

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.

April – June 2017 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 33,932 contacts in the quarter. This is equal to a rise of 1.8 per cent from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year, the increase was 4.7 per cent.
- These contacts equated to 72,448 **child and young person concern reports** for this quarter. Of these reports, 55.2% met the ROSH threshold and 19.0% were forwarded for information/action. For 25.8%, it was determined that no response was required.

- **Mandatory reporters** accounted for 80.8 per cent or 58,570 of all concern reports in this quarter.
- The number of **children and young people involved in concern reports** was 42,746 in the quarter. This is equal to a decrease of 0.7 per cent from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 41,349 children and young people, there was a rise of 3.4 per cent.
- The number of **Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) reports** was 39,978 in the quarter. This is equal to a decrease of 3.5 per cent from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 37,658 ROSH reports, there was an increase of 6.2 per cent.
- For all **ROSH reports**, 23.9 per cent or 9,576 were classified as requiring a response in less than 24 hours, 36.6 per cent or 14,666 were classified as requiring a response in less than 72 hours, and 39.4 per cent or 15,776 were classified as requiring a response in less than 10 days.
- The number of children and young people involved in **ROSH reports** was 29,443 in the quarter. This is equal to a decrease of 1.0 per cent from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 27,817 children and young people, there was an increase of 5.8 per cent.
- The total number of **children and young people who had received a completed face-to-face assessment** was 8,429 in the quarter. This is equal to an increase of 4.4 per cent from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 7,825 children and young people, the increase was 7.7 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 11,685 at the quarter end. This is equal to a decrease of 1.4 per cent or 164 children and young people from the end of the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter end last year of

11,860 children and young people, there was a decrease of 175 children and young people or 1.5 per cent.

- The total number of **children and young people on guardianship orders** was 2,663 at the quarter end. This is equal to an increase of 3.1 per cent or 79 children and young people from the end of the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter end last year of 2,486 children and young people, there was an increase of 177 children and young people on guardianship orders or 7.1 per cent.
- For 2,663 **children and young people on guardianship orders** as at 30 June 2017, 33.6 per cent or 894 were Aboriginal.
- 77.4 per cent of **Aboriginal children and young people** were placed with an Aboriginal carer as at 30 June 2017.
- The number of **vulnerable families participating in the Brighter Futures prevention program** was 2,654 as at 30 June 2017. This is equal to a rise of 0.2 per cent or 6 families compared to the last quarter end. Compared to the same quarter end last year of 2,854 families, there was a decrease of 200 families or 7.0 per cent.
- Of the 2,654 **families participating in Brighter Futures** as at 30 June 2017, 33.1 per cent or 879 were Aboriginal.
- The number of **children participating in the Brighter Futures prevention program** was 6,405 as at 30 June 2017, which is equivalent to a decrease of 0.5 per cent or 34 children compared to the last quarter end. Compared to the same quarter end last year of 6,788 children, there was a decrease of 383 children or 5.6 per cent.
- Of the 6,405 **children participating in Brighter Futures** as at 30 June 2017, 35.1 per cent or 2,249 were Aboriginal.

3. Keeping children and young people safe

- The number of **children and young people entering OoHC** was 639 in the quarter. This is equal to a decrease of 6.9 per cent or 47 children from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 881 children and young people entering care, the decrease was 27.5 per cent or 242 children and young people.
- The number of **children and young people exiting OoHC** was 732 in the quarter. This is equal to an increase of 4.0 per cent or 28 children from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 691 children and young people entering care, the increase was 5.9 per cent or 41 children and young people.
- The number of **children and young people participating in Intensive Family Preservation services** was 974 this quarter. This is equal to an increase of 2.4 per cent from the last quarter. Of these 974 children and young people, 32.3 per cent or 315 were Aboriginal.
- The number of **children and young people in statutory OoHC** was 15,151 as at 30 June 2017. Of these 15,151 children, 38.4 per cent were Aboriginal.
- The total number of **children and young people in OoHC** (which includes statutory plus other) was 18,780 as at 30 June 2017. This is equal to an increase of 0.6 per cent from the same quarter end last year of 18,659. Of those 18,780 children in OoHC, 48.7 per cent were in relative or Aboriginal kinship care, 41.9 per cent were in foster care, 3.3 per cent were in residential care, 3.0 per cent were living with parents, and 3.1 per cent had other care arrangements.



Endnotes

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