

Child Intervention Information and Statistics Summary

2020/21 Second Quarter (September) Update

Initial Assessment	Not In Care	In Care	Post-Intervention Supports
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- All child intervention statistics for the second quarter (Q2) of 2020/21 reflect data as of September 2020, unless otherwise stated.
- Percentage changes reflect the current year-to-date (YTD) average over the previous YTD average.
- All initial assessment numbers and preliminary permanency statistics are subject to change due to late entry.

Table 1: Number of Intakes Started¹

During intake, Children's Services reviews a report or referral to determine if the concern meets the legal definitions for involvement outlined in the [Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act](#) and, if so, assesses whether intervention services are needed.

Monthly Average	Jun 2020	Apr – Jun 2019/20	Apr – Jun 2020/21	% Change from 2019/20
Regions	2,995	4,388	2,795	-36%
DFNAs	270	303	249	-18%
Intakes Started	3,265	4,691	3,044	-35%

¹ Previous quarterly statistics report *Intakes Completed* compared to *Intakes Started*. This change to methodology was made to better align with service delivery operational needs. The number of **Intakes Started** is a monthly average, and reflects data as of June 2020.


 In June 2020, **3,265 Intakes** were started across Alberta. There has been a **35% decrease** from 2019/20 (April – June) to 2020/21 (April – June).

Table 2: Child Intervention Service Delivery

Child intervention services are delivered in five Regions and through 17 Delegated First Nation Agencies (DFNAs).

Monthly Average	Sept 2020	Apr – Sept 2019/20	Apr – Sept 2020/21	% Change from 2019/20
Regions	8,690	9,137	8,765	-4%
DFNAs	1,921	1,917	1,919	+<1%
Total Child Intervention	10,611	11,054	10,684	-3%



In September 2020, **82% of children and youth** receiving child intervention services were served by Children's Services Regions.

Table 3: Child Intervention Caseload and Legal Statuses

Monthly Average	Sept 2020	Apr – Sept 2019/20	Apr – Sept 2020/21	% Change from 2019/20
Total Not in Care	2,411	3,112	2,518	-19%
<i>Temporary Care</i>	2,621	2,740	2,710	-1%
<i>Permanent Care</i>	5,579	5,202	5,456	+5%
Total In Care	8,200	7,942	8,166	+3%
Total Child Intervention	10,611	11,054	10,684	-3%



In September 2020, there were **10,611 children and youth** receiving child intervention services. Of those, **8,200 children and youth** received services in care, while **2,411 children and youth** received services at home (not in care).



The number of children and youth receiving child intervention services **decreased by 3%** from Q2 2019/20 (April – September) to Q2 2020/21 (April – September).

Table 4: Child Intervention Caseload: Indigenous/Non-Indigenous

Monthly Average	Sept 2020	Apr – Sept 2019/20	Apr – Sept 2020/21	% Change from 2019/20
Indigenous	6,794	6,797	6,793	<-1%
Non-Indigenous	3,817	4,257	3,891	-9%
Total Child Intervention	10,611	11,054	10,684	-3%
% of Indigenous children in child intervention	64%	61%	64%	+3%



In September 2020, **64% of children and youth** receiving child intervention services were Indigenous. There has been a **3% increase** in the proportion of Indigenous children and youth receiving intervention services from Q2 2019/20 (April – September) to Q2 2020/21 (April – September).

Table 5: Indigenous Children in Care

Monthly Average	Sept 2020	Apr – Sept 2019/20	Apr – Sept 2020/21	% Change from 2019/20
Indigenous	5,791	5,460	5,749	+5%
Non-Indigenous	2,409	2,482	2,417	-3%
Total In Care	8,200	7,942	8,166	+3%
% of Children In Care who are Indigenous	71%	69%	70%	+1%



In September 2020, **71% of children and youth** receiving services in care were Indigenous. The proportion of Indigenous children in care **increased by 1%** from Q2 2019/20 (April – September) to Q2 2020/21 (April – September).



Indigenous children make up approximately **10%** of the child population (ages 0-17) in Alberta.*

* Source: Statistics Canada 2016 Census Data Table 98-400-X2016155. Data release October 25, 2017. Estimates are based on 2016 Stats Canada Census reporting for total children ages 0 to 14 plus 60% of the total youth ages 15 to 19, resulting in estimated proportions of children and youth in Alberta as 9.76% Indigenous and 90.24% Non-Indigenous. These proportions were applied to the population estimates displayed in Table 1. These are estimates only and may not completely account for undercovered/incompletely enumerated areas.

Table 6: Child Intervention Placement Distribution¹

A variety of placement options are available for each child or youth, depending on their situation. More information on placement options is available at [Alberta.ca](https://www.alberta.ca).

Monthly Average	Sept 2020	Apr – Sept 2019/20	Apr – Sept 2020/21	% Change from 2019/20
At Home ²	2,490	3,022	2,537	-16%
Independent Living ³	278	280	281	+<1%
Other Community Resources ⁴	245	372	291	-21%
At Home / Community Total	3,013	3,674	3,109	-15%
Kinship Care	3,185	2,884	3,138	+9%
Foster Care	3,417	3,509	3,457	-1%
Permanency Placements ⁵	182	211	169	-20%
Caregiver Placements Total	6,784	6,604	6,764	+2%
Community Group Care ⁶	614	518	600	+16%
Campus-Based Care ⁷	129	193	144	-25%
Personalized Community Care ⁸	46	37	44	+19%
Other Facility-Based Placements ⁹	25	28	23	-18%
Facility Placements Total	814	776	811	+5%
All Placement Types	10,611	11,054	10,684	-3%

¹ Previous quarterly statistics report In Care Placement Distribution compared to Child Intervention Placement Distribution. This change to methodology was made to better align with service delivery operational needs.

² At Home includes children receiving services in parental care or with relatives or community members.

³ Independent Living includes Supported Independent Living Placements.

⁴ Other Community Resources include placements related to a child's health needs, in a Y.C.J.A Facility or those awaiting a placement.


⁵ Permanency Placements refer to the child's placement in their permanent home prior to the granting of an Adoption or Private Guardianship Order.

⁶ Community Group Care are placements previously referred to as Group Care.

⁷ Campus-Based Care are placements previously referred to as Treatment Care.

⁸ Personalized Community Care are placements previously referred to as Specialized Placements are developed for children and youth with specialized needs.

⁹ Other Facility-Based Placements include Secure Services placements used to stabilize and reduce danger for a child as well as other Child Intervention placements such as in a PSECA Facility.



In September 2020, the most common placement types for children and youth were Foster and Kinship Care: **32%** of children and youth were placed in **Foster Care**; and **30%** of children and youth were placed in **Kinship Care**.

From Q2 2019/20 (April – September) to Q2 2020/21 (April – September), the number of children and youth in **Kinship Care increased by 9%**, while the number of children and youth in **Permanency Placements decreased by 20%**.

Table 7: Supports for Permanency (SFP) Program

The [Supports for Permanency \(SFP\) program](#) provides financial support to families who adopt or obtain private guardianship of children under the age of 18 years in permanent government care.

Monthly Average	Sept 2020	Apr – Sept 2019/20	Apr – Sept 2020/21	% Change from 2019/20
Regions	4,458	4,469	4,451	<-1%
DFNAs	289	318	277	-13%
Province	4,747	4,787	4,728	-1%



In September 2020, there were **4,747 families** accessing the SFP Program. There has been a **1% decrease** from Q2 2019/20 (April – September) to Q2 2020/21 (April – September).

Table 8: Support and Financial Assistance (SFA) Agreements

[Support and Financial Assistance Agreements](#) for young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 to help them create a lifelong network of relationships to support them into adulthood and beyond.

Monthly Average	Sept 2020	Apr – Sept 2019/20	Apr – Sept 2020/21	% Change from 2019/20
Regions	1,908	1,922	1,902	-1%
DFNAs	234	235	224	-5%
Province	2,142	2,157	2,126	-1%




In September 2020, **2,142 young adults** had an active SFA Agreement. There has been a **1% decrease** from Q2 2019/20 (April – September) to Q2 2020/21 (April – September).

Table 9: Advancing Futures

[Advancing Futures](#) is a transitional support program for current and former youth in government care aged 18 to 24. The program provides social and emotional supports and funding to eligible students while they pursue post-secondary studies.

Distinct Count	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	% Change from 2018/19
# of Approved Students	730	792	883	+11%
% of youth who completed their studies	81%	85%	88%	+3%

 In 2019/20, **883 students** were enrolled in the following program types:

- Diploma (**32%**)
- Degree (**28%**)
- Certificate/Trade (**23%**)
- Upgrading (**17%**)


 Since the inception of the program in January 2004, over **2,889 students** have accessed the program and over **1,275 students** have graduated with a certificate, trade, diploma or degree.

Table 10: Permanency Outcomes

Distinct Count	2018/19 (Preliminary)	2019/20 (Preliminary)	Apr – Sept 2020/21 (Preliminary)
Family Preservations	3,777	3,543	1,496
Family Reunifications	1,163	1,118	427
Private Guardianships	180	175	49
Adoptions	249	211	73
All Permanency Outcomes	5,369	5,047	2,045


 In Q2 2020/21 (April – September), there were **1,496 Family Preservations** and **427 Family Reunifications**. There were **49 Private Guardianships** and **73 Adoptions** granted during the same period of time.

Table 11: Approved Foster and Kinship Homes

Distinct Count	2018/19	2019/20 ¹	As of September 15, 2020
Foster Homes	1,185	1,168	1,164
Agency Foster Homes	530	511	539
Kinship Homes	2,290	2,462	2,554
All Approved Homes	4,005	4,141	4,257

¹ As of April 2019, a fix was applied to more accurately report on provider statuses. As a result, additional 'approved' providers have been included in the results. The count of foster care home was most highly impacted.

 As of September 15, 2020, there were **1,703 approved and licensed Foster Homes** and an additional **2,554 approved Kinship Homes**.

Table 12: PSECA Caseload

Distinct Count	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Number of Distinct Children	176	166	127

The Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act (PCHIP) was introduced in February 1999. PCHIP was amended to PSECA in 2007.



 In 2019/20, **127 distinct children** were served through the [Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act \(PSECA\)](#). There has been a **decrease of 23%** since 2018/19.

Table 13: DECA Caseload

Distinct Count	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Number of Distinct Children	5	2	0

DECA was introduced in November 2006.

 In 2019/20, **no children** were apprehended under the [Drug Endangered Children Act \(DECA\)](#).