

FACS statistics quarterly report summary

This accessible text document provides an overview of Family and Community Services (FACS) child protection services quarterly data. It accompanies the [interactive dashboard](#), published on the FACS website.

October – December 2018 quarterly overview

Services to children and young people data are grouped into three main themes:

1. **Responding to child and young person concern reports** – data on mandatory reporters and concern reports made to the NSW Child Protection Helpline.
2. **Stable and nurturing environments for children and young people** – data related to out-of-home care (OoHC) placements, guardianship orders, placement of Aboriginal children and young people with extended family.
3. **Keeping children and young people safe** – data related to children and young people exiting OoHC, children and young people in statutory OoHC, OoHC placement types, and the age of children and young people entering OoHC.

1. Responding to child and young person concern reports

- **FACS' Helpline** received 32,061 contacts in the quarter. This is equal to a drop of 1.5 per cent from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year, the drop is 2.0 per cent.
- These contacts equated to 71,548 **child and young person concern reports** for this quarter.

- **Mandatory reporters** accounted for 81.7 per cent or 58,441 of all concern reports in this quarter.
- The number of **children and young people involved in concern reports** was 42,781 in the quarter. This is equal to an increase of 1.1 per cent from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 41,938 children and young people, there was an increase of 2.0 per cent.
- The number of **Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) reports** was 41,503 in the quarter. This is equal to an increase of 1.9 per cent from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 40,260 ROSH reports, there was an increase of 3.1 per cent.
- For all **ROSH reports**, 21.8 per cent or 9,062 were classified as requiring a response in less than 24 hours, 36.5 per cent or 15,135 were classified as requiring a response in less than 72 hours, and 39.5 per cent or 16,403 were classified as requiring a response in less than 10 days.
- The number of children and young people involved in **ROSH reports** was 30,468 in the quarter. This is equal to an increase of 2.5 per cent from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 29,195 children and young people, there was an increase of 4.4 per cent.

2. Stable and nurturing environments for children and young people

- The total number of **children and young people in OoHC with fewer than three placements** were 11,348 at the quarter end. This is equal to a decrease of 0.5 per cent or 53 children and young people from the end of the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter end last year of 11,951 children and young people, there was a decrease of 603 children and young people or 5.0 per cent.
- The total number of **children and young people on guardianship orders** was 2,775 at the quarter end. This is equal to an increase of 1.7 per cent or 46 children and young people from the end of the last quarter.

Compared to the same quarter end last year of 2,559 children and young people, there was an increase of 216 children and young people on guardianship orders or 8.4 per cent.

- For 2,775 children and young people on guardianship orders as at 31 December 2017, 33.2 per cent or 921 were Aboriginal.
- 74.3 per cent of Aboriginal children and young people were placed with an Aboriginal carer as at 31 December 2017.

3. Keeping children and young people safe

- The number of **children and young people entering OoHC** was 600 in the quarter. This is equal to an increase of 6 per cent or 34 children from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 723 children and young people entering care, the decrease was 17 per cent or 123 children and young people.
- The number of **children and young people exiting OoHC** was 681 in the quarter. This is equal to a decrease of 9 per cent from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 675 children exiting OoHC, the decrease was 0.9 per cent.
- The number of **children and young people in statutory OoHC** was 14,439 as at 31 December 2017. Of these 14,439 children, 38.9 per cent were Aboriginal.
- The total number of children and young people in OoHC (which includes statutory plus other) was 17,538 as at 31 December 2017. This is equal to a decrease of 7.6 per cent from the same quarter end last year of 18,975. Of those 17,538 children in OoHC, 52.1 per cent were in relative or Aboriginal kinship care, 43.3 per cent were in foster care, 3.5 per cent were in residential care, and 1.2 per cent had other care arrangements.



Endnotes

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