

# 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.

## 2022-23 Out-of-Home Care Data (Non-Indigenous Societies)

42%

decrease of children and youth in care over 5 years - click [here](#) for the trend

**Kinship Service**

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

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2,739\*

**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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106\*\*

**Kinship Care**

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

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329\*

**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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198^

**Adoption**

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

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456^

**Family-Based Foster Care**

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

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2,660&

**Group Care**

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

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534#

**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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429\*

**Transition to Independence**

Where a child welfare agency supports youth aged 18-21 in their transition to independence

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3,919@

\* 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 38 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, 2023

# 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, 2023

@ Monthly average number of youth receiving Continued Care and Supports for Youth (CCSY) – a policy providing youth who have left care with ongoing financial, emotional, and other supports until the age of 21. Please note this number includes youth beyond 21 years of age due to the moratorium in place during the COVID-19 pandemic. CCSY has since been replaced by Ready, Set, Go, as of April 1, 2023.

Data Source:

The Q4 2022-23 Child Welfare Transfer Payment Supplementary Report of 38 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.