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Targeted Early Intervention (TEI) services - year to date (YTD) data

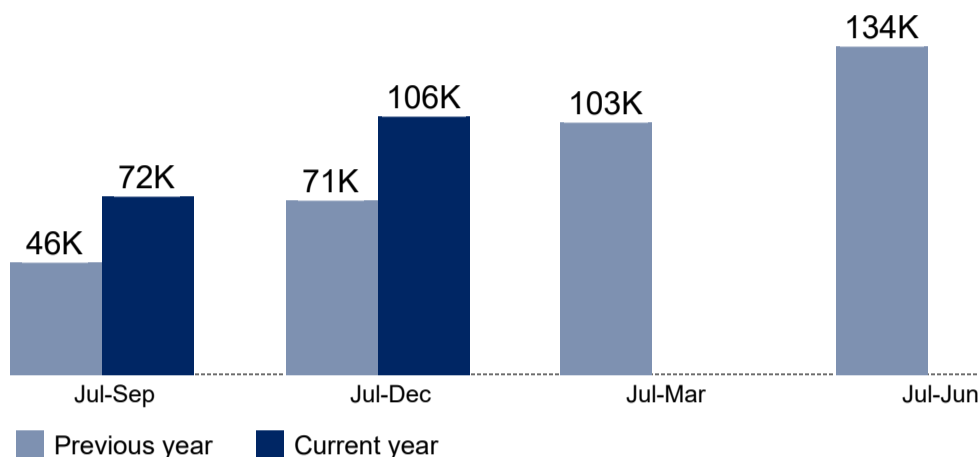


How many **individual clients** were seen in TEI from the first day of the financial year to the end of the quarter?

Chart 1: TEI - Individual clients seen (YTD)

There were approximately **106K** individual clients who received TEI services from 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022.

When compared with the same period in the previous year of **71K** individual clients who received TEI services, this is an increase of approximately **35K**.

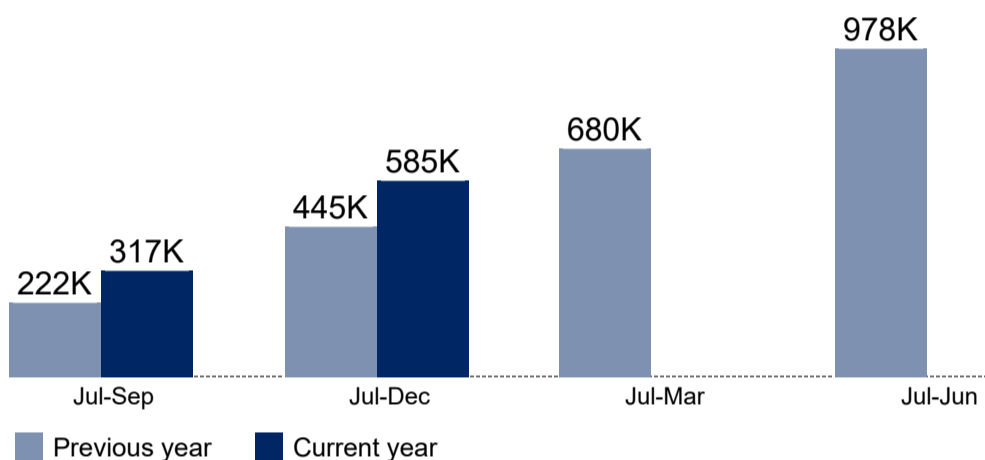


How many **group clients** were seen in TEI from the first day of the financial year to the end of the quarter?

Chart 2: TEI - Group clients seen (YTD)

There were approximately **585K** group clients who received TEI services from 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022.

When compared with the same period in the previous year of **445K** group clients who received TEI services, this is an increase of approximately **139K**.

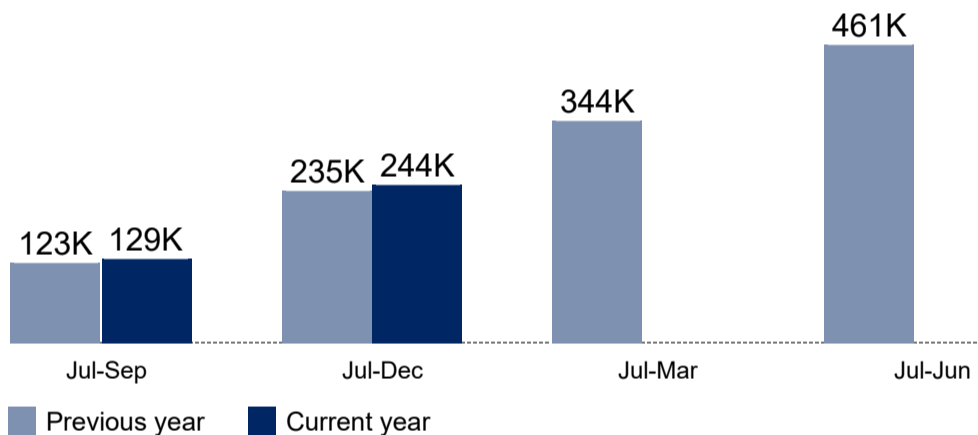


How many **total sessions** were delivered in TEI from the first day of the financial year to the end of the quarter?

Chart 3: TEI - Total sessions delivered (YTD)

There were approximately **244K** TEI sessions delivered from 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022.

When compared with the same period in the previous year of **235K** TEI sessions delivered, this is an increase of approximately **9K**.



Notes:

1. Data on Targeted Early Intervention (TEI) Services from the Department of Social Security (DSS) DataExchange (DEX) platform was first reported in the September 2020 Caseworker Dashboard.
2. Finalised data on Targeted Early Intervention (TEI) services is available 6 monthly. Consequently from 2022-23, YTD Q1 data will be reported at the same time that YTD Q2 data is reported. Similarly YTD Q3 data will be reported at the same time that YTD Q4 data are reported.
3. TEI data for 2020-21 can be accessed [here](#).

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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

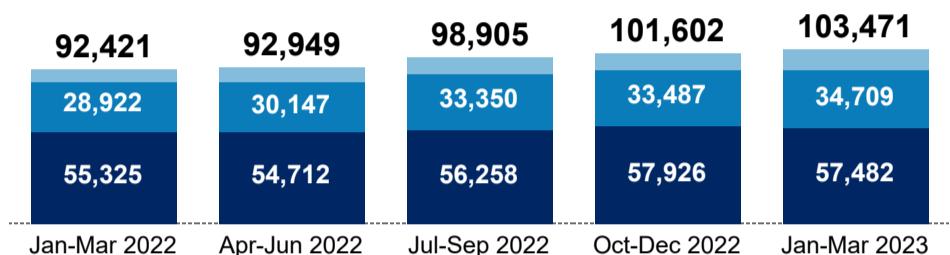
Reporter Type
All

Helpline Assessment Outcome
All

A total of **103,471** child and young person concern reports were received in the January to March 2023 quarter. Of these concern reports reported in the quarter,

- **55.6%** met the risk of significant harm (ROSH) threshold,
- **33.5%** were assessed as not meeting the ROSH threshold, and
- **10.9%** were classified as other.

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



Meeting ROSH threshold Not meeting ROSH threshold Other



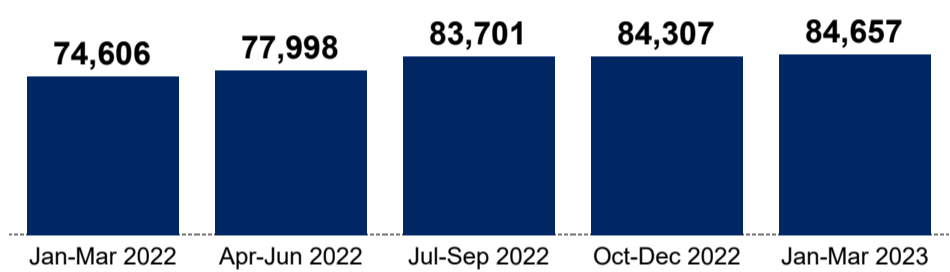
What were the **primary Helpline assessed issues** reported from **mandatory reporter** agencies?

Reporter Agency
All

Reporter Type
All

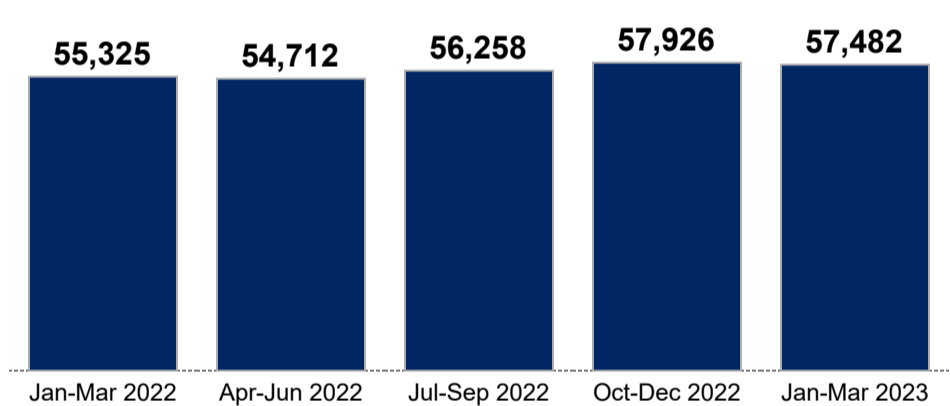
Primary Helpline Assessed Issue
All

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



Primary Helpline Assessed Issue
All

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



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

There were **57,482** ROSH reports in the January to March 2023 quarter. This is equivalent to a decrease of **0.8%** from the previous quarter.

Compared with the same quarter last year of **55,325**, this represents a growth of **3.9%**.



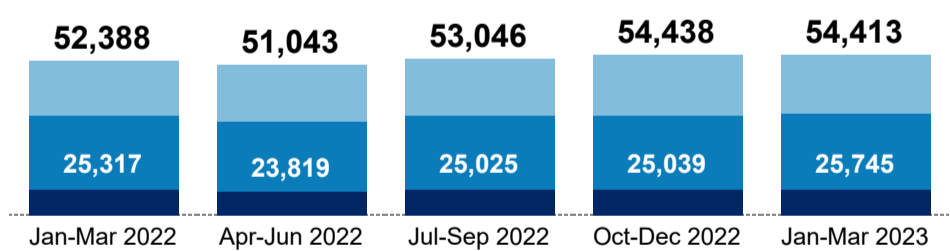
Determining a response time for **ROSH reports** from mandatory and non-mandatory reporters

Reporter Agency
All

Reporter Type
All

Response Priority*
All

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



* This excludes other/NA response priorities.

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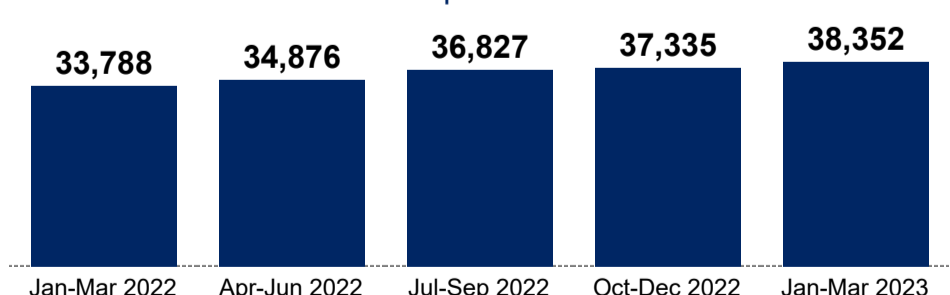


Child and young person **contacts** by mandatory reporters to the DCJ Child Protection Helpline

Reporter Agency
All

Reporter Type
All

Chart 5: Child and young person concern **contacts** by mandatory reporters



The DCJ Child Protection Helpline received **38,352** child and young person contacts in the January to March 2023 quarter. This represents an increase of **2.7%** or **1,017** contacts, when compared with the previous quarter. Compared with the same quarter last year of **33,788**, this is an increase of **13.5%** or **4,564** contacts.

Notes:

1. Data for non-Aboriginal children and young people also include children and young people with the Aboriginality status of **Not Stated**.
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3. NP: Not published.

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Children and young people involved in concern reports

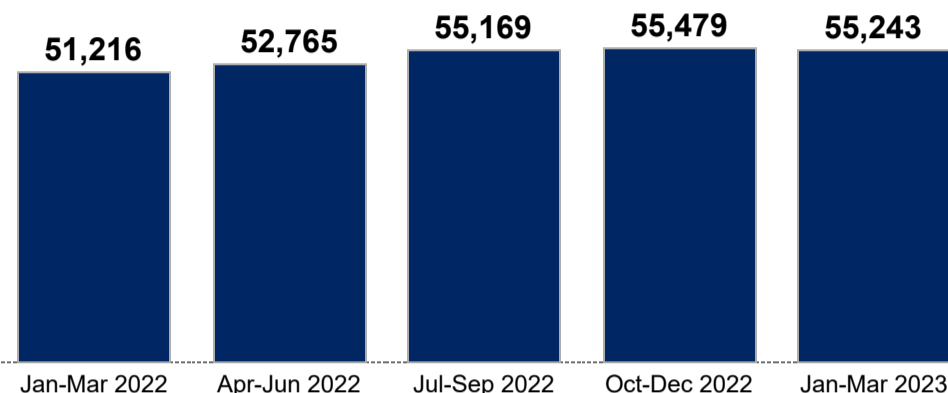


How many **children and young people** were involved in child and young person **concern reports** during the quarter?

There were **55,243** children and young people involved in concern reports in the January to March 2023 quarter. This is comparable to the number reported in the previous quarter.

When compared with the same quarter in the previous year of **51,216**, this is an increase of **7.9%**.

Chart 1: **Children and young people** involved in concern reports



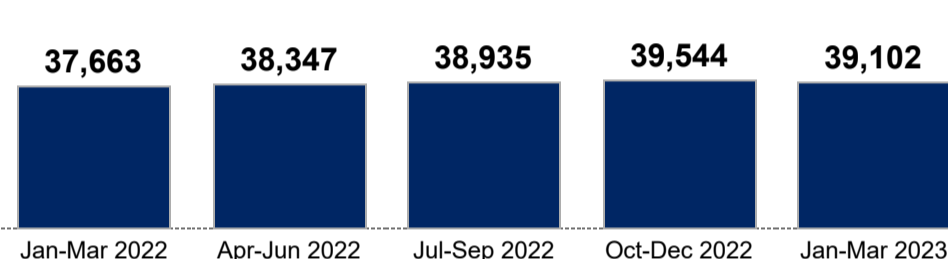
How many **children and young people** were involved in **ROSH reports** during the quarter?

A total of **39,102** children and young people involved in ROSH reports in NSW in the January to March 2023 quarter. This translates to a decline of **1.1%** from the previous quarter.

When compared with the same quarter in the previous year of **37,663**, this is an increase of **3.8%** or **1,439** children and young people.

Aboriginality: All
District: All

Chart 2: **Children and young people** involved in ROSH reports² during the quarter



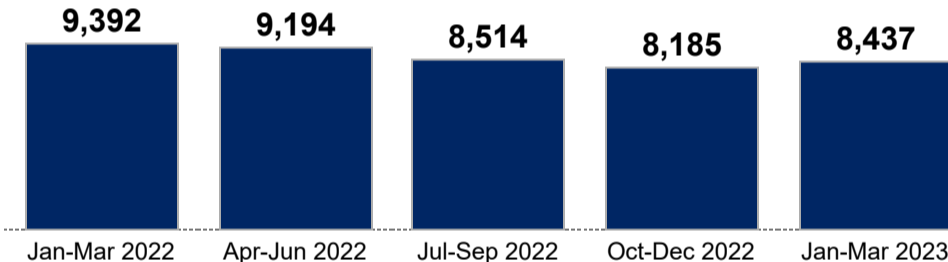
How many **children and young people** were **seen** by a DCJ caseworker during the quarter?

A total of **8,437** children and young people involved in ROSH reports who were seen by a DCJ caseworker in NSW in the January to March 2023 quarter. This represents a rise of **3.1%** from the previous quarter.

When compared with the same quarter in the previous year of **9,392**, this is a decrease of **10.2%** or **955** children and young people.

Aboriginality: All
District: All

Chart 3: **Children and young people** involved in ROSH reports during the quarter who were seen³



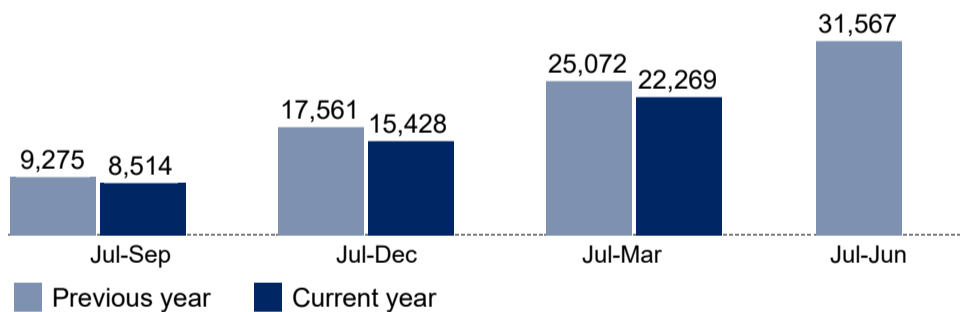
How many **children and young people** were **seen** by a DCJ caseworker from the first day of the financial year to the end of the quarter?

A total of **22,269** children and young people involved in ROSH reports who were seen by a DCJ caseworker from July 2022 to March 2023.

When compared with the same period in the previous year of **25,072** children and young people, this is a decrease of **2,803** children and young people were seen by a DCJ caseworker.

Aboriginality: All

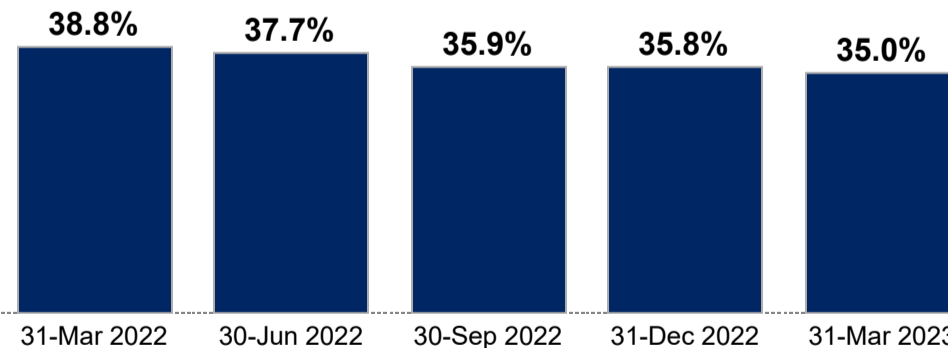
Chart 4: **Children and young people** involved in ROSH reports who were seen YTD



What is the percentage of children and young people re-reported at ROSH within 12 months of case plan closure by the end of the quarter⁴?

By 31 March 2023, **35.0%** of children and young people were re-reported at ROSH within 12 months of case plan closure (Target 32.3% by June 2023).

Chart 5: **Children and young people** re-reported within 12 months of case plan closure by the end of the quarter⁴



Notes:

1. Data for non-Aboriginal children and young people also include children and young people with the Aboriginality status of **Not Stated**.
2. Prior to 2022-23, District in the **Children and young people involved in ROSH report** measure refer to the District of the first ROSH during the quarter. From Q1 2022-23, District is updated to for the sub-cohort of children seen only to align with the Children Seen measure.
3. District in **Children Seen** measure refers to District associated with the ROSH report during the reporting period that had the earliest submitted Safety/Alternative Assessment.
4. Based on the cohort of children who had closed cases during the 12 month period with case closure reasons of either (i) *case plan goal achieved* OR (ii) *no further intervention required*. These children are followed up for 12 months following care closure to determine what proportion are reported within that 12 month follow up period ending the last day of the reported quarter.
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Keeping children and young people safe

Children and young people entering care during the quarter

A total of **524** children and young people entered OOHC in the January to March 2023 quarter. This represents a reduction of **1.5%** or **8** children and young people, when compared with the previous quarter.

When compared with the same quarter last year of **442** children and young people entering care, this is an increase of **18.6%** or **82** children and young people.

Age at entry
All

Chart 1: Children and young people entering OOHC⁴ by age at entry



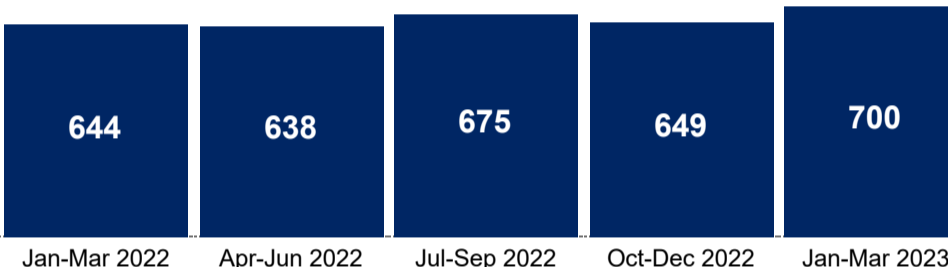
How many children and young people exited OOHC during the quarter?

There were **700** children and young people exiting OOHC in the January to March 2023 quarter. This is an increase of **7.9%** or **51** children and young people from the previous quarter.

Compared with the same quarter last year of **644** children and young people exiting OOHC, this is an increase of **8.7%** or **56** children and young people.

Age at exit
All

Chart 2: Children and young people exiting OOHC⁴ by age at exit

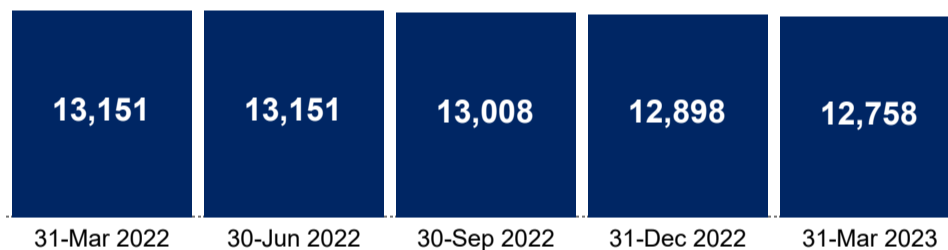


Children and young people in need of care and protection by case management responsibility

Aboriginality
All

Case management responsibility
All

Chart 3: Children and young people in statutory OOHC⁴ by Aboriginality and case management responsibility at quarter end

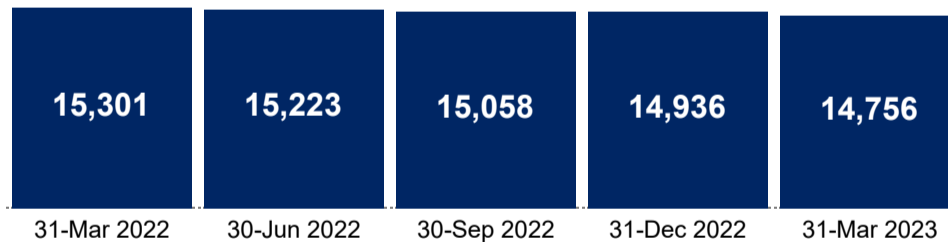


There were **12,758** children and young people in statutory OOHC at 31 March 2023. Of these 12,758 children, **45.1%** or **5,760** were Aboriginal children and young people.

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

Placement Type
All

Chart 4: Children and young people in OOHC⁴ by placement type at quarter end



At 31 March 2023, a total of **14,756** children and young people were in OOHC. This means a decrease of **3.6%**, when compared with **15,301** reported at the same quarter end last year.

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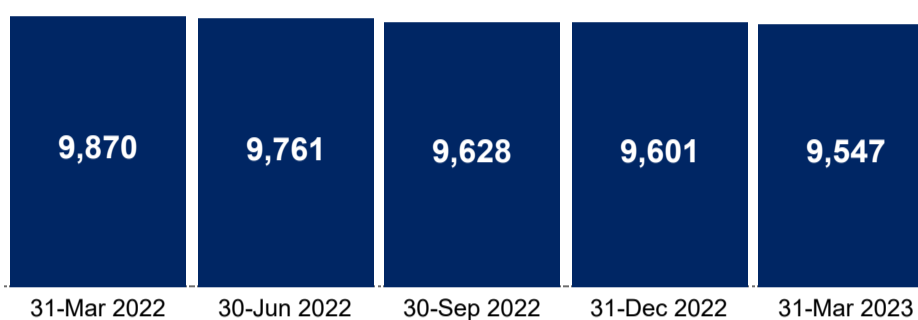
Stable and nurturing environments for children and young people

Better placements and matching for children and young people in care

At 31 March 2023, there were **9,547** children and young people in OOHC with fewer than three placements.

This is equivalent to a decrease of **0.6%** or **54** children and young people from the end of the previous quarter.

Chart 1: Children and young people in OOHC⁴ with fewer than three placements at quarter end



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

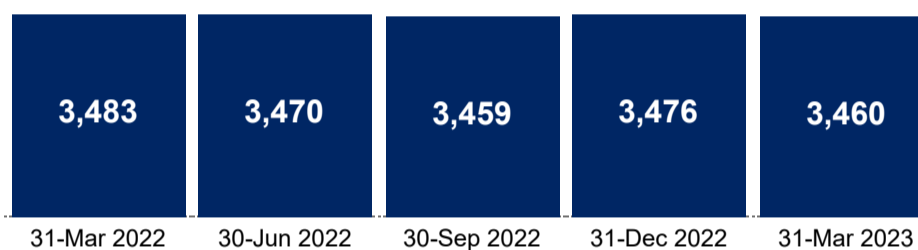
Age group
All

Aboriginality
All children and young people

A total of **3,460** children and young people were on Guardianship Orders at 31 March 2023.

This is similar to the result of the previous quarter.

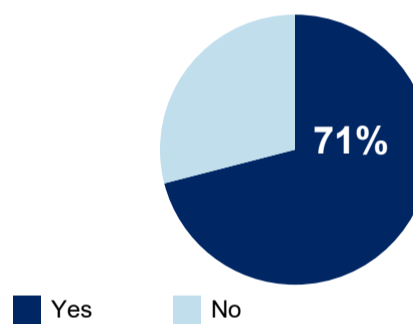
Chart 2: Number of children and young people on Guardianship Orders by Aboriginality and age group



Placement of Aboriginal children and young people with extended family

Chart 3: Aboriginal children and young people in OOHC⁴ placed with a relative or an Aboriginal carer - 31 March 2023

At 31 March 2023, **71%** of Aboriginal children and young people in care were placed with an Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal relative or an Aboriginal carer.



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