



# First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Monthly Update

**August 2018**

*You can find our previous updates that include our initial findings [here](#).*

IFSD is pleased to provide this fourth monthly update for August 2018 activities to its stakeholders on the progress of the First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) project.

IFSD has developed typologies to inform the cost estimation model during the month of August.

## **Key findings:**

- 1) **Child population served** and the **nature of access** to communities served (i.e. via road or fly-in only) appear to be the most helpful ways of grouping agencies to understand their costs. (See Charts 1 & 2)
- 2) Travel costs can be a significant driver of budget. For instance, for agencies with at least one community without year-round road accessibility, their total travel costs (based on the amount defined in their budget) was five times higher than agencies serving communities all accessible by road.
- 3) When considering funding formula and program architecture improvements, it appears to be agency characteristics and not jurisdictional boundaries that provide the most accurate representation of agency experiences and resource requirements.

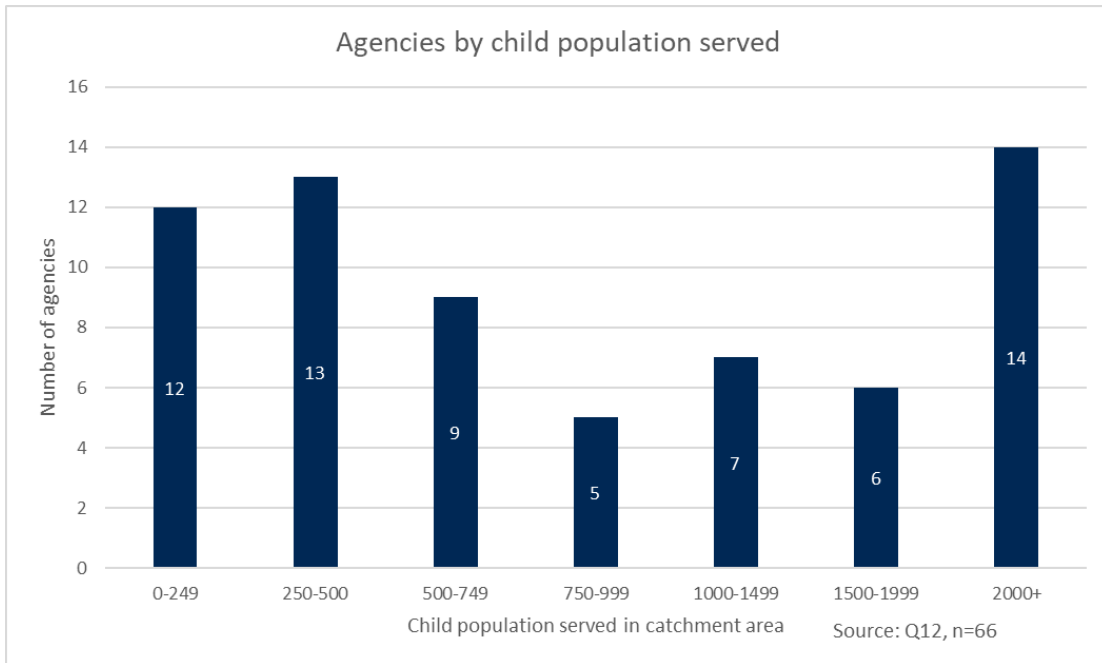


Chart 1: Number of agencies by child population served.

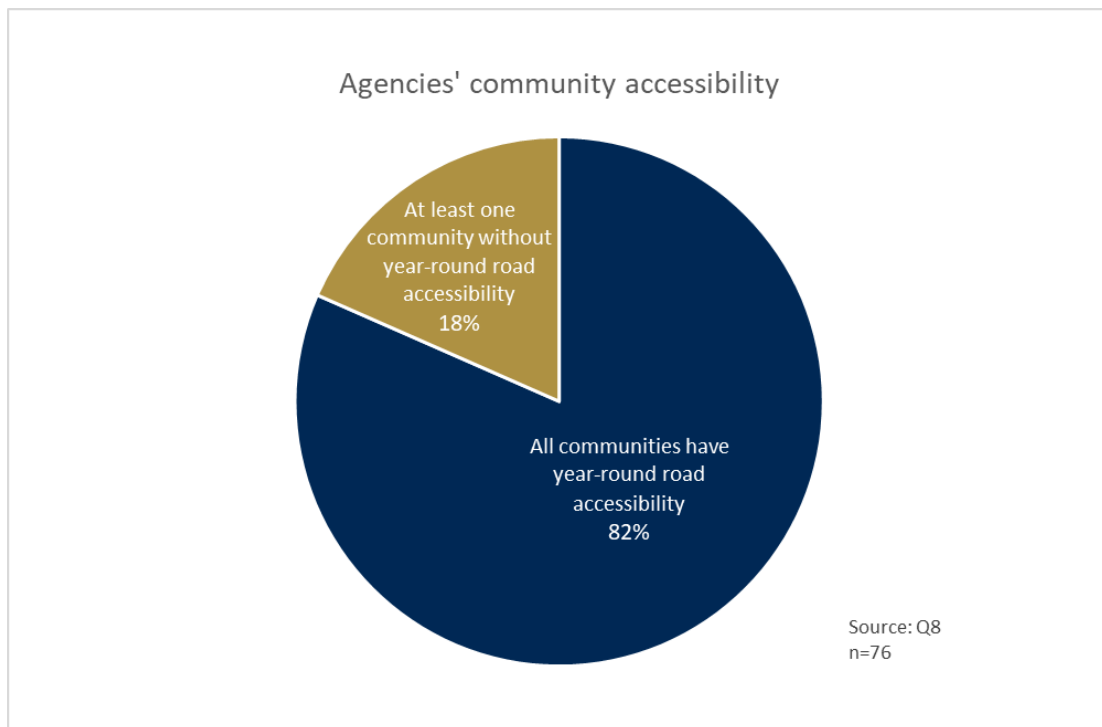


Chart 2: Percentage of agencies with at least one community without year-round accessibility vs. year-round road accessibility for all communities served.

## Program database:

To showcase and share your program innovations, IFSD is developing profiles of programs in prevention, protection, addictions management, mental health, violence prevention and family support. **If you would like a program included in our analysis, [contact us](#)** with:

- 1) A description of the program, including its target audience and goals;
- 2) The estimated cost to run the program (including salaries) for one fiscal year;
- 3) The number of full- and part-time resources required to operate the program;
- 4) Any particularities that another agency should consider if they were to implement the program.

To enhance the cost estimation model, **IFSD still needs your help.**

### **Are you willing to offer more insight into your agency's resource profile?**

We are looking for agencies who are willing to share their experiences in writing or in conversation (by phone) to offer perspective on the following six questions:

- Has your agency had to refuse service to a child **on-reserve** due to a lack of resources? Y/N
- Has your agency had to refuse service to a child **off-reserve** due to a lack of resources? Y/N
- How would you characterize your agency's budget relative to its activities (select one of the following):
  - a) insufficient; b) somewhat insufficient; c) neither sufficient nor insufficient; d) somewhat sufficient; e) sufficient?
- Do you consider your protection budget to be sufficient relative to the population your agency serves? Y/N

(IFSD data suggests an average per capita cost of \$15,000 per child in the catchment area, among a large number of jurisdictions.)

- If your budget is insufficient, by how much?  
a) 10% b) 20% c) 30% d) more than 30%
- Do you consider your prevention budget to be sufficient relative to the population your agency serves? Y/N
  - If your budget is insufficient, by how much?  
a) 10% b) 20% c) 30% d) more than 30%
- If you had a larger budget for your agency, how would you allocate resources (e.g. hire more staff, capital investments, offer more programming etc.)?

**If you would like to include your agency's experiences:** complete the six questions online [via SurveyMonkey](#) or [contact us](#) to schedule a phone call.

**Please complete the questions or contact us by Friday, September 14, 2018.**

### **Next steps**

IFSD will continue its work testing the cost estimation model based on the data provided by agencies. IFSD will be refining its cost estimation model to be shared in the September update.

### **Contact information**

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