



NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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Children's System of Care**



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What is the Children's System of Care?

- NJ's public behavioral health system that serves youth under age 21 with emotional and mental health care needs, substance use challenges, and/or intellectual/ developmental disabilities (IDD).
- CSOC's service structure, policies, and practices are aligned with the core values of the System of Care Model.
 - Assessment of the child and family's strengths and needs informs planning for services and supports
 - Services are delivered in the community and supported by state/local systems planning, management, and infrastructure
 - Services are culturally and linguistically competent



Who We Serve

- CSOC services are available to all NJ children and their families. There is no income criteria
- 35% of youth accessing CSOC are uninsured, underinsured, or have private insurance that does not cover the costs of CSOC services; 65% have Medicaid coverage
- 66,925 youth and their families were served in 2021
- 74,727 youth and their families were served in 2022
- 43,579 youth were served in March 2023
- 4,068 youth received Mobile Response Services in March 2023
- 18,258 children and youth receiving CMO services on April 1, 2023



CSOC Core Components

- Contracted Services Administrator – PerformCare, single point of access, medical necessity determinations, prior authorization
- Claims paid through the state’s Medicaid fiscal agent
- Care Management Organizations – Implement the Wraparound service model
- Single Assessment – Child Assessment of Needs and Strengths (CANS) Tool
- Child and Family Team – Supports the family vision, goals, service planning and implementation
- Emphasis on Crisis De-escalation – Mobile Response and Stabilization Services available 24/7
- Family Service Organizations – peer support and advocacy for families & youth
- In-Home and Out-of-Home Treatment Services
- Workforce Training, Certification, and Technical Assistance



CSOC Resources

- 230 youth behavioral health providers with 560 contracted programs
- Network of 4,000+ in-community clinicians
- Contracted workforce of 13,000+ individuals
- Fiscal Year 23 budget: \$813,525,845
 - Federal \$ 330,354,845
 - State \$ 483,171,000



Leveraging Federal Resources

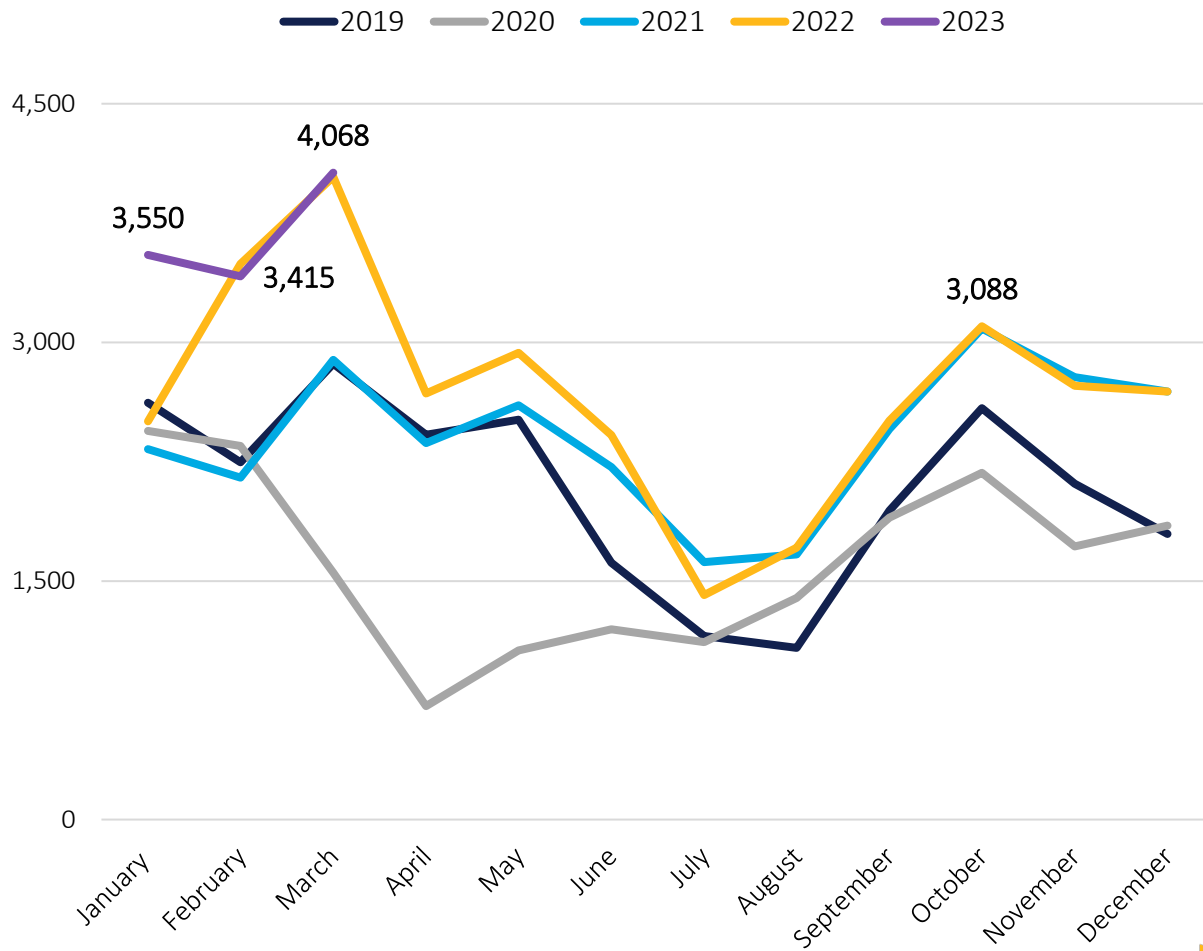
- Medicaid State Plan Services
 - Care Management, Mobile Response, Intensive In-Community, Residential Services
- “3560” coverage for youth not eligible for NJ FamilyCare
- 1115 NJ FamilyCare Comprehensive Demonstration Waiver
 - Federal matching funds for services provided to certain youth with 3560 coverage
 - Expanded array of HCBS for youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities
 - Expanded NJ FamilyCare eligibility for youth with high acuity



There were over 32,000 Mobile dispatches in 2022.

MRSS Dispatch Trend

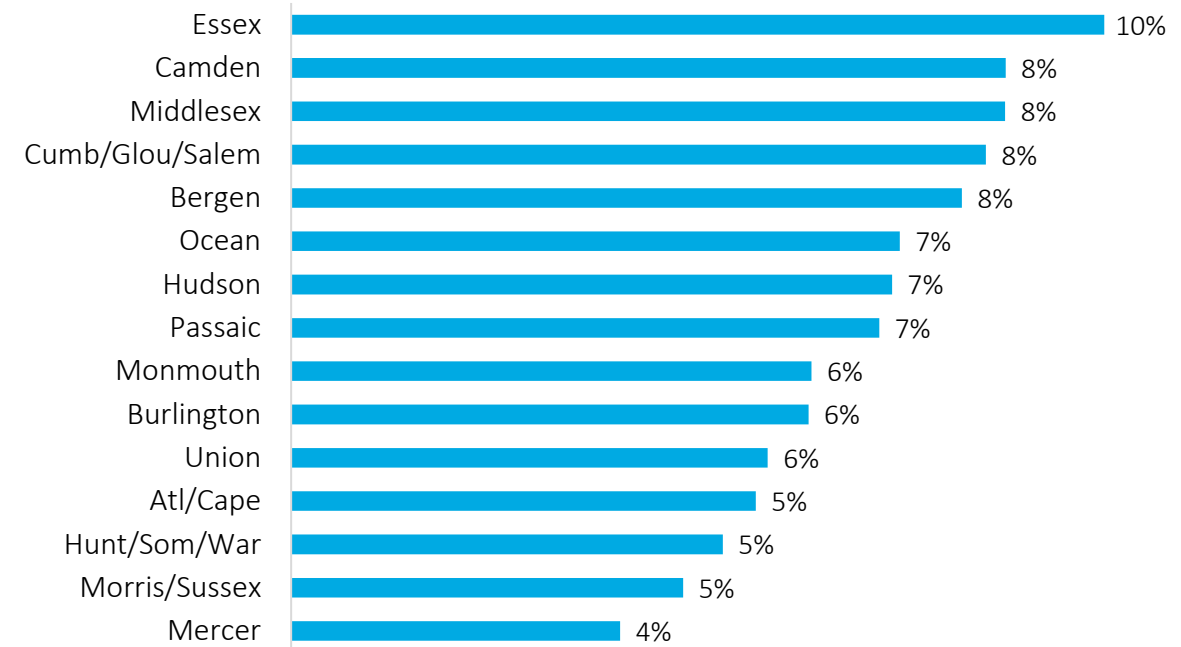
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2022 Dispatches by Service Area

n=32,222

Source: CYBER



1. Dispatches were the **highest ever** in one month in March 2023.
2. About 40% of dispatches are conducted via telehealth; not shown.
3. Essex, Camden, and Middlesex Service Areas accounted for over a quarter of the dispatches in 2022.

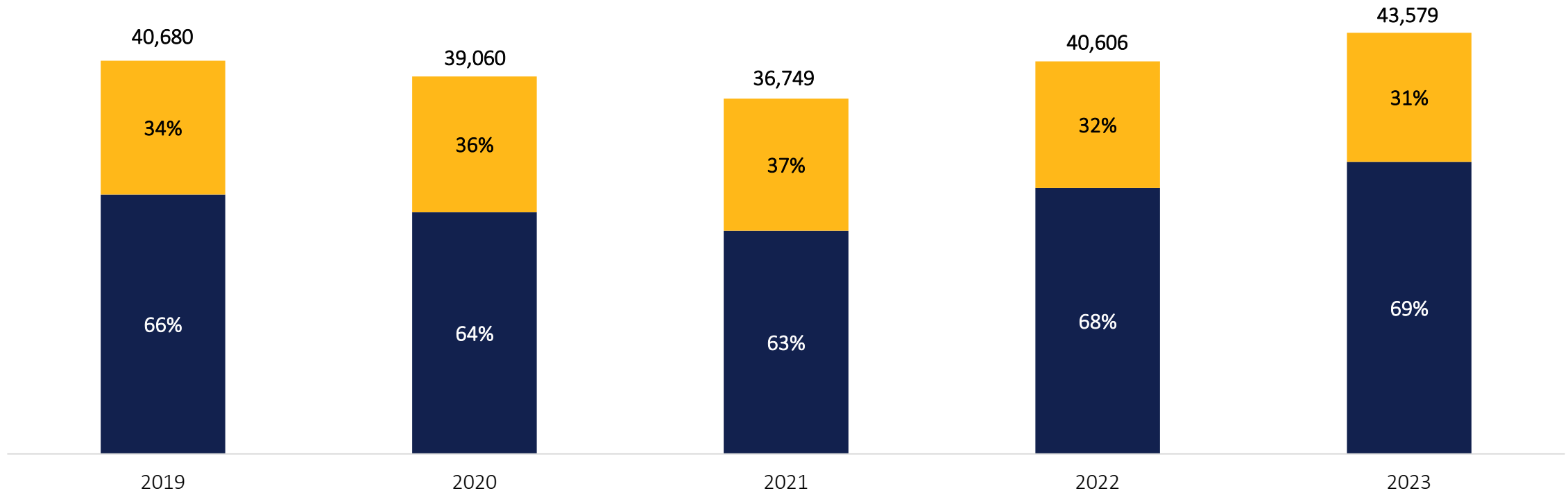


In March 2023, the number of youth active during the month was higher than pre-pandemic volume.

Youth Open during the Month: March 2023

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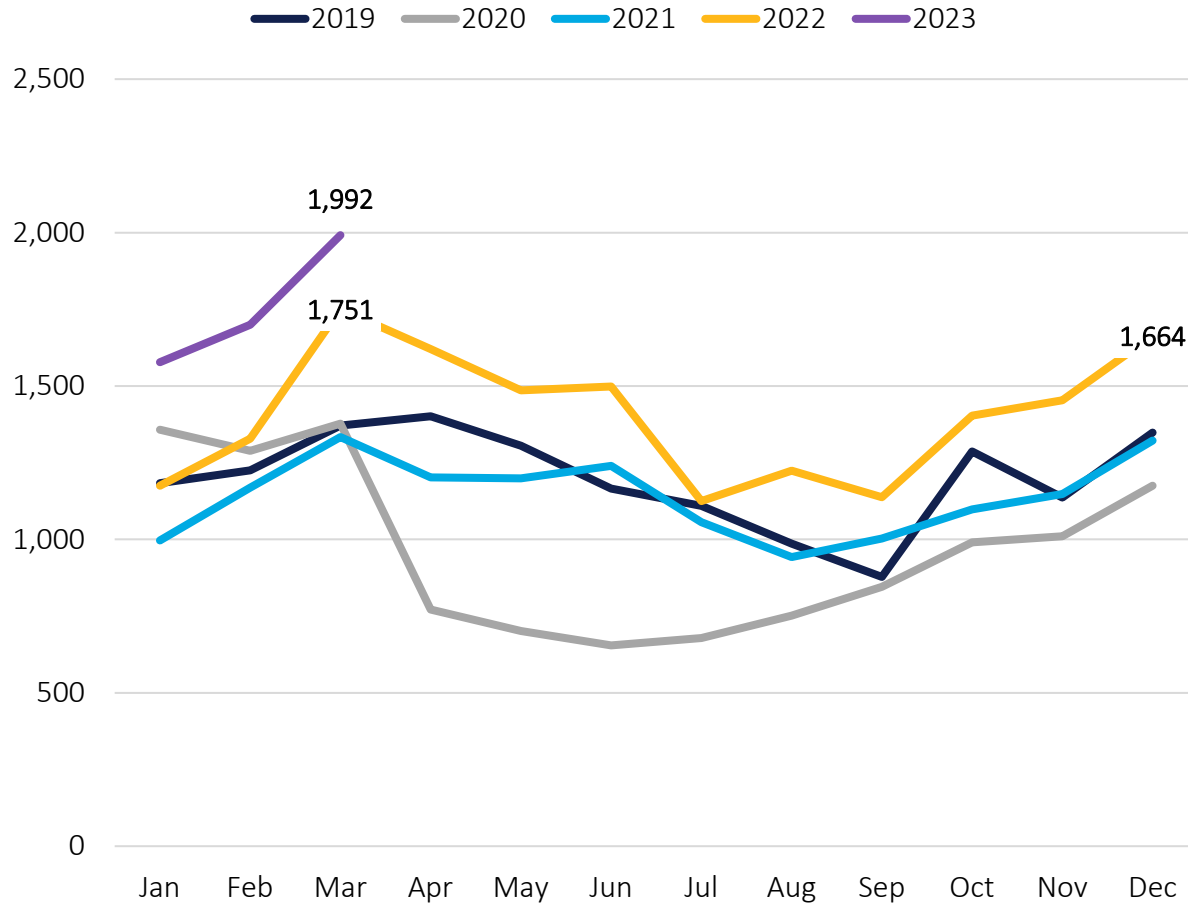
■ Ineligible Youth Open ■ I/DD Eligible Youth



CMO admissions have been on the rise in the last six months.

All Youth Admitted to CMO Monthly, 2019-2023

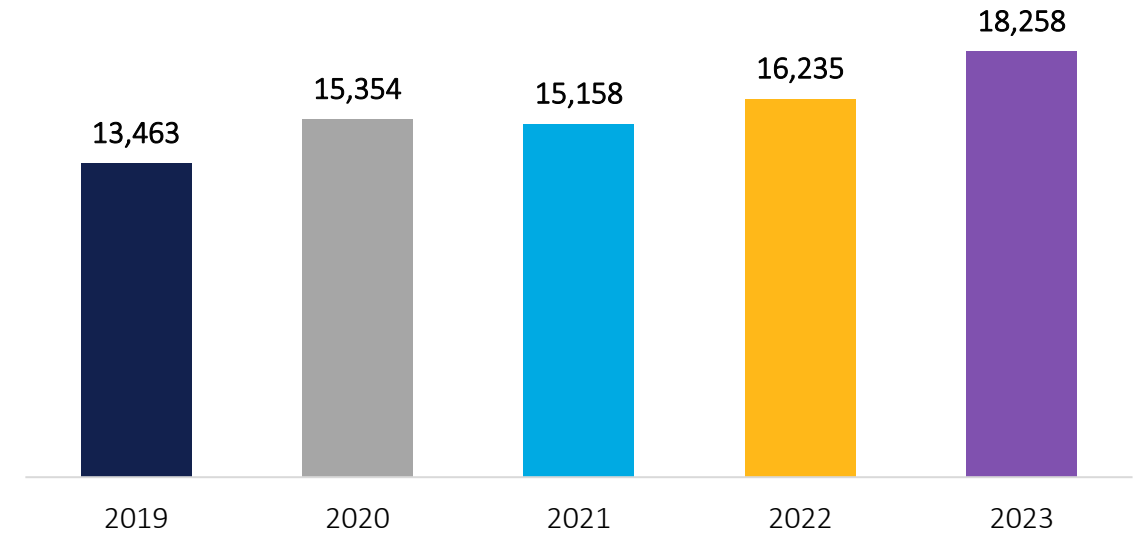
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CMO Census

PIT April 1st

Source: CYBER



1. Admissions to CMO appeared to level set in the summer of 2022, but began to rise in September 2022.
2. Admissions in March 2023 were 12% higher than March 2022.
3. The PIT CMO Census was the highest ever on 4/1/23 (18,258).
4. The agencies covering Bergen (1,790) and Camden (1,772), and Essex (1,577) Counties had the highest number of youth active on 4/1/23, accounting for over one-quarter of CMO youth; not shown.

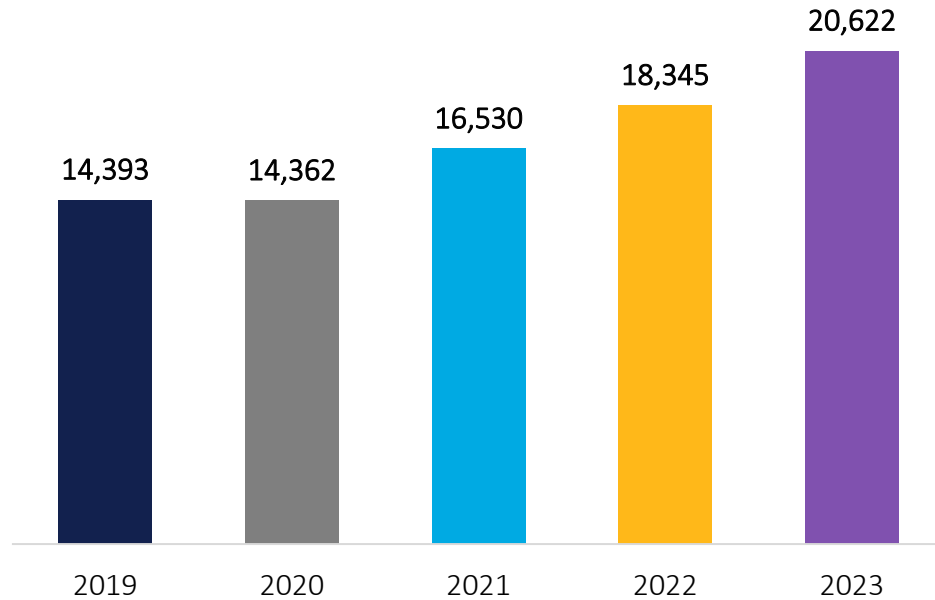


The authorizations for IIC services has increased by 43% since 2019.

Intensive In Community Services

Annualized Per Month Averages

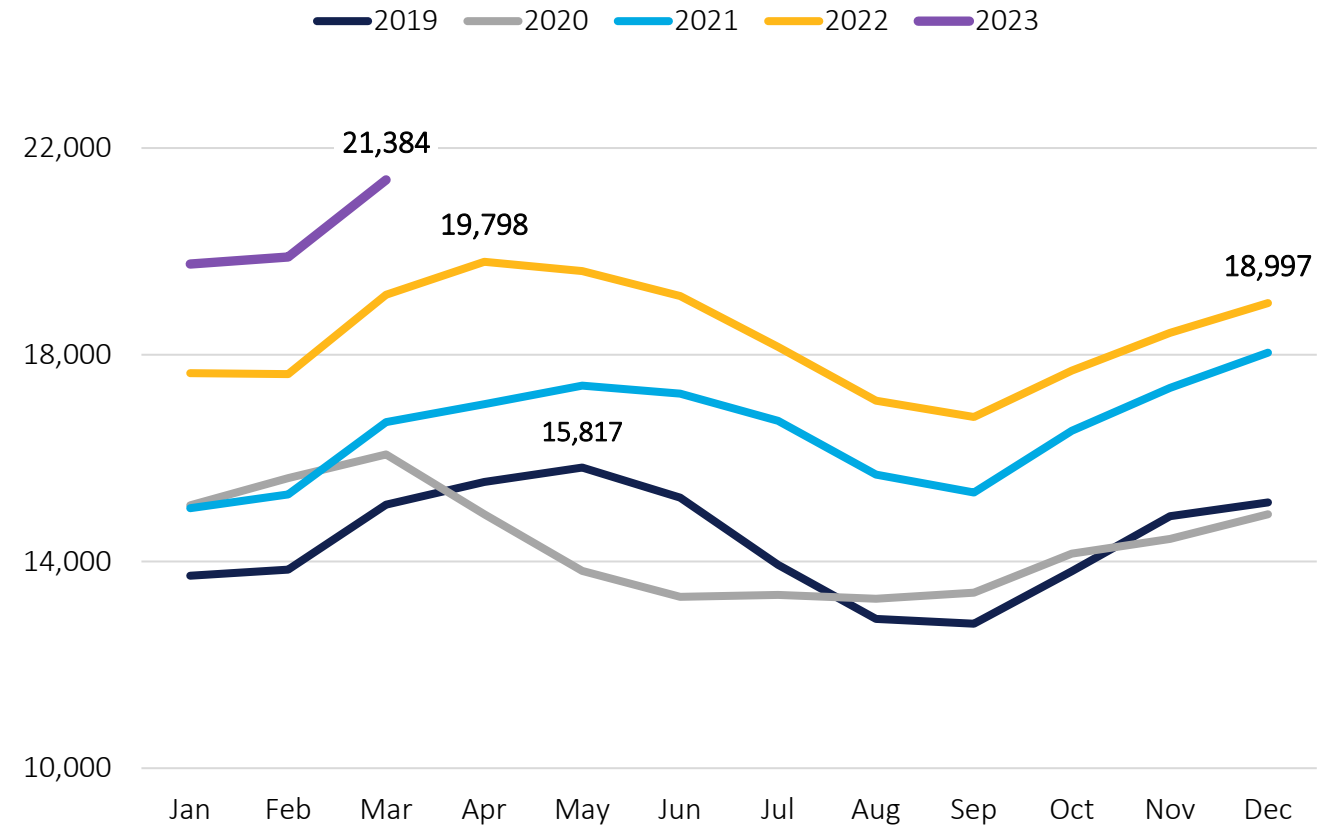
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IIC Authorizations, 2019-2023

Source: CYBER

Note: Axis begins at 10,000 to enhance separation



1. IIC authorizations reached an all time high in 2022 and are at the **highest ever** in 2023.
2. The total number of youth authorized for IIC during the month of March (21,384) was **21% higher** than January 2022.

