# **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.

## October – December 2018 quarterly overview

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

* **The DCJ Child Protection Helpline** received 30,847 child and young person contacts in the quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 32,061 contacts, there was a decrease of 3.8 per cent.
* These 30,847 child and young person contacts equated to 87,977 **child and young person concern reports** for this quarter.
* **Mandatory reporters** accounted for 78.6 per cent or 69,157 of all child and young person concern reports in this quarter.
* The number of **children and young people involved in concern reports** was 50,034 in the quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 42,781 children and young people, there was an increase of 17.0 per cent.
* The number of **ROSH reports** made to the DCJ Child Protection Helpline was 50,190 in the quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 41,503 ROSH reports, there was an increase of 20.9 per cent.
* For all **ROSH reports** reported in the quarter, 10,381 reports were classified as requiring a response in less than 24 hours, 19,805 reports were classified as requiring a response in less than 72 hours, and 19,160 reports were classified as requiring a response in less than 10 days.
* The number of children and young people involved in **ROSH reports** was 35,268 in the quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 30,468 children and young people, there was an increase of 15.8 per cent or 4,800 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 11,283 at the quarter end. This is similar to the result of the previous quarter. Compared to the same quarter end last year of 11,348 children and young people, there was a decrease of 65 children and young people.
* The total number of **children and young people on guardianship orders** was 2,947 at the quarter end. This is equal to an increase of 1.7 per cent or 48 children and young people from the end of the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter end last year of 2,775 children and young people, there was an increase of 172 children and young people on guardianship orders or 6.2 per cent.
* For 2,947 children and young people on guardianship orders as at 31 December 2018, 33.7 per cent or 993 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 31 December 2018.

## 3. Keeping children and young people safe

* The number of **children and young people entering OOHC** was 545 in the quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 600 children and young people entering care, there was a decrease of 9.2 per cent or 55 children and young people.
* The number of **children and young people exiting OOHC** was 605 in the quarter. This is equal to an increase of four per cent or 23 children and young people from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 681 children and young people exiting OOHC, there was a decrease of 11.2 per cent or 76 children and young people.
* The number of **children and young people in statutory OOHC** was 13,961 as at 31 December 2018. Of these 13,961 children and young people, 39.4 per cent or 5,506 were Aboriginal children and young people.
* The total number of children and young people in OOHC was 17,187 as at 31 December 2018. This is equal to a decrease of two per cent from the same quarter end last year of 17,538.

## Endnotes

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