Deaths of Children, Youth or Young Adults Receiving Child Intervention Services April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2019

The Ministry of Children's Services is committed to publicly report deaths of children that occurred while the children were receiving Child Intervention services.

By Type of Intervention											
Type of Intervention (see note below)	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019	
In Care	11	13	11	10	8	10	6	8	7	9	
Not In Care	9	9	7	7	13	20	13	16	18	17	
Over 18 and Receiving Support and Financial											
Assistance (SFA)	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	2	8	7	
Total	21	23	19	18	24	33	22	26	33	33	

• In Care refers to children who have been placed outside of their home on a temporary or permanent basis. These children may be placed in: kinship homes, foster homes, group homes or treatment facilities.

• Not In Care refers to children who remain at home while the family receives services to resolve matters of concern.

• Support and Financial Assistance (SFA) agreements are available to young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 who were previously involved in Child Intervention, to help support them in fully reaching their independence.

By Manner of Death											
Manner of Death	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019	
Accidental	3	4	1	3	2	5	4	7	9	8	
Homicide	3	4	2	1	1	1	5	0	2	0	
Natural	8	9	9	5	6	4	1	4	3	2	
Pending	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	8	10	
Suicide	2	1	0	4	4	7	4	3	3	6	
Unclassified**	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	
Undetermined	4	5	7	3	7	5	4	2	1	2	
Death not investigated by the OCME	1	0	0	1	4	7	3	6	5	5	
Death occurred outside of Alberta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	
Total	21	23	19	18	24	33	22	26	33	33	

• The Manner of Death (MOD) is determined by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) in most circumstances. In some cases, such as when a child dies in hospital while under the care of medical professionals, an attending physician may determine the manner of death as natural, and no further review is required by the OCME. In these cases, the death is classified as "Death not investigated by the OCME." Further, the OCME is unable to investigate deaths that occur outside of Alberta and a confirmed manner of death may not be provided by the other jurisdiction.

** Prior to January 1, 2016, this term was used to classify deaths due to drug toxicity that were not clearly accidental, homicidal or suicidal. As of January 1, 2016, this term is used only for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) deaths.

By Racial Status											
Racial Status	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019	
Indigenous	15	14	10	12	15	20	12	14	15	19	
Non-Indigenous	6	9	9	6	9	13	10	12	18	14	
Total	21	23	19	18	24	33	22	26	33	33	

By Gender											
Gender	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019	
Female	6	13	12	5	14	17	9	10	14	16	
Male	15	10	7	13	10	16	13	16	19	17	
Total	21	23	19	18	24	33	22	26	33	33	

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By Age	Grou	р
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Age Group	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019
0-5	12	16	13	9	13	17	8	13	16	14
6-12	2	1	3	2	4	1	0	3	0	1
13-15	3	4	1	3	2	7	7	3	3	4
16-17	3	1	1	3	2	5	4	5	6	7
18+	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	2	8	7
Total	21	23	19	18	24	33	22	26	33	33