

A Profile of Child Support Services Dependents in Alberta

Child and Youth Data Laboratory (CYDL) Longitudinal Project

Introduction

Child Support Services (CSS) helps single parents and parents in blended families reach child support payment agreements or obtain court orders for payment. Applicants are the parents who are seeking CSS payments from the respondents for support of dependents. Respondents are the parents from whom child support payments are being sought. Dependents are the children for whom child support is being sought from respondents. This report is an overview of the experience of CSS dependents (0 to 22 years) from 2005/06 to 2010/11.

Two main indicators, **Reason for Closure** and **Amount of Agreement/Order**, were profiled by a range of socio-demographic characteristics (e.g. gender, age, educational achievement, socio-economic status, etc.). These two indicators are expected to be related to determinants or outcomes for applicants/dependents. Thus, it will allow for the assessment of service needs among CCS clients.

Reason for Closure refers to the reason that was used to close the applicant/dependent's case file. For example, the Reason for Closure that is coded as 'the dependent has left the applicant's care' means that the dependent was no longer living with the applicant. As a result, the case file was closed.

Amount of agreement/order is the total dollar amount of child support stipulated in the agreement or order.

Key findings

- There were approximately 25,000 to 28,000 CSS dependents between 2005/06 and 2010/11. This accounts for approximately 2% of Albertans in the same age range in each study year.
- The percentage of CSS dependents who met or exceeded educational expectations (in the K-12 education system) increased over the study period.
- Compared to non-CSS dependents, a higher proportion of CSS dependents were both high cost health service users and mental health service users.
- In 2010/11, among CSS dependents who were at risk due to a past history of family violence and threats, a higher proportion received Child Intervention services.
- In 2010/11, among CSS dependents whose payment was between \$1 to \$250, a lower proportion met or exceeded educational expectations compared to CSS dependents whose payment was over \$750.

This report is part of the Longitudinal Project by the CYDL in collaboration with partnering Alberta government ministries. Please see the last page for a brief description of the project and go to <https://policywise.com/initiatives/cydl/P2> to access other deliverables.

Visit <https://visualization.policywise.com/P2dashboard> to view an interactive dashboard that summarizes this population. This report is meant to be a companion to the interactive dashboard.



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Background literature

Providing a context for the current report, this section highlights select literature focusing on child support payment services and their impact on children and families with low income.

Alberta's ministry of Community and Social Services offers the Child Support Services program to help single parents and parents in blended families reach child support payment agreements or obtain court orders for payment. Single parents and parents of blended families who are clients of Income Support or Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped are automatically referred to Child Support Services. Child Support services are also available to Albertans whose family income is less than a specified amount, where there is no existing support order, and where a child support worker determines there is potential for the other parent to pay support payments. There is no age eligibility restrictions for applicants. However, the age eligibility for the dependent is 0 to 18 years old, or up to 22 years of age if the dependent is attending school full time.

Research on child support services in U.S. have shown that low-income custodial families (i.e., incomes below the poverty threshold), custodial parents with less than a high school education^{1,5}, and custodial parents who were under 30 years old were more likely to receive child support program services^{5,6}. Usually, families in the children support program are female-headed^{1,2,5,6}.

Regular legally-mandated payments from a noncustodial to a custodial parent is crucial to improve the well-being of mothers and children^{1,2,3,4}. For example, the additional flow of income into a female-headed family allows a single mother to afford child care while she works and increases the child's access to health care services^{1,3}. Moreover, the child support income would benefit children in terms of their educational performance and socioeconomic attainment later in life^{1,4}.

In this report, the socio-demographic characteristics (e.g. age, gender, socio-economic status, residential mobility, etc.) and service use patterns (e.g. high cost health service, mental health service, Child Care Subsidy and Child Intervention, etc.) of Albertan CSS dependents were examined. The results will further our understanding of service use patterns of this vulnerable population.

Footnotes

- The amount of agreement/order analysis only includes the cases where the applicant/dependent obtained agreements or court orders for child support.
- The non-CSS dependents in this report refer to Albertan children and youths (0 to 22 years old) who were not in the Child Support Services program during the study period.

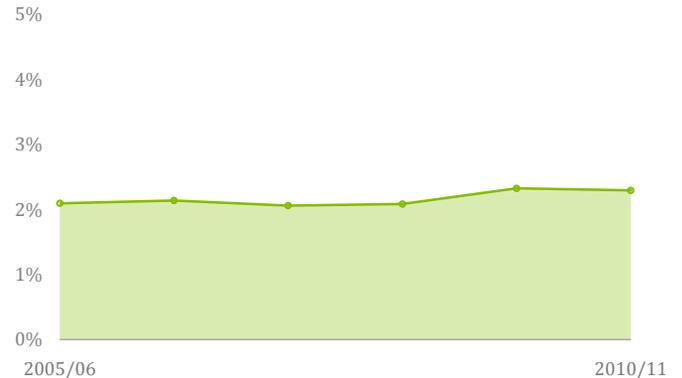
Ninety-five percent confidence intervals were calculated to enable comparison of statistical differences between groups. The Cochran-Armitage trend test was used to test trends over time. Effects that apply to a meaningful proportion of the population were noted in the text. See <https://visualization.policywise.com/P2dashboard/CSSdependentsStat.xlsx>

CSS Dependents Time Trend (Table 1; p.11)

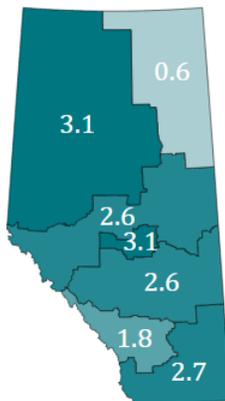
This and the following analyses consider Child Support Services (CSS) dependents (0-22 years old) between 2005/06 and 2010/11.

- There were approximately 25,000 to 28,000 CSS dependents between 2005/06 and 2010/11. This accounts for approximately 2% of Albertans in the same age range in each study year.

Percentage of Alberta children and youth (0-22 years) who received Child Support Services over time



Percentage of Child Support Services dependents (0-22 years) by CS/CSS service delivery regions in 2010/11



Regions (Table 2; p. 11)

Regions include Children’s Services (CS) and Community and Social Services (CSS) service delivery regions. For information on regional analyses and a legend, see *Definitions and Notes* on page 36.

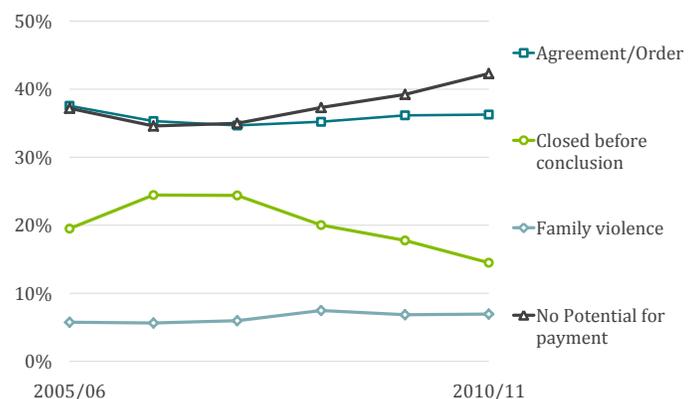
- In 2010/11, 3.1% of Albertans in Edmonton and the Northwest regions were CSS dependents.
- The proportion of CSS dependents in the Northeast region decreased from 2005/06 to 2010/11 (from 1.7% to 0.6%).

Reason for Closure Trend (Table 3; p. 12)

For the purpose of analysis, the reasons were grouped into four categories: agreement/order for payments obtained, family violence, no potential for payment, the file was closed before conclusion. For detailed information about the reasons included in each category, please see *Definitions and Notes* on page 36.

- 35% to 38% of CSS dependents were in the Agreement/order obtained category (i.e. agreements or court orders for payment were obtained on behalf of the CSS dependents) during the study period.
- For case files that were closed because there was no potential for payment (e.g., the respondent has no ability to pay), the percentage increased from 2005/06 to 2010/11.

Percentage of Child Support Services dependents by reason for closure over time



Percentage of Child Support Services dependents by gender and reason for closure in 2010/2011



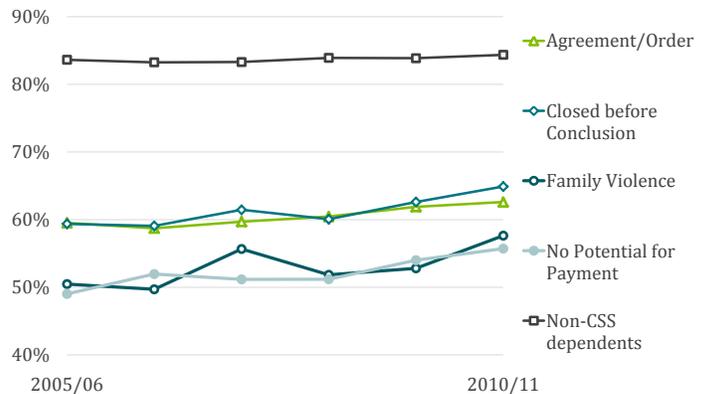
Gender by Reason for Closure (Table 4; p. 13)

- Approximately 50% female CSS dependents and 50% male CSS dependents were represented in each Reason for Closure category during the study period.

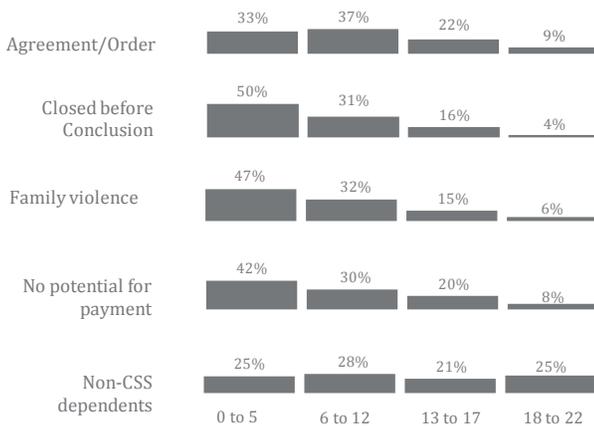
Educational Achievement by Reason for Closure (Table 5; p. 14)

- A lower proportion of CSS dependents met or exceeded educational expectations compared to non-CSS dependents.
- There was an increase among CSS dependents who met or exceeded educational expectations from 2005/06 to 2010/11, regardless of the Reason for Closure category.
- In 2010/11, a greater proportion of CSS dependents who were in the Agreement/Order obtained category met or exceeded educational expectations compared to CSS dependents in the Family violence and No potential for payment categories.

Percentage of Child Support Services dependents who met or exceeded educational expectations by reason for closure over time



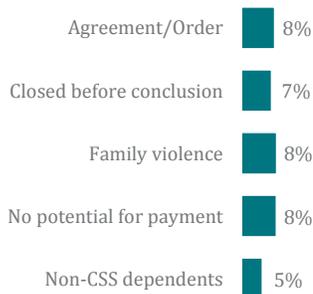
Percentage of Child Support Services Dependents by reason for closure and age group in 2010/11



Age Group by Reason for Closure (Table 6a, 6b; p. 15, 16)

- Among CSS dependents who were in the Agreement/Order obtained category, the majority were between 0 to 12 years old.
- In comparison to non-CSS dependents, a lower proportion of CSS dependents was represented in the 18 to 22 age group.

Percentage of Child Support Service dependents who were high cost health service users in 2010/11



High Cost Health Service by Reason for Closure (Table 7; p. 17)

For the definition of High Cost Health Service use, see *Definitions and Notes* on page 35.

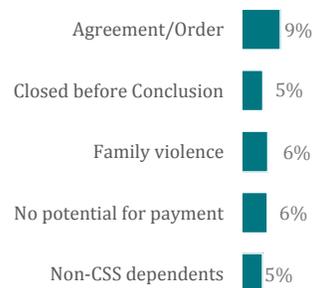
- A higher proportion of CSS dependents were high cost health service users compared to non-CSS dependents.
- The rates of high cost health service users were similar among all categories of Reason for Closure.

Mental Health Service by Reason for Closure (Table 8; p. 18)

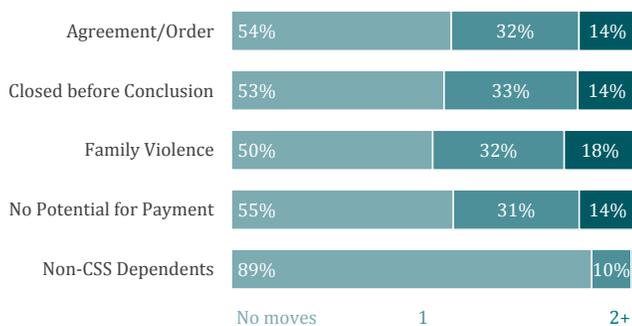
For the definition of Mental Health Service, see *Definitions and Notes* on page 35.

- A higher proportion of CSS dependents who were in the Agreement/Order obtained category used mental health services compared to non-CSS dependents.
- During the study period, a higher proportion of CSS dependents who were in the Agreement/Order obtained category used mental health services, compared to CSS dependents in the Closed before conclusion and No potential for payment categories.

Percentage of Child Support Service dependents who used mental health service user in 2010/11



Percentage of Child Support Dependents by reason for closure and residential mobility in 2010/11



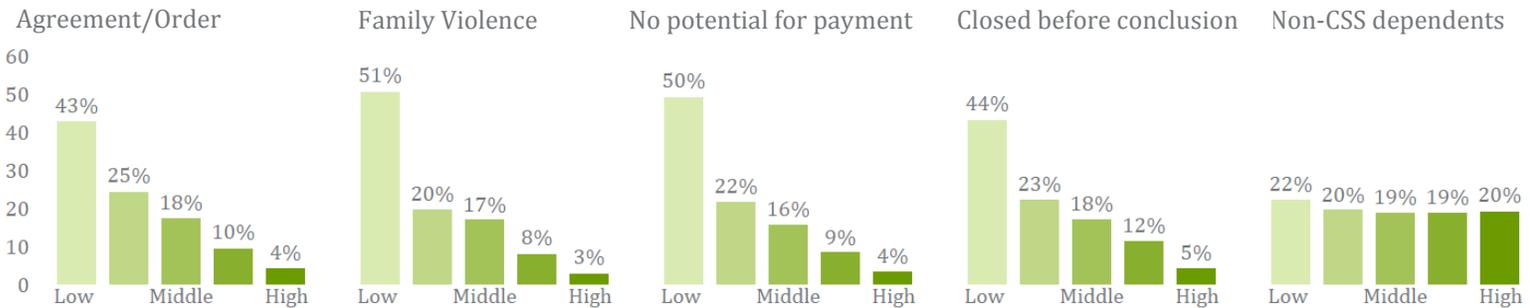
Residential Mobility by Reason for Closure (Table 9; p. 19)

Residential mobility was determined using the number of unique postal codes in the Alberta Health Registry. Residential mobility is shown in 2010/11 (see Table 9 for mobility in each study year).

- In comparison to non-CSS dependents, a higher proportion of CSS dependents moved one or more times.
- Compared to CSS dependents in other Reason for Closure categories, among CSS dependents who were at risk due to a past history of family violence and threats, a higher proportion moved more than two times .

Socio-economic Status by Reason for Closure (Table 10a, 10b; p. 20, 21)

Percentage of CSS dependents by Reason for Closure and SES in 2010/11



Socio-economic status (SES) captures the social and material environments in which individuals lived. See *Definitions and Notes* for further information (p. 36). Socio-economic status is shown for 2010/11.

- A higher proportion of CSS dependents was represented in the lowest socio-economic neighborhood compared to non-CSS dependents, regardless of the Reason for Closure category.

Alberta Health Care Registry by Reason for Closure (Table 11; p. 22)

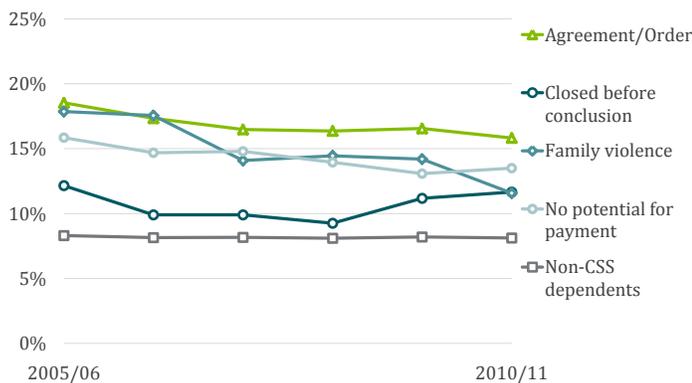
The Alberta Health Care Registry includes all children and youth who are eligible to receive insured hospital and physician services. See *Definitions and Notes* (p. 35) for more inclusion details.

- During the study period, over 80% of CSS-dependents were registered in the Alberta Health Care Registry.

Percentage of CSS dependents who registered in Alberta Health Care Registry in 2010/11



Percentage of CSS dependents who were students with special needs by Reason for Closure over time

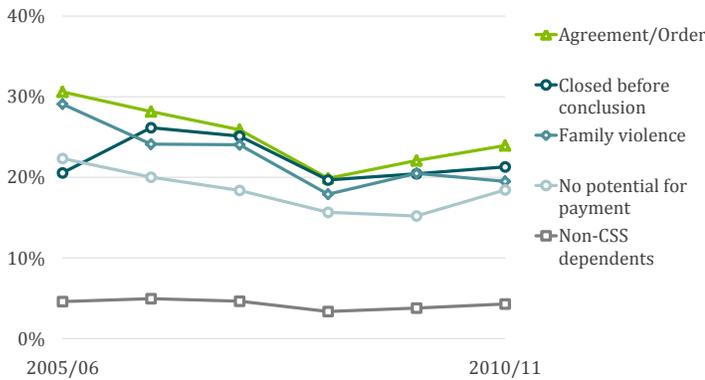


Students with Special Needs by Reason for Closure (Table 12;p. 23)

- With the exception of CSS dependents in the Closed before conclusion category, the proportion of CSS dependents who were students with special needs in the other three Reason for Closure categories decreased from 2005/06 to 2010/11.
- In 2010/11, a higher proportion of CSS dependents who were in the Agreement/Order obtained category were students with special needs, compared to CSS dependents in other Reason for Closure categories.

Child Care Subsidy by Reason for Closure (Table 13; p. 24)

Percentage of CSS dependents who received Child Care Subsidy by Reason for Closure over time

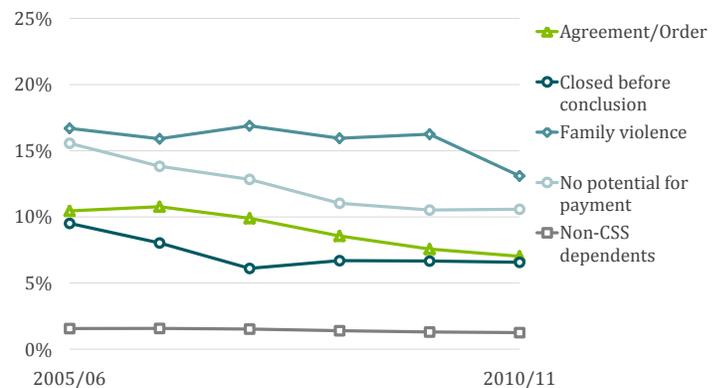


- Among CSS dependents who were in the Agreement/Order obtained category or who were in the Family violence category or who were in the No potential for payment category, the proportion receiving Child Care Subsidy decreased from 2005/06 to 2010/11.
- In 2010/11, a higher proportion of CSS dependents who were in the Agreement/Order obtained category were Child Care Subsidy recipients, compared to CSS dependents in other Reason for Closure categories.

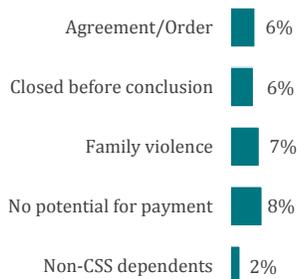
Child Intervention by Reason for Closure (Table 14; p. 25)

- The proportion of CSS dependents who received Child Intervention services decreased from 2005/06 to 2010/11, regardless of the Reason for Closure category.
- In 2010/11, among CSS dependents who were at risk due to a past history of family violence and threats, a higher proportion received Child Intervention services compared to CSS dependents in other Reason for Closure categories.

Percentage of CSS dependents who received Child Intervention Service by Reason for Closure over time



Percentage of CSS dependents who had criminal offence, by reason for closure in 2010/11



Criminal Offence by Reason for Closure (Table 15; p. 26)

- The rates of CSS dependents with criminal offences were similar across all Reason for Closure categories.

Gender by Amount of Agreement/Order
(Table 16; p. 27)

This and the following analyses only focus on CSS dependents whose files were closed because agreements or court orders for payment (>\$1) were obtained on behalf of the CSS dependents successfully.

- The rates were similar between female and male CSS dependents in terms of the amount of agreement/order they obtained.

Percentage of CSS dependents who obtained agreement/order for payments by gender in 2010/2011



Percentage of CSS dependents who met or exceeded educational expectations by amount of agreement or order for payment in 2010/2011



Educational Achievement by Amount of Agreement/order (Table 17; p. 28)

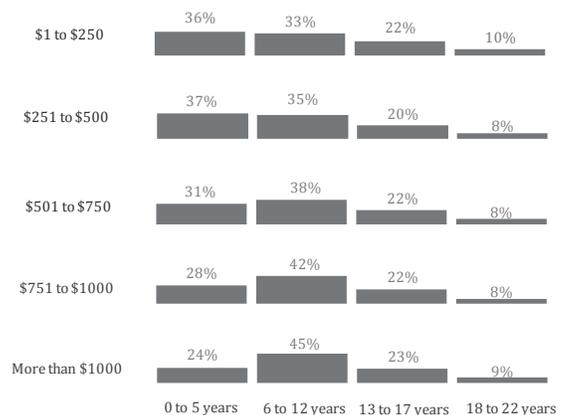
For the definition of the Educational achievement, see *Definitions and Notes* on page 35.

- In 2010/11, among CSS dependents whose payment was between \$1 to \$250, a lower proportion met or exceeded educational expectations, compared to CSS dependents whose payment was over \$750.

Age Group by Amount of Agreement/Order
(Table 18a , 18b; p. 29, 30)

- Among CSS dependents whose payment was over \$500, the majority were between 6 and 12 years old.

Percentage of CSS dependents by amount of agreement/order and age group in 2010/11



Percentage of Child Support Service dependents who were high cost health service users by amount of agreement/Order in 2010/11



High Cost Health Service Use by Amount of Agreement/Order (Table 19; p. 31)

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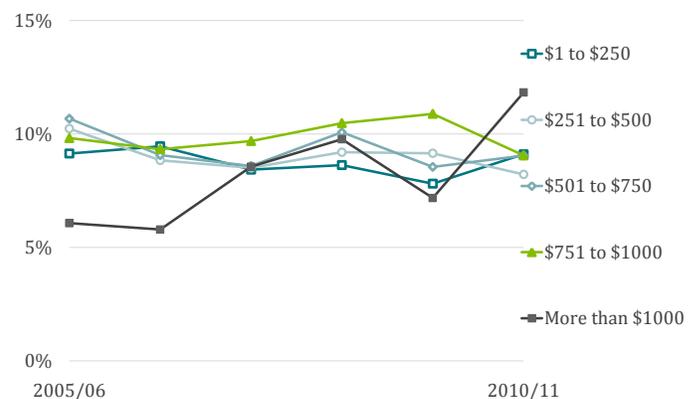
- The rates of high cost health service use were similar between CSS dependents whose payment was over \$750 and CSS dependents whose payment was less than \$750.

Mental Health Service by Amount of Agreement/Order (Table 20; p. 32)

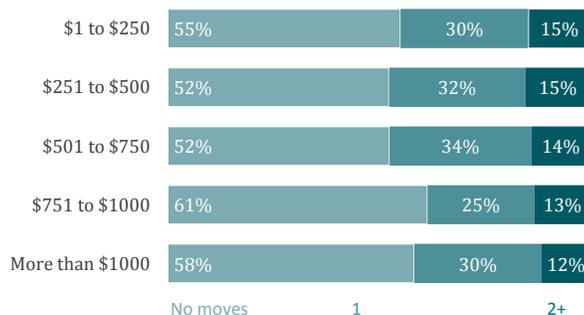
For the definition of Mental Health Service, see *Definitions and Notes* on page 35.

- Among CSS dependents whose payment was over \$1000, mental health service use increased from 2005/06 to 2010/11 (6%, 15 clients in 2005/06; 12%, 84 clients in 2010/11).

Percentage of Child Support Dependents used mental health service, by amount of agreement/order over time



Percentage of CSS dependents by amount of agreement/order and residential mobility in 2010/11



Residential Mobility by Amount of Agreement/Order (Table 21; p. 33)

Residential mobility was determined using the number of unique postal codes in the Alberta Health registry. Residential mobility is shown in 2010/11 (see Table 21 for mobility in each study year).

- In 2010/11, a higher proportion of CSS dependents whose payment was between \$751 and \$1000 had no residential moves, compared to CSS dependents whose payment was less than \$750.

Percentage of CSS dependents who received Child Care Subsidy by amount of agreement/order in 2010/11



Child Care Subsidy by Amount of Agreement/Order (Table 22; p. 34)

- In 2010/11, a lower proportion of CSS dependents whose payment was over \$1000 were Child Care Subsidy recipients, compared to CSS dependents whose payment was less than \$1000.

Table

TABLE 1: The number and percentage of Child Support Services (CSS) dependents (0-22 years) by study year

	Study year					
	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Number of CSS dependents	24,619	25,781	25,111	25,703	28,868	28,801
Total population (0-22 years)	1,176,064	1,206,638	1,219,947	1,234,364	1,242,592	1,256,978
Percentage of CSS dependents	2.09	2.14	2.06	2.08	2.32	2.29

TABLE 2: The number and percentage of Child Support Services (CSS) dependents (0-22 years) by CS/CSS service regions* and study year

		Region of residence					
		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Number of CSS dependents	Calgary	5,513	5,715	5,265	5,957	7,209	7,464
	Central	2,846	2,808	2,923	3,070	3,644	3,599
	Edmonton	9,280	9,643	9,430	9,423	10,558	10,989
	North Central	1,629	1,774	1,645	1,583	1,746	1,707
	Northeast	326	342	293	173	165	137
	Northwest	1,597	1,558	1,661	1,635	2,141	2,252
	South	1,906	2,114	2,186	2,376	2,444	2,559
Total number of individuals in region (0-22 years)		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
	Calgary	369,272	379,673	387,448	396,824	404,402	414,500
	Central	135,112	137,737	139,118	140,093	140,368	140,547
	Edmonton	321,962	330,764	335,014	341,020	346,999	353,916
	North Central	64,632	65,228	65,481	65,566	65,397	65,582
	Northeast	19,321	20,020	20,722	21,472	22,299	23,299
	Northwest	68,828	70,520	71,151	71,505	71,845	72,592
	South	88,161	89,829	91,190	92,214	93,683	95,011
Percentage of CSS dependents by region		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
	Calgary	1.49	1.51	1.36	1.50	1.78	1.80
	Central	2.11	2.04	2.10	2.19	2.60	2.56
	Edmonton	2.88	2.92	2.81	2.76	3.04	3.10
	North Central	2.52	2.72	2.51	2.41	2.67	2.60
	Northeast	1.69	1.71	1.41	0.81	0.74	0.59
	Northwest	2.32	2.21	2.33	2.29	2.98	3.10
	South	2.16	2.35	2.40	2.58	2.61	2.69

*CS/CSS regions: Children's Services/Community and Social Services service delivery regions

Table

TABLE 3: The number and percentage of Child Support Services dependents (0-22 years) by reason for closure and study year

Reason for closure	Study year					
	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Number of individuals						
Agreement/Order	8,100	7,947	7,653	7,843	8,934	9,094
Closed before conclusion	4,207	5,502	5,383	4,460	4,392	3,637
Family violence	1,240	1,270	1,320	1,663	1,692	1,741
No Potential for payment	8,021	7,785	7,720	8,310	9,692	10,602
Total N	21,568	22,504	22,076	22,276	24,710	25,074
Percentage of individuals						
Agreement/Order	37.56	35.31	34.67	35.21	36.16	36.27
Closed before conclusion	19.51	24.45	24.38	20.02	17.77	14.51
Family violence	5.75	5.64	5.98	7.47	6.85	6.94
No Potential for payment	37.19	34.59	34.97	37.30	39.22	42.28
Total %	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table

TABLE 4: The number and percentage of children and youth who were Child Support Service dependents (0-22 years) by reason for closure, gender and study year

Reason for closure	Gender	Numbers of individuals					
		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	Female	4,034	3,977	3,814	3,874	4,472	4,512
	Male	4,064	3,965	3,837	3,967	4,455	4,580
	Total	8,098	7,942	7,651	7,841	8,927	9,092
Closed before conclusion	Female	2,112	2,652	2,626	2,246	2,235	1,785
	Male	2,095	2,848	2,757	2,211	2,157	1,852
	Total	4,207	5,500	5,383	4,457	4,392	3,637
Family violence	Female	628	635	662	801	851	890
	Male	612	635	658	862	841	851
	Total	1,240	1,270	1,320	1,663	1,692	1,741
No Potential for payment	Female	3,874	3,756	3,830	3,982	4,684	5,166
	Male	4,146	4,029	3,890	4,326	5,004	5,434
	Total	8,020	7,785	7,720	8,308	9,688	10,600
Total N		21,565	22,497	22,074	22,269	24,699	25,070
Non-CSS dependents	Female	557,242	571,357	578,438	586,034	588,530	595,512
	Male	593,337	608,438	615,335	621,217	623,581	630,660
	Total	1,150,579	1,179,795	1,193,773	1,207,251	1,212,111	1,226,172
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Reason for closure	Gender	Percentage of individuals					
		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	Female	49.81	50.08	49.85	49.41	50.10	49.63
	Male	50.19	49.92	50.15	50.59	49.90	50.37
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Closed before conclusion	Female	50.20	48.22	48.78	50.39	50.89	49.08
	Male	49.80	51.78	51.22	49.61	49.11	50.92
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Family violence	Female	50.65	50.00	50.15	48.17	50.30	51.12
	Male	49.35	50.00	49.85	51.83	49.70	48.88
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
No Potential for payment	Female	48.30	48.25	49.61	47.93	48.35	48.74
	Male	51.70	51.75	50.39	52.07	51.65	51.26
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Non-CSS dependents	Female	48.43	48.43	48.45	48.54	48.55	48.57
	Male	51.57	51.57	51.55	51.46	51.45	51.43
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

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TABLE 5: The number and percentage of Child Support Service dependents (0-22 years) by reason for closure, educational achievement and study year

Reason for Closure	Educational achievement	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Number of individuals							
Agreement/Order	Below expectations	1,310	1,305	1,184	1,217	1,346	1,314
	Meeting/above expectations	1,927	1,856	1,754	1,861	2,187	2,199
	Total	3,237	3,161	2,938	3,078	3,533	3,513
Closed before conclusion	Below expectations	442	608	548	454	430	325
	Meeting/above expectations	646	878	874	683	720	601
	Total	1,088	1,486	1,422	1,137	1,150	926
Family violence	Below expectations	158	170	145	209	193	172
	Meeting/above expectations	161	168	182	225	216	234
	Total	319	338	327	434	409	406
No potential for payment	Below expectations	1,280	1,143	1,139	1,205	1,338	1,333
	Meeting/above expectations	1,231	1,236	1,193	1,263	1,571	1,677
	Total	2,511	2,379	2,332	2,468	2,909	3,010
Total N							
Non-CSS dependents	Below expectations	70,119	72,310	71,946	69,082	69,423	67,384
	Meeting/above expectations	358,559	359,704	359,088	360,506	361,009	363,656
	Total	428,678	432,014	431,034	429,588	430,432	431,040
Percentage of individuals							
Agreement/Order	Below expectations	40.47	41.28	40.30	39.54	38.10	37.40
	Meeting/above expectations	59.53	58.72	59.70	60.46	61.90	62.60
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Closed before conclusion	Below expectations	40.62	40.92	38.54	39.93	37.39	35.10
	Meeting/above expectations	59.38	59.08	61.46	60.07	62.61	64.90
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Family violence	Below expectations	49.53	50.30	44.34	48.16	47.19	42.36
	Meeting/above expectations	50.47	49.70	55.66	51.84	52.81	57.64
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
No potential for payment	Below expectations	50.98	48.05	48.84	48.82	46.00	44.29
	Meeting/above expectations	49.02	51.95	51.16	51.18	54.00	55.71
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Non-CSS dependents	Below expectations	16.36	16.74	16.69	16.08	16.13	15.63
	Meeting/above expectations	83.64	83.26	83.31	83.92	83.87	84.37
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table

TABLE 6a: The number of Child Support Service dependents (0-22 years) by reason for closure, age groups and study year

Reason for Closure	Age group	Study year					
		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Number of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	0 to 5 years	2,594	2,552	2,498	2,524	2,891	2,977
	6 to 12 years	3,023	2,943	2,846	2,892	3,273	3,330
	13 to 17 years	1,927	1,910	1,732	1,818	1,991	1,973
	18 to 22 years	556	542	577	609	779	814
	Total	8,100	7,947	7,653	7,843	8,934	9,094
Closed before conclusion	0 to 5 years	1,896	2,378	2,397	2,098	2,031	1,805
	6 to 12 years	1,426	1,912	1,850	1,392	1,426	1,130
	13 to 17 years	742	1,009	948	758	759	569
	18 to 22 years	143	203	188	212	176	133
	Total	4,207	5,502	5,383	4,460	4,392	3,637
Family violence	0 to 5 years	545	569	614	804	844	823
	6 to 12 years	434	445	470	536	535	556
	13 to 17 years	196	202	184	257	249	264
	18 to 22 years	65	54	52	66	64	98
	Total	1,240	1,270	1,320	1,663	1,692	1,741
No potential for payment	0 to 5 years	3,166	2,963	3,011	3,288	3,928	4,484
	6 to 12 years	2,552	2,575	2,402	2,566	2,972	3,135
	13 to 17 years	1,736	1,683	1,694	1,811	2,034	2,092
	18 to 22 years	567	564	613	645	758	891
	Total	8,021	7,785	7,720	8,310	9,692	10,602
Total N		21,568	22,504	22,076	22,276	24,710	25,074
Non-CSS dependents	0 to 5 years	248,495	262,903	276,098	287,816	295,556	305,539
	6 to 12 years	330,591	334,840	335,253	337,835	339,912	345,963
	13 to 17 years	284,232	285,184	279,911	274,219	267,273	263,573
	18 to 22 years	288,127	297,930	303,574	308,791	310,983	313,102
	Total	1,151,445	1,180,857	1,194,836	1,208,661	1,213,724	1,228,177

Table

TABLE 6b: The percentage of Child Support Service dependents (0-22 years) by reason for closure, age groups and study year

Reason for Closure	Age group	Study year					
		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Percentage of individuals							
Agreement/Order	0 to 5 years	32.02	32.11	32.64	32.18	32.36	32.74
	6 to 12 years	37.32	37.03	37.19	36.87	36.64	36.62
	13 to 17 years	23.79	24.03	22.63	23.18	22.29	21.70
	18 to 22 years	6.86	6.82	7.54	7.76	8.72	8.95
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Closed before conclusion	0 to 5 years	45.07	43.22	44.53	47.04	46.24	49.63
	6 to 12 years	33.90	34.75	34.37	31.21	32.47	31.07
	13 to 17 years	17.64	18.34	17.61	17.00	17.28	15.64
	18 to 22 years	3.40	3.69	3.49	4.75	4.01	3.66
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Family violence	0 to 5 years	43.95	44.80	46.52	48.35	49.88	47.27
	6 to 12 years	35.00	35.04	35.61	32.23	31.62	31.94
	13 to 17 years	15.81	15.91	13.94	15.45	14.72	15.16
	18 to 22 years	5.24	4.25	3.94	3.97	3.78	5.63
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
No potential for payment	0 to 5 years	39.47	38.06	39.00	39.57	40.53	42.29
	6 to 12 years	31.82	33.08	31.11	30.88	30.66	29.57
	13 to 17 years	21.64	21.62	21.94	21.79	20.99	19.73
	18 to 22 years	7.07	7.24	7.94	7.76	7.82	8.40
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Non-CSS dependents	0 to 5 years	21.58	22.26	23.11	23.81	24.35	24.88
	6 to 12 years	28.71	28.36	28.06	27.95	28.01	28.17
	13 to 17 years	24.68	24.15	23.43	22.69	22.02	21.46
	18 to 22 years	25.02	25.23	25.41	25.55	25.62	25.49
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table

TABLE 7: The number and percentage of Child Support Services dependents (0-22 years) by reason for closure, high cost health service use and study year

Reason for Closure		High cost health service					
Number of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	Yes	572	478	548	544	638	620
	No	6,543	6,445	6,146	6,297	7,169	7,326
	Total	7,115	6,923	6,694	6,841	7,807	7,946
Closed before conclusion	Yes	203	249	250	227	212	200
	No	2,907	3,606	3,810	3,088	3,221	2,632
	Total	3,110	3,855	4,060	3,315	3,433	2,832
Family violence	Yes	86	63	78	94	106	111
	No	898	918	984	1,202	1,237	1,234
	Total	984	981	1,062	1,296	1,343	1,345
No potential for payment	Yes	458	417	475	463	593	672
	No	5,922	5,376	5,542	5,846	6,958	7,547
	Total	6,380	5,793	6,017	6,309	7,551	8,219
Total N		17,589	17,552	17,833	17,761	20,134	20,342
Non-CSS dependents	Yes	47,543	48,430	49,383	50,397	51,336	52,323
	No	920,172	933,070	955,204	975,447	997,011	1,012,783
	Total	967,715	981,500	1,004,587	1,025,844	1,048,347	1,065,106
Percentage of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	Yes	8.04	6.90	8.19	7.95	8.17	7.80
	No	91.96	93.10	91.81	92.05	91.83	92.20
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Closed before conclusion	Yes	6.53	6.46	6.16	6.85	6.18	7.06
	No	93.47	93.54	93.84	93.15	93.82	92.94
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Family violence	Yes	8.74	6.42	7.34	7.25	7.89	8.25
	No	91.26	93.58	92.66	92.75	92.11	91.75
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
No potential for payment	Yes	7.18	7.20	7.89	7.34	7.85	8.18
	No	92.82	92.80	92.11	92.66	92.15	91.82
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Non-CSS dependents	Yes	4.91	4.93	4.92	4.91	4.90	4.91
	No	95.09	95.07	95.08	95.09	95.10	95.09
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table

TABLE 8: The number and percentage of Child Support Services dependents (0-22 years) by reason for closure, mental health service use and study year

Reason for Closure	Mental health service	Number of individuals					
		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Number of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	Yes	713	640	587	654	689	740
	No	6,406	6,289	6,113	6,192	7,122	7,214
	Total	7,119	6,929	6,700	6,846	7,811	7,954
Closed before conclusion	Yes	157	174	167	169	175	145
	No	2,958	3,684	3,900	3,151	3,261	2,688
	Total	3,115	3,858	4,067	3,320	3,436	2,833
Family violence	Yes	72	79	67	88	93	85
	No	912	905	998	1,208	1,254	1,263
	Total	984	984	1,065	1,296	1,347	1,348
No potential for payment	Yes	488	418	400	404	545	510
	No	5,902	5,393	5,625	5,919	7,013	7,719
	Total	6,390	5,811	6,025	6,323	7,558	8,229
Total N		17,608	17,582	17,857	17,785	20,152	20,364
Non-CSS dependents	Yes	48,599	49,180	50,045	51,193	52,170	53,459
	No	919,814	933,091	955,224	975,260	996,722	1,012,178
	Total	968,413	982,271	1,005,269	1,026,453	1,048,892	1,065,637
Percentage of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	Yes	10.02	9.24	8.76	9.55	8.82	9.30
	No	89.98	90.76	91.24	90.45	91.18	90.70
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Closed before conclusion	Yes	5.04	4.51	4.11	5.09	5.09	5.12
	No	94.96	95.49	95.89	94.91	94.91	94.88
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Family violence	Yes	7.32	8.03	6.29	6.79	6.90	6.31
	No	92.68	91.97	93.71	93.21	93.10	93.69
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
No potential for payment	Yes	7.64	7.19	6.64	6.39	7.21	6.20
	No	92.36	92.81	93.36	93.61	92.79	93.80
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Non-CSS dependents	Yes	5.02	5.01	4.98	4.99	4.97	5.02
	No	94.98	94.99	95.02	95.01	95.03	94.98
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table

TABLE 9: The number and percentage of Child Support Services dependents (0-22 years) by reason for closure, residential mobility and study year

Reason for Closure		Residential mobility					
Number of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	No moves	3,724	3,918	3,640	3,786	4,342	4,319
	One Move	2,162	2,042	2,050	2,056	2,253	2,506
	Two or more moves	1,229	963	1,004	999	1,212	1,121
	Total	7,115	6,923	6,694	6,841	7,807	7,946
Closed before conclusion	No moves	1,540	2,160	2,308	1,866	1,911	1,488
	One Move	1,015	1,200	1,214	1,005	1,104	936
	Two or more moves	555	495	538	444	418	408
	Total	3,110	3,855	4,060	3,315	3,433	2,832
Family violence	No moves	446	511	591	609	627	669
	One Move	316	286	302	477	433	437
	Two or more moves	222	184	169	210	283	239
	Total	984	981	1,062	1,296	1,343	1,345
No Potential for payment	No moves	3,185	3,214	3,447	3,471	4,134	4,507
	One Move	1,927	1,711	1,679	1,864	2,243	2,557
	Two or more moves	1,268	868	891	974	1,174	1,155
	Total	6,380	5,793	6,017	6,309	7,551	8,219
Total N		17,589	17,552	17,833	17,761	20,134	20,342
Non-CSS dependents	No moves	805,236	820,820	835,330	872,379	935,219	948,416
	One Move	138,369	138,540	146,177	134,117	100,232	103,663
	Two or more moves	24,107	22,135	23,075	19,343	12,892	13,020
	Total	967,712	981,495	1,004,582	1,025,839	1,048,343	1,065,099
Percentage of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	No moves	52.34	56.59	54.38	55.34	55.62	54.35
	One Move	30.39	29.50	30.62	30.05	28.86	31.54
	Two or more moves	17.27	13.91	15.00	14.60	15.52	14.11
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Closed before conclusion	No moves	49.52	56.03	56.85	56.29	55.67	52.54
	One Move	32.64	31.13	29.90	30.32	32.16	33.05
	Two or more moves	17.85	12.84	13.25	13.39	12.18	14.41
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Family violence	No moves	45.33	52.09	55.65	46.99	46.69	49.74
	One Move	32.11	29.15	28.44	36.81	32.24	32.49
	Two or more moves	22.56	18.76	15.91	16.20	21.07	17.77
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
No Potential for payment	No moves	49.92	55.48	57.29	55.02	54.75	54.84
	One Move	30.20	29.54	27.90	29.55	29.70	31.11
	Two or more moves	19.87	14.98	14.81	15.44	15.55	14.05
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Non-CSS dependents	No moves	83.21	83.63	83.15	85.04	89.21	89.04
	One Move	14.30	14.12	14.55	13.07	9.56	9.73
	Two or more moves	2.49	2.26	2.30	1.89	1.23	1.22
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table

TABLE 10a: The number of Child Support Service dependents (0-22 years) by reason for closure, Socio-economic status and study year

Reason for Closure	Socio-economic status	Number of individuals					
		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	Lowest	3,733	3,509	3,272	3,194	3,790	3,773
	Low middle	1,748	1,795	1,741	1,796	1,998	2,168
	Middle	1,099	1,030	1,015	1,122	1,314	1,541
	High middle	571	614	630	686	812	861
	Highest	239	233	282	355	420	393
	Total	7,390	7,181	6,940	7,153	8,334	8,736
Closed before conclusion	Lowest	1,777	2,292	2,179	1,836	1,755	1,511
	Low middle	831	1,128	1,178	947	953	782
	Middle	633	759	798	689	673	606
	High middle	352	412	358	350	412	402
	Highest	154	183	200	153	242	157
	Total	3,747	4,774	4,713	3,975	4,035	3,458
Family violence	Lowest	597	593	576	762	796	838
	Low middle	235	275	264	292	305	329
	Middle	155	174	191	232	247	283
	High middle	65	60	82	116	142	139
	Highest	24	18	39	42	56	55
	Total	1,076	1,120	1,152	1,444	1,546	1,644
No Potential for payment	Lowest	3,723	3,596	3,430	3,636	4,382	5,007
	Low middle	1,642	1,492	1,499	1,747	2,052	2,215
	Middle	1,081	970	1,083	1,110	1,320	1,626
	High middle	424	467	503	586	720	870
	Highest	181	191	172	261	324	382
	Total	7,051	6,716	6,687	7,340	8,798	10,100
Total N		19,264	19,791	19,492	19,912	22,713	23,938
Non-CSS dependents	Lowest	241,945	244,640	244,740	243,915	243,817	245,936
	Low middle	212,610	214,167	213,972	214,595	214,271	216,177
	Middle	186,629	191,830	195,749	199,759	203,379	207,901
	High middle	180,361	187,589	193,979	200,197	204,378	209,117
	Highest	181,565	189,706	196,446	203,382	208,445	214,343
	Total	1,003,110	1,027,932	1,044,886	1,061,848	1,074,290	1,093,474

Table

TABLE 10b: The percentage of Child Support Service dependents (0-22 years) by reason for closure, Socio-economic status and study year

Reason for Closure		Socio-economic status					
Number of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	Lowest	50.51	48.87	47.15	44.65	45.48	43.19
	Low middle	23.65	25.00	25.09	25.11	23.97	24.82
	Middle	14.87	14.34	14.63	15.69	15.77	17.64
	High middle	7.73	8.55	9.08	9.59	9.74	9.86
	Highest	3.23	3.24	4.06	4.96	5.04	4.50
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Closed before conclusion	Lowest	47.42	48.01	46.23	46.19	43.49	43.70
	Low middle	22.18	23.63	24.99	23.82	23.62	22.61
	Middle	16.89	15.90	16.93	17.33	16.68	17.52
	High middle	9.39	8.63	7.60	8.81	10.21	11.63
	Highest	4.11	3.83	4.24	3.85	6.00	4.54
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Family violence	Lowest	55.48	52.95	50.00	52.77	51.49	50.97
	Low middle	21.84	24.55	22.92	20.22	19.73	20.01
	Middle	14.41	15.54	16.58	16.07	15.98	17.21
	High middle	6.04	5.36	7.12	8.03	9.18	8.45
	Highest	2.23	1.61	3.39	2.91	3.62	3.35
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
No potential for payment	Lowest	52.80	53.54	51.29	49.54	49.81	49.57
	Low middle	23.29	22.22	22.42	23.80	23.32	21.93
	Middle	15.33	14.44	16.20	15.12	15.00	16.10
	High middle	6.01	6.95	7.52	7.98	8.18	8.61
	Highest	2.57	2.84	2.57	3.56	3.68	3.78
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Non-CSS dependents	Lowest	24.12	23.80	23.42	22.97	22.70	22.49
	Low middle	21.20	20.83	20.48	20.21	19.95	19.77
	Middle	18.61	18.66	18.73	18.81	18.93	19.01
	High middle	17.98	18.25	18.56	18.85	19.02	19.12
	Highest	18.10	18.46	18.80	19.15	19.40	19.60
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table

TABLE 11: The number and percentage of Child Support Service dependents (0-22 years) in the Alberta Health Care Registry by reason for closure and study year

Reason for Closure	Health care registry						
Number of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	Health care registry	7,115	6,923	6,694	6,841	7,807	7,946
	Not in Health care registry	758	786	767	807	911	935
	Total	7,873	7,709	7,461	7,648	8,718	8,881
Closed before conclusion	Health care registry	3,110	3,855	4,060	3,315	3,433	2,832
	Not in Health care registry	713	1,016	970	926	768	628
	Total	3,823	4,871	5,030	4,241	4,201	3,460
Family violence	Health care registry	984	981	1,062	1,296	1,343	1,345
	Not in Health care registry	171	201	187	259	248	313
	Total	1,155	1,182	1,249	1,555	1,591	1,658
No potential for payment	Health care registry	6,380	5,793	6,017	6,309	7,551	8,219
	Not in Health care registry	1,095	1,283	1,272	1,389	1,664	1,892
	Total	7,475	7,076	7,289	7,698	9,215	10,111
Total N		20,326	20,838	21,029	21,142	23,725	24,110
Non-CSS dependents	Health care registry	967,715	981,500	1,004,587	1,025,844	1,048,347	1,065,106
	Not in Health care registry	126,852	132,092	127,103	124,518	118,930	115,722
	Total	1,094,567	1,113,592	1,131,690	1,150,362	1,167,277	1,180,828
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Percentage of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	Health care registry	90.37	89.80	89.72	89.45	89.55	89.47
	Not in Health care registry	9.63	10.20	10.28	10.55	10.45	10.53
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Closed before conclusion	Health care registry	81.35	79.14	80.72	78.17	81.72	81.85
	Not in Health care registry	18.65	20.86	19.28	21.83	18.28	18.15
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Family violence	Health care registry	85.19	82.99	85.03	83.34	84.41	81.12
	Not in Health care registry	14.81	17.01	14.97	16.66	15.59	18.88
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
No potential for payment	Health care registry	85.35	81.87	82.55	81.96	81.94	81.29
	Not in Health care registry	14.65	18.13	17.45	18.04	18.06	18.71
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Non-CSS dependents	Health care registry	88.41	88.14	88.77	89.18	89.81	90.20
	Not in Health care registry	11.59	11.86	11.23	10.82	10.19	9.80
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table

TABLE 12: The number and percentage of Child Support Service dependents (0-22 years) who were students with special needs by reason for closure and study year

Reason for Closure		Students with special needs					
Number of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	Special needs	1,258	1,150	1,044	1,068	1,222	1,192
	No special needs	5,528	5,483	5,291	5,460	6,155	6,341
	Total	6,786	6,633	6,335	6,528	7,377	7,533
Closed before conclusion	Special needs	383	413	396	304	361	306
	No special needs	2,766	3,759	3,606	2,978	2,867	2,318
	Total	3,149	4,172	4,002	3,282	3,228	2,624
Family violence	Special needs	169	167	137	174	175	150
	No special needs	777	784	835	1,030	1,057	1,145
	Total	946	951	972	1,204	1,232	1,295
No potential for payment	Special needs	966	877	864	864	942	1,039
	No special needs	5,128	5,092	4,978	5,331	6,259	6,658
	Total	6,094	5,969	5,842	6,195	7,201	7,697
Total N		16,975	17,725	17,151	17,209	19,038	19,149
Non-CSS dependents	Special needs	73,447	73,393	73,858	73,803	74,687	74,721
	No special needs	811,193	827,526	830,499	836,947	836,267	845,234
	Total	884,640	900,919	904,357	910,750	910,954	919,955

Percentage of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	Special needs	18.54	17.34	16.48	16.36	16.56	15.82
	No special needs	81.46	82.66	83.52	83.64	83.44	84.18
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Closed before conclusion	Special needs	12.16	9.90	9.90	9.26	11.18	11.66
	No special needs	87.84	90.10	90.10	90.74	88.82	88.34
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Family violence	Special needs	17.86	17.56	14.09	14.45	14.20	11.58
	No special needs	82.14	82.44	85.91	85.55	85.80	88.42
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
No potential for payment	Special needs	15.85	14.69	14.79	13.95	13.08	13.50
	No special needs	84.15	85.31	85.21	86.05	86.92	86.50
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Non-CSS dependents	Special needs	8.30	8.15	8.17	8.10	8.20	8.12
	No special needs	91.70	91.85	91.83	91.90	91.80	91.88
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table

TABLE 13: The number and percentage of Child Support Service dependents (0-22 years) who received Child Care Subsidy by reason for closure and study year

Reason for Closure	Child Care Subsidy						
Number of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	Child Care Subsidy	1,194	1,088	981	1,157	1,454	1,604
	No Child Care Subsidy	2,708	2,776	2,805	4,663	5,131	5,097
	Total	3,902	3,864	3,786	5,820	6,585	6,701
Closed before conclusion	Child Care Subsidy	533	852	823	718	736	651
	No Child Care Subsidy	2,061	2,405	2,453	2,932	2,865	2,407
	Total	2,594	3,257	3,276	3,650	3,601	3,058
Family violence	Child Care Subsidy	222	191	206	251	293	282
	No Child Care Subsidy	541	601	651	1,151	1,137	1,164
	Total	763	792	857	1,402	1,430	1,446
No potential for payment	Child Care Subsidy	953	817	749	971	1,105	1,480
	No Child Care Subsidy	3,313	3,263	3,329	5,230	6,167	6,546
	Total	4,266	4,080	4,078	6,201	7,272	8,026
Total N		11,525	11,993	11,997	17,073	18,888	19,231
Non-CSS dependents	Child Care Subsidy	17,649	19,880	19,194	22,711	25,901	30,033
	No Child Care Subsidy	367,771	382,226	395,966	654,445	660,323	671,854
	Total	385,420	402,106	415,160	677,156	686,224	701,887
Percentage of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	Child Care Subsidy	30.60	28.16	25.91	19.88	22.08	23.94
	No Child Care Subsidy	69.40	71.84	74.09	80.12	77.92	76.06
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Closed before conclusion	Child Care Subsidy	20.55	26.16	25.12	19.67	20.44	21.29
	No Child Care Subsidy	79.45	73.84	74.88	80.33	79.56	78.71
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Family violence	Child Care Subsidy	29.10	24.12	24.04	17.90	20.49	19.50
	No Child Care Subsidy	70.90	75.88	75.96	82.10	79.51	80.50
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
No potential for payment	Child Care Subsidy	22.34	20.02	18.37	15.66	15.20	18.44
	No Child Care Subsidy	77.66	79.98	81.63	84.34	84.80	81.56
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Non-CSS dependents	Child Care Subsidy	4.58	4.94	4.62	3.35	3.77	4.28
	No Child Care Subsidy	95.42	95.06	95.38	96.65	96.23	95.72
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table

TABLE 14: The number and percentage of Child Support Service dependents (0-22 years) who received Child Intervention services by reason for closure and study year

Reason for Closure	Child Intervention						
Number of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	Child Intervention	847	856	758	671	676	638
	Not in Child Intervention	7,253	7,091	6,895	7,172	8,258	8,456
	Total	8,100	7,947	7,653	7,843	8,934	9,094
Closed before conclusion	Child Intervention	400	442	329	299	293	239
	Not in Child Intervention	3,807	5,060	5,054	4,161	4,099	3,398
	Total	4,207	5,502	5,383	4,460	4,392	3,637
Family violence	Child Intervention	207	202	223	265	275	228
	Not in Child Intervention	1,033	1,068	1,097	1,398	1,417	1,513
	Total	1,240	1,270	1,320	1,663	1,692	1,741
No potential for payment	Child Intervention	1,249	1,077	991	917	1,020	1,122
	Not in Child Intervention	6,772	6,708	6,729	7,393	8,672	9,480
	Total	8,021	7,785	7,720	8,310	9,692	10,602
Total N		21,568	22,504	22,076	22,276	24,710	25,074
Non-CSS dependents	Child Intervention	17,949	18,481	18,277	16,869	15,829	15,482
	Not in Child Intervention	1,133,496	1,162,376	1,176,559	1,191,792	1,197,895	1,212,695
	Total	1,151,445	1,180,857	1,194,836	1,208,661	1,213,724	1,228,177

Percentage of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	Child Intervention	10.46	10.77	9.90	8.56	7.57	7.02
	Not in Child Intervention	89.54	89.23	90.10	91.44	92.43	92.98
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Closed before conclusion	Child Intervention	9.51	8.03	6.11	6.70	6.67	6.57
	Not in Child Intervention	90.49	91.97	93.89	93.30	93.33	93.43
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Family violence	Child Intervention	16.69	15.91	16.89	15.94	16.25	13.10
	Not in Child Intervention	83.31	84.09	83.11	84.06	83.75	86.90
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
No potential for payment	Child Intervention	15.57	13.83	12.84	11.03	10.52	10.58
	Not in Child Intervention	84.43	86.17	87.16	88.97	89.48	89.42
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Non-CSS dependents	Child Intervention	1.56	1.57	1.53	1.40	1.30	1.26
	Not in Child Intervention	98.44	98.43	98.47	98.60	98.70	98.74
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table

TABLE 15: The number and percentage of Child Support Service dependents (0-22 years) who had criminal offences by reason for closure and study year

Reason for Closure	Criminal Offences						
Number of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	Offences	211	199	169	184	231	199
	No Offences	2,710	2,671	2,521	2,621	2,968	3,031
	Total	2,921	2,870	2,690	2,805	3,199	3,230
Closed before conclusion	Offences	75	81	62	66	60	47
	No Offences	990	1,363	1,313	1,083	1,039	768
	Total	1,065	1,444	1,375	1,149	1,099	815
Family violence	Offences	13	22	23	34	36	31
	No Offences	295	286	269	347	334	398
	Total	308	308	292	381	370	429
No potential for payment	Offences	213	205	208	205	220	270
	No Offences	2,448	2,420	2,420	2,596	2,959	3,149
	Total	2,661	2,625	2,628	2,801	3,179	3,419
Total N		6,955	7,247	6,985	7,136	7,847	7,893
Non-CSS dependents	Offences	16,492	17,505	17,982	17,581	16,695	15,489
	No Offences	605,091	616,204	616,109	615,623	610,979	611,932
	Total	621,583	633,709	634,091	633,204	627,674	627,421

Percentage of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Agreement/Order	Offences	7.22	6.93	6.28	6.56	7.22	6.16
	No Offences	92.78	93.07	93.72	93.44	92.78	93.84
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Closed before conclusion	Offences	7.04	5.61	4.51	5.74	5.46	5.77
	No Offences	92.96	94.39	95.49	94.26	94.54	94.23
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Family violence	Offences	4.22	7.14	7.88	8.92	9.73	7.23
	No Offences	95.78	92.86	92.12	91.08	90.27	92.77
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
No potential for payment	Offences	8.00	7.81	7.91	7.32	6.92	7.90
	No Offences	92.00	92.19	92.09	92.68	93.08	92.10
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Non-CSS dependents	Offences	2.65	2.76	2.84	2.78	2.66	2.47
	No Offences	97.35	97.24	97.16	97.22	97.34	97.53
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table

TABLE 16: Number and percentage of children and youth who were Child Support Service Dependents (0-22 years) by amount of agreement/order, gender and study year

Amount of Agreement/Order		Gender					
Numbers of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
\$1 to \$250	Female	1,741	1,598	1,451	1,280	1,436	1,287
	Male	1,776	1,644	1,406	1,377	1,382	1,363
	Total	3,517	3,242	2,857	2,657	2,818	2,650
\$251 to \$500	Female	1,674	1,642	1,519	1,543	1,838	1,858
	Male	1,659	1,688	1,601	1,598	1,864	1,902
	Total	3,333	3,330	3,120	3,141	3,702	3,760
\$501 to \$750	Female	530	555	595	638	737	784
	Male	502	501	587	658	706	778
	Total	1,032	1,056	1,182	1,296	1,443	1,562
\$751 to \$1000	Female	243	235	248	336	386	400
	Male	216	213	230	316	354	369
	Total	459	448	478	652	740	769
More than \$1000	Female	133	166	207	263	298	379
	Male	148	188	235	268	328	408
	Total	281	354	442	531	626	787
Total N		8,622	8,430	8,079	8,277	9,329	9,528

Percentage of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
\$1 to \$250	Female	49.50	49.29	50.79	48.17	50.96	48.57
	Male	50.50	50.71	49.21	51.83	49.04	51.43
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$251 to \$500	Female	50.23	49.31	48.69	49.12	49.65	49.41
	Male	49.77	50.69	51.31	50.88	50.35	50.59
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$501 to \$750	Female	51.36	52.56	50.34	49.23	51.07	50.19
	Male	48.64	47.44	49.66	50.77	48.93	49.81
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$751 to \$1000	Female	52.94	52.46	51.88	51.53	52.16	52.02
	Male	47.06	47.54	48.12	48.47	47.84	47.98
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
More than \$1000	Female	47.33	46.89	46.83	49.53	47.60	48.16
	Male	52.67	53.11	53.17	50.47	52.40	51.84
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table

TABLE 17: The number and percentage of Child Support Service dependents (0-22 years) by amount of agreement/order, educational achievement and study year

Amount of Agreement/Order		Educational achievement					
Number of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
\$1 to \$250	Below expectations	579	545	485	440	434	395
	Meeting/above expectations	759	738	566	562	635	563
	Total	1,338	1,283	1,051	1,002	1,069	958
\$251 to \$500	Below expectations	509	521	434	441	507	506
	Meeting/above expectations	731	698	684	679	844	817
	Total	1,240	1,219	1,118	1,120	1,351	1,323
\$501 to \$750	Below expectations	160	168	176	193	210	217
	Meeting/above expectations	298	301	316	343	375	413
	Total	458	469	492	536	585	630
\$751 to \$1000	Below expectations	64	82	74	97	118	99
	Meeting/above expectations	162	123	110	184	208	225
	Total	226	205	184	281	326	324
More than \$1000	Below expectations	40	34	62	67	88	129
	Meeting/above expectations	79	106	146	175	200	248
	Total	119	140	208	242	288	377
Total N		3,381	3,316	3,053	3,181	3,619	3,612

Percentage of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
\$1 to \$250	Below expectations	43.27	42.48	46.15	43.91	40.60	41.23
	Meeting/above expectations	56.73	57.52	53.85	56.09	59.40	58.77
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$251 to \$500	Below expectations	41.05	42.74	38.82	39.38	37.53	38.25
	Meeting/above expectations	58.95	57.26	61.18	60.62	62.47	61.75
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$501 to \$750	Below expectations	34.93	35.82	35.77	36.01	35.90	34.44
	Meeting/above expectations	65.07	64.18	64.23	63.99	64.10	65.56
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$751 to \$1000	Below expectations	28.32	40.00	40.22	34.52	36.20	30.56
	Meeting/above expectations	71.68	60.00	59.78	65.48	63.80	69.44
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
More than \$1000	Below expectations	33.61	24.29	29.81	27.69	30.56	34.22
	Meeting/above expectations	66.39	75.71	70.19	72.31	69.44	65.78
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table

TABLE 18a: The number and percentage of Child Support Service dependents (0-22 years) by amount of agreement/order, age group and study year

Amount of Agreement/Order	Age groups						
Number of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
\$1 to \$250	0 to 5 years	1,236	1,103	1,007	921	946	943
	6 to 12 years	1,211	1,117	976	893	958	873
	13 to 17 years	813	794	657	629	638	576
	18 to 22 years	259	229	219	215	277	258
	Total	3,519	3,243	2,859	2,658	2,819	2,650
\$251 to \$500	0 to 5 years	1,190	1,182	1,160	1,156	1,365	1,396
	6 to 12 years	1,193	1,209	1,138	1,133	1,291	1,311
	13 to 17 years	737	734	633	635	755	739
	18 to 22 years	213	205	189	218	292	314
	Total	3,333	3,330	3,120	3,142	3,703	3,760
\$501 to \$750	0 to 5 years	261	275	329	393	436	492
	6 to 12 years	462	440	470	488	592	600
	13 to 17 years	237	271	272	313	314	340
	18 to 22 years	72	74	111	102	105	131
	Total	1,032	1,060	1,182	1,296	1,447	1,563
\$751 to \$1000	0 to 5 years	112	116	137	170	212	217
	6 to 12 years	202	190	195	282	293	322
	13 to 17 years	120	114	116	164	176	172
	18 to 22 years	25	28	30	37	60	58
	Total	459	448	478	653	741	769
More than \$1000	0 to 5 years	64	100	108	129	164	187
	6 to 12 years	110	152	210	237	301	354
	13 to 17 years	71	76	106	124	124	178
	18 to 22 years	36	26	18	41	37	68
	Total	281	354	442	531	626	787

Table

TABLE 18b: The number and percentage of Child Support Service dependents (0-22 years) by amount of agreement/order, age group and study year

Amount of Agreement/Order	Age groups	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
\$1 to \$250	Percentage of individuals						
	0 to 5 years	35.12	34.01	35.22	34.65	33.56	35.58
	6 to 12 years	34.41	34.44	34.14	33.60	33.98	32.94
	13 to 17 years	23.10	24.48	22.98	23.66	22.63	21.74
	18 to 22 years	7.36	7.06	7.66	8.09	9.83	9.74
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$251 to \$500	0 to 5 years	35.70	35.50	37.18	36.79	36.86	37.13
	6 to 12 years	35.79	36.31	36.47	36.06	34.86	34.87
	13 to 17 years	22.11	22.04	20.29	20.21	20.39	19.65
	18 to 22 years	6.39	6.16	6.06	6.94	7.89	8.35
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$501 to \$750	0 to 5 years	25.29	25.94	27.83	30.32	30.13	31.48
	6 to 12 years	44.77	41.51	39.76	37.65	40.91	38.39
	13 to 17 years	22.97	25.57	23.01	24.15	21.70	21.75
	18 to 22 years	6.98	6.98	9.39	7.87	7.26	8.38
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$751 to \$1000	0 to 5 years	24.40	25.89	28.66	26.03	28.61	28.22
	6 to 12 years	44.01	42.41	40.79	43.19	39.54	41.87
	13 to 17 years	26.14	25.45	24.27	25.11	23.75	22.37
	18 to 22 years	5.45	6.25	6.28	5.67	8.10	7.54
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
More than \$1000	0 to 5 years	22.78	28.25	24.43	24.29	26.20	23.76
	6 to 12 years	39.15	42.94	47.51	44.63	48.08	44.98
	13 to 17 years	25.27	21.47	23.98	23.35	19.81	22.62
	18 to 22 years	12.81	7.34	4.07	7.72	5.91	8.64
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table

TABLE 19: The number and percentage of Child Support Services dependents (0-22 years) by amount of agreement/order, high cost health service use and study year

Amount of agreement/order		High cost health service					
Number of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
\$1 to \$250	Yes	249	194	208	184	195	164
	No	2,824	2,655	2,293	2,129	2,249	2,106
	Total	3,073	2,849	2,501	2,313	2,444	2,270
\$251 to \$500	Yes	233	189	208	213	257	251
	No	2,693	2,683	2,504	2,502	2,944	3,030
	Total	2,926	2,872	2,712	2,715	3,201	3,281
\$501 to \$750	Yes	67	63	100	91	108	100
	No	851	861	923	1,040	1,167	1,257
	Total	918	924	1,023	1,131	1,275	1,357
\$751 to \$1000	Yes	25	27	34	48	52	60
	No	372	359	389	534	607	635
	Total	397	386	423	582	659	695
More than \$1000	Yes	15	18	35	35	44	64
	No	232	293	361	436	527	646
	Total	247	311	396	471	571	710
Total N		7,561	7,342	7,055	7,212	8,150	8,313

Percentage of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
\$1 to \$250	Yes	8.10	6.81	8.32	7.96	7.98	7.22
	No	91.90	93.19	91.68	92.04	92.02	92.78
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$251 to \$500	Yes	7.96	6.58	7.67	7.85	8.03	7.65
	No	92.04	93.42	92.33	92.15	91.97	92.35
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$501 to \$750	Yes	7.30	6.82	9.78	8.05	8.47	7.37
	No	92.70	93.18	90.22	91.95	91.53	92.63
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$751 to \$1000	Yes	6.30	6.99	8.04	8.25	7.89	8.63
	No	93.70	93.01	91.96	91.75	92.11	91.37
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
More than \$1000	Yes	6.07	5.79	8.84	7.43	7.71	9.01
	No	93.93	94.21	91.16	92.57	92.29	90.99
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

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TABLE 20: The number and percentage of Child Support Services dependents (0-22 years) by amount of agreement/order, mental health service use and study year

Agreement/Order	Mental health service						
Number of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
\$1 to \$250	Any mental health services	281	270	211	200	191	207
	No mental health service	2,795	2,584	2,291	2,118	2,254	2,065
	Total	3,076	2,854	2,502	2,318	2,445	2,272
\$251 to \$500	Any mental health services	300	254	231	250	293	270
	No mental health service	2,630	2,619	2,482	2,466	2,909	3,016
	Total	2,930	2,873	2,713	2,716	3,202	3,286
\$501 to \$750	Any mental health services	98	84	88	114	109	123
	No mental health service	820	842	937	1,017	1,166	1,236
	Total	918	926	1,025	1,131	1,275	1,359
\$751 to \$1000	Any mental health services	39	36	41	61	72	63
	No mental health service	358	350	382	521	589	632
	Total	397	386	423	582	661	695
More than \$1000	Any mental health services	15	18	34	46	41	84
	No mental health service	232	293	363	425	530	626
	Total	247	311	397	471	571	710
Total N		7,568	7,350	7,060	7,218	8,154	8,322

Percentage of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
\$1 to \$250	Any mental health services	9.14	9.46	8.43	8.63	7.81	9.11
	No mental health service	90.86	90.54	91.57	91.37	92.19	90.89
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$251 to \$500	Any mental health services	10.24	8.84	8.51	9.20	9.15	8.22
	No mental health service	89.76	91.16	91.49	90.80	90.85	91.78
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$501 to \$750	Any mental health services	10.68	9.07	8.59	10.08	8.55	9.05
	No mental health service	89.32	90.93	91.41	89.92	91.45	90.95
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$751 to \$1000	Any mental health services	9.82	9.33	9.69	10.48	10.89	9.06
	No mental health service	90.18	90.67	90.31	89.52	89.11	90.94
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
More than \$1000	Any mental health services	6.07	5.79	8.56	9.77	7.18	11.83
	No mental health service	93.93	94.21	91.44	90.23	92.82	88.17
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

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TABLE 21: The number and percentage of Child Support Services dependents (0-22 years) by amount of agreement/order, residential mobility and study year

Agreement or order	Residential mobility	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Number of individuals							
\$1 to \$250	No moves	1,584	1,555	1,309	1,255	1,353	1,250
	One Move	934	864	776	712	692	687
	Two or more moves	555	430	416	346	399	333
	Total	3,073	2,849	2,501	2,313	2,444	2,270
\$251 to \$500	No moves	1,515	1,663	1,446	1,465	1,759	1,718
	One Move	898	830	838	829	927	1,056
	Two or more moves	513	379	428	421	515	507
	Total	2,926	2,872	2,712	2,715	3,201	3,281
\$501 to \$750	No moves	455	550	576	608	677	712
	One Move	277	261	322	345	390	455
	Two or more moves	186	113	125	178	208	190
	Total	918	924	1,023	1,131	1,275	1,357
\$751 to \$1000	No moves	222	211	254	335	366	427
	One Move	108	118	121	171	199	176
	Two or more moves	67	57	48	76	94	92
	Total	397	386	423	582	659	695
More than \$1000	No moves	137	175	229	273	326	414
	One Move	85	92	120	139	170	214
	Two or more moves	25	44	47	59	75	82
	Total	247	311	396	471	571	710
Total N		7,561	7,342	7,055	7,212	8,150	8,313
Percentage of individuals							
\$1 to \$250	No moves	51.55	54.58	52.34	54.26	55.36	55.07
	One Move	30.39	30.33	31.03	30.78	28.31	30.26
	Two or more moves	18.06	15.09	16.63	14.96	16.33	14.67
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$251 to \$500	No moves	51.78	57.90	53.32	53.96	54.95	52.36
	One Move	30.69	28.90	30.90	30.53	28.96	32.19
	Two or more moves	17.53	13.20	15.78	15.51	16.09	15.45
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$501 to \$750	No moves	49.56	59.52	56.30	53.76	53.10	52.47
	One Move	30.17	28.25	31.48	30.50	30.59	33.53
	Two or more moves	20.26	12.23	12.22	15.74	16.31	14.00
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$751 to \$1000	No moves	55.92	54.66	60.05	57.56	55.54	61.44
	One Move	27.20	30.57	28.61	29.38	30.20	25.32
	Two or more moves	16.88	14.77	11.35	13.06	14.26	13.24
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
More than \$1000	No moves	55.47	56.27	57.83	57.96	57.09	58.31
	One Move	34.41	29.58	30.30	29.51	29.77	30.14
	Two or more moves	10.12	14.15	11.87	12.53	13.13	11.55
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

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TABLE 22: The number and percentage of Child Support Service dependents (0-22 years) who received Child Care Subsidy by amount of agreement/order and study year

Agreement or order	Child Care Subsidy	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Number of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
\$1 to \$250	Child Care Subsidy	521	471	360	375	409	441
	No Child Care Subsidy	1,236	1,110	1,089	1,569	1,605	1,489
	Total	1,757	1,581	1,449	1,944	2,014	1,930
\$251 to \$500	Child Care Subsidy	555	505	459	536	670	711
	No Child Care Subsidy	1,164	1,250	1,229	1,885	2,156	2,157
	Total	1,719	1,755	1,688	2,421	2,826	2,868
\$501 to \$750	Child Care Subsidy	123	107	137	191	254	292
	No Child Care Subsidy	347	363	386	773	841	875
	Total	470	470	523	964	1,095	1,167
\$751 to \$1000	Child Care Subsidy	49	30	51	71	104	142
	No Child Care Subsidy	134	157	179	416	446	429
	Total	183	187	230	487	550	571
More than \$1000	Child Care Subsidy	23	42	37	66	96	99
	No Child Care Subsidy	87	134	166	337	399	476
	Total	110	176	203	403	495	575
Total N		4,239	4,169	4,093	6,219	6,980	7,111
Percentage of individuals		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
\$1 to \$250	Child Care Subsidy	29.65	29.79	24.84	19.29	20.31	22.85
	No Child Care Subsidy	70.35	70.21	75.16	80.71	79.69	77.15
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$251 to \$500	Child Care Subsidy	32.29	28.77	27.19	22.14	23.71	24.79
	No Child Care Subsidy	67.71	71.23	72.81	77.86	76.29	75.21
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$501 to \$750	Child Care Subsidy	26.17	22.77	26.20	19.81	23.20	25.02
	No Child Care Subsidy	73.83	77.23	73.80	80.19	76.80	74.98
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
\$751 to \$1000	Child Care Subsidy	26.78	16.04	22.17	14.58	18.91	24.87
	No Child Care Subsidy	73.22	83.96	77.83	85.42	81.09	75.13
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
More than \$1000	Child Care Subsidy	20.91	23.86	18.23	16.38	19.39	17.22
	No Child Care Subsidy	79.09	76.14	81.77	83.62	80.61	82.78
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Definitions and notes

- **Age, gender**, and postal code (translated into Statistics Canada **dissemination areas**) were provided for each individual by each participating program. In the case of discrepancies between programs, the most common value for an indicator was chosen. In the event of two or more most common values, the value for the indicator was chosen randomly from the most common values.
 - The **Alberta Health Care Registry** (also known as the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan—AHCIP) includes all study participants (aged 0 to 30) who are eligible to receive insured hospital and physician services.
 - **Child Intervention** services are focused on meeting the safety and well-being of children and helping families and communities to meet these needs. The Child Intervention Program provides services to children and youth between the ages of 0 and 17 years who are or may be at risk of being abused, neglected or otherwise in need of intervention. As well, young adults (18-22 years of age) may also be eligible for post-intervention supports through the use of Support and Financial Assistance Agreements to help them transition to adulthood.
 - Individuals with **criminal offences** include those (aged 12 or older) charged with offences under various federal statutes.
 - **Cross-ministry analyses included only study participants who were linked across the relevant programs.** This means that not all participants in the project were represented in every analysis. As well, only participants with a value for a given indicator were included in analyses involving that indicator (i.e., missing values were excluded).
 - **Educational achievement** was computed by Alberta Education using age, grade 3, 6, and 9, school type, special education codes, provincial achievement test scores, home education status, number of high school credits earned, number of higher level courses taken, average grade in higher level courses, possession of an Alberta Education certificate or diploma, and Alexander Rutherford scholarship eligibility. Educational achievement was categorized as above, meeting, or below expectations for a student's age and grade. An educational achievement rating was not available for youth in 'other' schools (accredited post-secondary institutions offering high school courses for credit to adults; most youth in these schools were between 18 and 20 years), for home-schooled high school youth with no credits, and for students in grades lower than 3.
 - **High cost health service use:** Cost estimates per type of service across physician visits (general practitioner or specialist), ambulatory care visits (emergency or other ambulatory care), and hospitalizations (by type of service) were obtained from the Canadian Institute for Health Information. Estimated costs per visit were summed across all visits for each individual. High cost health users were those in the top 5% of estimated costs for their age groups and genders.
 - **Mental health service** was defined by the presence or absence of mental health diagnosis codes (Two or more ICD-9: 290-309.9, 311-314.9, 316, or a single ICD-10CA: F00-F06.9, F09-F69, F84-F99, G31.2, G44.2, R41.0) in Alberta Health and Wellness' databases (Inpatient—Discharge Abstract Database, Ambulatory Care, and Practitioner Payments), or in the Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) or the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) information systems. Only Albertans who were registered with the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan for the full fiscal year or who had a mental health service with FSCD or AISH were included. Mental health service use is a proxy for presence of a mental health condition; some youth with mental health conditions may not have accessed mental health services in Alberta during the year, and some mental health service use may have occurred for youth who did not in fact have mental health conditions.
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Definitions and notes (continued)

- **Reason for Closure** Client files are closed with the file closure reason which reflects the current situation of the applicant. There are 21 closure reasons, which are grouped into four categories for the purpose of analysis: (1) Agreement/Order: order/agreement obtained by the applicant/dependent; (2) File closed before service conclusion, which include the following reasons: assistance file closed; the applicant decides to end services; non-compliant. (3) No potential for payment: the respondent deceased; the respondent does not live in a reciprocal jurisdiction; the applicant is divorced and support is reserved; unable to identify person responsible; the applicant does not know the whereabouts of the person; the applicant and respondent reconciled; the dependent has left applicant's care; the respondent was excluded by DNA testing; person responsible has no ability to pay; wrong CSS applicant referral. (4) Family violence: the applicant or the children are at risk due to a past history of threats and violence.
- Children's Services and Community and Social Services delivery **regions** were used for regional analyses. Dissemination areas from the 2006 Statistics Canada Census were used to determine region. Those with missing dissemination areas are excluded from analyses. There are seven regions (Northwest, Northeast, North Central, Edmonton, Central, Calgary, South); the boundaries for these regions are shown on the map.
- **Report population:** For this report, age groups were equated across study years. This meant that individuals over the age of 25 years were excluded from analyses by year, because no study participants were older than 25 years in the first study year. "All years combined" analyses did include these oldest study participants, however.
- **Residential mobility** was defined as the number of unique postal codes within the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan registry during the study period. Health care premiums ceased to be collected on January 1st, 2009; addresses in the registry have been updated less often since that time, reducing their accuracy.
- **Socio-economic status (SES)** captures the social and material environments in which individuals lived. An individual was assigned a dissemination area level socio-economic status via an index based on 2006 census data⁷. Six indicators were included in the index: percent without a high school diploma, the employment rate, average income, percent of single families, percent of persons living alone, and percent of persons separated, divorced, or widowed. Socio-economic status values fell into five quintiles of 2006 census. Note that for each year of the study period, SES quintiles were calculated using the index developed from the 2006 Census.
- **Study population:** The study included individuals with a date of birth between April 1, 1980 and March 31, 2011 and who received services from one of the programs in the study or were registered in the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan between April 1, 2005 and March 31, 2011. The youngest study participants were those born in the last study year. The oldest study participants were 25 years old at the end of the first study year and consequently 30 years old at the end of the last study year.
- **Students with special needs** (aged 2.5 to 19) receive special education programming services.



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The Child and Youth Data Laboratory

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This project

The CYDL Longitudinal Project, focuses on understanding the experiences of Albertan children and youth as they develop. The focus is service use within and across ministries, as it is related to key indicators and to the passage of time. Studying experiences over several years of development adds a valuable level of richness to an already ground-breaking initiative, providing detailed insight into the factors that help to shape our

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