

# Child Intervention Information and Statistics Summary

## Child Intervention Information and Statistics – 2022-23 Third Quarter (December) Update

- All child intervention statistics for the third quarter (Q3) of 2022-23 reflect data as of December 2022, 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 STARTED**

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	September 2022	Apr - Sep 2021-22	Apr - Sep 2022-23	% Change from 2021-22
Regions	1,482	2,331	1,568	-33%
DFNAs	228	273	234	-14%
<b>Intakes Started</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>2,604</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>-31%</b>

In September 2022, **1,710 Intakes** were started across Alberta. There has been a **31% decrease** from 2021-22 (April - September) to 2022-23 (April - September).

**TABLE 2: CHILD INTERVENTION SERVICE DELIVERY**

Child intervention services are delivered in five Regions and through 19 Delegated First Nation Agencies (DFNAs).

Monthly Average	December 2022	Apr - Dec 2021-22	Apr - Dec 2022-23	% Change from 2021-22
Regions	7,434	8,134	7,527	-7%
DFNAs	2,017	2,033	2,039	+<1%
<b>Total Child Intervention</b>	<b>9,451</b>	<b>10,167</b>	<b>9,566</b>	<b>-6%</b>

In December 2022, **79% 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	December 2022	Apr - Dec 2021-22	Apr - Dec 2022-23	% Change from 2021-22
Total Not In Care	1,626	2,045	1,694	-17%
<i>Temporary Care</i>	2,239	2,444	2,258	-8%
<i>Permanent Care</i>	5,586	5,678	5,614	-1%
Total In Care	7,825	8,122	7,872	-3%
<b>Total Child Intervention</b>	<b>9,451</b>	<b>10,167</b>	<b>9,566</b>	<b>-6%</b>

In December 2022, there were **9,451 children and youth** receiving child intervention services. Of those, **7,825 children and youth** received services in care, while **1,626 children and youth** received services at home (not in care).

The number of children and youth receiving child intervention services **decreased by 6%** from Q3 2021-22 (April - December) to Q3 2022-23 (April - December).

**TABLE 4: CHILD INTERVENTION CASELOAD: INDIGENOUS/NON-INDIGENOUS**

Monthly Average	December 2022	Apr - Dec 2021-22	Apr - Dec 2022-23	% Change from 2021-22
Indigenous	6,612	6,803	6,608	-3%
Non-Indigenous	2,839	3,364	2,958	-12%
<b>Total Child Intervention</b>	<b>9,451</b>	<b>10,167</b>	<b>9,566</b>	<b>-6%</b>
% of Indigenous children in child intervention	70%	67%	69%	+2%

In December 2022, **70% of children and youth** receiving child intervention services were Indigenous. There has been a **2% increase** in the proportion of Indigenous children and youth receiving intervention services from Q3 2021-22 (April - December) to Q3 2022-23 (April - December).

**TABLE 5: INDIGENOUS CHILDREN IN CARE**

Monthly Average	December 2022	Apr - Dec 2021-22	Apr - Dec 2022-23	% Change from 2021-22
Indigenous	5,754	5,834	5,775	-1%
Non-Indigenous	2,071	2,288	2,097	-8%
<b>Total In Care</b>	<b>7,825</b>	<b>8,122</b>	<b>7,872</b>	<b>-3%</b>
% of Children In Care who are Indigenous	74%	72%	73%	+1%

In December 2022, **74% of children and youth** receiving services In Care were Indigenous. The proportion of Indigenous children In Care **increased by 1%** from Q3 2021-22 (April - December) to Q3 2022-23 (April - December).

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

\* Source: Statistics Canada 2021 Census Data Table 98-10-0265-01. Data release September 21, 2022. Estimates are based on 2021 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 9.84% Indigenous and 90.16% 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 DISTRIBUTION<sup>1</sup>**

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	December 2022	Apr - Dec 2021-22	Apr - Dec 2022-23	% Change from 2021-22
At Home <sup>1</sup>	1,828	2,214	1,920	-13%
Independent Living <sup>2</sup>	219	248	209	-16%
Other Community Resources <sup>3</sup>	168	177	192	+8%
At Home / Community Total	2,215	2,639	2,321	-12%
Kinship Care <sup>4</sup>	3,138	3,217	3,132	-3%
Foster Care <sup>5</sup>	3,090	3,312	3,118	-6%
Permanency Placements <sup>6</sup>	128	178	133	-25%
Caregiver Placements Total	6,356	6,707	6,383	-5%
Community Group Care <sup>7</sup>	656	622	636	+2%
Campus-Based Treatment <sup>8</sup>	140	139	151	+9%
Personalized Community Care <sup>9</sup>	62	43	57	+33%
Other Facility-Based Placements <sup>10</sup>	22	17	18	+6%
Facility Placements Total	880	821	862	+5%
<b>All Placement Types</b>	<b>9,451</b>	<b>10,167</b>	<b>9,566</b>	<b>-6%</b>

<sup>1</sup> At Home includes children receiving services in parental care or with relatives or community members but are not in government care.

<sup>2</sup> Independent Living includes youth living independently from their guardians.

<sup>3</sup> Other Community Resources include placements in facilities not licensed or maintained by Children's Services. These placement options include those managed by AHS, criminal justice system or other community partners.

<sup>4</sup> Kinship Care are placements with a formalized home-based caregiver who has a family relationship or other close tie or relationship with the child or the child's cultural community. These include kinship caregivers supported by a region or DFNA, through a contracted agency or located outside of Alberta.

<sup>5</sup> Foster Care are placements with a home-based service provider consisting of a family unit and parent model environment. The home is opened, managed and supported directly by the region, DFNA or through a contracted agency, and includes therapeutic foster care.

<sup>6</sup> Permanency Placements refer to the child's placement in their permanent home prior to the granting of an Adoption.

<sup>7</sup> Community Group Care are placements in a staffed home-like setting in which homes have completed the regulated process and met the requirements to provide care for a number of children or youth.

<sup>8</sup> Campus-Based Treatment are placements in a facility that provides intensive and therapeutic treatment care for children or youth with complex emotional and behavioral needs. The facility has an onsite campus for educational purposes.

<sup>9</sup> Personalized Community Care are placements with a provider that has been contracted to provide a unique program tailored to the needs of particular individuals. These specialized services are required when the child or youth's needs cannot be met in traditional or group-based settings.

<sup>10</sup> Other Facility-Based Placements include placements in other facilities licensed by Children's Services. These placement options 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 December 2022, the most common placement types for children and youth were Foster and Kinship Care: **33%** of children and youth were placed in **Foster Care**; and **33%** of children and youth were placed in **Kinship Care**.

From Q3 2021-22 (April - December) to Q3 2022-23 (April - December), the number of children and youth in **Kinship Care decreased by 3%**, while the number of children and youth in **Permanency Placements decreased by 25%**.

**TABLE 7: APPROVED FOSTER AND KINSHIP HOMES**

Distinct Count	2020-21 (as of Mar 2021)	2021-22 (as of Mar 2022)	As of Jan 3, 2023
Foster Homes	1,167	1,129	1,041
Agency Foster Homes	545	543	515
Kinship Homes	2,547	2,403	2,302
<b>All Approved Homes</b>	<b>4,259</b>	<b>4,075</b>	<b>3,858</b>

As of January 3, 2023, there were 1,556 approved and licensed Foster Homes and an additional 2,302 approved Kinship Homes.

**TABLE 8: PERMANENCY OUTCOMES**

Distinct Count	2020-21 (Official)	2021-22 (Preliminary)	Apr - Dec 2022-23 (Preliminary)
Family Preservations	2,961	2,279	1,303
Family Reunifications	1,018	1,017	672
Private Guardianships	188	282	154
Adoptions	160	194	98
<b>All Permanency Outcomes</b>	<b>4,327</b>	<b>3,772</b>	<b>2,227</b>

In Q3 2022-23 (April - December), there were **1,303 Family Preservations** and **672 Family Reunifications**. There were **154 Private Guardianships** and **98 Adoptions** granted during the same period of time.

**TABLE 9: 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	December 2022	Apr - Dec 2021-22	Apr - Dec 2022-23	% Change from 2021-22
Regions	4,332	4,403	4,362	-1%
DFNAs	325	267	287	+7%
<b>Province</b>	<b>4,657</b>	<b>4,670</b>	<b>4,649</b>	<b>&lt;-1%</b>

In December 2022, there were **4,657 families** are accessing the SFP program. There has been a **<1% decrease** from Q3 2021-22 (April - December) to Q3 2022-23 (April - December).

**TABLE 10: YOUNG ADULT POST 18 INTERVENTION SUPPORTS**

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

Monthly Average	December 2022	Apr - Dec 2021-22	Apr - Dec 2022-23	% Change from 2021-22
CS Provincial	1,473	1,856	1,461	-21%
DFNAs	248	275	254	-8%
<b>Province</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>2,131</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>-20%</b>

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In December 2022, **1,721 young adults** were accessing Post 18 Intervention Supports. There has been a **20% decrease** from Q3 2021-22 (April - December) to Q3 2022-23 (April - December).

**TABLE 11: 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	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	% Change from 2020-21
# of Approved Students	883	948	1,051	+11%
% of youth who completed their studies	88%	89%	86%	-3%

In 2021-22, **1,051 students** were enrolled in the following program types:

- Diploma (**34%**)
- Degree (**28%**)
- Certificate/Trade (**19%**)
- Upgrading (**19%**)

Since the inception of the program in January 2004, over **3,482 students** have accessed the program and over **1,425 students** have graduated with a certificate, trade, diploma or degree.

**TABLE 12: PSECA CASELOAD**

Distinct Count	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Number of Distinct Children	127	116	124

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

In 2021-22, **124 distinct children** were served through the [Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act \(PSECA\)](#). There has been an **increase of 7%** since 2020-21.

**TABLE 13: DECA CASELOAD**

Distinct Count	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Number of Distinct Children	0	5	0

DECA was introduced in November 2006.

In 2021-22, **no children** were apprehended under the [Drug Endangered Children Act \(DECA\)](#).