



First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Monthly Update

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IFSD is pleased to provide this second monthly update to its stakeholders on the progress of the First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) project.

Principal updates

- Substantial data gathering efforts are complete. IFSD wishes to thank the **68 agencies** that have shared their completed survey. This represents **64% of the community** – considered to be a reliable sample for analysis. Broad agency participation is important; accordingly, agencies who have yet to share their completed survey are encouraged to do so **as soon as possible**.

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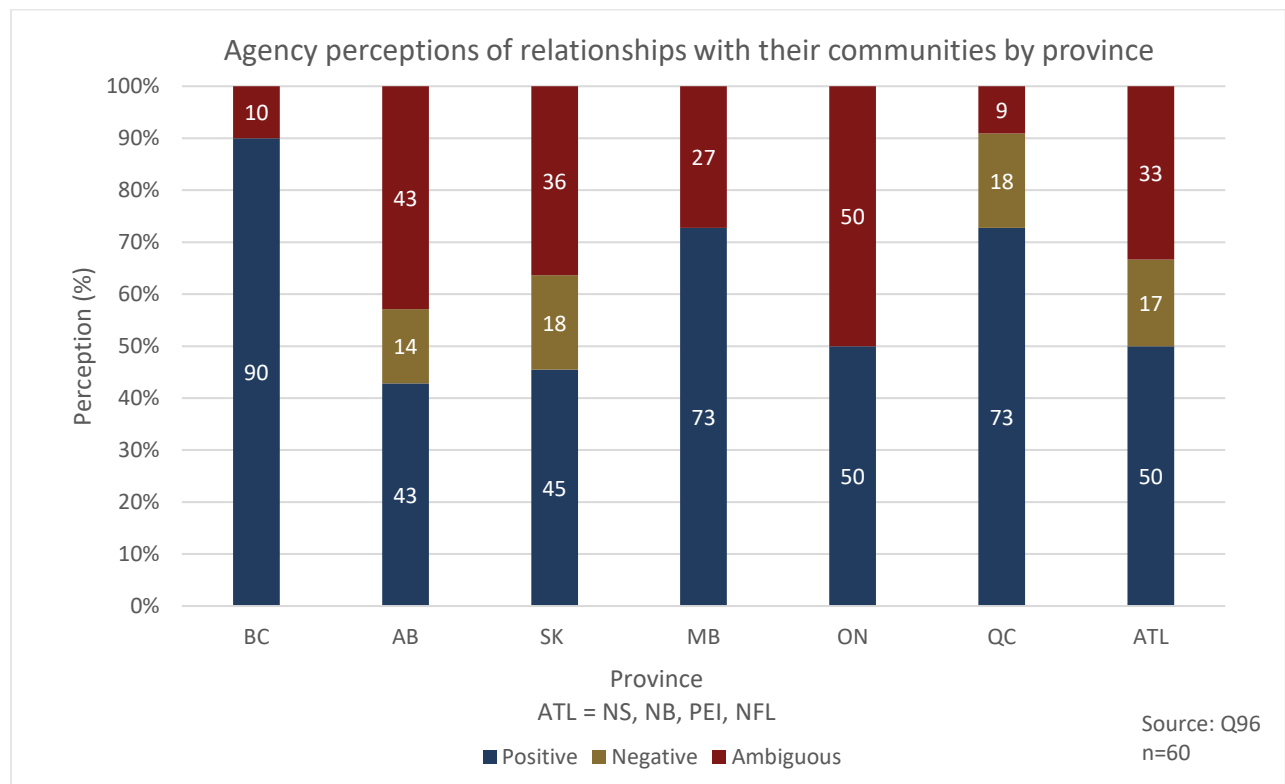
- Preliminary results provide important baseline characteristics about agencies that will inform cost estimations of future programs. These initial findings are directionally consistent with previous analysis.
- The project is progressing as planned. The bulk of data analysis will occur during July and August.

Generally, how agencies define their mandates:

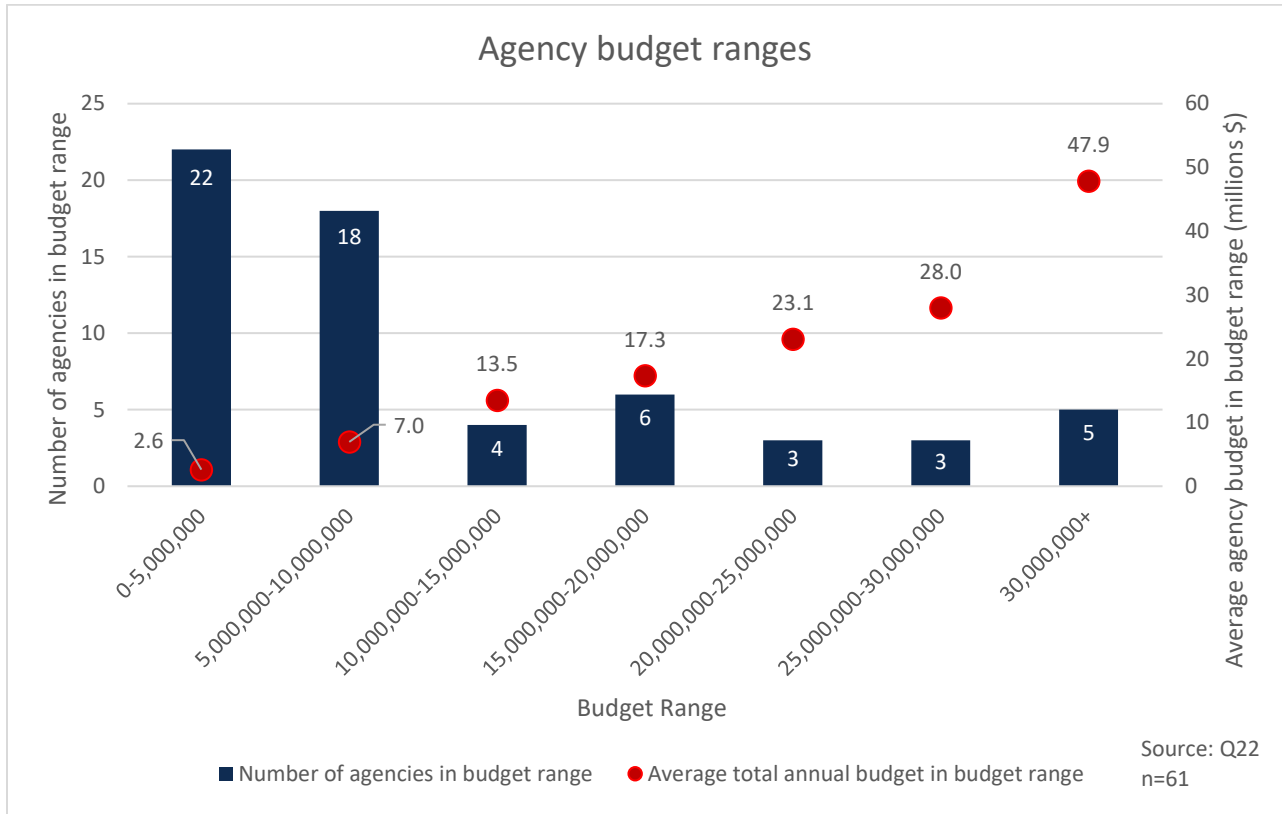
- **Provide protection and prevention services** for the well-being and safety of children in the community.
- **Support families** by strengthening the family unit and working to keep children with their families in the community.
- **Strengthen communities** by providing holistic, community-based approaches to child welfare that engage supportive networks of community members and leadership.
- **Promote cultural approaches** to build strong, proud and healthy First Nations communities of children and adults.

Interim findings

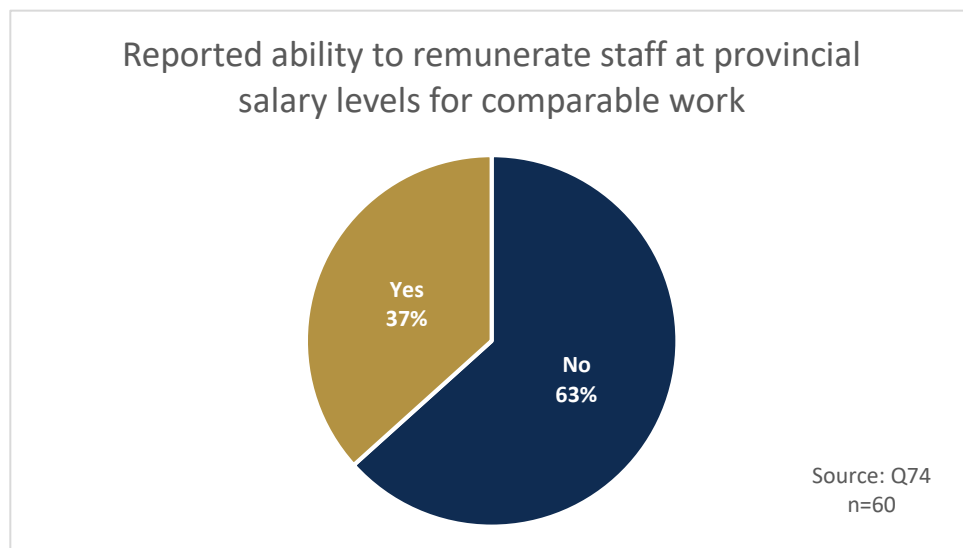
- Agencies perceive their relationships with their communities positively, though there is considerable variation among provinces.



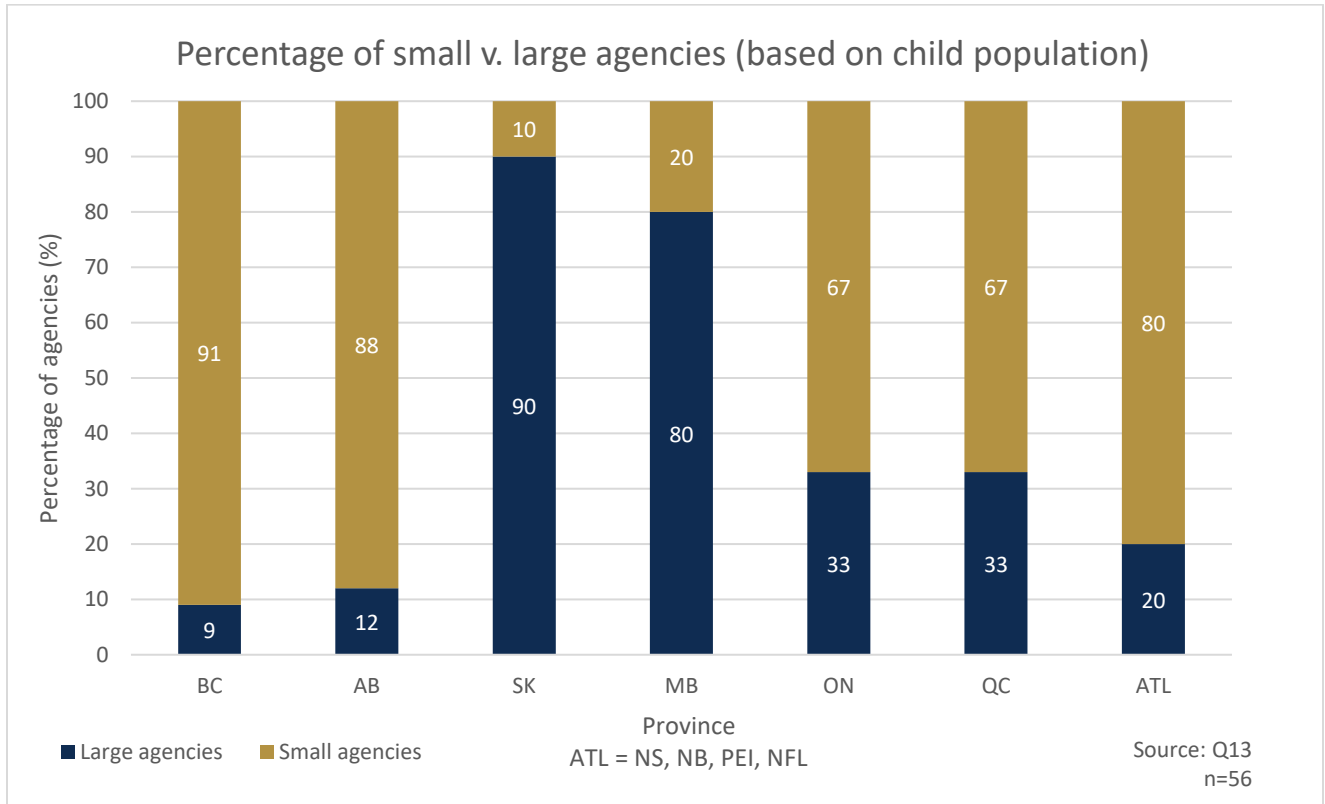
- The majority of agency (65%) budgets are in the range of \$0M-\$10M



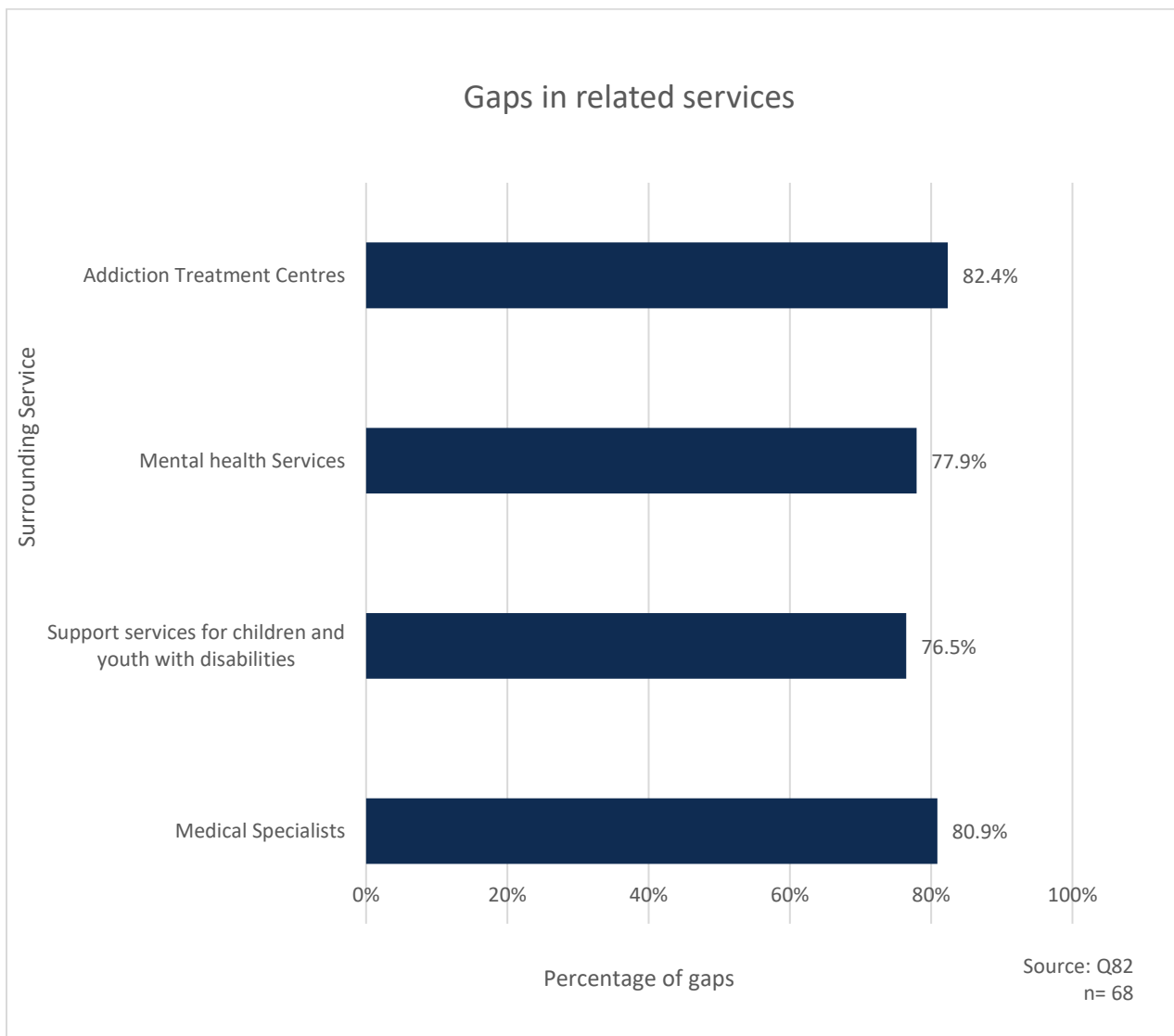
- Over 60% of agencies reported being **unable** to pay their employees at provincial levels for comparable work.



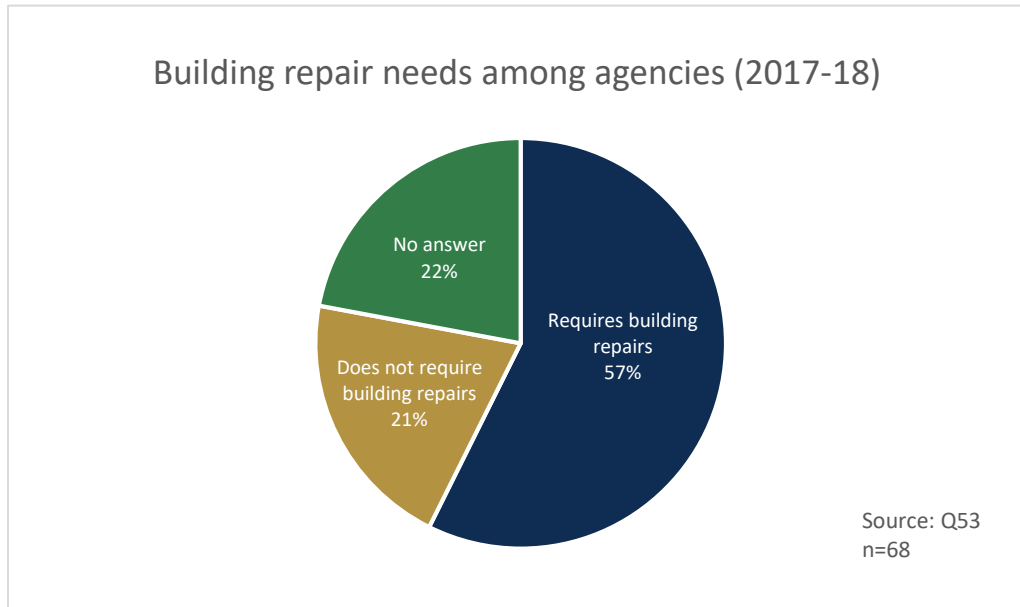
- Outside of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, most agencies – based on their reported population of children – are small agencies. Agency size was inferred using the total population of children served (<1000 = small agency).



- Fewer than half of the agencies (44%) reported a gap in services within a reasonably commutable distance. However, significant majorities of agencies reported service gaps for addiction treatment centres, mental health services, support services for children and youth with disabilities, as well as medical specialists.



- Nearly 60% of agencies indicated a need for building repairs.



Next steps:

- IFSD is grateful to participating agencies and will continue its outreach to outstanding agencies in the hopes of increasing its sample population
- IFSD is working on [defining a future program architecture](#) based on agency consultations.
- IFSD will continue its analysis of data shared by participating agencies to:
 - a. Define typologies of agencies
 - b. Identify correlations and cost-drivers between variables
 - c. Develop a cost estimation model
 - d. Produce cost analysis

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