

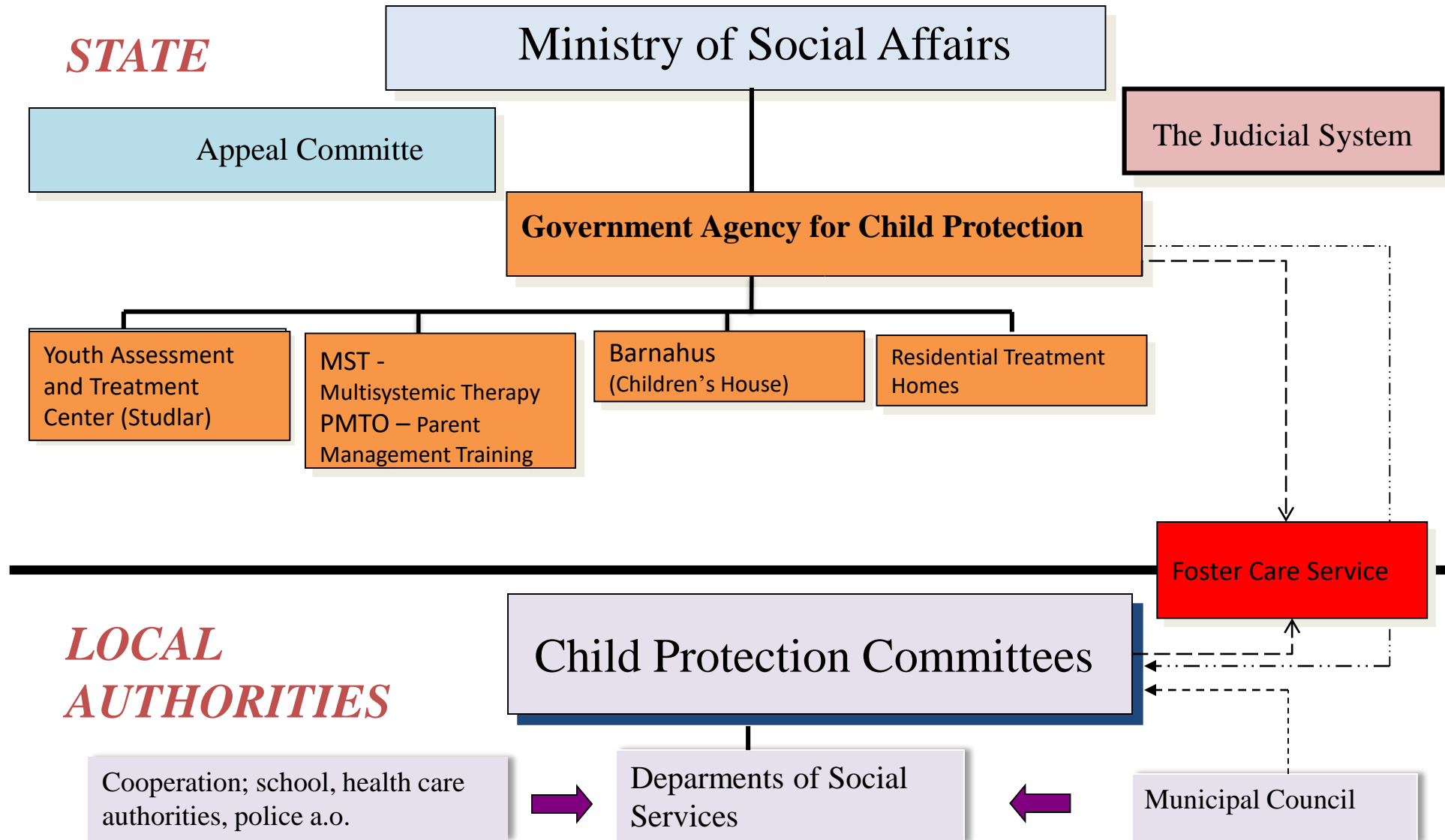


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Key figures in Child protection in Iceland 2019

Government Agency for Child Protection

The Organization of Child Protection Services in Iceland





Overview

- These slides will include
 - Key figures from child protection committees in Iceland, information collected at the municipality level.
 - Key figures from child protection resources provided by the Government Agency for Child Protection. These are:
 - Youth Assessment and Treatment Centre ([Studlar](#))
 - MST- Multisystemic Therapy and PMTO – Parent Management Training
 - Barnahus (Children's House ([Barnahus](#)))
 - Residential Treatment Homes



The basic unit for child protection in Iceland is the child protection committee (hereby referred to as CPC) which is responsible for child protection services at the local level. To ensure consistency, all Icelandic CPCs must work by the same classification system, as listed below.

I. Child maltreatment

Neglect

- Physical and medical neglect
- Educational neglect
- Emotional neglect
- Safety and care

Abuse

- Emotional abuse
- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse

Health or life of an unborn child is endangered

II. Children's risk taking behaviour



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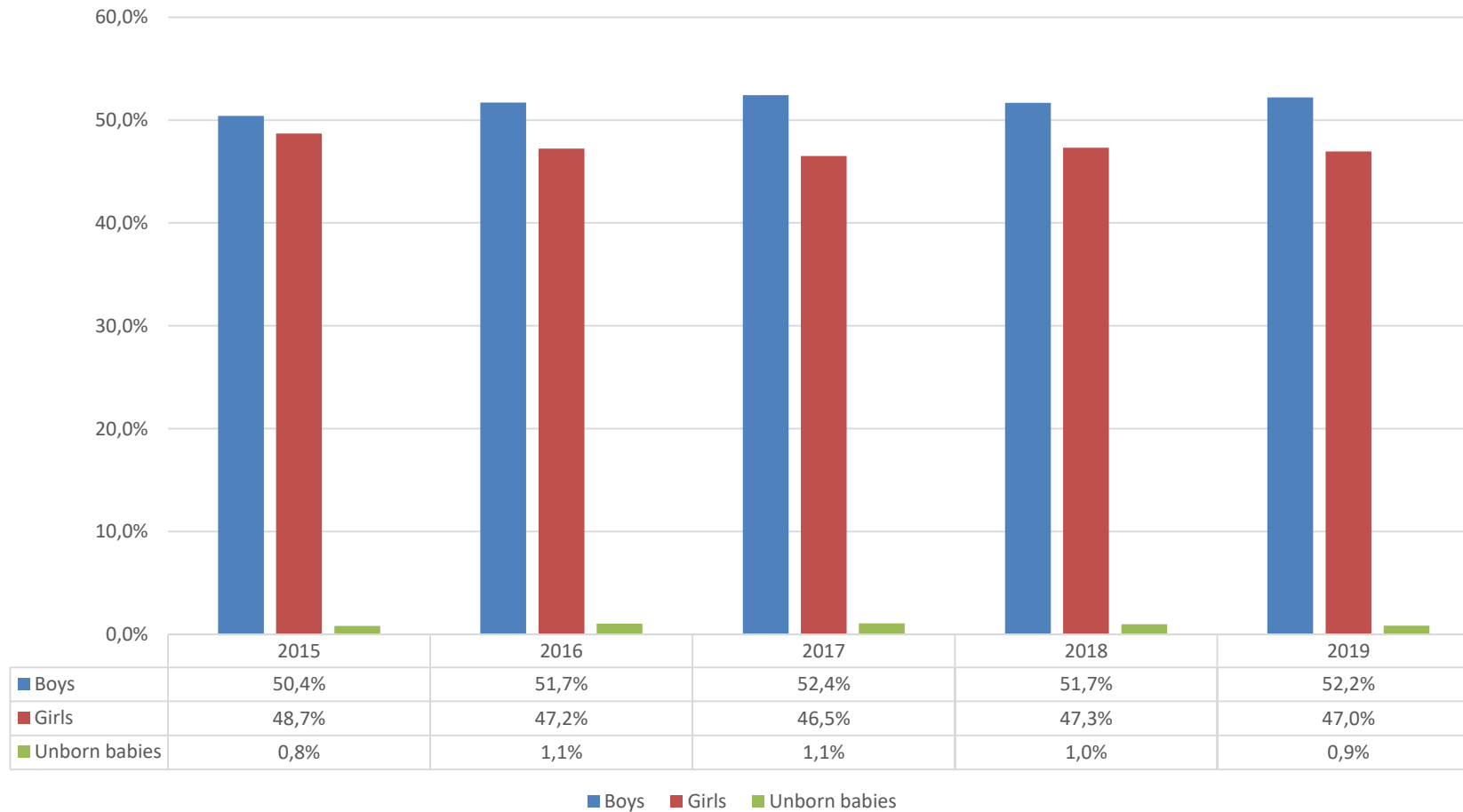
REPORTS TO CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEES



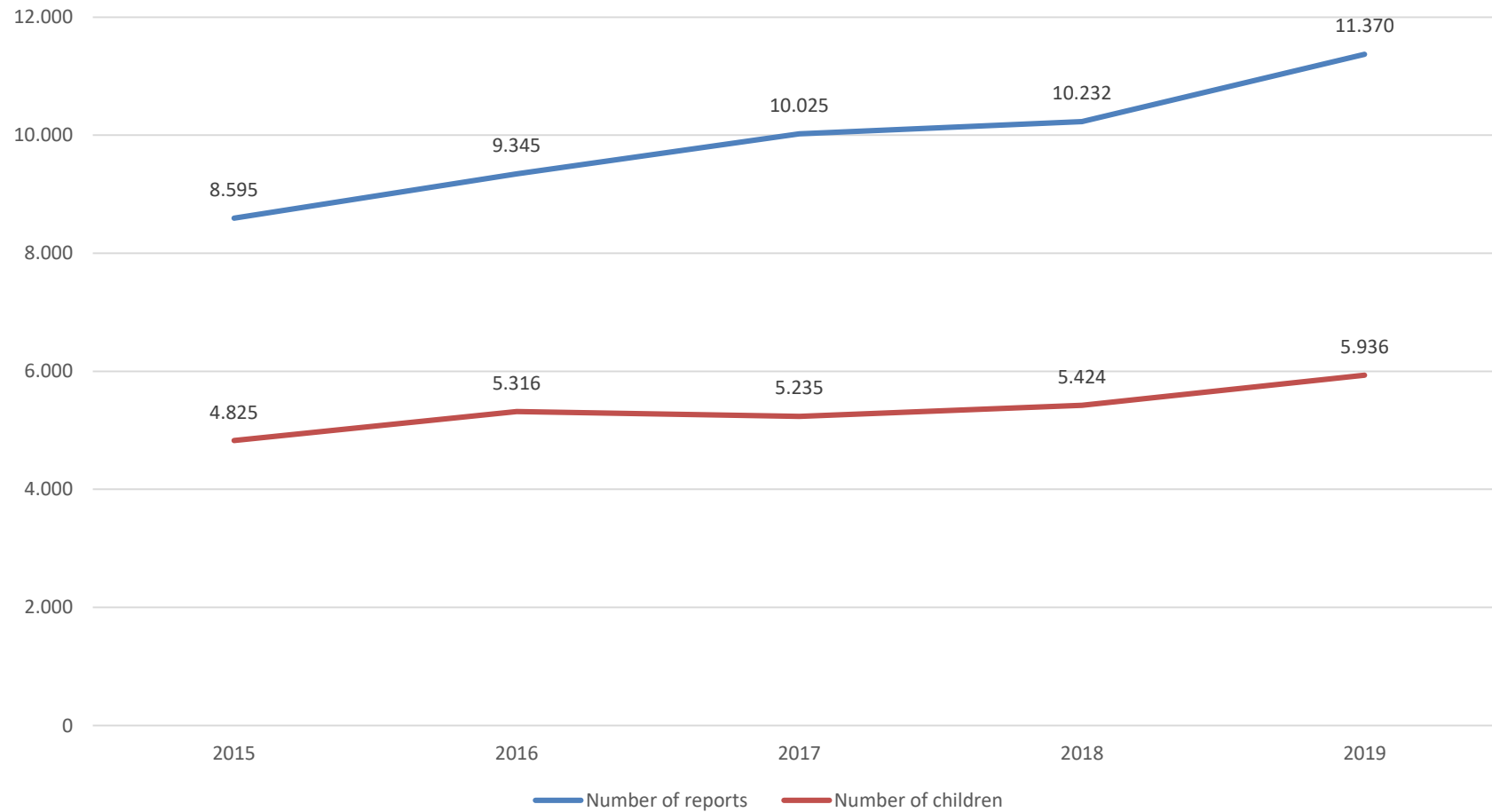
Definitions

- **Reports:** Number of reports to Child Protection Committees (CPC). Number of reports may be more than the number of children being reported.
- **Case:** Not all reports are investigated. A report becomes a case once a decision to investigate has been made.

Reports to CPC, by gender

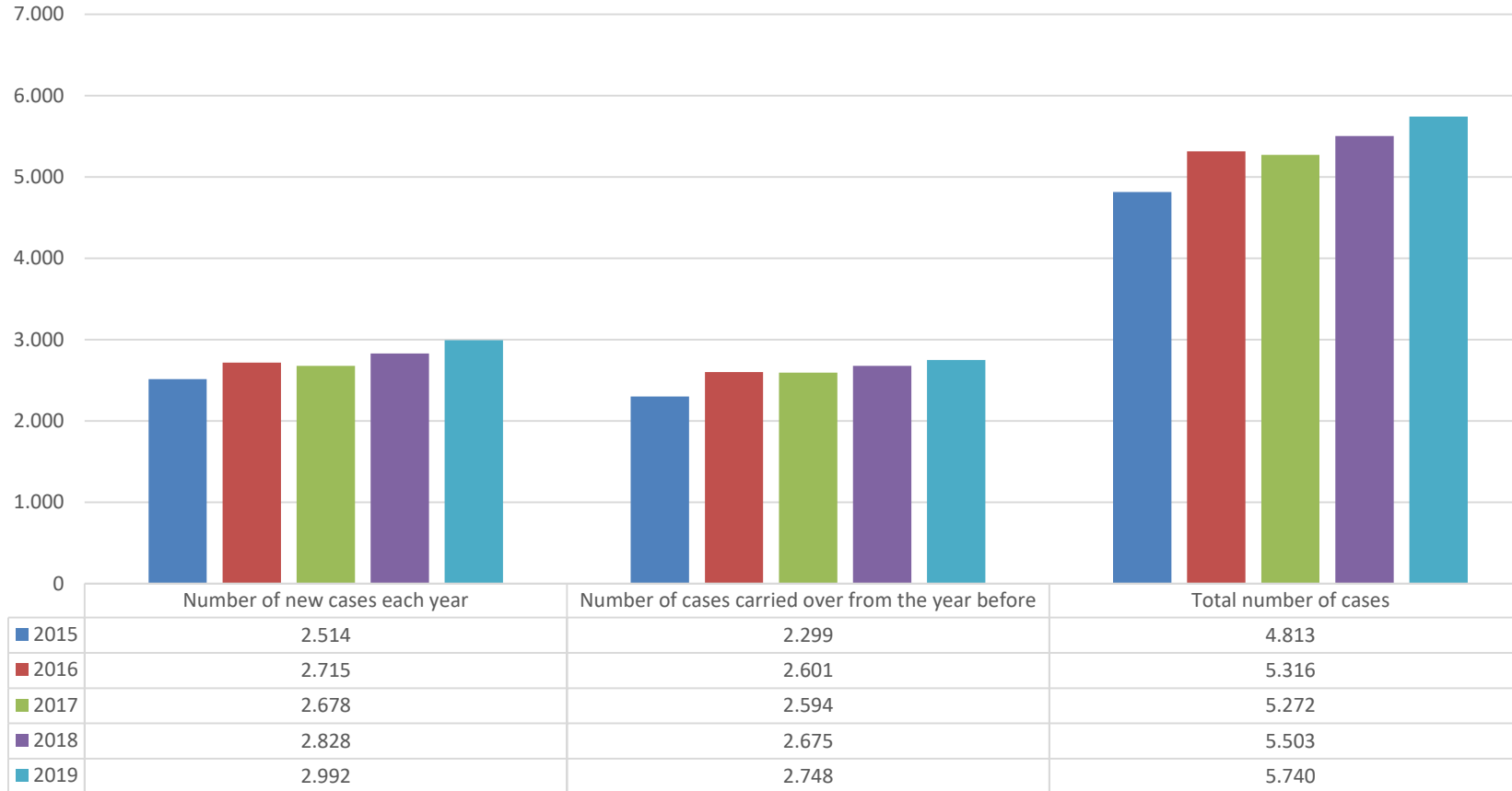


Reports to CPC and number of children



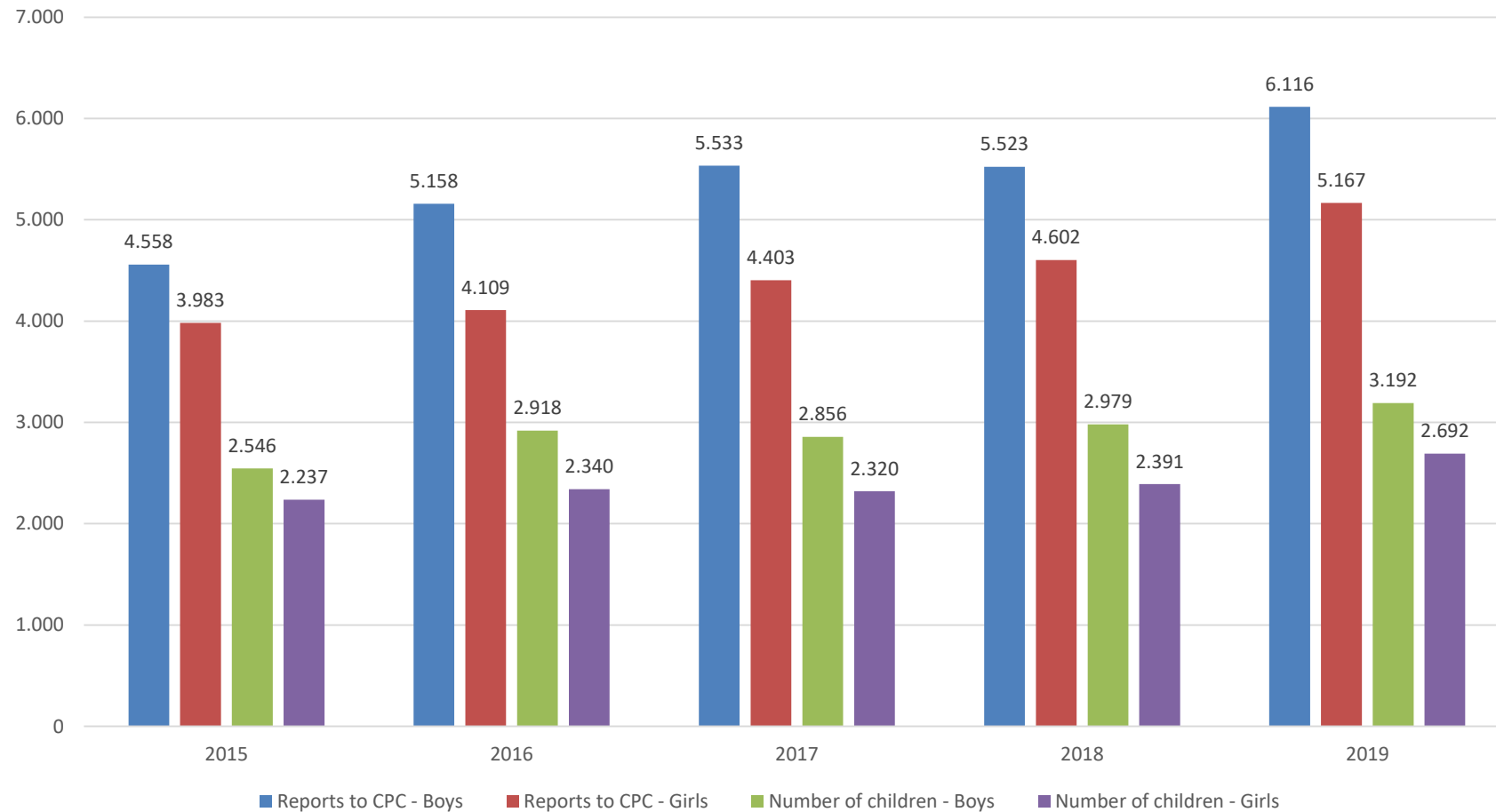
Number of cases in child protection

(one case = one child)

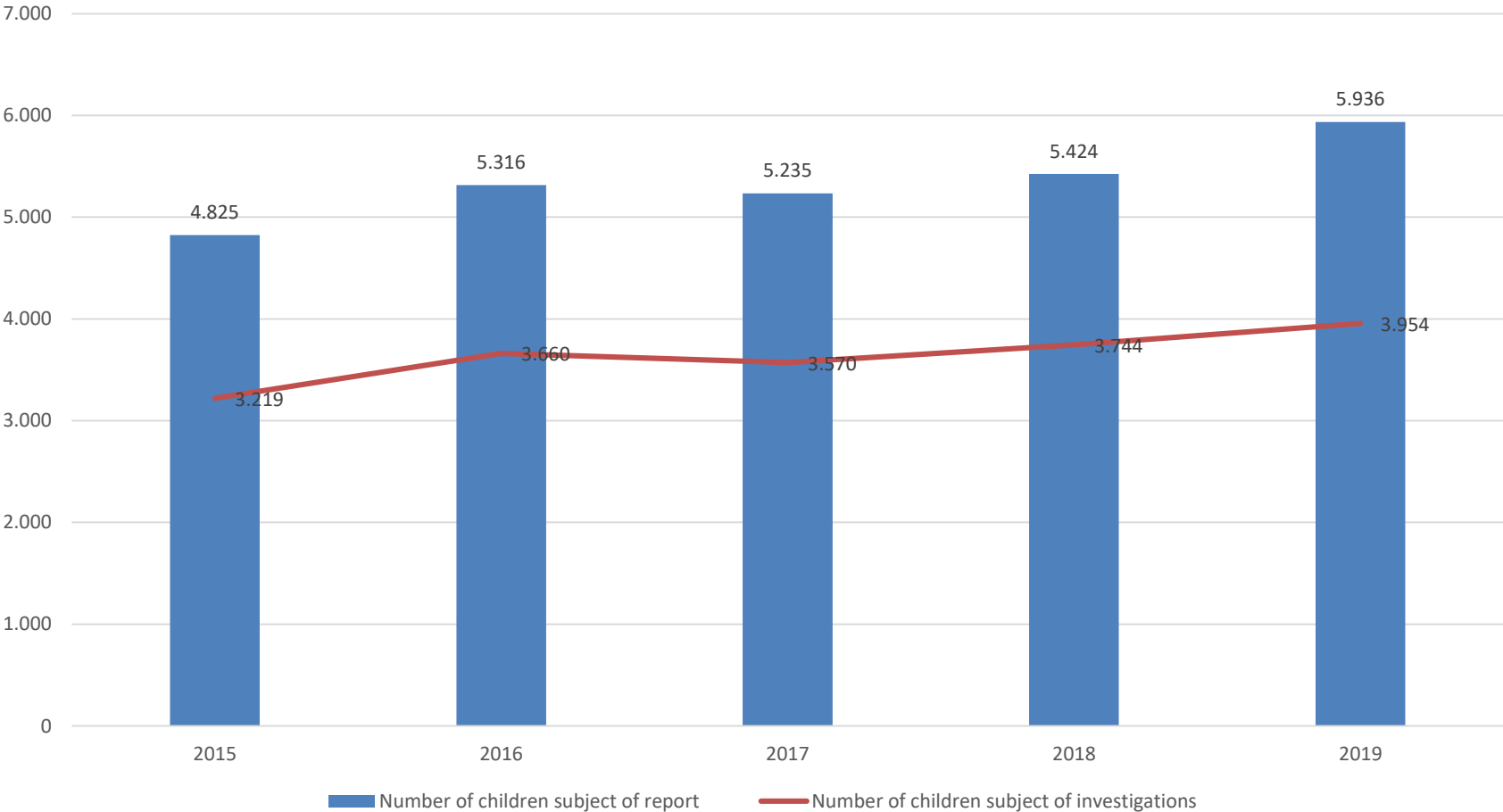


■ 2015 ■ 2016 ■ 2017 ■ 2018 ■ 2019

Reports to CPC and number of children, by gender

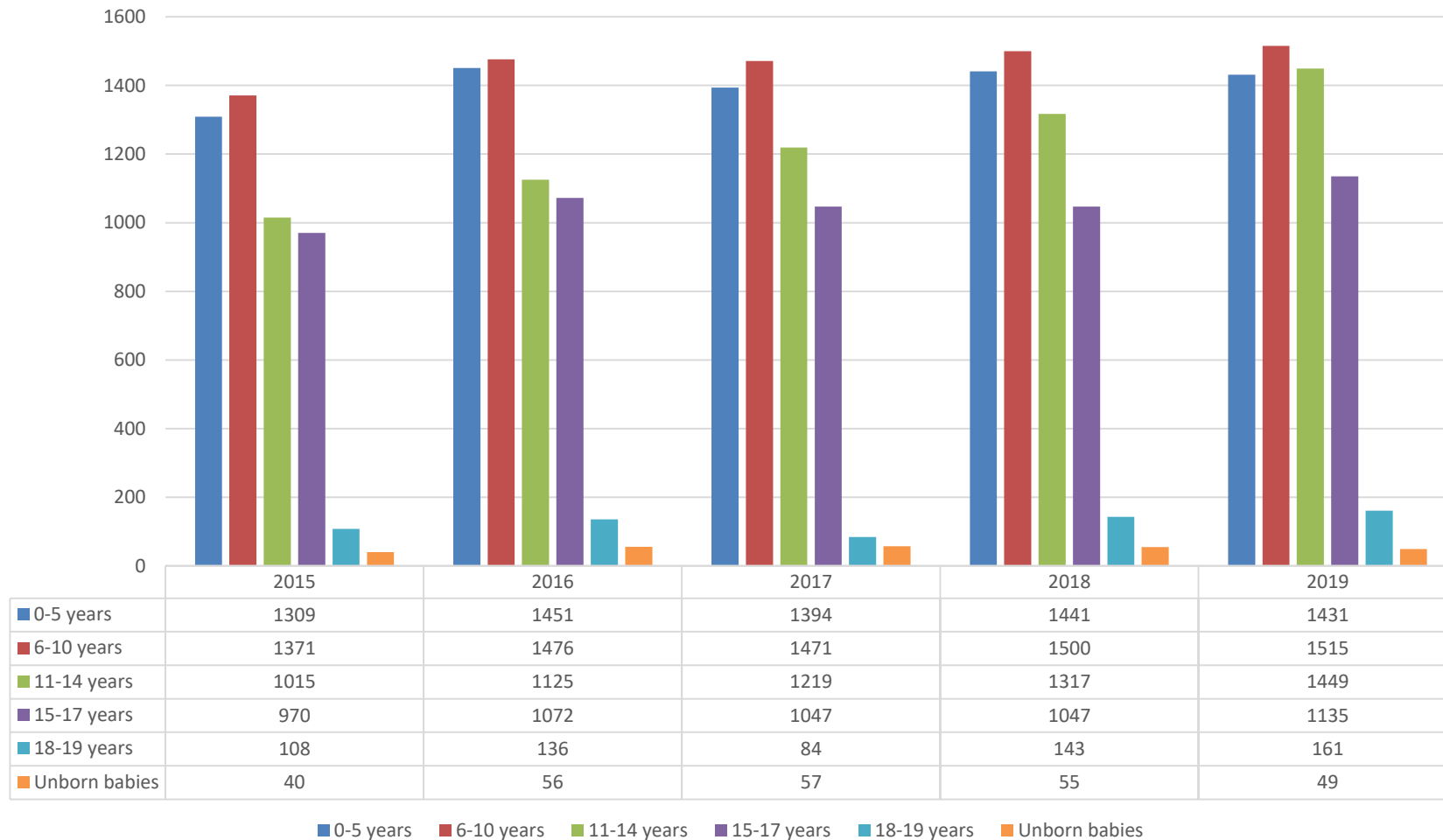


Number of children subject of report and investigation*



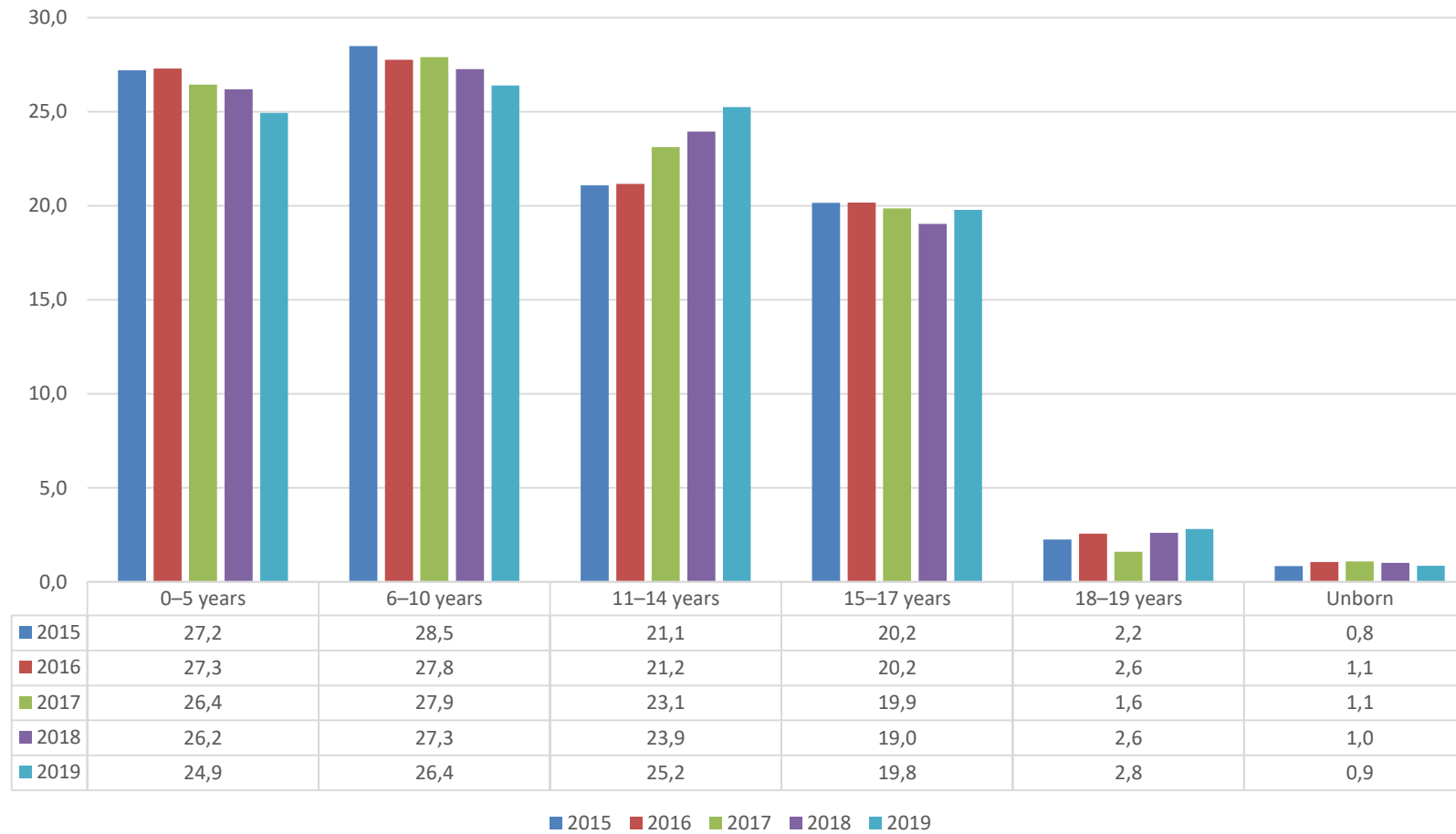
*67-69% children who have been subject of report become subject of investigation and thereby a case.

Number of cases, by age and year

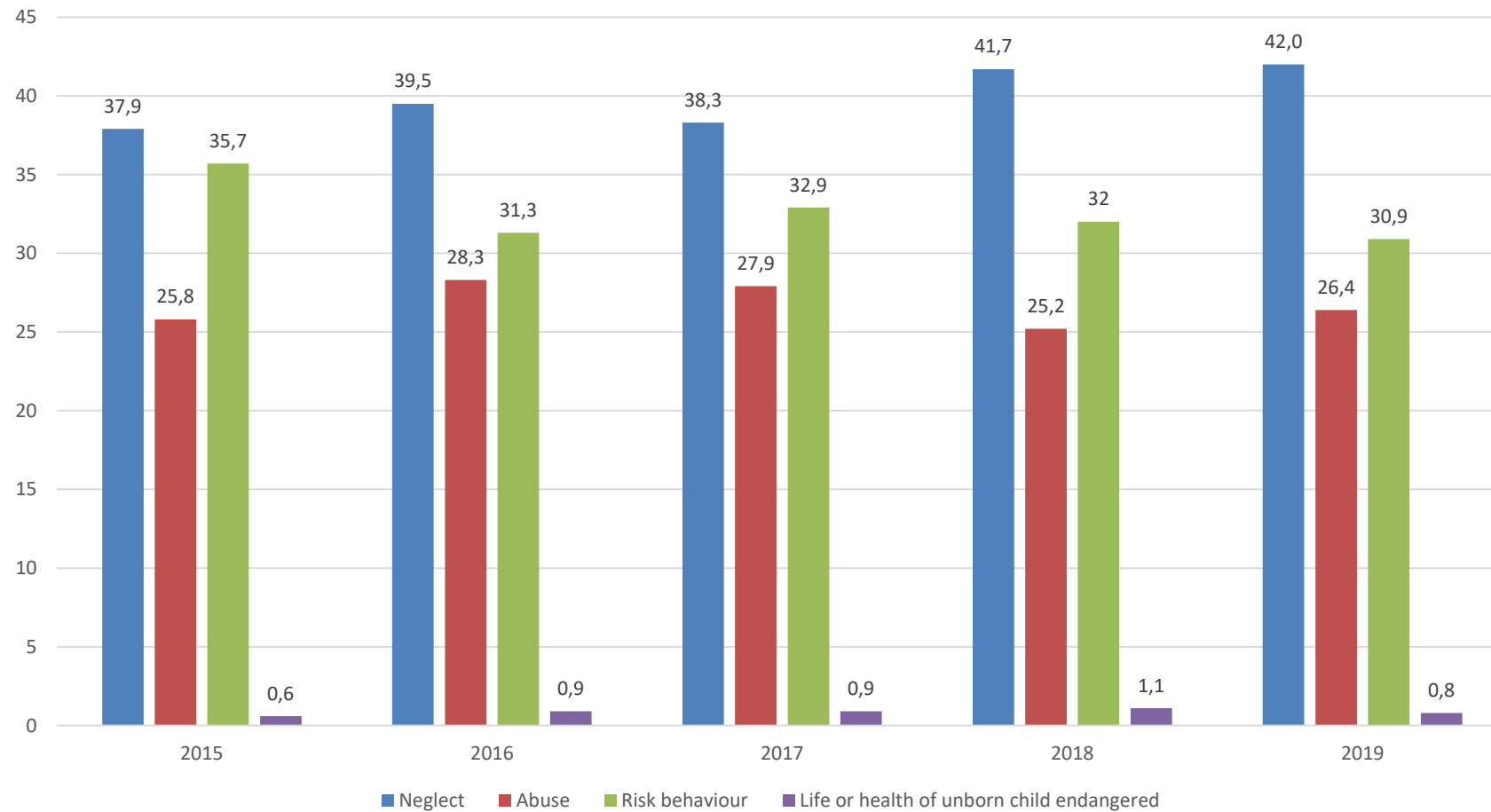


Proportion of cases, by age

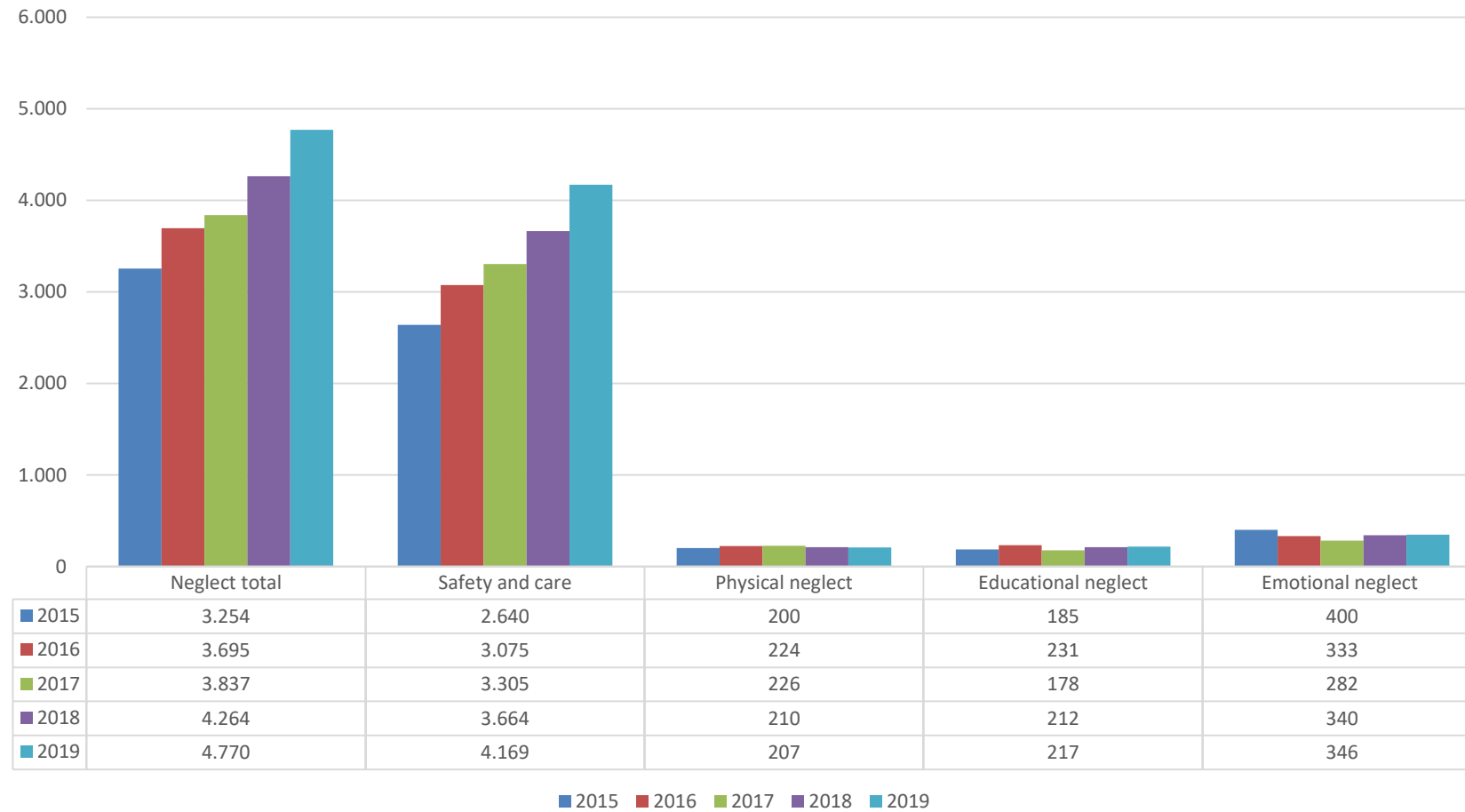
Proportion of cases, by age



Reason given for reporting (%)

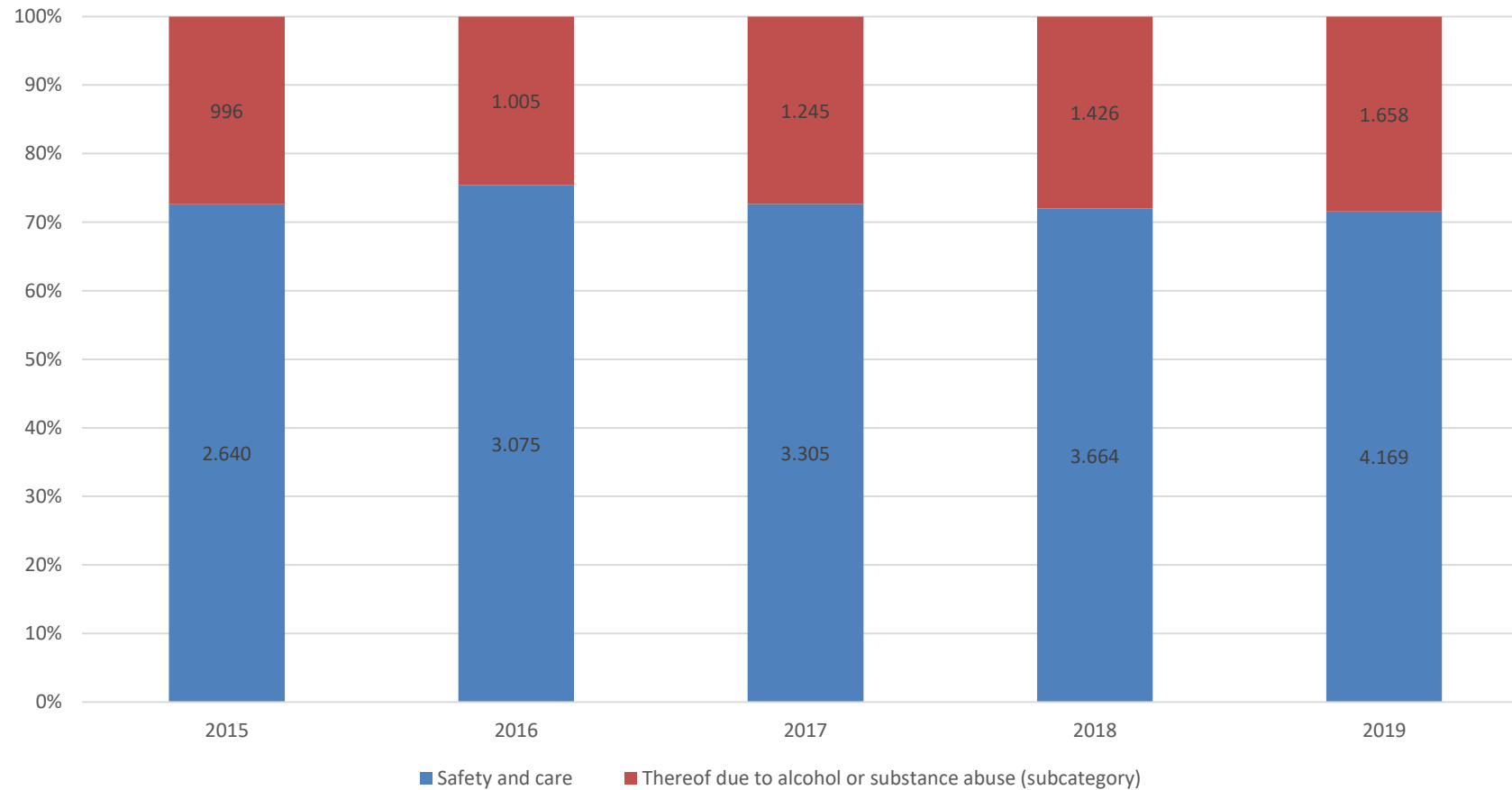


Neglect – total and subcategories*



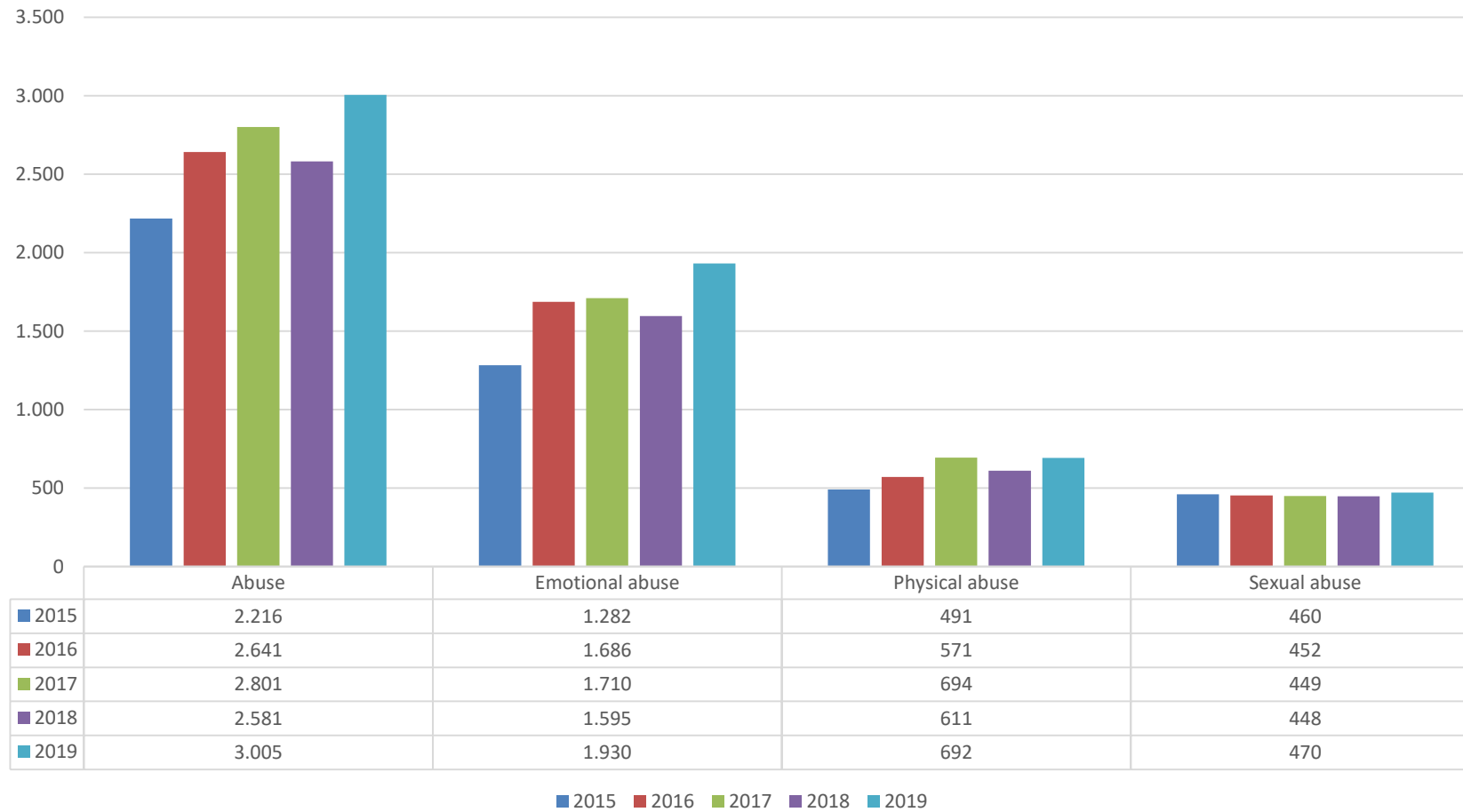
*A report may fall in more than one subcategory. The sum of subcategories may thus exceed the total count of reports due to neglect.

Neglect – safety and care subcategory



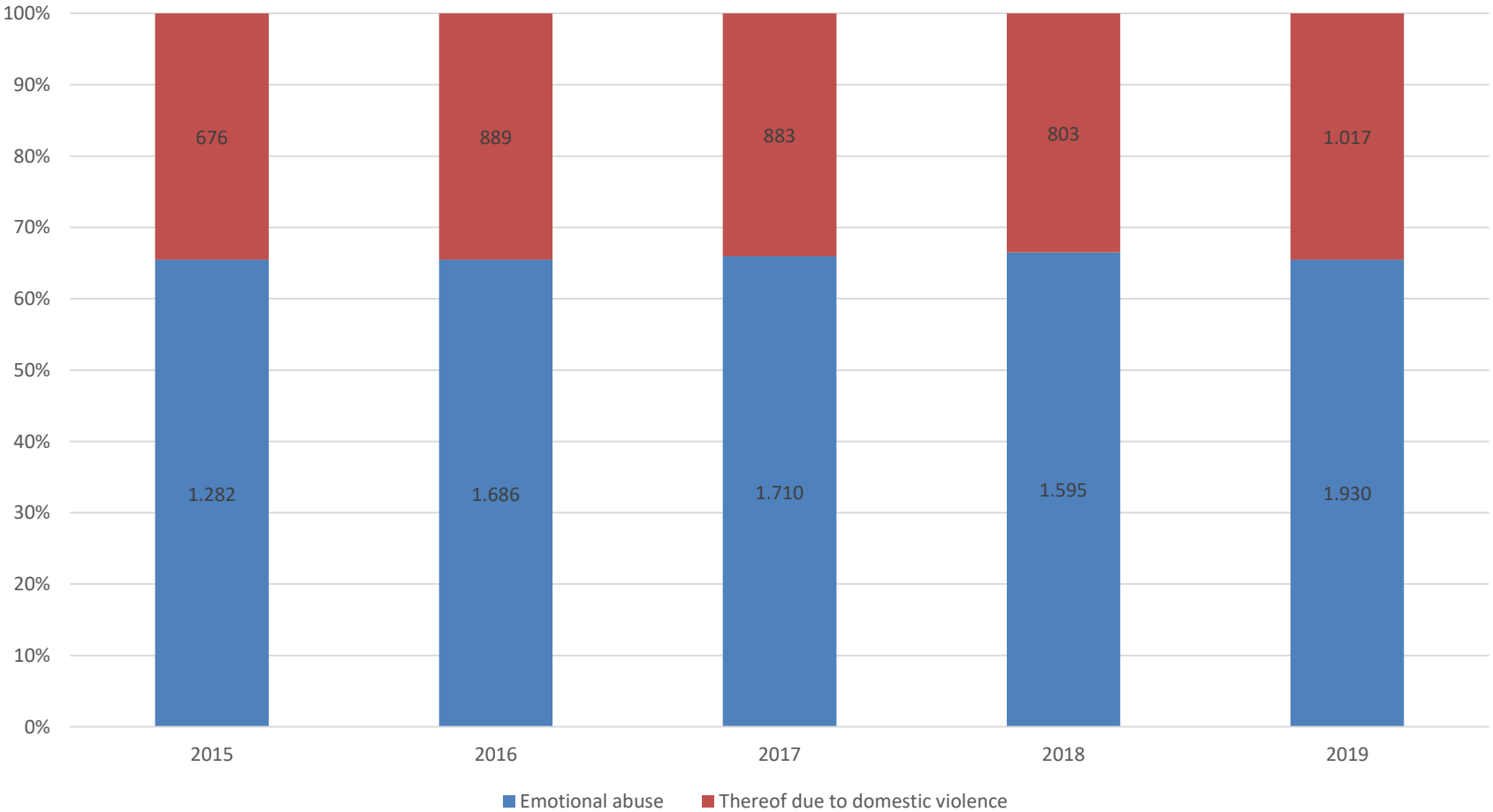
25-30% of reports that fall into the *safety and care* subcategory are due to a parent's alcohol and/or substance abuse

Abuse – total and subcategories*



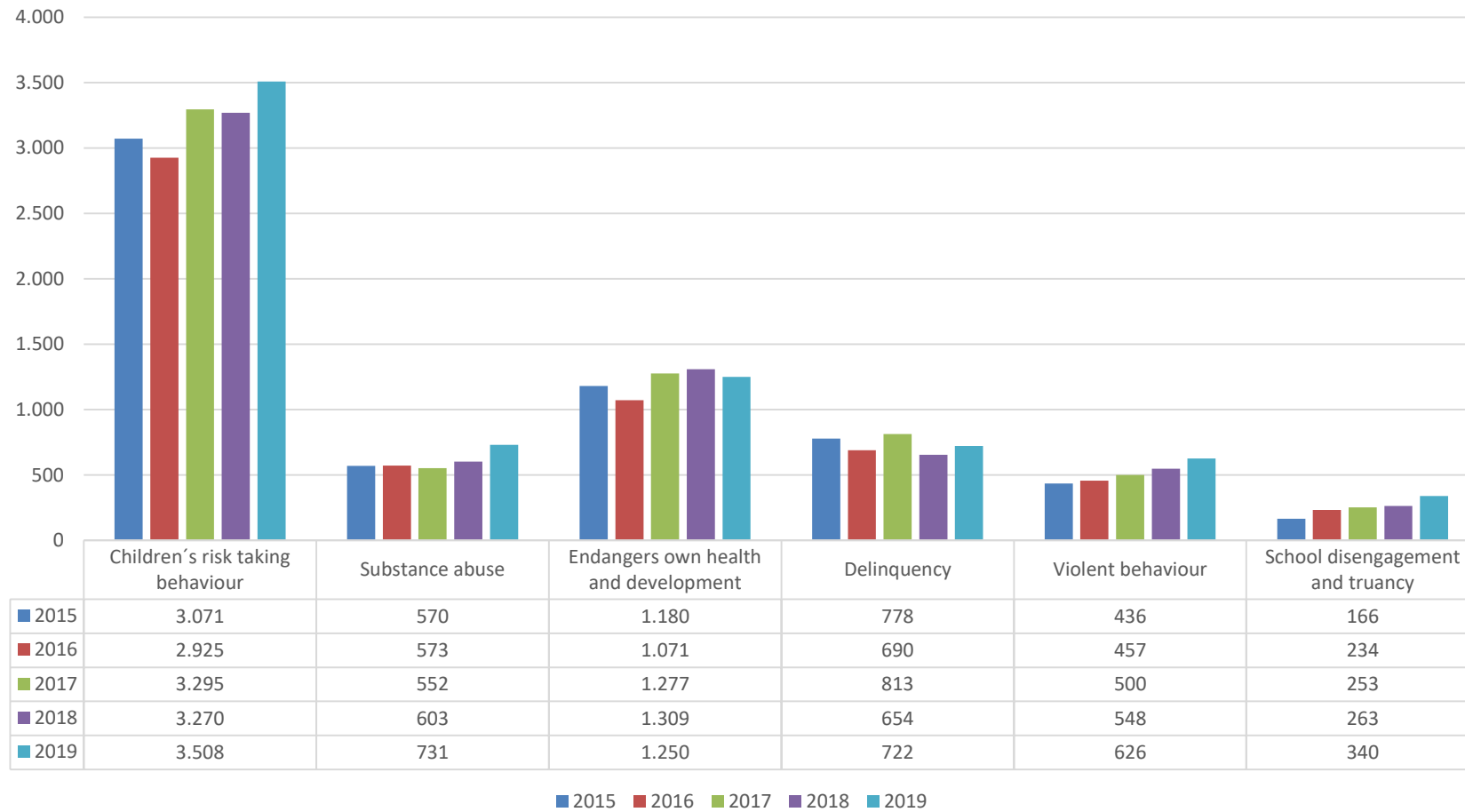
*A report may fall in more than one subcategory. The sum of subcategories may thus exceed the total count of reports due to abuse.

Abuse – emotional abuse subcategory



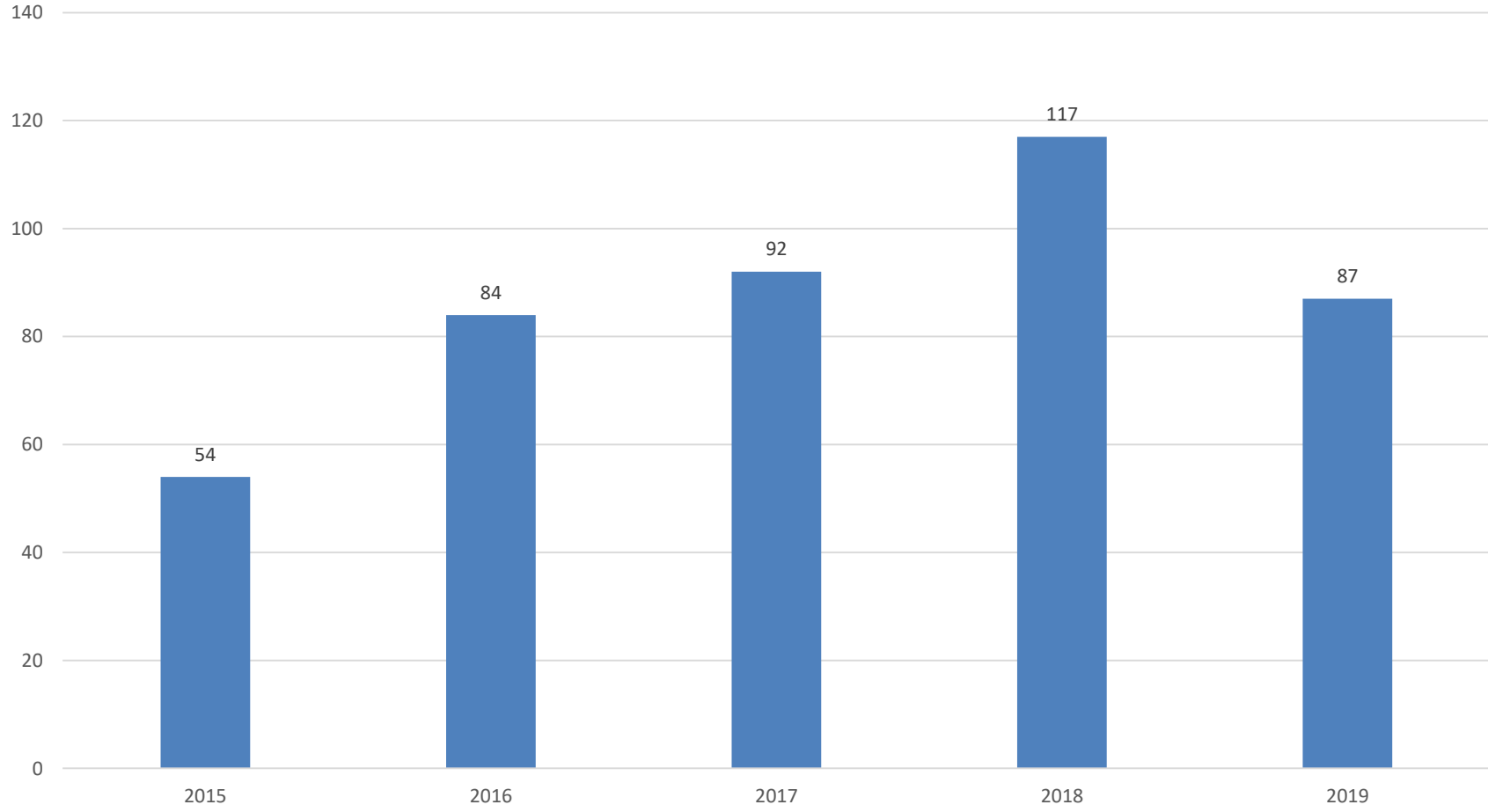
Roughly 35% of reports that fall into the *emotional abuse* subcategory are due to domestic violence

Children's risk taking behaviour – total and subcategories*

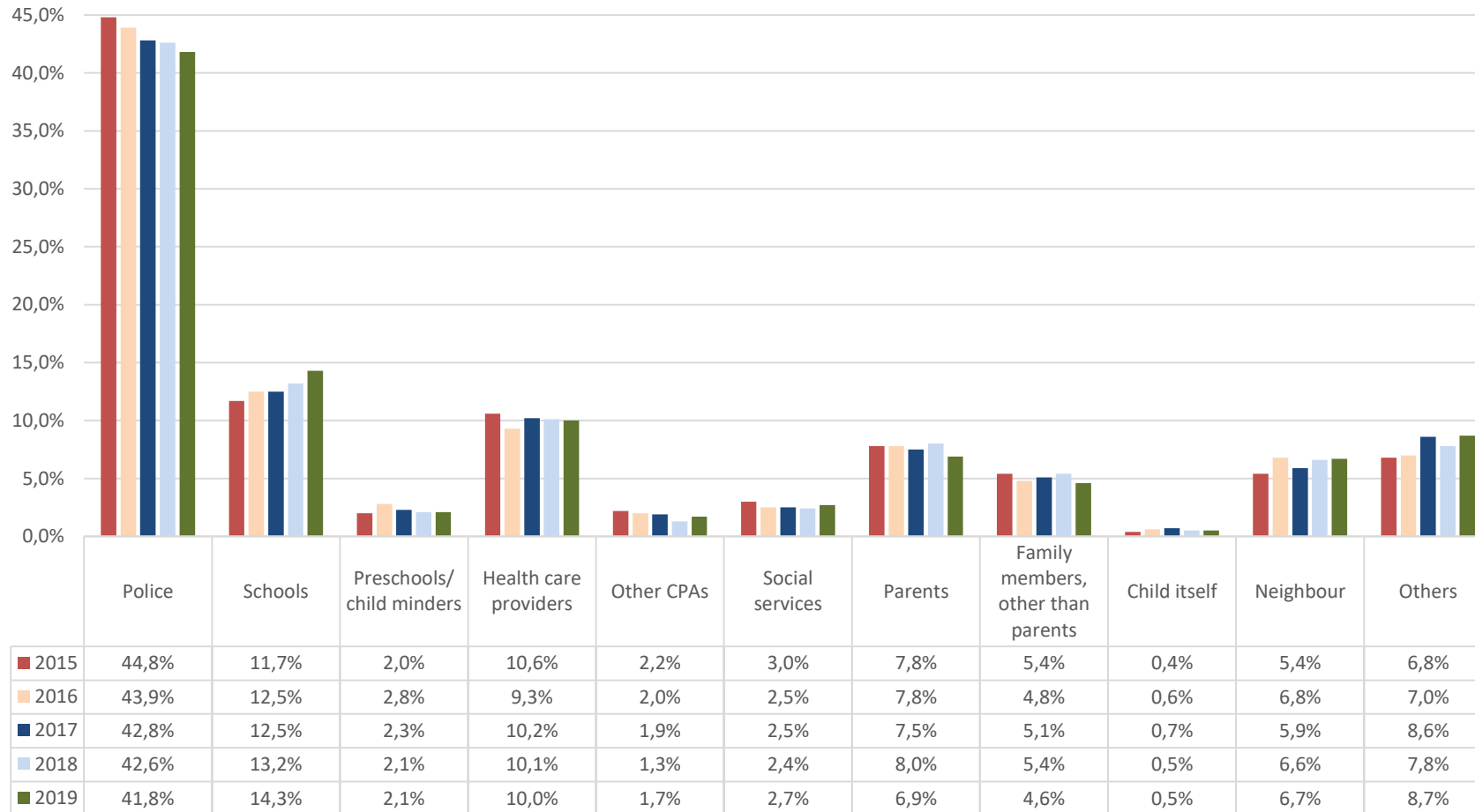


*A report may fall in more than one subcategory. The sum of subcategories may thus exceed the total count of reports due to children's risk taking behaviour.

Health or the life of an unborn child is endangered



Who reports?



Children of foreign background¹

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	%	%	%	%	%
Proportion of cases where the child was of foreign background ¹	19,9	21	22,1	21,5	22,7
Proportion of children of foreign background in Iceland ²	18	18,7	19,6	20,6	21,5

- **¹Foreign background:** children who are first or second generation immigrants or of mixed parentage
- **²Total numbers:** Based on official numbers from Statistics Iceland (Hagstofa Íslands)



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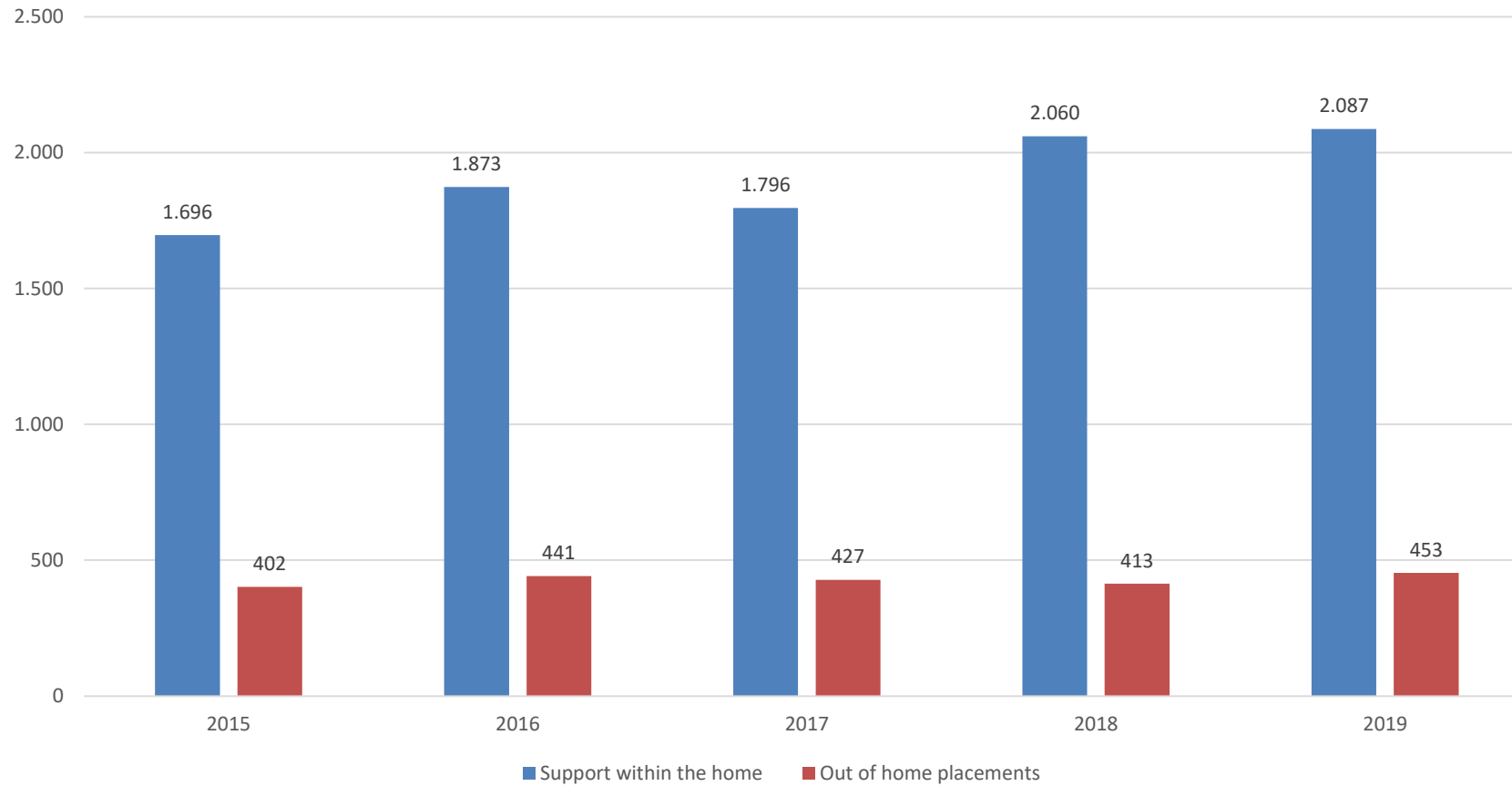
RESOURCES AVAILABLE



Resources

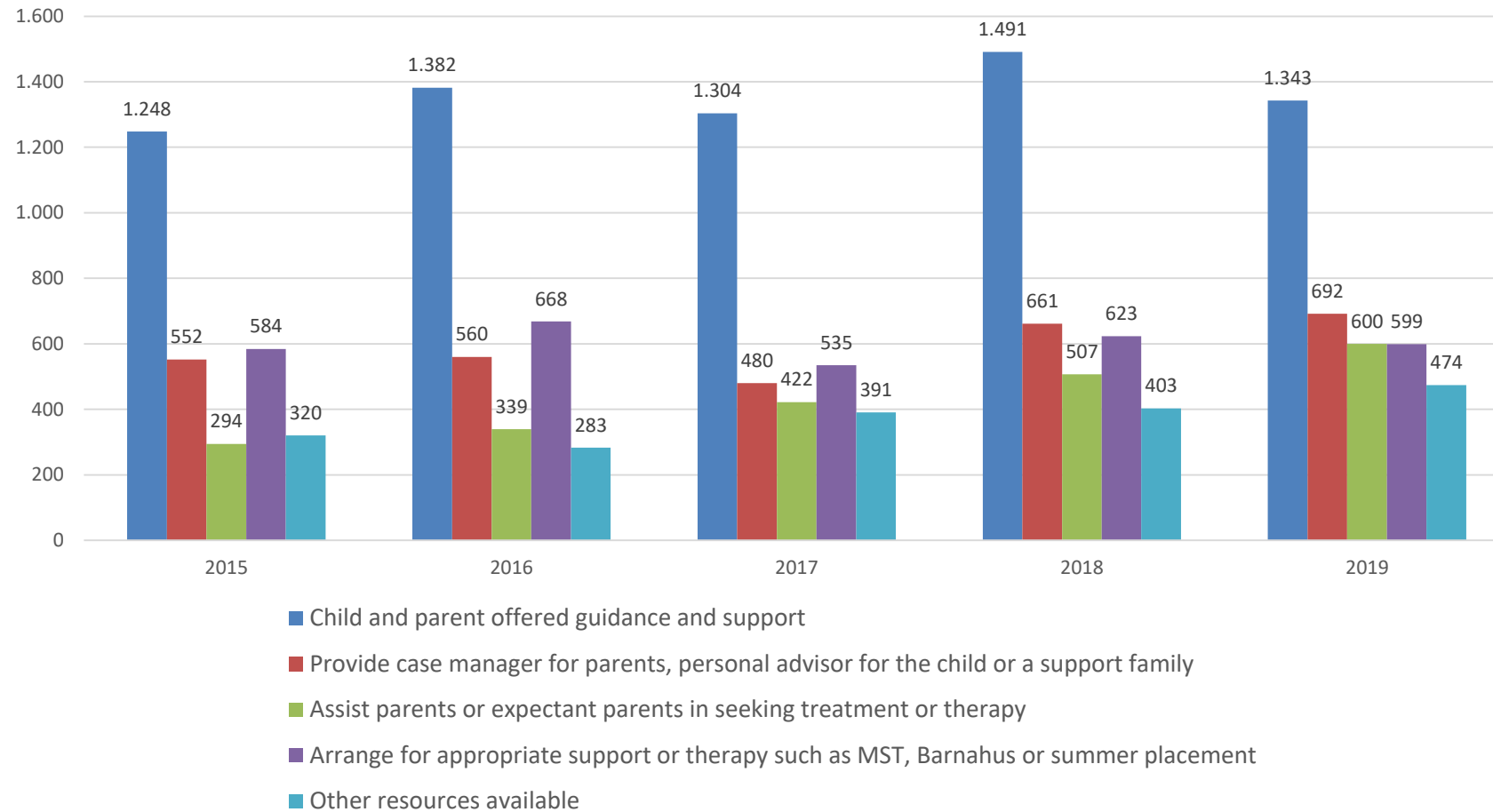
- Following an investigation, there are several resources available to the family if a case has been substantiated
- Depending on the need, these can take place in the home or result in an out-of-home placement.

CPS' resources*

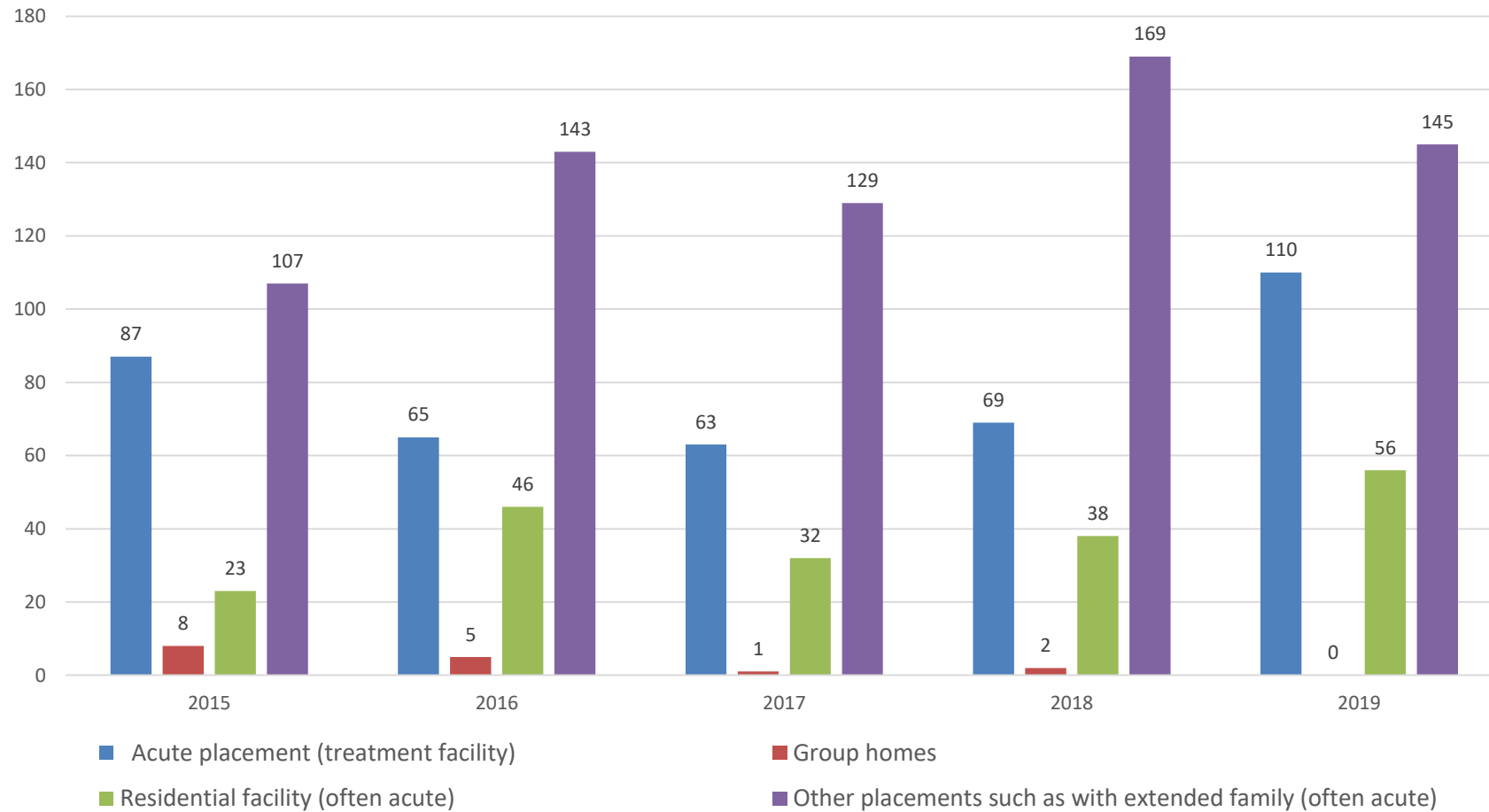


*Number of children either receiving support within the home or have had out of home placement. Out of home placements include foster care or treatment facilities.

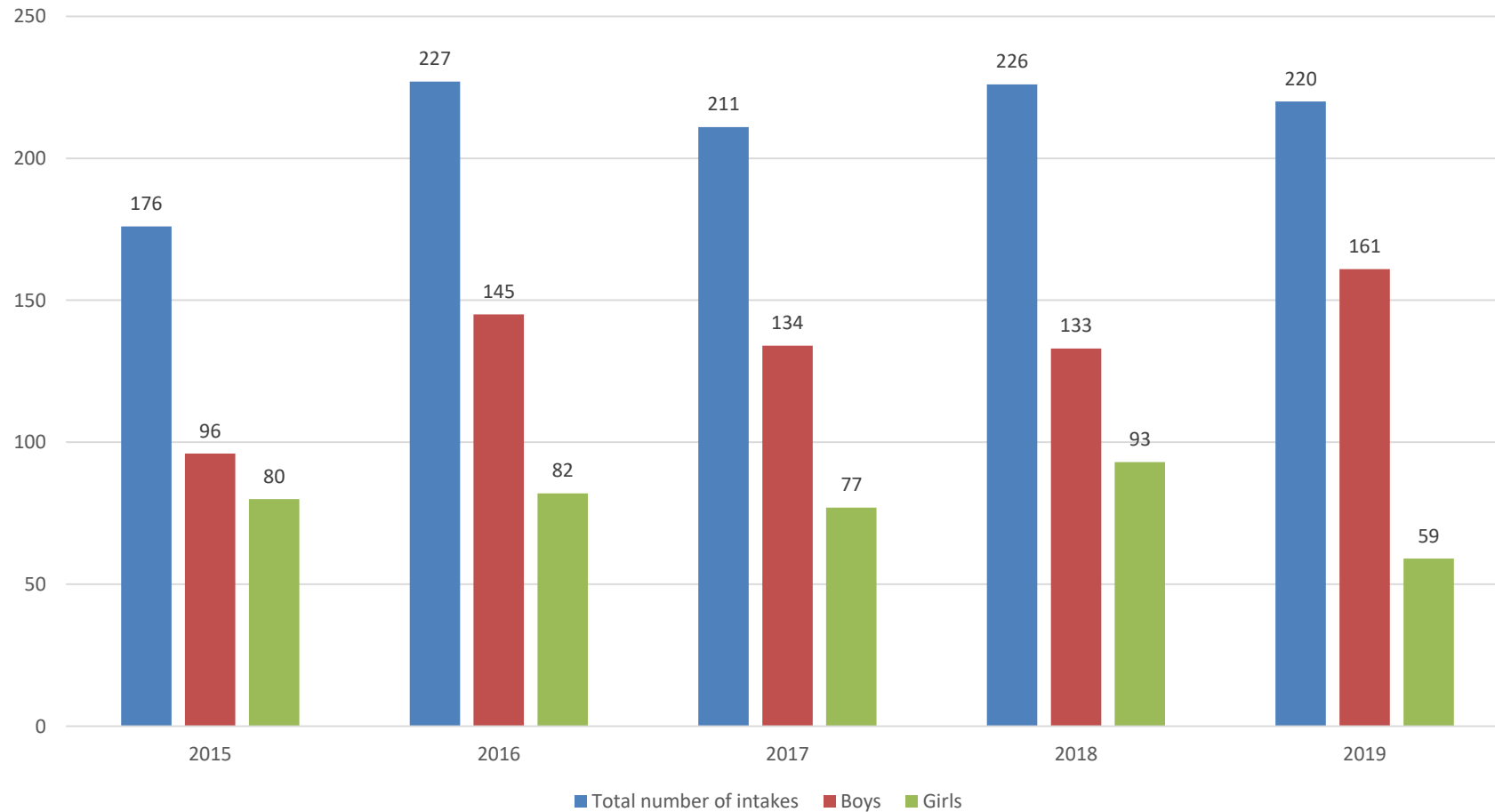
CPS' resources - Support within the home



CPS' resources – out-of-home placements

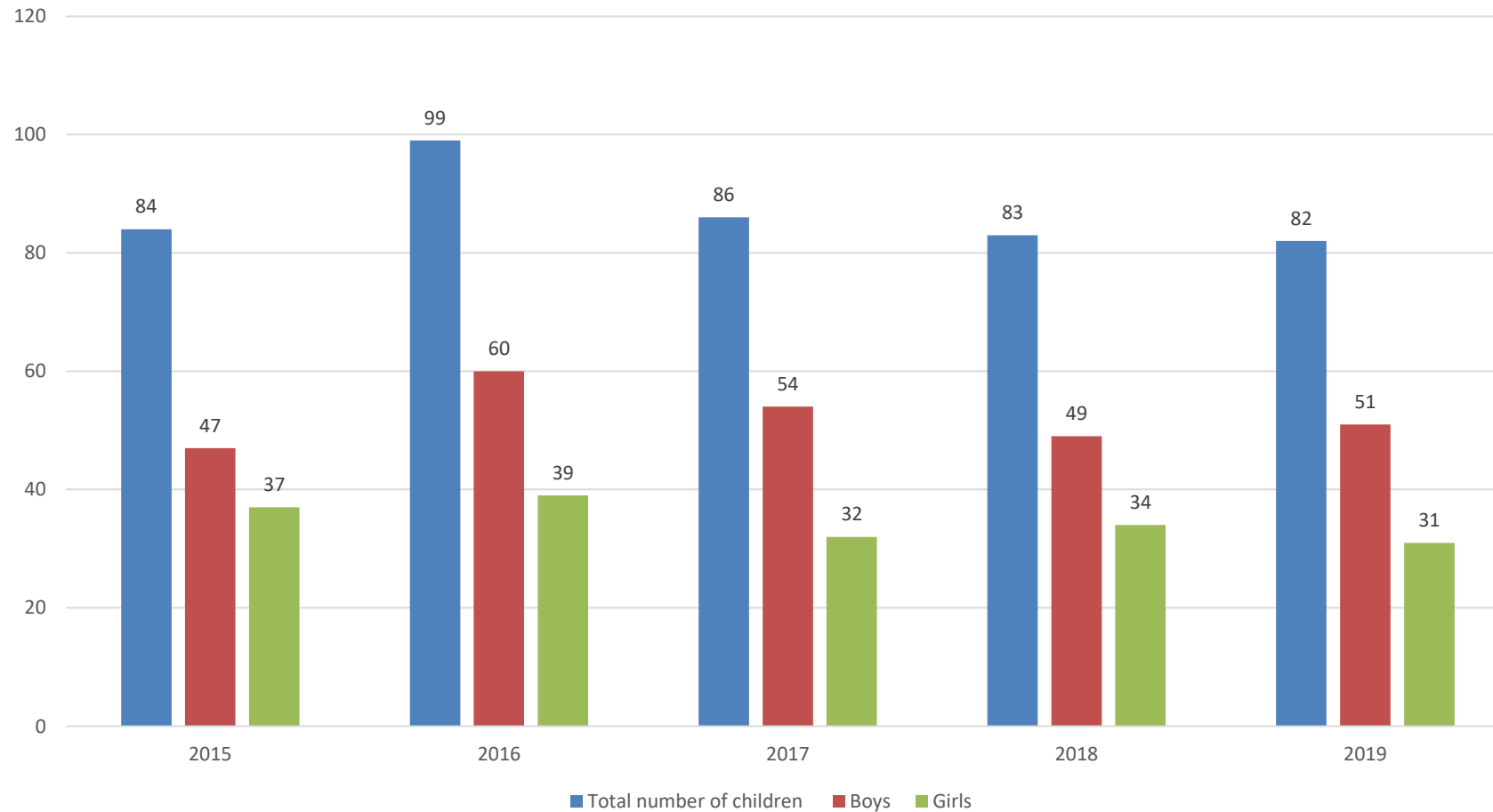


Studlar – Acute center (14 days max.) Number of intakes

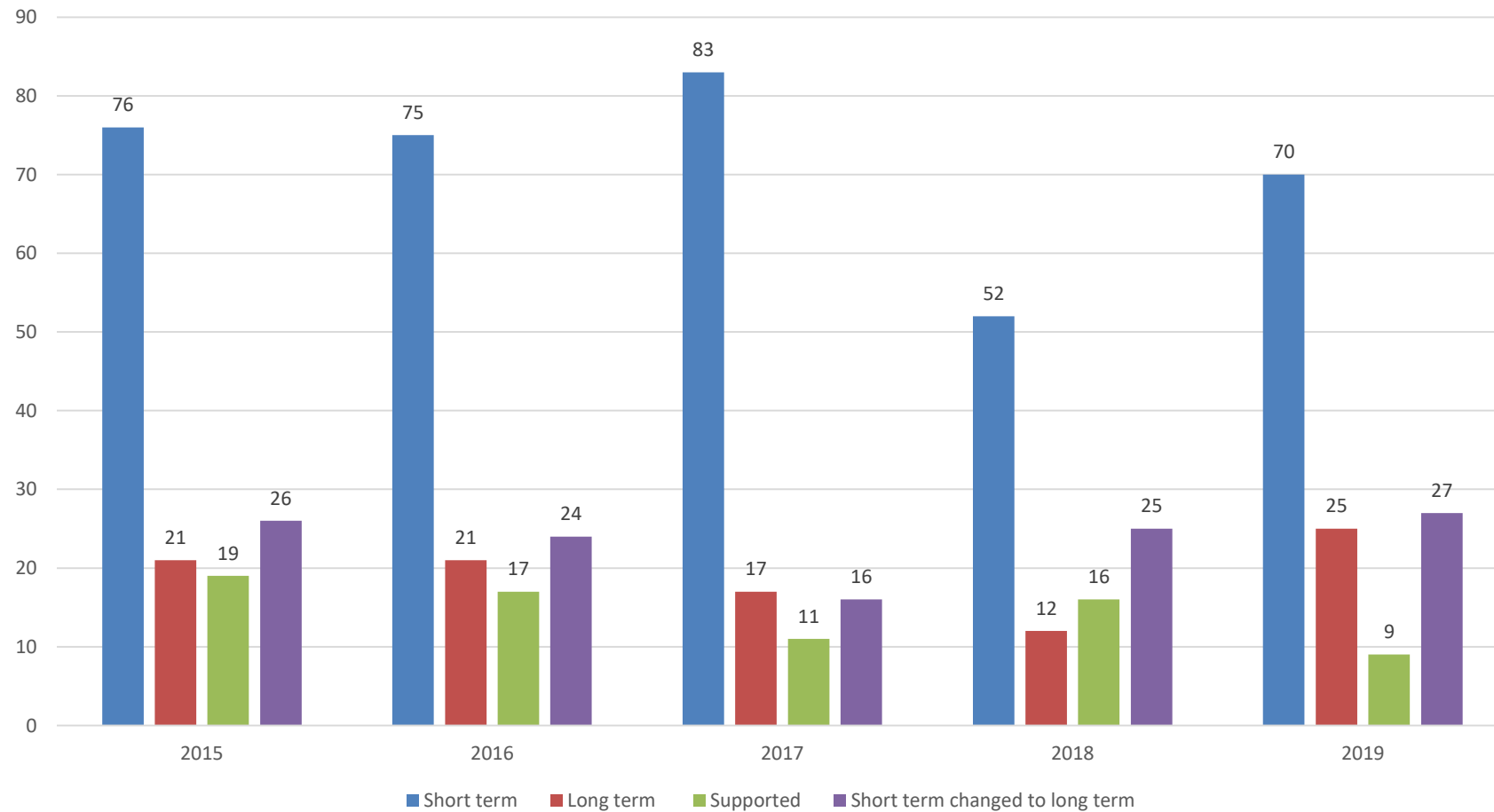


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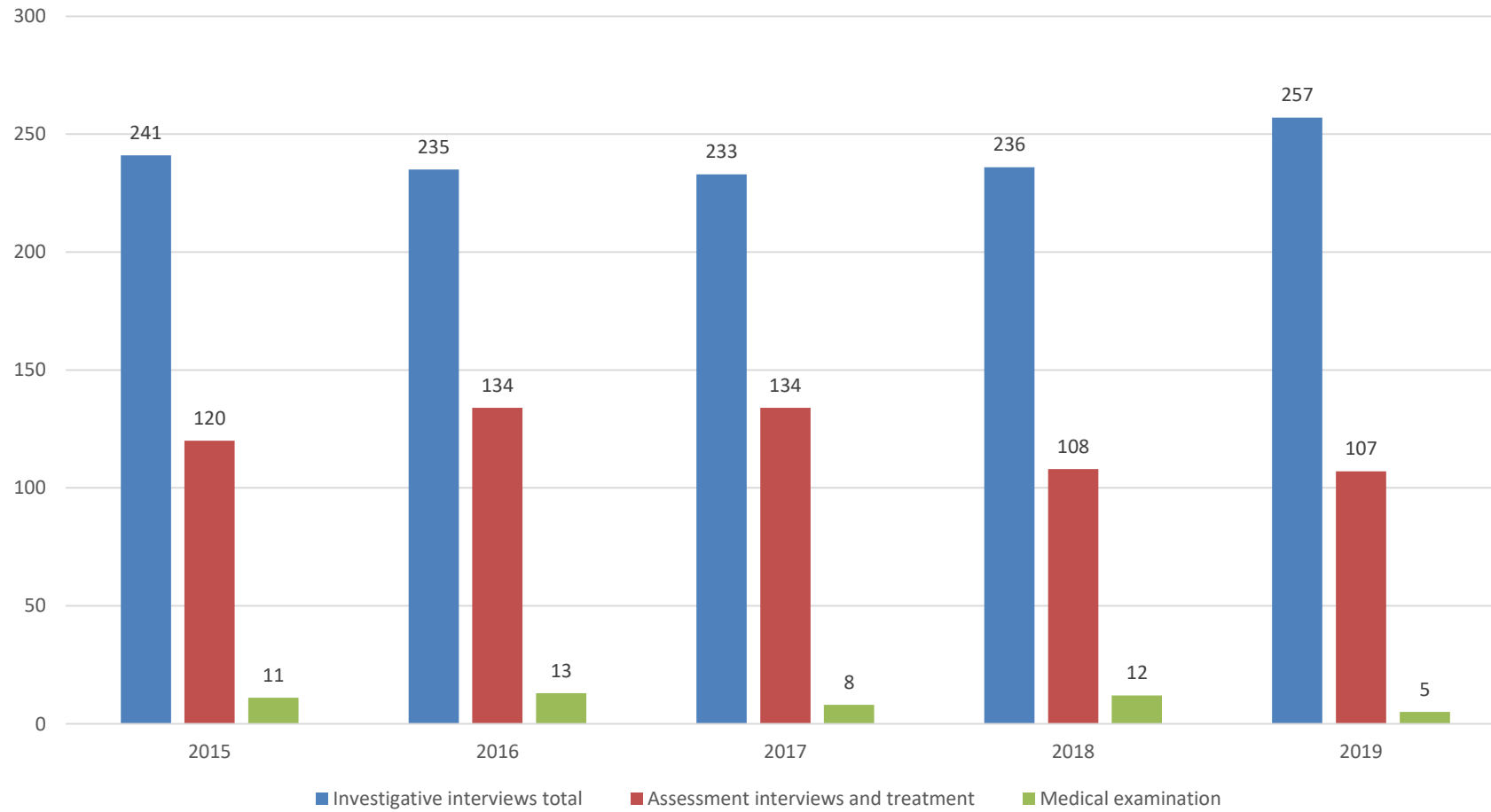
Total number of children



Placements in foster care within a respective year (number of children)



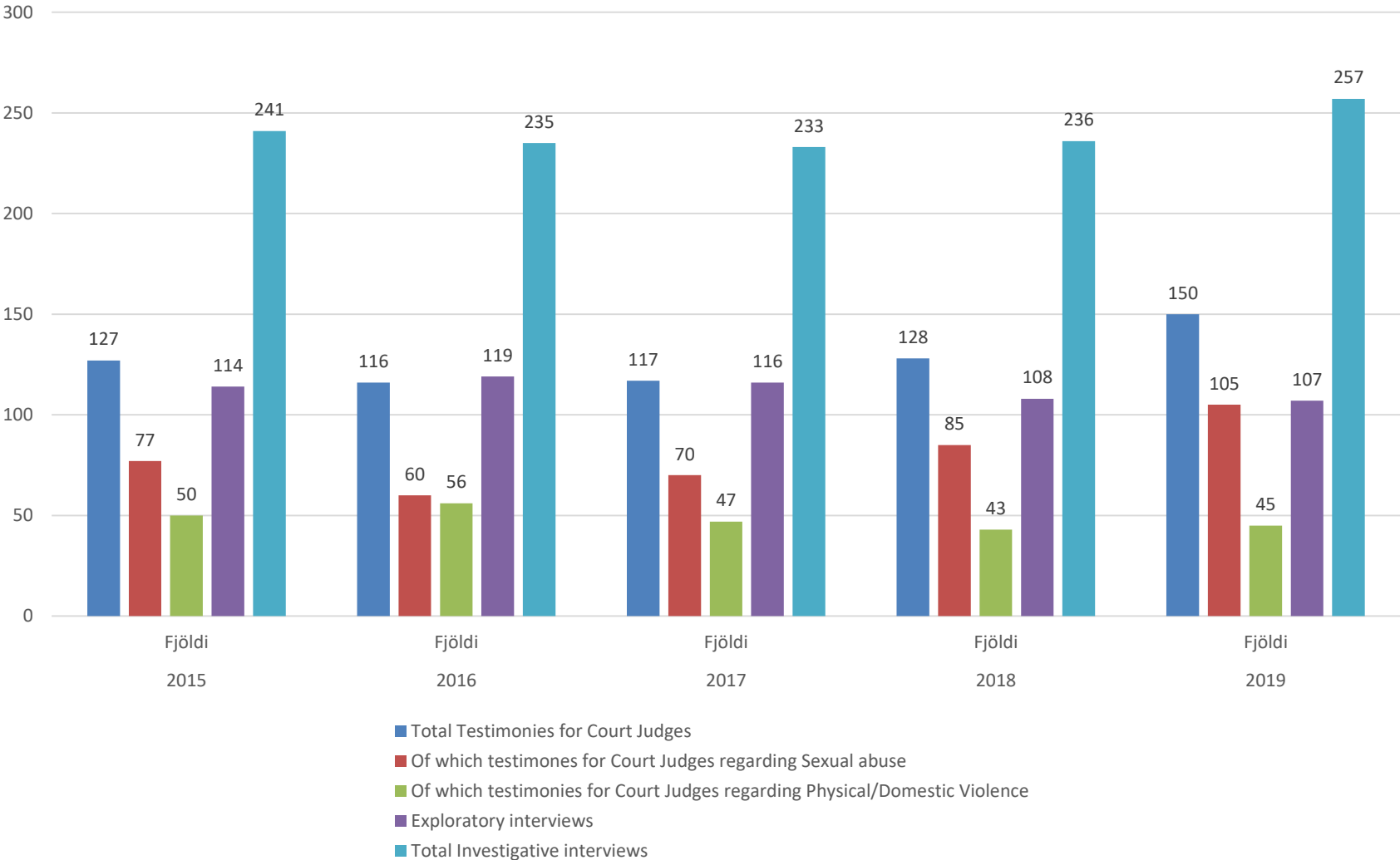
Barnahus - overview



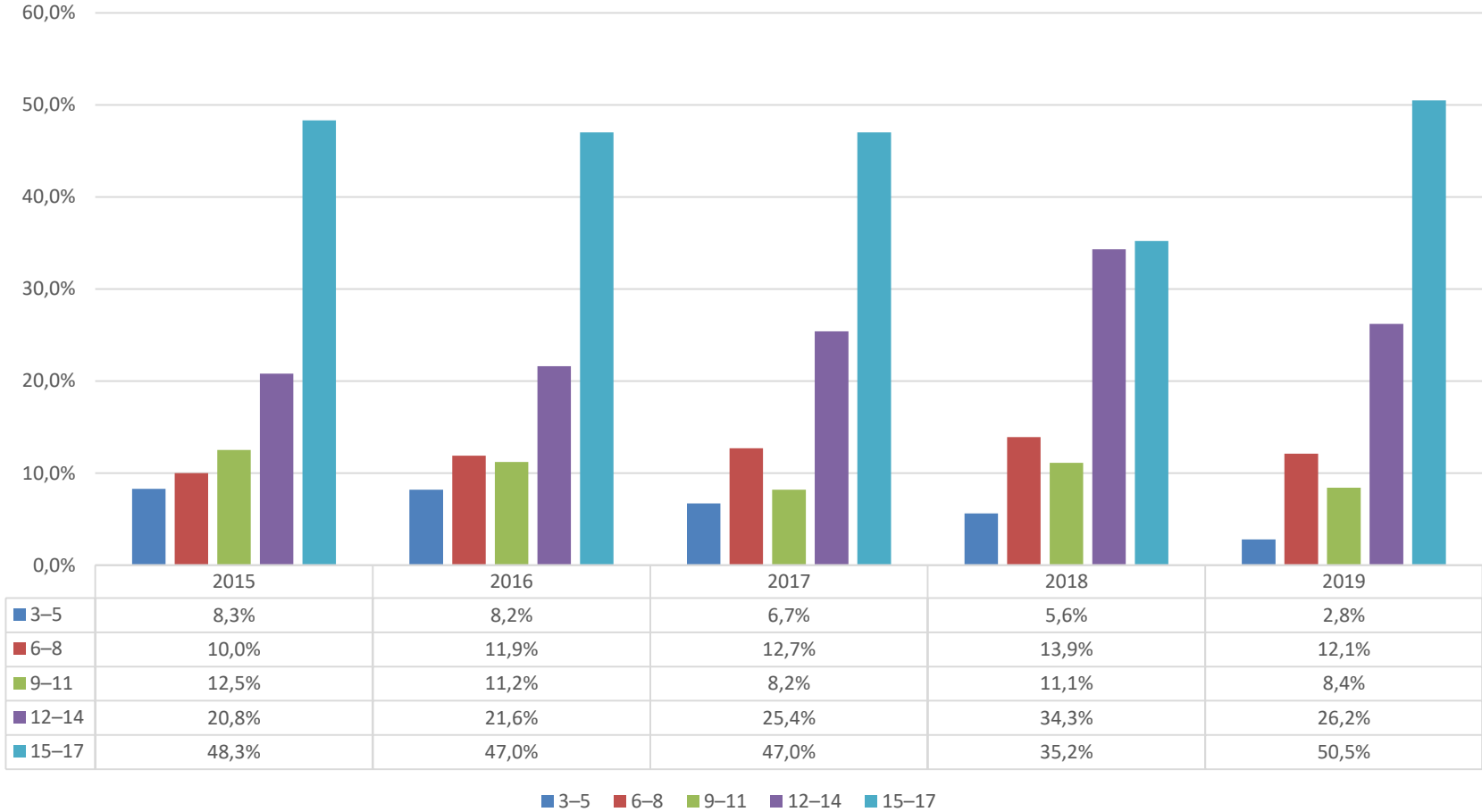
Barnahus: Investigative interviews

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	Fjöldi	Fjöldi	Fjöldi	Fjöldi	Fjöldi
Total Testimonies for Court Judges	127	116	117	128	150
<i>Of which testimonies for Court Judges regarding Sexual abuse</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>105</i>
<i>Of which testimonies for Court Judges regarding Physical/Domestic Violence</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>45</i>
Exploratory interviews	114	119	116	108	107
Total Investigative interviews	241	235	233	236	257

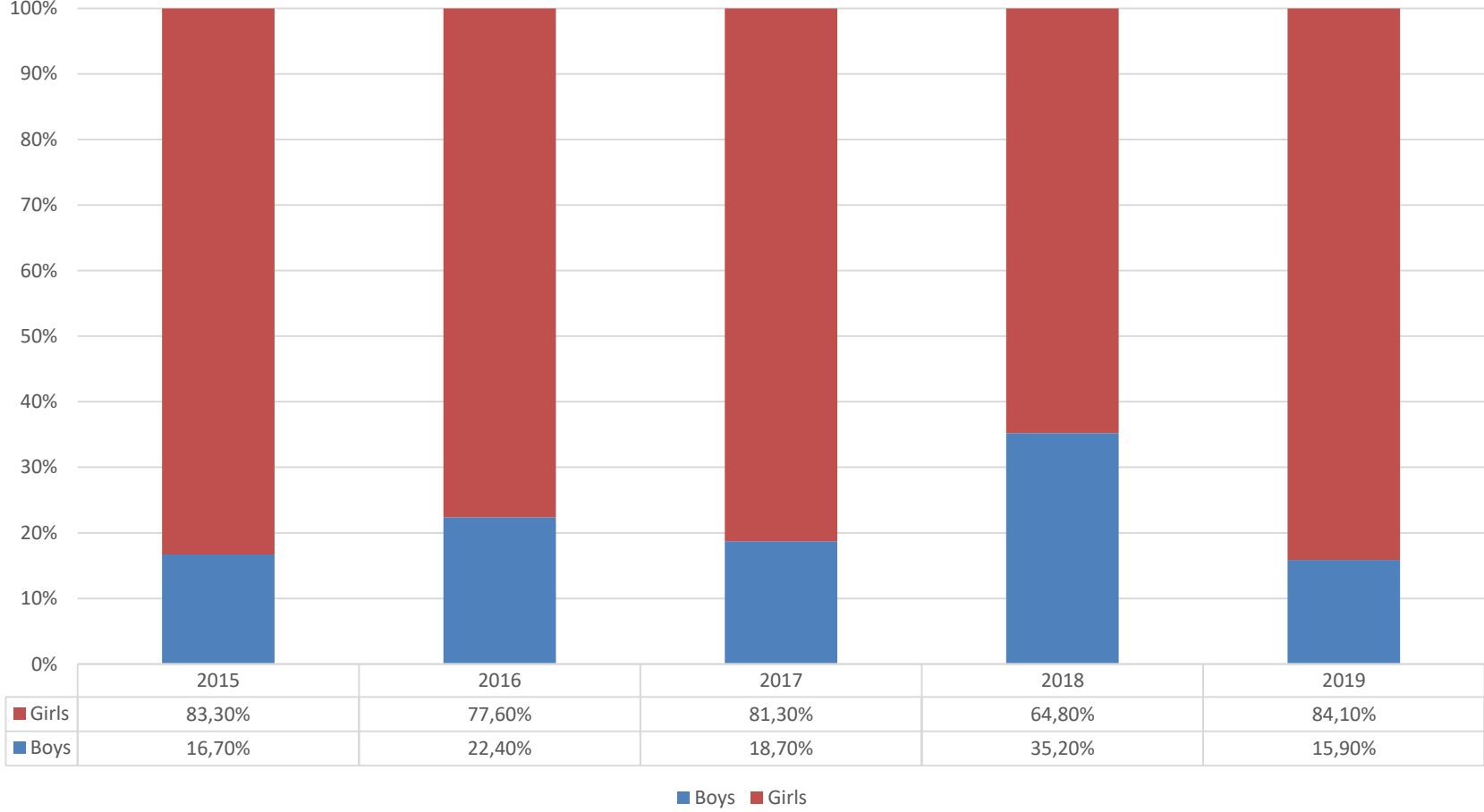
Barnahus: Investigative interviews



Children receiving therapy at Barnahus, by age



Children receiving therapy at Barnahus, by gender



Children of foreign background¹

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	%	%	%	%	%
Proportion of applications for specialised service where the child was of foreign background ²	6,9	9,7	11,3	12,1	10,4
Proportion of applications for a fosterparent where the child was of foreign background	14,3	13,4	20,5	23,3	27,0
Proportion of children of foreign background in Iceland ³	18,0	18,7	19,6	20,6	21,5

- **¹Foreign background:** children who are first or second generation immigrants or of mixed parentage
- **²Specialised service:** Multisystemic therapy (MST) or treatment facilities for children and youth.
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Further information

- [Child Protection in Iceland and the role of the Government Agency for Child Protection](#)
- [Children's House - Barnahús](#)