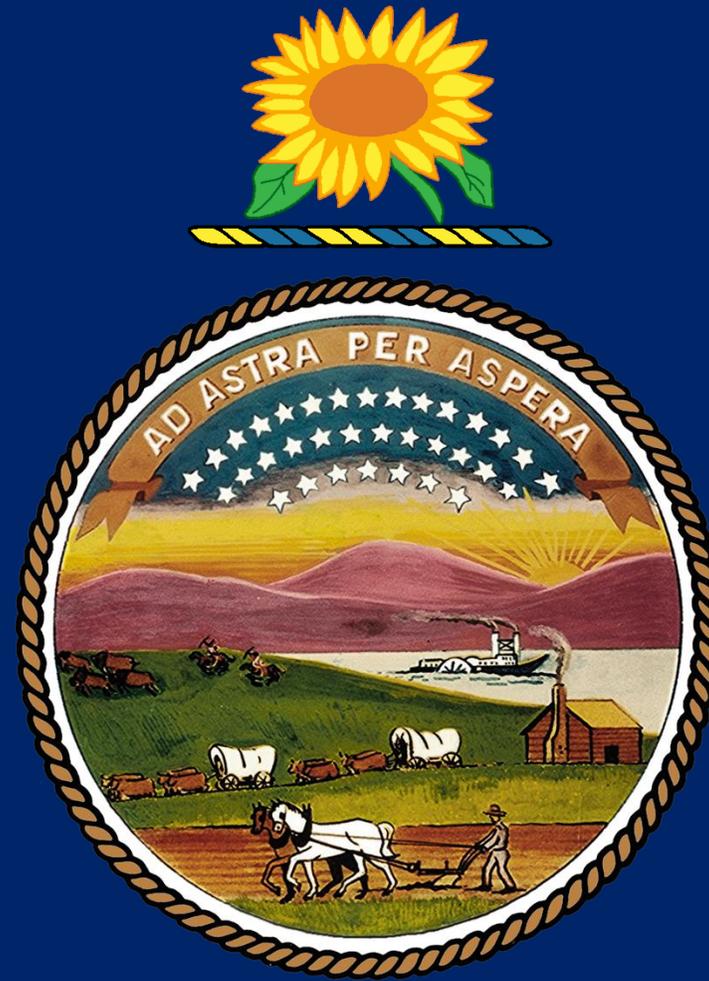


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Suicide in Kansas

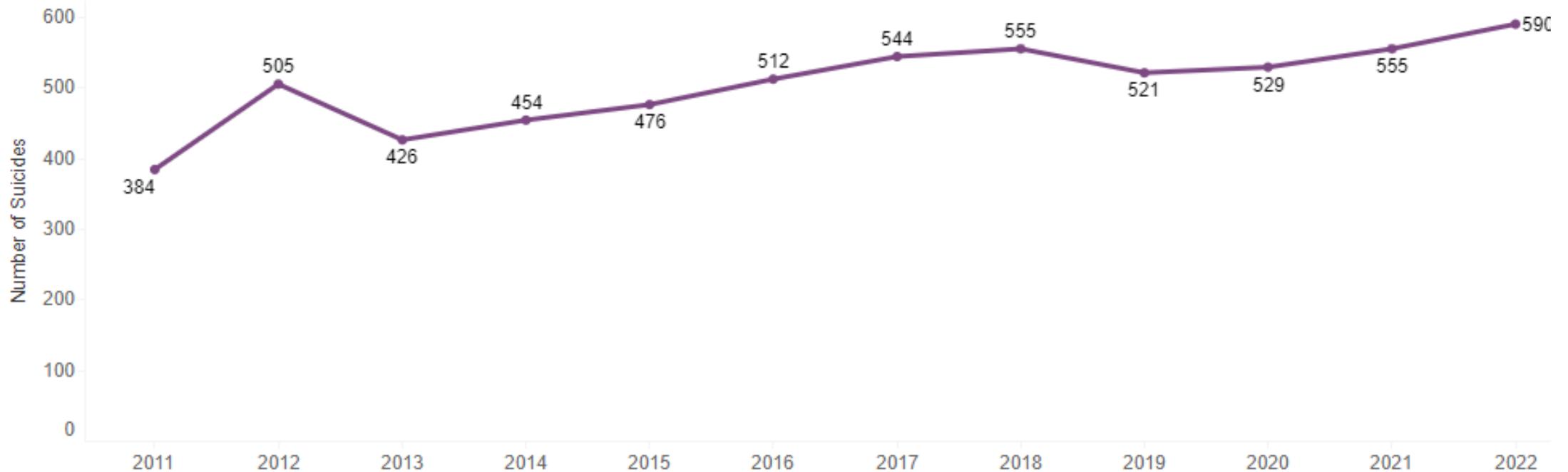
In Kansas, **6,051 suicides** occurred between the years 2011 and 2022.

There was a statistically significant **51.4% increase** in the suicide death rate from 2011 to 2022.

View:

- Number
- Rate

Number of Suicides by Year, 2011-2022



Funding 988

Kansas Senate Bill 19 (SB19)

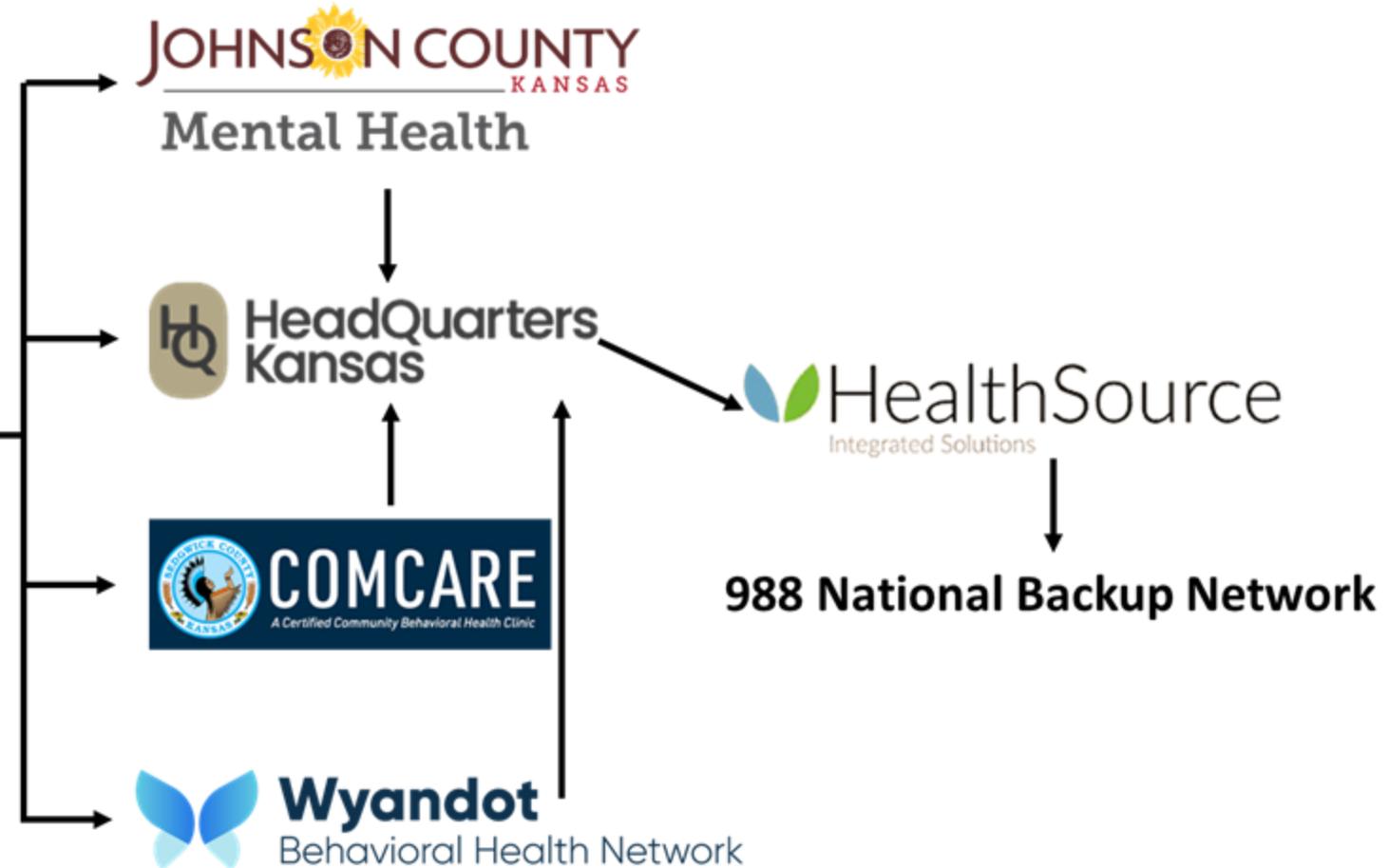
- In June 2022, Kansas enacted the Living, Investing in Values, and Ending Suicide (LIVES) Act through **SB19**, establishing the 988 Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Hotline. The legislation allocated **\$10 million** annually from the state general fund to support hotline operations.
- **SAMHSA Award: FY 2023 Cooperative Agreements for States and Territories to Improve Local 988 Capacity**
- SAMHSA funding to enhance the ability of states and territories to **effectively respond to contacts made to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**.
- In September 2023, Kansas was awarded **\$5.6 million** over 3 years (2023-2026) to improve state response to 988 contacts (including calls, chats, and texts) originating Kansas.
- The Kansas LIVES act funding combined with the SAMHSA Improvement grant funding brings the state's 988 funding to **\$11.9 million annually** (until 2026 when the grant sunsets).

The 988 Pathway to our Kansas Community-Based Crisis Centers

Introducing our Partners in Kansas

988 Contact Centers:

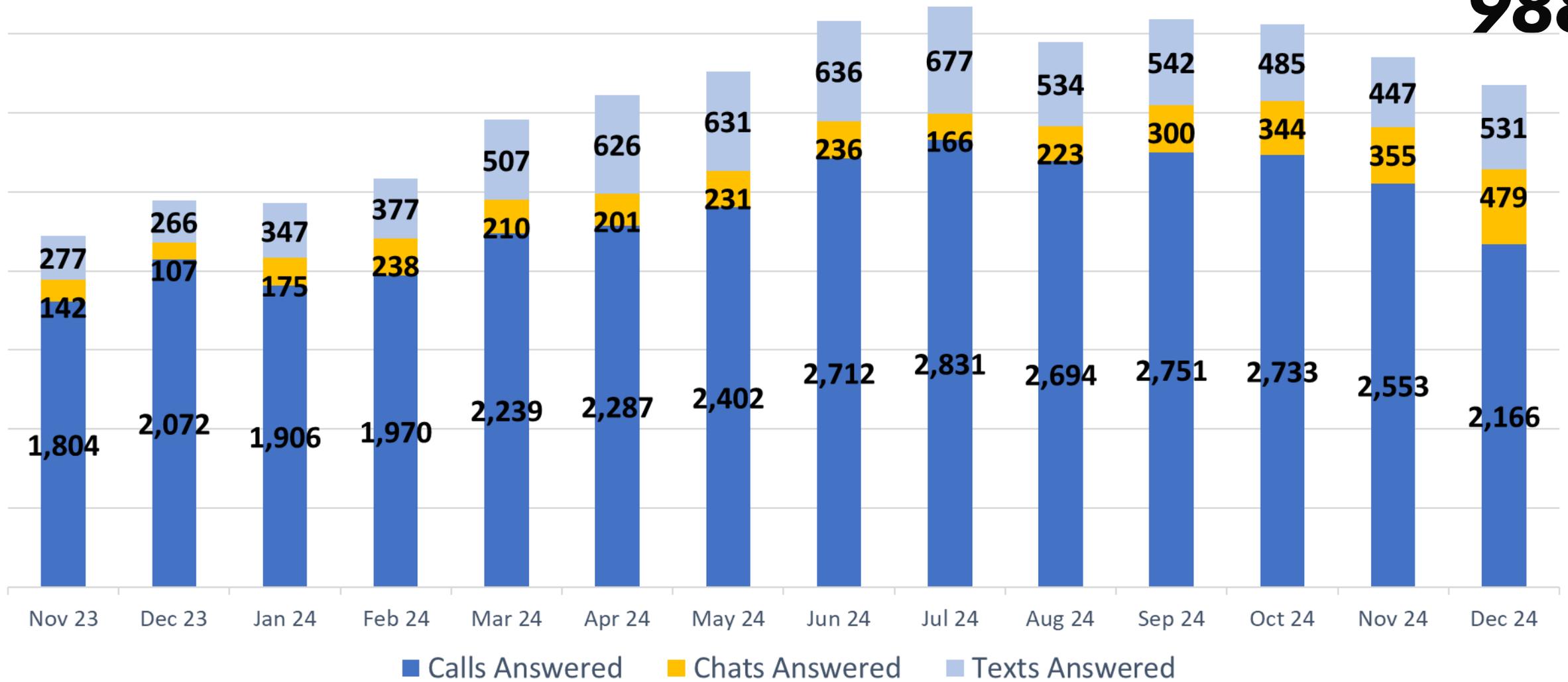
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- Comcare of Sedgwick County
- Wyandot Behavioral Health Network
- HeadQuarters Kansas
- HealthSource Integrated Solutions



Number of 988 Contacts in Kansas Over 12 Months

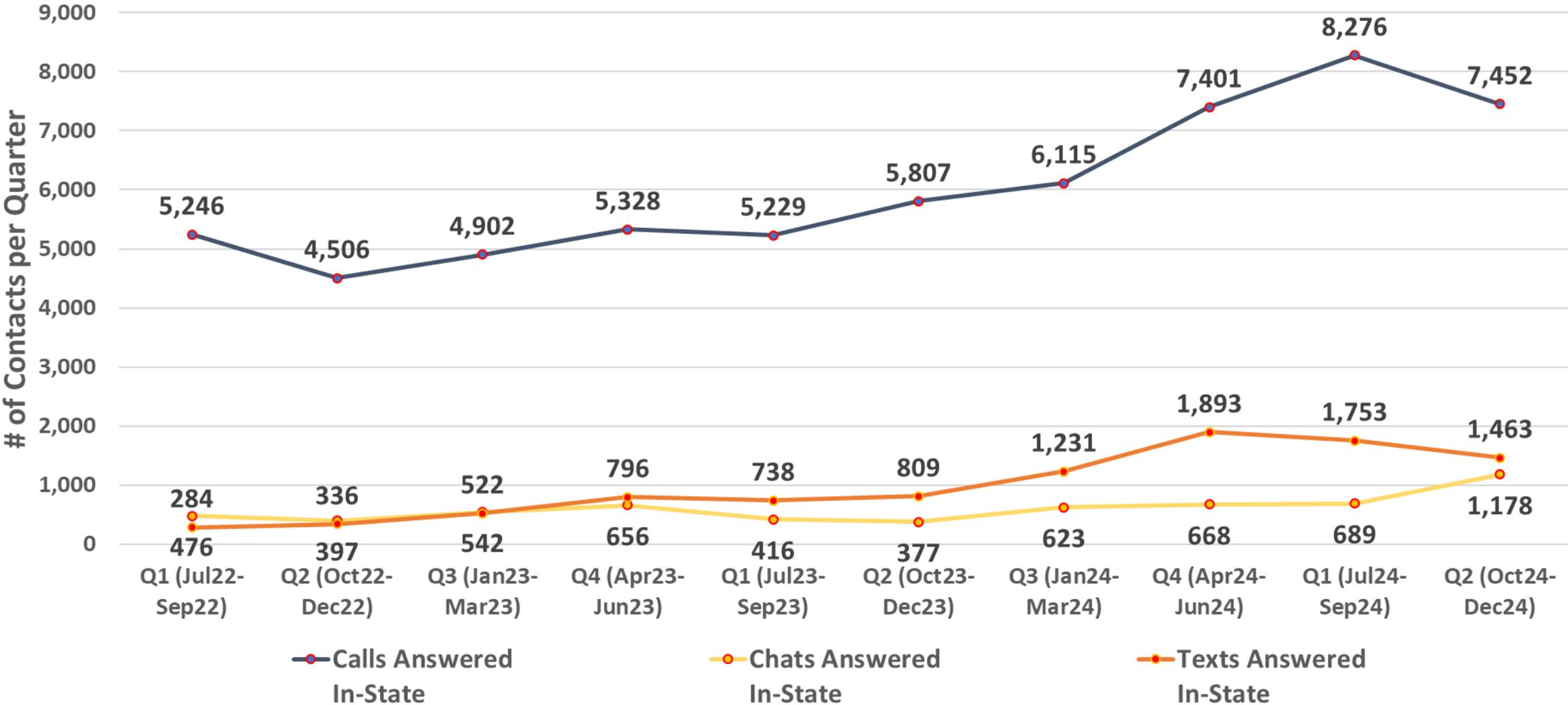
December 2023 – December 2024

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Contacts Answered by Modality Since Inception

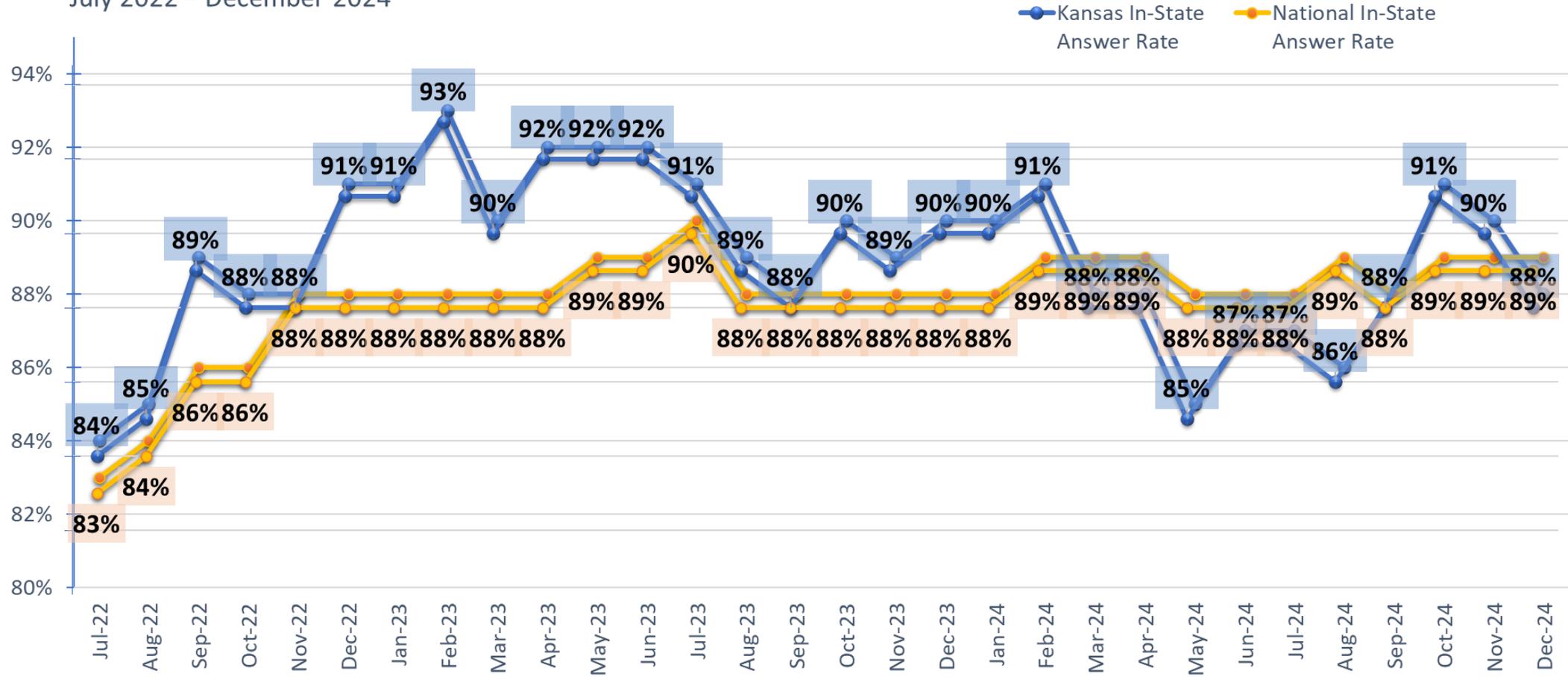
By Quarter: July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2024



Answer Rate

Kansas Average Monthly Answer Rate vs National Average Monthly Answer Rate

Inception – Last Full Month
July 2022 – December 2024



Kansas 988 Collaborative Efforts

Integration of 988 with 911 Services

- In Douglas County, Headquarters KS implemented a 911/988 transfer program using location technology, enabling direct transfers to crisis services regardless of area code.
- A law enforcement liaison helped create diversion criteria for routing calls from 911 to 988.
- Johnson County Mental Health Center co-located its 988 team to work alongside 911 dispatchers, enhancing real-time collaboration and ensuring the right responders are dispatched efficiently.

Kansas 988 Collaborative Efforts

Local Example: Johnson County

- Johnson County Mental Health Center offers Mobile Crisis Response services during business hours, providing crisis assessments and intervention across all age groups.

Local Example: Douglas County

- The Bert Nash Center's Mobile Response Team delivers on-site assessments and stabilization services, helping individuals regain their baseline functioning.

Local Example: Sedgwick County

- COMCARE's Mobile Crisis Unit includes a therapist and case manager who perform emergency mental health assessments for individuals at risk of psychiatric hospitalization.

Statewide Oversight

- KDADS Behavioral Health Services, Crisis Department oversees Kansas 988 and MCR services, coordinating efforts to ensure integrated, accessible, and effective crisis intervention support statewide.