

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,
- 34.2% were assessed as not meeting the ROSH threshhold, and
- 8.5% were classified as other.

Reporter Agency

Reporter Type

Helpline Assessment Outcome ΑII

Chart 1: Child and young person concern reports

	115,199		112,803		110,295		116,734				
	35,169		33,352		32,396		38,436		88,006		
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	70,467		69,836		68,783		67,892		50,467		
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	Jul-Sep 2020		Oct-Dec 2020		Jan-Mar 2021		Apr-Jun 2021		Jul-Sep 2021		
Meeting ROSH threshold Other											
	Not meeting ROSH threshold										
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What were the primary Helpline assessed issues reported from mandatory reporter agencies?

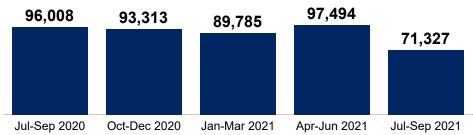
The DCJ Child Protection Helpline received 71,327 child and young person concern reports in the July to September 2021 quarter.

Reporter Type Reporter Agency ΑII

Primary Helpline Assessed Issue

ΑII

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





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

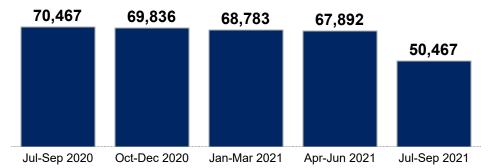
There were **50,467** ROSH reports in the July to September 2021 guarter. This is equivalent to a decrease of **25.7%** from the previous quarter.



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

Primary Helpline Assessed Issue

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





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.

< 10 days < 72 hours < 24 hours Reporter Agency

Reporter Type

Response Priority*

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

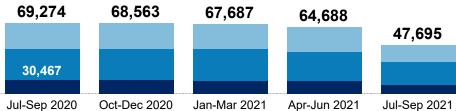


Chart 5: **Children and young people** involved in **concern**

reports

* This excludes other/NA response priorities.



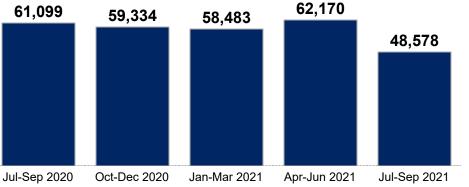
How many children and young people were involved in child and young person concern reports?

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%.

61,099 59,334 58,483





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

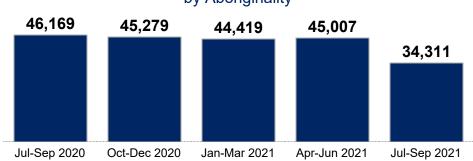
A total of **34,311** children and young people involved in ROSH reports in the July to September 2021 quarter. This translates to a decline of 23.8% from the previous quarter.

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.

Aboriginality

(All)

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



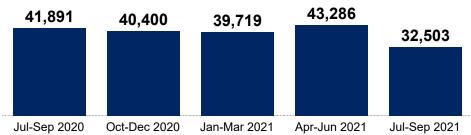


Child and young person **contacts** by mandatory reporters to the DCJ Child Protection Helpline

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.

Reporter Agency Reporter Type

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



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- 3. Data for Brighter Futures, Intensive Family Preservation and face-to-face assessments are not available after 2017-18.
- 4. Data for non-Aboriginal children and young people also include children and young people with the Aboriginality status not stated. 5. Small numbers (e.g., <5) have been suppressed to protect privacy and avoid client identification. 6. NP: Not published.



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Keeping children and young people safe

Children and young people entering care during the quarter

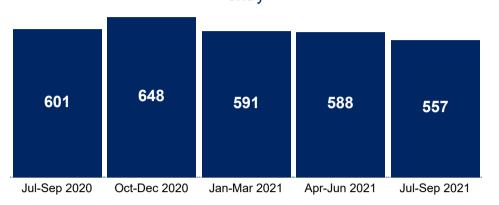


A total of **557** children and young people entered OOHC⁷ in the July to September 2021 quarter. This represents a reduction of **5.3%** or **31** children and young people, when compared with the previous quarter.

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.

Age at entry

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



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



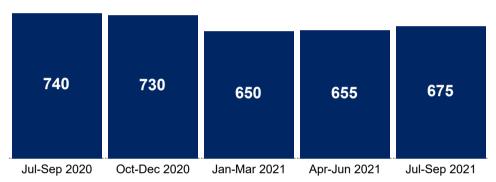
There were **675** children and young people exiting OOHC⁷ in the July to September 2021 quarter. This is an increase of **3.1%** or **20** children and young people from the previous quarter.

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.

Age at exit

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



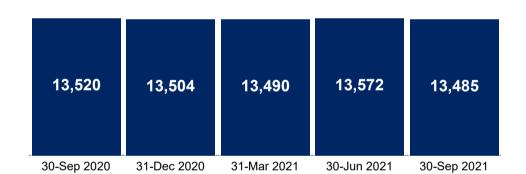
Children and young people in need of care and protection by case management responsibility

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.

Aboriginality All

Case management responsibility

Chart 3: Children and young people in statutory OOHC⁷ by



Aboriginality and case management responsibility* at quarter

end

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



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.

Placement Type

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



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^{*} 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.



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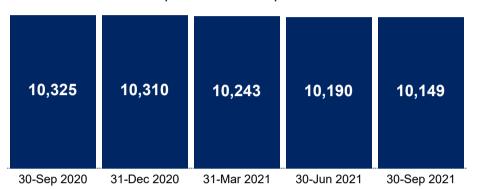
Stable and nurturing environments for children and young people

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



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

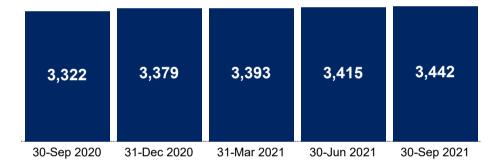
A total of **3,442** children and young people were on Guardianship Orders at 30 September 2021.

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

Age group

AboriginalityAll children and young people

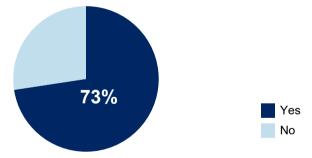
Chart 2: Number of children and young people on Guardianship
Orders by Aboriginalty and age group



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.

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



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