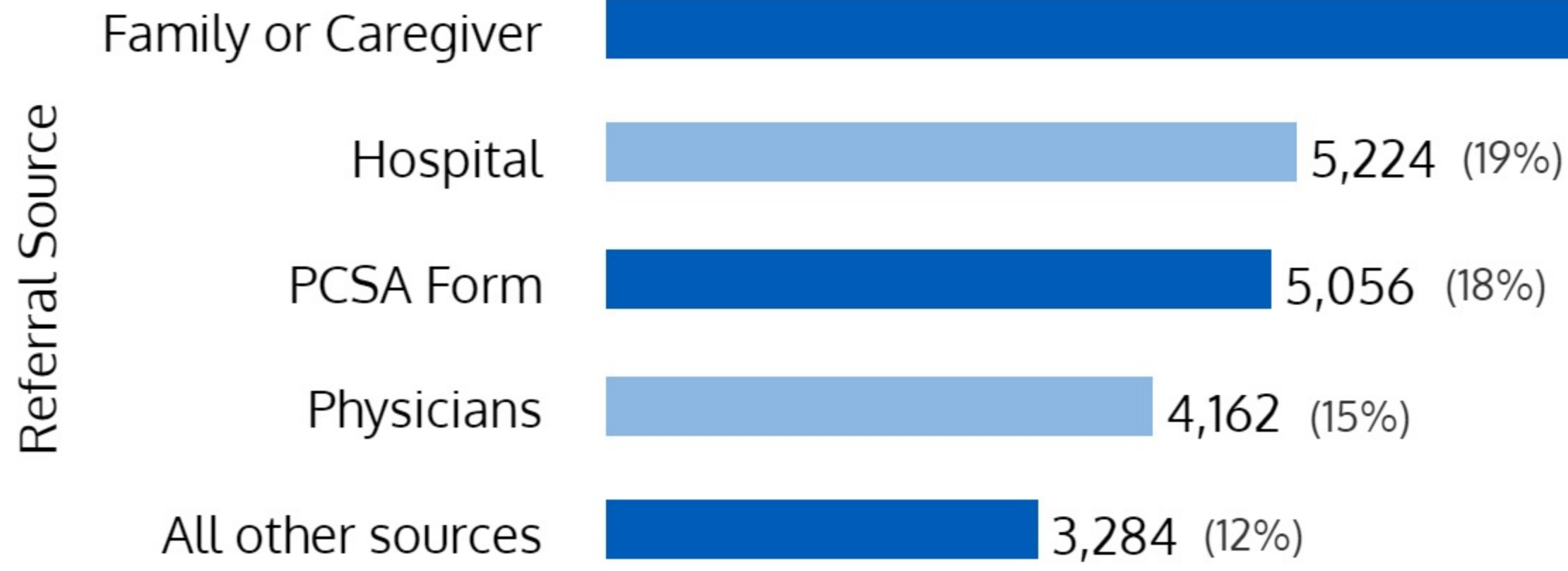




Early Intervention is a statewide system that provides coordinated early intervention, or EI, services to parents of eligible children under the age of three with developmental delays or disabilities. The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) establishes EI programs in all 50 states. In Ohio, the Department of Developmental Disabilities serves as the lead agency for the EI program. Terms included here are defined in rule and can be found at [OhioEarlyIntervention.org](http://OhioEarlyIntervention.org).

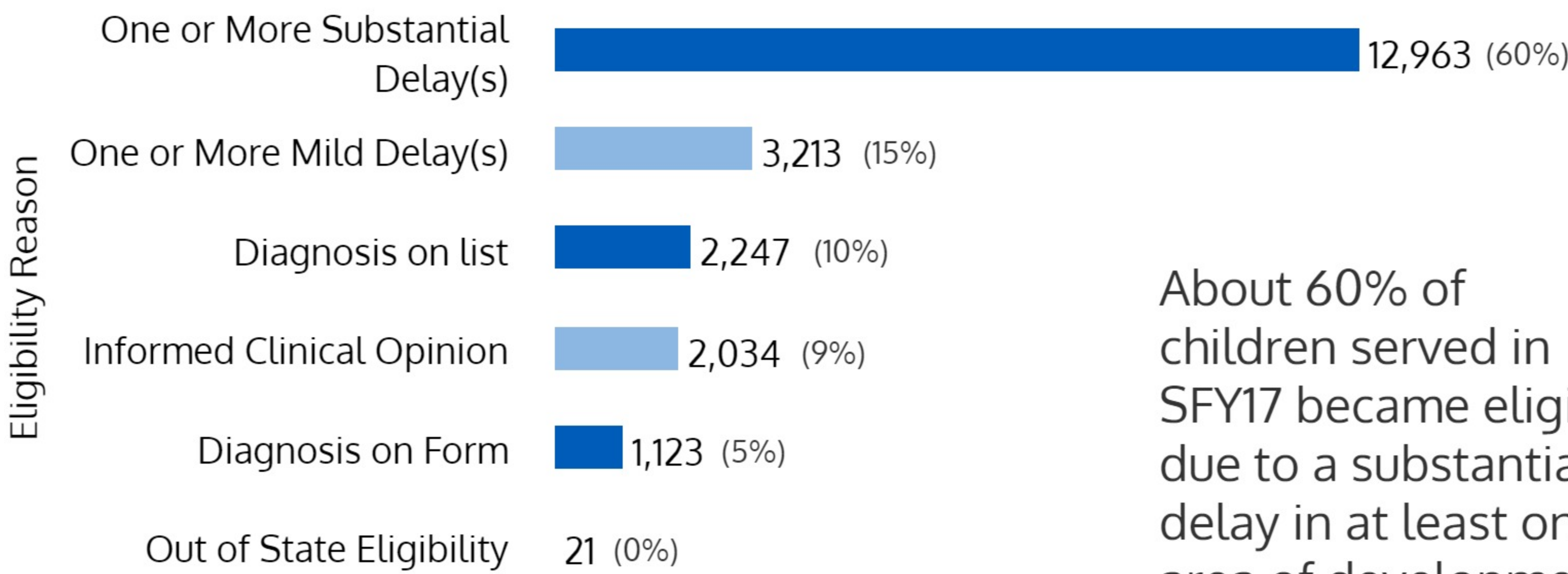
## Referrals



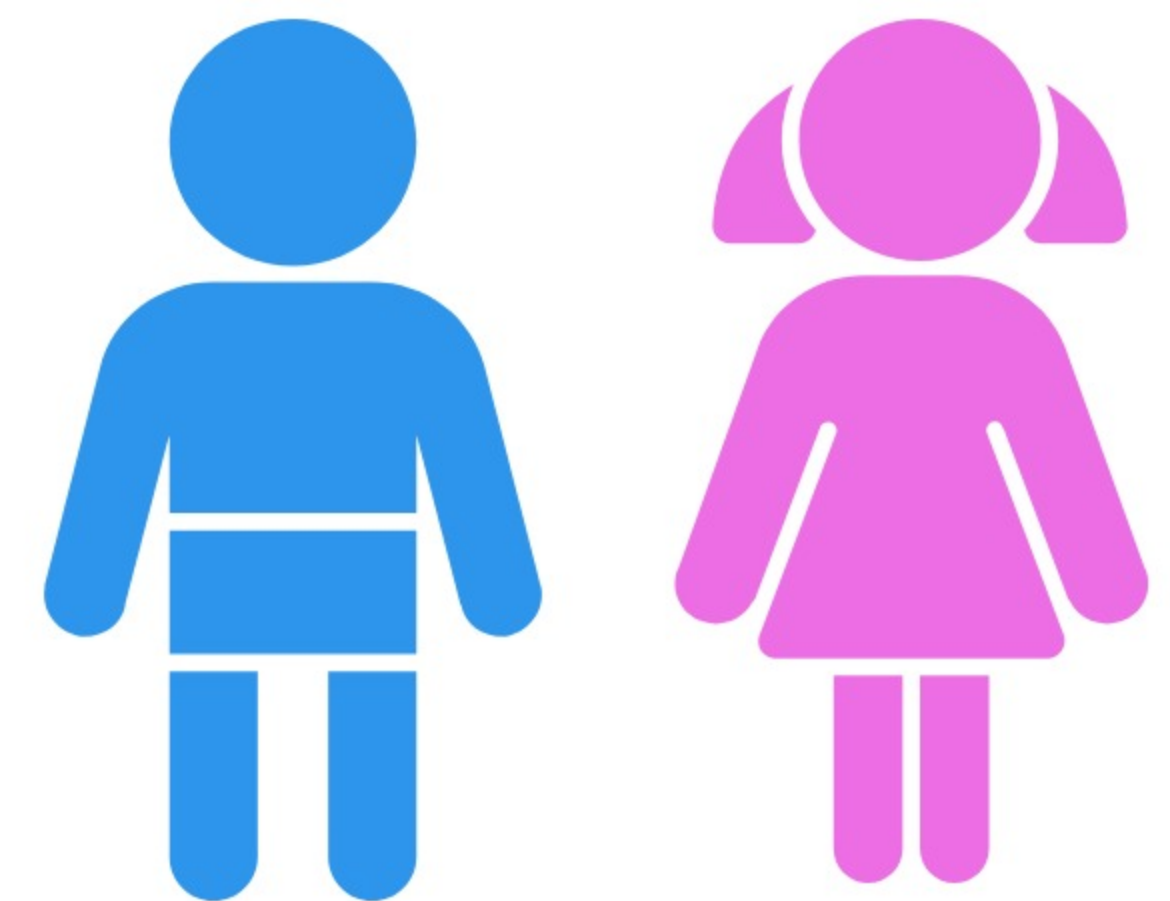
The family or caregiver accounted for the highest percentage of referrals (37%) to Early Intervention in SFY17.



## Children Served



About 60% of children served in SFY17 became eligible due to a substantial delay in at least one area of development.



**21,601**

Total children served in SFY17

**10,311**

Average served at any given time

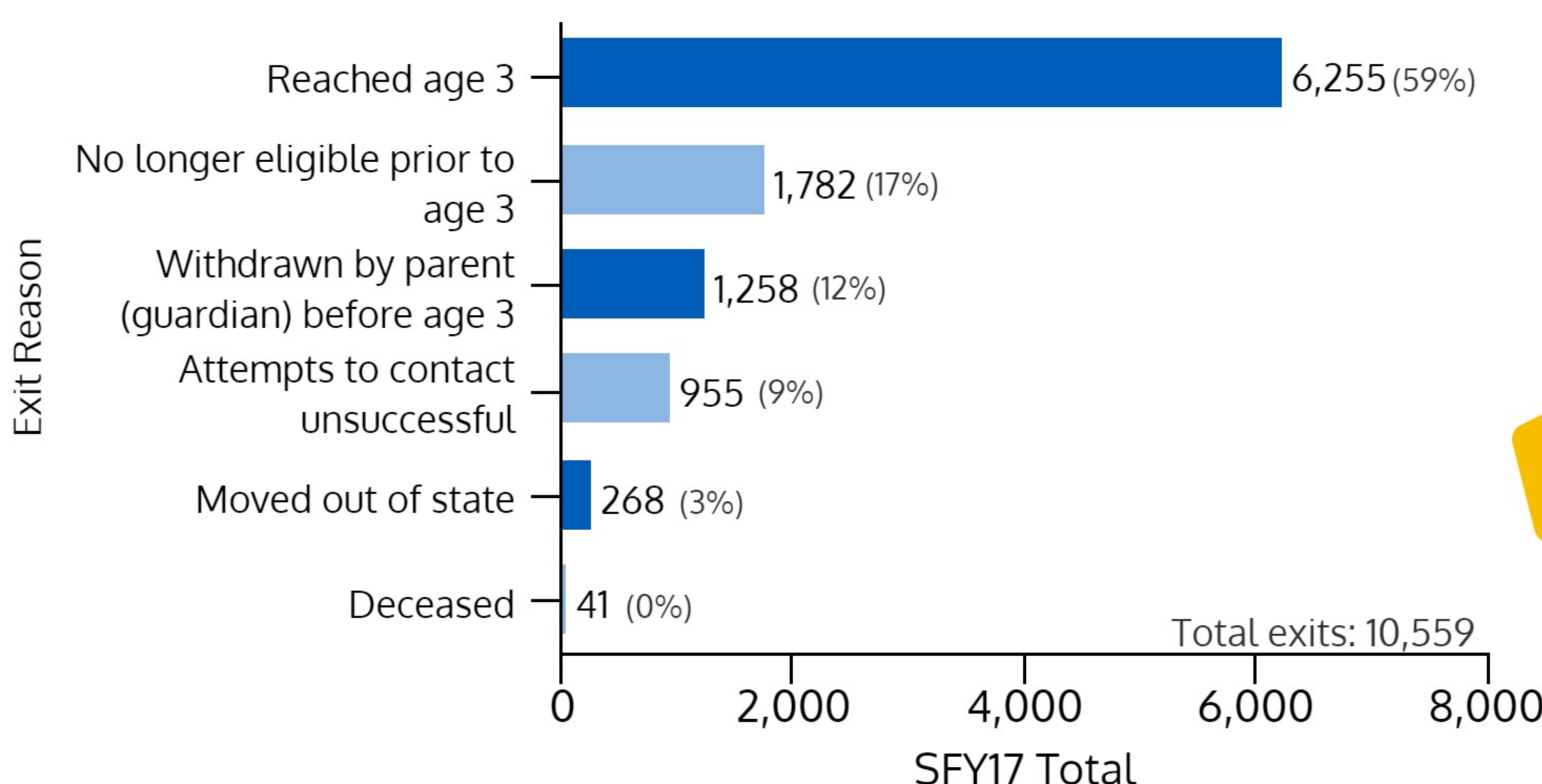
## Services on Initial IFSPs

Special Instruction	7,378	64%
Speech Therapy	2,950	25%
Physical Therapy	1,596	14%
Occupational Therapy	1,229	11%



Special Instruction was listed on 64% of 11,595 initial IFSPs in SFY17. Speech Therapy was listed on 25%; Physical Therapy on 14%; and Occupational Therapy on 11% of initial IFSPs in SFY17.

## Exiting/Length of Stay



Of those served and exited in SFY17, 59% of children exited upon reaching age three. Of all children who exited, the average age at the initial need for services (NFS) was 18.6 months and they were served in EI for nearly a year (11 months).

Average Age  
(at initial NFS)



19 months

Average Time in EI



11 months