

Child and Family Services Statistical Report

1998-1999 to 2000-2001

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Preface

This is the fourth edition of the *Child and Family Services (C&FS) Statistical Report* of the Working Group on Child and Family Services Information, presenting statistical data on child welfare services in Canada. The format of the report is based on statistical tables previously found in the *Compendium on Child and Family Services Information* and the report entitled *Child Welfare in Canada: the Role of Provincial and Territorial Authorities in Cases of Child Abuse*.

The *C&FS Statistical Report* presents data on a range of services to children and families, including protection services and adoption, with the main focus being on children in care. Each jurisdictional section provides statistics on services to children and families and, in some cases, expenditure data for departments responsible for child welfare. Data are provided for 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, and may be presented for the fiscal year, calendar year, for the month of March, or as at the end of March, depending on the reporting system for each jurisdiction. Provinces and territories have submitted statistics extracted from data systems developed to meet the administrative and case management needs of their respective jurisdictions. As such, there are extensive variations in the types of data collected and the manner in which they are reported. For instance, some data may refer to all allegations of child abuse and others to investigations only. Actual client data may represent the number of families or children. Therefore, **data for a given province or territory cannot and should not be compared across jurisdictions**.

Each jurisdiction has its own legislation providing for the protection of children. Services may be provided to a child in need of protection through several means. *Preventive services* may be provided by child welfare authorities with the agreement and co-operation of the family to help resolve difficulties. Formalized *voluntary agreements* may be negotiated between child welfare authorities and the child's family outlining each party's responsibilities towards the care and custody of the child; these are usually temporary in nature and may involve placement of the child outside the family home. Where a child is considered to be in imminent danger, child welfare authorities may *apprehend* the child. Where a child has been apprehended, or a voluntary agreement is not feasible or appropriate, a *child protection hearing* is scheduled. The court determines whether the child is in need of protection, and may issue an order concerning the care, custody and/or guardianship of the child.

Throughout the report, where provinces and territories were unable to provide data, the symbol "n/a" has been used. Following the statistical tables in each section, there appears a glossary of terminology defining such terms as child and children in care, and describing various legal statuses.

Table A provides the most recent post-censal estimates from Statistics Canada on the overall child population in Canada, by province and territory for children in various age groupings.

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Table A **Estimated Number of Children in Canada by Province/Territory**
July 2001^p (000's)

Province	0-16 years	17 years	18 years	0-18 years
Newfoundland	105.9	8.0	8.1	122.0
Prince Edward Island	30.9	2.0	2.1	35.1
Nova Scotia	193.7	12.9	12.9	219.6
New Brunswick	154.3	10.3	10.4	175.0
Quebec	1,487.9	92.8	94.1	1,674.8
Ontario	2,600.2	156.2	156.1	2,912.5
Manitoba	271.8	16.4	16.0	304.2
Saskatchewan	247.5	15.7	15.6	278.8
Alberta	717.1	45.6	45.8	808.5
British Columbia	833.3	55.0	55.0	943.2
Yukon	7.1	.5	.5	8.1
Northwest Territories	12.2	.7	.6	13.5
Nunavut	11.4	.5	.5	12.5
<i>Canada¹</i>	<i>6,673.3</i>	<i>416.7</i>	<i>417.7</i>	<i>7,507.6</i>

p. Preliminary data.

1. Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: Statistics Canada - Postcensal estimates

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Introduction

The data presented in this section were provided by the Child, Youth and Family Services Division of the Department of Health and Community Services. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Investigations* - allegations of child abuse or neglect investigated.
2. *Child Welfare* - number of child welfare cases by region including child protective intervention, children-in-care, family services, youth services and adoption cases.
3. *Children not in Care*- cases where there is no transfer of custody or guardianship.
4. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship to the Director of Child Welfare.
5. *Adoptions* - children in care, relative and step-parent adoptions.

In addition, expenditures for the Department of Health and Community Services are included.

Please be advised that in 2000-2001 the Child, Youth and Family Services Division was in a transition phase to a new computerized system for its data. Hence, there may be under representation in the statistics.

Newfoundland and Labrador data should not be compared with data from other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

*Investigations***Table 1** **Investigations¹ by Type, 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001**

Type	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001²
Child Abuse			
Physical	638	676	837
Sexual	492	473	346
Emotional	<u>750</u>	<u>688</u>	<u>418</u>
Subtotal	1,880	1,837	1,601
Other ³	1,631	1,738	911

1. Data represent the number of allegations of a child in need of protective intervention. The data is reflective of referrals which initiated an investigation on new or reopened cases, not active cases.
2. In 2000-2001 the Child, Youth and Family Services Division was in a transition phase to a new computerized system for its data. Hence, there may be under representation in the statistics.
3. All investigations other than direct child abuse, treatment not provided, abandonment, violence, lack of supervision or a child under 12 years of age who causes harm to a person or property.

*Child Welfare Cases***Table 2** **Number of Child Welfare Cases¹ by Region, March 1999, March 2000 and March 2001**

Region	March 1999²	March 2000	March 2001
St. John's	2,437	3,571	3,491
Eastern	997	1,397	1,226
Central	699	1,133	1,167
Western	1,129	1,416	1,440
Labrador	910	898	939
Grenfell ²	94	137	131
Total	6,266	8,552	8,394

1. Includes the following programs: Protective Intervention, In Care, Family Services including Child Welfare Allowances, Youth Services-residential and non-residential and Adoptions.
2. Data have been revised.

*Children Not in Care***Table 3** Children Not in Care, in Placements (with relatives) Receiving Financial Support, March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Child Welfare Allowance ¹	484	593	592

1. This program provides financial support to relatives who are caring for children who would otherwise come into the care of a Director of Child, Youth and Family Services.

*Children in Care***Table 4.a** Children in Care¹ by Legal Status as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

Legal Status ²	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000 ³	March 31, 2001 ³
Continuous Custody	218	269	254
Temporary Custody	177	141	97
Voluntary Care Agreement	60	27	61
Interim Care	71	75	64
Consent to Adoption	12	5	13
Youth Care Agreement ⁴	165	n/a	n/a
Total⁵	703	517	489

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Terms for legal statuses have changed under the new Child, Youth and Family Services Act, effective January 5, 2000.
3. In 2000-2001, the Child, Youth and Family Services Division was in a transition phase to a new computerized system for its data. Hence, there may be under representation in the statistics.
4. Youth Care Agreements are not used under the new Child, Youth and Family Services Act, which became effective January 5, 2000.
5. Totals reflect children who may have entered/left and re-entered care during the year and therefore may be counted more than once.

**Table 4.b Youth Receiving Services under Youth Services Agreements¹,
April 1, 2000-March 31, 2001.**

	2000-2001
Number of Youth	368

1. Youth aged 16-21 are under a voluntary Youth Services Agreement and not in care of a Director of Child, Youth and Family Services.

**Table 4.c Children in Care¹ by Age Group and Sex, as at March 31, 1999,
March 31, 2000, and March 31, 2001**

	March 31,1999	March 31, 2000 ²	March 31, 2001 ²
Age Group			
0-5 years	n/a	61	62
6-11 years	n/a	156	161
12-15 years	n/a	179	293
Sex			
Male	n/a	213	231
Female	n/a	193	185

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. In 2000-2001, the Child, Youth and Family Services Division was in a transition phase to a new computerized system for its data. Hence, there may be under representation in the statistics.

*Adoptions***Table 5.a** **Adoptions during 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001**

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Applications Received	215	154	131
Applications Approved	106	81	76
Applications Rejected or Withdrawn	109	88	102
Placements made or recognized	137	51	38
Regular	47	51	38
Relative/Step-parent	87	40	40
Adoptions finalized	137	85	69
Adoption Subsidy	39	21	14

Table 5.b **Age Group of Children¹ Placed for Adoption during 1998-1999**

Age Group	1998-1999
0-2 years	30
over 2 years	17
<i>Total</i>	<i>47</i>

1. Does not include children adopted by relatives or step parents.

Table 5.c Children Adopted, by Sex and Age Group during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

	1999-2000	2000-2001
<i>Sex</i>		
Male	49	33
Female	50	38
<i>Age Group</i>		
0-3 years	34	14
over 3 years	67	57
<i>Total</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>71</i>

1. Data have been revised.

Expenditures

Table 6 **Department of Health and Community Services**
Total Expenditures (\$000s)
1998-1999 to 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000 ¹	2000-2001 ¹
Executive & Support Services	\$ n/a	\$ n/a	\$ n/a
Service Delivery	37,650.5	n/a	n/a
Child Welfare²	17,132.8	30,046.3	41,067.1⁵
Youth Corrections ³	5,471.7	3,099.5	3,723.7
Day Care	9,656.8	n/a	4,140.8
Support to Family Related Organizations ⁴	n/a	n/a	n/a
Family Support Services	3,245.4	2,054.3	n/a
Total	\$ 69,911.8	\$ 35,200.1	\$ 48,931.3

1. Please note due to departmental restructuring, changes in payment systems, and changes in delivery structure, the data from 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 should not be compared with 1998-1999 data.
2. The Child Welfare budget entails all costs associated with delivering the program, i.e. program costs, staffing, and administration.
3. The Youth Corrections budget includes all costs associated with delivering the program including staffing and administration.
4. Support to Organizations is not budgeted separately but the amount is included in the Child Welfare Budget.
5. The Family Support Services budget includes services to families, voluntary prevention, and to families who are receiving a protective intervention program. These monies (\$2,738,800) are included in the Child Welfare Budget.

Glossary of Terms

Child:	A person actually or apparently under the age of 16 years.
Child in Care:	Child in need of protection under the <i>Child, Youth and Family Services Act</i> and in care under the following legal statuses: Voluntary Care Agreement, Interim Care (those who have been removed and are waiting for the Presentation Hearing and those waiting for a judge's decision), Consent to Adoption, Order of Temporary Custody, Order of Continuous Custody.
Order of Temporary Custody:	Custody and guardianship of a child are transferred to a Director of Child, Youth and Family Services. The parents must consent to any medical treatment required by the child. Orders cannot exceed 3 months for a child under 5 years of age, to a maximum of 3 orders; 4 months for a child of 5 years of age and over but under 12 years of age, to a maximum of 3 orders; 6 months for a child 12 years of age and over to a maximum of 3 orders.
Continuous Custody:	Once the court has utilized the maximums in Temporary Custody, and if the child is unable to return safely to his/her parents, the Court places the child in the sole custody of the Director of Child, Youth and Family Services on a permanent basis.
Youth:	A person who is sixteen years of age or over but under 18 years of age.
Youth Services Agreement:	The Youth Services Program assists young people aged 16 to 21 to achieve successful transition to adulthood. This is a new program legislated in the <i>Child, Youth and Family Services Act</i> to address the gap in services for 16 and 17 year-old youth who are unable to reside with their parents due to issues of maltreatment. These youth can voluntarily enter into a Youth Services Agreement with a Director of Child, Youth and Family Services to receive residential and other supportive services. A child, who was in care or custody of the Director before reaching 16 years of age, is entitled to services through Youth Services until 21 years of age, if still attending school.
Consent to Adoption:	Under <i>The Adoption of Children Act</i> , a parent may voluntarily relinquish a child to a Director of Child Welfare for the purposes of adoption.

Introduction

Data presented in this section are from the Department of Health and Social Services' management information system. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.
2. *Adoptions* - number of children adopted.

In addition, expenditures on child and family services are included.

P.E.I. data should not be compared with data from other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

*Children in Care***Table 1.a Children in Care¹ by Legal Status, as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001**

Legal Status	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Apprehended	67	54	66
Temporary Ward ²	8	10	16
Permanent Ward ³	41	41	42
Voluntary Care Agreement ⁴	71	62	76
Wards of Another Province	5	1	1
Adoption Placement ⁵	9	9	4
Follow-up to Child in Care ⁶	7	11	14
Missing	0	6	11
Uncoded	7	7	8
Total	215	201	238

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Includes children in care under a Temporary Order for Custody and Guardianship.
3. Includes children in care under a Permanent Guardianship Order.
4. Includes children in care under a Voluntary Agreement for Temporary Guardianship, a Voluntary Agreement for Temporary Custody, or a Permanent Guardianship Agreement (voluntary relinquishment for adoption purposes).
5. Permanent wards who have been placed in an adoption home pending finalization.
6. Includes children who have been in care, have returned home and are receiving post-care services.

Table 1.b Children in Care¹ by Placement Type, as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

Placement Type	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Living with Parents	6	9	6
Living with Relatives	2	6	7
Emergency Foster Home	4	5	6
Relative Foster Home	21	29	33
Regular Foster Home	117	86	110
Active Foster Care Resource	n/a	0	0
Group Foster Home	8	8	5
Permanent Foster Care Resource	n/a	0	0
Group Home	14	5	12
Special Care Resource ²	5	2	2
Young Offender Facility	2	2	1
Out-of-Province Placement	3	2	2
Room and Board	4	7	4
Other	4	7	6
Coded Incorrectly	5	7	11
Missing	20	26	36
Total	215	201	238

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Includes the Adolescent Treatment Unit at Hillsborough Hospital.

Table 1.c Children in Care¹ by Age Group and Sex, as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

Age Group	March 31, 1999 ²		March 31, 2000		March 31, 2001	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0-11	44	42	51	44	59	55
12-14	20	18	n/a	13	29	15
15+	30	60	n/a	n/a	34	46
Total	94	120	n/a	n/a	122	116

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Gender was not coded for 1 child in the 15+ age group.

Adoptions

Table 2 Adoptions during 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

Finalized Adoptions	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Departmental Adoptions	7	9	6
Private Adoptions			
Step-parent	14	16	6
Relative	3	4	3
Non-relative	5	8	8
Total Private Adoptions	22	28	17

Expenditures

Table 3 **Department of Health and Social Services Child and Family Services**
Expenditures (\$000s)
1998-1999 to 2000-2001

Expenditures	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Maintenance of Foster Children	\$2,694.5	\$3,034.8	\$3,524.4
Medical/Dental/Optical Expenses for Foster Children	41.6	32.3	46.1
Foster Parent Federation	35.0	35.0	35.0
Group Care ¹	1,725.7	1,625.0	1,625.0
Family Support Program ²	645.8	n/a	n/a
Special Residential Services ³	47.3	n/a	1,300.0
Total	\$ 5,189.9	\$4,727.1	\$6,530.6

1. Figures for these categories include salary, administration and travel costs associated with the service.
2. Family Support Program is no longer in operation effective 1999-2000.
3. Expenditures for Special Residential Services were not tracked in 1999-2000. Starting in 2000-2001, these expenditures include those for: small option resources, residential placements outside the province, and one-on-one supervision services provided to higher need class.

Glossary of Terms

Child:	A person actually or apparently under the age of majority (i.e., 18 years). Services may be extended to age 21 for a permanent ward.
Child in Care:	Those children who are in need of protection under the <i>Family and Child Services Act</i> who fall under the following legal statuses: Temporary Guardianship Agreement, Temporary Custody Agreement, Permanent Guardianship Agreement, Apprehended, Permanent Guardianship Order, Temporary Custody and Guardianship Order, Ward of Another Province, and children who have been in care, have returned home and are receiving post-care services (“follow-up to child in care”).
Voluntary Agreement for Temporary Custody:	Temporarily transfers custody, but not guardianship, of the child to the Director of Child Welfare for a period of up to six months. A child under 13 may have the agreement extended for two additional six month terms; a child 13 or over may have it extended indefinitely to age 18.
Voluntary Agreement for Temporary Guardianship:	Transfers the legal guardianship and custody of the child to the Director of Child Welfare for up to six months. Provisions for extension are the same as for a Voluntary Agreement for Temporary Custody.
Permanent Guardianship Agreement:	The parents voluntarily and permanently transfer the custody and guardianship of the child to the Director of Child Welfare or agency.
Supervision Order:	A child in need of protection is returned to the parents under the supervision of the Director of Child Welfare for a specified period not to exceed six months. The order may be extended for an additional six months. The child is not considered to be in care.
Temporary Order for Custody and Guardianship:	Commits the child to the temporary custody and guardianship of the Director for a period of up to six months. The order may be extended for an additional six months.
Permanent Guardianship Order:	The Director of Child Welfare becomes the sole guardian of the child until the child attains the age of majority, marries, is adopted or a judge terminates the order.

Introduction

Data presented in this section, including the Child Abuse Register, are from Nova Scotia's Case Management System, which is maintained by the Department of Community Services. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Protection*- services to all families/children considered to be “at risk” or in need of protection.
2. *Child Abuse Register* - contains information on victims and perpetrators of child abuse.
3. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship (statistical information includes those with status during adjournments in child protection hearings).
4. *Adoptions* - agency/ward and private adoptions.

In addition, expenditures for child and family services plus the Department of Community Services are included.

Nova Scotia data should not be compared with data for other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

*Protection***Table 1 Protection Cases during 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-01 as at March 31 and April 1st**

		1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
a)	Average number of children provided protection in own home on monthly basis from April 1 to March 31	2,122	2,128	2,206
b)	Protection Cases			
	As at April 1 (1998, 1999 & 2000)	1,946	1,919	1,822
	New during the year	1,195	1,195	1,203
	As at March 31 (1999, 2000 & 2001)	2,523	2,741	2,598

*Child Abuse Register***Table 2** **Child Abuse Register ^{1,2} Statistical Information from
January-December, 1999 to 2001**

	1999	2000	2001			
<i>Total Cases Recorded</i>	145	102	75			
<i>Reason for Registration</i>						
Finding Under Sec. 63(2)(a) C.F.S.A. ³	2	-	-			
Finding Under Sec. 63(2)(b) C.F.S.A. ⁴	123	101	75			
Finding Under Sec. 63 (2) (c) C.F.S.A ⁵	20	1	-			
<i>Breakdown by Type of Abuse</i>						
	<i>P*</i>	<i>S**</i>	<i>P*</i>	<i>S**</i>	<i>P*</i>	<i>S**</i>
Finding Under Sec. 63(2)(a) C.F.S.A. ³	2	-	-	-	-	-
Finding Under Sec. 63(2)(b) C.F.S.A. ⁴	24	99	20	81	23	52
Finding Under Sec. 63 (2)(c) C.F.S.A. ⁵	-	20	1	-	-	-
<i>Number under Young Offenders Act</i>	22	11	19			
<i>Number of Searches Completed</i>	10,349	10,496	10,896			

1. See Glossary for definition of Child Abuse Register.
2. The Department has revised its format for reporting of information on the Child Abuse Register and therefore data is not comparable to previous years.
3. Under Section 63(2)(a), the Court finds that a child is in need of protective services in respect of the person within the meaning of clause (a) or (c) of subsection (2) of Section 22;
4. Under Section 63(2)(b), the person is convicted of an offence against a child pursuant to the Criminal Code (Canada) as prescribed in the regulations.
5. Under Section 63(2)(c), the Court makes a finding pursuant to subsection (3). (application by Minister or agency.)

* P is physical abuse

** S is sexual abuse

*Children in Care***Table 3.a Children in Care¹ by Legal Status, during 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 as at March 31**

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
a) Children brought into care April 1 – March 31	444	369	363
Temporary Care Agreement - Sec. 17	55	7	69
Special Needs Agreement - Sec. 18	165	1	19
Voluntary Care Agreement ² - Sec. 68	16	126	--
Taken into Care ³	606	669	576
Care and Custody	207	206	187
b) Total Number of Children in Care as at March 31	1,906	1,906	2,020
Children in care and custody ⁴	927	990	1,033

1. See Glossary for definition of a child in care.
2. Child voluntarily given up for adoption.
3. Includes all children taken into care. Those under court application as well as those taken into care.
4. Represents those children in care under a Permanent Care and Custody Order only.

Table 3.b Children in Care showing Sex, Age Group and Placement as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001.

	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
<i>Sex</i>			
Male	984	1,040	1,055
Female	922	927	934
<i>Age</i>			
0 to 4 years	444	410	410
5 to 10 years	529	574	586
11 to 15 years	529	588	600
16 to 19 years	359	339	334
20 to 21 years	45	56	59
<i>Placement</i>			
Own Parents	78	78	96
Self Supporting ¹	0	0	0
Foster Homes	961	1,036	1,039
Group Homes	43	52	35
Residential Facilities	55	48	45
Adoption Probation	67	92	112
Indep. Living/Board Home/Indep. House	128	86	99
Out of Province	25	28	32
Others ²	549	547	519
Missing	n/a	n/a	12
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,906</i>	<i>1,967</i>	<i>1,989</i>

1. Placement for which no funding is provided.
2. The majority are children at home with parents under a Court Supervisory Order.

Table 3.c Children in Permanent Care and Custody¹ showing Sex, Age Group and Placement as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

	March 31, 1999	March 31,2000	March 31,2001
<i>Sex</i>			
Male	485	527	552
Female	442	463	481
<i>Age²</i>			
0 to 4 years	131	132	129
5 to 10 years	227	253	293
11 to 15 years	252	289	302
16 to 19 years	272	261	250
20 to 21 years	45	55	59
<i>Placement</i>			
Own Parents	7	6	12
Self Supporting	0	0	0
Foster Homes	609	644	663
Group Homes	8	16	8
Residential Facilities	8	12	15
Adoption Probation	56	79	98
Indep. Living/Board Home/Indep. House	83	73	86
Others	156	160	151
<i>Total</i>	<i>927</i>	<i>990</i>	<i>1,033</i>

1. Represents children in care under a Permanent Care and Custody Order only.
2. Age groupings have changed from earlier versions of this report.

*Adoptions***Table 4.a Adoptions Completed, 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001**

Adoptions Completed	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Agency	70	92	94
Private: Relative	80	52	57
Private: Non Relative	16	3	5
Total	166	147	156

Table 4.b Adoption Activities, 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Homes on Waiting List	322	345	n/a

Table 4.c Children Adopted, by Sex and Age Group during 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Sex			
Male	83	67	86
Female	83	80	70
Age Group			
under 1 year	23	22	23
1 to 2 years	20	41	21
2 to 5 years	50	35	55
6 to 10 years	53	36	43
11 to 15 years	20	13	14
Total	166	147	156

Table 4.d Children Adopted who had previously been in the care of an agency during 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
<i>Age Group</i>			
under 1 year	16	17	22
1 to 2 years	12	30	18
2 to 5 years	25	25	33
6 to 10 years	15	17	16
11 to 15 years	2	3	5
<i>Total</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>94</i>

Expenditures

Table 5.a **Department of Community Services** ^{1,2,3}
Family and Children's Services Expenditures (\$000s)
1998-1999 to 2000-2001

	1998-1999 ²	1999-2000 ²	2000-2001 ²
Administration	207.9	260.8	263.3
Child Welfare and Residential Services	1,030.1	1,041.2	1,020.0
Children's Services - Field	5,878.7	6,340.2	7,886.1
Maintenance of Children ⁴	35,204.1	36,613.0	39,076.2
Direct Grants	1,713.3	2,233.8	1,736.3
Children's Aid Society Grants	15,499.8	17,506.1	19,117.7
Transition and Safe Houses	3,869.4	4,022.7	4,566.3
Prevention Services	530.1	550.7	581.4
Day Care - Field	96.7	73.7	73.2
Payments to Child Care Development Centres	259.3	287.7	285.2
Day Care Subsidy	11,844.2	11,581.6	11,986.4
Early Intervention Program	717.2	710.1	1,037.3
Healthy Child Development Initiative	1,604.6	1,700.0	64.1
Family Counselling Grants	1,035.0	1,132.6	1,315.0
Community Residential Outreach	334.0	368.2	365.0
In Home Support Program	3,945.6	4,446.9	5,602.8
Small Option Homes	702.7	1,074.7	617.7
Community Placements	4,412.8	2,136.0	1,888.7
Summer Programs	531.6	525.2	525.6
Children's Residential Facilities ⁵	9,521.8	12,971.8	13,497.6
Family Violence Prevention	52.8	54.0	15.4
Total	\$98,992.0	\$105,631.0	\$111,521.3

1. Format is not consistent with data provided in earlier reports due to departmental restructuring.
2. Data have been revised.
3. Numbers have not been audited.
4. Maintenance of children costs for 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 include Care and Custody Temporary Care Agreement and Family Support Programs.
5. Children's Residential Facilities include group homes, residential treatment, receiving/assessment facilities, and small options homes.

Table 5.b **Department of Community Services**
Total Expenditures ¹(\$000's)
1998-1999 to 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001 ²
Family and Children's Services	\$98,992.0	\$105,631.0	\$111,521.3
Income Assistance and Employment Support Services	446,406.0	454,019.0	453,206.3
Senior Management	744.0	780.0	891.0
Commissions and Agencies	815.0	806.0	230.9
Corporate Services Unit	10,156.0	12,928.0	9,463.6
Strategic Planning	1,375.0	-	-
Operational Support	-	1,423.0	1,575.8
Field Offices	7,341.0	7,686.0	6,966.7
Total	\$565,829.0	\$583,273.0	\$583,855.6

1. Format is not consistent with data provided in earlier reports due to departmental restructuring.
2. Numbers have not been audited.

Glossary of Terms

Child:	A person under sixteen years of age. The permanent care and custody of a child may be extended until the child reaches age 21.
Child in Care:	Any child who is in need of protection under the <i>Children and Family Services Act</i> and who has had a transfer of custody and/or guardianship through a Temporary Care Agreement, a Special Needs Agreement, a Temporary Care and Custody Order (includes status during adjournments in child protection hearing), a Permanent Care and Custody Order, or voluntary relinquishment for adoption purposes.
Child Abuse Register:	The province operates a Child Abuse Register for the purpose of recording both Family Court findings of abuse and Criminal Code convictions against children. The information is used primarily for child protection and screening purposes.
Temporary Care Agreement:	Care and supervision of a child are transferred to an agency for up to six months; the parent retains guardianship. An agreement may be renewed for an additional six months.
Special Needs Agreement:	A written agreement with an agency or the Minister for the care and custody of a child with special needs or for the provision of services to meet the child's needs. The parent retains legal custody under this type of agreement as well as authority for emergency medical treatment. The agreement may be for up to one year and may be renewed for additional one year periods.
Court Application By Agency:	An agency may make an application to the court to determine whether a child is in need of protective services. Under an application, the child remains in the care of the parent or guardian.
Taken into Care:	An agent may without warrant or court order take a child into care where there are reasonable grounds to believe that a child is in need of protective services and the child's health or safety cannot otherwise be protected.
Supervision Order:	The child remains in the care and custody of a person other than a parent or guardian, under supervision of the agency or is returned to the family, under supervision of the agency, for up to one year. The child is not considered to be in care.

**Temporary Care and
Custody Order:**

Beginning at the date of the initial disposition order finding the child in need of protection, the total period of duration of all disposition orders, including supervision orders, shall not exceed twelve months for children who were 6 years of age and eighteen months for children who were more than 6 years of age at the time the proceedings began. Maximum duration varies by age: for a child under 3, it is three months; for a child aged 3 to 11, it is six months; and for a child 12 or older, it is one year.

**Permanent Care and
Custody Order:**

The agency becomes the child's legal guardian, assuming all parental rights and responsibilities.

Introduction

This section presents data compiled by the Family and Community Social Services Division of the Department of Health and Community Services. Data for Tables 1a and 1b are based on the RPSS (Automated Client System). Data for Tables 2a, 2b and 2c are based on the RCWD (Payment System). Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Protection* - reports, investigations and cases of children in need of protection.
2. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.
3. *Adoptions* - departmental, private, international and special services.

New Brunswick's data should not be compared with data for other jurisdictions due to limitations outlined in the Preface.

*Protection***Table 1.a** Reports^{1,2} by Type, 1998-1999 to 2000-2001

Type	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Child abuse			
Physical	1,546	1,329	1,319
Sexual	<u>1,316</u>	<u>1,216</u>	<u>1,080</u>
Subtotal	2,862	2,545	2,399
Spousal abuse occurring within family	393	359	366
Neglect	2,832	2,807	2,509
Child beyond control	1,274	1,162	1,024
Total	7,361	6,873	6,298

1. Only primary presenting problem based on caller's allegation has been recorded.
2. Reports relate to number of families.
3. Reports showed decrease from 1998-2001. This may be the result of a leveling off factor as indications for 2002 are that referrals are increasing marginally. Also no major event, i.e. media attention to a major child protection event occurred in the period 1999-2001 which could potentially lead to an increased volume of reporting.

Table 1.b Child Protection Cases¹ as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000, and March 31, 2001

	March 1999	March 2000	March 2001
Number of Cases	1,611	1,574	1,663

1. Represents the number of families.

*Children in Care***Table 2.a Children in Care^{1,2} by Legal Status, as at March 31, 1999, March 30, 2000 and March 30, 2001**

Legal Status	March 30, 1999 ³	March 30, 2000	March 30, 2001
<i>Temporary Care</i>			
Custody Agreements and Extensions	219	223	218
Custody Orders and Interim Custody Orders and Extensions	230	252	213
Protective Care	6	14	13
Protective Intervention Orders ⁴	14	21	11
Supervision Orders ⁴	112	77	70
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>581</i>	<i>587</i>	<i>525</i>
<i>Permanent Care</i>			
Guardianship Agreements	105	72	62
Guardianship Orders and Extensions	683	706	788
Post Guardianship Agreement	56	77	59
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>844</i>	<i>855</i>	<i>909</i>
Total	1,425	1,442	1,434

1. According to the *Family Services Act*, a "child in care" means any child within an age group prescribed by regulation who has been placed under protective care or any child who is in the care of the Minister.
2. Due to a change in the data collection system, data in this table are not comparable with data from previous years.
3. Data have been revised.
4. Children under Protective Intervention Orders and Supervisory Orders are not "In Care" as they remain at home.

Table 2.b Children in Care^{1,2} by Placement Type, as at March 31, 1999, March 30, 2000 and March 30, 2001

Placement Type	March 31, 1999³	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Adoption Home	15	28	24
Closed Custody	2	3	1
Foster Home	704	900	921
Group Home	52	59	86
With Parents or Independent Living	652	452	402
Total	1,425	1,442	1,434

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Due to a change in the data collection system, data in this table are not comparable with data from previous years.
3. Data have been revised.

Table 2.c Children in Care^{1,2} by Age Group, as at March 30, 1999, March 30, 2000, and March 30, 2001

Age Group	March 30, 1999³	March 30, 2000	March 30, 2001
0-4 years	237	246	222
5-10 years	322	342	362
11 years and over	866	842	850
Total	1,425	1,430	1,434

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Due to a change in the data collection system, data in this table are not comparable with data from previous years.
3. Data have been revised.

*Adoptions***Table 3.a Children in Care who have Adoption as the Goal of Their Case Plan, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001**

	1999-2000	2000-2001
<i>Age Group</i>		
Infant (0-2 years)	n/a	32
Older, Special Needs & Sibling Groups	n/a	167
<i>Total</i>	<i>152</i>	<i>199</i>

Table 3.b Children in Care who are available for Adoption, 2000-2001

	2000-2001
<i>Age Group</i>	
Infant (0-2 years)	47
Older, Special Needs & Sibling Groups	710
<i>Total</i>	<i>757</i>

Table 3.c Adoptions, 1998-1999 to 2000-2001

Adoptions	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Departmental Adoptions			
Infant (0-2 years)	20	19	13
Older, Special Needs & Sibling Groups	25	28	35
Total	45	47	48
Average Number of Subsidized Adoptive Families (per month)	95	99	99
International Adoptions	25	29	29

Glossary of Terms

Child:	A person who is, or appears to be, under 19 years of age. For child protection purposes, regulations define a child as actually or apparently under the age of 16, and include a disabled person actually or apparently under the age of 19. Services may be extended beyond age 19 for children in the permanent care and custody of the Department of Health and Community Services.
Children in Care:	Children who are in need of protection under the <i>Family Services Act</i> and are in care under the following legal statuses: Custody Agreement, Protective Care, Supervisory Order, Custody Order, Guardianship Order or Agreement (voluntary relinquishment for adoption) (includes Post Guardianship Services Agreements) and wards from other jurisdictions.
Custody Agreement:	Parent voluntarily agrees to transfer custody, care and control of a child (but not guardianship) to the Department for up to one year, with extensions made in exceptional cases only.
Guardianship Agreement:	Voluntary relinquishment of a child for adoption.
Protective Care:	A service that provides an immediate safeguard for a child's security and development.
Supervisory Order:	Child remains at, or returns, home with supervision of the child and the child's family by the Department for up to six months. The order may be extended for further periods of six months each. Parents retain custody and guardianship.
Custody Order:	Child is removed from the home, with custody, care and control (but not guardianship) transferred to the Department for the duration of the six-month order. The order may be extended for additional six-month periods to a maximum of 24 months.
Interim Custody Order:	A short term order used to bridge the time between an application for a Custody Order and the disposition of the application.
Guardianship Order:	Care, custody, control and all parental rights and responsibilities with respect to the child are permanently transferred to the Department. Post guardianship services may be extended to a child who is under a Guardianship Order at the age of 19, if enrolled in an educational program or not self-sufficient due to physical, mental or emotional disabilities.

**Post Guardianship
Services Agreement:**

Services are extended to youths beyond age 19 who were in the permanent care and custody of the Department provided they are in school or have special needs.

**Protective Intervention
Order:**

A person the court considers to be a danger to the child's security or development may be prohibited from residing in the same premises as the child or contacting the child for up to six months.

Introduction

The following tables are based on a system of statistical data compiled by the ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux. In Quebec, the age limit for receiving a report of neglect or abuse is up to and including 17. In addition, in contrast with most other governments, adolescents with serious behaviour problems can be reported. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Protection* - Reports handled according to the category of the party making the report.
2. *Investigations* - carried out under the terms of the *Youth Protection Act*.
3. *Youth protection measures initiated* - to ensure a child's safety and development are no longer compromised.
4. *Child interventions* - Director takes charge of the child's situation and either negotiates an agreement with the child/family or refers case to the Court of Québec, Youth Division
5. *Adoptions* - both domestic and international.

Québec data should not be compared with data for other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

Moreover, the statistical data in this report should not be compared with those of the previous reports for Québec since they come from sources that cannot be compared.

Protection

**Table 1.a Reports handled according to category of party making report, 1998-1999
1999-2000 and 2000-2001¹**

Party making report	1998-1999 (%)	1999-2000 (%)	2000-2001 (%)
Individual	35.9	35.4	33.4
HSS network employee	19.8	19.9	19.7
School employee	18.6	19.8	20.5
Police employee	14.0	14.0	15.8
Doctor, lawyer, etc.	2.0	2.2	1.8
Other	9.8	8.6	8.9

1. Data do not include two youth centres.

**Table 1.b Breakdown of reports handled according to decision, 1998-1999, 1999-2000
and 2000-2001¹**

RHR decision²	1998-1999 (%)	1999-2000 (%)	2000-2001 (%)
Followed up	50.7	49.2	48.6
Not followed up	49.3	50.8	51.4

1. Data do not include two youth centres.

2. Receiving and handling of reports.

*Investigations***Table 2.a Breakdown of reports followed up according to issue, 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001¹**

Issue at RHR stage ²	1998-1999 (%)	1999-2000 (%)	2000-2001 (%)
Neglect	50.9	49.3	50.0
Physical abuse	14.1	14.5	14.4
Sexual abuse	9.9	10.1	10.0
Behaviour problems	23.5	24.5	24.0
Abandonment	1.6	1.7	1.6

1. Data do not include two youth centres.

2. Receiving and handling of reports.

Table 2.b Breakdown of reports followed up according to age group, 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001¹

Age group	1998-1999 (%)	1999-2000 (%)	2000-2001 (%)
0-4 years	26.8	23.9	23.9
5-11 years	37.0	38.0	38.4
12-18 years	36.3	38.1	37.8

1. Data do not include two youth centres.

Table 2.c Breakdown of reports followed up according to sex, 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001¹

Sex	1998-1999 (%)	1999-2000 (%)	2000-2001 (%)
Female	48.8	48.8	48.4
Male	51.2	51.2	51.6

1. Data do not include two youth centres.

Table 2.d Investigations according to nature of decision, 1998-1999

Issue at this stage	SDC¹	SDNC²	Other
Neglect	5,262	6,065	366
Physical abuse	923	1,923	63
Sexual abuse	563	1,611	33
Behaviour problems	3,199	2,216	105
Abandonment	207	110	15
Total	10,154	11,925	582

1. Safety and development compromised.
2. Safety and development not compromised.

Table 2.e Investigations according to nature of decision, 1999-2000

Issue at this stage	SDC¹	SDNC²	Other
Neglect	5,488	5,906	348
Physical abuse	971	1,996	42
Sexual abuse	549	1,565	36
Behaviour problems	3,397	2,303	102
Abandonment	221	109	14
Total	10,626	11,879	542

1. Safety and development compromised.
2. Safety and development not compromised.

Table 2.f Investigations according to nature of decision, 2000-2001

Issue at this stage	SDC¹	SDNC²	Other
Neglect	5,679	6,121	372
Physical abuse	853	2,084	57
Sexual abuse	501	1,653	45
Behaviour problems	3,345	2,363	106
Abandonment	199	135	10
Total	10,577	12,356	590

1. Safety and development compromised.
2. Safety and development not compromised.

*Child Interventions***Table 3.a Youth protection measures according to outcome, 1998-1999¹**

Issue at time of measure	Voluntary agreements (%)	Court orders (%)	Short - term intervention ² (%)	SDNC ³ (%)	Other (%)
Neglect	39.2	44.7	9.7	1.2	5.2
Physical abuse	40.4	38.5	13.8	1.3	6.0
Sexual abuse	32.4	49.4	10.5	3.2	4.5
Behaviour problems	49.4	37.5	9.9	0.2	3.1
Abandonment	28.1	60.7	5.1	0.6	5.6

1. Data do not include two youth centres.

2. Intervention by the Director of Youth Protection on a voluntary basis.

3. Dismissal of motion by the court.

Table 3.b Youth protection measures according to outcome, 1999-2000¹

Issue at time of measure	Voluntary agreements (%)	Court orders (%)	Short - term intervention ² (%)	SDNC ³ (%)	Other (%)
Neglect	40.0	45.2	9.3	1.0	4.5
Physical abuse	37.2	40.7	13.7	0.9	7.5
Sexual abuse	31.2	52.2	11.8	1.2	3.6
Behaviour problems	48.6	39.7	8.7	0.5	2.5
Abandonment	30.0	61.1	3.2	0.5	5.3

1. Data do not include two youth centres.

2. Intervention by the Director of Youth Protection on a voluntary basis.

3. Dismissal of motion by the court.

Table 3.c Youth protection measures according to outcome, 2000-2001¹

Issue at time of measure	Voluntary agreements	Court orders	Short – term intervention²	SDNC³	Other
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Neglect	40.5	43.0	11.3	0.9	4.3
Physical abuse	35.5	39.5	15.8	1.1	8.0
Sexual abuse	36.3	46.7	11.2	0.8	5.1
Behaviour problems	48.1	37.9	10.4	0.4	3.2
Abandonment	37.0	45.5	10.6	0	6.9

1. Data do not include two youth centres.

2. Intervention by the Director of Youth Protection on a voluntary basis.

3. Dismissal of motion by the court.

*Children in care***Table 4.a** **Percent of voluntary agreements and court orders, 1998-1999¹**

Issue when child was taken into care	VA² (%)	CO³ (%)
Neglect	24.3	75.7
Physical abuse	37.2	62.8
Sexual abuse	26.8	73.2
Behaviour problems	34.9	65.1
Abandonment	8.4	91.6

1. Data do not include two youth centres.

2. Voluntary agreements.

3. Court orders.

Table 4.b **Percent of voluntary agreements and court orders, 1999-2000¹**

Issue at this stage	VA² (%)	CO³ (%)
Neglect	24.6	75.4
Physical abuse	34.0	66.0
Sexual abuse	25.7	74.3
Behaviour problems	35.2	64.8
Abandonment	9.6	90.4

1. Data do not include two youth centres.

2. Voluntary agreements.

3. Court orders.

Table 4.c **Number of voluntary agreements and court orders, 2000-2001¹**

Issue when child taken into care	VA²	(%)	CO³	(%)
Neglect		24.0		76.0
Physical abuse		29.6		70.4
Sexual abuse		27		73.0
Behaviour problems		34.3		65.7
Abandonment		11.8		88.2

1. Data do not include two youth centres.

2. Voluntary agreements.

3. Court orders.

*Adoptions***Table 5** **Selected statistics, 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001**

	1998-1999 ¹	1999-2000	2000-2001
Number of children adopted in regular adoptions	186	233	229
Number of children adopted in international adoptions	579	559	469
Number of applicant families evaluated during year	1,131	1,247	1,239

1. 1998-1999 data for the Montréal youth centre are missing.

Glossary of Terms

Child:	A person under 18 years of age. (Note: An order for institutional care cannot continue once a youth has turned 18. However, under <i>An Act respecting Health Services and Social Services</i> , institutional care can continue with the youth's consent. Where applicable, the institution must continue to provide foster care).
Child in care:	In Quebec, the Director of Youth Protection (DYP) takes charge of the child's situation and not the child. A child may receive services under either a voluntary agreement or a court order, in the family home or in an institution (foster family, group home, etc.).
Voluntary agreements	The DYP, a child 14 years of age or over and the child's parents can agree on measures to end a situation that compromises the child's safety and development. Such measures encompass the full range of interventions and choices of services and institutional care. If the DYP anticipates that the child's situation will be resolved within twelve months, the measure can be extended for a similar period. Otherwise, the Youth Division must be informed of the child's situation.
Court order:	If an agreement between the DYP, a child 14 years of age or over and the child's parents cannot be reached, the case is referred to the Youth Division (Court of Québec). The Court imposes all terms and conditions. The measures that may be imposed include the full range of options available via voluntary agreements.

Introduction

In Ontario, child welfare services are provided by Children's Aid Societies (CASs). There are 52 societies in Ontario (4 of which are Aboriginal CASs). Each CAS is an independent, non-government agency governed by a board of directors and funded by the Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services. The following tables were provided by the Ontario Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services and represent data from all Children's Aid Societies and the Ministry, using the following categories.

1. *Investigation and assessment* - investigations of reports that a child is or may be in need of protection.
2. *Protection* - active protection cases.
3. *Children in Care* - children who are in the temporary (court ordered or through voluntary agreements) care or permanent care of a Children's Aid Society.
4. *CAS Adoptions* - adoptions carried out through Children's Aid Societies.

In addition, data are included for expenditures on child and family services and the entire Ministry.

Ontario data should not be compared with data from other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

Investigation and Assessments

Table 1 Investigation and Assessments of Reports¹ That a Child Is or May Be in Need of Protection, for the dates January 1 to December 31, 1998 to 1999, 2000 and 2001

	1998 ²	1999	2000	2001
<i>Total Reports</i>	<i>73,116</i>	<i>65,254</i>	<i>68,514</i>	<i>76,963</i>

1. Includes all reports related to need for protection, i.e. abuse and neglect.
2. Data have been revised.

Protection

Table 2 Number of Active Protection and Prevention Cases, as at the dates December 31st 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001

	1998 ¹	1999	2000	2001
<i>Total Cases</i>	<i>40,534</i>	<i>33,621</i>	<i>35,827</i>	<i>38,671</i>

1. Data have been revised.

Children in Care

Table 3 Children in Care^{1,2} as at the dates December 31st, 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001

	1998	1999	2000	2001
<i>Total Children</i>	<i>12,079</i>	<i>13,610</i>	<i>14,965</i>	<i>16,516</i>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care. Includes foster and group care, as well as independent living, extended care and maintenance, adoption probation as well as other miscellaneous placements.
2. Represents data from all Children's Aid Societies.
3. Data have been revised.

*Adoptions***Table 4** **Adoptions^{1,2}, as at December 31, 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001**

	1998 ³	1999	2000	2001
Children Adopted				
Children placed by Children's Aid Societies	503	530	468	454
International Adoptions ⁴	651	750	713	654
Children placed by private licensees	207	157	n/a	170
Approved homes available	1,074	n/a	n/a	n/a

1. Adoptions include those done by Children's Aid Societies, private adoption licensees and international adoptions completed in the child's country of origin.
2. Data is drawn from Ministry of Community, Family, and Children's Services records.
3. Data have been revised.
4. Represents the number of international adoption homestudies received by the Ministry.

Expenditures

**Table 5.a Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services
Children's Services Expenditures (\$ millions)
1998-1999, 1999-2000, and 2000-2001**

Children's Services Expenditures	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Child Welfare ¹	552.9	654.4	775.4
Child Care ²	601.4	556.5	528.4
Child Treatment ³	25.6	25.4	39.8
Child and Family Intervention ⁴	199.6	208.5	225.4
Children's Administration ⁵	59.3	63.5	76.3
Young Offenders ⁶	144.1	140.3	145.3
Community Support ⁶	20.8	22.4	43.8
Total	\$ 1,603.7	\$ 1,671.0	\$ 1834.4

1. Increases in expenditures relate to increased volume.
2. Change reflects transfer of service system management to municipalities. An amendment to regulation under the *Day Nurseries Act* to change the method of calculating the municipal share of fee subsidies also affected expenditures.
3. Increase reflects new funding for services such as mobile crisis services and telemedicine.
4. Increase related to new children's initiatives such as Adoption Disclosure, Autism, Children's Mental Health and the Children's Secretariat.
5. Increase in 2000/01 is for severance costs related to alternate service delivery of young offender facilities.
6. Increase reflects new funding for respite services and the transfer of the Early Years program from Child and Family Intervention.

Table 5.b Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services
Expenditures (\$ millions)
1998-1999, 1999-2000, and 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Children's Services	\$ 1,603.7	\$ 1,671.0	\$ 1,834.4
Program Administration	51.2	49.0	52.0
Field Administration	22.2	19.7	20.1
Financial and Employment Supports	5,110.2	4,794.9	4,626.4
Adults' Social Services	126.0	135.3	144.0
Developmental Services	916.2	936.1	973.2
Family Responsibility Office ¹	n/a	28.8	30.2
Capital	26.6	20.1	13.7
Total	\$ 7,856.1	\$ 7,654.9	\$ 7,694.0

1. Family Responsibility Office transferred from Attorney General in 2000/01. Historical data has been restated to reflect the transfer.

Glossary of Terms

Child:	A person under 18 years of age. The <i>Child and Family Services Act</i> stipulates that protection services are to be provided to a child under the age of 16. Care and maintenance may be extended for Crown wards to age 21.
Child in Care:	A child in need of protection under the <i>Child and Family Services Act</i> and in care under the following legal statuses: Temporary Care Agreement, Special Needs Agreement, Society Wardship Order (temporary ward), Crown Wardship Order (permanent ward), Extended Care and Maintenance, Temporary Order for Care and Custody, Parental Consent to Adopt.
Temporary Care Agreement:	The temporary transfer of custody of a child to a Children's Aid Society, for a maximum period of six months. The agreement may be extended for an additional six months.
Special Needs Agreement:	Parents having care and custody of a special needs child who are unable to provide the services the child requires may enter into an agreement with a CAS. The CAS may assume care and custody of the child in order to provide the services needed by the child. Sixteen or seventeen year olds who have been abused, abandoned or refused support by their parents may also enter into a Special Needs Agreement. The initial term of the agreement is one year and may be extended for one additional year.
Parental Consent to Adopt:	Allows the parents to voluntarily relinquish an infant to a CAS for adoption purposes.
Supervision Order:	A child remains in his community (in own home or other arrangements) under the supervision of a CAS. The order may last from three to twelve months. Indefinite extensions are allowed. The child is not considered to be in care.
Society Wardship Order:	Places a child in the care and custody of a CAS for up to 12 months. The parent gives up guardianship of the child for the duration of the order.
Crown Wardship Order:	Permanently transfers the care, custody and control of a child to a CAS.

**Temporary Order for
Care and Custody:**

Court ruling concerning a child's care and custody during court adjournments.

**Extended Care and
Maintenance:**

Care and maintenance services for former wards may be extended to age 21.

Introduction

The following tables are based on data compiled by Child Protection and Support Services of Manitoba Family Services and Housing. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Child and Family Services* - mandated services under *The Child and Family Services Act* and the *Adoption Act* to all families/children.
2. *Protection* - reports of alleged child abuse.
3. *Child Abuse Registry* - list of persons found either by a court or child abuse committee to have physically, sexually or emotionally abused a child.
4. *Children in Care* - children who are in the charge of an agency or treatment centre with or without the transfer of legal guardianship.
5. *Adoption* - agency adoptions.

In addition, expenditures for Child Protection and Support Services plus Manitoba Family Services and Housing are included.

Manitoba data should not be compared with data from other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

*Child and Family Services***Table 1** Child and Family Services Caseload by Category for Regional Offices as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

Category	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Unmarried Adolescent Parents	330	405	383
Children in Care ¹	5,358	5,568	5,440
Families Receiving Protection Services	8,033	7,951	8,081
Total	13,721	13,924	13,904

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

*Protection***Table 2.a** Reports of Alleged Child Abuse by Age Group and Sex of Child, 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Age Group			
Less than 1 year	28	31	33
1-3 years	173	133	185
4-10 years	1,158	1,045	1,106
11-15 years	785	701	783
16+ years	372	327	380
Unknown	0	0	0
Sex			
Male	1,079	898	1,035
Female	1,437	1,339	1,452
Unknown	0	0	0
Total	2,516	2,237	2,487

Table 2.b Reports¹ of Alleged Abused Children by Source², 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

Source ²	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Child and Family Services Agencies	1,596	1,471	1,950
Aboriginal Agencies	587	422	278
Regional Offices	333	344	259
Total	2,516	2,237	2,487

1. Represents the number of reports of child abuse received under the mandatory reporting requirements of *The Child and Family Services Act* by agencies and regional offices. All reports received are investigated.
2. Refers to the agency or regional office, which received the report.

Child Abuse Registry

Table 3 Child Abuse Registry - Statistical Information as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

Source	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Number of Abusers	2,320	2,182	2,376
Number of Child Victims ¹	357 ¹	----	----

1. Effective March 15, 1999, the names of the child victims are no longer placed on the registry.

*Children in Care***Table 4.a Children in Care¹ by Legal Status, as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001**

	March 31, 1999			Total
	Wards ²	VPA ³	Other ⁴	
Regional Offices	379	102	130	611
CFS Agencies	1,839	453	525	2,817
Native Agencies	1,131	508	291	1,930
Total	3,349	1,063	946	5,358

	March 31, 2000			Total
	Wards ²	VPA ³	Other ⁴	
Regional Offices	370	96	171	637
CFS Agencies	1,853	501	484	2,838
Native Agencies	1,256	609	228	2,093
Total	3,479	1,206	883	5,568

	March 31, 2001			Total
	Wards ²	VPA ³	Other ⁴	
Regional Offices	340	90	181	611
CFS Agencies	1,753	468	511	2,732
Native Agencies	1,262	521	314	2,097
Total	3,355	1,079	1,006	5,440

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Includes the following: Temporary Order of Guardianship, Permanent Order of Guardianship (including extensions of service) and Voluntary Surrender of Guardianship Agreement.
3. Voluntary Placement Agreement.
4. Includes apprehensions, petitions filed for further orders and transitional planning for those over 18.

Table 4.b Children in Care¹ by Type of Placement, as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

Type of Placement	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Foster Homes	3,764	3,863	3,768
Residential Care ²	319	314	312
Other Placement Resources	681	806	817
Selected Adoption Probation	99	101	96
Other Non-Pay Care Living Arrangements ³	495	484	447
Total	5,358	5,568	5,440

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care
2. Includes private group homes, own-agency group homes and residential treatment centres.
3. Includes St. Amant, Manitoba Youth Centre, hospitals and other facilities.

*Adoptions***Table 5.a Children in Care who are available for Adoption¹
1999-2000 and 2000-2001**

	1999-2000	2000-2001
Sex		
Male	64	57
Female	70	53
Age Group		
Under 6	70	58
6-11	51	43
12-15	13	9
16+	0	0
Total	134	110

Table 5.b Adoptions during 1998-1999, 1999-2000, and 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Selected Manitoba placements ¹	113	120	106
Selected out of province placements ¹	3	7	5
Total	116	127	111
Private ² placements opened	22	36	26
De facto ³ placements opened	36	37	33
Intercountry ⁴ placements opened	n/a	n/a	42

1. A child who is placed for adoption with approved applicants by the Director or agency having permanent guardianship of the child.
2. A child who is adopted by persons with whom he/she has been placed directly by the biological parent.
3. A child who is adopted by persons who have had him/her in their custody without financial assistance for at least three years.
4. A child from another country who is placed with an approved applicant in Manitoba

Table 5.c Children Adopted ¹, by Sex and Age Group during 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
<i>Sex</i>			
Male	59	56	54
Female	57	71	57
<i>Age Group</i>			
Under 6	94	84	78
6-11	22	31	29
12-15	0	10	4
16+	0	2	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>111</i>

1. Children placed for adoption.

Table 5.d Number of Special Needs ¹ Children Placed for Adoption during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

	1999-2000	2000-2001
<i>Sex</i>		
Male	47	24
Female	51	31
<i>Total</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>55</i>

1. Special needs is defined as a child eligible for additional supports based on an existing condition or family history.

Expenditures

**Table 6.a Child Protection and Support Services
Expenditures¹ (\$000s) 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001**

Child and Family Services	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
<i>Child Protection and Support Services</i>			
Salaries	\$3,179.6	\$3,650.3	\$2,486.0
Other Expenditures	2,441.0	3,620.4	3,929.4
Maintenance of Children & External Agencies	119,402.4	129,600.0	140,944.1
Family Support Innovations Fund	2,460.4	2,427.4	2,268.5
Total	\$ 127,483.4	\$ 139,298.1	\$ 149,628.0

1. Excludes expenditures for family conciliation and family violence prevention.

**Table 6.b Manitoba Family Services and Housing
Total Expenditures (\$000s) 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001**

	1998-1999¹	1999-2000	2000-2001
Administration and Finance	\$ 6,789.7	\$ 8,670.7	\$ 8,785.4
Community Living	118,496.5	131,258.2	147,171.0
Child and Family Services²	193,802.1	211,835.9	234,601.1
Employment & Income Assistance	342,266.5	334,311.3	336,400.0
Housing	39,703.8	41,036.1	41,924.1
Total	\$ 701,058.6	\$ 727,112.2	\$ 768,881.6

1. Data have been revised.
2. Includes the following: Strategic Initiatives; Child Protection and Support Services; Family Conciliation; Family Violence Prevention; Children's Special Services and Child Day Care.

Glossary of Terms

Child:	A person under the age of majority (i.e., under 18 years of age). Care and maintenance of a child who is a permanent ward may be extended up to the child's 21st birthday.
Child in care:	A child in care refers to a child in the care of an agency under <i>The Child and Family Services Act</i> . This includes children that are under apprehension (in or out of the home) as well as children placed through Voluntary Placement Agreements; Voluntary Surrender of Guardianship (usually for adoption purposes) and Orders of Guardianship - both Temporary Orders and Permanent Orders.
Voluntary Placement Agreement:	An agreement made between a family and an agency when the family is unable to care for a child due to a temporary family crisis or because of the extent of the child's special needs or loss of parental control of a child 14+ years of age. The agency assumes responsibility for the child's care for up to 12 months with no surrender of guardianship. Agreements related to the situation of the parent/guardian may only be renewed for up to an additional 12 months. Agreements related to the condition of the child may be renewed annually up to the child's 18th birthday.
Voluntary Surrender of Guardianship Agreement:	A parent voluntarily transfers all rights and responsibilities of parenthood to an agency.
Temporary Guardianship Order:	The agency is appointed the temporary guardian of the child for a specified period ranging from up to 6 months, if the child is under 5, to up to 24 months, if the child is over 12. Renewal provisions also vary based on the age of the child.
Permanent Guardianship Order:	The agency is appointed the child's guardian and the parent's rights and responsibilities regarding the child are terminated.

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Order of Supervision:	The child is returned to or left in the parent's or guardian's home under agency supervision and subject to specified conditions. The court may impose any duration to such an order. These children are not considered to be in care.
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**Other Placement
Order:**

The child is placed temporarily or permanently with a person, other than the parent/guardian or agency, whom the judge considers best able to care for the child, with or without a transfer of guardianship. The court may impose any conditions or duration to such an order. These children are not considered to be in care.

Introduction

Data presented in this section are from Saskatchewan's Child and Family Services' Automated Client Index (ACI). Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Protection* - reason for intervention.
2. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.
3. *Adoptions* - ward and private adoptions.

In addition, expenditures for children's services plus the Department of Social Services are included.

Saskatchewan data should not be compared with data from other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

*Protection***Table 1** Families with Children in Need of Protection by Reason for Intervention, as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000, and March 31, 2001

Reason for Intervention	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Abuse			
Physical Abuse	207	156	135
Sexual Abuse	134	94	85
Emotional Abuse	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>
Subtotal	353	263	229
Physical Neglect	823	820	756
Parent/child Conflict	287	214	170
Parenting Ability	854	743	643
Domestic Violence	123	150	133
Investigations ¹	945	1,041	916
Child under 12 ²	7	1	2
Total	3,392	3,232	2,849

1. Investigation ongoing, reason not determined.
2. Child has committed an offence.

*Children in Care***Table 2.a Children in Care¹ by Legal Status, as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000, and March 31, 2001**

Legal Status	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Apprehension ²	791	789	692
Residential Care Agreement	727	881	826
Agreement for Services ³	--	--	--
Temporary Ward ⁴	162	184	187
Long-Term Orders to Age 18	446	587	705
Permanent Ward ⁵	510	442	429
Extended Care Agreement ⁶	74	64	67
Total	2,710	2,947	2,906

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Matter before the court.
3. Agreement for services to 16 and 17 year olds became a separate program in 1995-96 that combines child welfare, youth services, and income support for youth and provides a single entry point for services.
4. Temporary Committal Order.
5. Includes Permanent Committal Order and Voluntary Committal (relinquishment of a child for adoption).
6. Extension of services to 21 years of age for previous permanent wards, or children under a Long-Term Order to Age 18, so that they may continue their education.

Note: In addition, a child may be cared for by a person of sufficient interest (often a member of the extended family) for whom the Department of Social Services is providing financial or other support. These, however, are not considered to be "children in the care of the Minister". The total number of such children is: 151 in March 1999, 169 in March 2000, 232 in March 2001.

Table 2.b Children in Care¹ by Placement, as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000, and March 31, 2001

Placement Type	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Foster Homes	1,999	2,289	1,629
Group Homes ²	58	56	73
Residential Facilities ³	88	87	81
Other ⁴	565	515	1,123
Total	2,710	2,947	2,906

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Non-governmental homes.
3. Government-run and non-governmental facilities (Dales House, Kilburn Hall and Ranch Ehrlo).
4. Northern child care centres (receiving function), extended family placements, children in care placed in young offenders' open and closed custody facilities, children in care who have been returned home but whose guardianship has not been terminated and older children in care who have left provincial resources.

*Adoptions***Table 3.a** **Adoptions for 1998-1999, 1999-2000, and 2000-2001**

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Domestic Adoptions¹			
Applicants waiting	136	123	147
Home studies underway	218	157	159
Approved homes awaiting placement	112	110	127
 Adoption placements			
Infant	26	21	19
Older Child	22	17	8
Total placements	48	38	27
 Other Adoptions			
Independent adoptions	46	46	24
International adoptions	6	2	8
Step-parent adoptions	101	122	109
Agency adoptions	15	27	8

1. Domestic Adoption refers to the adoption of a child who is permanently in the care of the Minister of Social Services. May include infant or child of any age, race or culture, and includes a child with special needs.

Table 3.b **Children Adopted, by Sex and Age Group during 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001**

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
<i>Sex</i>			
Male	28	19	13
Female	20	19	14
 <i>Age Group</i>			
0-6 months	26	21	19
More than 6 months	22	17	8
 <i>Total</i>	48	38	27

Table 3.c Number of Special Needs Children Placed for Adoption, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

	1999-2000	2000-2001
<i>Sex</i>		
Male	7	4
Female	9	5
<i>Age Group</i>		
0-6 months	0	1
More than 6 months	16	8
<i>Total</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>9</i>

Expenditures

Table 4.a **Department of Social Services**
Family and Youth Services Expenditures (\$000s)
1998-1999 to 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Family and Youth Services ¹	\$ 50,063.9	\$ 54,161.9	\$ 57,200.0
Family and Youth Facilities ²	23,121.1	26,247.6	29,898.0
Administrative Expenditures ³	2,731.3	2,898.0	3,286.0
Regional Operations ⁴	20,954.3	23,350.8	23,575.0
Total	\$ 96,870.6	\$106,658.3	\$113,959.0

1. Costs related to children in care, community youth services, costs to support NGO's for children, youth and families.
2. Costs related to secure and open custody facilities, and family services facility.
3. Costs related to Central Office, i.e. staffing.
4. Costs related to family and youth staff within the regions.

Table 4.b **Department of Social Services**
Total Expenditures (\$000s)
1998-1999 to 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Administration	\$ 26,877	\$ 21,652	\$ 21,141
Child Day Care	16,765	17,083	18,010
Income Security	349,361	348,380	333,925
Community Living	55,781	58,829	64,263
Regional Service Centres	44,432	48,434	50,615
Office of Disabilities Issues	107	201	236
Family and Youth Services¹	75,916	83,307	90,384
Total	\$ 569,239	\$577,886	\$578,574

1. This amount reflects the first three items included in Table 4a.

Glossary of Terms

Child:	An unmarried person under 16 years of age. A 16 or 17 year old who is unable to protect himself/herself from a dangerous situation may be apprehended in exceptional circumstances. Residential and/or financial services agreements may be made with a 16 or 17 year old youth for whom no parent is willing to assume responsibility. Services to a permanent ward or a child under a Long Term Care Agreement may be extended to age 21.
Children in Care:	Children whose legal status is one of the following: Apprehension, Residential Care Agreement, Agreement for Services to 16 and 17 Year Olds, Temporary Committal Order (temporary ward), Long-Term Order to Age 18, Permanent Committal Order, Voluntary Committal (voluntary relinquishment for adoption) and Extended Care Agreement.
Residential Care Agreement:	Voluntary transfer of custody but not guardianship to the Minister of Social Services for any period of time up to one year. The agreement may be renewed for one additional year.
Agreement for Services to 16 and 17 year olds:	An agreement providing residential and/or financial services to 16 or 17 year olds when there is no parent willing to assume responsibility for the youth or the youth cannot be re-established with his/her family.
Temporary Committal Order:	The child is placed in the care and custody of the Minister for up to six months while the parent retains guardianship. The order may be extended for one additional year.
Permanent Committal Order:	Custody and guardianship of a child is permanently transferred to the Minister of Social Services.
Long-Term Order to Age 18:	When an older child (under 16 years of age) is in need of protection and is unlikely or does not wish to be adopted, he/she is placed in the custody of the Minister until age 18.
Extended Care Agreement:	A permanent or long-term care ward who remains in school may enter into an agreement to extend services to age 21.

Voluntary Committal:

A parent of any age may voluntarily commit a child to the care of the Minister and relinquish all custody and guardianship rights.

Introduction

Data in the tables for *Investigations*, *Protection* and *Children in Care* were extracted from Alberta Children's Services'* Child Welfare Information System (CWIS). This system covers all children who are referred for or receive protection services. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Investigations* - allegations that a child is in need of protection.
2. *Protection* - services to all children considered to be "at risk" or in need of protection.
3. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.
4. *Adoptions* - agency/ward and private adoptions.

In addition, expenditures for child welfare and the Department of Family and Social Services are included.

Alberta data should not be compared with data for other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

* The Alberta government was reorganized in May 1999. Responsibility for child and family services now falls under the authority of the new Ministry of Children's Services.

*Investigations***Table 1 Primary Assessment Outcome of All Investigations Completed in 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001**

Primary Assessment Outcome	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Abandonment	919	864	771
Guardian Deceased	27	23	40
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Provide Necessities of Life	5,550	6,259	6,876
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Provide Medical Treatment	85	115	85
Sexual Abuse by Guardian	122	133	107
Risk of Sexual Abuse by Guardian	172	161	209
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Protect from Sexual Abuse	658	706	704
Physical Injury by Guardian	826	688	818
Risk of Physical Injury by Guardian	1,401	1,445	1,412
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Protect from Physical Injury	609	638	609
Emotional Injury by Guardian	820	1,073	1,076
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Protect from Emotional Injury	750	789	885
Guardian Subjects Child to Cruel/Unusual Punishment	61	43	41
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Protect from Cruel/Unusual Punishment	25	7	24
Condition of Child Prevents Adequate Care by Guardian	3,009	3,051	3,223
Repatriation	216	187	206
No Need for Protective Services	10,562	10,484	11,089
Other Jurisdiction Requested Home Report	164	188	130
Protection Needs Indicated but Not Substantiated	7,490	7,699	7,695
Other	1	--	--
Total	33,467	34,553	36,000

*Protection***Table 2.a Children in Need of Protection by Legal Authority as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001**

Primary Legal Authority¹	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Open Under Assessment	1,079	1,038	1,142
Emergency Apprehension	29	46	42
Apprehension Order	35	36	49
Support Agreement with Guardian	3,376	3,913	4,276
Support Agreement with Child	257	337	305
Supervision Order	796	852	979
Order to Extend Custody/TGO	111	96	92
Custody Agreement with Guardian	863	986	1,096
Custody Agreement with Child	140	149	176
Temporary Guardianship Order	1,550	1,416	1,622
Interim Custody Order	434	597	575
Permanent Guardianship Agreement	58	61	59
Permanent Guardianship Order	3,409	3,859	4,237
Extended Care and Maintenance ²	251	309	382
Total	12,388	13,695	15,032

1. The legal authority reported is the most recent legal authority at the end of the month. It does not indicate the number of occurrences of a legal authority during the month.
2. Extended Care and Maintenance is provided to young adults, not children (see Glossary). It is included, however, as part of the Department's reported caseload.

Table 2.b Children in Need of Protection by Placement Type as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

Placement Type ¹	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Parental Care	4,969	5,606	6,216
Extended Family	605	618	672
Residential Treatment	428	459	490
Remedial Care	14	22	20
Secure Treatment	35	43	34
Group Care	426	495	586
Receiving Group Care	59	41	28
Supported Independent Living	464	543	552
Independent Living	164	188	226
Mental Health Care	0	1	3
Residential Education	3	3	3
Auxiliary Medical	2	1	1
View to Adopt	166	151	157
Foster Care	3,037	3,247	3,440
Drug and Alcohol Management	2	3	3
Behavioural Adaptation Therapy	3	3	7
Interim Placement other than above	66	66	64
Significant Other	252	274	299
Young Offenders Act Facility	32	27	32
Agency Foster Care	1,247	1,608	1,976
Fee for Service Care	202	77	7
Not Coded	212	219	236
Total	12,388	13,695	15,032

1. Placement type is the last placement recorded at the end of the month. It does not reflect all occurrences of the different placement types.

Table 2.c Children in Need of Protection by Age as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

Age at Month End	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Less than 1	428	471	548
1	474	563	670
2	546	587	646
3	513	627	649
4	623	618	658
5	616	706	685
6	639	680	797
7	679	718	780
8	683	787	831
9	667	773	875
10	678	774	836
11	681	771	856
12	691	758	849
13	828	900	974
14	918	981	1,089
15	934	991	1,104
16	846	847	938
17	674	810	836
18 ¹	210	256	336
19 ¹	56	74	71
20 ¹	4	3	4
Total	12,388	13,695	15,032

1. Age is reported as of the end of the month. Therefore, some children will be recorded as an 18 year old in the month they turn 18. As well, the young adults 18 and over will be under an Extended Care and Maintenance Agreement.

Table 2.d Children in Need of Protection by Sex, as of March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

Sex	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Male	6,421	7,026	7,797
Female	5,967	6,669	7,235
Total	12,388	13,695	15,032

Table 2.e Children in Need of Protection by Aboriginal Status, as of March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

Racial Origin	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Non-aboriginal	7,774	8,531	9,276
Aboriginal			
Status Indian	3,203	3,548	3,881
Non Status Indian	390	455	508
Potential to be Registered	116	148	237
Unknown Status	286	357	423
Inuit	19	14	16
Metis	600	642	691
<i>Sub-total Aboriginal</i>	<i>4,614</i>	<i>5,164</i>	<i>5,756</i>
Total	12,388	13,695	15,032

*Children in Care***Table 3.a Children In Care¹ by Legal Authority as at March 31 1999,
March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001**

Legal Authority²	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Emergency Apprehension	29	46	42
Apprehension Order	35	36	49
Order to Extend Custody/TGO to 3 Years	111	96	92
Custody Agreement with Guardian	863	986	1,096
Custody Agreement with Child	140	149	176
Temporary Guardianship Order	1,550	1,416	1,622
Interim Custody Order	434	597	575
Permanent Guardianship Agreement	58	61	59
Permanent Guardianship Order	3,409	3,859	4,237
Total	6,629	7,246	7,948

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. The legal authority reported is the most recent legal authority at the end of the month. It does not indicate the number of occurrences of a legal authority during the month.

Table 3.b Children In Care¹ by Placement Type as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

Placement Type ²	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Parental Care	154	206	231
Extended Family	331	343	419
Residential Treatment	422	448	481
Remedial Care	13	21	19
Secure Treatment	35	43	33
Group Care	408	483	565
Receiving Group Care	58	41	28
Supported Independent Living	159	166	153
Independent Living	74	72	74
Mental Health Care	--	1	1
Residential Education	2	3	3
Auxiliary Medical	2	0	1
View to Adopt	166	151	157
Foster Care	3,002	3,219	3,407
Drug and Alcohol Management	2	3	3
Behavioural Adaptation Therapy	3	2	7
Interim Placement other than above	37	36	37
Significant Other	198	230	234
Young Offender Act Facility	31	25	29
Agency Foster Care	1,226	1,579	1,942
Fee for Service Care	200	72	7
Not Coded	106	102	117
Total	6,629	7,246	7,948

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Placement type is the last placement recorded at the end of the month. It does not reflect all occurrences of the different placement types.

Table 3.c Children In Care¹ by Age as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

Age at Month End	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Less than 1	200	230	276
1	247	269	326
2	297	298	309
3	272	301	327
4	327	306	339
5	301	337	342
6	320	325	379
7	347	352	382
8	360	395	421
9	352	409	439
10	361	396	440
11	372	410	445
12	373	447	491
13	461	526	559
14	529	586	642
15	565	623	698
16	542	553	600
17	388	471	519
18	15	12	14
Total	6,629	7,246	7,948

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Table 3.d Children In Care¹ by Sex as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

Sex	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Male	3,481	3,758	4,195
Female	3,148	3,488	3,753
Total	6,629	7,246	7,948

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Table 3.e Children In Care¹ by Aboriginal Status as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

Racial Origin	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Non-aboriginal	3,398	3,691	4,019
Aboriginal			
Status Indian	2,355	2,576	2,840
Non Status Indian	272	313	358
Potential to be Registered	54	71	90
Unknown Status	161	192	198
Inuit	15	14	13
Métis	374	389	430
<i>Sub-total Aboriginal</i>	<i>3,231</i>	<i>3,555</i>	<i>3,929</i>
Total	6,629	7,246	7,948

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

*Adoptions***Table 4.a Ward (Children In Care) Adoptions during 1998-1999,
1999-2000 and 2000-2001**

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Total Number of Healthy Infants Placed for Adoption	9	12	12
Total Number of Special Needs Children Placed for Adoption	165	172	184
Ward Adoption Orders Granted	150	123	150
Ward Adoption Home Assessment Reports Received	114	117	97
Number of Applicants on Deferred Waiting List	256	268	266
Number of Approved Applicants Waiting for Placement	264	184	304
Post Adoption Agreements During the Year	481	565	690

Table 4.b Children Adopted during 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
<i>Total</i>	<i>174</i>	<i>172</i>	<i>196</i>

Table 4.c Private Adoptions during 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Step-Parent Adoptions	262	297	286
Relative Adoptions	41	20	26
Licensed Agency Arranged Placements	142	165	151
Licensed Agency Direct Placements	38	49	43

Table 4.d Post Adoption Registry Activities during 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Number of Reunions Completed	229	241	258
Number of Enquiries	2,367	2,228	2,203
Total Applicants to the Registry	1,325	1,293	1,256
Number of Search Requests through a Licensed Search Agency	461	339	275

Expenditures

**Table 5 Ministry of Children's Services
Expenditures¹ For Child Welfare (\$000s)
1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001**

Program Expenditure	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Program Delivery	\$56,116	n/a	n/a
Intake and Investigation	9,251	n/a	n/a
In-Home Family Support	26,470	n/a	n/a
Adoptions	4,826	n/a	n/a
Foster Care	81,115	n/a	n/a
Community Based Family Support Services	8,301	n/a	n/a
Residential Care	73,933	n/a	n/a
Handicapped Children's Services	31,415	n/a	n/a
Total	\$ 291,427	n/a	n/a

1. The Alberta government has been reorganized in May 1999. Information has been adjusted to reflect the current department structure.

Glossary of Terms

Child:	A person under the age of 18 years.
Child in care:	A child who is need of protection and has one of the following legal authorities: Emergency Apprehension; Apprehension Order; Order to Extend Custody/TGO to 3 Years; Custody Agreement with Child; Temporary Guardianship Order; Interim Custody Order; Permanent Guardianship Agreement; or Permanent Guardianship Order.
Care and Maintenance Agreement:	A child who was the subject of a Support Agreement With Child (services provided to a child in the home), a Custody Agreement With Child, a Temporary Guardianship Order, a Permanent Guardianship Order, or Permanent Guardianship Agreement at the time they turned 18 may have services provided for up to six months at any time until they turn 20. The agreement may be renewed indefinitely until the young adult turns 20.
Custody Agreement:	A Director assumes temporary custody of a child for up to six months. The parent retains guardianship. The agreement may be renewed for up to six months at a time. The total time in temporary care (including temporary guardianship orders) may not exceed 2 years.
Interim Custody Order:	Order giving the Director interim care and custody of a child during court adjournments.
Permanent Guardianship Agreement:	A parent voluntarily relinquishes a child to a Director for the purposes of adoption. All parental rights are terminated. Custody and guardianship are permanently transferred to a Director.
Permanent Guardianship Order:	A court assigns guardianship of a child to a Director. All parental rights are terminated. Custody and guardianship are permanently transferred to the Director.

Temporary Guardianship Order:	Custody and guardianship are extended to a Director, with guardianship shared with the parent. The initial duration may not exceed one year and may be extended for one additional year. The total time in temporary care (including custody agreements) may not normally exceed two years. This term may be further extended to three years if ordered by the Court.
Supervision Order:	A Director may supervise both the guardian and child in need of protective service in the family home. The initial order may not exceed six months but may be extended indefinitely. The child is not considered to be in care.

Introduction

The following tables are based on data provided by the Child Protection Division of the Ministry for Children and Families. Data are for the following areas:

1. *Child and Family Services* - family support services.
2. *Protection* - services to all families/children considered to be "at risk" or in need of protection.
3. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.
4. *Adoption* - both Ministry and non-Ministry adoptions.

In addition, expenditures for child and family services plus the Ministry for Children and Families are included.

British Columbia data should not be compared with data for other jurisdictions due to the limitations noted in the Preface

*Child and Family Services***Table 1** Family Support Services Intake Calls by Nature of Call for March 1999, March 2000 and March 2001

Nature of Call	March 1999	March 2000	March 2001
Family Support Services	1,081	782	786
Services for Youth	470	382	346
Services for Special Needs Children	85	85	110
Special Needs Daycare	126	133	119
Total	1,762	1,382	1,361

*Protection***Table 2.a** Completed Child Protection Investigations by Type of Concern, during March 1999, March 2000 and March 2001

Type	March 1999	March 2000	March 2001
Abuse			
Physical	462	441	356
Sexual	<u>126</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>71</u>
Subtotal	588	531	427
Neglect	352	363	303
Other ¹	487	468	437
Multiple ²	925	965	832
Total	2,352	2,327	1,999

1. Other includes abandonment, death of caregiver, absence of parent(s), disability of parent(s), deprivation of necessary medical care, absent from home and endangered, parent not protecting from harm, emotional abuse.
2. Represents cases where more than one type of concern is reported.

Table 2.b Helpline¹ Child Welfare Calls by Type², during March 1999, March 2000 and March 2001

Type ²	March 1999	March 2000	March 2001
Abuse			
Physical	113	75	102
Sexual	35	31	36
Multiple	<u>131</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>154</u>
Subtotal	279	237	292
Neglect	139	127	154
Other ³	164	181	227
Total	582	545	673

1. The Helpline for Children is part of the Ministry for Children and Families' "After Hours Program" which receives reports of suspected child abuse or neglect, as well as requests for other Ministry services.
2. Represents caller's allegation.
3. Represents the sum of the following calls: emotional abuse, abandoned child, not coded protection, and other protection.

Table 2.c **Child Protection Reports^{1,2} Received during March 1999, March 2000 and March 2001, by Type of Caller**

Referral Source	March 1999³	March 2000	March 2001
Subject Child	84	88	86
Parent	344	349	378
MCF/MHR ⁴ employee	316	316	283
In Home Support Provider	35	29	24
Friend/Neighbour	285	258	225
Residential Caregiver	26	22	17
Relative	197	195	179
Anonymous	106	99	95
Concerned Citizen	214	215	229
Police	302	386	361
School	529	544	565
Preschool/Daycare	33	30	28
Health Professionals	162	149	177
Community Professional	461	440	412
Total	3,094	3,120	3,059

1. Not all reports received are investigated because in some cases the initial assessment of the report indicates that investigation is not warranted.
2. Only workers who are delegated authority to receive reports under the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* can receive child protection reports.
3. Data are revised.
4. MCF represents the Ministry for Children and Families; MHR represents the Ministry known as the Ministry of Human Resources.

Table 2.d Completed Case Actions Following Protection Investigations During March 1999, March 2000 and March 2001

Actions	March 1999	March 2000	March 2001
Remove Child	266	311	309
Offer Care Agreement	71	34	44
Offer Support Services	589	562	492
Refer to Community Agency/Other Ministry	505	531	419
Offer Support Services and Refer to Agency/Ministry	89	86	59
No service Required	832	803	676
Total	2,352	2,327	1,999

Table 2.e Children Under Supervision¹ as at March 1999, March 2000 and March 2001

Type of Order	March 1999	March 2000	March 2001
Before Protection Hearing	129	138	111
After Period of Care	1,065	1,185	1,180
Without Removal ²	161	309	319
Total	1,355	1,632	1,610

1. "Children under Supervision" are children who are not in the care or custody of the Director under the *Child, Family and Community Service Act*, but whose care by the parent or other person, by order of the court, is subject to supervision by the Director. Terms and conditions with which the parent or other person must comply are often attached to Supervision Orders. Breach of a term or condition may result in removal of the child.
2. Since June 1, 1998, it has been possible for a Supervision Order to be made by the court without the child first being removed.

*Children in Care***Table 3.a Children Taken Into Care¹ by Legal Authority, during March 1999⁵, March 2000 and March 2001**

Legal Authority	March 1999⁵	March 2000	March 2001
Voluntary Care Agreement	182	107	196
Special Needs Agreement	26	10	14
Removed child (30.1a) ²	24	40	30
Removed child (30.1b) ³	144	151	139
Removed child (Supervision Order) ⁴	28	29	33
Adoption Act	2	1	---
Other Province/Country	3	1	3
Family Relations Act	5	3	2
<i>Total</i>	<i>414</i>	<i>342</i>	<i>472</i>

1. Entrance to care is only through the above named legal authorities.
2. Child's health or safety is in immediate danger.
3. No other less disruptive measure that is available is adequate to protect the child.
4. Removal when a supervision order is already in place, but the order has failed to protect the child.
5. The 1999 data have been revised and are therefore not comparable to data included in our previous Statistical Report.

Table 3b. Children in Care¹ by Reason for Service², as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

Reason	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
<i>Parental</i>			
Temporary parental crisis	220	140	149
Time to resolve/strengthen parenting	775	548	500
Parent receiving treatment	169	131	139
Awaiting adoption placement	<u>74</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>52</u>
Subtotal - Parental	1,238	866	840
<i>Special Needs</i>			
Child's behavioural condition	1,290	1,021	958
Child's developmental condition	369	0	322
Child's emotional condition	381	307	275
Child's physical condition	234	218	201
Child's mental condition	<u>375</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>308</u>
Subtotal - Special Needs	2,649	1,862	2,064
<i>Protection Action</i>			
Physical harm by parent	1,211	1,332	1,474
Sexual abuse/exploitation by parent	320	326	327
Parent not protecting from abuse	525	586	669
Neglect by parent with physical harm	2,615	2,699	3,040
Emotional harm by parent	1,341	1,408	1,548
Deprived of necessary health care	120	131	138
Parent refusal to treatment of condition	65	44	43
Parent unable/unwilling to care	5,148	5,302	5,636
Child absent from home in danger	350	274	244
Parent deceased: inadequate provisions.	99	78	82
Child abandoned: inadequate provisions.	557	648	600
Expired agreement: parent			
Unable/unwilling to care	<u>223</u>	<u>238</u>	<u>231</u>
Subtotal - Protection	12,574	13,066	14,032
<i>Other Acts/Jurisdictions</i>			
Death of guardian	109	97	78
Court transfers guardianship	6	6	2
Relinquished for adoption	47	44	40
Care requested by other province	44	41	47
Care requested by other country	<u>==</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Subtotal - Other	206	189	167

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Because there may be up to three reasons for service, the reasons add to more than the total number of children in care (9,813 in 1999, 9,523 in 2000, and 9,956 in 2001).

Table 3.c Children in Care¹ by Legal Authority as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

Legal Status	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Parental Agreement	2,321	1,302	1,158
Before Court ²	1,319	1,185	1,357
Temporary Custody	1,771	2,014	2,090
Continuing Custody	3,947	4,515	4,927
Other Legislation ³	332	395	291
Not Coded	123	112	133
Total	9,813	9,523	9,956

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Includes Removed Children & Interim Orders.
3. Includes other Province/Country, *Adoption Act* and *Family Relations Act*.

Table 3.d Children in Care¹ by Placement Type, as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

Placement	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Ministry Resources			
Regular Family Care	876	836	785
Restricted Family Care	916	847	904
Level 1 Care	1,486	1,362	1,355
Level 2 Care	1,873	1,913	2,217
Level 3 Care	624	685	892
Contracted Child Care Resource	<u>2,531</u>	<u>2,394</u>	<u>2,271</u>
Subtotal	8,306	8,037	8,424
Independent Living	404	415	398
Free Home	585	601	650
Other	402	364	370
Not Coded	116	106	114
Total	9,813	9,523	9,956

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Table 3.e Children in Care¹ by Age Group and Sex, as at March 31, 1999

Age Group	March 31, 1999		
	Male	Female	Total
<2 years	315	319	634
2-4 years	579	502	1,081
5-7 years	690	560	1,250
8-10 years	743	602	1,345
11-13 years	897	688	1,585
14-16 years	1,159	1,184	2,343
17-18 years	767	808	1,575
Total	5,150	4,663	9,813

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Numbers for 2000-2001 were not available.

**Table 3.f Aboriginal Children in Care¹ by Residence of Parents as at March 31, 1999,
March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001**

March 31, 1999

Aboriginal Group	On Reserve	Off Reserve	Not Coded	Total
First Nations	405	1,940	348	2,693
Inuit	--	17	4	21
Métis	1	219	27	247
Total	406	2,176	379	2,961

March 31, 2000

Aboriginal Group	On Reserve	Off Reserve	Not Coded	Total
First Nations	423	2,046	317	2,786
Inuit	--	14	2	16
Métis	--	248	28	276
Total	423	2,308	347	3,078

March 31, 2001

Aboriginal Group	On Reserve	Off Reserve	Not Coded	Total
First Nations	449	2,253	429	3,131
Inuit	--	22	3	25
Métis	--	328	43	371
Nisga'a	3	2	2	7
Total	452	2,605	477	3,534

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Table 3.g Children Discharged from Care¹ by Reason, during March 1999, March 2000 and March 2001

Reason for Discharge	March 1999	March 2000	March 2001
<i>Child Returned to Parent/Home</i>			
Parent located, child no longer in care	1	3	--
Child returned/repatriated, no longer in care	64	60	46
Immediate danger removed, no longer in care	5	--	--
Parent able to resume care	88	81	39
Returned Under Supervision Order	196	208	205
Court refused requested order	--	--	--
Court cancelled Continuing Custody Order	4	2	4
Care required by child has been completed	26	27	8
Child AWOL/Institutionalized, agreement cancelled	<u>36</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>420</i>	<i>387</i>	<i>304</i>
<i>Alternate Care Arranged</i>			
Guardianship transferred to relative (FRA)	31	29	14
Adoption completed	12	5	8
Ward of other province/country returned	6	4	6
<i>Child Became Independent</i>			
Reached age of majority	64	58	48
Child married	---	---	1
<i>Child deceased</i>	---	1	---
<i>Not Coded</i>	97	83	75
<i>Total</i>	<i>630</i>	<i>567</i>	<i>456</i>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Table 3.h Former Children in Care¹ Receiving Extended Services as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
<i>Total</i>	<i>293</i>	<i>273</i>	<i>312</i>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

*Adoptions***Table 4.a Children in Care who have Adoption as their Plan of Care ¹ as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001**

	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Sex			
Male	545	634	723
Female	486	543	584
Age Group			
0 to 23 months	155	177	162
2 to 5 years	381	416	453
6 to 12 years	460	540	626
over 12 years	35	44	66
Total	1,031	1,177	1,307

1. A plan of care is defined as an after-care plan of adoption.

Table 4.b Children Available¹ for Adoption as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000, and March 31, 2001

	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Total	361	593	687

1. These are the children who are actually registered for adoption. There are a number of other children who have adoption as their plan of care but are not yet registered for adoption. Only the children who are registered are considered available for adoption.

Table 4.c Ministry Adoptions¹ during 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Number of children placed	118	180	163
Number of approved homes as at March 31	220	166	118
Number of applications pending as at March 31 ²	736	626	770

1. Data collection system has changed and data in this report are not comparable with data from previous years.
2. This includes both homes presently under study and applicants waiting. The applicants waiting are generally requesting children with few special needs and may not be studied due to this.

Table 4.d Ministry Adoptions¹ :Number of Children Placed by Sex and Age Group during 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Sex			
Male	68	93	93
Female	50	87	70
Age Group			
0 to 23 months	64	100	76
2 to 5 years	27	52	41
6 to 12 years	24	26	45
Over 12 years	3	2	1
Total	118	180	163

1. Data have been revised

Table 4.e Number of Special Needs ¹ Children Placed for Adoption 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
<i>Total</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>158</i>	<i>152</i>

1. Special needs is defined as a child who has a diagnosed mental or physical disability or a high risk of developing these. A child who has a special placement need due to age, culture or significant ties, or is part of a sibling group.

Table 4.f Non-Ministry Adoptions ^{1,2}: 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
<i>Total</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>2</i>

1. These numbers include the intercountry, direct placements and section 48's under BC legislation. They do not include Ministry healthy infant or special needs adoptions, nor do they include licensed adoption agency statistics.
2. Data collection system has changed and data in this report are not comparable with data from previous years.

Expenditures

Table 5.a Ministry for Children and Families
Child and Family Service Expenditures (\$000s)
1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

	1998-1999 ¹	1999-2000	2000-2001
Program Management ²	\$ 233,670	\$ 245,672	\$ 278,105
Family Support Services	102,600	80,962	92,869
Youth Services	14,410	16,171	20,788
Adoption Services	3,064	2,666	3,326
Services to Aboriginals	9,558	14,360	20,233
Foster Care	83,862	90,972	99,908
Independent Living	4,240	4,848	4,599
CIC Services	23,829	21,139	25,561
Contracted Child Care Resource Foster Parent	124,288	139,572	136,334
Recruitment, Foster Parent Association Grants etc.	2,292	3,717	3,717
CIC Recoveries	(11,973)	(38,713)	(38,713)
Total	\$ 533,147	\$581,366	\$643,733

1. Data are revised.
2. Includes Program Management costs for all ministry programs.

Table 5.b Ministry for Children and Families
Total Expenditures (\$ millions) 1998-1999 to 2000-2001

	1998-1999 ²	1999-2000	2000-2001
Child, Family and Community Services¹	\$ 1,009.6	\$ 853.7	\$ 946.3
Social Assistance	n/a	n/a	n/a
Community Support Services	411.7	436.8	508.9
Administration and Support	55.0	59.0	44.1
Minister's Office	0.4	0.5	0.5
Total	\$ 1,476.7	\$ 1,350.0	\$ 1,499.8

1. The totals in Table 5a do not match the numbers reflected under "Child, Family and Community Services" in this table as Table 5a does not include expenditures for Community Services.
2. Data are revised.

Glossary of Terms

Child:	A person under 19 years of age. Support and/or maintenance may be provided to former permanent wards or to a person who was party to a youth agreement until the person's 19 th birthday for a total of 24 months until the person's 24 th birthday.
Child in Care:	Children in the care of the Director designated under the <i>Child, Family and Community Service Act</i> ("the Director") (temporary or permanent transfer of guardianship and/or custody) under the following legal statuses: Voluntary Care Agreement; Special Needs Agreement; Removal; Interim Custody Order; Temporary Custody Order; Continuing Custody Order; <i>Adoption Act</i> Ward; <i>Family Relations Act</i> Ward; ward of another jurisdiction.
Voluntary Care Agreement:	Agreement between the Director and the parent that results in the placement of the child in a foster home for a short period while the parent deals with whatever difficulty has led them to be unable to care for their child on a temporary basis. The agreement may be made for a period of up to 3 months if the child is under 5 years of age or up to 6 months if the child is older. Depending on the age of the child, extensions of up to 24 months are possible.
Special Needs Agreement:	Agreement between the Director and the parent of a special needs child where the parent requires additional support services to care for the child. The child is often placed in a specialized resource designed to respond to the child's special needs. Agreements are for a period of six months and can be renewed for periods of up to 12 months.
Youth Agreement:	An agreement between the Director under the <i>Child, Family and Community Service Act</i> and a youth who needs assistance and who cannot, in the Director's opinion, be re-established in the youth's family, or has no parent or other person willing or able to assist the youth. The agreement may provide residential, educational or other support services, and financial assistance.
Interim Order:	Short-term order made by a judge at a presentation hearing concerning the custody or supervision of a child.

Temporary Custody Order:	On the making of this order, custody and guardianship are transferred to the Director for 3 months if the child is under 5 years of age or 6 months if the child is 5-12 years of age, or 12 months if the child is over 12 years of age. If financially capable, the parents must pay maintenance costs.
Continuing Custody Order:	On the making of this order, the Director has sole custody and guardianship of the child; parents' rights and responsibilities are terminated. All continuing custody wards under 12 are considered for adoption.
Supervision Order:	When this order is made, the child remains with a parent or other person under the supervision of the Director for up to six months. Extensions of up to a year are possible. The child is not considered to be in care.
<i>Adoption Act</i> Ward:	A child whose parent voluntarily surrenders the child to the Director of Adoption for the purposes of adoption. The Director of Adoption becomes the child's sole guardian.
<i>Family Relations Act</i> Ward:	A child who is orphaned and has no legal guardian, by the operation of law, becomes a ward of the Director.

Introduction

The data presented in this section are taken from the Client Index System which is maintained by the Department of Health and Social Services in the Yukon. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Family Services* - prevention and support services to children and families.
2. *Children in Need of Protection* - services to all children considered to be "at risk" or in need of protection.
3. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.
4. *Adoptions* - agency, private and step-parent adoptions.

Yukon data should not be compared with data from other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

*Family Services***Table 1.a Families Receiving Family Services by Type of Service, as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001**

	March 31, 1999 ¹	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Brief Involvement	1	6	1
Counselling	44	41	41
Custody Reports	4	7	7
Other	60	71	63
Unmarried Parent	3	1	1
Total	112	126	113

1. Data have been revised.

Table 1.b Families Receiving Family Services by Category of Client, as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001

	March 31, 1999 ¹	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Two parent family	40	39	32
One parent family	72	87	81
Total	112	126	113

1. Data have been revised.

*Protection***Table 2 Children in Need of Protection by Age Group, Sex, Ethnicity and Worker's Assessment of Major Reason, as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001**

	March 1999 ¹	March 2000	March 2001
Age Group			
Birthdates missing	1	3	1
0-1 year	27	32	39
2-5 years	63	66	86
6-11 years	128	132	134
12-15 years	85	112	115
16+ years	32	49	52
Sex			
Male	161	177	194
Female	173	214	233
Ethnicity			
Native	187	208	228
Other	147	186	199
Worker's Assessment of Major Reason			
Brief Involvement	5	26	22
Investigation Ongoing			
Neglect	47	68	40
Physical abuse	10	21	16
Sexual abuse	20	21	21
Emotional abuse	0	3	0
Family violence	0	1	4
Relationship breakdown	0	0	0
Neglect	133	116	151
Physical abuse	23	16	13
Sexual abuse	18	17	18
Emotional abuse	2	0	0
Family Violence	0	0	13
Relationship breakdown	20	39	38
Other	56	56	91
Total	334	394	427

1. Data have been revised.

*Children in Care***Table 3** **Children in Care¹ by Age Group, Sex, Ethnicity and Legal Status, as at March 31, 1999³, March 31, 2000 and March 31, 2001**

	March 31, 1999 ³	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Age Group			
Birthdates missing	0	0	1
0-1 year	6	11	6
2-5 years	26	26	27
6-11 years	57	65	60
12-15 years	51	56	54
16+ years	24	31	34
Sex			
Male	80	90	86
Female	84	99	96
Ethnicity			
Native	117	127	83
Other	47	62	99
Legal Status			
Place of Safety	5	1	2
Custody Agreement ²	11	17	28
Apprehension	4	11	7
Interim Care	0	7	6
Temporary Ward	30	38	36
Permanent Ward	113	110	104
Other	1	5	4
Total	164	189	187

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Includes Agreements for Voluntary Relinquishment.
3. Data have been revised.

*Adoptions***Table 4.a Children in Care who have Adoption as their Plan of Care ¹ 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001**

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
<i>Sex</i>			
Male	8	9	13
Female	1	2	3
<i>Age Group</i>			
0-1	0	1	1
2-5	1	4	9
6-11	2	4	4
12-15	6	1	1
16+	0	1	1
Total	9	11	16

1. A plan of care is defined as the comprehensive plan of care for the child that is developed in accordance with policy and kept current throughout the time the child is in care. The plan is developed to ensure a coordinated and agreed upon approach, and to ensure that the child's needs are met while the child is in care. The plan should be developed by the child's worker in collaboration with the child if appropriate, the child's caregiver, the parent if appropriate, other relevant resource people and the child's worker's supervisor.

Table 4.b Children in Care who were available for Adoption 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
<i>Sex</i>			
Male	8	9	13
Female	1	2	3
<i>Age Group</i>			
0-1	0	1	1
2-5	1	4	9
6-11	2	4	4
12-15	6	1	1
16+	0	1	1
Total	9	11	16

Table 4.c Children Adopted, by Sex and Age Group during 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Sex			
Male	3	2	5
Female	5	4	3
Age Group			
0-1	2	3	1
2-5	3	2	1
6-11	2	0	4
12-15	1	0	1
16+	0	1	1
Total	8	6	8

Table 4.d Adoptions for 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Number of Adoptive Homes			
Pending	36	35	36
Approved and waiting for placement	34	33	34
Number of Adoptions Completed (Number of Families)			
Agency	1	2	1
Private	1	2	1
Step-parent	3	1	3
Number of Children Adopted			
Agency	1	2	1
Private	2	3	2
Step-parent	5	1	5
Number of Adoption Subsidies	8	7	9
Number of Adoption Disclosures	70	57	56
Number of Families Receiving Post Adoption Services	29	27	17

**Table 4.e Number of Special Needs ¹ Children Placed for Adoption 1998-1999,
1999-2000 and 2000-2001**

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
<i>Sex</i>			
Male	2	1	1
Female	3	2	2
<i>Total</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>

1. Special needs is defined as a child with specific limitations who requires individualized or special care and support services. Specific limitations are associated with on-going behavioural, developmental, emotional, physical, mental or other similar conditions.

Glossary of Terms

Child:	A person under 18 years of age. Care and custody may be extended to age 19 by the Director of Family and Children's Services.
Child in Care:	A child in the care of the Director of Family and Children's Services under the following legal statuses: Custody Agreement (Temporary Care and Custody Agreement), Apprehension (includes court adjournments), Temporary Ward (Order for Temporary Care and Custody), Permanent Ward (Order for Permanent Care and Custody) and Agreement for Voluntary Relinquishment [i.e. for adoption] and Other (children from outside the territory being supervised in Yukon).
Agreement for Temporary Care and Custody of a Child:	Voluntary agreement between a parent or guardian and the Director placing the child under the Director's temporary care and custody. An agreement may last for up to one year with provision for renewal for an additional year.
Supervision Order:	The child is returned to the parent or person entitled to care or custody of the child with the Director of Family and Children's Services supervising the care of the child during the term of the order. The order may also include conditions regarding the conduct of the person(s) caring for the child. The child is not considered to be in care.
Order for Temporary Care and Custody:	Temporarily transfers responsibility for the child to the Director for a specific term as determined by a judge. The court will issue such an order when it feels that the child's parent or custodian will be able to resume competent care of the child on expiry of the order.
Order for Permanent Care and Custody:	Transfers the parents' rights and responsibilities for care and custody of the child to the Director.
Agreement for Voluntary Relinquishment:	A child's parents voluntarily relinquish a child to the Director of Family and Children's Services for the purposes of adoption.

Introduction

The data presented in this section were provided by the Community Programs and Services Division, Department of Health and Social Services, NWT. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Protection* - intake reports of child abuse.
2. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.
3. *Adoptions* - departmental and other adoptions.

In addition, expenditures for child and family services plus the Department of Health and Social Services are included.

Northwest Territories data should not be compared with data for other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

*Protection***Table 1.a Intake Reports¹ of Child Abuse by Type, during March 1999, March 2000 and March 2001**

Type	March 1999	March 2000	March 2001
Physical Abuse	18	n/a	7
Sexual Abuse	18	n/a	16
Total	36	n/a	23

1. Allegations that were acted upon by a worker and reported to the Department.

Table 1.b Child Sexual Abuse Intake Reports¹ by Gender of Child, January 1 to December 31, 1999, January 1 to December 31, 2000 and January 1 to December 31, 2001

Gender	1999	2000	2001
Male	n/a	50	44
Female	n/a	91	99
Total	n/a	141	143

1. Allegations that were acted upon by a worker and reported to the Department.

*Children in Care***Table 2.a Children in Care¹ by Legal Status^{2,3}, as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000, and March 2001**

Legal Status	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Plan of Care Agreement ⁴	42	128	139
Apprehension	59	22	18
Supervision Order	10	14	18
Temporary Custody	87	65	89
Permanent Custody	140	104	118
Custody by Agreement ⁵	42	---	---
Voluntary Support Agreement	31	68	91
Support Services Agreement ⁶	7	8	18
Total	418	408	491

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. The legal statuses in this table are different from previous years due to the replacement of the *Child Welfare Act* with the *Child and Family Services Act* effective October 30, 1998.
3. Data collection system has changed and data in this report are not comparable with data from previous years.
4. The Plan of Care Agreement is entrenched in the *Child and Family Services Act* as a legal agreement that allows child protection workers and parents to reach a care agreement without having to bring the matter before the court for a temporary custody order. These agreements are only to be used when it is believed that a child is in need of protection.
5. Custody by Agreement (CBA's) under the previous Child Welfare Program is now defined as a Voluntary Support Agreement (VSA's) under the *Child and Family Services Act*. These statistics are reported separately in the above chart. CBA's governed children up to 18 years of age. VSA's now govern children up to age 16. The *Child and Family Services Act* was proclaimed October 30, 1998.
6. Support Service Agreements (SSA) under the *Child and Family Services Act* replaced Voluntary Care Agreements (VCA) under the previous Child Welfare Program. The statistics under the SSA heading includes VCA statistics from the first 7 months of the fiscal year. While the VCA under the previous child welfare program governed youths from 16 up to 18 years of age, the VSA now governs youths from 16 up to 19 years of age.

Table 2.b Children in Care¹ by Placement Type² as at March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000, and March 31, 2001

Placement Type	March 31, 1999	March 31, 2000	March 31, 2001
Parent's Care ³	11	n/a	83
Foster Home ⁴	304	n/a	272
Group Home	47	n/a	11
Adoption Home ⁵	2	n/a	7
Treatment Centre ⁶	42	n/a	20
Other ⁷	12	n/a	12
Total	418	n/a	405

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Data collection system has changed and data in this report are not comparable with data from previous years.
3. Parents Care usually refers to children placed in parent's care under a Supervision Order.
4. Foster Home includes all NWT foster home types and children placed in southern foster homes.
5. Adoption Home means children in permanent care placed on adoption probation.
6. Includes all children placed in northern or southern treatment centres.
7. Other includes children in hospitals, young offender facilities or in a room and board setting.

*Adoptions***Table 3.a** **Adoptions, 1998-1999, 1999-2000, and 2000-2001¹**

Type of Adoption	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Departmental Adoptions	10	4	6
Private Adoptions	17	10	8
Native Custom Adoptions	60	35	60

1. Data are now provided on a fiscal year basis (April 01 to March 31)

Table 3.b **Number of Special Needs Children Placed for Adoption
1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001**

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
<i>Total</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>5</i>

Expenditures

Table 4.a **Department of Health and Social Services¹**
Child and Family Services Expenditures² (\$000s)
1998-1999 to 2000-2001

	1998-1999 ⁴	1999-2000	2000-2001
Foster Care	\$5,110	\$4,283	\$4,231
Group Homes	1,617	346	348
Treatment Centres ³	4,914	3,554	3,861
Intervention Services	1,204	624	624
Total	12,845	8,807	9,064

1. The Department Health and Social Services was previously called the Department of Social Services.
2. Data collection system has changed and data in this report are not comparable with data from previous years.
3. Treatment Centres includes Northern and Southern Treatment Centres.
4. Fiscal year 1998-1999 includes expenditures for Nunavut.

Table 4.b **Department of Health and Social Services¹**
Total Expenditures² (\$000s)
1998-1999 to 2000-2001

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Total	\$269,141	\$170,527	\$175,502

1. The Department of Health and Social Services was previously called the Department of Social Services.
2. Data collection system has changed and data in this report are not comparable with data from previous years.
3. Expenditures for 1998-1999 include Nunavut.

Glossary of Terms

Child:	A person under 16 years of age. A child who is in the permanent care of the Director may have guardianship extended to age 19.
Child in Care:	A child who has been apprehended or is the subject of Plan of Care Agreement, Voluntary Care Agreement, Supervision Order, Temporary Custody Order, Permanent Custody Order (including extensions to age 19 and voluntary relinquishment for adoption).
Plan of Care Agreement :	The Director assumes custody, but not guardianship, of a child for for up to one year. The maximum term, including extensions, is two years. These children are considered to be at risk as defined in the <i>Child and Family Services Act</i> .
Voluntary Care Agreement:	Voluntary Care Agreements include Voluntary Support Agreements (VSA) and the Support Service Agreements (SSA). The VSA provides support services to children from 0 up to age 16. The SSA provides support services for youth 16 up to 19 years of age. Children under VSA's are not at risk as defined in the <i>Child and Family Services Act</i> . The child's parent(s) retain custody and guardianship. The initial term is six months, with provision for additional six (6) month renewals. For youth 16-19 years old, their agreement to the proposed plan is required.
Supervision Order:	Child stays at home, under the supervision of the Director. The parents retain custody and guardianship. The initial term is for up to one year, with provision for renewal for one additional year.
Temporary Custody Order:	Custody and guardianship are temporarily transferred to the Director (temporary care). The initial order may be for up to one year; with extensions, the total term may not exceed 24 consecutive months.
Permanent Guardianship Order:	Custody and guardianship of a child are permanently transferred to the Director. The initial order may be extended to age 19 if the child is still in school or handicapped.
Voluntary Relinquishment of a Child:	Parent voluntarily relinquishes the child to the Director. The child is in the care of the Director but not apprehended. The matter is brought to Court to obtain a permanent order.

Nunavut became a territory April 1, 1999 and therefore, data for that territory has not been included in this report.