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1. Data on Targeted Early Intervention (TEI) Services from the Department of Social Security (DSS) DataExchange (DEX) platform was first reported in the September 2020 Caseworker Dashboard.

2. Finalised data on Targeted Early Intervention (TEI) services is available 6 monthly. Consequently from 2022-23, YTD Q1 data will be reported at the same time that YTD Q2 data is reported. Similarly YTD Q3 data will be reported at the same time that YTD Q4 data are reported.

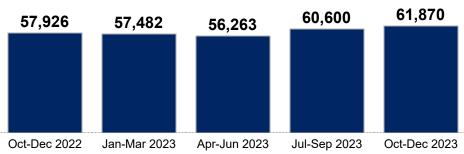
3. TEI data for 2020-21 can be accessed here.



| Quarter to display October-December 2023  | Text Version                      | Cł  | nild Protection                                     | quarterly das         | shboard prior                            | <u>2022-23</u>          |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Early Intervention Child Protection - Repor   | ts Child Pro<br>Children a<br>peo | ind young   | OOHC - Keeping<br>children and young<br>people safe |                       | OOHC - Stable and nurturing environments |                         |
| Child an  | d young per                       | son conce   | rn reports  | i -                   |  |                         |
| <b>Child and young person concern reports</b> received from reporter agencies and how these reports were classified   |                                   | Reporter Ager<br>All  | All   |                       |  |                         |
|   |                                   | Helpline Assessment Outcome<br>All  |   |                       |  |                         |
| A total of <b>106,308</b> child and young person concern reports were received in the October to December 2023 quarter. Of these concern reports reported in the quarter, |                                   | Char<br>101,602   | t 1: Child and<br>103,471                           | young perso<br>99,289 | n <u>concern re</u><br>106,495           | <u>ports</u><br>106,308 |
|   |                                   | 33,487  | 34,709  | 33,246                | 35,079                                   | 34,265                  |
| <ul> <li>- 58.2% met the risk of significant harm (ROSH) three</li> <li>- 32.2% were assessed as not meeting the ROSH the - 9.6% were classified as other.</li> </ul>     | 57,926                            | 57,482  | 56,263  | 60,600                | 61,870                                   |                         |
|   |                                   | Oct-Dec 2022  | Jan-Mar 2023  | Apr-Jun 2023          | Jul-Sep 2023                             | Oct-Dec 2023            |
|   |                                   | Meeting ROSH thre   |   | meeting ROSH thre     |  |                         |
| What were the <b>primary Helpline assessed issues</b> reported from <b>mandatory reporter</b> agencies?   |                                   | Reporter Ager<br>All  | су  | <b>Report</b><br>All  | ter Type                                 |                         |
|   |                                   | Primary Helpline Assessed Issue<br>All  |   |                       |  |                         |
|   |                                   | Chart 2: Child and young person <u>concern reports</u> from mandatory reporters |   |                       |  |                         |
| <b>The DCJ Child Protection Helpline</b> received <b>88,330</b> child and young person concern reports in the October to December 2023 quarter.                           |                                   | 84,307  | 84,657  | 83,366                | 90,453                                   | 88,330                  |
|   |                                   |   |   |                       |  |                         |
|   |                                   | Oct-Dec 2022  | Jan-Mar 2023  | Apr-Jun 2023          | Jul-Sep 2023                             | Oct-Dec 2023            |
|   |                                   | Primary Helpli  | ne Assessed Iss                                     | ue                    |  |                         |

All

### Chart 3: **ROSH reports** by primary Helpline assessed issue



Determining a response time for **ROSH reports** from mandatory and non-mandatory reporters

There were 61,870 ROSH reports in the October to December 2023

quarter. This is equivalent to an increase of **2.1%** from the previous

Compared with the same quarter last year of **57,926**, this represents a

Assessment of child and young person concern reports

to determine if they meet the statutory ROSH threshold

Reporter Agency

Reporter Type



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quarter.

growth of 6.8%.

Of the 61,870 ROSH reports reported to the DCJ Child Protection Helpline in this quarter,

**9,801** reports were classified as requiring a response in 24 hours **28,180** reports were classified as requiring a response in 72 hours **20,930** reports were classified as requiring a response in 10 days.

The DCJ Child Protection Helpline received 39,371 child and young

represents a decrease of **3.2%** or **1,295** contacts, when compared with the previous quarter. Compared with the same quarter last year of

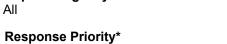
person contacts in the October to December 2023 quarter. This

37,335, this is an increase of 5.5% or 2,036 contacts.

| < 10 days | < 72 hours | < 24 hours |
|-----------|------------|------------|
|           |            |            |

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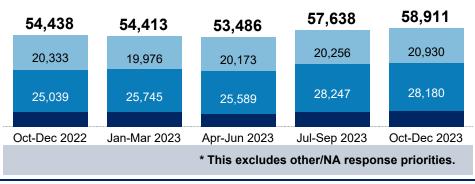
Child and young person **contacts** by mandatory reporters to the DCJ Child Protection Helpline



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### Chart 4: ROSH reports by response priority\*

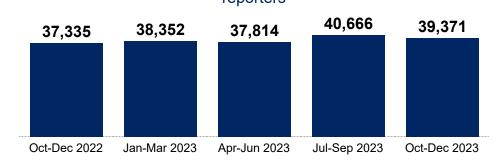
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Reporter Agency

Reporter Type All

## Chart 5: Child and young person concern <u>contacts</u> by mandatory reporters



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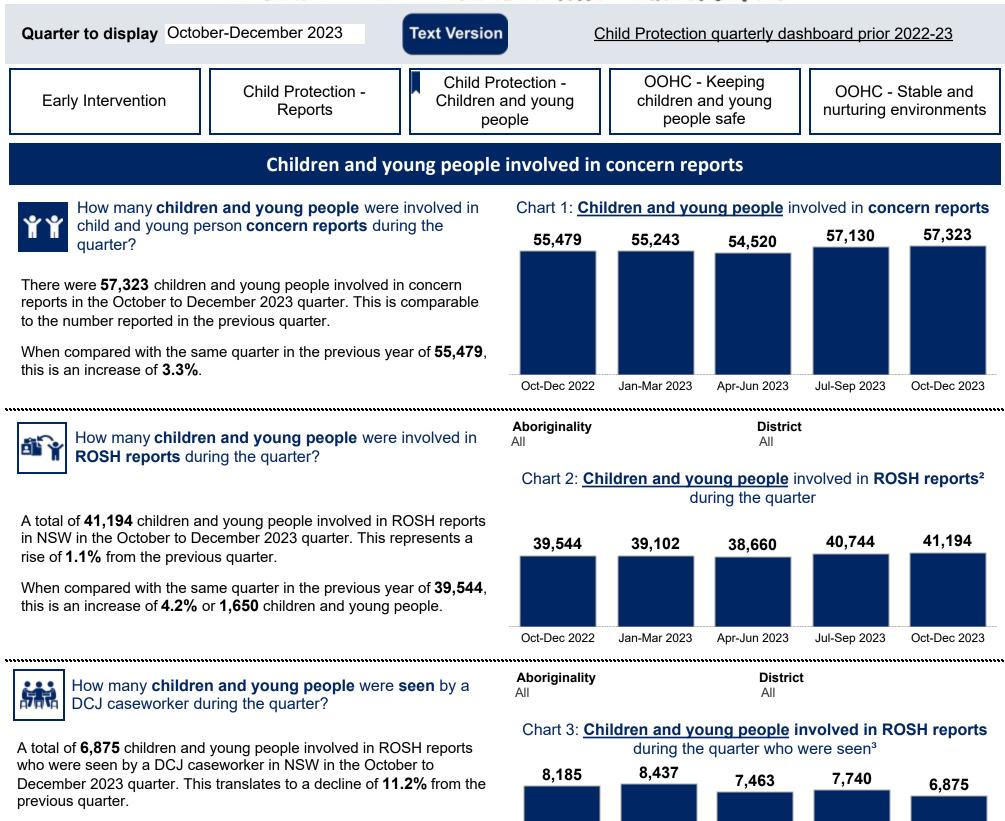
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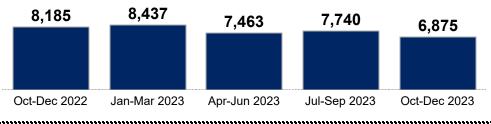
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When compared with the same quarter in the previous year of 8,185, this is a decrease of **16.0%** or **1,310** children and young people.

> How many children and young people were seen by a DCJ caseworker from the first day of the financial year to the end of the quarter?



Aboriginality

All

### Chart 4: Children and young people involved in ROSH reports who were seen YTD

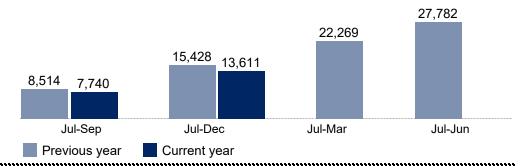
A total of 13,611 children and young people involved in ROSH reports who were seen by a DCJ caseworker from July 2023 to December 2023.

When compared with the same period in the previous year of 15,428 children and young people, this is a decrease of **1,817** children and young people who were seen by a DCJ caseworker.



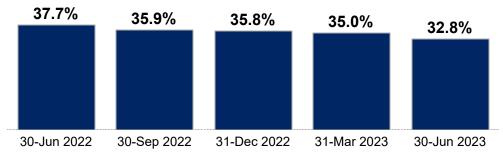
What is the percentage of children and young people re-reported at ROSH within 12 months of case plan closure by the end of the quarter⁴?

By 30 June 2023, **32.8%** of children and young people were re-reported at ROSH within 12 months of case plan closure (Target 32.3% by June 2023).



### Chart 5: Children and young people re-reported within 12 months





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2. Prior to 2022-23, District in the Children and young people involved in ROSH report measure refer to the District of the first ROSH during the quarter. From Q1 2022-23, District is updated to be the sub-cohort of children seen only to align with the Children Seen measure.

3. District in Children Seen measure refers to District associated with the ROSH report during the reporting period that had the earliest submitted Safety/Alternative Assessment.

4. Based on the cohort of children who had closed cases during the 12 month period with case closure reasons of either (i) case plan goal achieved OR (ii) no further intervention required. These children are followed up for 12 months following care closure to determine what proportion is reported within that 12 month follow up period ending the last day of the reported quarter.

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### Keeping children and young people safe

# Children and young people entering care during the quarter

A total of **375** children and young people entered OOHC in the October to December 2023 quarter. This represents a reduction of **23.0%** or **112** children and young people, when compared with the previous quarter.

When compared with the same quarter last year of **532** children and young people entering care, this is a decrease of **29.5%** or **157** children and young people.

## How many children and young people exited OOHC during the quarter?

There were **643** children and young people exiting OOHC in the October to December 2023 quarter. This is a decrease of **10.6%** or **76** children and young people from the previous quarter.

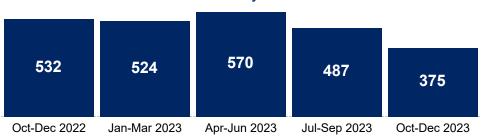
Compared with the same quarter last year of **649** children and young people exiting OOHC, this is a decrease of **0.9%** or **6** children and young people.

### Children and young people in need of care and protection by case management responsibility

There were **12,432** children and young people in statutory OOHC at 31 December 2023. Of these 12,432 children, **46.1%** or **5,733** were Aboriginal children and young people.

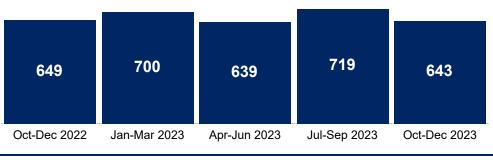
Age at entry All

#### Chart 1: Children and young people entering OOHC⁴ by age at entry



Age at exit

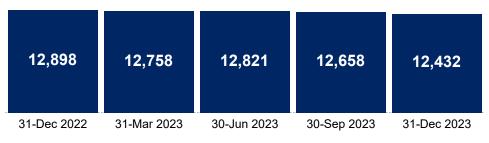




Aboriginality

Case management responsibility

## Chart 3: Children and young people in statutory OOHC<sup>4</sup> by Aboriginality and case management responsibility at quarter end



**Placement Type** 

## Placement of children and young people in need of care and protection

At 31 December 2023, a total of **14,273** children and young people were **in OOHC**. This means a decrease of **4.4%**, when compared with **14,936** reported at the same quarter end last year.

### Children and young people in High Cost Emergency Arrangements (HCEA)

There were **416** children and young people in HCEA at the end of Dec 2023. This is a decrease of **11.1%** or **52** children and young people on the previous month. Compared with the same month of the previous year, the result is an increase of **18.5%** or **65** children and young people.

### Children and young people in Special OOHC

There were **18** children and young people in Special OOHC at the end of Dec 2023. This is a decrease of **10.0%** or **2** children and young people on the previous month. Compared with the same month of the previous year, the result is a decrease of **60.9%** or **28** children and young people.

## Chart 4: Children and young people in OOHC<sup>₄</sup> by placement type at quarter end

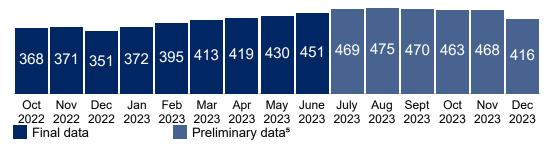


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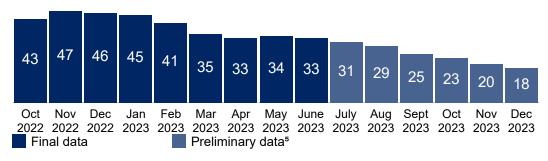
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### Chart 5: Children and young people in HCEA<sup>₄</sup> at month end



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### Chart 6: Children and young people in Special OOHC<sup>₄</sup> at month end



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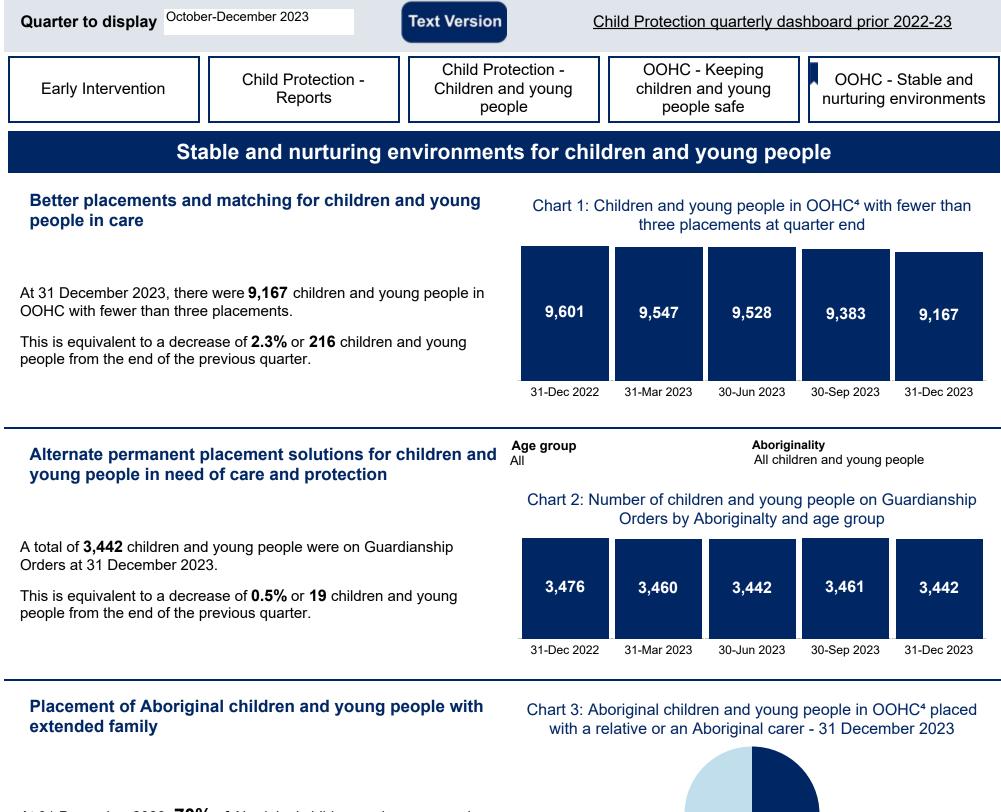
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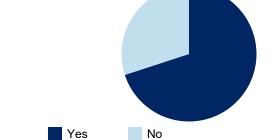
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5. Data for the latest financial year will be updated until the end of the financial year to ensure accurate reporting, which may mean numbers change slightly, this is denoted by "Preliminary data".





At 31 December 2023, **70%** of Aboriginal children and young people in care were placed with an Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal relative or an Aboriginal carer.



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