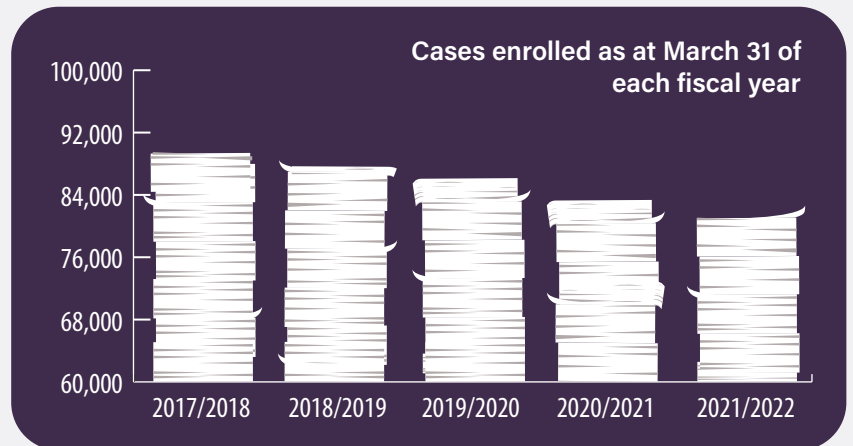


Child and spousal support payments during the pandemic

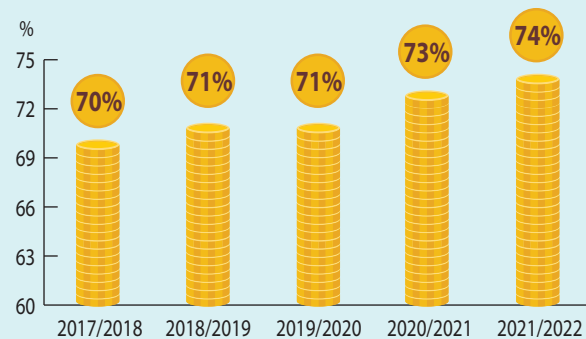
Following a **period of stability** that began in 2010/2011, the **number of child and spousal support cases enrolled** in enforcement programs¹ **started to decline** in 2018/2019. In 2021/2022, this trend continued, with the number falling **3.4%** from the previous year.



In **40%** of cases, **support payments were paid in full for all months of the 2021/2022 fiscal year**. This is the highest rate of compliance since comparable data became available in 2012/2013.

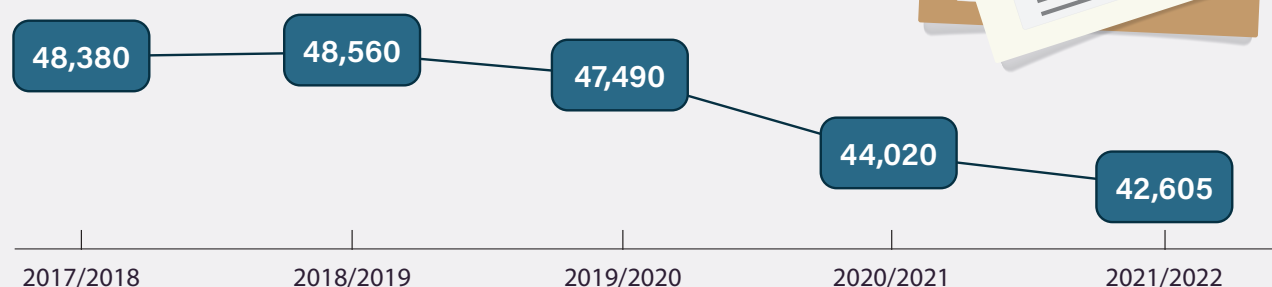


Regular payment collection rates, or the proportion of regular support payment amounts received relative to the amounts owed, have **slowly increased over the past 5 years**.



The **number of cases with arrears fell significantly (-7.3%)** during the first year of the pandemic and continued to decrease in 2021/2022.

Enrolled cases with arrears as at March 31 of each fiscal year



1. Maintenance enforcement programs exist in each province and territory to assist in the collection and enforcement of child and spousal support payments.
Source: Statistics Canada, Survey of Maintenance Enforcement Programs, 2021/2022.