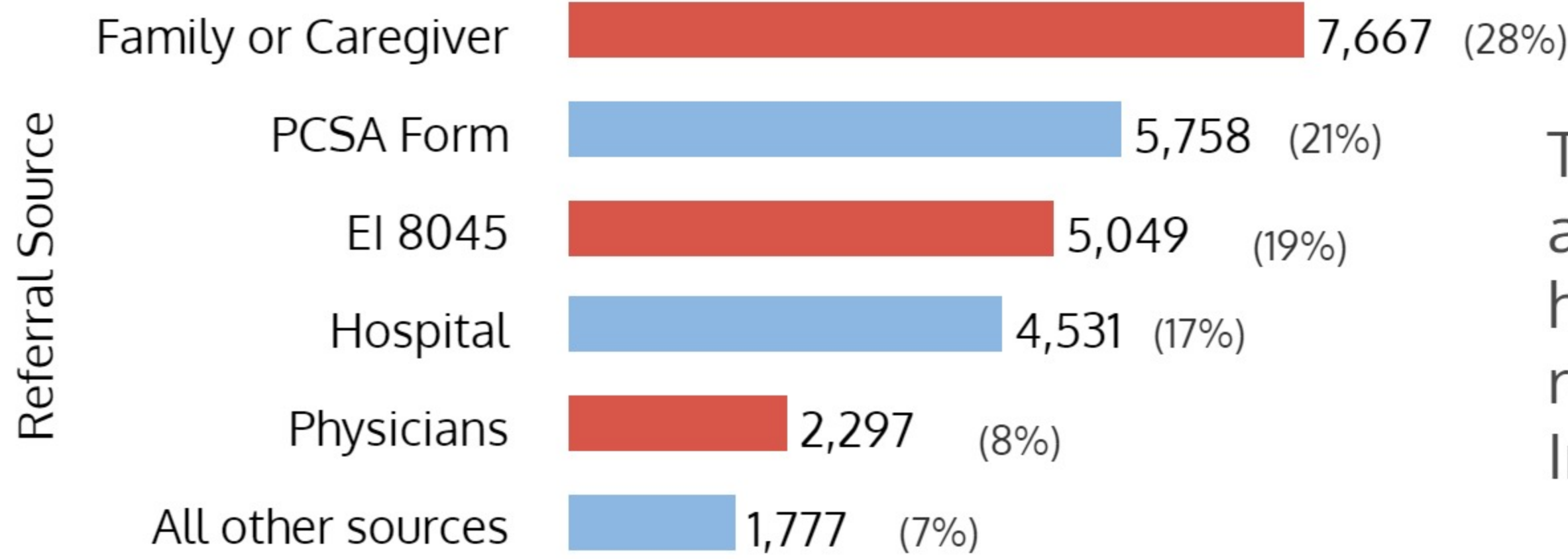
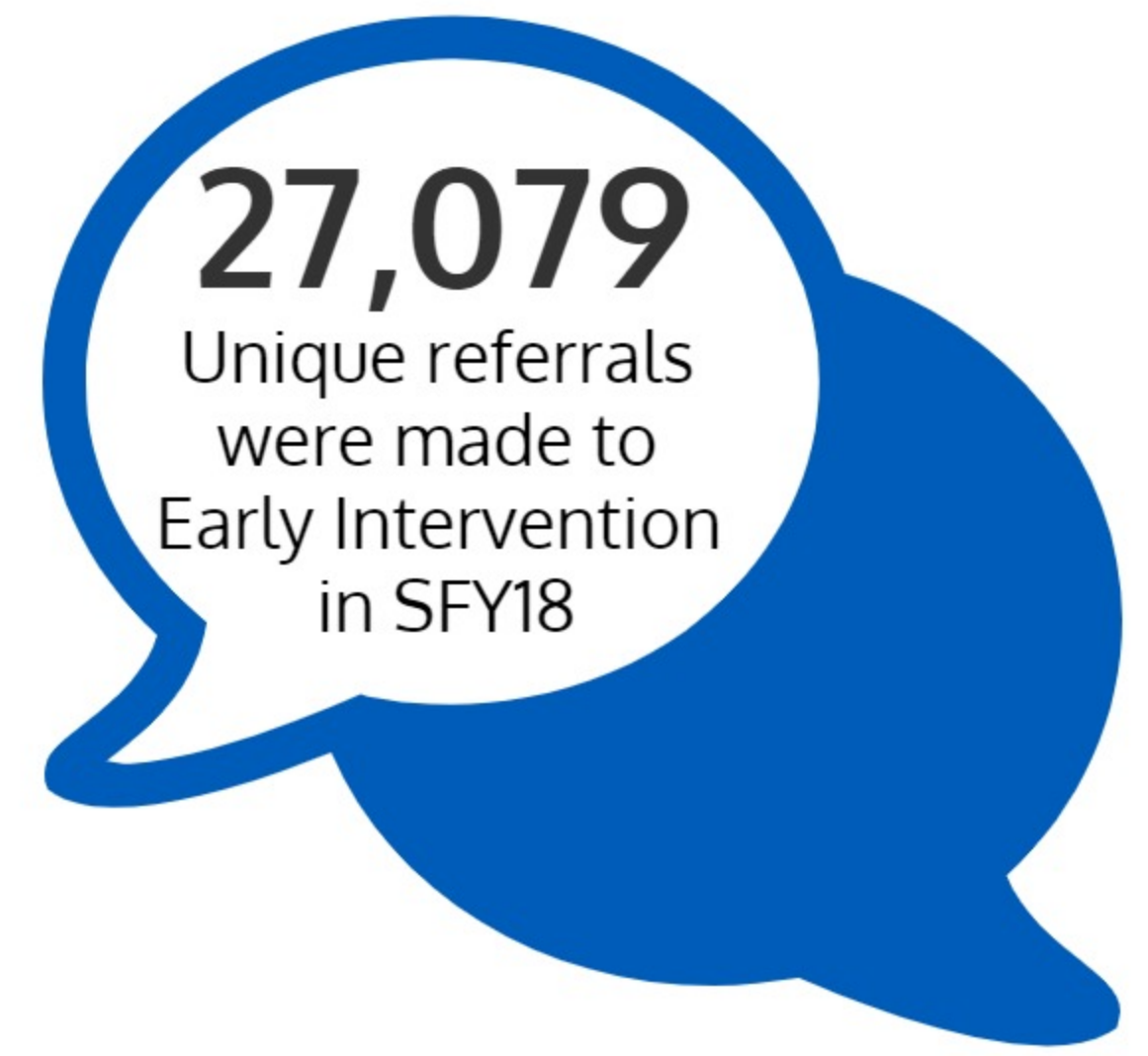


Early Intervention is a statewide system that provides coordinated early intervention (EI) services to families with children under the age of three with developmental delays or disabilities. The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) establishes EI programs in all 50 states. In Ohio, 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.

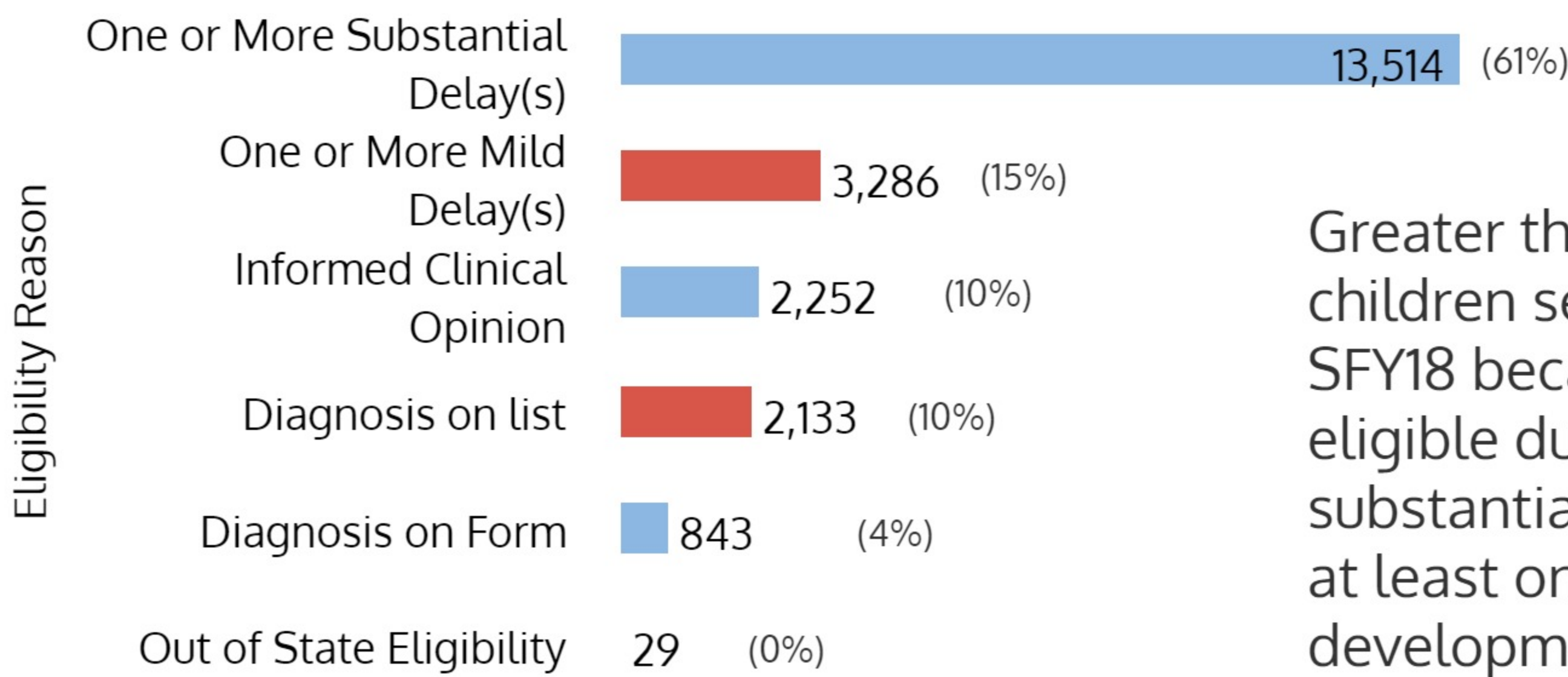
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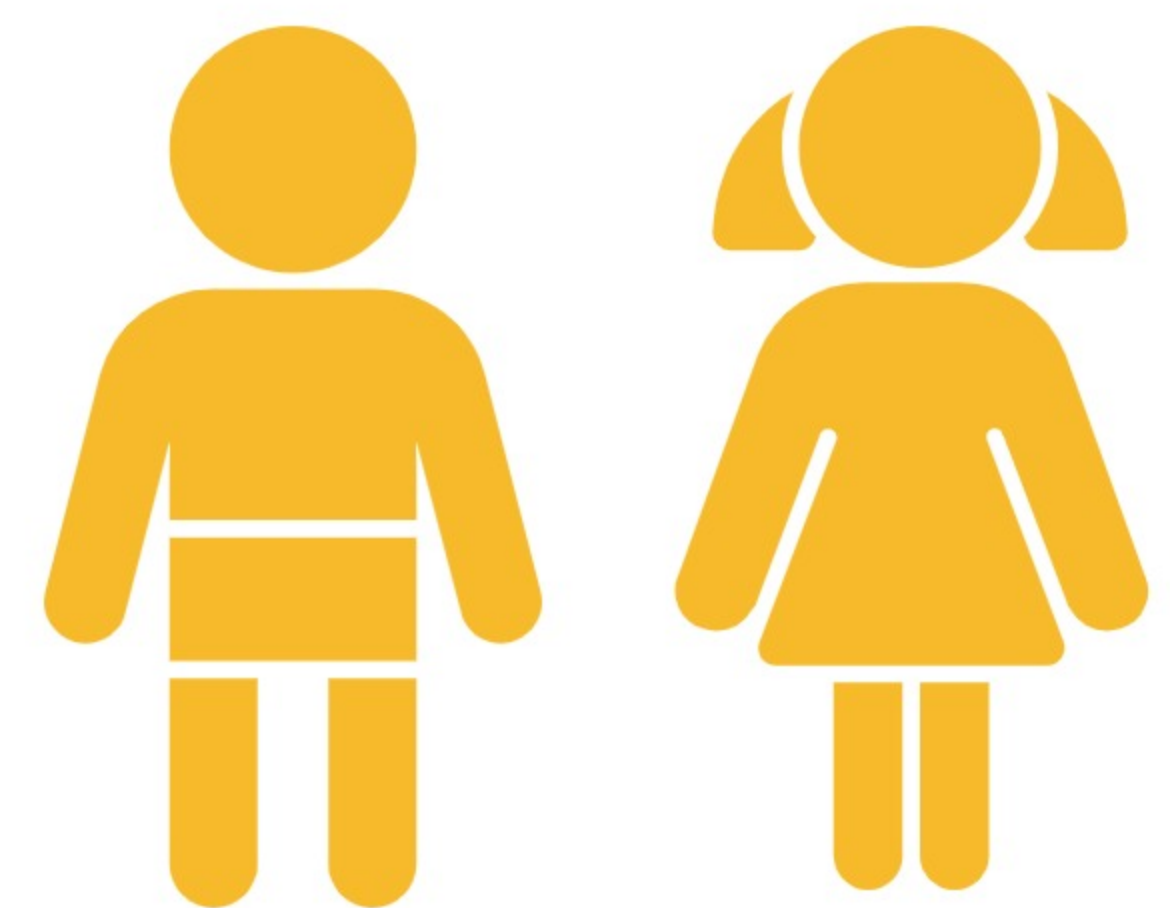
The family or caregiver accounted for the highest percentage of referrals (28%) to Early Intervention in SFY18.



Children Served



Greater than 60% of children served in SFY18 became eligible due to a substantial delay in at least one area of development.



22,057

Total children served in SFY 2018

10,628

Average served at any given time

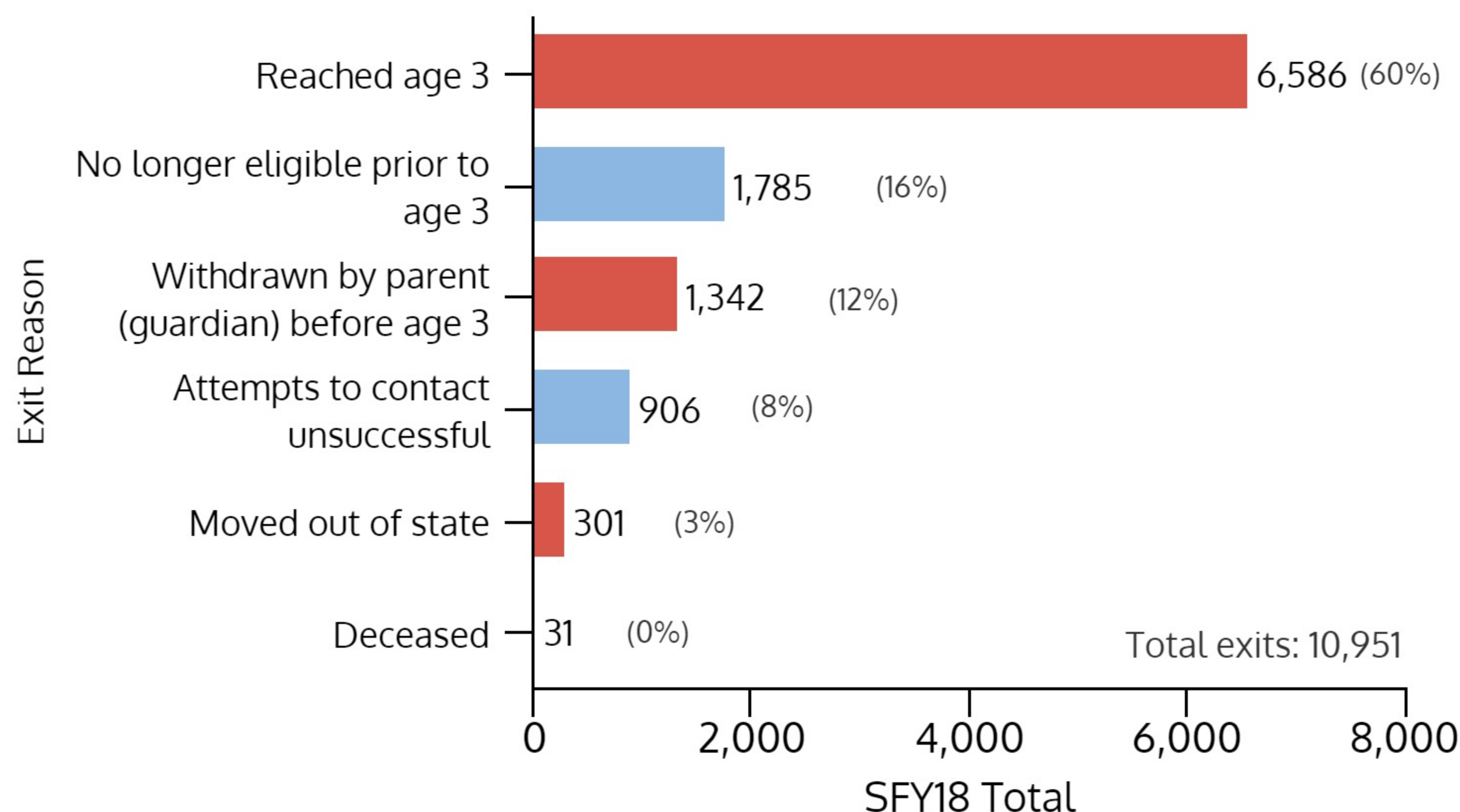
Services on Initial IFSPs

Special Instruction	7,030	61%
Speech Therapy	3,001	26%
Physical Therapy	1,654	14%
Occupational Therapy	1,325	11%



Special Instruction was listed on 61% of the 11,558 initial IFSPs in SFY18.

Exiting/Length of Stay



More than half (60%) of children exited EI in SFY18 due to reaching age three. Of all children who exited, the average age at the initial need for services (NFS) was 18.7 months and they were served in EI for nearly a year (11.1 months).

Average Age
(at initial NFS)



Average Time in EI

