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## Responding to child and young person concern reports



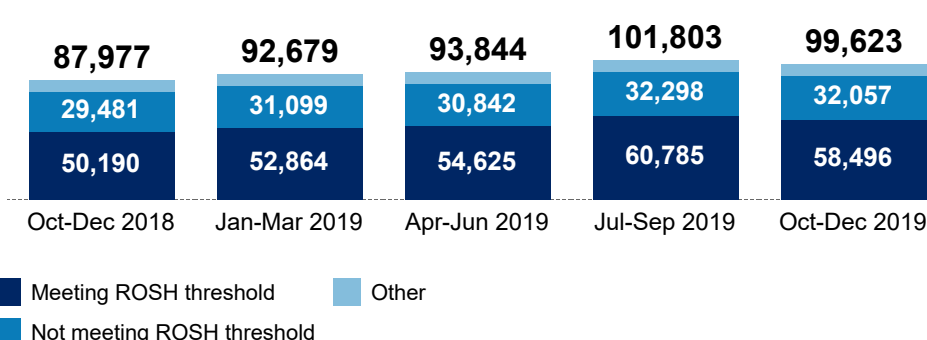
**Child and young person concern reports** received from reporter agencies and how these reports were classified

Reporter Agency  
All

Reporter Type  
All

Helpline Assessment Outcome  
All

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



A total of **99,623** child and young person concern reports were received in the October to December 2019 quarter. Of these concern reports reported in the quarter,

- **58.7%** met the risk of significant harm (ROSH) threshold,
- **32.2%** were assessed as not meeting the ROSH threshold, and
- **9.1%** were classified as other.



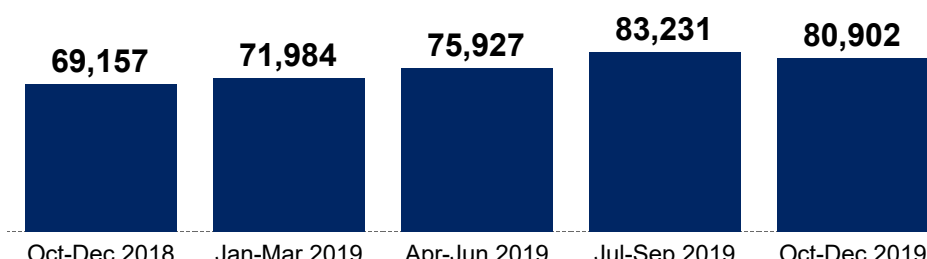
What were the **primary Helpline assessed issues** reported from **mandatory reporter** agencies?

Reporter Agency  
All

Reporter Type  
All

Primary Helpline Assessed Issue  
All

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



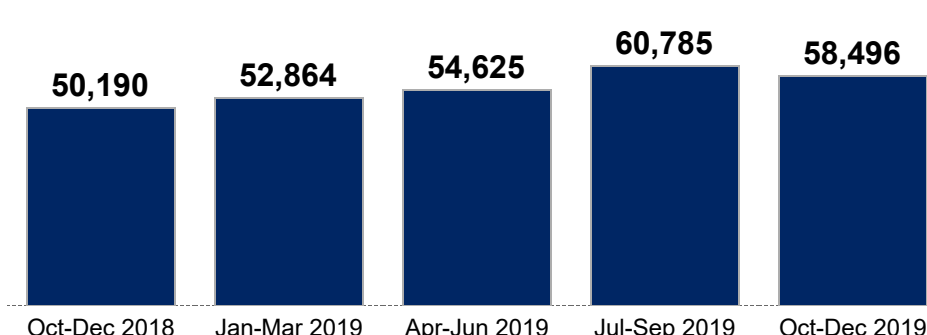
The **DCJ Child Protection Helpline** received **80,902** child and young person concern reports in the October to December 2019 quarter.



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

Primary Helpline Assessed Issue  
All

Chart 3: **ROSH reports** by primary reported issue



There were **58,496** ROSH reports in the October to December 2019 quarter. This is equivalent to a decrease of **3.8%** from the previous quarter.



Compared with the same quarter last year of **50,190**, this represents a growth of **16.5%**.



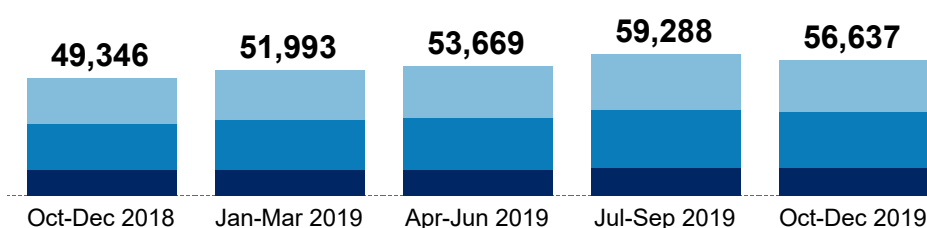
Determining a response time for **ROSH reports** from mandatory and non-mandatory reporters

Reporter Agency  
All

Reporter Type  
All

Response Priority\*  
All

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



Of the 58,496 ROSH reports reported to the DCJ Child Protection Helpline in this quarter,

- 11,263** reports were classified as requiring a response in 24 hours
- 23,334** reports were classified as requiring a response in 72 hours
- 22,040** reports were classified as requiring a response in 10 days.

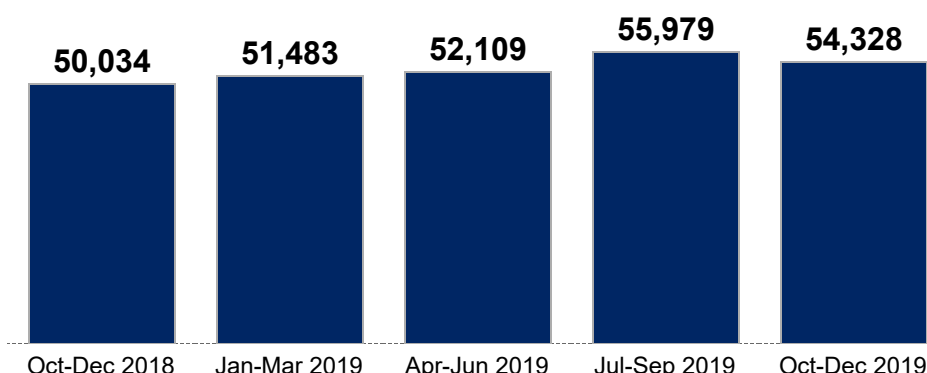
Legend: ■ < 10 days ■ < 72 hours ■ < 24 hours

\* This excludes other/NA response priorities.



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

Chart 5: **Children and young people** involved in concern reports



There were **54,328** children and young people involved in concern reports in the October to December 2019 quarter, a decrease of **2.9%** from the previous quarter.



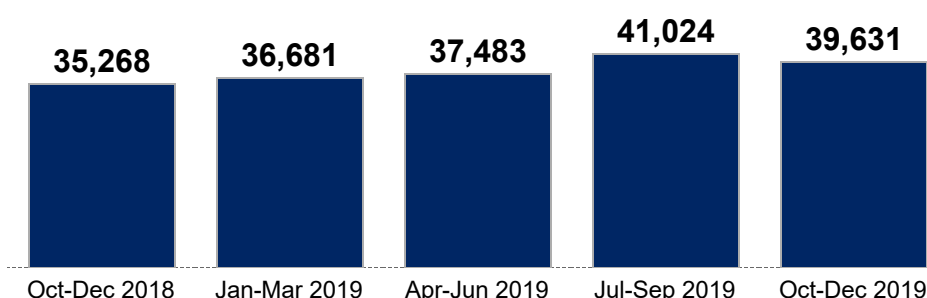
Compared with the same quarter last year of **50,034**, this is an increase of **8.6%**.



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

Aboriginality  
(All)

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



A total of **39,631** children and young people involved in ROSH reports in the October to December 2019 quarter. This translates to a decline of **3.4%** from the previous quarter.



When compared with the same quarter in the previous year of **35,268**, this is an increase of **12.4%** or **4,363** children and young people.

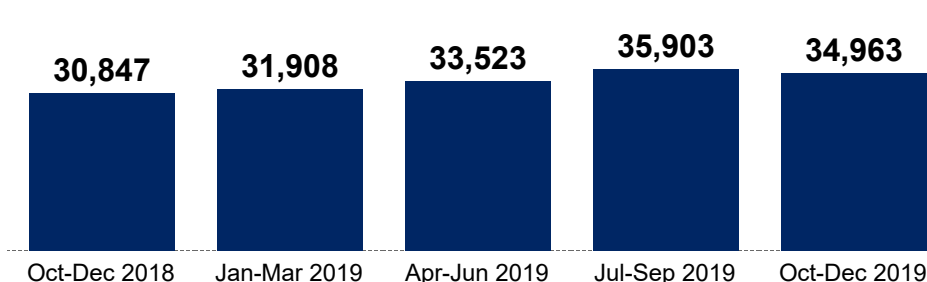


Child and young person **contacts** by mandatory reporters to the DCJ Child Protection Helpline

Reporter Agency  
All

Reporter Type  
All

Chart 7: Child and young person concern **contacts** by mandatory reporters



The **DCJ Child Protection Helpline** received **34,963** child and young person contacts in the October to December 2019 quarter. This represents a decrease of **2.6%** or **940** contacts, when compared with the previous quarter. Compared with the same quarter last year of **30,847**, this is an increase of **13.3%** or **4,116** contacts.

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## Keeping children and young people safe

### Children and young people entering care during the quarter

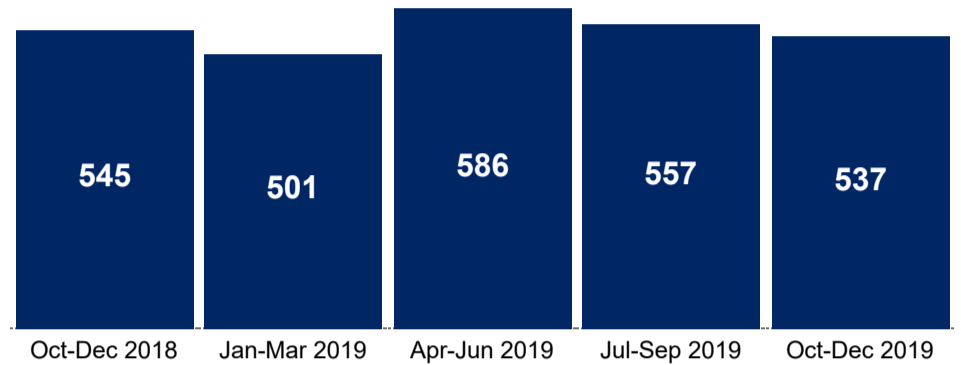


A total of **537** children and young people entered OOHC<sup>7</sup> in the October to December 2019 quarter. This represents a reduction of **3.6%** or **20** children and young people, when compared with the previous quarter.

When compared with the same quarter last year of **545** children and young people entering care, this is a decrease of **1.5%** or **8** children and young people.

Age at entry  
All

Chart 1: Children and young people entering OOHC<sup>7</sup> by age at entry



### How many children and young people exited OOHC<sup>7</sup> during the quarter?

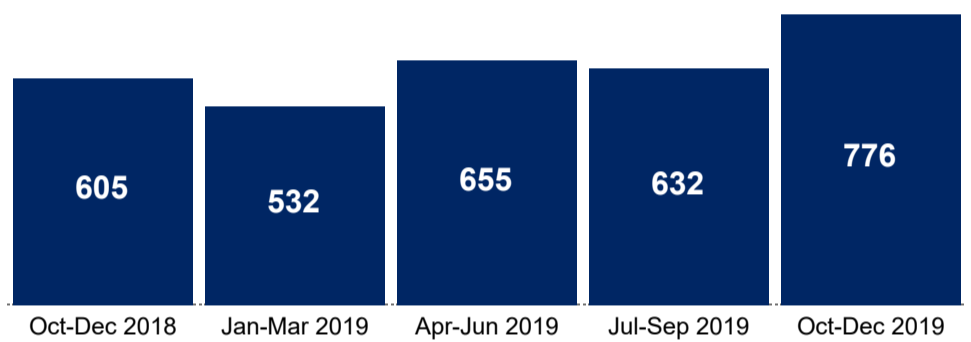


There were **776** children and young people exiting OOHC<sup>7</sup> in the October to December 2019 quarter. This is an increase of **22.8%** or **144** children and young people from the previous quarter.

Compared with the same quarter last year of **605** children and young people exiting OOHC<sup>7</sup>, this is an increase of **28.3%** or **171** children and young people.

Age at exit  
All

Chart 2: Children and young people exiting OOHC<sup>7</sup> by age at exit



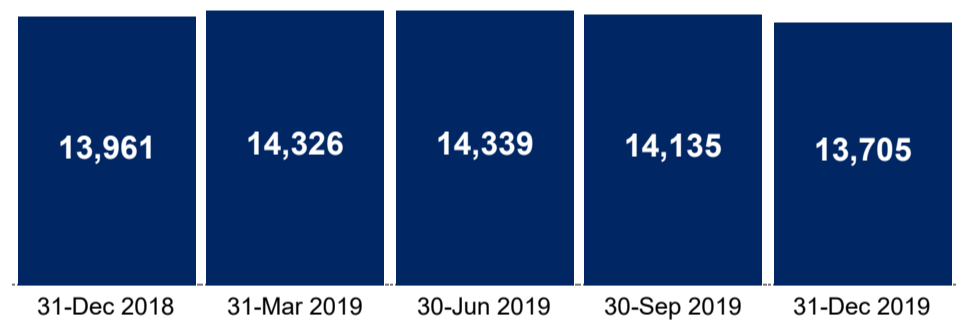
### Children and young people in need of care and protection by placement provider

There were **13,705** children and young people in statutory OOHC<sup>7</sup> at 31 December 2019. Of these 13,705 children, **41.4%** or **5,668** were Aboriginal children and young people.

Aboriginality  
All

Placement provider  
All

Chart 3: Children and young people in statutory OOHC<sup>7</sup> by Aboriginality and placement provider at quarter end



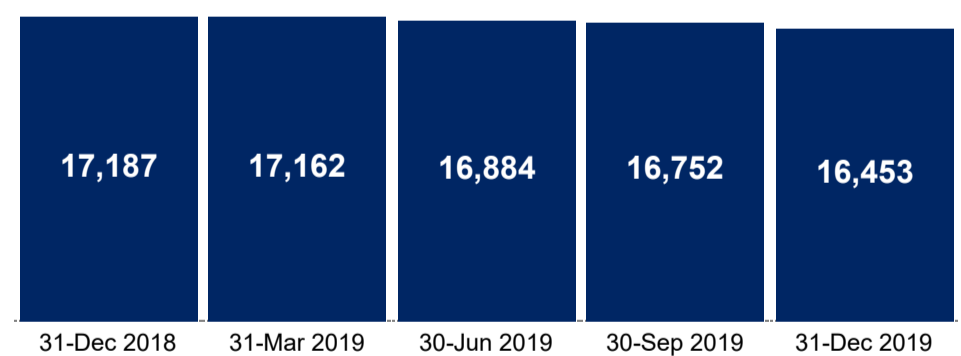
### Placement of children and young people in need of care and protection



At 31 December 2019, a total of **16,453** children and young people were in OOHC<sup>7</sup>. This means a decrease of **4.3%**, when compared with **17,187** reported at the same quarter end last year.

Placement Type  
All

Chart 4: Children and young people in OOHC<sup>7</sup> by placement type at quarter end



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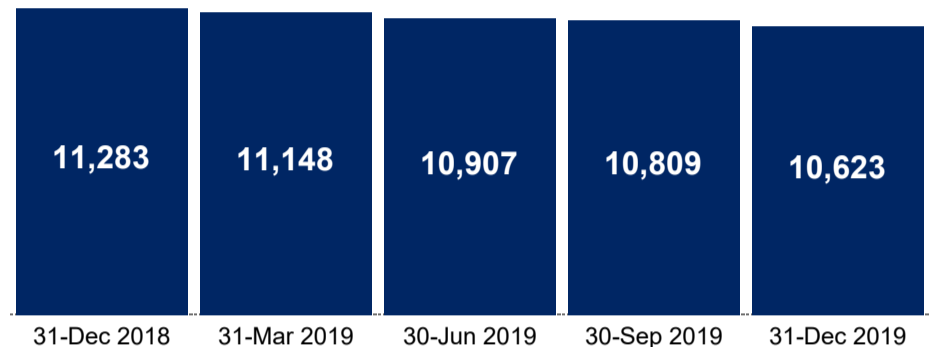
## Stable and nurturing environments for children and young people

### Better placements and matching for children and young people in care

At 31 December 2019, there were **10,623** children and young people in OOHC with fewer than three placements.

This is equivalent to a decrease of **1.7%** or **186** children and young people from the end of the previous quarter.

Chart 1: Children and young people in OOHC<sup>7</sup> with fewer than three placements at quarter end



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

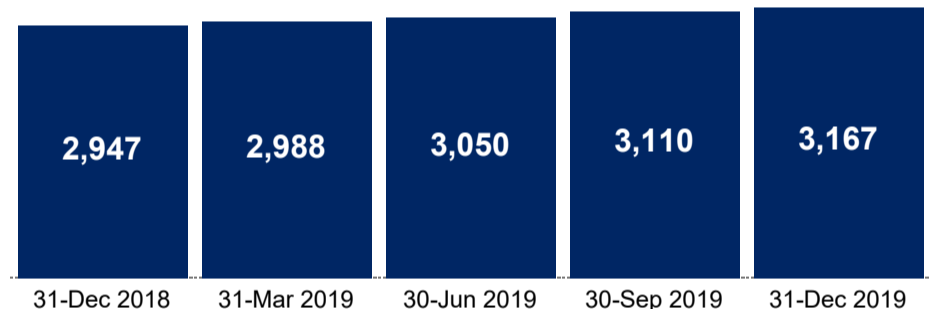
A total of **3,167** children and young people were on Guardianship Orders at 31 December 2019.

This is equivalent to an increase of **1.8%** or **57** children and young people from the end of the previous quarter.

Age group  
All

Aboriginality  
All children and young people

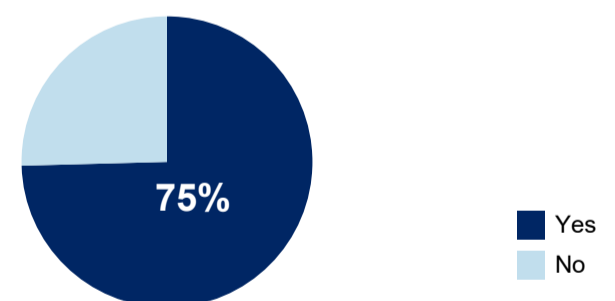
Chart 2: Number of children and young people on Guardianship Orders by Aboriginality and age group



### Placement of Aboriginal children and young people with extended family

At 31 December 2019, **75%** of Aboriginal children and young people in care were placed with a relative or an Aboriginal carer.

Chart 3: Aboriginal children and young people in OOHC<sup>7</sup> placed with a relative or an Aboriginal carer - 31 December 2019



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