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Responding to child and young person concern reports



Child and young person concern reports received from reporter agencies and how these reports were classified

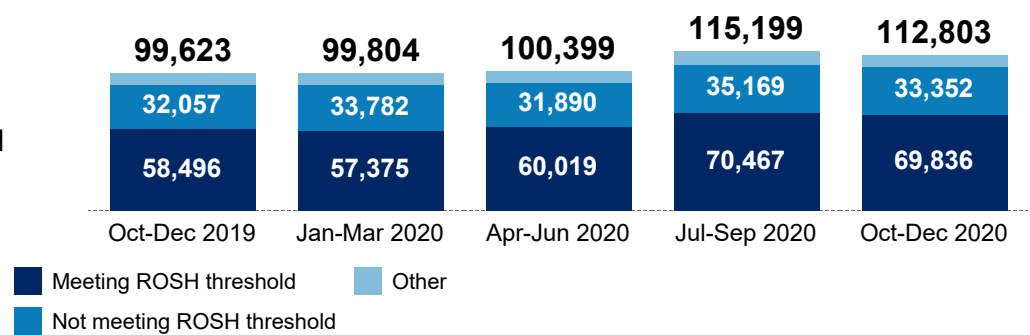
Reporter Agency: All
Reporter Type: All

Helpline Assessment Outcome: All

A total of **112,803** child and young person concern reports were received in the October to December 2020 quarter. Of these concern reports reported in the quarter,

- **61.9%** met the risk of significant harm (ROSH) threshold,
- **29.6%** were assessed as not meeting the ROSH threshold, and
- **8.5%** were classified as other.

Chart 1: Child and young person **concern reports**



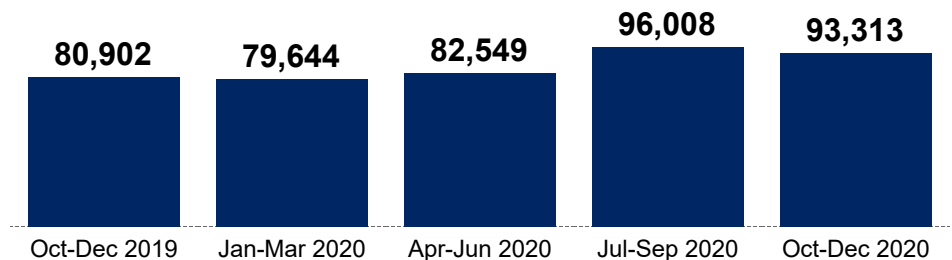
What were the **primary Helpline assessed issues** reported from **mandatory reporter** agencies?

Reporter Agency: All
Reporter Type: All

Primary Helpline Assessed Issue: All

The **DCJ Child Protection Helpline** received **93,313** child and young person concern reports in the October to December 2020 quarter.

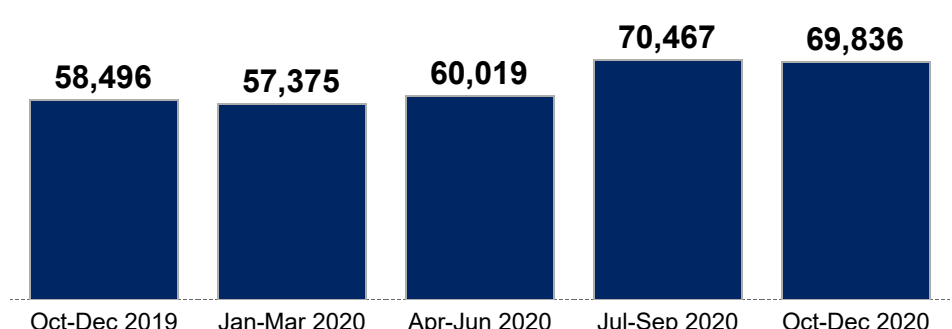
Chart 2: Child and young person **concern reports** from mandatory reporters



Assessment of child and young person concern reports to determine if they meet the **statutory ROSH threshold**

Primary Helpline Assessed Issue: All

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



There were **69,836** ROSH reports in the October to December 2020 quarter. This is equivalent to a decrease of **0.9%** from the previous quarter.



Compared with the same quarter last year of **58,496**, this represents a growth of **19.4%**.



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

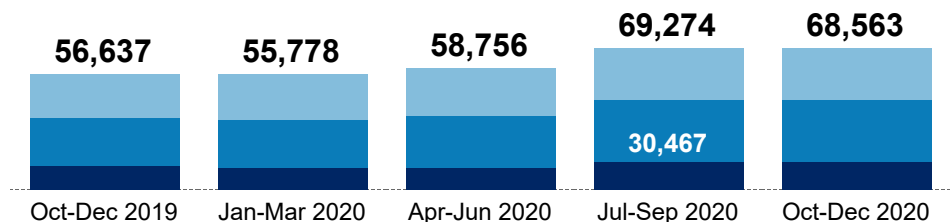
Reporter Agency: All
Reporter Type: All

Response Priority*: All

Of the 69,836 ROSH reports reported to the DCJ Child Protection Helpline in this quarter,

- 13,910** reports were classified as requiring a response in 24 hours
- 30,124** reports were classified as requiring a response in 72 hours
- 24,529** reports were classified as requiring a response in 10 days.

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



* This excludes other/NA response priorities.



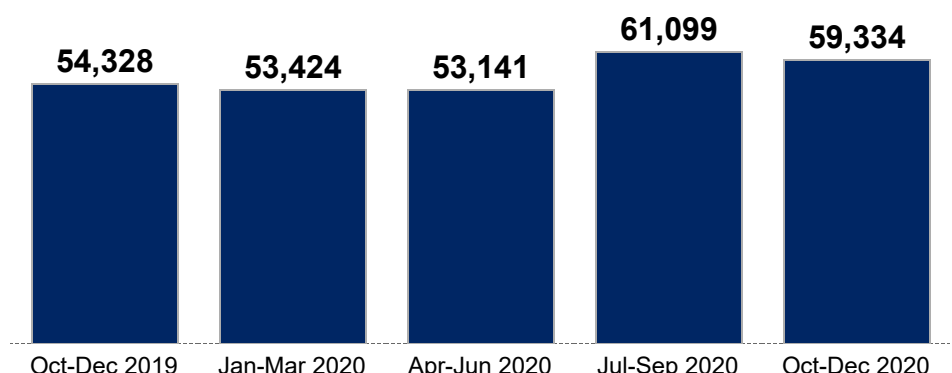
How many **children and young people** were involved in child and young person **concern reports**?

There were **59,334** children and young people involved in concern reports in the October to December 2020 quarter, a decrease of **2.9%** from the previous quarter.



Compared with the same quarter last year of **54,328**, this is an increase of **9.2%**.

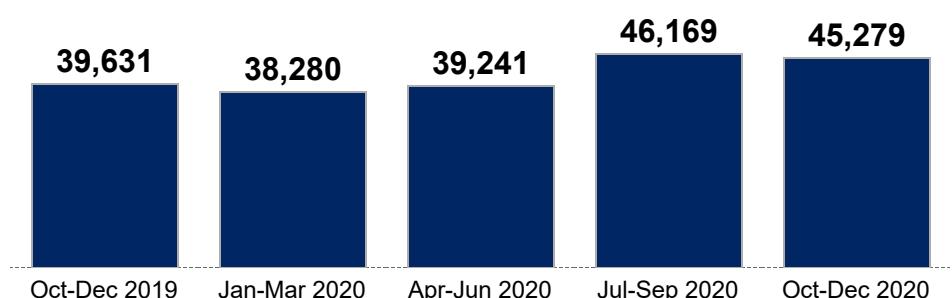
Chart 5: **Children and young people** involved in concern reports



How many **children and young people** were involved in **ROSH reports**?

Aboriginality: (All)

Chart 6: **Children and young people** involved in ROSH reports by Aboriginality



A total of **45,279** children and young people involved in ROSH reports in the October to December 2020 quarter. This translates to a decline of **1.9%** from the previous quarter.

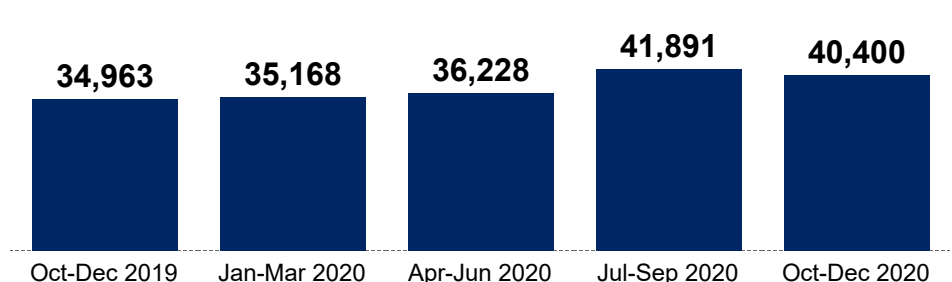
When compared with the same quarter in the previous year of **39,631**, this is an increase of **14.3%** or **5,648** children and young people.



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

Reporter Agency: All
Reporter Type: All

Chart 7: Child and young person concern **contacts** by mandatory reporters



The **DCJ Child Protection Helpline** received **40,400** child and young person contacts in the October to December 2020 quarter. This represents a decrease of **3.6%** or **1,491** contacts, when compared with the previous quarter. Compared with the same quarter last year of **34,963**, this is an increase of **15.6%** or **5,437** contacts.

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Keeping children and young people safe

Children and young people entering care during the quarter

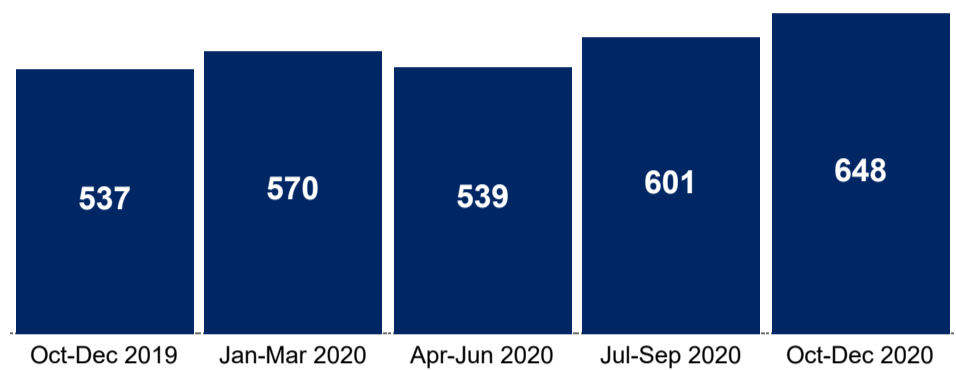


A total of **648** children and young people entered OOHC⁷ in the October to December 2020 quarter. This translates to a rise of **7.8%** or **47** children and young people, when compared with the previous quarter.

When compared with the same quarter last year of **537** children and young people entering care, this is an increase of **20.7%** or **111** children and young people.

Age at entry
All

Chart 1: Children and young people entering OOHC⁷ by age at entry



How many children and young people exited OOHC⁷ during the quarter?

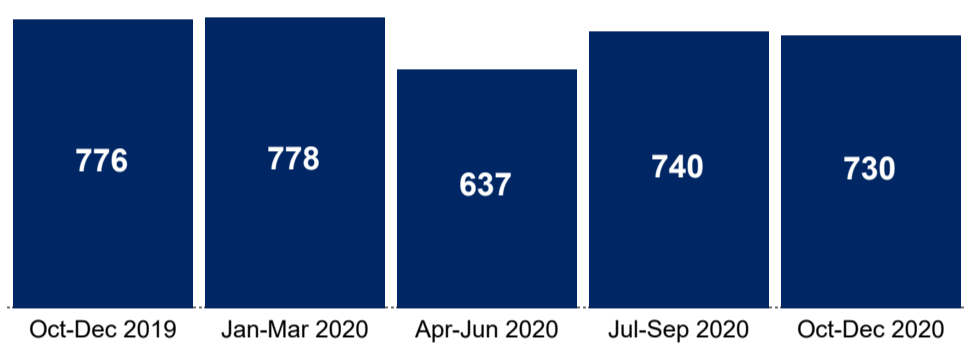


There were **730** children and young people exiting OOHC⁷ in the October to December 2020 quarter. This is a decrease of **1.4%** or **10** children and young people from the previous quarter.

Compared with the same quarter last year of **776** children and young people exiting OOHC⁷, this is a decrease of **5.9%** or **46** children and young people.

Age at exit
All

Chart 2: Children and young people exiting OOHC⁷ by age at exit



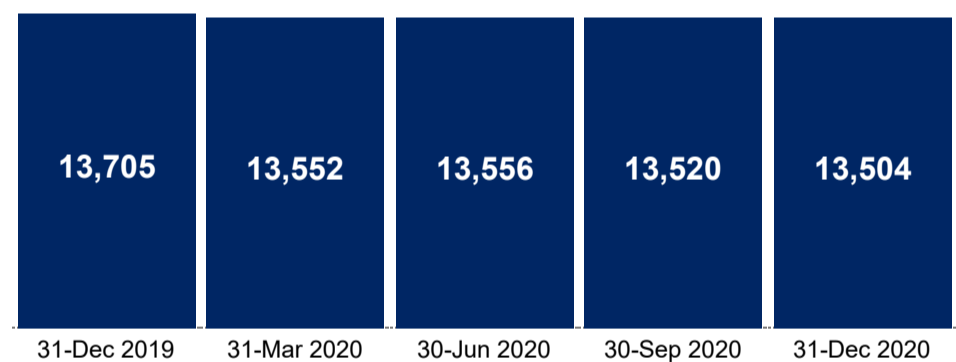
Children and young people in need of care and protection by placement provider

There were **13,504** children and young people in statutory OOHC⁷ at 31 December 2020. Of these 13,504 children, **43.3%** or **5,848** were Aboriginal children and young people.

Aboriginality
All

Placement Provider
All

Chart 3: Children and young people in statutory OOHC⁷ by Aboriginality and placement provider at quarter end



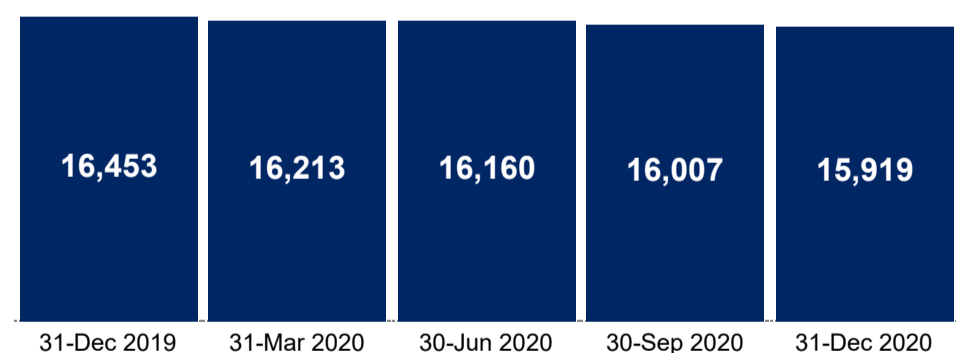
Placement of children and young people in need of care and protection



At 31 December 2020, a total of **15,919** children and young people were in OOHC⁷. This means a decrease of **3.2%**, when compared with **16,453** reported at the same quarter end last year.

Placement Type
All

Chart 4: Children and young people in OOHC⁷ by placement type at quarter end



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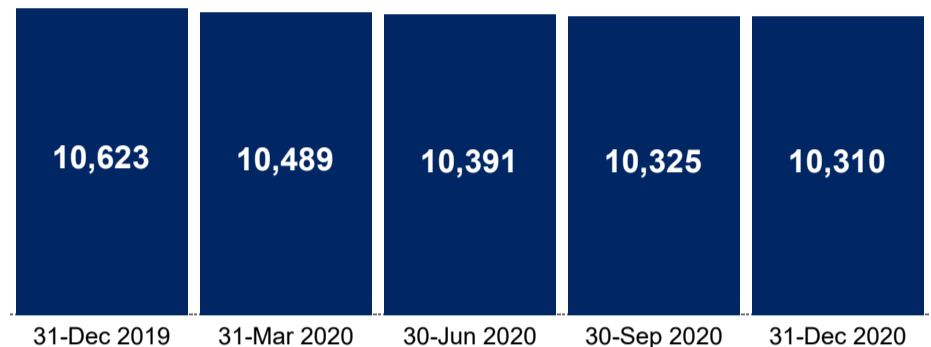
Stable and nurturing environments for children and young people

Better placements and matching for children and young people in care

At 31 December 2020, there were **10,310** children and young people in OOHC with fewer than three placements.

This is similar to the result of the previous quarter.

Chart 1: Children and young people in OOHC⁷ with fewer than three placements at quarter end



Alternate permanent placement solutions for children and young people in need of care and protection

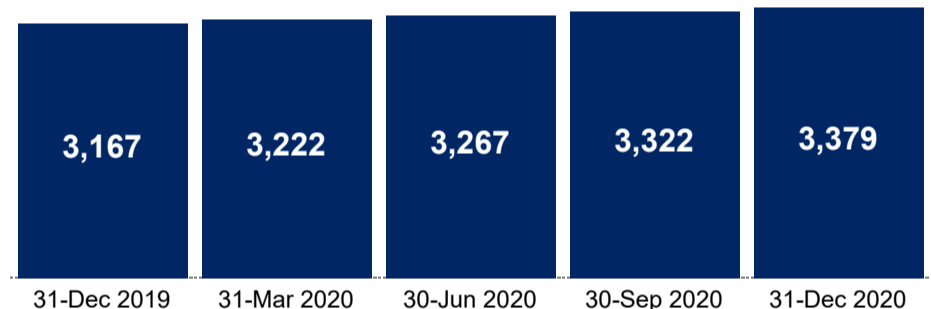
A total of **3,379** children and young people were on Guardianship Orders at 31 December 2020.

This is equivalent to an increase of **1.7%** or **57** children and young people from the end of the previous quarter.

Age group
All

Aboriginality
All children and young people

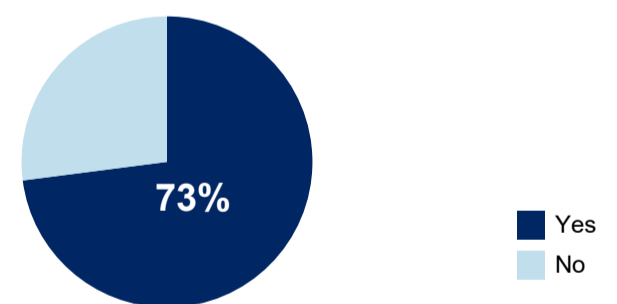
Chart 2: Number of children and young people on Guardianship Orders by Aboriginality and age group



Placement of Aboriginal children and young people with extended family

At 31 December 2020, **73%** of Aboriginal children and young people in care were placed with a relative or an Aboriginal carer.

Chart 3: Aboriginal children and young people in OOHC⁷ placed with a relative or an Aboriginal carer - 31 December 2020



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