

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 2018 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 30,870 contacts in the quarter. This is equal to a rise of 26.9 per cent from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year, there was a drop of 9.0 per cent.
- These contacts equated to 84,117 **child and young person concern reports** for this quarter.

- **Mandatory reporters** accounted for 80.1 per cent or 67,418 of all concern reports in this quarter.
- The number of **children and young people involved in concern reports** was 49,145 in the quarter. This is equal to an increase of 22.3 per cent from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 42,746 children and young people, the increase was 15.0 per cent.
- The number of **Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) reports** was 47,449 in the quarter. This is equal to an increase of 25.7 per cent from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 39,978 ROSH reports, there was an increase of 18.7 per cent.
- For all **ROSH reports**, 21.6 per cent or 10,240 were classified as requiring a response in less than 24 hours, 37.9 per cent or 18,005 were classified as requiring a response in less than 72 hours, and 39.6 per cent or 18,804 were classified as requiring a response in less than 10 days.
- The number of children and young people involved in **ROSH reports** was 34,153 in the quarter. This is equal to an increase of 21.1 per cent from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 29,443 children and young people, there was an increase of 16.0 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 11,303 at the quarter end. This is equal to a decrease of 0.1 per cent or 9 children and young people from the end of the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter end last year of 11,685 children and young people, there was a decrease of 382 children and young people or 3.3 per cent.
- The total number of **children and young people on guardianship orders** was 2,849 at the quarter end. This is equal to an increase of 1.8 per cent or 49 children and young people from the end of the last quarter.

Compared to the same quarter end last year of 2,663 children and young people, there was an increase of 186 children and young people on guardianship orders or 7.0 per cent.

- For 2,849 children and young people on guardianship orders as at 30 June 2018, 33.1 per cent or 944 were Aboriginal.
- 74.4 per cent of Aboriginal children and young people were placed with an Aboriginal carer as at 30 June 2018.

3. Keeping children and young people safe

- The number of **children and young people entering OoHC** was 554 in the quarter. This is equal to an increase of 6.9 per cent or 36 children from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 639 children and young people entering care, there was a decrease of 13.3 per cent or 85 children and young people.
- The number of **children and young people exiting OoHC** was 622 in the quarter. This is equal to an increase of 4 per cent from the last quarter. Compared to the same quarter last year of 732 children exiting OoHC, there was a decrease of 15 per cent.
- The number of **children and young people in statutory OoHC** was 13,935 as at 30 June 2018. Of these 13,935 children, 39.4 per cent were Aboriginal.
- The total number of **children and young people in OoHC** (which includes statutory plus other) was 17,387 as at 30 June 2018. This is equal to a decrease of 7.4 per cent from the same quarter end last year of 18,780. Of those 17,387 children in OoHC, 52.2 per cent were in relative or Aboriginal kinship care, 43.5 per cent were in foster care, 3.2 per cent were in residential care, and 1.1 per cent had other care arrangements.



Endnotes

Every effort has been made to ensure this document meets FACS Website Accessibility Policy. More information on the Policy can be found on the [FACS Website Accessibility Page](#). We continue to improve accessibility to let all users access our information easily.

To view key FACS Performance data, visit the [FACS Statistics Page](#).