

CHILD WELFARE & OUT-OF-HOME CARE

DID YOU KNOW?

97%

the percentage of child welfare investigations where children/youth remain at home with their families

2%

the percentage of child welfare investigations where children/youth are placed in informal kinship (includes kinship service and customary care)

1%

the percentage of child welfare investigations where children/youth are placed in foster care (includes kinship care and non-relative foster care)

<1%

the percentage of child welfare investigations where children/youth are placed in treatment or group homes

Data Source:

The Ontario Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect – 2018.

2023-24 Out-of-Home Care Data (Non-Indigenous Societies)

38%

decrease of children and youth in care over 5 years; click [here](#) for 5-year trends

Kinship Service

Where children/youth not in care are placed with extended family, kin, or community

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2,622*

Customary Care

Where the care of a First Nation, Inuk, or Métis (FNIM) child/youth is provided by someone who is not their parent and follows the customs/traditions of their FNIM community/band

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121**

Kinship Care

Where children/youth are placed with extended family, kin, or community in licensed care

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274*

Legal Custody

Where a parent or another person assumes legal guardianship of a child/youth in the extended care of a child welfare agency

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156^

Adoption

Where a family assumes legal parental rights for a child/youth involved with a child welfare agency

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360^

Family-Based Foster Care

Where children/youth are placed with non-relatives in licensed family-based placements

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2,629&

Group Care

Where children/youth are placed in parent/staff model residences or licensed group/staff model homes

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763#

Voluntary Youth Services

Where a child welfare agency supports youth 16 or 17 years old who are in need of protection and not in care through a voluntary agreement

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470*

Transition to Independence

services to young adults 18+ years old in alignment with regulations including the moratorium during the COVID-19 pandemic

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3,719@

* Monthly average number of children and youth in these placements or agreements.

** Monthly average number of children and youth in customary care placements based on data from 37 non-Indigenous child welfare agencies.

^ Total legal custody agreements or adoptions completed annually.

& Number of children and youth in society-operated foster care regular, foster care specialized, foster care treatment, and outside purchased foster care placements as of March 31st, 2024.

Number of children and youth in society-operated foster and group care, society-operated staff model, outside purchased group care, and outside purchased staff model placements as of March 31st, 2024. Due to reporting limitations for unlicensed placements, some agencies used this placement category to report this data.

@ Monthly average number of youth aged 18+ receiving services and supports to prepare them succeed after transitioning from the child welfare system. With the change from CCSY to Ready, Set, Go (RSG) Program as of April 1, 2023, youth eligible to the program also changed from a maximum of 21 years old to 23 years old.

Data Source:

The Q4 2023-24 Child Welfare Transfer Payment Supplementary Report of 37 non-Indigenous child welfare agencies. Please note: This data does not include data from member Indigenous Child and Family Well-Being Agencies as there are no OCAP principle agreements in place. It should be noted however, that aggregate results from non-Indigenous agencies does include FNIM children and youth, as mandated by MCCSS agreements.