

Child Intervention Information and Statistics Summary

2021-22 First Quarter (June) Update

- All child intervention statistics for the first quarter (Q1) of 2021-22 reflect data as of June 2021, 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	Mar 2021	2019-20	2020-21	% Change from 2019-20
Regions	3,157	3,907	2,907	-26%
DFNAs	273	293	245	-16%
Intakes Started	3,430	4,200	3,153	-25%

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 March 2021.

In March 2021, **3,430 Intakes** were started across Alberta. There has been a **25% decrease** from 2019-20 (April – March) to 2020-21 (April – March).

TABLE 2: CHILD INTERVENTION SERVICE DELIVERY

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

Monthly Average	Jun 2021	Apr – Jun 2020-21	Apr – Jun 2021-22	% Change from 2020-21
Regions	8,350	8,868	8,442	-5%
DFNAs	2,015	1,930	1,985	+3%
Total Child Intervention	10,365	10,798	10,427	-3%

In June 2021, **81% 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	Jun 2021	Apr – Jun 2020-21	Apr – Jun 2021-22	% Change from 2020-21
Total Not in Care	2,146	2,638	2,207	-16%
<i>Temporary Care</i>	2,514	2,754	2,521	-8%
<i>Permanent Care</i>	5,705	5,406	5,699	+5%
Total in Care	8,219	8,160	8,220	+1%
Total Child Intervention	10,365	10,798	10,427	-3%

In June 2021, there were **10,365 children and youth** receiving child intervention services. Of those, **8,219 children and youth** received services in care, while **2,146 children and youth** received services at home (not in care).

The number of children and youth receiving child intervention services **decreased by 3%** from Q1 2020-21 (April – June) to Q1 2021-22 (April – June).

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

Monthly Average	Jun 2021	Apr – Jun 2020-21	Apr – Jun 2021-22	% Change from 2020-21
Indigenous	6,879	6,830	6,872	-1%
Non-Indigenous	3,486	3,968	3,555	-10%
Total Child Intervention	10,365	10,798	10,427	-3%
% of Indigenous children in child intervention	66%	63%	66%	+3%

In June 2021, **66% 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 Q1 2020-21 (April – June) to Q1 2021-22 (April – June).

TABLE 5: INDIGENOUS CHILDREN IN CARE

Monthly Average	Jun 2021	Apr – Jun 2020-21	Apr – Jun 2021-22	% Change from 2020-21
Indigenous	5,865	5,735	5,864	+2%
Non-Indigenous	2,354	2,425	2,356	-3%
Total In Care	8,219	8,160	8,220	+1%
% of Children In Care who are Indigenous	71%	70%	71%	+1%

In June 2021, **71% of children and youth** receiving services in care were Indigenous. The proportion of Indigenous children in care **increased by 1%** from Q1 2020-21 (April – June) to Q1 2021-22 (April – June).

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.

Monthly Average	Jun 2021	Apr – Jun 2020-21	Apr – Jun 2021-22	% Change from 2020-21
At Home ²	2,306	2,641	2,355	-11%
Independent Living ³	252	283	253	-11%
Other Community Resources ⁴	168	306	166	-46%
At Home / Community Total	2,726	3,230	2,774	-14%
Kinship Care	3,224	3,108	3,226	+4%
Foster Care	3,388	3,493	3,408	-2%
Permanency Placements ⁵	198	163	197	+21%
Caregiver Placements Total	6,810	6,764	6,831	+1%
Community Group Care ⁶	628	594	620	+4%
Campus-Based Care ⁷	137	147	139	-5%
Personalized Community Care ⁸	43	43	44	+2%
Other Facility-Based Placements ⁹	21	20	19	-5%
Facility Placements Total	829	804	822	+2%
All Placement Types	10,365	10,798	10,427	-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 June 2021, 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 **31%** of children and youth were placed in **Kinship Care**.

From Q1 2020-21 (April – June) to Q1 2021-22 (April – June), the number of children and youth in **Kinship Care increased by 4%**, while the number of children and youth in **Permanency Placements increased by 21%**.

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	Jun 2021	Apr – Jun 2020-21	Apr – Jun 2021-22	% Change from 2020-21
Regions	4,395	4,454	4,400	-1%
DFNAs	268	264	264	No Change
Province	4,663	4,718	4,664	-1%

In June 2021, there were **4,663 families** accessing the SFP Program. There has been a **1% decrease** from Q1 2020-21 (April – June) to Q1 2021-22 (April – June).

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	Jun 2021	Apr – Jun 2020-21	Apr – Jun 2021-22	% Change from 2020-21
Regions	1,914	1,902	1,915	+1%
DFNAs	282	226	270	+19%
Province	2,196	2,128	2,185	+3%

In June 2021, **2,196 young adults** had an active SFA Agreement. There has been a **3% increase** from Q1 2020-21 (April – June) to Q1 2021-22 (April – June).

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	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	% Change from 2020-21
# of Approved Students	792	883	948	+7%
% of youth who completed their studies	85%	88%	89%	+1%

In 2020-21, **948 students** were enrolled in the following program types:

- Diploma (**33%**)
- Degree (**26%**)
- Certificate/Trade (**23%**)
- Upgrading (**18%**)

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 10: PERMANENCY OUTCOMES

Distinct Count	2019-20 (Official)	2020-21 (Preliminary)	Apr – Jun 2021-22 (Preliminary)
Family Preservations	3,564	2,947	575
Family Reunifications	1,123	1,011	202
Private Guardianships	177	188	41
Adoptions	212	160	30
All Permanency Outcomes	5,076	4,306	848

In Q1 2021-22 (April – June), there were **575 Family Preservations** and **202 Family Reunifications**. There were **41 Private Guardianships** and **30 Adoptions** granted during the same period of time.

TABLE 11: APPROVED FOSTER AND KINSHIP HOMES

Distinct Count	2019-20 (as of Mar 2020)	2020-21 (as of Mar 2021)	As of June 30, 2021
Foster Homes	1,168	1,167	1,159
Agency Foster Homes	511	545	544
Kinship Homes	2,462	2,547	2,589
All Approved Homes	4,141	4,259	4,292

As of June 30, 2021, there were 1,703 approved and licensed Foster Homes and an additional 2,589 approved Kinship Homes.

TABLE 12: PSECA CASELOAD

Distinct Count	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Number of Distinct Children	166	127	115

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

In 2020-21, **115 distinct children** were served through the [Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act \(PSECA\)](#). There has been a **decrease of 9%** since 2019-20.

TABLE 13: DECA CASELOAD

Distinct Count	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Number of Distinct Children	2	0	5

DECA was introduced in November 2006.

In 2020-21, **five children** were apprehended under the [Drug Endangered Children Act \(DECA\)](#).