

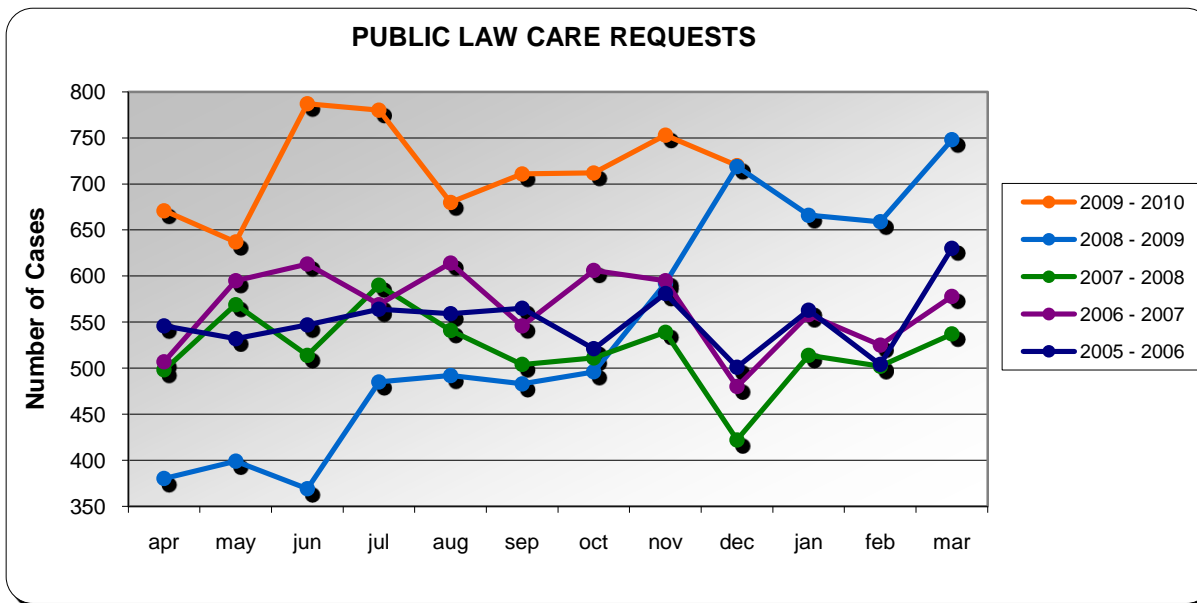
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CAFCASS CARE DEMAND - LATEST QUARTERLY FIGURES [Quarter 3]

2008-2009: Cafcass experienced a 27.3% 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. The second half of the 2008-2009 year saw nearly 50% more care applications than the first half. Overall, care demand for 2008-2009 was up 4% compared to the previous year.

2009-2010: Quarter 3 care demand has continued to remain at unprecedentedly high levels. Comparing April through December this year to last year, care demand is up 46.1% (2036 cases). June 2009 (787 cases) was the highest care demand figure ever recorded for a single month since Cafcass began collecting this data.



Month	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10
apr	546	507	497	380	671
may	532	595	569	399	637
jun	547	613	514	369	787
jul	564	569	590	485	780
aug	559	614	542	492	680
sep	565	546	504	483	711
oct	521	606	511	496	712
nov	581	595	539	592	753
dec	501	480	422	719	720
jan	563	558	514	666	
feb	504	525	502	659	
mar	630	578	537	748	
Total	6,613	6,786	6,241	6,488	6,451

Note: Figures in the above table and graph are provided from our national case management system (CMS) [April 2006 to present] and historical manual systems. The unit of measurement is a case and is counted upon receipt of the application from the Court and entry into CMS. A case can involve multiple children and multiple application types. 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 each year: July, October, January and April.