

Complexity of Tamariki Interacting with Oranga Tamariki: Reports of Concern compared to Entries to care

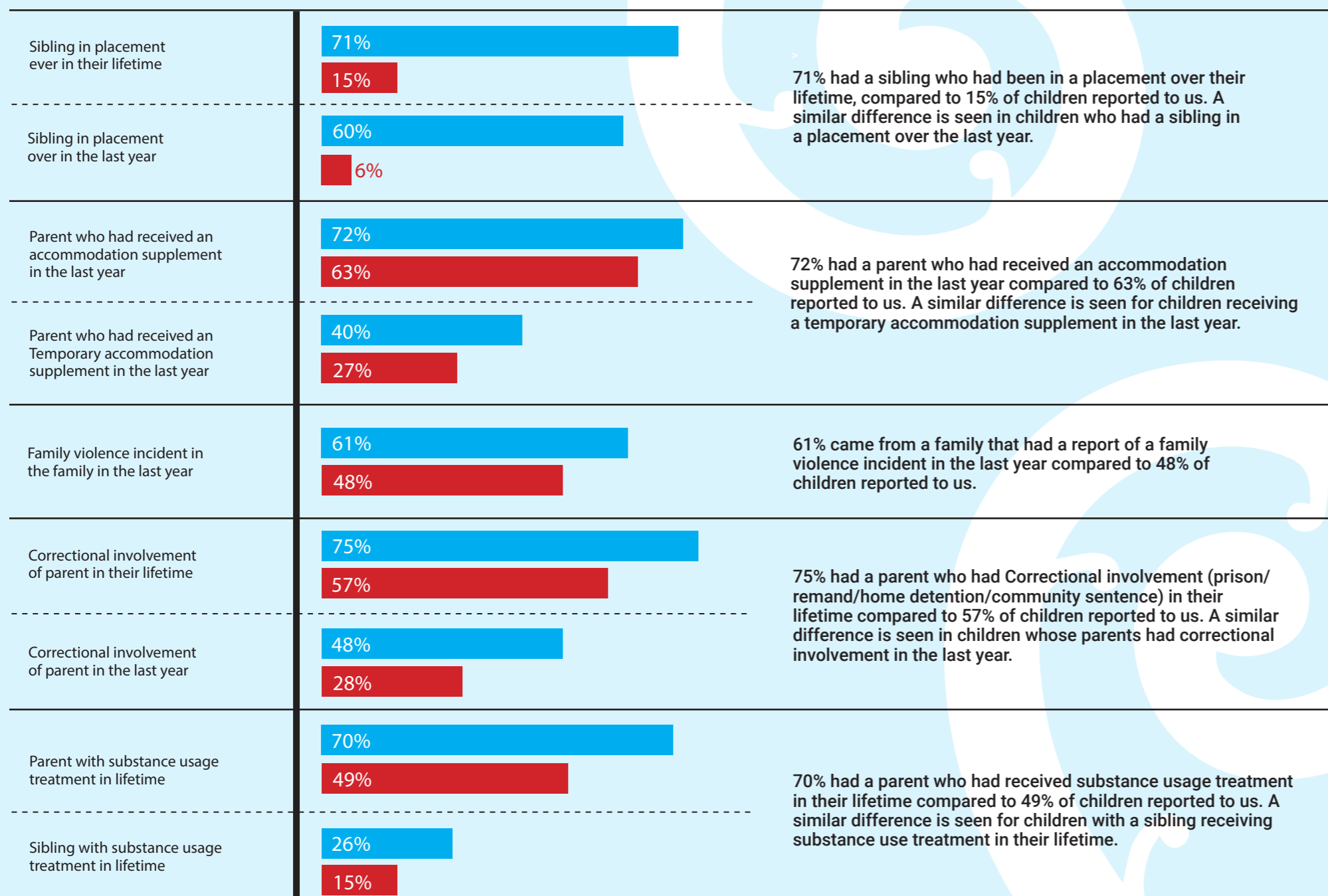
This analysis explores the complexities of the families of children at different stages of interaction with Oranga Tamariki. Using the Statistics NZ integrated data infrastructure (IDI), 54 indicators were selected as possible indicators of complexity of a child's environment, relating to the child, their siblings, parents, and wider families service usage. This was done for children at various points of the care and protection process, and across time. This analysis showed that children who enter care are more likely to have these indicators of complexity than children just reported to us. However, there are no major changes in the proportions of tamariki and rangatahi with these indicators over the past few years, both at the report of concern stage or at entry.

What does complexity of children reported to us look like compared to children entering our care?

Some indicators are significantly more prevalent for children entering our care than children only reported to us.

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Of those that entered our care over the 2019 financial year:

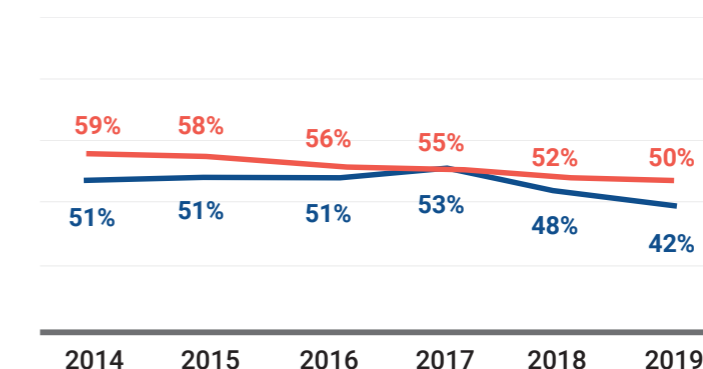


How has complexity of children reported to us and entering our care changed over time?

Of the 54 IDI indicators investigated, only two indicators showed movement over time.

Proportion where parent was on single parent benefit in the last year

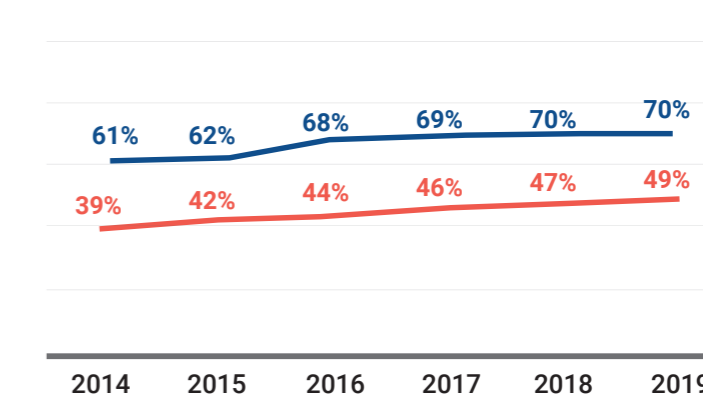
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There has been a decrease in the proportion of children reported to us that had a parent on the single parent benefit in the last year, but this decrease in proportion is also seen in the entries to care. This indicates that although there is a decrease in children entering care with parent receiving this benefit, this is only because there are less being reported to us.

Proportion of parents with substance usage treatment in their lifetime

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There has been an increase in the proportion of children reported to us that had a parent with substance usage treatment in their lifetime, this rise in proportion is also seen in the entries to care. This indicates that although there is a rise in children entering care with a parent with substance usage treatment, this is only because there are more being reported to us.