DCJ Quarterly Statistical Report on services for children and young people - July-September 2021



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Responding to child and young person concern reports

Child and young person concern reports received from reporter agencies and how these reports were classified

A total of **88,006** child and young person concern reports were received in the July to September 2021 quarter. Of these concern reports reported in the quarter,

- 57.3% met the risk of significant harm (ROSH) threshold,

The DCJ Child Protection Helpline received 71,327 child and

young person concern reports in the July to September 2021

- 34.2% were assessed as not meeting the ROSH threshhold, and

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

- 8.5% were classified as other.



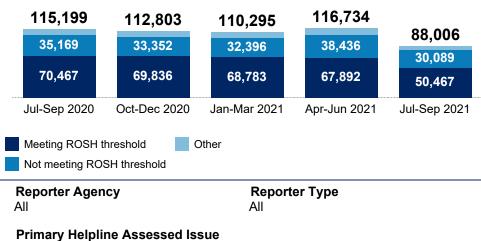
Reporter Type All

Helpline Assessment Outcome

All

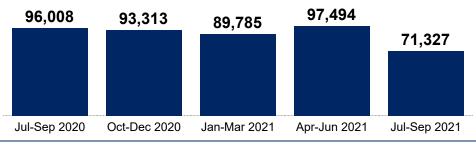
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Chart 1: Child and young person concern reports



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





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

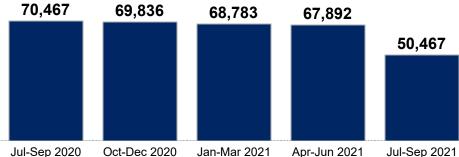
There were **50,467** ROSH reports in the July to September 2021 guarter. This is equivalent to a decrease of **25.7%** from the previous quarter.



Primary Helpline Assessed Issue

All

Chart 3: ROSH reports by primary Helpline assessed issue



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Compared with the same quarter last year of **70,467**, this represents a decline of 28.4%.



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

Of the 50,467 ROSH reports reported to the DCJ Child Protection Helpline in this quarter,

9,021 reports were classified as requiring a response in 24 hours **22,100** reports were classified as requiring a response in 72 hours **16,574** reports were classified as requiring a response in 10 days.

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How many children and young people were involved in child and young person concern reports?

There were **48,578** children and young people involved in concern reports in the July to September 2021 quarter, a decrease of 21.9% from the previous quarter.

Compared with the same quarter last year of **61,099**, this is a decrease of 20.5%.



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



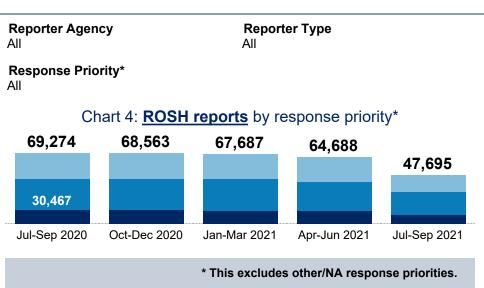
A total of **34,311** children and young people involved in ROSH reports in the July to September 2021 quarter. This translates to a decline of 23.8% from the previous quarter.

When compared with the same quarter in the previous year of **46,169**, this is a decrease of 25.7% or 11,858 children and young people.

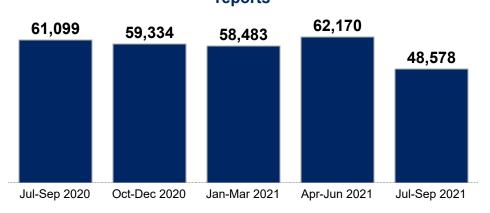


Child and young person **contacts** by mandatory reporters to the DCJ Child Protection Helpline

The DCJ Child Protection Helpline received 32,503 child and young person contacts in the July to September 2021 quarter. This represents a decrease of 24.9% or 10,783 contacts, when compared with the previous quarter. Compared with the same quarter last year of 41,891, this is a decrease of 22.4% or 9,388 contacts.





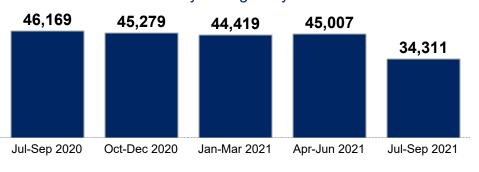


Aboriginality

(All)

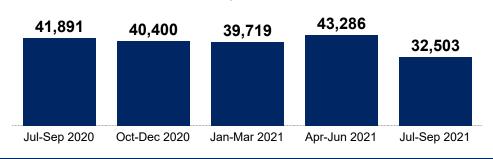
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Chart 6: Children and young people involved in ROSH reports by Aboriginality



Reporter Type Reporter Agency All

Chart 7: Child and young person concern <u>contacts</u> by mandatory reporters



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Keeping children and young people safe

Children and young people entering care during the quarter



A total of **557** children and young people entered OOHC⁷ in the July to September 2021 quarter. This represents a reduction of **5.3%** or **31** children and young people, when compared with the previous quarter.

When compared with the same quarter last year of **601** children and young people entering care, this is a decrease of **7.3%** or **44** children and young people.

How many children and young people exited OOHC⁷ during the quarter?



There were **675** children and young people exiting OOHC⁷ in the July to September 2021 quarter. This is an increase of **3.1%** or **20** children and young people from the previous quarter.

Compared with the same quarter last year of **740** children and young people exiting OOHC⁷, this is a decrease of **8.8%** or **65** children and young people.

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

There were **13,485** children and young people in statutory OOHC⁷ at 30 September 2021. Of these 13,485 children, **44.3%** or **5,978** were Aboriginal children and young people.

* This measure was reported by placement provider up to Q3 2020-21 (Jan-Mar 2021). From Q4 2020-21 (Apr-Jun 2021), this breakdown was replaced by case management responsibility. The data may not be comparable across these periods. Please use with caution.

Age at entry

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Chart 1: Children and young people entering OOHC⁷ by age at entry

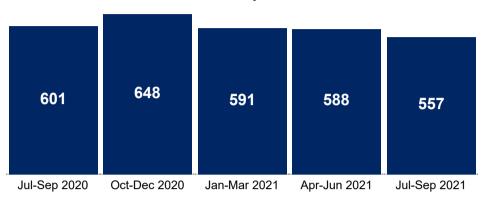
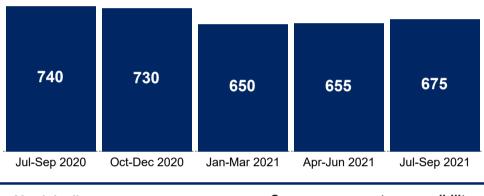


Chart 2: Children and young people exiting OOHC⁷ by age at exit



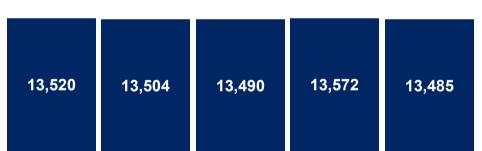
Aboriginality

Case management responsibility

30-Jun 2021

30-Sep 2021

Chart 3: Children and young people in statutory OOHC⁷ by Aboriginality and case management responsibility* at quarter end



31-Mar 2021

All

Age at exit

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

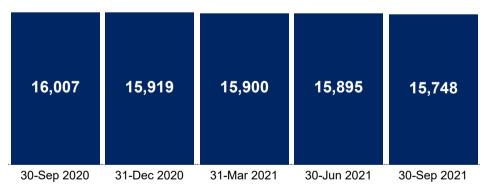
Placement Type

30-Sep 2020

31-Dec 2020

All

Chart 4: Children and young people in OOHC⁷ by placement type at quarter end



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At 30 September 2021, a total of **15,748** children and young people were **in OOHC**⁷. This means a decrease of **1.6%**, when compared with **16,007** reported at the same quarter end last year.

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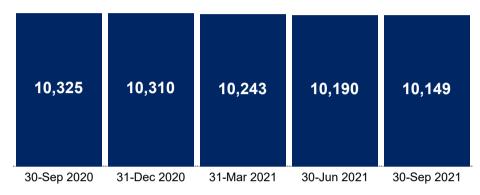
Stable and nurturing environments for children and young people

Better placements and matching for children and young people in care

At 30 September 2021, there were **10,149** children and young people in OOHC with fewer than three placements.

This is similar to the result of the previous quarter.

Chart 1: Children and young people in OOHC⁷ with fewer than three placements at quarter end



Age group All

Aboriginality All children and young people

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

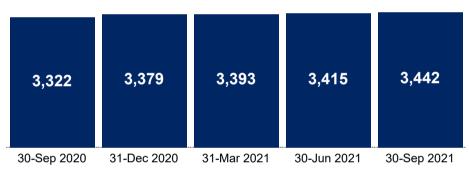
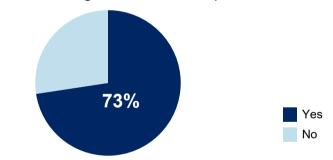


Chart 3: Aboriginal children and young people in OOHC⁷ placed with a relative or an Aboriginal carer - 30 September 2021



A total of **3,442** children and young people were on Guardianship Orders at 30 September 2021.

Alternate permanent placement solutions for children

and young people in need of care and protection

This is equivalent to an increase of **0.8%** or **27** children and young people from the end of the previous quarter.

Placement of Aboriginal children and young people with extended family

At 30 September 2021, **73%** of Aboriginal children and young people in care were placed with a relative or an Aboriginal carer.

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