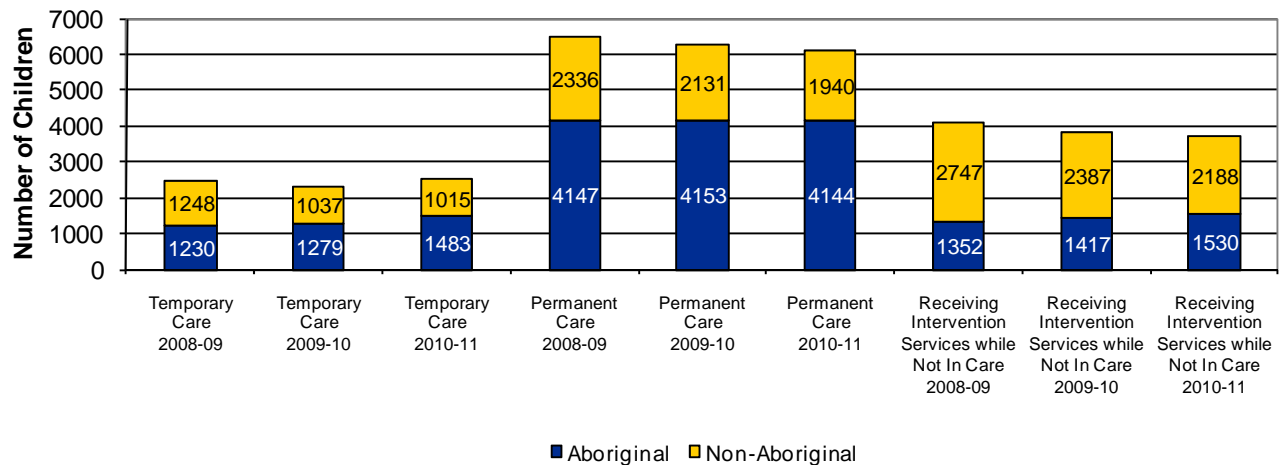


## Children and Youth Receiving Intervention Services<sup>1</sup>, 2008-2009 to 2010-2011



Data Source: Alberta Children and Youth Services' Child Youth Information Module

- In total, a monthly average of 12,300 children and youth received Intervention Services under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act in 2010-2011, compared to 12,404 in 2009-2010 and 13,060 in 2008-2009.
- Children and youth receive Intervention Services if their parents or guardians cannot ensure their safety or well-being. Children and youth require these services if they have been, or are at risk of being, physically, sexually or emotionally abused or neglected by their parents or guardians, or when their parents or guardians are unable or unwilling to protect them from these types of maltreatment.
- Whenever possible, services are provided while the children or youth remain in the family home, as long as their safety is not at risk, and their parents or guardians are willing to work on the issues at hand. These children are grouped in the above graph as "Receiving Intervention Services while Not In Care."
- When this is not possible, the child or youth may need to be removed from the home. In some cases, a Court Order to do so is granted by a Judge, while in other cases, the parents or guardians are in agreement that it is in the child's or youth's best interests.
- Even in instances when the child is removed from the home, the hope is that the child will eventually be able to return safely to the family. This is the case for the children categorized as being in "Temporary Care" in the above graph.
- When children or youth are categorized as being in "Permanent Care," the plan is towards placement with permanent caregivers other than their parents or guardians, in most cases because their parents or guardians have not been able to resolve their issues in the amount of time the Court deemed appropriate. Efforts are made to keep these children with other members of their family or to place them with alternate permanent families whenever possible, through adoption or private guardianship.
- Approximately 58 per cent of the children receiving Intervention Services are Aboriginal, while approximately 66 per cent of the children and youth in care are Aboriginal.

<sup>1</sup> Figures are based on monthly averages for each fiscal year.