



CAS Facts

April 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010

September 2010

Introduction

Fifty-three Children’s Aid Societies (CASs) in Ontario are legislated under the *Child and Family Services Act* to:

- investigate allegations of abuse and neglect;
- protect children where necessary, provide guidance, counseling and other services to families for protecting children, and for the prevention of circumstances requiring the protection of children;
- provide care or supervision for children assigned to its care;
- place children for adoption.

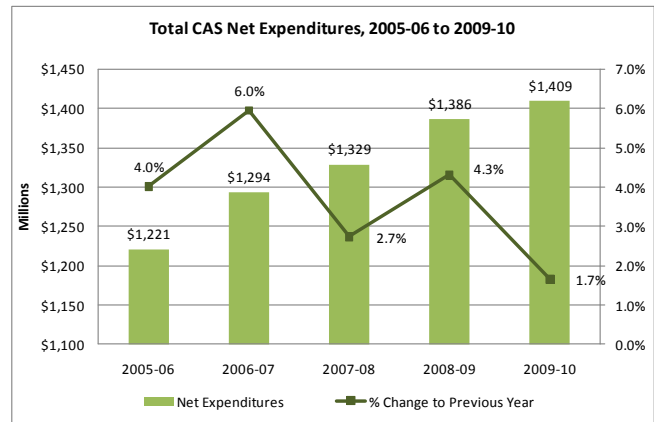
Each CAS is governed by a Board of Directors elected from the local community.

The information contained in this document represents services provided by 51 Children’s Aid Societies in Ontario during the period April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010.

Expenditures

Total net expenditures (all blocks) for CASs for 2009–2010 were **\$1.409 billion**. This represents approximately 15.5% increase in net expenditures since 2005-2006.

Year	Expenditures
2005-2006	\$1.221 billion
2006-2007	\$1.293 billion
2007-2008	\$1.329 billion
2008-2009	\$1.386 billion
2009-2010	\$1.409 billion

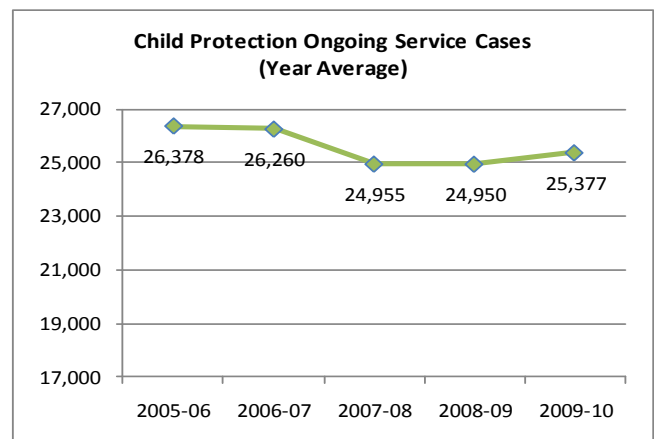


Investigation and Protection Services

Between April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010, CASs received **161,819 referrals**. Among them:

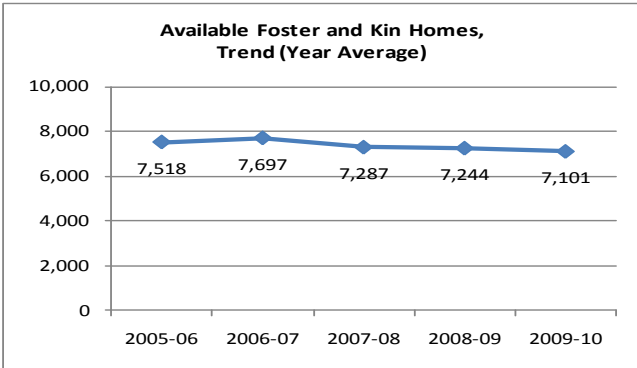
- **82,332** (50.9%) investigations were completed by CASs in 2009-2010; and
- **79,487** (49.1%) referrals were assessed and determined that no investigation was necessary.

On average, there were **25,377 open protection cases** during the 12-month period. During 2009-2010, **19,741 new child protection cases** were opened, indicating a decrease of 3.8% from 2005-2006.

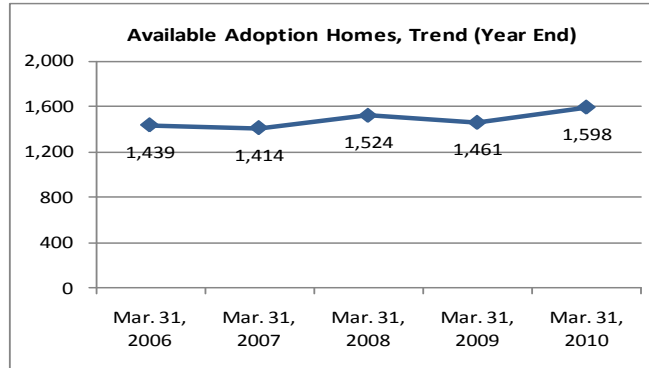


Foster, Kin and Adoption Homes

There were **7,101 foster and kinship homes** available or in use between April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010, which shows a decrease of 5.5% since 2005-2006.



There were **1,598 adoption homes** available or in use on March 31, 2010, an increase of 11% since March 31, 2006.



Children in Care

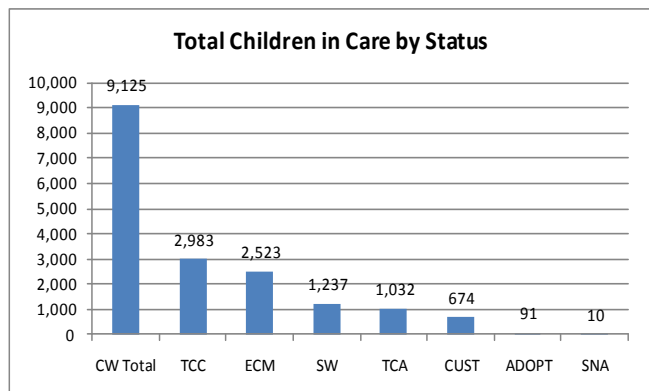
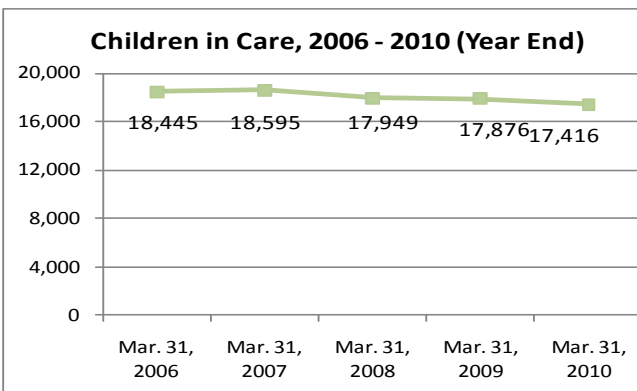
CASs provided substitute care to **26,221 children** during the 12-month period of April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010.

As of March 31, 2010, there were **17,416 children in care**, a 5.6% decrease since March 31, 2006.

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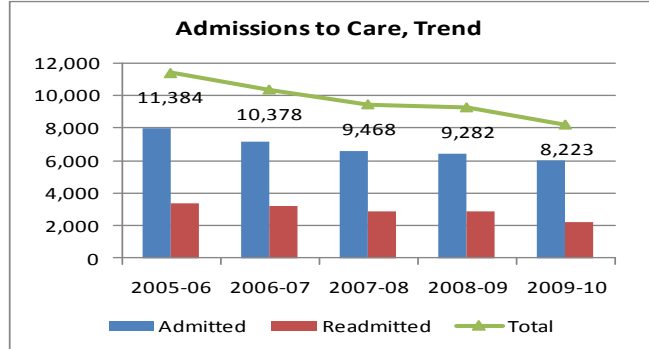
- **37.3%** of the children were crown wards with access
- **14.3%** of the children were crown wards without access

- **16.9%** of the children were on temporary care and custody orders
- **5.9%** of the children were on temporary care or special needs agreements
- **14.3%** were youth on extended care and maintenance
- **7.0%** of the children were society wards
- **3.8%** of the children were in customary care
- **0.5%** of the children were on adoption consents



In 2009-2010, admissions to care continued to decline to **8,223 children**, lower by 27.8% than in 2005-2006.

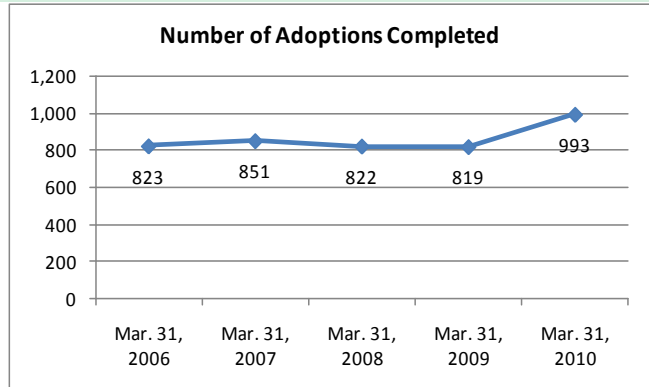
Year	Admitted	Readmitted	Total	% Change
2005-06	7,977	3,407	11,384	0.6%
2006-07	7,202	3,176	10,378	-8.8%
2007-08	6,565	2,903	9,468	-8.8%
2008-09	6,416	2,866	9,282	-2.0%
2009-10	5,981	2,242	8,223	-11.4%



Adoptions

Agencies completed **993 adoptions** in 2009-2010. This represents a 20.7% increase since 2005-2006.

Year	Adoptions Completed	% Change
Mar. 31, 2006	823	29.8
Mar. 31, 2007	851	3.4%
Mar. 31, 2008	822	-3.4%
Mar. 31, 2009	819	-0.4%
Mar. 31, 2010	993	21.2%



Cost of Providing Substitute Care

CASs provided **6,478,527 days** in substitute care during the period April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010. This represents a 4.5% decline in total days care since 2005-2006.

Total **cost of days** care for the period April 1, 2009, to March 31, 2010, was **\$534,192,783**, a 3% increase in total cost of days care since 2005-2006.

Of the total substitute care provided, **4,055,202 days (62.6%)** of the total days belonged to family-based care (CAS operated foster care, outside purchased foster care, kinship care and customary care). These days of care cost **\$270,151,779** which is **50.6%** of the total boarding costs for all children in care.

Non-family based care (outside purchased group care and society operated group care) accounted for **859,121 days (13.3%)** of the total substitute care. Non-family based care cost **\$234,018,490**, which is **43.8%** of total boarding cost.

The remaining **1,564,203 (24.1%) days** were provided by other types of care (independent living, extended care and maintenance, adoption probation, free homes, free institutions and free others). These living arrangements cost **\$30,022,515**, which is **5.6%** of the total boarding cost.

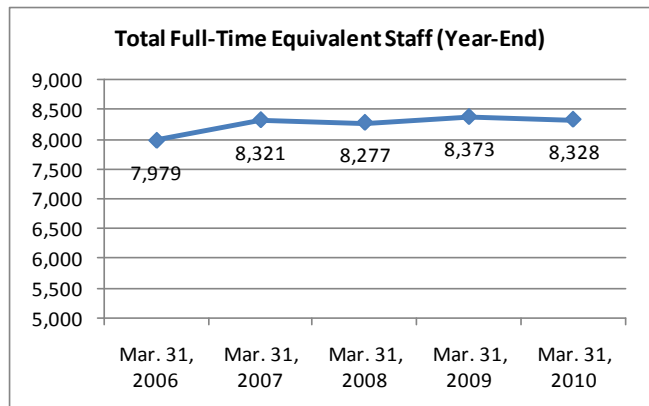
Year	No. of Days	% Change
2005-2006	6,785,065	-2.0%
2006-2007	6,929,991	2.1%
2007-2008	6,679,819	-3.6%
2008-2009	6,591,822	-1.3%
2009-2010	6,478,527	-1.7%

Year	Total Cost	% Change
2005-2006	\$ 518,881,699	0.1%
2006-2007	\$ 534,303,769	3.0%
2007-2008	\$ 536,940,610	0.5%
2008-2009	\$ 535,457,589	-0.3%
2009-2010	\$ 534,192,783	-0.2%

Staffing

There were **8,328 full time equivalent staff** as of March 31, 2010, a 4.4% increase in the total number of full time equivalent staff since March 31, 2006. Approximately 84% of these CAS staff worked in direct services (non-residential and residential).

Year	No. of FTEs	% Change
Mar. 31, 2006	7,979	4.8%
Mar. 31, 2007	8,321	4.3%
Mar. 31, 2008	8,277	-0.5%
Mar. 31, 2009	8,373	1.2%
Mar. 31, 2010	8,328	-0.5%



Comparison of Provincial Statistics

Indicators	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-10
Net expenditures-annual	\$1,220,862,929	\$1,293,631,633	\$1,329,159,064	\$1,386,480,981	\$1,409,477,223
Total staff (FTEs) - as of March 31	7,979	8,322	8,277	8,373	8,328
Direct service staff - as of March 31	6,642	6,855	6,915	7,007	6,998
Reports received no further investigation	78,581	79,825	75,790	78,137	79,487
Investigations completed	82,346	81,829	77,089	78,516	82,332
Open protection cases - as of March 31	26,378	26,260	24,955	24,950	25,377
Cases of family services not in need of protection - as of March 31	6,903	8,745	8,137	10,447	10,006
Total number of children in care - as of Mar 31	18,445	18,595	17,949	17,876	17,416
Number of children served in care	29,385	29,143	27,816	27,152	26,221
Total days care	6,785,065	6,929,991	6,679,819	6,591,822	6,478,527
Total days of agency operated foster, kinship and customary care	3,589,215	3,652,277	3,439,965	3,353,938	4,055,202
Total days of agency operated group care	169,398	142,203	134,815	128,070	121,266
Total days of outside paid foster care	763,850	814,626	798,766	781,343	781,125
Total days of outside paid group care	890,073	866,423	813,850	779,693	737,855
% of Foster to Foster+Group	80.4%	81.6%	81.7%	82.1%	82.5%
Total foster/kin homes	7,518	7,697	7,287	7,244	7,101
Total adoption homes - as of March 31	1,439	1,414	1,524	1,461	1,598
Admission to care	11,384	10,378	9,468	9,282	8,223
Total cost of days care	\$518,881,699	\$534,303,769	\$536,940,610	\$535,457,589	\$534,192,783