

Funding for Jordan's Principle – Child First Initiative is being distributed in two ways, either directly through the Department of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) or through community partners and partner organizations. In the first case, First Nation children requiring products and/or services apply directly to ISC for support and these requests are then managed by ISC (Table 1).

In the second case, First Nations children requiring products and/or services can be identified by a partnering community or service organization. Partners are funded by ISC to assess cases, as well as to facilitate and track access to products/services delivered. At the time of application, estimated numbers are provided to ISC (Table 2). At the end of the funding cycle, partners report on the actual number of children served and the products/services provided.

Between April 1, 2017 and January 31, 2018, there were an estimated 31,199 products/services approved by Jordan's Principle-Child First Initiative. Of these, 4,354 products and services were administered directly by ISC. The remaining 26,845 products and services were approved for administration by partner organizations and communities.

Region	# of Unique Children* (April 1-June 30)	# of Unique Children* (July 1- January 31)	# Product/service requests
Atlantic	127	748	1,884
Quebec	53	278	341
Ontario	119	404	1,128
Manitoba	25	97	127
Saskatchewan	54	487	602
Alberta	32	125	152
British Columbia/FNHA	2	92	98
Northern	2	18	22
TOTAL	414	2,249	4,354

* Note: The number of unique children above includes children approved for a continuation of services from FY 2016-17. The total number of approvals over two fiscal years may contain a duplicate count of services. In addition, the number of unique children from July 1 to January 31 has not yet been reconciled with the number from April 1 to June 30, and so duplication may exist. These two figures should not be added.

Data validation activities on regional submissions are ongoing. Reconciliation may result in slight changes to figures presented in previous reports.

Table 2: JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE/CFI - Community managed approved group requests (Apr 1, 2017 - Jan 31, 2018)	
Region	# Product/service requests (based on partner estimates¹)
Atlantic	295
Quebec	1,344
Ontario	10,658
Manitoba	9,680
Saskatchewan	3,181
Alberta	867
British Columbia/FNHA	820
Northern	0
TOTAL	26,845

Notes:

1. The number of products/services requests in Community managed group requests are an estimate provided by partner organizations and communities. The final number of services as well as the number of clients served with this funding is due to be reported by communities and service providers at the end of the funding period, but are still pending. The number of products/services requested by partner organizations and communities may also include a continuation of services from fiscal year 2016/17 that receive new approvals for fiscal year 2017/18.

Summary

- From July 2016 to January 2018, the Government of Canada approved approximately 36,139 requests for products and services for First Nations children.
- From April 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018, Government of Canada approved approximately 31,199 requests for products and services for First Nations children.
- The majority of these requests were community managed, and were for services such as Respite Care and Specialized Services including Mental Health supports, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech language therapy.
- Also included are requests from individual children, for a range of products and services, including nutritional supplements, medical transportation, mobility aids and other medical services and devices.