the 43 field attorneys, approximately 36 represent the Department in child welfare cases.

Currently, 12 attorneys are housed in Pulaski County; 6 in Sebastian County; 4 in Craighead and Independence counties; 3 in Benton and Miller counties, 2 in Boone, Faulkner, Garland, Pope, St. Francis, and Washington counties, and 1 Clark, Conway, Crawford, Drew, Grant, Union, and White counties.

Number of Child Welfare Cases

As part of CLO's representation in child welfare cases, CLO attorneys represent the Department in dependency-neglect cases held before circuit courts across the state. CLO attorneys also provide legal services related to family-in-need-of-services cases where a circuit court orders a juvenile into the custody of the Department or otherwise orders the Department to provide services. The numbers presented in this section include dependency-neglect and family-in-need-of-services cases.

As of the end of the third quarter of state fiscal year 2016-2017 (SFY17), the number of child welfare cases decreased from 3,661 to 3,567. This represents a net loss of 94 cases, or 2.56%. The loss corresponds to 628 cases opened, 626 cases closed, and a correction of 92 cases that were confirmed as closed, but not reflected in previous closed-case reports. The number of child welfare cases during SFY17 to date peaked in September 2016 with 3,744 cases. During the same period, the average number of child welfare cases was approximately 3,595.

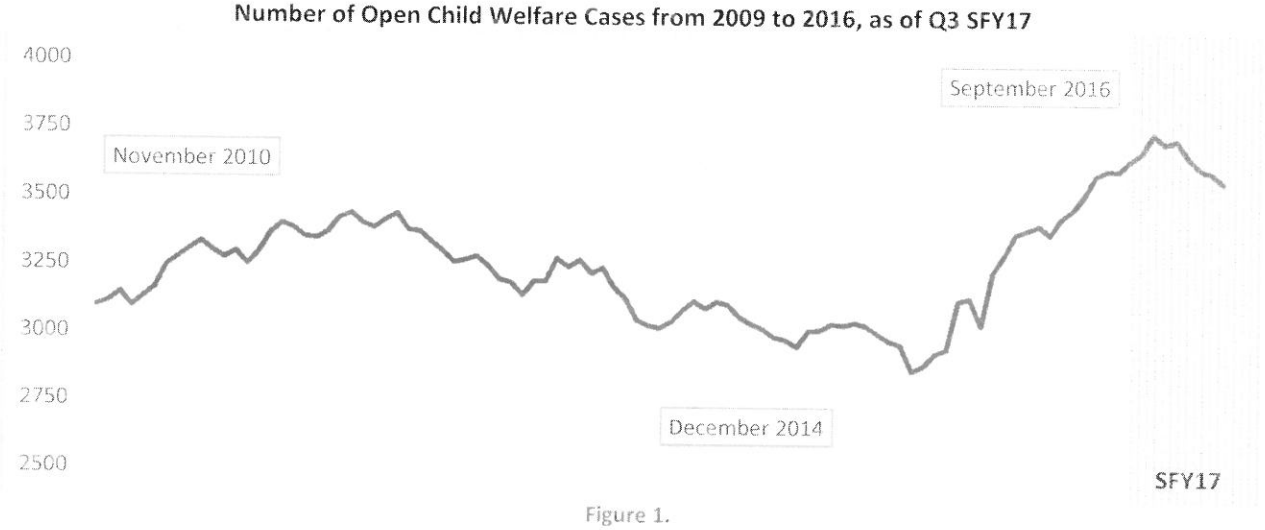

Figure 1.

Since 2009, the number of child welfare cases has increased from 3,098 at the end of January 2009[1] to 3,567 at the end of March 2017, which represents a net gain of 469 cases, or 15.14%. During the same period, the average number of child welfare cases was approximately 3,255.

[1] Case number data prior to January 2009 have not yet been incorporated into this analysis due to the unavailability of reliable data.

The data distribution corresponding to this period presents three notable modal shifts. The first mode occurred in November 2010, when the number of child welfare cases rose to 3,442. The second mode occurred in December 2014, when the number of child welfare cases fell to 2,871. The third mode occurred in September 2016, when the number of child welfare cases rose to 3,744.

During the same period, the number of cases opened per month averaged 180.72 and the number of cases closed per month averaged 175.03. The number of cases opened peaked at 323 in April 2015 just as the number of cases closed fell to 147 and just after the number of cases closed fell to 106 in February 2015. The April 2015 peak in created a net increase of 176 cases.

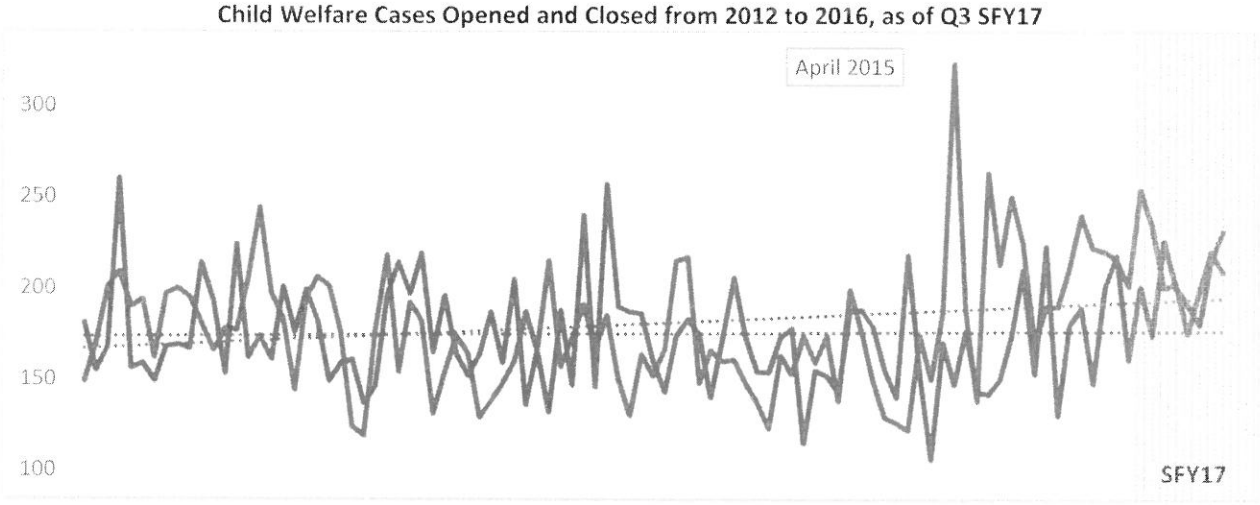

Figure 2

OCC does not have a comprehensive case management or reporting system. Consequently, OCC began an audit program in August 2016 to hand count each caseload at least once per year to ensure the accuracy of the reported caseload numbers and the consistency of those numbers month-to-month. Since August 2016, the audit reduced the number of reported cases by a net of 137 cases, which explains *Figure 1*'s bend in the number of child welfare cases during SFY17 to date relative to the number of cases opened and closed illustrated in *Figure 2*.

Child Welfare Cases: March 2017, by County

County	Judicial District	End-of-Month Caseloads			Hearing Details		Outcomes					
		Cases	New	Closed	Days	#	Adjudication		Termination		Adopt.	Guard. / Cust.
							Won	Lost	Won	Lost		
Arkansas	11E	14	1	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ashley	10	17	3	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Baxter	14	38	1	3	3	16	2	0	1	0	0	1
Benton	19W	115	5	15	7	54	12	0	1	0	0	0
Boone	14	57	2	6	2	21	3	0	0	0	1	1
Bradley	10	10	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	1
Calhoun	13	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carroll	19E	34	1	2	2	11	3	0	1	0	0	2
Chicot	10	11	1	1	1	8	2	0	0	0	2	0
Clark	9E	12	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clay	2	26	4	2	2	17	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cleburne	16	40	1	1	3	18	0	0	2	0	1	1
Cleveland	13	11	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Columbia	13	29	4	0	3	11	1	0	1	0	0	0
Conway	15	56	2	1	3	16	8	0	2	0	0	0
Craighead	2	118	5	4	6	46	6	0	2	0	0	2
Crawford	21	110	5	4	4	41	10	0	2	0	0	0
Crittenden	2	49	3	4	1	17	3	0	1	0	0	0
Cross	1	33	1	3	2	17	3	0	0	0	1	0
Dallas	13	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desha	10	12	0	2	1	8	1	0	0	0	0	0
Drew	10	26	1	1	1	12	2	0	2	0	0	0
Faulkner	20	87	5	13	4	45	3	0	1	0	2	2
Franklin	5	40	5	0	4	20	1	0	0	0	1	0
Fulton	16	37	6	4	4	23	2	0	1	0	1	0
Garland	18E	90	7	10	9	38	9	0	2	0	0	0
Grant	7	19	0	1	2	10	2	0	0	0	1	0
Green	2	111	9	16	7	56	16	0	3	0	6	0
Hempstead	8N	11	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hot Spring	7	44	0	5	3	16	2	0	1	1	2	0
Howard	9W	5	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Independence	16	63	4	3	4	18	5	0	0	0	1	2
Izard	16	17	0	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jackson	3	43	2	1	3	20	5	0	1	0	0	0
Jefferson	11W	98	5	9	4	33	7	0	1	0	2	0
Johnson	5	31	3	3	2	12	1	0	0	0	2	0
Lafayette	8S	8	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lawrence	3	31	3	4	2	16	1	0	0	0	2	0
Lee	1	6	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0

Lincoln	11W	3	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
Little River	9W	12	1	1	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Logan	15	58	11	0	5	27	2	0	0	0	0	0
Lonoke	23	92	6	2	5	34	6	0	1	0	0	0
Madison	4	29	1	3	1	7	1	0	0	0	1	1
Marion	14	16	1	0	1	12	3	0	3	0	0	1
Miller	8S	79	3	4	4	30	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mississippi	2	41	3	2	5	44	9	0	2	1	0	0
Monroe	1	8	2	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Montgomery	18W	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nevada	8N	5	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newton	14	8	0	0	1	6	2	1	0	0	0	0
Ouachita	13	17	0	3	1	8	0	0	0	0	1	1
Perry	6	5	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phillips	1	32	2	1	3	24	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pike	9W	11	0	2	3	6	2	0	0	0	0	0
Poinsett	2	71	6	5	4	34	2	0	2	0	3	0
Polk	18W	19	1	1	2	4	1	0	1	0	0	0
Pope	5	46	3	3	6	27	5	0	0	0	1	0
Prairie	17	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pulaski	6	329	15	20	37	134	14	0	8	0	11	8
Randolph	3	28	1	1	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saline	22	48	8	2	5	20	1	0	1	0	1	0
Scott	15	35	1	0	3	10	1	0	1	0	0	0
Searcy	20	10	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sebastian	12	448	17	20	24	180	24	0	10	0	10	3
Sevier	9W	20	2	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sharp	3	37	3	2	2	5	1	0	3	0	1	1
St. Francis	1	29	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stone	16	20	1	3	2	7	0	0	1	0	1	1
Union	13	49	1	2	2	23	1	0	0	0	0	0
Van Buren	20	22	1	3	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	4	223	14	16	17	71	17	0	1	0	4	8
White	17	89	12	8	13	52	5	0	1	0	0	0
Woodruff	1	13	0	0	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
Yell	15	37	1	1	5	9	2	1	0	0	0	0
Totals		**3,567**	**209**	**231**	**274**	**1,486**	**215**	**2**	**61**	**2**	**62**	**37**

Child Welfare Cases: February 2017, by County

County	Judicial District	End-of-Month Caseloads			Hearing Details		Outcomes					
		Cases	New	Closed	Days	#	Adjudication		Termination		Adopt.	Guard. / Cust.
							Won	Lost	Won	Lost		
Arkansas	11E	13	0	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ashley	10	14	1	0	1	7	2	0	0	0	0	0
Baxter	14	40	2	3	1	10	2	0	0	0	0	1
Benton	19W	125	7	12	5	69	3	0	1	0	2	0
Boone	14	59	5	7	3	39	3	0	1	0	4	3
Bradley	10	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calhoun	13	4	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carroll	19E	35	2	2	4	34	2	1	1	0	0	0
Chicot	10	11	1	2	2	6	0	1	0	0	0	0
Clark	9E	17	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
Clay	2	24	3	2	3	8	2	0	0	0	1	0
Cleburne	16	43	3	0	3	15	2	0	1	0	0	0
Cleveland	13	11	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Columbia	13	28	1	0	2	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conway	15	54	2	4	3	27	3	0	2	0	1	0
Craighead	2	117	6	4	5	48	5	0	1	0	0	0
Crawford	21	108	7	6	5	35	3	0	2	1	0	0
Crittenden	2	50	2	8	2	32	5	0	0	0	3	0
Cross	1	35	4	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dallas	13	7	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desha	10	14	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drew	10	26	2	2	2	10	3	0	0	0	0	0
Faulkner	20	95	8	9	4	39	3	1	1	0	2	1
Franklin	5	34	3	1	4	14	2	0	1	0	0	0
Fulton	16	35	0	1	1	10	2	0	0	0	0	1
Garland	18E	94	3	8	6	31	4	0	0	0	0	0
Grant	7	20	1	1	1	10	0	0	0	0	3	0
Green	2	118	12	9	8	66	11	0	2	0	2	0
Hempstead	8N	11	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hot Spring	7	49	6	3	2	16	0	0	3	0	0	0
Howard	9W	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Independence	16	62	5	3	4	25	3	0	0	0	0	1
Izard	16	18	0	3	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jackson	3	42	5	0	3	23	5	0	1	3	0	0
Jefferson	11W	102	8	5	6	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	5	31	2	2	3	18	3	0	0	0	2	0
Lafayette	8S	8	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lawrence	3	32	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lee	1	6	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

Lincoln	11W	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little River	9W	12	1	3	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Logan	15	48	3	2	4	18	3	0	0	0	0	1
Lonoke	23	88	7	5	4	22	1	0	3	0	0	0
Madison	4	32	0	2	3	13	2	0	1	0	1	0
Marion	14	15	0	1	3	11	1	0	3	0	0	0
Miller	8S	80	3	2	5	28	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mississippi	2	40	2	3	3	19	0	0	2	0	1	0
Monroe	1	6	0	0	1	6	0	0	1	0	0	0
Montgomery	18W	4	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	8N	7	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Newton	14	8	0	0	1	5	3	0	0	0	0	0
Ouachita	13	20	2	1	2	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Perry	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phillips	1	31	5	3	3	15	1	0	0	0	2	0
Pike	9W	13	1	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poinsett	2	70	7	3	5	40	4	0	5	0	0	0
Polk	18W	19	2	2	1	6	0	0	0	0	1	0
Pope	5	47	6	4	3	25	4	0	2	0	1	0
Prairie	17	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pulaski	6	335	11	19	31	111	11	1	6	1	4	6
Randolph	3	28	0	1	2	14	2	0	1	0	0	0
Saline	22	42	2	6	3	17	1	0	0	0	0	0
Scott	15	34	3	1	2	16	0	0	1	0	1	0
Searcy	20	11	1	0	1	8	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sebastian	12	450	22	17	24	132	26	0	6	0	4	2
Sevier	9W	18	4	1	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sharp	3	35	3	3	4	27	6	0	1	0	0	3
St. Francis	1	28	1	0	2	13	1	0	0	0	0	0
Stone	16	26	0	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Union	13	50	1	5	2	29	5	0	1	0	2	1
Van Buren	20	24	2	2	1	12	2	0	0	0	0	1
Washington	4	225	17	17	18	98	16	0	3	0	9	7
White	17	85	6	5	6	37	3	0	0	0	4	0
Woodruff	1	13	0	1	1	6	3	0	0	0	0	0
Yell	15	37	3	2	5	20	0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals		**3,602**	**220**	**215**	**252**	**1,472**	**169**	**4**	**54**	**5**	**52**	**28**

Child Welfare Cases: January 2017, by County

County	Judicial District	End-of-Month Caseloads			Hearing Details		Outcomes					
		Cases	New	Closed	Days	#	Adjudication		Termination		Adopt.	Guard. / Cust.
							Won	Lost	Won	Lost		
Arkansas	11E	15	0	0	1	7	0	0	2	0	1	0
Ashley	10	13	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baxter	14	50	4	2	1	9	1	0	0	0	1	0
Benton	19W	130	10	8	7	78	6	0	1	0	6	2
Boone	14	72	6	3	4	26	3	0	1	0	2	2
Bradley	10	9	0	0	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	0
Calhoun	13	3	1	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carroll	19E	39	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chicot	10	12	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clark	9E	17	0	2	1	13	1	0	1	0	0	0
Clay	2	23	1	0	1	11	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cleburne	16	40	1	3	3	16	3	0	0	0	0	0
Cleveland	13	11	0	1	1	5	2	0	0	0	1	0
Columbia	13	27	1	1	2	16	1	0	1	0	0	0
Conway	15	56	3	7	5	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craighead	2	115	9	7	4	39	3	0	1	0	0	1
Crawford	21	107	5	3	6	47	1	0	4	1	0	0
Crittenden	2	56	2	3	2	41	5	0	0	0	1	0
Cross	1	32	1	2	1	13	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dallas	13	7	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desha	10	14	0	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Drew	10	25	0	0	1	11	1	0	0	0	0	0
Faulkner	20	95	8	7	6	54	9	0	2	0	2	2
Franklin	5	32	0	0	4	14	4	0	0	0	1	0
Fulton	16	36	2	1	3	16	5	0	0	0	0	0
Garland	18E	99	10	4	10	39	6	0	1	0	0	0
Grant	7	21	2	0	2	3	3	1	1	0	0	0
Green	2	115	6	11	8	66	12	0	0	0	4	0
Hempstead	8N	12	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hot Spring	7	46	0	6	5	30	0	0	0	0	0	1
Howard	9W	5	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
Independence	16	60	3	3	5	34	7	0	1	0	0	0
Izard	16	21	0	2	2	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jackson	3	37	1	0	3	14	7	0	1	0	0	0
Jefferson	11W	99	7	4	5	26	3	1	1	0	1	0
Johnson	5	31	4	2	3	18	2	0	0	0	0	0
Lafayette	8S	8	0	0	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
Lawrence	3	33	1	0	4	23	1	0	1	0	1	0
Lee	1	6	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

Lincoln	11W	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little River	9W	14	0	1	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Logan	15	47	3	1	4	21	6	0	1	0	0	0
Lonoke	23	86	5	2	5	28	1	0	3	0	0	0
Madison	4	35	1	1	1	11	4	0	1	0	0	0
Marion	14	15	2	0	3	14	0	0	4	0	0	0
Miller	8S	79	3	7	7	43	2	0	2	0	0	0
Mississippi	2	41	3	3	3	31	7	0	0	0	0	0
Monroe	1	6	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Montgomery	18W	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	8N	7	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Newton	14	8	2	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ouachita	13	19	0	1	3	12	1	0	0	0	0	0
Perry	6	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Phillips	1	29	1	2	2	9	1	0	0	0	2	0
Pike	9W	12	1	1	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poinsett	2	66	2	2	3	18	3	0	1	0	0	0
Polk	18W	19	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pope	5	45	2	5	3	26	2	0	2	0	1	0
Prairie	17	4	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pulaski	6	343	19	16	37	113	8	1	5	0	3	4
Randolph	3	29	2	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0
Saline	22	46	3	1	2	23	4	0	1	0	0	0
Scott	15	32	0	0	2	9	0	0	1	0	0	0
Searcy	20	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sebastian	12	443	23	12	26	156	23	0	8	0	5	4
Sevier	9W	15	2	2	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sharp	3	35	2	1	2	18	6	0	1	0	0	1
St. Francis	1	27	2	3	4	20	1	0	1	0	0	0
Stone	16	26	1	1	1	8	3	0	0	0	0	0
Union	13	54	3	0	5	20	1	0	0	0	0	0
Van Buren	20	24	1	2	2	7	1	0	0	0	2	0
Washington	4	224	14	12	21	69	12	0	6	0	2	1
White	17	84	3	10	8	51	9	0	4	0	1	0
Woodruff	1	14	3	0	2	6	0	0	1	0	0	0
Yell	15	36	1	0	3	14	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		**3,617**	**199**	**180**	**280**	**1,511**	**195**	**3**	**64**	**1**	**37**	**19**