

Deaths of Children Known to Human Services

January 1, 1999 to September 30, 2013

275,000 unique children were served by the Ministry between January 1, 1999 and September 30, 2013

Type of Involvement	Children with No Prior Involvement	Children with No Open File at the Time of Death				Children with an Open File at the Time of Death	
		File Closed at Time of Death - child had prior involvement	Over 18 At Time of Death	Investigation - began because of illness or injury that led to death	Investigation - in progress	Open File - child with parents	In Care
Description	<p>Children in this category never had any involvement with child intervention.</p> <p><i>Examples:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a sibling of children with active or previous involvement - a child of a parent who themselves had involvement as a child. 	<p>Children in this category did not have active involvement with child intervention, but at some point in their lifetime had an open file or investigation.</p> <p><i>Example: The Ministry was notified about the death of a child whose file was closed five years prior.</i></p>	<p>Young people in this category had prior involvement with child intervention.</p> <p><i>Examples:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - were with child intervention prior to their 18th birthday through an open file or investigation - had an active Support and Financial Assistance agreement (supports available for children previously in care aged 18 to 22). 	<p>Children in this category had an investigation initiated in direct response to the injury/illness that led to their death.</p> <p><i>Example: Call received from hospital that child arrived with a fatal injury.</i></p>	<p>Children in this category had an investigation ongoing at the time of their death.</p> <p><i>Example: A report about concerns for a child was received, work was underway to assess the needs of the child and the child died during this time.</i></p>	<p>Children in this category were receiving supports and services while living at home.</p> <p><i>Example: The child's safety and well-being were being addressed through services such as counselling, parent aid and addiction support. The child passed away while the family was receiving these services.</i></p>	<p>Children in this category were legally in the care of the province at the time of their death.</p> <p>Children in care are generally placed with foster parents, extended family or in group care.</p>
Total	66	291	50	60	41	84	149*

* Records about the deaths of **145** children in care between January 1, 1999 and June 7, 2013 were previously provided to the media. **Four** children died in care between June 7, 2013 and September 30, 2013.