

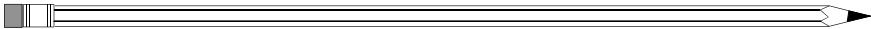


# **Child and Family Services Statistical Report**

**1994-95 to 1996-97**

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## Preface

This is the second edition of the *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 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97, 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 cooperation of the family to help resolve difficulties. Formalized *voluntary agreements* may be negotiated between the department 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 1996<sup>p</sup> (000's)**

<b>Province</b>	<b>0-16 years</b>	<b>17 years</b>	<b>18 years</b>	<b>0-18 years</b>
Newfoundland	129.1	8.9	8.9	146.9
Prince Edward Island	32.9	2.1	2.0	37.0
Nova Scotia	208.1	12.7	12.6	233.4
New Brunswick	167.3	10.5	10.6	188.4
Quebec	1,592.3	100.1	99.0	1,791.4
Ontario	2,545.1	143.2	142.4	2,830.7
Manitoba	277.4	15.6	15.6	308.6
Saskatchewan	263.9	15.3	14.8	294.0
Alberta	706.6	38.9	38.4	783.8
British Columbia	845.2	49.5	48.9	943.6
Yukon	8.2	.5	.4	9.1
Northwest Territories	23.7	1.1	1.1	25.9
<b>Canada<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>6,799.9</b>	<b>398.2</b>	<b>394.8</b>	<b>7,592.8</b>

p. Preliminary data.

1. Totals may not add due to rounding.

*Source: Statistics Canada - Postcensal estimates*

**Introduction**

The data presented in this section were provided by the Child Welfare Division of the Department of Human Resources and Employment. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Investigations* - allegations of child abuse or neglect investigated.
2. *Child Welfare Cases* - number of child welfare cases by region including child protection, children-in-care, foster care, family support 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 and relative and step-parent adoptions.

In addition, expenditures for the Department of Human Resources and Employment are included.

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

*Investigations***Table 1**      **Investigations<sup>1</sup> by Type, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97**

<b>Type</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Child Abuse			
Physical	673	672	806
Sexual	1,005	779	728
Emotional	<u>411</u>	<u>427</u>	<u>551</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,089</b>	<b>1,878</b>	<b>2,085</b>
Other <sup>2</sup>	2,825	2,302	2,373
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>4,914</b>	<b>4,180<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>4,458<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Total Families</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>3,155</b>	<b>2,924</b>

1. Data represent the number of allegations of child abuse and/or neglect investigated plus the number of incidences of abuse and/or neglect which subsequently become identified through an investigation. Only the primary abuse is identified.
2. All investigations other than child abuse, including neglect.
3. Numbers represent number of children. Figures are lower than 1994-95 as statistics are captured differently. Also introduced new guidelines for actioning referrals and better screening.

*Child Welfare Cases***Table 2**      **Number of Child Welfare Cases<sup>1</sup> by Region, March 1997**

<b>Region</b>	<b>March 1997</b>
St. John's	2,486
Eastern	1,045
Central	1,092
Western	1,299
Labrador	758
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,680</b>

1. Includes child protection, children-in-care, foster care, family support and adoption cases.

*Children not in Care***Table 3**      **Children not in Care, in Placements (with relatives) Receiving Financial Support, March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

	March 31, 1995	March 31, 1996	March 31, 1997
Child Welfare Allowance <sup>1</sup>	464	424	424

1. This program provides financial support to relatives who are caring for children who would otherwise come into the care of the Director of Child Welfare.

*Children in Care***Table 4.a**      **Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Legal Status as at March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

Legal Status	March 31, 1995	March 31, 1996	March 31, 1997
Permanent Ward	235	n/a	n/a
Temporary Ward	266	n/a	n/a
Voluntary Care Agreement	55	n/a	n/a
Pending Disposition	13	n/a	n/a
Consent to Adoption	19	n/a	n/a
Youth Care Agreement	161	n/a	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>721</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

**Table 4.b Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Placement Type as at March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997<sup>2</sup>**

<b>Placement Type</b>	<b>March 31, 1996</b>	<b>March 31, 1997</b>
Foster Homes (includes relative, B& L and non-relative)	676	667
Group Home	16	16
Emergency Placement Unit	6	6
Outside Province	5	7
Choices for Youth Program	20	20
Independent Living Arrangements	6	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>721</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Data has not been included for 1995 as categories have changed.

**Table 4.c Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Age Group and Sex, as at March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996, and March 31, 1997**

	<b>March 31, 1995</b>	<b>March 31, 1996</b>	<b>March 31, 1997</b>
<b>Age Group</b>			
0-5 years	121	115	115
6-11 years	170	163	163
12-15 years	243	237	207
16 years +	215	214	236
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	404	381	373
Female	345	348	348
<b>Total</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>721</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.



*Adoptions***Table 5.a      Adoptions during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97**

	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Applications Received	218	212	219
Applications Approved	141	110	112
Applications Rejected or Withdrawn	89	83	89
Placements made or recognized	126	95	112
Regular	23	21	19
Relative/Step parent	103	74	93
Adoptions finalized	130	95	112
Adoption Subsidy	--	6	7

**Table 5.b      Age Group of Children<sup>1</sup> Placed for Adoption during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
0-12 months	17	n/a	n/a
1-5 years	6	n/a	n/a
over 5 years	0	n/a	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>
0-2 years	n/a	11	6
over 2 years	n/a	10	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>

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

*Expenditures*

**Table 6      Department of Human Resources and Employment**  
**Total Expenditures (\$000s)**  
**1994-95 to 1996-97**

	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Executive & Support Services	\$ 10,163.7	\$ 9,607.6	\$ 11,019.7
Service Delivery	31,010.7	32,068.2	30,441.4
<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>13,908.6</b>	<b>13,873.2</b>	<b>14,381.3</b>
Youth Corrections	12,339.8	12,127.2	5,721.7 <sup>1</sup>
Developmental and Rehabilitative Services	22,351.3	25,144.6	42,598.6
Day Care	3,117.0	3,131.8	3,131.8
Employment Opportunities	14,046.7	11,531.0	7,987.0
Income Support	227,200.0	245,800.0	249,839.0
Support to Family Related Organizations	230.5	230.5	298.4
Family Support Services	1,955.0	2,245.4	3,295.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 336,323.3</b>	<b>\$ 355,759.5</b>	<b>\$ 368,714.3</b>

1. Child Welfare Division and Youth Corrections Division merged to form the Division of Child Welfare and Community Corrections in April 1996. The Secure Custody Program (and the S/C Budget Allocation) transferred to the Department of Justice.

## Glossary of Terms

<b>Child:</b>	An unmarried boy or girl under the age of 16. A child who is in the Director's care at age 16 may have wardship extended to age 19. Financial and other services may be extended to age 21.
<b>Child in Care:</b>	Child in need of protection under the <i>Child Welfare Act</i> and in care under the following legal statuses: Voluntary Care Agreement, pending disposition (those who have been apprehended and are waiting for the child protection hearing plus those under interim orders waiting for the judge's decision), consent to adoption, Order of Temporary Wardship (temporary ward), Order of Permanent Wardship (permanent ward), and Youth Care Agreement (youth under extended care who were in care on the day before their 16th birthday under an order or agreement).
<b>Voluntary Care Agreement:</b>	Also called a Non-Ward Agreement, allows parents to voluntarily and temporarily give up care of their child to the Director of Child Welfare. The parents retain guardianship rights. The agreement is generally for up to three months and may be extended for an additional three months.
<b>Supervision Order:</b>	Used when a child is found to be in need of protection but is returned to the care and custody of the parents or any other suitable adult. Guardianship is either retained by the parents or given by a Court to a third party under the supervision of the Director. The order is made for a maximum of 12 months and specific recommendations may be made by the Judge. The child is not considered to be in care.
<b>Order of Temporary Wardship:</b>	Custody and guardianship of a child is transferred to the Director of Child Welfare. The parents must consent to any medical treatment required by the child. Orders cannot exceed 12 months.
<b>Order of Permanent Wardship:</b>	Permanent wardship is granted only when the parents are incapable of providing guardianship; have no desire to, or are not available to provide guardianship; or there is an apparently irreversible history of abuse or serious neglect. When a child is made a permanent ward, the parents lose their custody and guardianship rights and the child may be placed for adoption.
<b>Youth Care Agreement:</b>	Temporary or permanent wardship extended to age 19.
<b>Consent to Adoption:</b>	Under <i>The Adoption of Children Act</i> , a parent may voluntarily relinquish a child to the 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 (MIS). 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 Care<sup>1</sup> by Legal Status, as at March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997

<b>Legal Status</b>	<b>March 31, 1995</b>	<b>March 31, 1996</b>	<b>March 31, 1997</b>
Apprehended	44	26	43
Temporary Ward <sup>2</sup>	11	9	6
Permanent Ward <sup>3</sup>	54	46	45
Voluntary Care Agreement <sup>4</sup>	76	72	72
Wards of Another Province	4	2	3
Adoption Placement <sup>5</sup>	7	5	3
Follow-up to Child in Care <sup>6</sup>	3	11	8
Missing	--	18	17
Uncoded	8	4	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>204</b>

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 Care<sup>1</sup> by Placement Type, as at March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997

Placement Type	March 31, 1995	March 31, 1996	March 31, 1997
Living with Parents	4	3	5
Living with Relatives	3	5	6
Emergency Foster Home	9	5	6
Relative Foster Home	26	25	30
Regular Foster Home	107	89	103
Group Foster Home	4	3	6
Group Home	13	18	13
Special Care Resources <sup>2</sup>	4	8	5
Young Offender Facility	1	0	1
Out-of-Province Placement	8	6	4
Room and Board	3	4	4
Other	10	6	1
Coded Incorrectly	1	3	3
Missing	--	18	17
Not Coded	14	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>204</b>

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

**Table 1.c** Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Age Group and Sex, as at March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997

Age Group	March 31, 1995 <sup>2</sup>		March 31, 1996 <sup>3</sup>		March 31, 1997 <sup>4</sup>	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0-11	50	40	51	38	45	34
12-14	21	24	17	22	25	23
15+	23	46	28	35	27	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>106</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Gender was not coded for one child in the 0-11 age group and for two children in the 15+ age group.
3. Gender not coded for 2 children in 15+ group.
4. Gender not coded for 1 child in 15+ group.

*Adoptions***Table 2** Adoptions during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97

<b>Finalized Adoptions</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Departmental Adoptions	7	7	7
Agency Adoptions	1	0	0
Private Adoptions	26	23	26

*Expenditures*

**Table 3**      **Department of Health and Social Services**  
**Child and Family Services Expenditures (\$000s)**  
**1994-95 to 1996-97**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Maintenance of Foster Children	\$ 1,593.1	\$ 1,555.7	2,215.2
Medical/Dental/Optical Expenses for Foster Children	25.8	36.6	33.7
Foster Parent Association	30.7	35.7	30.7
Group Care <sup>1</sup>	1,956.6	1,297.8	1,469.2
Family Support Program	275.3	353.3	411.1
Special Residential Services	532.4	284.4	75.8
Severely Disturbed Children's Services <sup>1</sup>	193.6	n/a	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,607.5</b>	<b>3,563.5</b>	<b>4,235.7</b>

1. Figures for these categories include salary, administration and travel costs associated with the service.



## Glossary of Terms

<b>Child:</b>	A person actually or apparently under the age of majority (i.e., 18 years). Services may be extended to age 21 to a permanent ward.
<b>Child in care:</b>	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").
<b>Voluntary Agreement for Temporary Custody:</b>	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.
<b>Voluntary Agreement for Temporary Guardianship:</b>	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.
<b>Permanent Guardianship Agreement:</b>	The parents voluntarily and permanently transfer the custody and guardianship of the child to the Director of Child Welfare or agency.
<b>Supervision Order:</b>	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.
<b>Temporary Order for Custody and Guardianship:</b>	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.
<b>Permanent Guardianship Order:</b>	The Director of Child Welfare becomes the sole guardian of the child until the child attains the age of majority, marries, is adopted or the order is terminated by a judge.

**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.
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.a      Protection Cases, during 1994-95 and as at March 31, 1995**

a)	Children provided protection in own home on March 31st, 1995	2,717
b)	Protection	
	cases as at April 1, 1994	1,881
	new cases during 1994-95	1,384
	cases as at March 31, 1995	2,700

**Table 1.b      Protection Cases, during 1995-96 and as at March 31, 1996**

a)	Children provided protection in own home on March 31st, 1996	2,586
b)	Protection	
	as at April 1, 1995	2,062
	new cases during 1995-96	1,238
	cases as at March 31, 1996	2,928

**Table 1.c      Protection Cases, during 1996-97 and as at March 31, 1997**

a)	Average number of children provided protection in own home on monthly basis during 1996-97	2,542
b)	Protection	
	as at April 1, 1996	2,327
	new cases during 1996-97	1,166
	cases as at March 31, 1997	3,149

*Child Abuse Register<sup>1</sup>***Table 2** Child Abuse Register<sup>1</sup>: Recorded Cases by Type, Age Group of Child, Sex of Child and Relationship of Abuser to Victim, 1994 to 1996

	1994	1995	1996
<b>Type</b>			
Physical abuse	41	26	n/a
Sexual abuse	241	178	n/a
Physical/Sexual abuse	1	--	n/a
Physical/Sexual/Emotional abuse	0	--	n/a
<b>Age Group</b>			
0-3 years	23	9	n/a
4-6 years	66	40	n/a
7-12 years	132	104	n/a
13-16 years	62	52	n/a
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	77	55	n/a
Female	206	150	n/a
<b>Relationship of Abuser to Victim</b>			
Mother/Adoptive Mother	4	2	n/a
Stepmother	1	--	n/a
Foster Mother	0	--	n/a
Father/Adoptive Father	32	21	n/a
Stepfather	25	15	n/a
Foster Father	0	--	n/a
Mother's Common law Spouse/Boyfriend	11	10	n/a
Father's Common law Spouse/Girlfriend	0	--	n/a
Brother	14	3	n/a
Grandfather	11	16	n/a
Uncle	27	31	n/a
Other Relative	16	16	n/a
Babysitter/Caretaker	27	9	n/a
Family Friend	38	19	n/a
Neighbour	22	15	n/a
Stranger to Victim	11	7	n/a
Other <sup>2</sup>	44	41	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>n/a</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of Child Abuse Register.

2. Includes Child Care Worker, Clergymen, School Personnel, Acquaintance, Pimp, Other.

*Children in Care***Table 3.a Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Legal Status, during 1994-95 and as at March 31, 1995**

a) Children brought into care April 1, 1994 - March 31, 1995	
Temporary Care Agreement - Sec. 17	713
Special Needs Agreement - Sec. 18	62
Voluntary Care Agreement <sup>2</sup> - Sec. 68	19
Taken into Care <sup>3</sup>	371
Care and Custody	126
b) Total Number of Children in Care as at March 31, 1995	1,513
Children in care and custody <sup>4</sup>	789

1. See Glossary for definition of a child in care.
2. Child voluntarily given up for adoption.
3. Includes children under supervision orders.
4. Represents those children in care under a Permanent Care and Custody Order only.

**Table 3.b Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Legal Status, during 1995-96 and as at March 31, 1996**

a) Children brought into care April 1, 1995 - March 31, 1996	
Temporary Care Agreement - Sec. 17	628
Special Needs Agreement - Sec. 18	99
Voluntary Care Agreement <sup>2</sup> - Sec. 68	13
Taken into Care <sup>3</sup>	578
Care and Custody	130
b) Total Number of Children in Care as at March 31, 1996	1,641
Children in care and custody <sup>4</sup>	771

1. See Glossary for definition of a child in care.
2. Child voluntarily given up for adoption.
3. Includes children under supervision orders.
4. Represents those children in care under a Permanent Care and Custody Order only.

**Table 3.c Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Legal Status, during 1996-97 and as at March 31, 1997**

a) Children brought into care April 1, 1996 - March 31, 1997	
Temporary Care Agreement - Sec. 17	562
Special Needs Agreement - Sec. 18	88
Voluntary Care Agreement <sup>2</sup> - Sec. 68	15
Taken into Care <sup>3</sup>	587
Care and Custody	192
b) Total Number of Children in Care as at March 31, 1997	1,767
Children in care and custody <sup>4</sup>	841

1. See Glossary for definition of a child in care.
2. Child voluntarily given up for adoption.
3. Includes children under supervision orders.
4. Represents those children in care under a Permanent Care and Custody Order only.

**Table 3.d Children in Permanent Care and Custody<sup>1</sup> showing Sex, Age Group and Placement as at March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

	March 31, 1995	March 31, 1996	March 31, 1997
<b><i>Sex</i></b>			
Male	429	408	447
Female	360	363	394
<b><i>Age</i></b>			
Under 5 years	64	60	82
5 to 9 years	120	129	153
10 to 14 years	169	169	195
15 to 18 years	314	297	294
19 to 20 years	122	116	117
<b><i>Placement</i></b>			
Own Parents	11	8	9
Self Supporting	0	0	0
Foster Homes	401	522	508
Group Homes	15	10	12
Residential Facilities	11	19	19
Adoption Probation	53	28	44
Free Homes <sup>2</sup>	3	2	2
Indep. Living/Board Home/Indep. House	170	89	97
Others <sup>3</sup>	125	93	150
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>789</i></b>	<b><i>771</i></b>	<b><i>841</i></b>

1. Represents children in care under a Permanent Care and Custody Order only.
2. Placement for which no funding is provided.
3. This category includes S.O.S. Village, the Young Offenders Act Community Facility and other placements.

*Adoptions***Table 4.a      Adoptions Completed, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97**

<b>Adoptions Completed</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Agency	55	73	33
Private: Relative	101	90	69
Private: Non Relative	28	16	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>111</b>

**Table 4.b      Adoption Activities, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97**

	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Inquiries re: Agency Adoption	603	n/a	n/a
Application Approved	n/a	n/a	n/a
Homes on Waiting List	91	255	277

**Table 4.c      Children Adopted, by Sex and Age Group, during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97**

	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	84	86	67
Female	100	93	44
<b>Age Group</b>			
under 1 year	23	24	21
1 to 4 years	66	67	32
5 to 8 years	54	47	32
9 to 12 years	31	29	18
13 to 15 years	10	11	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>111</b>



*Expenditures*

**Table 5.a Department of Community Services<sup>1</sup>  
Family and Children's Services Expenditures (\$000s)  
1994-95 to 1996-97**

	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97*
Administration - Head Office	1,556.5	1,593.3	
Administration - Field Offices	4,170.8	4,298.8	
Maintenance Costs			
Foster Homes	7,678.5	10,228.7	
Community Residential Facilities	7,832.7	8,316.4	
Taken Into Care	3,945.6	6,546.2	
Temporary Care	3,524.2	4,308.6	
Payments to Children's Services Agencies	12,511.6	13,198.5	
Payments to Private Agencies for Unmarried Mothers	277.2	307.2	
Payments to Transition and Safe Houses	2,858.1	3,187.7	
Payments - Family Counselling Services	846.8	802.6	
Early Intervention <sup>2</sup>	n/a	n/a	
Nova Scotia Residential Centre <sup>3</sup>	3,005.8	3,070.5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,207.8</b>	<b>55,858.5</b>	

1. This table reflects departmental expenditures only; municipal expenditures have not been included.
2. Included under Day Care Services Costs.
3. Includes administrative, operating, maintenance, academic/vocational, social services and daily living program expenditures.

\* The expenditures reporting format has been reorganized due to Departmental restructuring. The 1996-97 expenditures are listed in Table 5.b.

**Table 5.b     Department of Community Services**  
**Family and Children's Services Expenditures (\$000s)**  
**1996-97**

	<b>1996-97</b>
Administrator	148.7
Child Welfare and Residential Services	834.2
Children's Services - Field	4,977.2
Maintenance of Children	12,199.4
Taken into Care	10,244.1
Temporary Care	3,779.9
Direct Grants	1,138.2
Children's Aid Society Grants	13,800.5
Transition and Safe Houses	3,248.0
Prevention Services	607.3
Day Care - Field	92.9
Payments to Child Development Centres	225.8
Day Care Subsidy	11,650.9
Early Intervention Program	594.8
Family Support Program	1,340.9
Family Counselling Grants	819.3
Community Outreach Services	368.8
In Home Support Program	2,136.0
Small Option Homes	1,162.4
Community Placements	4,551.2
Summer Programs	553.9
Community Residential Facilities	8,678.7
Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre	896.7
Children's Training Centres	2,714.4
Nova Scotia Residential Centre	3,146.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>89,911.1</b>

**Table 5.c     Department of Community Services**  
**Total Expenditures (\$000's)**  
**1994-95 to 1996-97**

	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97*</b>
<b>Family and Children's Services</b>	<b>48,207.8</b>	<b>55,858.5</b>	
Rehabilitation and Community Services	29,906.7	32,872.7	
Young Offenders Administration	12,055.4	n/a	
Public Assistance	410,957.8	426,603	
Other Social Services	5,588.1	5,565.3	
Administration	12,234.8	10,181.7	
Day Care Services	12,437.0	12,894.7	
<b>Total</b>	<b>531,387.6</b>	<b>543,975.9</b>	

\* The expenditures reporting format has been reorganized due to Departmental restructuring. The 1996/97 expenditures are listed in Table 5.d.

**Table 5.d     Department of Community Services**  
**Total Expenditures (\$000's)**  
**1996-97**

	<b>1996-97</b>
<b>Family and Children's Services</b>	<b>89,911.1</b>
Income Assistance and Employment Support Services	439,635.9
Senior Management	920.8
Commissions and Agencies	609.9
Corporate Services Unit	7,878.8
Strategic Planning	1,521.0
Field Offices	4,453.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>544,931.0</b>

## Glossary of Terms

<b>Child:</b>	A person under sixteen years of age. The permanent care and custody of a child may be extended until the child reaches age 21.
<b>Child in Care:</b>	Any child who is in need of protection under the <i>Children and Family Services Act</i> who has had a transfer of custody and/or guardianship through a Temporary Care Agreement, a Special Needs Agreement, Apprehension, 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.
<b>Child Abuse Register:</b>	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.
<b>Temporary Care Agreement:</b>	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.
<b>Special Needs Agreement:</b>	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.
<b>Supervision Order:</b>	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.
<b>Temporary Care and Custody Order:</b>	An agency retains temporary care and custody of the child for up to six months from the date he was taken into care or one year from the date he was found to be in need of protection. 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.
<b>Permanent Care and Custody Order:</b>	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 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<sup>1,2,3</sup> by Type, 1994-95 to 1996-97

Type	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Child abuse			
Physical	1,407	1,576	1,618
Sexual	<u>1,548</u>	<u>1,550</u>	<u>1,487</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,955</b>	<b>3,126</b>	<b>3,105</b>
Spousal abuse occurring within family	365	408	418
Neglect	2,472	2,678	2,851
Child beyond control	1,379	1,354	1,226
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,171</b>	<b>7,566</b>	<b>7,600</b>

1. Only primary presenting problem based on caller's allegation has been recorded.
2. Reports relate to number of families.
3. Based on RPSS (Automated Client System) data.

**Table 1.b** Child Protection Cases<sup>1,2</sup> as at March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996, and March 31, 1997

	March 31, 1995	March 31, 1996	March 31, 1997
<b>Number of Cases</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>1,734</b>	<b>1,635</b>

1. Reports relate to number of families.
2. Based on RPSS (Automated Client System) data.

*Children in Care***Table 2.a Children in Care<sup>1,2</sup> by Legal Status, as at March 31, 1995, March 28, 1996 and March 26, 1997**

<b>Legal Status</b>	<b>March 31, 1995</b>	<b>March 28, 1996</b>	<b>March 26, 1997</b>
Protective Care	71	79	73
Custody Agreement	179	214	170
Guardianship Agreement	65	57	48
Post Guardianship Services Agreement	41	41	47
Protective Intervention Order	11	3	6
Supervisory Order	71	66	56
Custody Order	132	155	175
Guardianship Order	533	523	508
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>1,083</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Based on RCWD (Payment System) data.

**Table 2.b Children in Care<sup>1,2</sup> by Placement Type, as at March 31, 1995,  
March 28, 1996 and March 26, 1997**

<b>Placement Type</b>	<b>March 31, 1995</b>	<b>March 28, 1996</b>	<b>March 26, 1997</b>
Parent's Home	133	116	114
Emergency Shelter	5	15	10
Foster Home	602	635	592
Group Home	61	62	40
Institution	9	14	4
Therapeutic Home	112	120	124
Children's Special Needs Home	62	61	57
Adoption Home	16	17	25
Address Unknown	25	15	9
Independent Living	74	76	84
C.B.S. to Children Home	3	5	20
Y.O.A. Closed Custody	1	2	2
Y.O.A. Open Custody	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>1,083</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Based on RCWD (Payment System) data.



**Table 2.c Children in Care<sup>1,2</sup> by Age Group, as at March 31, 1995 and March 28, 1996**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>March 31, 1995</b>	<b>March 28, 1996</b>
0-5 years	163	193
6-11 years	266	253
12 years and over	674	692
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>1,138</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Based on RCWD (Payment System) data.

**Table 2.d Children in Care<sup>1,2</sup> by Age Group, as at March 26, 1997**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>March 31, 1997</b>
0-4 years	155
5-10 years	222
11 years and over	706
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,083</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Based on RCWD (Payment System) data.

**Adoption****Table 3.a Adoptions, 1994-95 to 1996-97**

<b>Adoptions</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Departmental Adoptions	18	12	9
Family Subsidized Adoptions <sup>1</sup>	139	--	132
International Adoptions	--	9	9

1. Number of families receiving subsidies.

## Glossary of Terms

<b>Child:</b>	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.
<b>Children in Care:</b>	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.
<b>Custody Agreement:</b>	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.
<b>Guardianship Agreement:</b>	Voluntary relinquishment of a child for adoption.
<b>Protective Care:</b>	A service which provides an immediate safeguard for a child's security and development.
<b>Supervisory Order:</b>	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.
<b>Custody Order:</b>	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.
<b>Guardianship Order:</b>	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.
<b>Post Guardianship Services Agreement:</b>	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.
<b>Protective Intervention Order:</b>	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.

***QUEBEC DATA ARE NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE***

## Introduction

Child Welfare services are provided by Children's Aid Societies (CASs). There are 55 CASs in Ontario (5 of these are Aboriginal CASs). Each CAS is an independent non-government agency governed by a board of directors which is responsible for the staff and services of the CAS. The data in the following tables were provided by the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services and represent data from all Children's Aid Societies as well as Native Services provided on reserves under the following categories.

1. *Investigation and assessment* - investigations of reports that a child is or may be in need of protection.
2. *Children in Care* - children who are in the temporary or permanent care of a CAS (court ordered or voluntary agreements)
3. *CAS Adoptions* - agency adoptions.

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

In 1994, the Ministry implemented In-Year Results Reports - a reporting format to collect data about clients served and standard non-residential and residential services provided by all transfer payment agencies funded under the *Child and Family Services Act*. The system was developed by staff from the Ministry and representatives from children's provincial associations. Part of this process involved developing new definitions for individual and family clients, as well as for the standard services. As a result of these changes, data for 1995 and 1996 cannot be compared with data provided for previous years.

***Ontario data should not be compared with data from other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface. In addition, CAS service data has not been included for 1994 as the data was collected by the Ontario Association for Children's Aid Societies and is therefore not comparable with data collected in 1995 and 1996.***

*Allegations*

**Table 1** Investigation and Assessments of Reports<sup>1</sup> That a Child Is or May Be in Need of Protection, January 1 to December 31, 1995 and January 1 to December 31, 1996.

	1995	1996
<i>Total</i>	<i>61,363</i>	<i>63,489</i>

1. Includes all reports related to need for protection, i.e. neglect.

*Children in Care*

**Table 2.a** Children in Care<sup>1,2</sup> by Placement Type as at December 31, 1995 and December 31, 1996

Placement Type	December 31, 1995	December 31, 1996
Foster care	5,824	6,285
Group care	1,708	1,733
Adoption probation	487	543
Other types of care	1,849	1,818
<i>Total</i>	<i>9,868</i>	<i>10,379</i>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Represents data from 5 Native CAS's, 50 Non-Native CAS's and Native Services on Reserve.

**Table 2.b Children in Care<sup>1,2</sup> - Caseload Movement, 1995 and 1996**

	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>
Children in care on January 1	10,560	9,868
Children admitted during the year <sup>3</sup>	19,312	19,547
Children discharged during the year <sup>4</sup>	20,004	19,036
Children in care on January 1 of the following year	9,868	10,379

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Represents data from 5 Native CAS's, 50 Non-Native CAS's and Native Services on Reserve.
3. "Children admitted during the year"  
 1995 - includes 10,170 Admissions and 9,142 Transfers to Residential Service from another Residential Service (e.g. the client was transferred from Foster Care to Group Care)  
 1996 - includes 10,330 Admissions and 9,217 Transfers to Residential Service from another Residential Service.
4. "Children discharged during the year"  
 1995 - includes 11,168 Terminations and 8,836 Transfers from Residential Service to another Residential Service (e.g. the client was transferred from Group Care to Foster Care)  
 1996 - includes 10,070 Terminations and 8,966 Transfers from Service.

### ***Adoptions***

**Table 3 CAS Adoptions<sup>1</sup>, 1995 and 1996**

	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>
Children adopted	395	382
Approved homes awaiting placements (December 31)	633	651
Homes awaiting home study	n/a	n/a

1. Represents data from Native CAS's, Non-Native CAS's and Native Services on Reserve.

*Expenditures*

**Table 4.a Ministry of Community and Social Services  
Children's Services Expenditures (\$ millions)  
1995-96 and 1996-97**

<b>Current Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Child Welfare <sup>1</sup>	360.5	349.6
Child Treatment	22.5	23.6
Child and Family Intervention	196.5	189.1
Children's Administration	41.4	41.2
Young Offenders	137.1	134.7
Community Support	19.7	17.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>777.7</b>	<b>755.8</b>

1. Child welfare amounts reflect MCSS funding only. Municipalities contribute an additional 20% for agencies designated as CAS's.

**Table 4.b Ministry of Community Social Services  
Total Expenditures (\$ millions)  
1995-96 to 1996-97**

	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Children's Services <sup>1</sup>	1,316.9	1,289.8
Program Administration	27.3	26.0
Field Administration	22.9	21.5
Social Assistance & Employment	6,492.8	5,684.1
Adults' Social Services	173.4	141.0
Developmental Services	837.9	834.9
Capital	16.2	28.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,887.4</b>	<b>8,025.3</b>

1. Includes funding to provide support for child care centres, private home child care and supportive services.

## Glossary of Terms

<b>Child:</b>	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 to Crown wards to age 21.
<b>Child in care:</b>	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.
<b>Temporary Care Agreement:</b>	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.
<b>Special Needs Agreement:</b>	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.
<b>Parental Consent to Adopt:</b>	Allows the parents to voluntarily relinquish an infant to a CAS for adoption purposes.
<b>Supervision Order:</b>	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.
<b>Society Wardship Order:</b>	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.
<b>Crown Wardship Order:</b>	Permanently transfers the care, custody and control of a child to a CAS.
<b>Temporary Order for Care and Custody:</b>	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 the Child and Family Support Branch of the Department of Family Services. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Child and Family Services* - mandated services under *The Child and Family Services Act* to all families/children.
2. *Protection* - reports of alleged child abuse.
3. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.
4. *Adoption* - agency adoptions.

In addition, expenditures for child and family services plus the Department of Family Services are included. Although Manitoba maintains a Child Abuse Register, no data are available at this time.

***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 only  
as at March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

<b>Category</b>	<b>March 31, 1995</b>	<b>March 31, 1996</b>	<b>March 31, 1997</b>
Unmarried Adolescent Parents	543	460	370
Children in Care <sup>1</sup>	5,326	5,170	5,203
Families Receiving Protection Services	8,566	8,476	8,262
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,435</b>	<b>14,106</b>	<b>13,835</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

*Protection***Table 2.a**      **Reports of Alleged Child Abuse Cases by Age Group and Sex of Child,  
1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97**

	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
<b>Age Group</b>			
Less than 1 year	36	31	34
1-3 years	327	250	231
4-10 years	1,117	968	880
11-15 years	577	600	572
16+ years	142	102	157
Unknown	345	260	49
Not reported	0	0	0
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	894	790	847
Female	1,385	1,227	1,064
Unknown	265	194	12
Not reported	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>2,211</b>	<b>1,923</b>

**Table 2.b    Reports<sup>1</sup> on Alleged Abused Children by Source<sup>2</sup>, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97**

<b>Source<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Child and Family Services Agencies	1,476	1,157	1,201
Native Agencies	611	652	444
Regional Offices	457	402	278
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>2,544</i></b>	<b><i>2,211</i></b>	<b><i>1,923</i></b>

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.

*Children in Care***Table 3.a Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Legal Status, as at March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

	March 31, 1995			Total
	Wards <sup>2</sup>	VPA <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	
Regional Offices	414	105	97	616
CFS Agencies	1,719	774	559	3,052
Native Agencies	866	493	309	1,668
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,999</b>	<b>1,372</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>5,336</b>

	March 31, 1996			Total
	Wards <sup>2</sup>	VPA <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	
Regional Offices	389	121	135	645
CFS Agencies	1,763	590	597	2,950
Native Agencies	962	435	178	1,575
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,114</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>5,170</b>

	March 31, 1997			Total
	Wards <sup>2</sup>	VPA <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	
Regional Offices	350	75	202	627
CFS Agencies	1,722	550	649	2,921
Native Agencies	921	526	208	1,655
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,993</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>5,203</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Includes the following legal statuses: 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 and wards of other jurisdictions.

**Table 3.b Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Type of Placement, as at March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

<b>Type of Placement</b>	<b>March 31, 1995</b>	<b>March 31, 1996</b>	<b>March 31, 1997</b>
Foster Home - Regular Rate	2,075	3,407 <sup>4</sup>	3,633
Foster Home - Special Rate	1,425	--	--
Residential Care <sup>2</sup>	290	318	311
Other Placement Resources	731	819	612
Selected Adoption Probation	151	137	112
Other Non-Pay Care Living Arrangements <sup>3</sup>	664	489	535
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,336</b>	<b>5,170</b>	<b>5,203</b>

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

*Adoptions***Table 4**      **Adoptions during 1994-95, 1995-96, and 1996-97**

	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Selected Manitoba placements <sup>1</sup>	89	144	112
Selected out of province placements <sup>1</sup>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>113</b>
Private <sup>2</sup> placements opened	31	28	39
De facto <sup>3</sup> placements opened	15	20	28

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

*Expenditures*

**Table 5.a Department of Family Services**  
**Child and Family Services Expenditures<sup>1</sup> (\$000s)**  
**1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97**

<b>Child and Family Services</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
<i>Child and Family Support</i>			
Salaries	\$ 2,197.3	\$ 2,286.5	\$2,150.6
Other Expenditures	2,153.7	2,232.9	2,443.8
Maintenance of Children & External Agencies	98,091.1	101,054.4	106,028.7
Family Support Innovations Fund	443.2	1,970.5	2,229.1
<i>Seven Oaks Youth Centre</i>			
Salaries	2,243.8	1,810.0	1,747.4
Other Expenses	261.0	276.3	251.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 105,390.1</b>	<b>\$ 109,630.6</b>	<b>\$ 114,851.1</b>

1. Excludes expenditures for the following: administration, family conciliation and family dispute. For 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 these totalled \$6,643,400, \$6,927,400 and \$7,088,300 respectively.

**Table 5.b Department of Family Services**  
**Total Expenditures (\$000s)**  
**1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97**

	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Administration and Finance	\$ 7,826.0	\$ 7,339.0	\$ 7,396.0
Rehabilitation, Community Living & Day Care	130,483.7	135,605.9	136,046.2
<b>Child and Family Services<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>112,033.5</b>	<b>116,558</b>	<b>121,939.4</b>
Income Security & Regional Operations	405,526.8	406,326.8	391,160.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 655,870.0</b>	<b>\$ 665,829.7</b>	<b>\$ 656,541.8</b>

1. Includes the following: Administration, Child and Family Support, Seven Oaks Youth Centre, Family Conciliation, and Family Dispute Services.



## Glossary of Terms

<b>Child:</b>	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.
<b>Child in care:</b>	A child in care refers to a child in the care of an agency under <i>The Child and Family Services Act</i> . There are six legal statuses: apprehension (in or out of the home); Temporary Order of Guardianship; Permanent Order of Guardianship; Voluntary Surrender of Guardianship (usually for adoption purposes); Voluntary Placement Agreement; and, transfers from another jurisdiction.
<b>Voluntary Placement Agreement:</b>	An agreement used by families who are unable to care for a child because of a family crisis, because the child has special needs or where a child 14 years of age or older is beyond the parent's control. The agency assumes responsibility for the child's care but there is no surrender of guardianship. The agreement may be renewed for an additional 12 months. For a child over 14, unlimited renewals up to his 18th birthday are permitted.
<b>Order of Supervision:</b>	The child may be 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 no longer counted as being in care.
<b>Third Party Placement Order:</b>	The child may be placed temporarily or permanently with another person, with or without a transfer of guardianship. The court may impose any duration to such an order.
<b>Temporary Guardianship Order:</b>	The agency may be appointed the temporary guardian of the child for a period ranging from 6 to 24 months (depending on the child's age), allowing for parents to resolve the problems which led to the child's removal from the home. Renewal provisions vary according to the age of the child.
<b>Permanent Guardianship Order:</b>	An agency is appointed as the child's guardian and the parent's rights and responsibilities regarding the child are terminated.
<b>Voluntary Surrender of Guardianship Agreement:</b>	A parent voluntarily transfers all rights and responsibilities of parenthood to an agency.

**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, 1995, March 31, 1996, and March 31, 1997**

<b>Reason for Intervention</b>	<b>March 31, 1995</b>	<b>March 31, 1996</b>	<b>March 31, 1997</b>
Abuse			
Physical Abuse	218	194	194
Sexual Abuse	202	163	163
Emotional Abuse	24	15	14
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>371</b>
Physical Neglect	722	621	627
Parent/child Conflict	292	287	288
Parenting Ability	674	691	703
Domestic Violence	56	78	83
Investigations <sup>1</sup>	677	723	669
Child under 12 <sup>2</sup>	8	8	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,873</b>	<b>2,780</b>	<b>2,746</b>

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

*Children in Care***Table 2.a Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Legal Status, as at March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996, and March 31, 1997**

Legal Status	March 31, 1995	March 31, 1996	March 31, 1997
Apprehension <sup>2</sup>	611	618	617
Residential Care Agreement	603	628	570
Agreement for Services <sup>3</sup>	140	228	78
Temporary Ward <sup>4</sup>	154	114	185
Long-Term Orders to Age 18	156	228	296
Permanent Ward <sup>5</sup>	741	670	607
Extended Care Agreement <sup>6</sup>	38	48	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,443</b>	<b>2,534</b>	<b>2,416</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Matter before the court.
3. Agreement for services to 16 and 17 year olds.
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: 91 in March 1995; 114 in March 1996; and 122 in March 1997.

**Table 2.b Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Placement, as at March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996, and March 31, 1997**

<b>Placement Type</b>	<b>March 31, 1995</b>	<b>March 31, 1996</b>	<b>March 31, 1997</b>
Foster Homes	2,070	2,184	1,861
Group Homes <sup>2</sup>	64	67	65
Residential Facilities <sup>3</sup>	54	48	63
Other <sup>4</sup>	255	235	427
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>2,443</i></b>	<b><i>2,534</i></b>	<b><i>2,416</i></b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Non-governmental homes.
3. Government-run and non-governmental facilities (Dales House, Cottage 22, 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 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97**

<b>Selected Statistics by Type of Adoption</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97<sup>7</sup></b>
<i>Ward Adoptions<sup>1</sup></i>			
a) Infant <sup>2</sup>			
Applicants waiting	268	251	
Home studies underway	63	95	
Approved homes awaiting placement	191	146	
Adoption placements	26	37	
b) Special <sup>3</sup>			
Applicants waiting	169	157	
Home studies underway	63	94	
Approved homes awaiting placement	169	127	
Adoptions placements	26	17	
<i>Other Adoptions<sup>4</sup></i>			
Independent adoptions <sup>5</sup>	105	56	
International adoptions	5	18	
Step-parent adoptions <sup>5</sup>	132	102	
Agency adoptions <sup>5,6</sup>	18	20	

1. Processed by the Department of Social Services.
2. A healthy infant (six months of age or under), of any race.
3. A child over six months of age, of any race. May include special needs children and family groups.
4. May be processed with/without departmental involvement.
5. Number of adoption orders recorded by the Department.
6. One approved private agency in the province.
7. The Infant and Special Adoption Programs were combined under Domestic Adoption in 1996-97 (please see next table).

Table 3.b Domestic Adoptions for 1996-97<sup>1</sup>

	1996-97 <sup>7</sup>
Applicants waiting	202
Home studies underway	184
Approved homes awaiting placement	147
Adoption placements	
Infant	32
Older Child	17
<b>Total placements</b>	<b>49</b>
<i>Other Adoptions</i>	
Independent adoptions	35
International adoptions	9
Step-parent adoptions	144
Agency adoptions	10

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.

*Expenditures*

**Table 4.a Department of Social Services**  
**Family and Youth Services Expenditures (\$000s)**  
**1994-95 to 1996-97**

	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Family and Youth Services <sup>1</sup>	\$ 38,355.6	\$ 37,383.7	\$ 38,864.5
Family and Youth Facilities <sup>2</sup>	14,510.1	15,879.1	16,285.8
Administrative Expenditures <sup>3</sup>	2,173.5	2,442.7	2,275.3
Regional Operations <sup>4</sup>	14,531.1	15,962.5	16,210.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 69,570.3</b>	<b>71,668.0</b>	<b>73,635.6</b>

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)**  
**1994-95 to 1996-97**

	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Administration	\$ 21,153.1	\$ 22,075	\$ 21,108
Child Day Care	14,112.0	14,605	15,583
Income Security	347,374.0	346,960	345,149
Community Living	47,280.0	50,364	50,798
Legal Aid <sup>1</sup>	8,361.0	8,415	--
Regional Service Centres	18,432.0	36,109	34,978
<b>Family and Youth Services<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>69,570.3</b>	<b>57,087</b>	<b>57,373</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 526,282.4</b>	<b>535,615</b>	<b>524,989</b>

1. Responsibility for Legal Aid transferred to Saskatchewan Justice in 1996-97.
2. Family and Youth Regional Staff are included in these figures for 1994-95.



## Glossary of Terms

<b>Child:</b>	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.
<b>Children in Care:</b>	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.
<b>Residential Care Agreement:</b>	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.
<b>Agreement for Services to 16 and 17 year olds:</b>	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.
<b>Temporary Committal Order:</b>	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.
<b>Permanent Committal Order:</b>	Custody and guardianship of a child is permanently transferred to the Minister of Social Services.
<b>Long-Term Order to Age 18:</b>	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 while the parents retain guardianship.
<b>Extended Care Agreement:</b>	A permanent or long-term care ward who remains in school may enter into an agreement to extend services to age 21.
<b>Voluntary Committal:</b>	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 Family and Social Services' Child Welfare Information System (CWIS). This system covers all children who are referred for or receive protection services. A revised version of CWIS was implemented in November, 1994 and some data may no longer be directly comparable to the previous years. 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.***

*Investigations***Table 1      Primary Assessment Outcome of All Investigations Completed in 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97**

<b>Primary Assessment Outcome</b>	<b>1994-95<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Abandonment	1,075	764	866
Guardian Deceased	33	38	34
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Provide Necessities of Life	4,617	3,855	3,963
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Provide Medical Treatment	137	101	65
Sexual Abuse by Guardian	768	268	183
Risk of Sexual Abuse by Guardian	268	201	192
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Protect from Sexual Abuse	529	549	630
Physical Injury by Guardian	1,176	671	740
Risk of Physical Injury by Guardian	640	1,007	1,190
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Protect from Physical Injury	217	395	444
Emotional Injury by Guardian	1,068	834	788
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Protect from Emotional Injury	157	472	560
Guardian Subjects Child to Cruel/Unusual Punishment	41	55	42
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Protect from Cruel/Unusual Punishment	16	34	69
Condition of Child Prevents Adequate Care by Guardian	3,091	2,537	2,910
Repatriation	297	247	218
No Need for Protective Services	10,113	13,234	11,269
Other Jurisdiction Requested Home Report	178	181	179
Protection Needs Indicated but Not Substantiated	3,707	3,650	5,292
Other	17	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,145</b>	<b>29,093</b>	<b>29,634</b>

1. Due to a change in computer codes data is not comparable with data from previous years.

*Protection***Table 2.a      Legal Authority for the Children in Need of Protection as of March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

<b>Legal Authority<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>March 31, 1995</b>	<b>March 31, 1996</b>	<b>March 31, 1997</b>
Under Assessment	754	659	904
Emergency Apprehension	50	56	54
Apprehension Order	17	35	37
Support Agreement with Guardian	2,618	2,901	3,393
Support Agreement with Child	152	208	222
Supervision Order	470	552	639
Order to Extend Custody/TGO to 3 Years	44	52	88
Custody Agreement with Guardian	692	818	860
Custody Agreement with Child	77	121	133
Temporary Guardianship Order	782	1,027	1,233
Interim Custody Order	441	475	424
Permanent Guardianship Agreement	45	40	57
Permanent Guardianship Order	2,211	2,365	2,657
Extended Care and Maintenance <sup>2</sup>	134	151	209
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>8,487</i></b>	<b><i>9,460</i></b>	<b><i>10,910</i></b>

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      Placement of the Children in Need of Protection as of March 31, 1995,  
March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

<b>Placement Type<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>March 31, 1995</b>	<b>March 31, 1996</b>	<b>March 31, 1997</b>
Parental Care	3,620	3,993	4,728
Extended Family	443	418	543
Residential Treatment	482	422	346
Remedial Care	14	7	5
Secure Treatment	23	35	42
Group Care	234	250	318
Receiving Group Care	11	36	63
Supported Independent Living	231	293	343
Independent Living	98	127	139
Residential Education	1	2	1
Auxiliary Medical	2	2	2
View to Adopt	153	145	148
Foster Care	2,377	2,673	2,867
Drug and Alcohol Management	1	2	2
Behavioural Adaptation Therapy	1	1	0
Interim Placement other than above	16	11	22
Significant Other	128	166	178
Young Offender Act Facility	39	36	27
Agency Foster Care	390	493	740
Fee for Service Care	0	226	241
Not Coded	223	122	155
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,487</b>	<b>9,460</b>	<b>10,910</b>

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      Age of Children in Need of Protection as of March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

<b>Age at Month End</b>	<b>March 31, 1995</b>	<b>March 31, 1996</b>	<b>March 31, 1997</b>
Less than 1	280	288	404
1	361	374	466
2	410	441	510
3	421	442	531
4	416	472	526
5	436	490	560
6	413	461	578
7	423	471	580
8	410	481	559
9	432	503	557
10	439	468	545
11	434	525	594
12	542	527	611
13	593	688	711
14	675	754	835
15	673	710	811
16	545	628	685
17	429	560	606
18 <sup>1</sup>	127	147	198
19 <sup>1</sup>	26	28	42
20 <sup>1</sup>	2	2	1
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>8,487</i></b>	<b><i>9,460</i></b>	<b><i>10,910</i></b>

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      Sex of Children in Need of Protection, as of March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

<b>Sex</b>	<b>March 31, 1995</b>	<b>March 31, 1996</b>	<b>March 31, 1997</b>
Male	4,393	4,887	5,618
Female	4,094	4,573	5,292
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,487</b>	<b>9,460</b>	<b>10,910</b>

**Table 2.e      Aboriginal Status of Children in Need of Protection, as of March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

<b>Racial Origin</b>	<b>March 31, 1995</b>	<b>March 31, 1996</b>	<b>March 31, 1997</b>
Non-aboriginal	5,026	5,767	6,810
Aboriginal			
Status Indian	2,376	2,453	2,771
Non Status Indian	368	439	471
Potential to be Registered	79	59	70
Unknown Status	39	97	205
Inuit	5	12	13
Metis	594	633	570
<i>Sub-total Aboriginal</i>	<i>3,461</i>	<i>3,693</i>	<i>4,100</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,487</b>	<b>9,460</b>	<b>10,910</b>

*Children in Care***Table 3.a      Legal Authority for the Children In Care as of March 31, 1995,  
March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

Legal Authority <sup>1</sup>	March 31, 1995	March 31, 1996	March 31, 1997
Emergency Apprehension	50	56	54
Apprehension Order	17	35	37
Order to Extend Custody/TGO to 3 Years	44	52	88
Custody Agreement with Guardian	692	818	860
Custody Agreement with Child	77	121	133
Temporary Guardianship Order	782	1,027	1,233
Interim Custody Order	441	475	424
Permanent Guardianship Agreement	45	40	57
Permanent Guardianship Order	2,211	2,365	2,657
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,359</b>	<b>4,989</b>	<b>5,543</b>

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.



**Table 3.b Placement of Children In Care as of March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

<b>Placement Type<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>March 31, 1995</b>	<b>March 31, 1996</b>	<b>March 31, 1997</b>
Parental Care	133	154	165
Extended Family	231	230	277
Residential Treatment	463	413	337
Remedial Care	14	7	4
Secure Treatment	23	35	42
Group Care	229	247	301
Receiving Group Care	11	36	63
Supported Independent Living	76	95	110
Independent Living	49	58	60
Residential Education	1	1	0
Auxiliary Medical	2	2	0
View to Adopt	153	145	148
Foster Care	2,351	2,653	2,843
Drug and Alcohol Management	1	2	1
Behavioural Adaptation Therapy	1	1	0
Interim Placement other than above	8	9	9
Significant Other	83	114	115
Young Offender Act Facility	39	33	25
Agency Foster Care	379	472	724
Fee for Service Care	0	220	237
Not Coded	112	62	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,359</b>	<b>4,989</b>	<b>5,543</b>

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 3.c      Age of Children In Care as of March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

<b>Age at Month End</b>	<b>March 31, 1995</b>	<b>March 31, 1996</b>	<b>March 31, 1997</b>
Less than 1	143	152	203
1	175	189	240
2	186	230	252
3	191	216	256
4	208	232	238
5	210	255	256
6	196	226	268
7	202	227	279
8	192	231	265
9	204	222	269
10	204	234	260
11	207	259	281
12	250	268	320
13	331	360	381
14	372	432	467
15	409	462	483
16	374	421	436
17	293	354	374
18	12	19	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,359</b>	<b>4,989</b>	<b>5,543</b>

**Table 3.d      Sex of Children In Care as of March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

<b>Sex</b>	<b>March 31, 1995</b>	<b>March 31, 1996</b>	<b>March 31, 1997</b>
Male	2,301	2,650	2,879
Female	2,058	2,339	2,664
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,359</b>	<b>4,989</b>	<b>5,543</b>

**Table 3.e      Aboriginal Status of Children In Care as of March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

<b>Racial Origin</b>	<b>March 31, 1995</b>	<b>March 31, 1996</b>	<b>March 31, 1997</b>
Non-aboriginal	2,201	2,582	2,877
Aboriginal			
Status Indian	1,509	1,665	1,881
Non Status Indian	255	293	302
Potential to be Registered	58	34	33
Unknown Status	9	46	94
Inuit	4	6	8
Metis	323	363	348
<i>Sub-total Aboriginal</i>	<i>2,158</i>	<i>2,407</i>	<i>2,666</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,359</b>	<b>4,989</b>	<b>5,543</b>

*Adoptions***Table 4.a Ward (Children in Care) Adoptions during 1994, 1995-96 and 1996-97<sup>1</sup>**

	1994	1995-96	1996-97
Total Number of Healthy Infants Placed for Adoption	30	11	23
Total Number of Special Needs Children Placed for Adoption	163	148	121
Ward Adoption Orders Granted	163	122	126
Ward Adoption Home Assessment Reports Received	117	182	136
Number of Applicants on Deferred Waiting List	436	380	412
Number of Approved Applicants Waiting for Placement	273	212	156
Post Adoption Agreements During the Year	287	339	400

1. Data no longer reported on calendar-year basis.

**Table 4.b Private Adoptions during 1994, 1995-96 and 1996-97<sup>1</sup>**

	1994	1995-96	1996-97
Total Number of Step-Parent Adoptions	318	324	319
Relative Adoptions	40	26	38
Licensed Agency Placements	129	165	138
Licensed Agency Direct Placements	--	37	65

1. Data no longer reported on calendar year basis.

**Table 4.c Post Adoption Registry Activities during 1994, 1995-96 and 1996-97<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Post Adoption Registry Activities</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Number of Reunions Completed	256	313	266
Number of Enquiries	n/a	4,168	3,100
Applicants to the Registry			
Number of Adoptee Applicants	999	1,301	1,075
Number of Birth Parent Applicants	436	475	396
Number of Siblings Applicants	162	135	144
Number of Interested Persons Applicants	53	43	29
<b><i>Total Number of Applicants</i></b>	<b><i>1,650</i></b>	<b><i>1,954</i></b>	<b><i>1,644</i></b>
Number of Search Requests through a Licensed Search Agency	n/a	376	594

1. Data no longer reported on calendar-year basis.

*Expenditures*

**Table 5.a Alberta Family and Social Services  
Expenditures<sup>1</sup> For Child Welfare (\$000s)  
1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97**

<b>Program Expenditure</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Program Delivery	\$ 36,753	\$ 42,915	\$ 47,236
Intake and Investigation	8,054	7,747	8,176
In-Home Family Support	18,082	20,229	23,262
Adoptions	4,134	4,433	4,448
Foster Care	45,232	50,957	63,817
Community Based Family Support Services	6,923	7,366	8,444
Residential Care	42,228	47,941	56,162
Handicapped Children's Services	17,909	20,781	23,391
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 179,315</b>	<b>\$ 202,369</b>	<b>\$ 234,936</b>

1. Information has been adjusted to reflect the current department structure.

**Table 5.b Alberta Family and Social Services  
Total Departmental Expenditures<sup>1</sup> (\$000s)  
1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97**

<b>Program Expenditure</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Ministry Support Services	\$ 34,383	\$ 40,177	\$ 41,388
Supports for Independence	455,830	419,639	383,219
Benefits for People Not Expected to Work	276,463	277,521	295,590
<b>Child Welfare Services</b>	<b>179,315</b>	<b>202,369</b>	<b>234,936</b>
Services for Children and Families	587	8,095	23,142
Family Support Services	125,877	115,811	107,624
Services to Persons with Disabilities	221,371	226,383	236,442
Premier's Council in Support of Alberta Families	490	200	0
Children's Advocacy	1,433	1,635	1,781
Aboriginal Affairs	7,673	6,607	5,865
Metis Settlements Accord	6,715	6,295	5,538
Metis Settlements Accord - Statutory	30,000	30,000	30,000
Department Balance	12,763	14,724	15,598
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,352,900</b>	<b>\$ 1,349,456</b>	<b>\$ 1,381,123</b>

1. Information has been adjusted to reflect the current department structure.

## Glossary of Terms

<b>Child:</b>	A person under the age of 18 years.
<b>Child in care:</b>	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.
<b>Care and Maintenance Agreement:</b>	A child who was the subject of a Support Agreement With Child (services provided to a child in the home), a Custody Agreement With Guardian, a Custody Agreement with Child, a Temporary Guardianship Order or a Permanent Guardianship Order who turns 18 may have services extended for up to six months. The agreement may be renewed indefinitely until the young adult turns 20.
<b>Custody Agreement:</b>	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 may not exceed 2 years.
<b>Interim Custody Order:</b>	Order giving the Director interim care and custody of a child during court adjournments.
<b>Permanent Guardianship Agreement:</b>	A parent voluntarily relinquishes a child to the Director for the purposes of adoption. All parental rights are terminated.
<b>Permanent Guardianship Order:</b>	Custody and guardianship are permanently transferred to the Director.
<b>Temporary Guardianship Order:</b>	Custody and guardianship are extended to the Director, with guardianship shared with the parent. The initial duration may not exceed one year and may be extended for one additional year. This term may be further extended to three years if ordered by the court.
<b>Supervision Order:</b>	The department 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 of Social Services are included.

***British Columbia data should not be compared with data for other jurisdictions due to the limitations noted in the Preface. In addition, British Columbia data was collected differently starting in March 1996 and is therefore not comparable with data collected in earlier years. For this reason, data for March 1995 are excluded from the following tables.***

*Child and Family Services***Table 1      Family Support Services Intake Calls by Nature of Call for March 1996 and March 1997**

<b>Types of Care</b>	<b>March 1996</b>	<b>March 1997</b>
Family Support Services	1,445	1,178
Services for Youth	674	377
Services for Special Needs Children	65	45
Special Needs Daycare	91	119
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,275</b>	<b>1,719</b>

*Protection***Table 2.a      Child Protection Investigations by Type of Concern, during March 1996 and March 1997**

<b>Type</b>	<b>March 1996</b>	<b>March 1997</b>
Abuse		
Physical	368	389
Sexual	<u>163</u>	<u>121</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>510</b>
Neglect	333	278
Other <sup>1</sup>	381	543
Multiple <sup>2</sup>	349	632
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,594</b>	<b>1,963</b>

1. Other includes neglect, abandonment, death of caregiver, absence of parent(s), disability of parent(s), deprivation of necessary medical care, absent from home and endangered.

2. Represents cases where more than one type of concern is reported.

**Table 2.b Helpline<sup>1</sup> Child Welfare Calls by Type<sup>2</sup>, during March 1996 and March 1997**

<b>Type<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>March 1996</b>	<b>March 1997</b>
Abuse		
Physical	n/a	93
Sexual	n/a	25
Emotional	n/a	n/a
Multiple	<u>n/a</u>	<u>141</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>259</b>
Neglect	n/a	156
Other <sup>3</sup>	n/a	342
<b>Total</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>757</b>

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: repatriation, guardianship, resource support, not coded protection, and other protection.

**Table 2.c**      **Child Protection Reports Received during March 1996 and March 1997, by Type of Caller**

<b>Referral Source</b>	<b>March 1996</b>	<b>March 1997</b>
Subject Child	126	81
Parent	274	260
MCF/MHR employee	249	201
In Home Support Provider	20	21
Friend/Neighbour	259	214
Residential Caregiver	8	20
Relative	157	176
Anonymous	88	99
Concerned Citizen	121	230
Police	139	170
School	409	468
Preschool/Daycare	33	23
Health Professionals	141	149
Other	216	19
Not Coded	209	371
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>2,449</i></b>	<b><i>2,502</i></b>

**Table 2.d Case Actions Following Protection Investigations During March 1996 and March 1997**

<b>Actions<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>March 1996</b>	<b>March 1997</b>
Admit child to care	120	230
Offer support services	271	40
Refer to community agency/other Ministry	361	415
Services for Special Needs Children	9	--
Offer youth services	3	--
Return of lost or runaway child	27	1
Refer to other office	259	5
Adoption services	--	--
Offer other Ministry services (family conference, mediation)	7	--
No service required	623	716

1. Because there may be two case actions per investigation, the actions add to more than the total number of investigations in the month.

*Children in Care***Table 3.a Children Taken Into Care<sup>1</sup> by Legal Authority, During March 1996 and March 1997**

<b>Legal Authority</b>	<b>March 1996</b>	<b>March 1997</b>
Voluntary Care Agreement	234	270
Special Needs Agreement	48	46
Removed child (30.1a) <sup>2</sup>	77	81
Removed child (30.1b) <sup>3</sup>	120	182
Removed child (36.1) <sup>4</sup>	--	3
Adoption Act	--	5
Other Province/Country	1	--
Family Relations Act	4	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>590</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
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. If the director has reason to believe that an interim order under Sec. 35(2) (b) (where a child be returned to or remain with the parent under the supervision of the director) no longer protects the child, the director must remove the child.

Table 3.b Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Reason for Admission, as at March 31, 1996

Reason	March 31, 1996
Protection Required <sup>2</sup>	
Abuse- physical	532
- sexual	203
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>735</b>
Neglect	1,006
Abandonment	426
Death of caregiver	36
Absence of parent(s)	265
Disability of parent(s)	1,193
Deprivation of necessary medical care	24
Absent from home and endangered	208
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,893</b>
Voluntary Care Required <sup>3</sup>	1,587
Special Care Required <sup>4</sup>	753
Other	1,018
Not coded	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,278</b>

1. See glossary for definition of children in care.
2. As defined under the *Child, Family and Community Service Act*.
3. The parent who has custody is temporarily unable to look after the child by agreement.
4. Care by agreement for a child with special needs.

**Table 3.c Children in Care by Reason for Service, as at March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

<b>Reason</b>	<b>March 31, 1996</b>	<b>March 31, 1997<sup>1</sup></b>
<i>Voluntary Care Agreements</i>		
Temporary parental crisis	108	293
Time to resolve/strengthen parenting	202	716
Parent receiving treatment	38	169
Awaiting adoption placement	<u>10</u>	<u>69</u>
<b>Subtotal Voluntary Care</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>1,247</b>
<i>Special Needs Agreements</i>		
Child's behavioural condition	59	1,117
Child's developmental condition	7	328
Child's emotional condition	7	338
Child's physical condition	5	196
Child's mental condition	<u>10</u>	<u>334</u>
<b>Subtotal Special Needs</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2,313</b>
<i>Protection Action</i>		
Physical harm by parent	45	947
Sexual abuse/exploitation by parent	14	296
Parent not protecting from abuse	25	402
Neglect by parent with physical harm	87	2,010
Emotional harm by parent	14	840
Deprived of necessary health care	2	122
Parent refusal to treatment of condition	--	55
Parent unable/unwilling to care	120	3,859
Child absent from home in danger	26	277
Parent deceased: inadequate provisions	1	97
Child abandoned: inadequate provisions	23	459
Expired agreement: parent unable/unwilling to care	=	<u>125</u>
<b>Subtotal Protection</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>9,489</b>
<i>Other Acts/Jurisdictions</i>		
Death of guardian	7	116
Court transfers guardianship	--	11
Relinquished for adoption	1	39
Care requested by other province	1	33
Care requested by other country	1	<u>5</u>
Old Codes (see Table 3b.)	<u>6,465</u>	
<b>Subtotal Other</b>	<b>6,475</b>	<b>204</b>

1. Because there may be up to three reasons for service, the reasons add to more than the total number of children in care (8,232 in 1997).



**Table 3.d Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Legal Authority as at March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

<b>Legal Status</b>	<b>March 31, 1996</b>	<b>March 31, 1997</b>
Parental Agreement	1,917	2,356
CFCS In Care Order	5,007	5,187
Other Legislation <sup>2</sup>	354	689
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,278</b>	<b>8,232</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Includes other Province/Country, *Adoption Act* and *Family Relations Act*.

**Table 3.e Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Placement Type, as at March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

<b>Placement</b>	<b>March 31, 1996</b>	<b>March 31, 1997</b>
Ministry Resources		
Regular Family Care	1,106	1,609
Restricted Family Care	595	730
Level 1 Care	1,131	1,339
Level 2 Care	1,129	1,126
Level 3 Care	420	457
Contracted Child Care Resource	1,636	1,560
Safe Place	<u>5</u>	<u>23</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>6,022</b>	<b>6,844</b>
Independent Living	280	280
Free Home	739	594
Other	237	514
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,278</b>	<b>8,232</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

**Table 3.f Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Age Group and Sex, as at March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

Age Group	March 31, 1996			March 31, 1997		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
<2 years	246	245	491	322	257	579
2-4 years	454	401	855	516	422	938
5-7 years	456	414	870	567	482	1,049
8-10 years	523	388	911	584	501	1,085
11-13 years	649	458	1,107	718	543	1,261
14-16 years	922	912	1,834	1,008	1,046	2,054
17-18 years	605	605	1,210	620	646	1,266
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,855</b>	<b>3,423</b>	<b>7,278</b>	<b>4,335</b>	<b>3,897</b>	<b>8,232</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

**Table 3.g Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Grouped Racial Origin, as at March 31, 1996**

Race of Father	Race of Mother				Total
	Caucasian	Native Indian	Other	Unknown	
Caucasian	3,479	496	40	44	4,059
Native Indian	150	1,221	11	8	1,390
Other	132	71	225	7	435
Unknown	509	426	51	408	1,394
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,270</b>	<b>2,214</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>7,278</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

**Table 3.h      Aboriginal Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Residence of Parents as at March 31, 1997**

<i>Aboriginal Group</i>	<b>On Reserve</b>	<b>Off Reserve</b>	<b>Not Coded</b>	<b>Total</b>
First Nations	385	1,583	348	2,316
Inuit	--	16	1	17
Metis	2	156	23	181
<b>Total</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>2,514</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

**Table 3.i      Children Discharged from Care<sup>1</sup> by Reason, during March 1996 and March 1997**

<b>Reason for Discharge</b>	<b>March 1996</b>	<b>March 1997</b>
Child returned to Parent/Home		
Parent located, child no longer in charge	7	n/a
Child returned/repatriated, no longer in charge	27	n/a
Immediate danger removed, no longer in charge	9	n/a
Parent able to resume care	141	n/a
Supervision order completed	54	n/a
Court refused requested order	--	n/a
Court cancelled continuing custody order	1	n/a
Care required by child has been completed	74	n/a
Child AWOL/Institutionalized, agreement cancelled	35	n/a
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Alternate Care Arranged		n/a
Guardianship transferred to relative (FRA)	24	n/a
Adoption completed	7	n/a
Ward of other province/country returned	3	n/a
Child became Independent		n/a
Reached age of majority	44	n/a
Child married	--	n/a
Child deceased	2	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>n/a</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

*Adoptions***Table 4.a Ministry Adoptions during 1995-96 and 1996-97**

	1995-96	1996-97
Number of children placed	199	204
Number of approved homes as at March 31	379	318
Number of applications pending as at March 31	1,300	937
Number of children available as at March 31	154	203

**Table 4.b Ministry Adoptions: Number of Children Placed by Age Group, during and 1995-96 and 1996-97**

Age Group	1995-96	1996-97
0 to 23 months	114	116
2 to 5 years	53	63
6 to 12 years	29	25
13 years and over	3	--
<i>Total</i>	<i>199</i>	<i>204</i>

**Table 4.c Non-Ministry Adoptions: Adoption Reports Submitted by the Ministry to the Supreme Court during 1995-96 and 1996-97**

	1995-96	1996-97
<b>Total</b>	173	142

Note: A report is required for all private adoptions, but only when requested by the court for step-parent and relative adoptions. Breakdown by type of adoption is not available.

*Expenditures*

**Table 5.a Ministry of Social Services**  
**Child and Family Service Expenditures (\$000s)**  
**(Source: Ministry of Financial Management Reports)**  
**1995-96 and 1996-97**

	<b>1995-96<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1996-97<sup>1</sup></b>
Program Management	116,339	140,989
Family Support Services	56,444	59,148
Youth Services	23,743	24,052
Adoption Services	2,506	2,688
Services to Aboriginals	6,427	8,238
Foster Care <sup>2</sup>	56,073	65,893
Independent Living	3,166	3,273
CIC Services	4,485	6,715
Contracted Child Care Resource	74,631	79,313
Foster Parent Recruitment, Foster Parent Association Grants etc.	1,934	1,936
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 345,748</b>	<b>\$ 392,245</b>

1. Categories may not be compatible with earlier years'.
2. Included in Direct Community Services, Table 5.b.

**Table 5.b Ministry of Social Services**  
**Total Expenditures (\$ millions)**  
**1995-96 and 1996-97**

	1995-96 <sup>1</sup>	1996-97 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Child, Family and Community Services</b>	<b>345.6</b>	<b>408.0</b>
Social Assistance	1,991.8	1,667.8
Community Support Services	417.7	455.0
Services to Seniors <sup>2</sup>	29.4	n/a
Administration and Support	68.8	69.5
Minister's Office	0.3	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,853.6</b>	<b>\$2,600.8<sup>3</sup></b>

1. Categories may not be compatible with earlier years.
2. Program moved to Ministry of Finance in 1996-97 fiscal year.
3. The Ministry for Children and Families was established September 23, 1996 by combining programs from 5 ministries. Previously voted funds for all ministries were transferred with those programs. Data presented in this table only reflects funds that were allocated for the Ministry of Social Services.

## Glossary of Terms

<b>Child:</b>	A person under 19 years of age. Support and/or maintenance may be extended to current and former permanent wards between the ages of 19 and 21.
<b>Child in Care:</b>	Children in the care of the Director of Child Protection (temporary or permanent transfer of guardianship and/or custody) under the following legal statuses: Voluntary Care Agreement; Special Needs Agreement; Removal; Interim Order; Temporary Custody Order; Continuing Custody Order; <i>Adoption Act</i> ward; <i>Family Relations Act</i> ward; ward of another jurisdiction.
<b>Voluntary Care Agreement:</b>	Voluntary transfer of custody, but not guardianship, to the Director of Child Protection for up to 3 months if child under 5 years of age or 6 months if child is older. Depending on age of child, extensions of up to 24 months are possible.
<b>Special Needs Agreement:</b>	Handicapped child requiring additional support services who is usually placed in a specialized resource designed to respond to the child's special needs. Six month agreements and renewable for periods of up to 12 months.
<b>Interim Order:</b>	Child is taken into custody of the Director pending a protection hearing.
<b>Temporary Custody Order:</b>	Custody and guardianship are transferred to Director for 3 months if child is under 5 years of age or 6 months if child is 5-12 years; 12 months if child is over 12 years of age. Parents must pay maintenance costs.
<b>Continuing Custody Order:</b>	Director has sole custody and guardianship; parents' rights and responsibilities are terminated. All continuing custody wards under 12 are considered for adoption.
<b>Supervision Order:</b>	Child remains with parents under the supervision of the Director for up to six months. The child is not considered to be in care.
<b>Adoption Act Ward:</b>	A parent voluntarily surrenders a child to the Director for the purposes of adoption. The Director of Adoption becomes the child's sole guardian.
<b>Family Relations Act Ward:</b>	A child who is orphaned and has no legal guardian is committed to the permanent care and custody 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 stepparent 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, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

	March 31, 1995 <sup>1</sup>	March 31, 1996	March 31, 1997
Brief Involvement	5	2	2
Counselling	99	61	75
Custody Reports	6	3	11
Other	53	46	63
Unmarried Parent	6	3	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>155</b>

1. Data has been revised.

**Table 1.b Families Receiving Family Services by Category of Client, as at March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

	March 31, 1995 <sup>1</sup>	March 31, 1996	March 31, 1997
Two parent family	48	33	57
One parent family	121	82	98
<b>Total</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>155</b>

1. Data has 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, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997**

	March 1995	March 1996	March 1997
<b>Age Group</b>			
Birth dates missing	28	37	33
0-1 year	19	23	13
2-5 years	82	92	81
6-11 years	141	155	146
12-15 years	87	85	107
16+ years	50	64	80
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	202	214	215
Female	205	242	245
<b>Ethnicity</b>			
Native	153	156	150
Other	254	300	310
<b>Worker's Assessment of Major Reason</b>			
Brief Involvement	15	13	10
Investigation Ongoing			
Neglect	40	41	32
Physical abuse	17	12	20
Sexual abuse	27	22	24
Emotional abuse	1	0	0
Relationship breakdown	5	5	5
Neglect	143	160	167
Physical abuse	36	38	40
Sexual abuse	34	43	50
Emotional abuse	5	10	5
Relationship breakdown	50	47	49
Other	34	65	58
<b>Total</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>460</b>

*Children in Care***Table 3** Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Age Group, Sex, Ethnicity and Legal Status, as at March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996 and March 31, 1997

	March 31, 1995	March 31, 1996	March 31, 1997
<b>Age Group</b>			
Birth dates missing	3	4	2
0-1 year	9	6	3
2-5 years	29	24	28
6-11 years	59	68	52
12-15 years	47	59	54
16+ years	35	43	46
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	86	98	93
Female	96	106	92
<b>Ethnicity</b>			
Native	108	115	96
Other	74	89	89
<b>Legal Status</b>			
Place of Safety	1	2	2
Custody Agreement	43	56	37
Apprehension	8	11	9
Temporary Ward	51	43	52
Permanent Ward	77	90	82
Other	2	2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>185</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

*Adoptions***Table 4      Adoptions for 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97**

	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
<b>Number of Adoptive Homes</b>			
pending	34	40	30
approved and waiting for placement	38	34	26
<b>Number of Adoptions Completed (Number of Families)</b>			
Agency	2	5	4
Private	0	3	6
Stepparent	4	4	1
<b>Number of Children Adopted</b>			
Agency	2	5	6
Private	0	3	6
Stepparent	6	4	2
<b>Number of Adoption Subsidies</b>	8	9	10
<b>Number of Adoption Disclosures</b>	70	74	58
<b>Number of Families Receiving Post Adoption Services</b>	39	39	30

**Glossary of Terms**

<b>Child:</b>	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.
<b>Child in Care:</b>	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).
<b>Agreement for Temporary Care and Custody of a Child:</b>	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.
<b>Supervision Order:</b>	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.
<b>Order for Temporary Care and Custody:</b>	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.
<b>Order for Permanent Care and Custody:</b>	Transfers the parents' rights and responsibilities for care and custody of the child to the Director.
<b>Agreement for Voluntary Relinquishment:</b>	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 Family Support, N.W.T. Department of Health and Social Services. Data on 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. In addition, children in care data was collected differently starting in March 1996 and is therefore not comparable with data collected in earlier years.*

*Protection***Table 1.a Intake Reports<sup>1</sup> of Child Abuse by Type, during March 1995, March 1996 and March 1997**

Type	March 1995*	March 1996	March 1997
Child Abuse			
Physical	22	20	12
Sexual	21	17	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>24</b>

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

\* Data has been revised.

**Table 1.b Child Sexual Abuse Intake Reports<sup>1</sup> by Sex of Child, January 1 to December 31, 1994, January 1 to December 31, 1995 and January 1 to December 31, 1996**

Sex	1994*	1995	1996
Male	48	52	48
Female	177	174	185
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>233</b>

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

\* Data has been revised.

*Children in Care***Table 2.a** Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Placement Type and Legal Status, as at March 31, 1995

	Appre- hension	Super- vision Order	Tempo- rary Ward	Perma- nent Ward	Custody by Agreement	Volun- tary Care	Total
Parents' Care	29	70	13	1	0	0	113
Foster Home <sup>2</sup>	83	0	105	55	82	2	327
Contract Group Home <sup>3</sup>	9	0	9	6	11	0	35
Departmental Assessment/ Treatment Centre <sup>4</sup>	0	0	5	0	3	0	8
Private Institutions <sup>5</sup>	1	0	7	4	11	0	23
Adoption Home	0	0	0	7	0	0	7
Own Resource	0	0	0	0	5	3	8
Other <sup>6</sup>	13	0	5	2	29	3	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>573</b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Includes foster homes, which receive a per diem, and free foster homes, which are not paid a per diem.
3. Departmental resource.
4. Trailcross.
5. Includes Territorial Treatment Centre in Yellowknife and southern facilities.
6. Includes the hospital in Yellowknife, student residence and young offenders resources.



Table 2.b Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Placement Type and Legal Status as at March 31, 1996

	Appre- hension	Super- vision Order	Tempo- rary Ward	Perma- nent Ward	Custody by Agree- ment	Voluntary Care	Total
Parents' Care	0	1	3	0	0	0	4
Foster Home <sup>2</sup>	24	1	26	63	26	1	141
Contract Group Home <sup>3</sup>	5	0	6	8	6	0	25
Departmental Assessment/ Treatment Centre <sup>4</sup>	1	0	3	4	4	0	12
Private Institutions <sup>5</sup>	1	0	7	4	6	0	18
Adoption Home	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Own Resource	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
Other <sup>6</sup>	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>207<sup>7</sup></b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Includes foster homes, which receive a per diem, and free foster homes, which are not paid a per diem.
3. Departmental resource.
4. Trailcross.
5. Includes Territorial Treatment Centre in Yellowknife and southern facilities.
6. Includes the hospital in Yellowknife, student residence and young offenders resources.
7. Reporting system has changed and data for 1996 and 1997 are not comparable with data from previous years.

Table 2.c Children in Care<sup>1</sup> by Placement Type and Legal Status, as at March 31, 1997

	Appre- hension	Super- vision Order	Tempo- rary Ward	Perma- nent Ward	Custody by Agree- ment	Volun- tary Care	Total
Parents' Care	1	10	3	0	0	2	16
Foster Home <sup>2</sup>	47	1	69	69	49	1	236
Contract Group Home <sup>3</sup>	10	0	9	9	3	0	31
Departmental Assessment/ Treatment Centre <sup>4</sup>	3	0	7	5	7	0	22
Private Institutions <sup>5</sup>	2	0	10	5	10	0	27
Adoption Home	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Own Resource	1	0	0	1	1	1	4
Other <sup>6</sup>	0	0	0	1	1	4	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>345<sup>7</sup></b>

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Includes foster homes, which receive a per diem, and free foster homes, which are not paid a per diem.
3. Departmental resource.
4. Trailcross.
5. Includes Territorial Treatment Centre in Yellowknife and southern facilities.
6. Includes the hospital in Yellowknife, student residence and young offenders resources.
7. Reporting system has changed and data for 1996 and 1997 are not comparable with data from previous years.

*Adoptions***Table 3      Adoptions, 1995 to 1997**

<b>Type of Adoption</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
Departmental Adoptions	3	1	3
Private Adoptions	14	18	10
Native Custom Adoptions	69	536	390

*Expenditures*

**Table 4.a      Department of Social Services**  
**Child and Family Services Expenditures (\$000s)**  
**1994-95 to 1996-97**

	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Foster Care <sup>1</sup>	\$ 4,313.1	\$ 4,658.4	\$ 4,576.0
Contract Homes <sup>2</sup>	2,353.5	1,427.4	1,375.0
Departmental Assessment/ Treatment Centres <sup>3</sup>	1,133.0	1,921.5	2,069.0
Private Institutional Care <sup>4</sup>	1,687.0	1,888.7	2,086.0
Intervention Services	432.0	431.0	392.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,918.6</b>	<b>\$ 10,327.0</b>	<b>\$ 10,498.0</b>

1. Does not include the Town of Cape Dorset 1994-95.
2. Private group homes and Territorial Treatment Centre in Yellowknife.
3. Trailcross.
4. Southern facilities.

**Table 4.b**     Department of Social Services  
Total Expenditures (\$000s)  
1994-95 to 1996-97

	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
<i>Total</i>	\$272,193	\$244,977	\$246,924

**Glossary of Terms**

<b>Child:</b>	A person under 18 years of age. A child who is in the permanent care of the Superintendent may have guardianship extended to age 19.
<b>Child in Care:</b>	A child who has been apprehended or is the subject of Custody by Agreement, Voluntary Care Agreement, Supervision Order, Temporary Custody Order, Permanent Guardianship Order (including extensions to age 19 and voluntary relinquishment for adoption).
<b>Custody by Agreement:</b>	The Superintendent assumes custody, but not guardianship, of a child for up to one year. The maximum term, including extensions, is two years. However, special needs children may have the agreement extended indefinitely to age 18.
<b>Voluntary Care Agreement:</b>	Provides services to 16 and 17 year olds living alone, who require financial and support services. These children are not at risk as defined in the <i>Child Welfare Act</i> . The child's parents retain custody and guardianship. The initial term is six months, with provision for additional six month renewals. The maximum term is two years.
<b>Supervision Order:</b>	Child stays at home, under the supervision of the Superintendent. The parents retain custody and guardianship. The initial term is one year, with provision for renewal for one additional year.
<b>Temporary Custody Order:</b>	Custody and guardianship are temporarily transferred to the Superintendent(temporary ward). The initial order may be for up to one year; with extensions, the total term may not exceed 36 consecutive months.
<b>Permanent Guardianship Order:</b>	Custody and guardianship of a child are permanently transferred to the Superintendent (permanent ward). Permanent guardianship may be extended to age 19 if the child is still in school or handicapped.
<b>Voluntary Relinquishment of a Child:</b>	Parent voluntarily relinquishes the child to the Superintendent. The child is in fact apprehended and the matter is brought to court to obtain a Permanent Guardianship Order.