

Agreements with Young Adults (AYA) data analysis

To be eligible for AYA program, a youth must age out under Continuing Custody Order (CCO), Family Relations Act ward, Adoption Act Ward or Youth Agreement.

The table below shows a breakdown of youth aging out by eligible legal categories.

Table: Number of youth under CCO* and Youth Agreements aging out in 2016 and 2017

Calendar year	CCO*	Youth Agreements	Total
2016	446	446	892
2017	455	439	894

*The count of CCOs includes a few young adults who aged out from Family Relations Act or Adoption Act Ward.

Of these youth who aged out of CCO and Youth Agreements in 2016, 24% received AYA payment within 12 months of aging out.

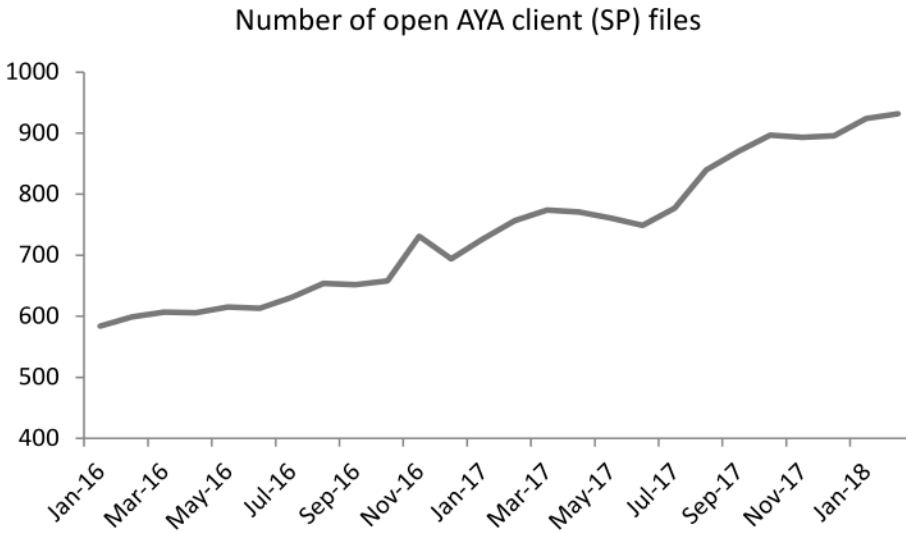
Table: Number and Proportion of youth under CCO and Youth Agreements aging out in 2016 that received AYA payment within 12 months of aging out

# of youth under CCO and Youth Agreements aging out between January 2016 and December 2016	892
# of youth under CCO and Youth Agreements aging out in 2016 that received AYA payment within 12 months of aging out	215
Proportion that received AYA payment within 12 months of aging out	24%

The 2016 AYA expansion (effective since October 17, 2016) increased duration of support from 24 to 48 months and maximum age limit from the 24th birthday to the 26th birthday.

AYA caseload has increased over time; and there is more increase since the expansion in October 2016. The chart below shows the upward trend in AYA caseload.

Chart: Number of open AYA client (SP) files, January 2016 to February 2018



The 2018 AYA expansion (effective since April 1, 2018) has raised the maximum age limit to the 27th birthday. Therefore more young adults will be eligible for AYA support.

Young adults access AYA program across BC. Table below shows the distribution of AYA files across Service Delivery Areas, and compares the number from February 2018 to the number from February 2016.

Table: Number of AYA client (SP) files that are open, by SDA, February 2018 and February 2016

SDA	February 2018 # of AYA files that are open	February 2016 # of AYA files that are open
SDA 11 - Kootenays	21	19
SDA 12 - Okanagan	75	47
SDA 13 - Thompson Cariboo Shuswap	39	37
SDA 22 - North Fraser	107	71
SDA 23 - South Fraser	142	100
SDA 24 - Vancouver/Richmond	291	180
SDA 31 - South Vancouver Island	119	74
SDA 32 - North Vancouver Island	75	32
SDA 41 - Northwest	19	20
SDA 42 - North Central	14	11
SDA 43 - Northeast	6	3
SDA 99 - Delegated Aboriginal Agencies	24	5
Total	932	599

In the end of February 2018, there were 932 open AYA client (SP) files. Of these, 813 AYA client files have agreement length information. For the AYA client files without agreement length information, it could be a new client whose agreement will be effective later; or it could be that the length information hasn't been entered in the ICM database yet.

Table: Length of AYA Agreements, for the AYA client (SP) files that were open on February 28, 2018

Length of AYA Agreements	# of open AYA files
6 months or less	240
7 to 12 months	224
13 to 18 months	117
19 to 24 months	124
25 to 30 months	46
31 to 36 months	47
More than 36 months	15

Of the current AYA open files (as of February 2018), 108 AYA clients have more than 24 months of total agreements (24 months is the former maximum length before October 2016). No one has reached the maximum 48-month length because the expansion from 24 months to 48 months has been effective for less than 2 years. It is expected that the length of support for these clients will increase over time.