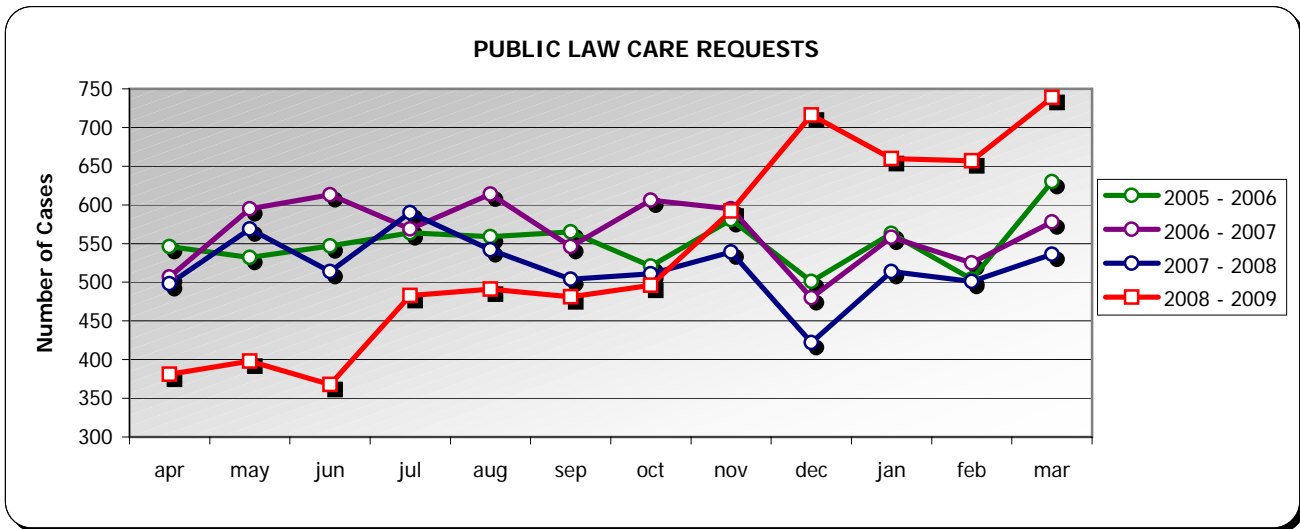




CAFCASS CARE DEMAND

2008-2009: Cafcass experienced a 27.5% drop in demand for care cases across the country April to June 2008, in comparison to the same period in the previous year. Demand levelled off for the period of July to October 2008 but then rose sharply resulting in a significant increase in applications. Care demand for March 2009 was the highest figure ever recorded for a single month, amounting to an increase of 37.9% compared to March 2008. Overall, care demand for 2008-2009 is up 3.6% compared to the previous year.



Month	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09
apr	546	507	497	381
may	532	595	569	398
jun	547	613	514	367
jul	564	569	590	483
aug	559	614	542	491
sep	565	546	504	482
oct	521	606	511	496
nov	581	595	539	592
dec	501	480	422	716
jan	563	558	514	663
feb	504	525	502	657
mar	630	578	536	739
Total	6,613	6,786	6,240	6,465

Note: Figures in the above table and graph are provided from our current national case management system (CMS). The unit of measurement is a case and is counted upon receipt of the application from the Court and entry into our CMS. A case can involve multiple children and multiple application types. The CMS is a live system and any late entries will be accounted for upon the release of subsequent updates to this data. Updates to this monthly information will be quarterly, week commencing the third week of the following months: July, October and January.

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