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The main actors of the child foster care network in the Province of Bolzano

- Autonomous Province of Bolzano - Family, women and youth office
- District communities/Social service company of Bolzano with the respective district social services
- Organizations of the social private sector (associations, family counselling offices)
- Juvenile justice of Bolzano



The District communities and Social service company of Bolzano



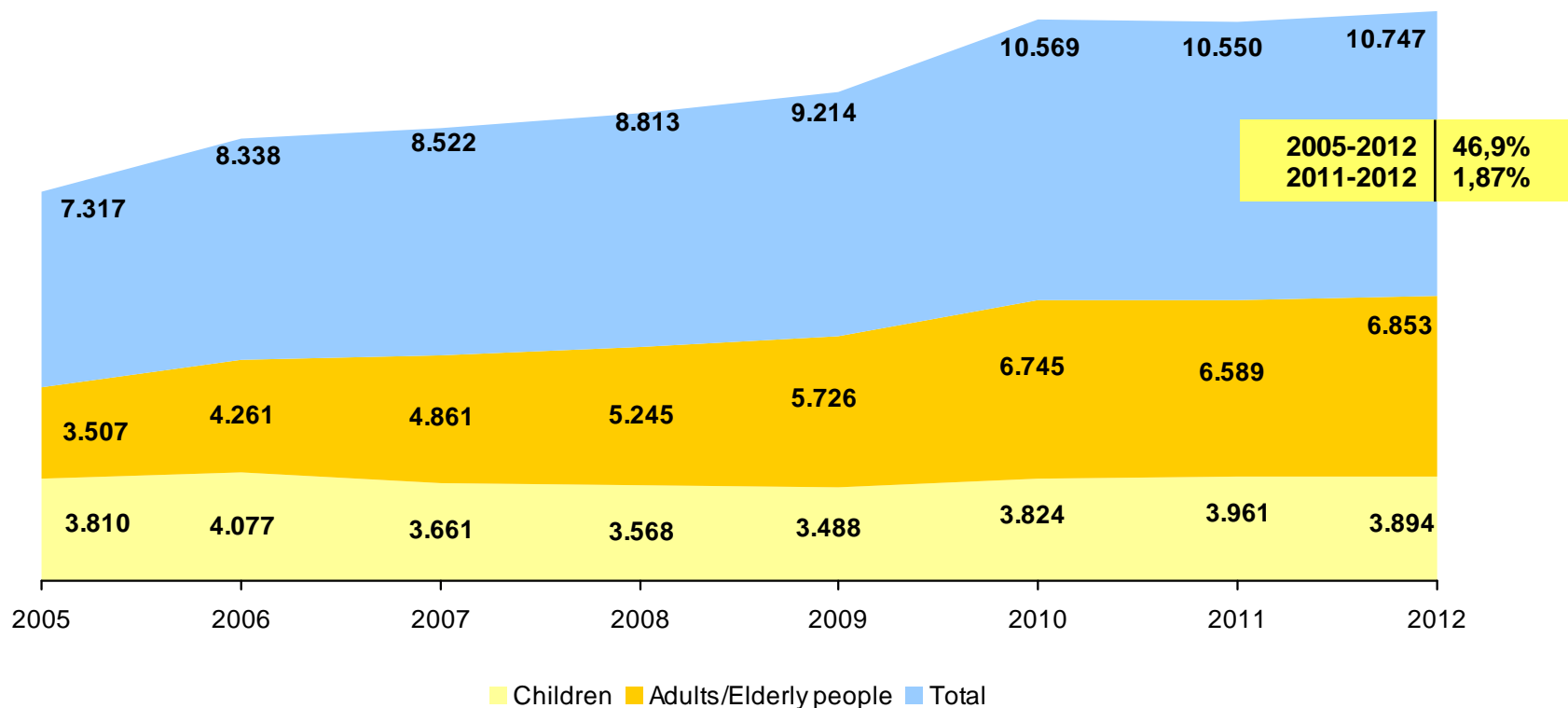
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Area of basic social-pedagogical assistance

Number of assisted persons: 2005-2012

Resident population 2012 | 514.516
 Number of resident children 2012 | 100.851
 Number of looked after children 2012 | 3.894

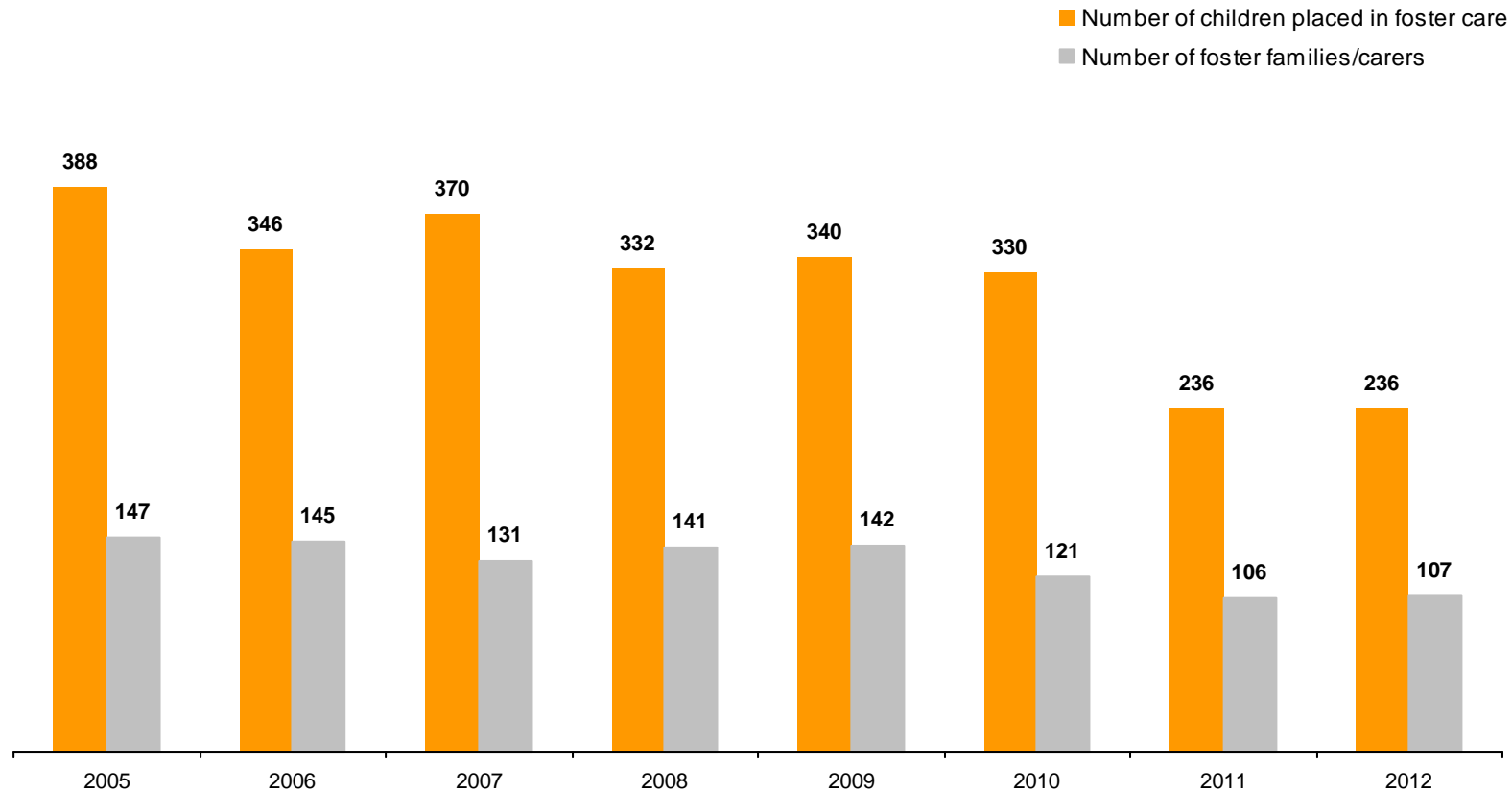


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Foster care of children (I)

Number of children placed in foster care and of foster families and carers: 2005-2010



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Foster care of children (II)

Number of children placed in foster care divided into full-time and part-time foster care: 2005-2010

Children placed in foster care	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2011
Full-time foster care	201	202	200	171	169	158	140	128
Part-time foster care	187	144	170	161	171	172	136	108
Total	388	346	370	332	340	330	276	276

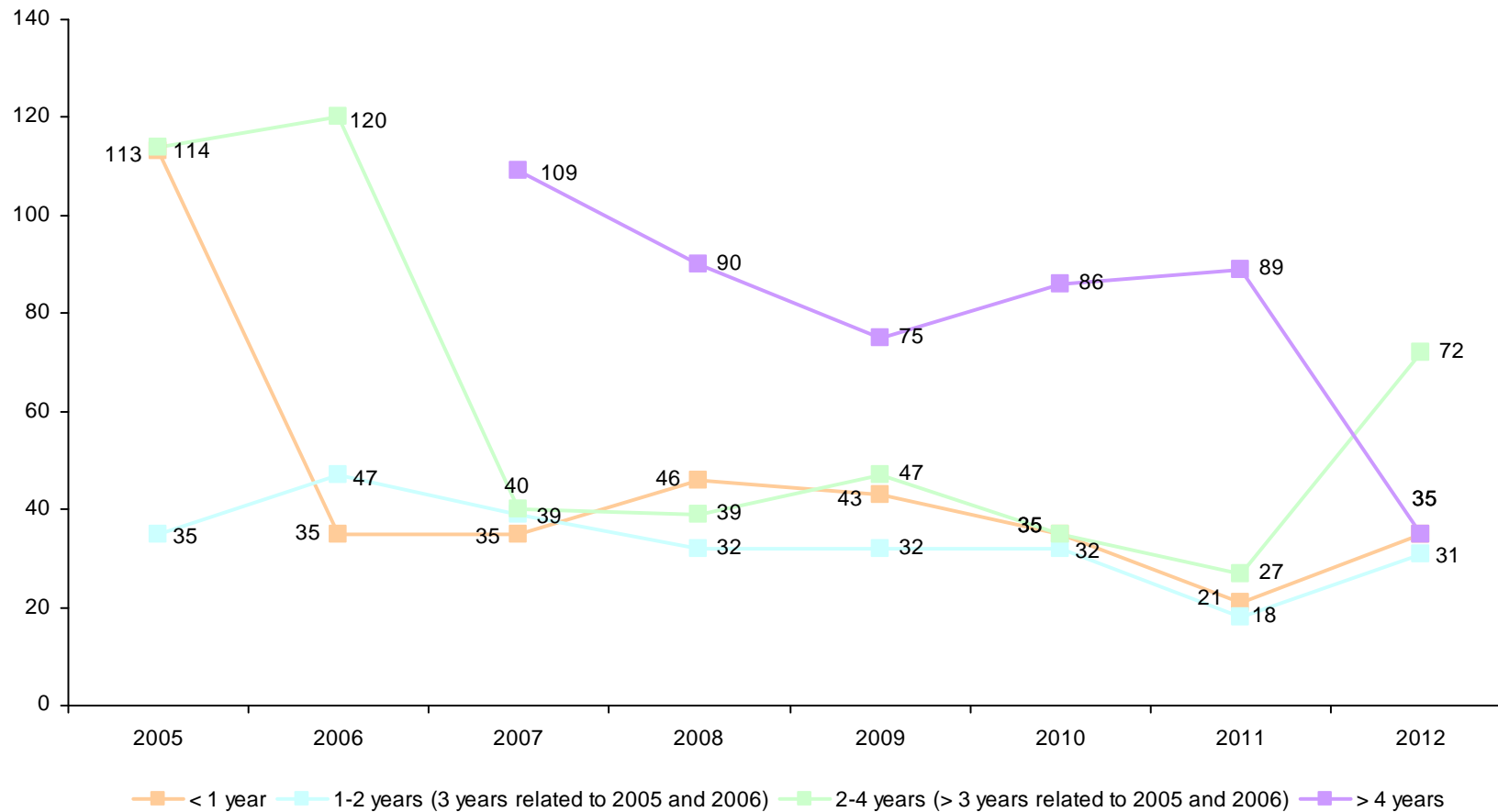
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Foster care of children (III)

Number of full-time* placed children based on the duration of foster care: 2005-2012

* the data of 2005 includes also the number of part-time placed children

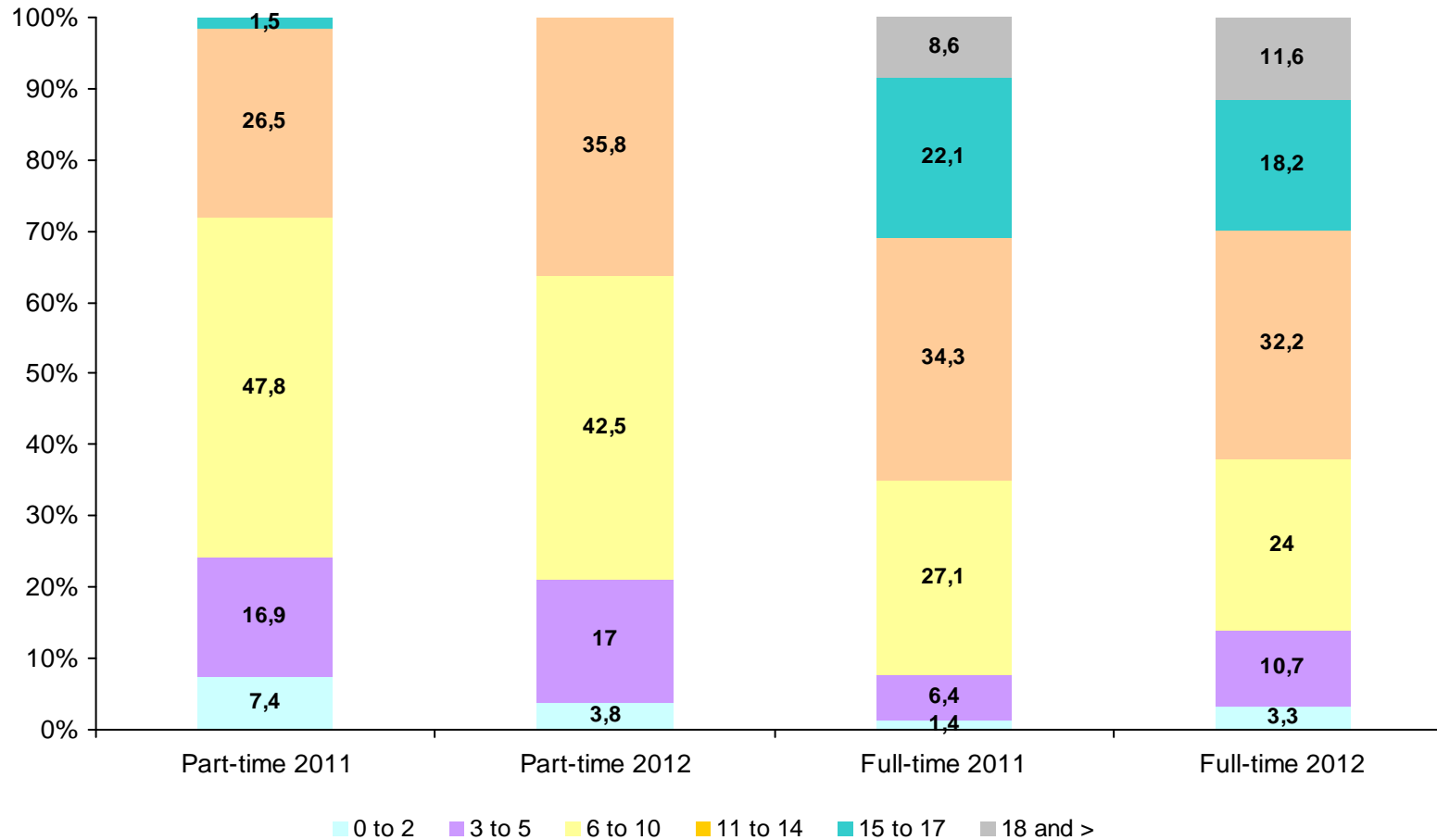


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Foster care of children (IV)

Number of children placed in foster care divided by age: 2011 and 2012

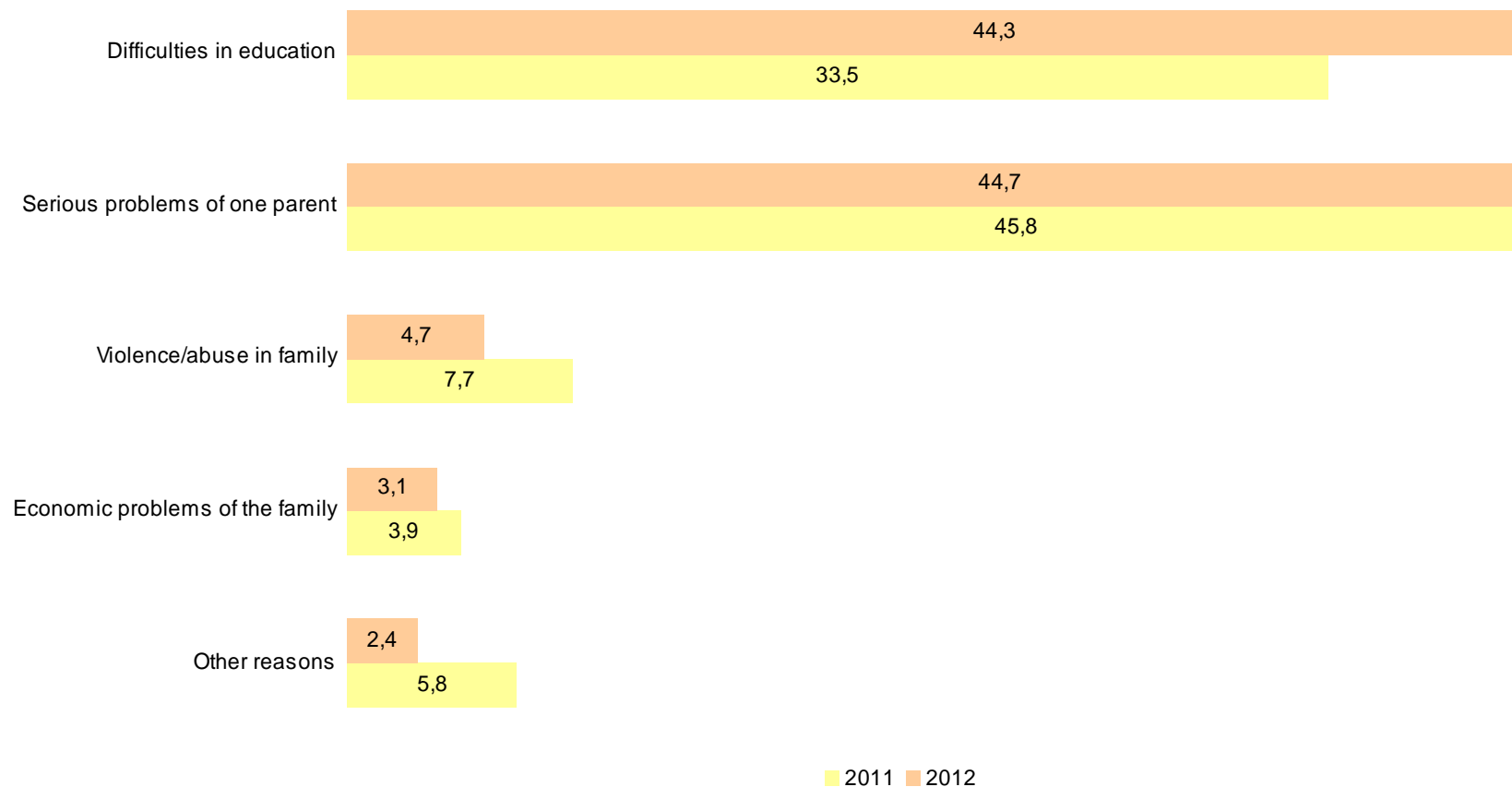


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Foster care of children (V)

Main reasons of full-time foster care: 2011 and 2012



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CHALLENGES

- Difficulty in finding new foster families and persons (social changes...)
- Crisis of the foster care model based on solidarity
- Difficulty in keeping the availability of foster parents constant in time
- Growing complexity of the cases and assisted family situations
- Time limit of the two years imposed by the national law
- Assessment of the foster care suitability in case of foster to relatives within the 4th degree



POSSIBLE INTERVENTION MEASURES AND NEEDS FOR DEVELOPMENT

- Intensification of information and awareness activities
- Strengthening of the training of foster families and persons (both basic and during the fostering)
- Development of association activity in this field
- Experimentation with new forms of foster care (professional foster families, homocultural fostering, families for emergencies)
- Further development of the assessment of the foster care suitability in case of kinship within the 4th degree
- Intensification of the support phase of foster families and persons
- Developing a common culture and language: foster care as a preventive measure



Thank you for your attention

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