



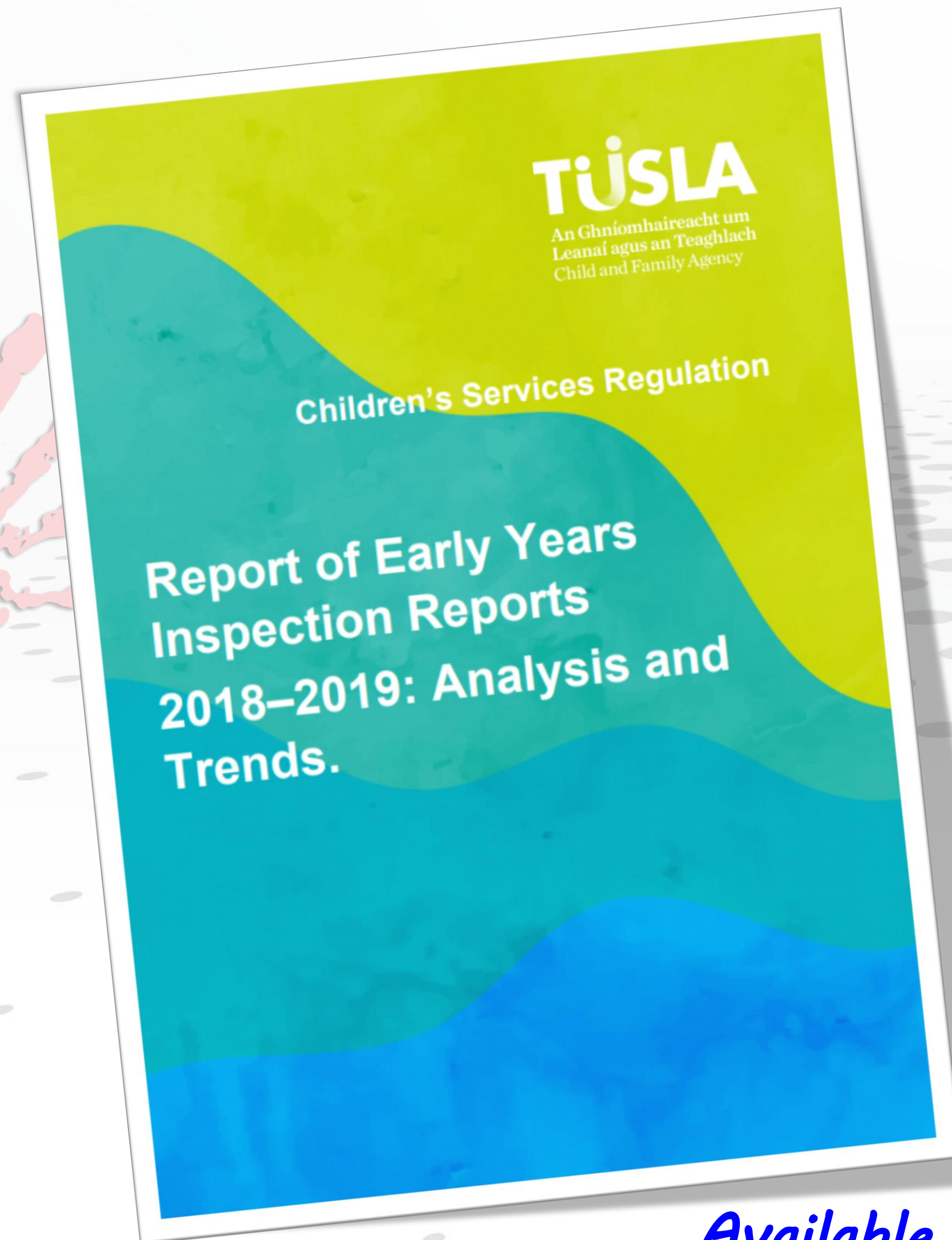
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Analysis of findings from early years inspections



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Analysis of Early Years Inspection Reports and trends




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- About 80 pages
 - Separate analysis for 2018 & 2019
 - Information about compliance according to a wide range of variables
 - Issues arising in noncompliant regs
 - Trends in compliance from 2017-2019
 - Summary report also available

[Available on the Early Years Inspectorate Website](#)


Approach adopted

Aim: Carry out a trend analysis on the findings from Early Years Inspections over a three-year period from January 2017 to December 2019.

Methods: Quantitative and qualitative analysis, data linkage with EYI register

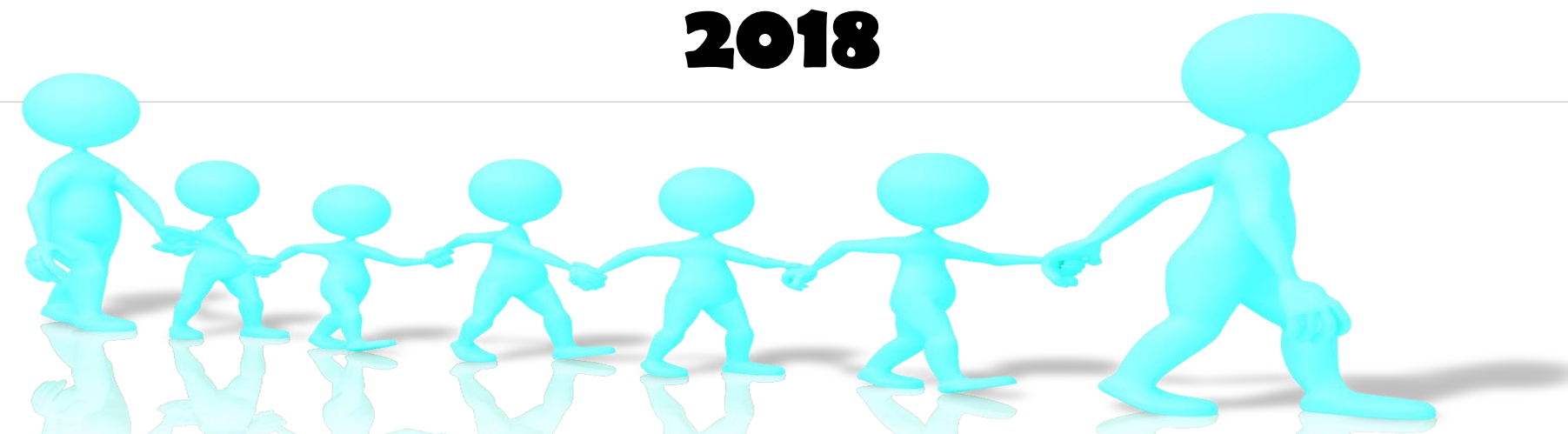
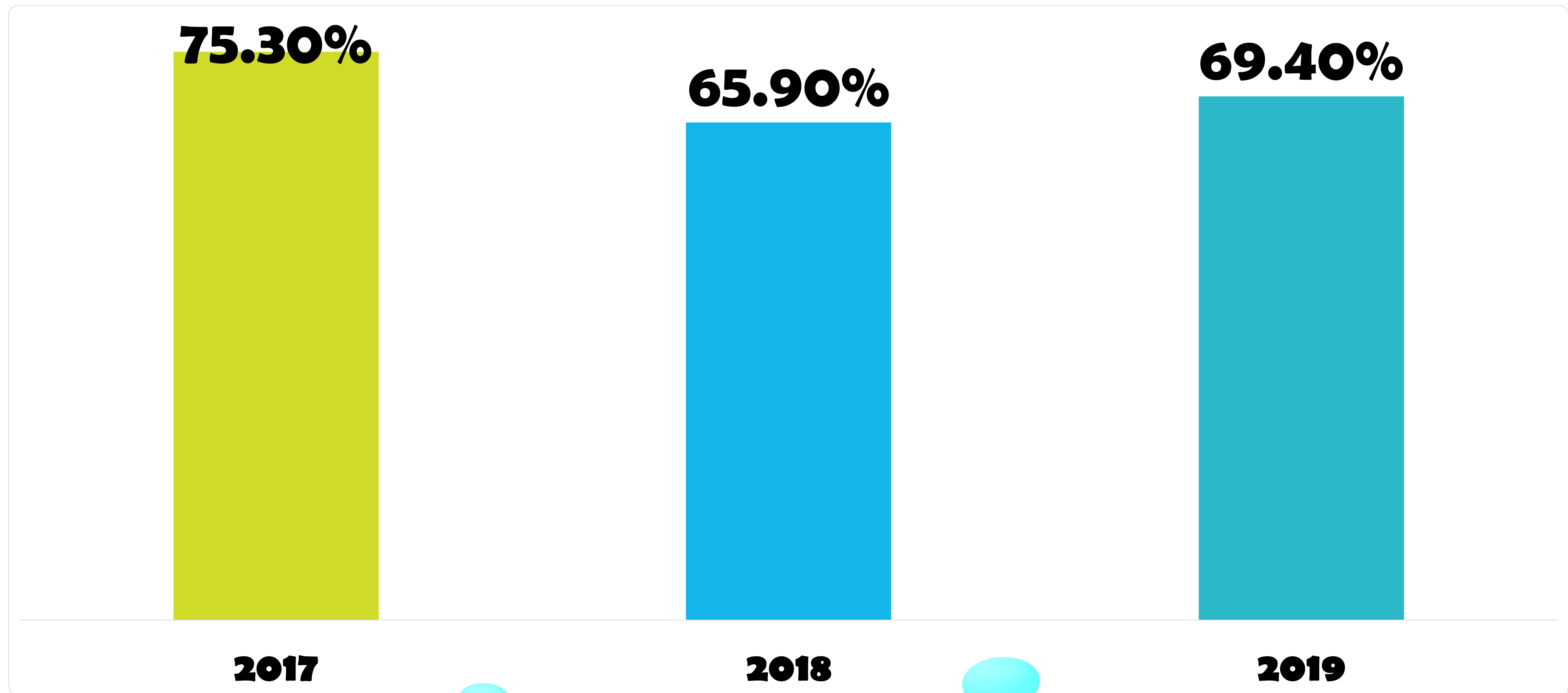


Reports	2017	2018	2019
Number of reports	1563	1557	1389*
Number of regulations	14271	7863	8625

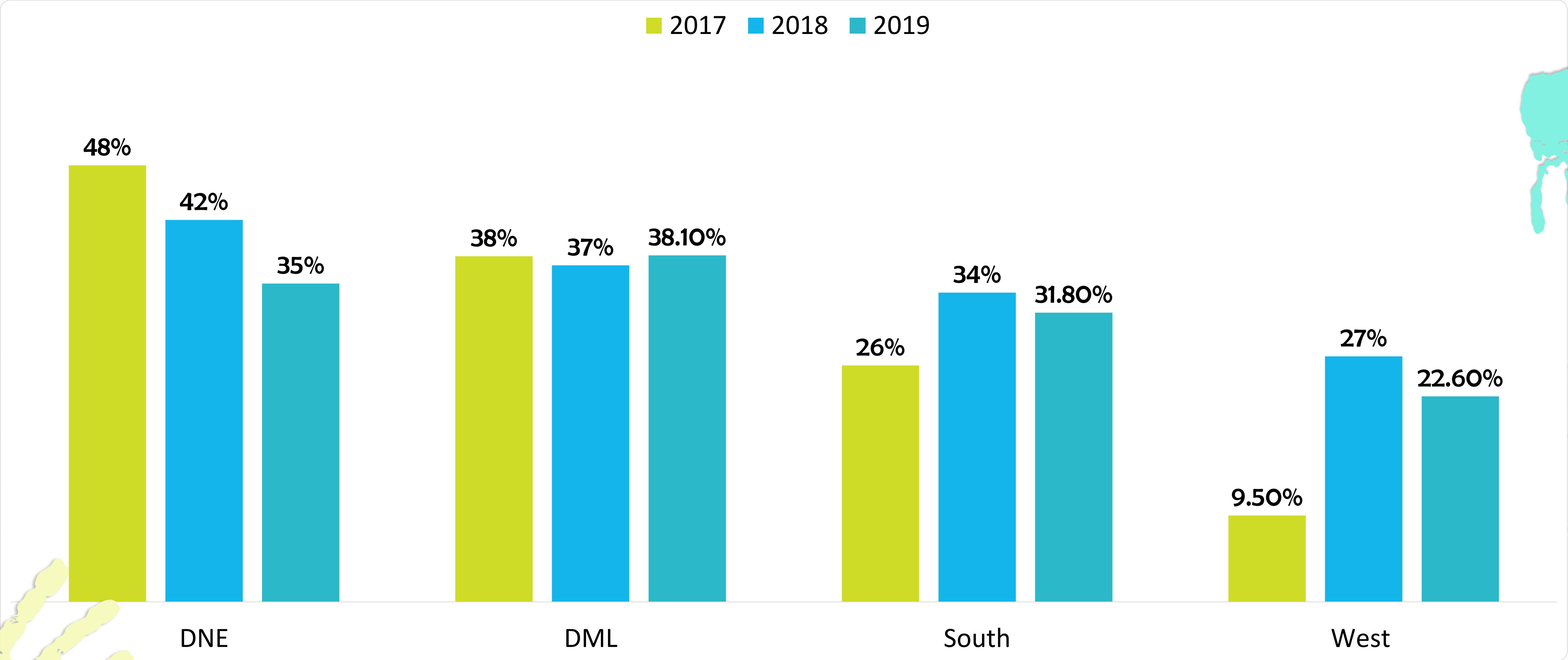


**In 2019, a number of inspection reports documented more than one inspection*

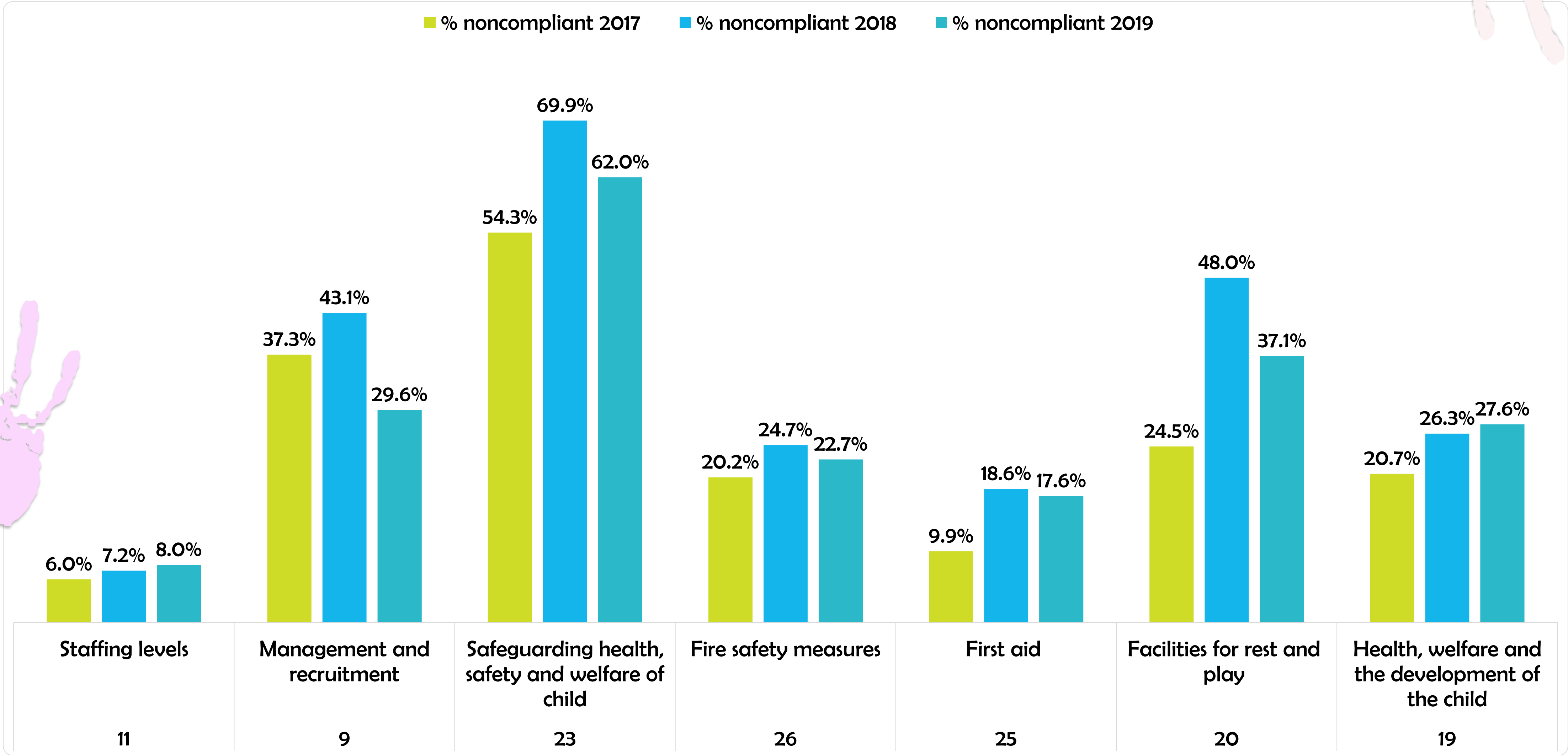
% regulations assessed as compliant



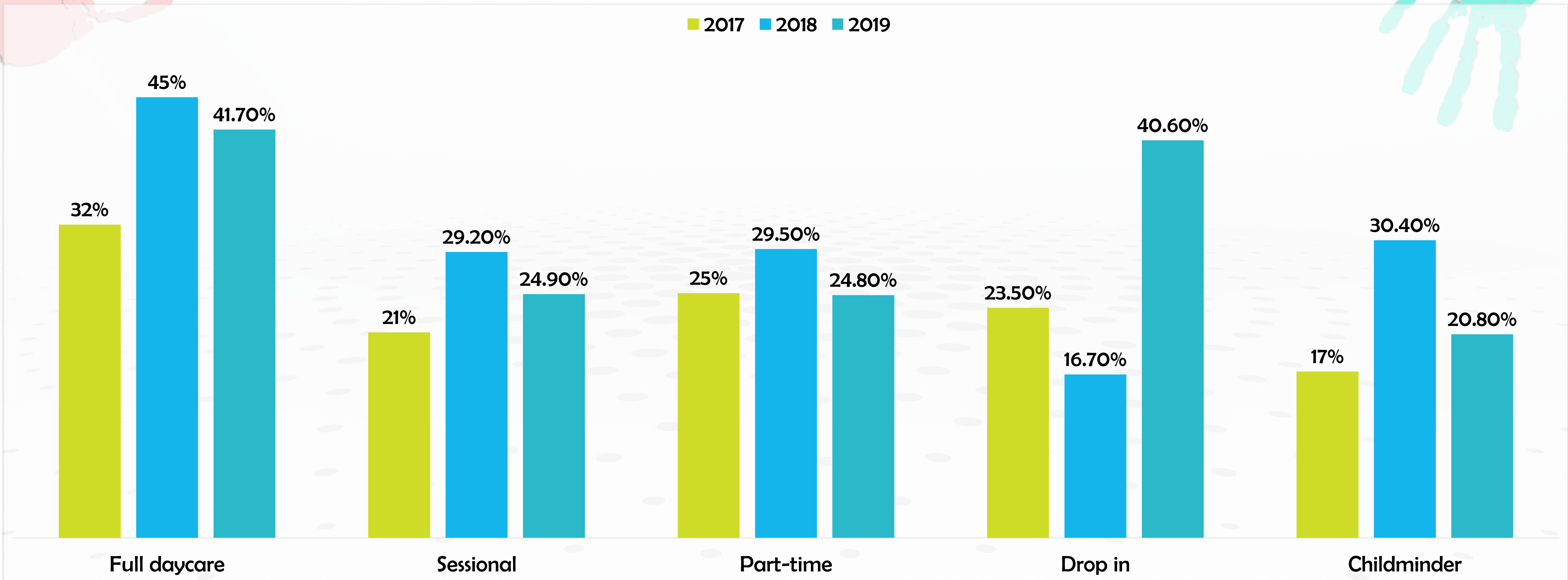
Regional trends for % noncompliant regulations



Noncompliance across the most commonly assessed regulations included in the analysis



% noncompliance by type of service



Notification of incidents



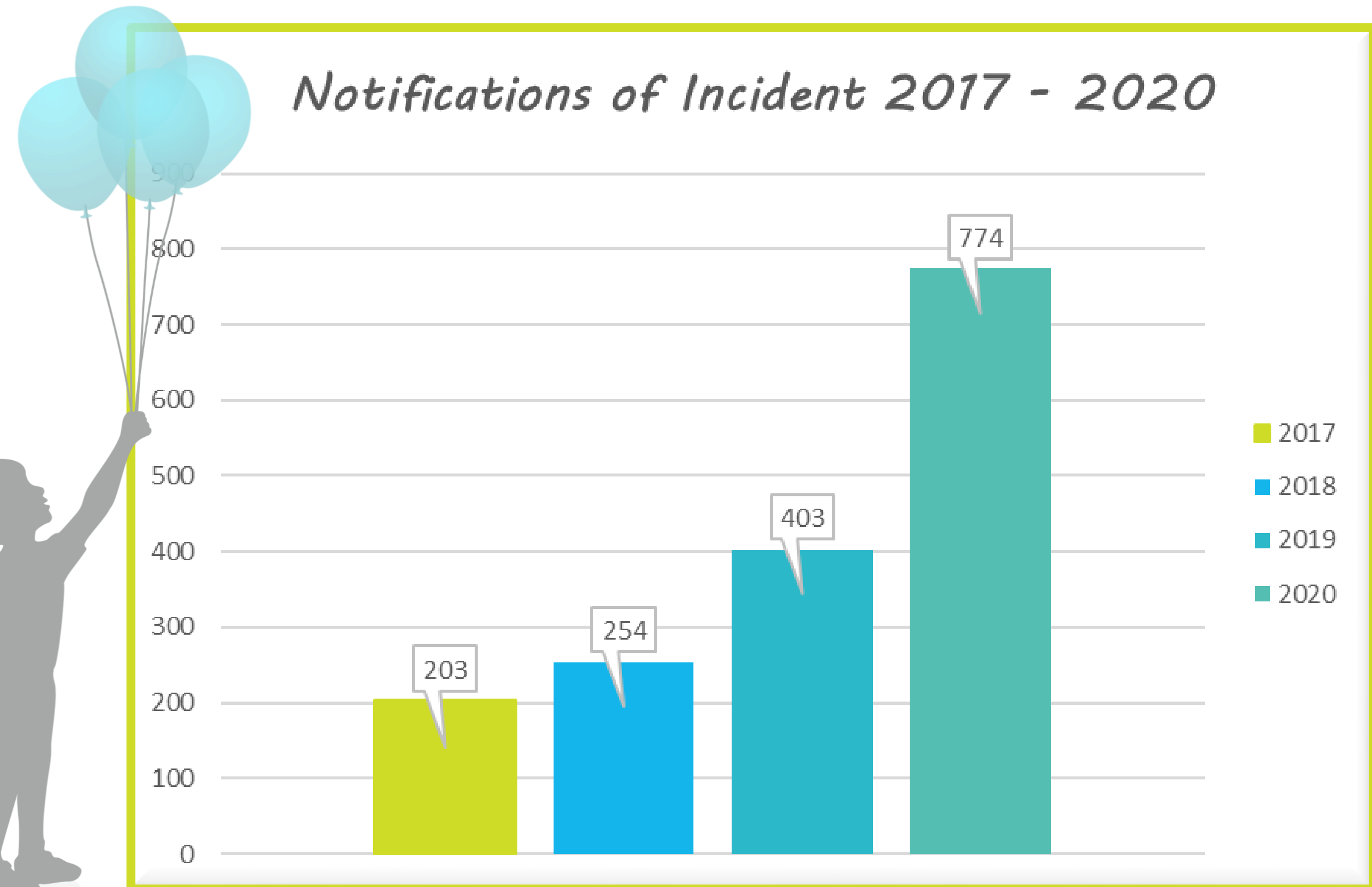
Regulation 31 - Notification of Incidents requires registered providers to notify Tusla in writing within three working days of becoming aware of any specific incidents occurring in the pre-school service.

The number of notifications of incident has increased each year with a significant jump in 2020

Incidents include:

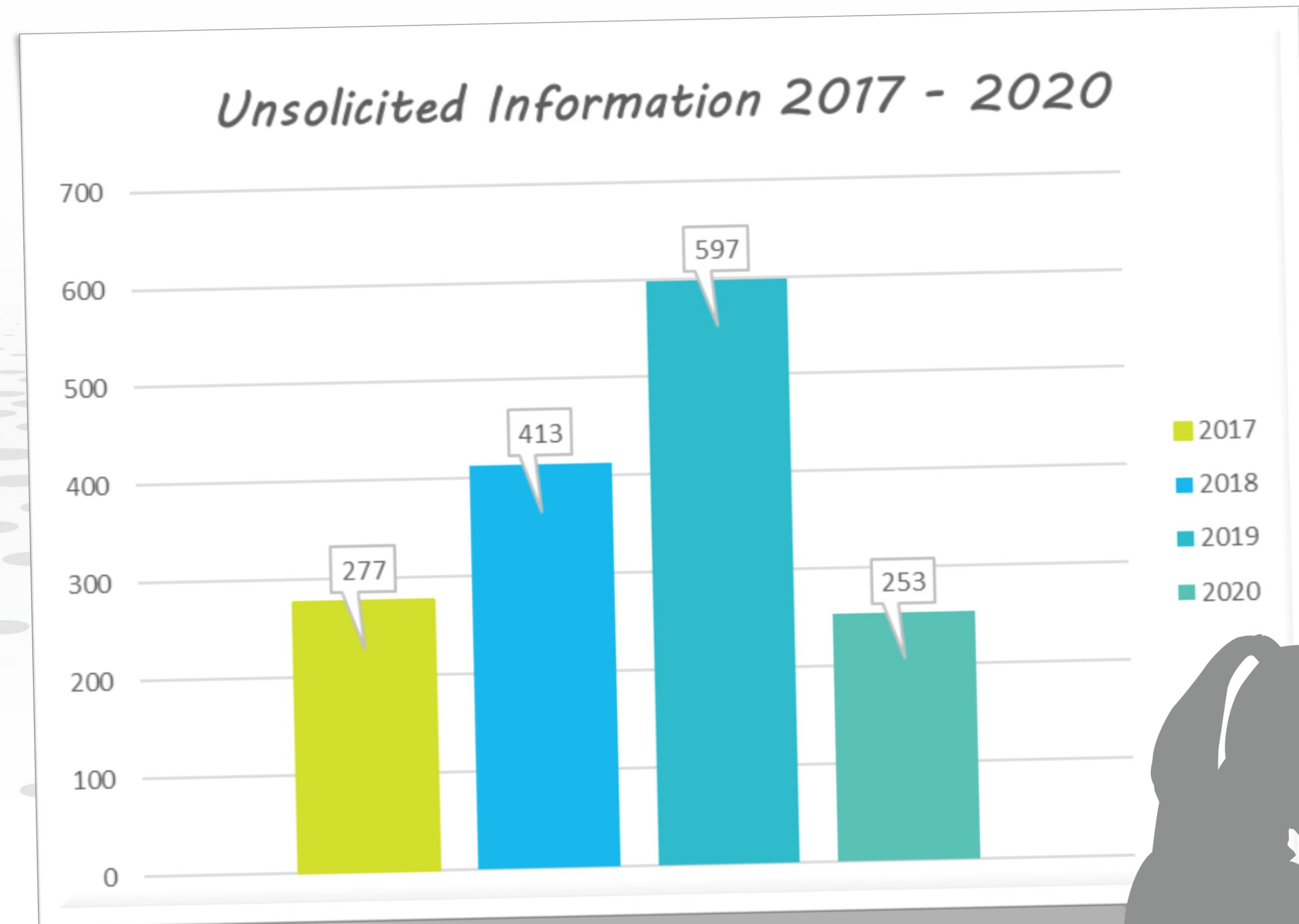
- Death of a child in the service or following transfer from the service;
- Child or staff member diagnosed with infectious disease;
- Serious injury to a pre-school child while attending the service that requires immediate medical treatment by a registered medical practitioner;
- Irregular closure of a service following an incident in the service;
- Child missing from service

Notifications of Incident 2017 - 2020



Unsolicited information submissions

- The number of unsolicited information submissions received by the Inspectorate increased each year from:
 - 277 submissions in 2017
 - 413 submissions in 2018 and
 - 597 submissions in 2019 and then fell significantly in 2020

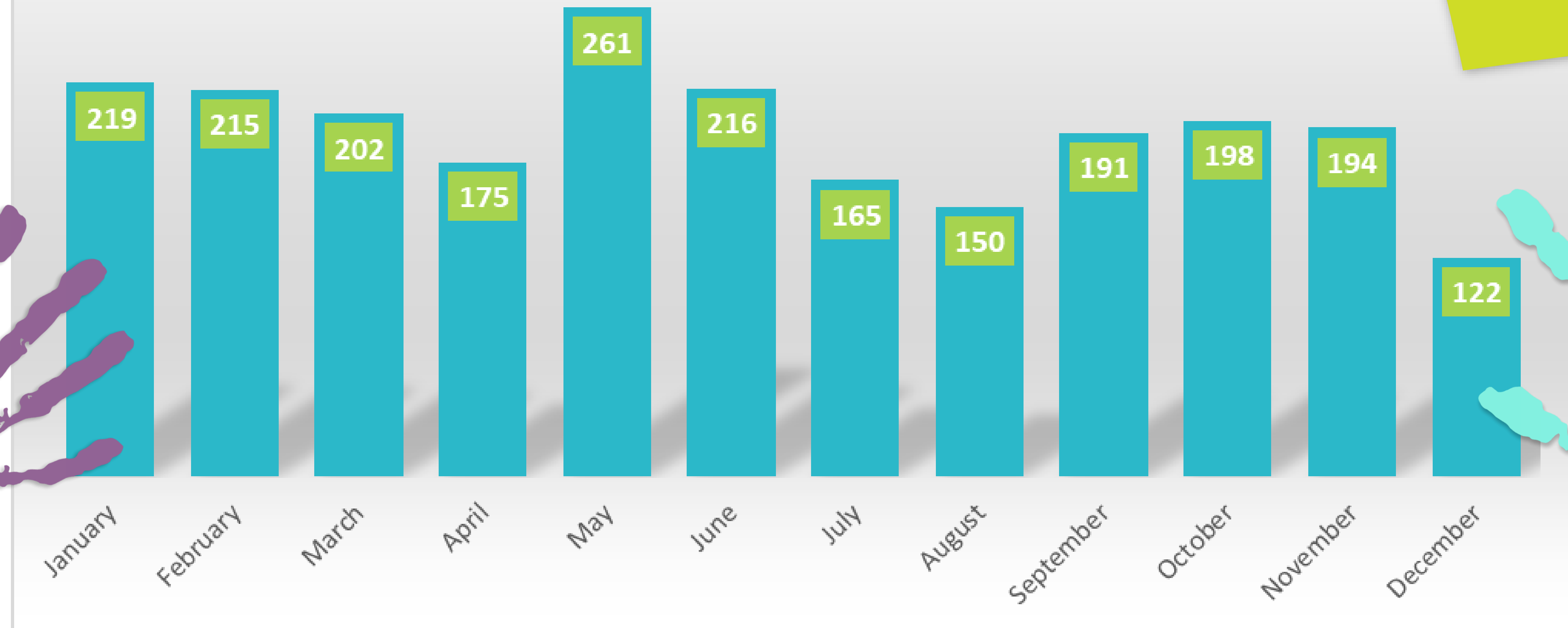


Inspections 2019 and 2020

*Total Services
= 4310*

*Inspections of Early Years Services
2019*

*Total
Inspections
= 2308*

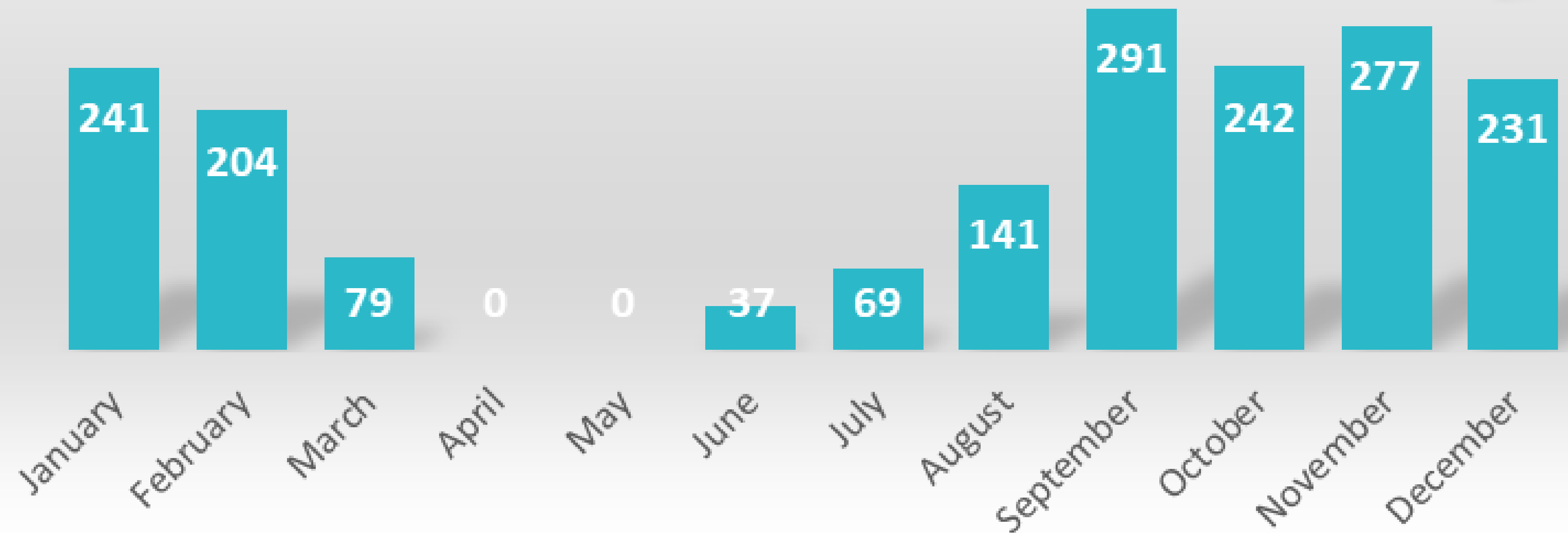


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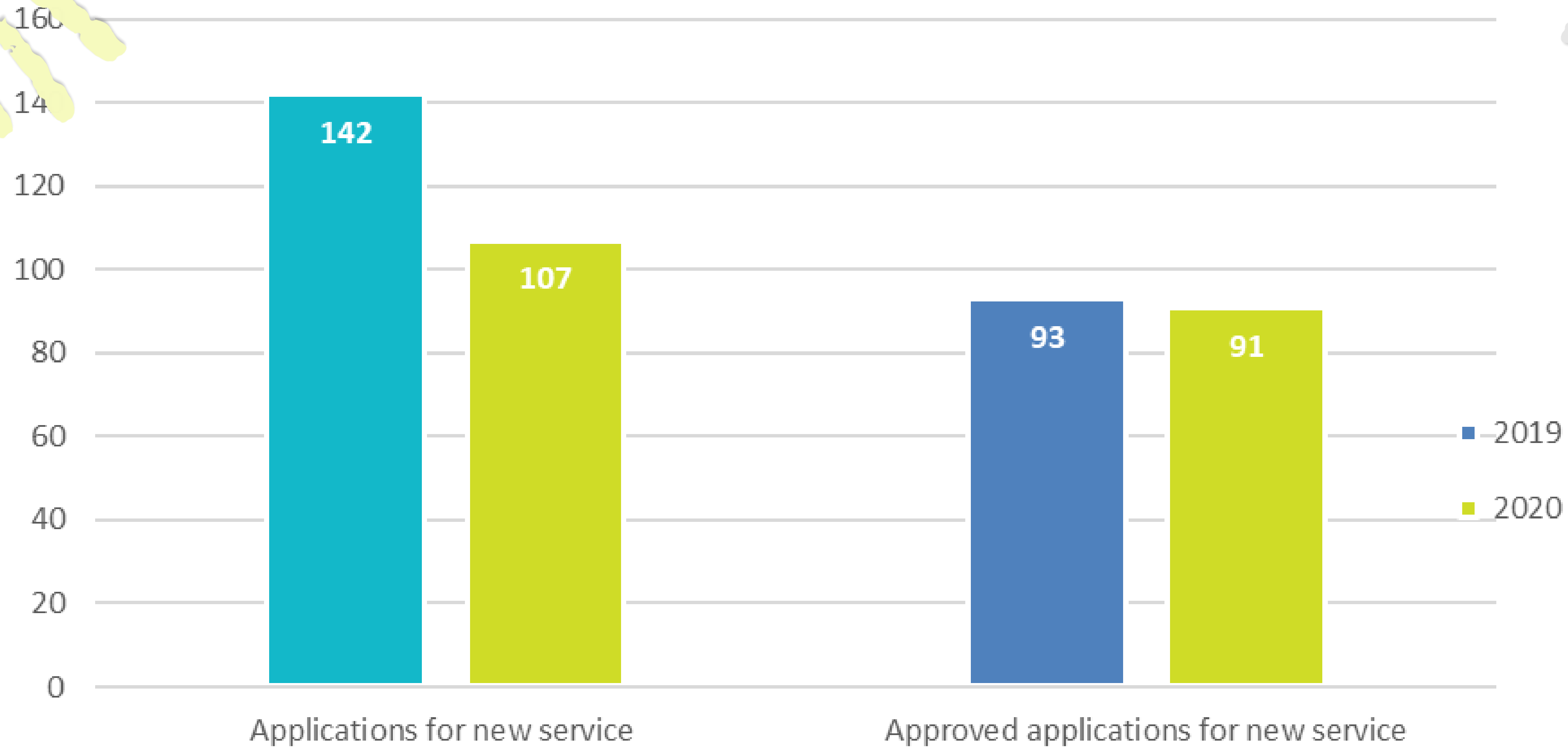
*Inspections of Early Years
Services 2020*

*Total
Inspections
= 1812*



New applications 2019 and 2020

*Applications for new Early Years Service
2019 & 2020*



Closures of Early Years Services



	2019	2020
Closure of Early Years Services	196	197



