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Dear Ms. Palmiere and Ms. Gagnon:

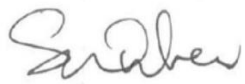
Thank you for your letter requesting statistics about the Special Services at Home (SSAH) program. As the Director of the Integration and Program Effectiveness Branch of the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, I am pleased to respond.

As per your request, please find attached the data you requested for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 fiscal years. I hope this information is helpful.

The ministry continues to assess ways that families of children with special needs can be supported during the COVID-19 outbreak. Families may wish to contact their service providers and/or their local ministry regional office for updates on what services or supports may be available as the pandemic continues to evolve. More information on how to contact local ministry regional offices can be found at:

<http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/english/about/regionaloffices.aspx>

Thank you,



Stacey Weber, Director

Attachment (1) SSAH Statistics for 2019/20 and 2020/21

c: Jennifer Morris, Assistant Deputy Minister, Children with Special Needs Division
Jody Hendry, Director, Developmental and Supportive Services Branch

Special Services at Home (SSAH)

Statistics for the fiscal years 2019/20 & 2020/21

	Fiscal Year	
	2019/20 (as of March 31, 2020)	2020/21 (as of March 31, 2021)
Total amount of SSAH funding allocation (budget) for the fiscal year	\$71.27M	\$91.67M
The total number of SSAH contracts (approximate)	26,200	29,100
The total number of new applications for SSAH funding (approximate) received in each of the fiscal year	5,000	3,200
The total number of new applications denied eligibility for SSAH funding (approximate) in each of the fiscal year	330	200
The total number of new applications for SSAH funding placed on the service registry (wait list) in each of the fiscal year	4,600	2,600
The total number of new applications for increases in SSAH funding placed on the service registry (wait list) in each of the fiscal year (approximate)	335	210

The breakdown of amounts of individual SSAH contracts:

2019/20:

Breakdown of Annual approved Amount for families/children in the fiscal year 2019/20							
Annual Amount	Up to \$2,000	\$2,001-\$4,000	\$4,001-\$6,000	\$6001-\$8,000	\$8,001-\$10,000	Greater than \$10,001	Total contracts
Number of contracts	4,286	13,809	6,301	1,147	424	226	26,193

2020/21:

Breakdown of Annual approved Amount for families/children in the fiscal year 2020/21							
Annual Amount	Up to \$2,000	\$2,001-\$4,000	\$4,001-\$6,000	\$6001-\$8,000	\$8,001-\$10,000	Greater than \$10,001	Total contracts
Number of contracts	4,037	14,919	8,111	1,350	463	200	29,080

The total number of youth transitioning from children to adult services, deemed eligible for Developmental Services Ontario services, who received the minimal amount of funding through the Passport program:

Youth with developmental disabilities are encouraged to reach out to their local Developmental Services Ontario (DSO) office at the age of 16 to begin their application for adult Developmental Services, as they are not eligible for SSAH funding upon the age of 18. Once the individual turns 18 and requests Passport, the DSO will make a referral to the local Passport agency. The Passport agency will reach out to the individual to offer an approval for Passport.

Approximately 1,700 and 1,600 children with a developmental disability turned 18 and aged out of the SSAH program in the fiscal years 2019/2020 and 2020/21 respectively. The ministry tracks the number of new people who receive a Passport approval. However, it does not track the number of young adults leaving children's funded services, such as Ontario Autism Program and SSAH, who then enter the adult developmental services system.