

Child and Family Services Division Child and Family Services Data Dashboard – October 2020

Cautionary Notes

This data has not been reconciled against other CFS data sources such as financial data. This may result in an unreliable count of the number of open CIC cases.

Data quality is completely reliant on the quality of agency data entry.

The degree of data entry non-compliance may be exacerbated during the COVID-19 response resulting in information that is less valid and/or reliable than normal.

Data from previous months may change due to lag in the data entry at the agency level.

This document is for information only.

Purpose

This report is developed to monitor the interactions between families and children with intake agencies and the provincial CFS system on a monthly basis and will support the development and implementation of policy/program options and direction as needed.

This dashboard will track the following key metrics and compare to a baseline of same time last year and previous months' data.

Note: other metrics can/will be analyzed as needed.

Metric/Variable	Purpose
Number of intake referrals	To track number of intake referrals to highlight effects of COVID-19 response and to identify any trends.
Referrals after-hours	To track the number of referrals recorded after regular business hours, defined as between 4:01 pm to 7:59 am, as per ANCR's definition). To determine what proportion of total referrals were after-hours.
Children and young adults in care (18+ years)	To track number of children in care, and young adults, both AYAs and non-agreement youths, by authority.
Apprehensions	To track apprehension numbers, particularly the number of newborn apprehensions.
Reunifications	To track the number of reunifications across authorities
Number of Placement breakdowns	To determine trends regarding the number of children existing care due to maltreatment of child in placement, child's behaviors out of control, placement cannot meet child's needs and 'Select Adoption Probation Breakdown'.
Families received services	To track and provide trends about services (FE, PRT, and VFS) received by families.

Source: Monthly Child and Family Services Application (CFSA) data extracts

Trend Analysis: Trends are scored over the most recent four month period. For every distinct pair of months over that period, +1 is scored if there is a net increase of 5% from the earlier month to the later month, and -1 is scored if there is a net decrease of 5% from the earlier month to the later month. The scoring for the most recent pair of months is applied twice, and once for all remaining pairs. Scores from 4 to 7 (the maximum) are considered to be up-trends; scores from -4 to -7 (the minimum) are considered to be down-trends; all remaining scores are considered to be neutral trends ("Blank").

Decrease-Negative	↓	Increase-Negative	↑
Decrease-Positive	↓	Increase-Positive	↑

Analysis

Intake module

	Oct-2020	Sep-2020	Change from previous month (%)	Oct-2019	Change from previous year (%)	Trend
Number of Intake referral	3,219	3,058	5.00	3,554	-10.41	
Number of after hour referral*1	1,458	1,471	-0.89	1,969	-35.05	↓

*1 After-hour referral includes any referrals recorded between the hours of 4:01 pm and 7:59 am, which follows the ANCR definition of after hours.

3,219 intake referrals were received in October 2020. The number of intake referrals are down 10 per cent compared to referrals received same time past year. The monthly number of Intake referrals have been stable for the past four months.

Nearly half (45 per cent) of Intake referrals were received after regular working hours. The number of after hour referrals have been trending down for the past several months.

The numbers of intake referrals as well as after-hours intake referrals have decreased since Mid March. This is interpreted to be because of the COVID-19 response.

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Children and Young Adults in Care

	Oct-2020	Sep-2020	Change from previous month (%)	Oct-2019	Change from previous year (%)	Trend
Young Adults in Care**	1,091	1,086	0.46	963	11.73	

**Young adults (18 years and older) includes AYAs as well as those not on a formal agreement. Any closed cases were not included in the total of young adults (18 years and older).

The number of young adults receiving CFS support has increased from 963 in October 2019 to 1,091 (or a 12 per cent increase) in October 2020. This is expected given the policy decision to extend support to young adults during the COVID-19 response.

Apprehensions

	Oct-2020	Sep-2020	Change from previous month (%)	Oct-2019	Change from previous year (%)	Trend
Newborn Apprehension**	9	3	66.67	11	-22.22	
Overall Apprehension	195	151	22.56	199	-2.05	↑

**A newborn apprehension is calculated as an apprehension that occurs less than four (4) days after birth.

There were 195 new apprehensions including nine (9) newborn apprehension in October across the province. The total number of apprehensions in October is similar to the same time last year. The number of newborn apprehension in Manitoba has decreased compare to the same time last year but is stable since July 2020. This is possibly due to the implementation of a new practice model for expectant parent services introduced on July 1, 2020. The new model emphasizes family engagement, community prevention and it discontinued the practice of issuing birth alerts for expectant parents deemed to be 'high risk.'

Reunifications

	Oct-2020	Sep-2020	Change from previous month (%)	Oct-2019	Change from previous year (%)	Trend
Reunification	131	95	27.48	100	23.66	↑

Reunifications are case closures where there is a return to family or legal guardian and the children in care case is closed. The number of reunification in Manitoba is trending up in recent months.

The number of monthly reunifications may vary from month to month, which may be due to data entry delay at the agency level.

Placement breakdown

	Oct-2020	Sep-2020	Change from previous month (%)	Oct-2019	Change from previous year (%)	Trend
Placement Breakdown	44	32	27.27	34	22.73	

This month, 44 placement breakdowns were identified in the CFSIS. The number of placement breakdowns is stable over the past 4 months.

Family files

	Oct-2020	Sep-2020	Change from previous month (%)	Oct-2019	Change from previous year (%)	Trend
FE**	852	853	-0.12	965	-13.26	
Prt**	6,409	6,365	0.69	6,429	-0.31	
VFS**	1,265	1,272	-0.55	1,512	-19.53	
Family File	8,526	8,490	0.42	8,906	-4.46	

**Mandatory Protection Services (Prt and FE) is provided to a child who is deemed at risk or subject to in need of protection as defined by the Child and Family Services Act under section 17(1) and 17(2).

**Voluntary Family Services (VFS) is provided to a child's family under Part II (Family Services) of the Child and Family Services Act.

There has been a reduction in each category of open family files compared to the October 2019 baseline. The largest decreases are Voluntary Family Service files (down 20 per cent) followed by Family Enhancement files (down 13 per cent).