# FACS statistics quarterly report summary

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## Services for children and young people – quarter 3, 2015-16

This factsheet provides an overview of key quarterly performance data on services for children and young people. It accompanies the interactive report published on the [FACS Statistics](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/facs-statistics) website.

## About the quarterly report

The report for quarter 3, 2015-16 is the third quarterly update published using the interactive web-based tools on the [FACS Statistics](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/facs-statistics) website. Five quarterly data reports are available in this report, commencing from quarter 3 2014-15 (1 January 2015) to quarter 3 2015-16 (ending 31 March 2016).

The quarterly report consists of five dashboards:

1. Responding to child and young person concern reports
2. Assessment of risk of harm
3. Stable and nurturing environments for children and young people
4. Keeping children and young people safe
5. Timely and effective solutions.

### Responding to child and young person concern reports

This dashboard contains statistics on mandatory reporters and concern reports, including how concern reports were classified and the primary issues reported. Key statistics from the current reporting period (quarter 3, 2015-16) include:

* Mandatory reporters accounted for 76.2% of all concern reports.
* 50.6% of all concern reports met the risk of significant harm threshold.
* Most concern reports from mandatory reporters were made by non-government organisations (22.7%), NSW Police (20.1%), NSW Department of Education (16.1%), and NSW Health (15%).
* The primary reported issues in concern reports made by mandatory reporters relate to physical abuse (9,366) and neglect (8,960).
* There has been a decrease of 1,755 in the number of children and young people in concern reports since the previous quarter.

### Assessment of risk of harm

This dashboard captures information related to assessments of concern reports to determine risk, and responses to risk of significant harm (ROSH) reports. Key trends for the current quarterly report include:

* A decrease of 273 ROSH reports since the previous quarter.
* The top three primary reported issues in ROSH reports are physical abuse, neglect and sexual abuse. This is a consistent trend across the available reports.
* 24% of ROSH reports had a response priority of less than 24 hours. Most ROSH reports have a response priority of less than 10 days.
* Less children and young people were identified as at ROSH compared with the previous quarter.
* There was an increase of 588 children and young people who received a face-to-face assessment during the quarter.

### Stable and nurturing environments

This dashboard includes statistics related to out-of-home care (OOHC) exits, and participation in family preservation programs. Key statistics in this dashboard include:

* Compared to the previous quarter, the proportion of children and young people experienced less than three placements, remained relatively stable at 63.6%.
* There was a slight increase (0.8%) in the number of children and young people participating in Intensive Family Preservation services since the last quarter.
* On average, six children and young people per day exited OOHC. One in two children and young people who are exiting are aged 15 to 17 years.

### Keeping children and young people safe

This dashboard includes measures related to OOHC placements. Key trends in the most recent quarterly report include:

* There has been a steady increase over time in the number of children and young people placed with non-government OOHC providers, with a 9.2% increase compared with the same quarter last year.
* The majority of children and young people in care are placed with relatives or kinship carers (around 47%) or foster carers (around 43%).
* There was an increase of 24 children and young people entering OOHC since the previous quarter. Children under the age of one are most likely to be entering OOHC.

### 5. Timely and effective solutions

This dashboard contains statistics on permanent care placements for children and young people, and participation in the Brighter Futures prevention program. Key highlights in this quarterly report include:

* An increase in the number of children and young people on guardianship orders, including a 6.5% increase for young people aged 15-17 years since the previous quarter.
* 77% of Aboriginal children and young people were placed with an Aboriginal carer (as at 31 March 2016).
* The number of vulnerable families participating in the Brighter Futures prevention program decreased by 3.5% during the quarter compared with the same quarter last year. There was a decrease of 8.7% in the number of Aboriginal families in the program.