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Responding to child and young person concern reports



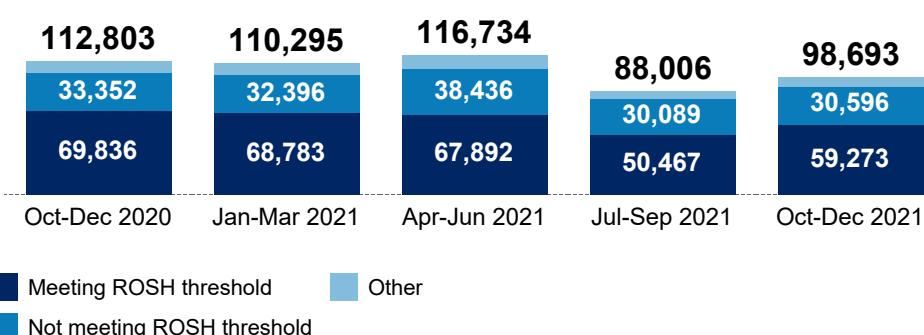
Child and young person concern reports received from reporter agencies and how these reports were classified

Reporter Agency
All

Reporter Type
All

Helpline Assessment Outcome
All

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



A total of **98,693** child and young person concern reports were received in the October to December 2021 quarter. Of these concern reports reported in the quarter,

- **60.1%** met the risk of significant harm (ROSH) threshold,
- **31.0%** were assessed as not meeting the ROSH threshold, and
- **8.9%** were classified as other.



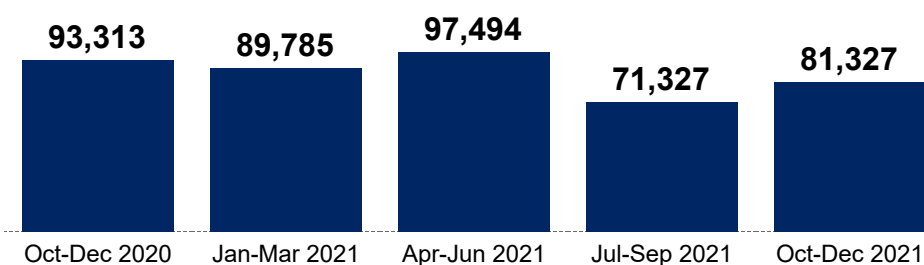
What were the **primary Helpline assessed issues** reported from **mandatory reporter** agencies?

Reporter Agency
All

Reporter Type
All

Primary Helpline Assessed Issue
All

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



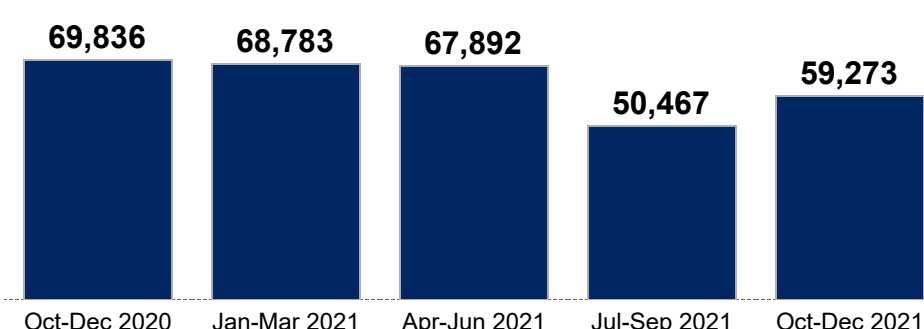
The **DCJ Child Protection Helpline** received **81,327** child and young person concern reports in the October to December 2021 quarter.



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 Helpline assessed issue



There were **59,273** ROSH reports in the October to December 2021 quarter. This is equivalent to an increase of **17.4%** from the previous quarter.



Compared with the same quarter last year of **69,836**, this represents a decline of **15.1%**.



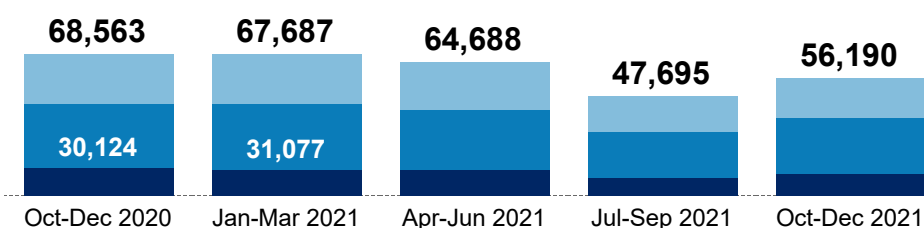
Determining a response time for **ROSH reports** from mandatory and non-mandatory reporters

Reporter Agency
All

Reporter Type
All

Response Priority*
All

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



Of the 59,273 ROSH reports reported to the DCJ Child Protection Helpline in this quarter,

- 10,477** reports were classified as requiring a response in 24 hours
- 26,755** reports were classified as requiring a response in 72 hours
- 18,958** reports were classified as requiring a response in 10 days.

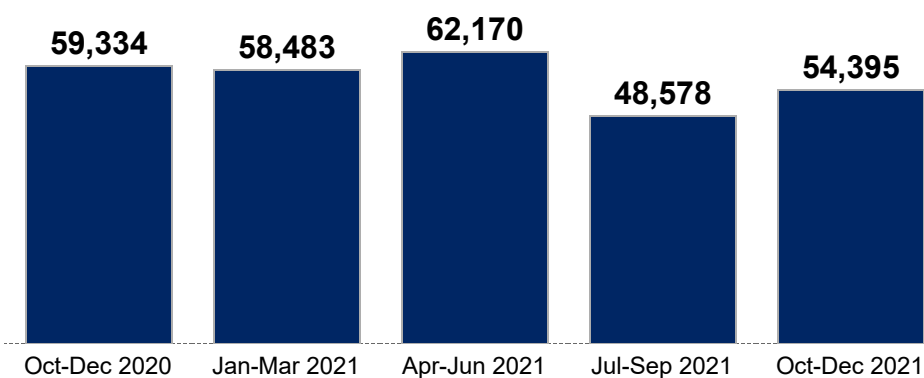
■ < 10 days ■ < 72 hours ■ < 24 hours

* 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 **54,395** children and young people involved in concern reports in the October to December 2021 quarter, an increase of **12.0%** from the previous quarter.



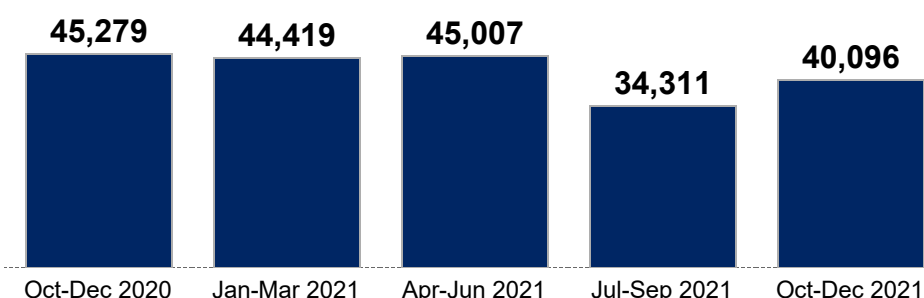
Compared with the same quarter last year of **59,334**, this is a decrease of **8.3%**.



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 **40,096** children and young people involved in ROSH reports in the October to December 2021 quarter. This represents a rise of **16.9%** from the previous quarter.



When compared with the same quarter in the previous year of **45,279**, this is a decrease of **11.4%** or **5,183** children and young people.

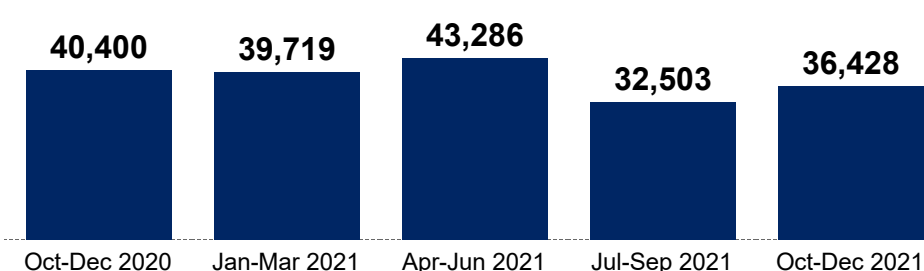


Child and young person **contacts** by mandatory reporters to the DCJ Child Protection Helpline

Reporter Agency
All

Reporter Type
All

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



The **DCJ Child Protection Helpline** received **36,428** child and young person contacts in the October to December 2021 quarter. This represents an increase of **12.1%** or **3,925** contacts, when compared with the previous quarter. Compared with the same quarter last year of **40,400**, this is a decrease of **9.8%** or **3,972** contacts.

Note:
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Keeping children and young people safe

Children and young people entering care during the quarter

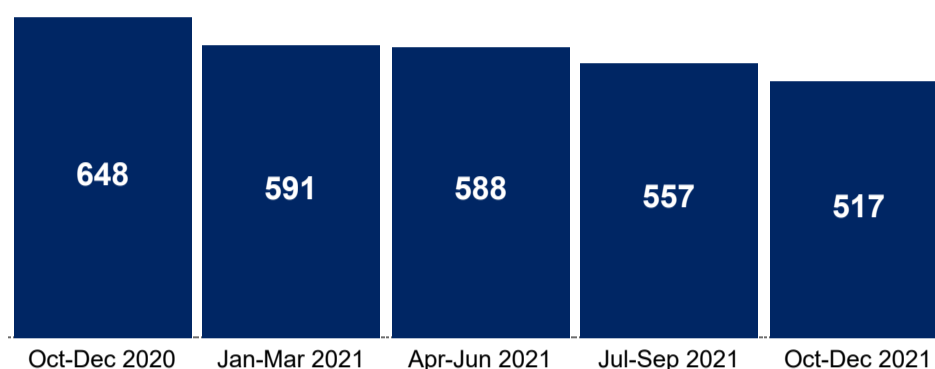


A total of **517** children and young people entered OOHC⁷ in the October to December 2021 quarter. This represents a reduction of **7.2%** or **40** children and young people, when compared with the previous quarter.

When compared with the same quarter last year of **648** children and young people entering care, this is a decrease of **20.2%** or **131** children and young people.

Age at entry
All

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



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

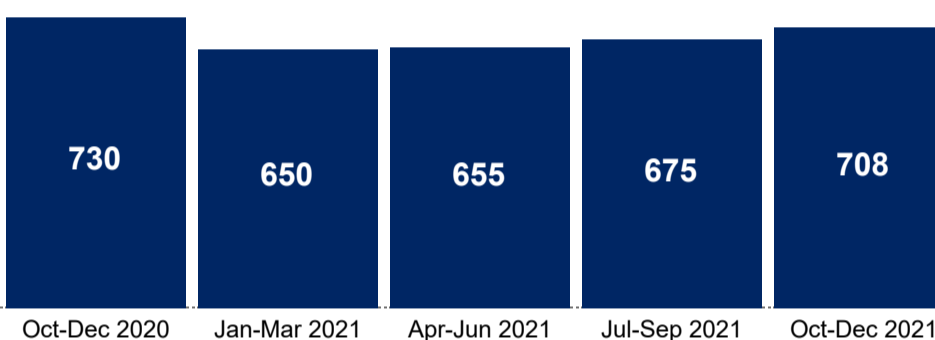


There were **708** children and young people exiting OOHC⁷ in the October to December 2021 quarter. This is an increase of **4.9%** or **33** children and young people from the previous quarter.

Compared with the same quarter last year of **730** children and young people exiting OOHC⁷, this is a decrease of **3.0%** or **22** children and young people.

Age at exit
All

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

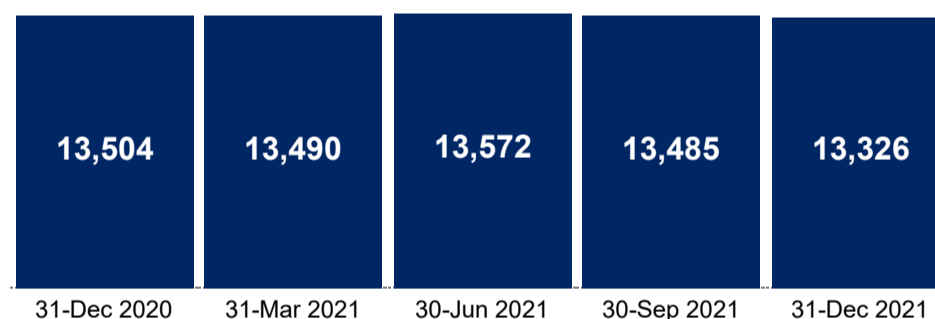
There were **13,326** children and young people in statutory OOHC⁷ at 31 December 2021. Of these 13,326 children, **44.8%** or **5,975** were Aboriginal children and young people.

* 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.

Aboriginality
All

Case management responsibility
All

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



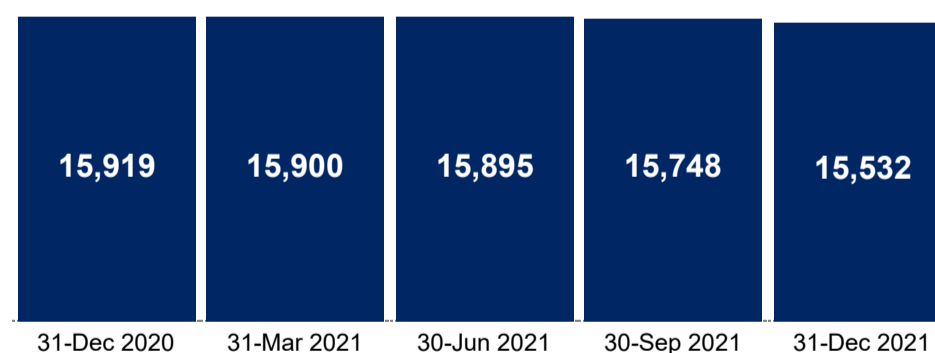
Placement of children and young people in need of care and protection



At 31 December 2021, a total of **15,532** children and young people were in OOHC⁷. This means a decrease of **2.4%**, when compared with **15,919** reported at the same quarter end last year.

Placement Type
All

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



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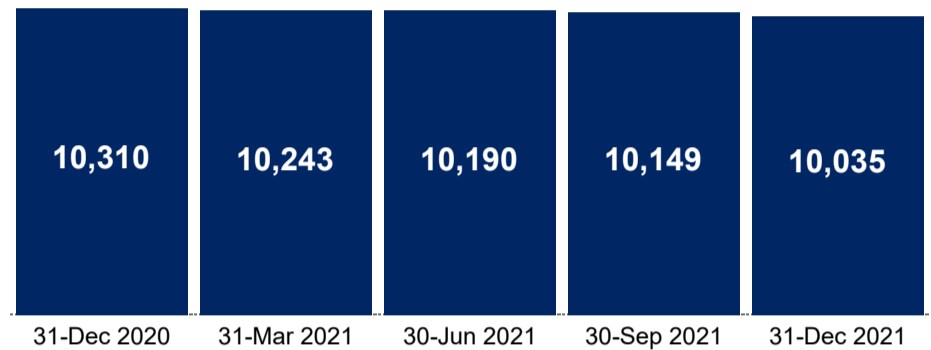
Stable and nurturing environments for children and young people

Better placements and matching for children and young people in care

At 31 December 2021, there were **10,035** children and young people in OOHC with fewer than three placements.

This is equivalent to a decrease of **1.1%** or **114** children and young people from the end 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

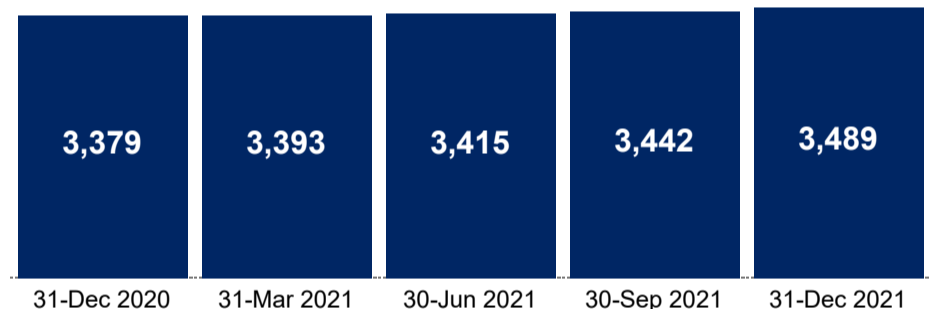
A total of **3,489** children and young people were on Guardianship Orders at 31 December 2021.

This is equivalent to an increase of **1.4%** or **47** children and young people from the end of the previous quarter.

Age group
All

Aboriginality
All children and young people

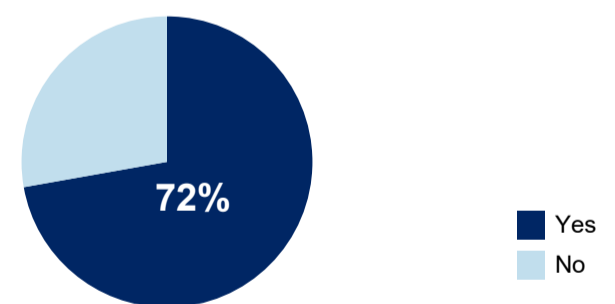
Chart 2: Number of children and young people on Guardianship Orders by Aboriginality and age group



Placement of Aboriginal children and young people with extended family

At 31 December 2021, **72%** 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 - 31 December 2021



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