# **DCJ quarterly statistical report on services for children and young people**

This accessible text document provides an overview of the NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) child protection services quarterly data. It accompanies the [interactive dashboard](https://public.tableau.com/profile/facs.statistics#!/vizhome/FACSquarterlystatisticalreportonservicesforchildrenandyoungpeople/Dashboard1), published on the Department’s website.

## July – September 2018 quarterly overview

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## 1. Responding to child and young person concern reports

* **The DCJ Child Protection Helpline** received 30,614 child and young person contacts in the quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 32,557 contacts, there was a decrease of six per cent.
* These 30,614 child and young person contacts equated to 86,934 **child and young person concern reports** for this quarter.
* **Mandatory reporters** accounted for 79.6 per cent or 69,230 of all child and young person concern reports in this quarter.
* The number of **children and young people involved in concern reports** was 50,055 in the quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 42,302 children and young people, there was an increase of 18.3 per cent.
* The number of **ROSH reports** made to the DCJ Child Protection Helpline was 50,508 in the quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 40,749 ROSH reports, there was an increase of 23.9 per cent.
* For all **ROSH reports** reported in the quarter, 10,915 reports were classified as requiring a response in less than 24 hours, 20,033 reports were classified as requiring a response in less than 72 hours, and 19,176 reports were classified as requiring a response in less than 10 days.
* The number of children and young people involved in **ROSH reports** was 35,595 in the quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 29,738 children and young people, there was an increase of 19.7 per cent or 5,857 children and young people.

## 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 11,338 at the quarter end. This is similar to the result of the previous quarter. Compared to the same quarter end last year of 11,401 children and young people, there was a decrease of 63 children and young people.
* The total number of **children and young people on guardianship orders** was 2,899 at the quarter end. This is equal to an increase of 1.8 per cent or 50 children and young people from the end of the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter end last year of 2,729 children and young people, there was an increase of 170 children and young people on guardianship orders or 6.2 per cent.
* For 2,899 children and young people on guardianship orders as at 30 September 2018, 33.5 per cent or 972 were Aboriginal children and young people.
* 75 per cent of Aboriginal children and young people in OOHC were placed with a relative or an Aboriginal carer as at 30 September 2018.

## 3. Keeping children and young people safe

* The number of **children and young people entering OOHC** was 537 in the quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 566 children and young people entering care, there was a decrease of 5.1 per cent or 29 children and young people.
* The number of **children and young people exiting OOHC** was 582 in the quarter. This is equal to a decrease of 6.4 per cent or 40 children and young people from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 748 children and young people exiting OOHC, there was a decrease of 22.2 per cent or 166 children and young people.
* The number of **children and young people in statutory OOHC** was 13,897 as at 30 September 2018. Of these 13,897 children and young people, 39.3 per cent or 5,466 were Aboriginal children and young people.
* The total number of children and young people in OOHC was 17,254 as at 30 September 2018. This is equal to a decrease of 2.1 per cent from the same quarter end last year of 17,624.

## Endnotes

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