
15 Child protection services

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This chapter reports on:

- *child protection services* — functions of government that receive and assess allegations of child abuse and neglect, and/or harm to children and young people, provide and refer clients to family support and other relevant services, and intervene to protect children
- *out-of-home care services* — care for children placed away from their primary caregivers for protective or other family welfare reasons
- *intensive family support services* — specialist services that aim to prevent the imminent separation of children from their primary caregivers as a result of child protection concerns and to reunify families where separation has already occurred. (Performance data for intensive family support services are not yet available, and reporting for intensive family support services is limited to expenditure data and information on the numbers of children commencing intensive family support services)
- *family support services* — activities associated with the provision of lower level (that is, non-intensive) services to families in need, including identification and assessment

of family needs, provision of support and diversionary services, some counselling and active linking and referrals to support networks. These services are typically delivered via voluntary arrangements (as distinct from court orders) between the relevant agency and family. (Performance data for family support services are not yet available, and reporting for family support services is limited to expenditure data).

Improvements to the reporting of child protection services in this edition include:

- data now reported for six jurisdictions compared with five previously for the ‘children with current documented case plans’ indicator
- an increase in the comparability of activity group data with an extra jurisdiction now reporting on children commencing, rather than receiving, services
- an increase in the comparability of expenditure with two jurisdictions increasing inclusions
- reporting an unknown Indigenous status category for lengthier historical data series reporting of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders.

15.1 Profile of child protection services

Service overview

Child protection services

Child protection services are provided to protect children and young people aged 0–17 years who are at risk of harm within their families, or whose families do not have the capacity to protect them. These services include:

- receiving and responding to reports of concern about children and young people, including investigation and assessment where appropriate
- providing support services (directly or through referral) to strengthen the capacity of families to care safely for children
- initiating intervention where necessary, including applying for a care and protection order through a court and, in some situations, placing children or young people in out-of-home care to secure their safety
- ensuring the ongoing safety of children and young people by working with families to resolve protective concerns
- working with families to reunite children, who were removed for safety reasons, with their parents as soon as possible (in some jurisdictions, restoration may occur in voluntary placements as well)

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- securing permanent out-of-home care when it is determined that a child is unable to be returned to the care of his or her parents, and working with young people to identify alternative supported living arrangements where family reunification is not possible.

Research suggests that children and families who come into contact with the child protection system often share common social and demographic characteristics. Families with a history of domestic violence, alcohol and substance abuse, psychiatric disability, and families with low incomes or that are reliant on pensions and benefits are over-represented in the families that come into contact with the child protection system (Department of Human Services 2002; The Allen Consulting Group 2008).

Child protection concerns and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities

Studies have highlighted the high incidence of child abuse and neglect within some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, compared with non-Indigenous communities. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families across Australia have been found to experience higher levels of violence, compared with non-Indigenous families (AIHW 2006). The final report of the NT Board of Inquiry into the Protection of Aboriginal Children from Sexual Abuse (2007) identified child sexual abuse as a significant issue for many of the remote NT Aboriginal communities consulted as part of the Inquiry. The final report of the WA Inquiry into Response by Government Agencies to Complaints of Family Violence and Child Abuse in Aboriginal Communities (Gordon Report 2002) also found high levels of violence and child abuse within Aboriginal communities in WA. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children have higher rates of hospitalisations due to injury, higher rates of injury mortality and more frequent contact with child protection and youth justice systems than non-Indigenous children (AIHW 2014a).

The Report of the Board of Inquiry into the Child Protection System in the NT (2010) *Growing them strong, together* also observed the presence of multiple risk factors in Aboriginal communities, including lack of adequate housing, financial security and education. However, Aboriginal communities also possessed protective factors that can safeguard children and families from psychological distress, such as spirituality and connection to land, family and culture (Bamblett, Bath and Roseby 2010).

Out-of-home care services

Out-of-home care services provide care for children and young people aged 0–17 years who are placed away from their parents or family home for reasons of safety or family crisis. These reasons include abuse, neglect or harm, illness of a parent and/or the inability of parents to provide adequate care. Placements may be voluntary or made in conjunction with care and protection orders.

Out-of-home care services comprise home-based care (for example, foster care, care with a

child's extended family or other home-based arrangements), facility-based care (for example, community residential care) or independent living (which is often intensively supported) as a transition to full independence or supported placements. Across jurisdictions, there has been a shift away from the use of facility-based (or residential) care towards home-based care such as foster care and relative/kinship care.

Intensive family support services

Intensive family support services are an alternative to the removal of a child from his or her home for child protection reasons (box 15.1).

Box 15.1 Intensive family support services

Intensive family support services are specialist services that aim to:

- prevent the imminent separation of children from their primary caregivers as a result of child protection concerns
- reunify families where separation has already occurred.

Intensive family support services differ from other types of child protection and family support services referred to in this chapter, in that they:

- are funded or established explicitly to prevent the separation of, or to reunify, families
- provide a range of services as part of an integrated strategy focusing on improving family functioning and skills, rather than providing a single type of service
- are intensive in nature, averaging at least four hours of service provision per week for a specified short term period (usually less than six months)
- generally respond to referrals from a child protection service.

Intensive family support services may use some or all of the following strategies: assessment and case planning; parent education and skill development; individual and family counselling; drug and alcohol counselling and domestic and family violence support; anger management; respite and emergency care; practical and financial support; mediation, brokerage and referral services; and training in problem solving.

Child protection treatment and support services

A complementary suite of services, intended for future reporting, are known as child protection treatment and support services. These services target at-risk families where there are concerns about the safety and wellbeing of children. They may be less intensive in nature and focus on services that strengthen family relationships in response to concerns about the welfare of a child and may focus on either early intervention or reunification support. Child protection treatment and support services include educational services, clinical services including counselling, group work and other therapeutic interventions, and domestic violence services.

State and Territory governments, with the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), are considering options to implement a national data collection for child protection treatment and support services.

Source: AIHW (unpublished).

Family support services

Family support services are activities typically associated with the provision of lower level (that is, non-intensive) services to families in need, including identification and assessment of family needs, provision of support and diversionary services, some counselling, and active linking and referrals to support networks. These types of services are funded by government but can be delivered by a child protection agency or a non-government organisation. This suite of services does not typically involve planned follow-up by the applicable child protection agency after initial service referral or delivery. These types of services are delivered via voluntary arrangements (as distinct from court orders) between the agency and family.

This Report includes expenditure information for family support services (table 15A.1). Corresponding family support service activity data (for example, numbers of clients or numbers of referrals) are not yet available nationally. The Steering Committee considers that it is important to develop a data collection to quantify the extent and effectiveness of family support service activity.

Roles and responsibilities

State and Territory governments fund child protection, out-of-home care, family support (including intensive family support) and other relevant services (box 15.2 identifies State and Territory government departments responsible for these services during 2013-14). These services may be delivered by the government, non-government organisations and, in some cases, by for-profit providers. Child protection services investigate and assess reports, provide or refer families to support services, and intervene where necessary (including making court applications when an order is required to protect a child, and placing children in out-of-home care).

Box 15.2 **Government agencies responsible for child protection and out-of-home care services, 2013-14**

NSW	Department of Family and Community Services
Vic	Department of Human Services
Qld	Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services
WA	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
SA	Department for Education and Child Development
Tas	Department of Health and Human Services
ACT	Community Services Directorate
NT	Department of Children and Families

Other areas of government also have roles in child protection and provide services for children who have come into contact with relevant departments for protective reasons. These include:

- education and child care services, which in some jurisdictions have mandatory reporting responsibilities and conduct education on protective behaviours
- health services and mental health services, which support the assessment of child protection matters and deliver general medical and dental services as well as therapeutic, counselling and other services
- police, which investigate serious allegations of child abuse and neglect, particularly criminal matters, and may also work on child protection assessments with State and Territory departments responsible for child protection
- courts, which decide whether a child will be placed on an order.

A range of appointments, schemes and charters have been introduced by jurisdictions in recent years, to provide additional protection for clients of child protection systems. Examples of these are listed in box 15.3.

Box 15.3 Initiatives to provide additional protection for child protection clients

Aus Gov In April 2012, the Australian Government announced the introduction of a new national Children’s Commissioner to champion the rights of Australia’s young people. The inaugural National Children’s Commissioner was appointed in February 2013. The National Children’s Commissioner sits within the Australian Human Rights Commission, Australia’s national independent statutory body dealing with human rights.

NSW The Commission for Children and Young People works to improve the safety and wellbeing of children in NSW. The Commission conducts research into children’s issues and makes recommendations to government on policies, practices and services that may affect children. In 2013, the Commission released a discussion paper calling for ideas on the establishment of a Children’s advocate in NSW. The Office of the Children’s Guardian is an independent government agency that administers the Working With Children Check (WWCC), a prerequisite for anyone undertaking paid or voluntary child-related work in NSW, and encourages organisations to develop their capacity to be safe for children. All applicant foster, relative and kinship carers and all adult household members (18 years and over) are required to obtain a WWCC clearance prior to the applicant’s authorisation as a carer for a child or young person in out-of-home care. The Office promotes the best interests and rights of children and young people in care, including accrediting and monitoring agencies that arrange, provide or supervise out-of-home care, as well as accrediting non-government adoption service providers.

Box 15.3 (continued)

- Vic** The Commission for Children and Young People has been established to promote continuous improvement and innovation in policies and practices relating to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people generally, and in particular those who are vulnerable, including those placed in out-of-home care. A Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People has also been established to address issues specific to Aboriginal children and young people.
- Qld** Through implementation of recommendations from the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry, a new oversight system will replace the functions of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian which ceased operations on 30 June 2014. This includes the new Queensland Family and Child Commission, which will provide systemic leadership and strategic oversight of the child protection system; the new Office of the Public Guardian, which will provide individual advocacy for children in the child protection system; a new independent Child Death Case Review Panel, which will improve service provision and accountability and better complaints management with child-related complaints to be handled by the relevant department with oversight provided by the independent Queensland Ombudsman.
- WA** The Advocate for Children in Care provides advocacy and complaints management services for children and young people in care. In 2011-12, the Advocate also implemented a state-wide rollout of 'Viewpoint', an interactive online program for children in care aged 4 to 17 years to express their views, wishes and experiences to contribute to developing meaningful care plans. The Department's Complaints Management Unit is available to all customers. Formal monitoring of protection and care service standards by a Standards Monitoring Unit began on 1 July 2007. Seventeen districts are monitored on a two-year cycle and the monitoring regime has been extended across all placement service providers.
- SA** The Office of the Guardian monitors and assesses out-of-home care arrangements, advocates for, and advises on, the circumstances and needs of children and systemic issues affecting the quality of out-of-home care. Through outreach services, the Guardian ensures all children and young people in out-of-home care receive the individual advocacy they require. Further, the Guardian works with relevant agencies to ensure children in care involved in investigations of sexual abuse have an advocate.
- Tas** The Commissioner for Children's functions include promoting the rights and wellbeing of children and young people, and examining the policies, practices, services and laws affecting the health, welfare, care, protection and development of children and young people.

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Box 15.3 (continued)

ACT The Public Advocate of the ACT monitors the provision of services, and protects and advocates for the rights of children and young people. Systemic issues are referred by the Public Advocate to the Commissioner for Children and Young People. The Commissioner consults with and promotes the interests of children. The Official Visitor's role is to visit and inspect places of care, of detention or therapeutic protection, and receive and inquire about complaints made concerning the care provided to children and young people at these locations. In addition, an ACT Charter of Rights for children and young people in out-of-home care was launched in November 2009. The Charter is consistent with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the ACT Human Rights Act 2004, and the Children and Young People Act 2008, all of which emphasise the basic human rights to which children and young people are entitled.

NT The Office of the Children's Commissioner was established in 2008 to independently monitor the child protection system through the investigation of complaints and reporting against the Department of Children and Families' administration of the Care and Protection of Children Act. In July 2011, the powers of the Children's Commissioner were extended to allow the initiation of investigations without receiving a formal complaint. The scope of the Children's Commission's powers was expanded beyond children involved in the child protection system with 'protected children' changing to 'vulnerable children'. An Aboriginal peak body, Stronger Aboriginal Families, Together has been established to represent Aboriginal children, young people and their families.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Size and scope

The child protection system

Child protection legislation, policies and practices vary across jurisdictions, which has some implications for the comparability of child protection data (Holzer and Bromfield 2008). However, the broad processes in child protection systems are similar (figure 15.1).

State and Territory government departments with responsibility for child protection are advised of concerns about the wellbeing of children through reports to these agencies. Reports may be made by people mandated to report or by other members of the community. Individuals and organisations mandated to report vary across states and territories, and may include medical practitioners, police officers, school teachers and principals. These reports are assessed and classified as child protection notifications, child concern reports, or matters requiring some other kind of response. Nationally, between 2008-09 and 2012-13, police were the most common source of notifications, although proportions varied across jurisdictions (AIHW 2014b and earlier editions).

Figure 15.1 is a simplified representation of the statutory child protection system. It depicts the common pathways through the statutory system and referrals to support services, which can take place at any point along the statutory service system. Children might or might not move sequentially along these pathways and, in some instances, children might move through these pathways quite rapidly (for example, on the same day). There are a range of other services and programs which work to meet the needs of children and families that are not depicted in this diagram, including health, education and early childhood services.

Notification

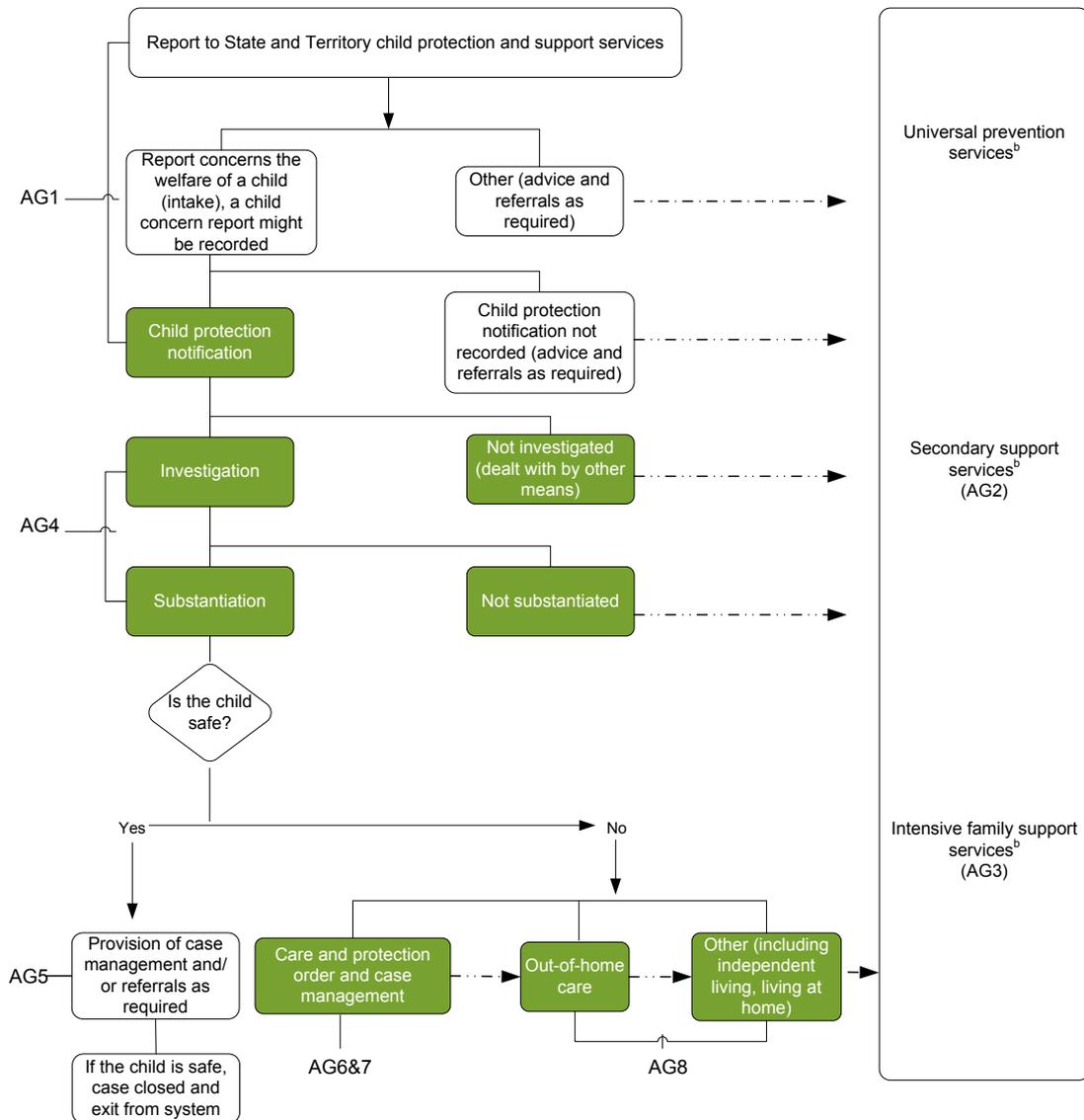
Notifications are reports lodged by members of the community with the appropriate statutory child protection department to signify that they have reason to believe that a child is in need of protection. Depending on the circumstances, not all reports received by child protection departments will be recorded as notifications. Most jurisdictions assess incoming reports to determine whether they meet the threshold for recording a notification. Where, for example, a determination is made that the alleged behaviour does not meet the definition of a child in need of protection, a child concern report or equivalent might be recorded instead. If the alleged behaviour does not meet the threshold for recording a notification or a child concern report, the person reporting the matter might be provided with general advice and/or a referral.

Jurisdictions count notifications at different points in the response to a report, ranging from the point of initial contact with the source of the report to the end of a screening and decision making process. This means the number of notifications is not strictly comparable across jurisdictions. Notifications are subsequently investigated based on the policies and practices in each jurisdiction (figure 15.1).

Prior to 2009-10, the rates of children subject to notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated for children aged 0–16 years, while the rates of children on care and protection orders and in out-of-home care were calculated for children aged 0–17 years. From 2009-10 onwards, all child protection data are reported for the age range 0–17 years.

Nationally, 198 966 children aged 0–17 years were the subject of child protection notifications in 2013-14. This was equivalent to 37.8 notifications per 1000 children in the population aged 0–17 years. Nationally, 38 597 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–17 years were the subject of child protection notifications in 2013-14, equivalent to 132.9 notifications per 1000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the population aged 0–17 years (table 15A.8). The total number of notifications for each jurisdiction for 2013-14 (including cases where a child was the subject of more than one child protection notification) by Indigenous status of the child is reported in table 15A.5.

Figure 15.1 The child protection service^{a, b, c, d, e}



^a Dashed lines indicate that clients may or may not receive these services, depending on need, service availability, and client willingness to participate in voluntary services. ^b Support services include family preservation and reunification services provided by government and other agencies. Children and families move in and out of these services and the child protection system, and might also be in the child protection system while receiving support services. ^c Shading indicates data availability. ^d AG = Activity Group. ^e AG1 = Receipt and assessment of initial information about a potential protection and support issue; AG2 = Provision of generic family support services; AG3 = Provision of intensive family support services; AG4 = Secondary information gathering and assessment; AG5 = Provision of short term protective intervention and coordination services for children not on an order; AG6 = Seeking an order; AG7 = Provision of protective intervention, support and coordination services for children on an order; AG8 = Provision of out of home care services.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Notification and investigation data are collected early in the child protection process and often before an agency has full knowledge of a child’s circumstances. This lack of

information and the inherent difficulties in identifying Indigenous status mean that data on the number of notifications and investigations by Indigenous status should be interpreted with care.

Investigation

An investigation is the process whereby the relevant department obtains more detailed information about a child who is the subject of a notification and makes an assessment about the harm or risk of harm to the child, and his or her protective needs. Not all notifications are investigated in all jurisdictions. For example, if a determination is made that a child and family are better served by family support services rather than a child protection response, children and families might be referred to diversionary and support services. Once it has been decided that an investigation is required, the investigation process is similar across jurisdictions.

The department responsible for child protection may obtain further information about the child and his or her family by checking information systems for any previous history, undertaking discussions with agencies and individuals, interviewing/sighting the child and/or interviewing the caregivers/parents. At a minimum, the child is sighted whenever practicable, and the child's circumstances and needs are assessed. Where possible, an investigation determines whether a notification is substantiated or not substantiated.

Nationally, 92 184 children aged 0–17 years who were the subject of a notification in 2013-14 were subsequently the subject of a finalised investigation in 2013-14. This was equivalent to 17.5 finalised investigations per 1000 children in the population aged 0–17 years (table 15A.8). Nationally, 23 210 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0-17 years who were the subject of a notification in 2013-14 were subsequently the subject of an investigation in 2013-14, equivalent to 79.9 finalised investigations per 1000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the population aged 0–17 years. The total number of notifications investigated for each jurisdiction in 2013-14, by Indigenous status, is reported in table 15A.5.

Substantiation

The legal definition of harm or risk of harm, abuse or risk of abuse are similar across jurisdictions. Traditionally, child protection legislation and policy focused on the identification and investigation of narrowly defined incidents that were broadly grouped as types of abuse or neglect. Across all jurisdictions, the focus has now shifted away from the actions of parents and guardians, toward the desired outcomes for the child, the identification and investigation of actual and/or likely harm or risk to the child, and the child's needs. While the legal criteria for substantiating such matters are now similar across jurisdictions, there remain some differences in practice, including different thresholds for recording a substantiation related to risk of harm.

If an investigation results in a substantiation, intervention by child protection services might be needed to protect the child. This intervention can take a number of forms, including one or more of: referral to other services; supervision and support; an application to court; and a placement in out-of-home care.

Nationally, 40 844 children aged 0–17 years were the subject of a substantiation in 2013-14. This was equivalent to 7.8 substantiations per 1000 children in the population aged 0–17 years. The rate of children who were the subject of a substantiation increased from 6.2 per 1000 children in the population aged 0–17 years in 2009-10 (table 15A.8).

Nationally, 11 270 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, 28 149 non-Indigenous children and 1425 children of unknown Indigenous status were the subject of substantiations in 2013-14. The rate of children who were the subject of a substantiation per 1000 children in the target population aged 0–17 years was 38.8 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and 5.7 for non-Indigenous children (table 15A.8).

Care and protection orders

Although child protection substantiations are often resolved without the need for a court order (which is usually a last resort), recourse to a court may take place at any point in the child protection investigation process. The types of orders available vary across jurisdictions and may include finalised guardianship or custody orders, finalised supervisory orders, and interim and temporary orders.

Nationally, 45 746 children aged 0–17 years were on care and protection orders at 30 June 2014. This was equivalent to 8.7 children on care and protection orders per 1000 children in the population aged 0–17 years. The number and rate of children aged 0–17 years who were the subject of a care and protection order has increased since 2010. At 30 June 2010, 37 730 children were on care and protection orders, a rate of 7.5 per 1000 children in the population aged 0–17 years (table 15A.8).

Nationally, 15 504 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, 30 034 non-Indigenous children and 208 children of unknown Indigenous status were on care and protection orders at 30 June 2014. The rate of children on care and protection orders per 1000 children in the target population aged 0–17 years was 53.2 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and 6.0 for non-Indigenous children (table 15A.8).

Further information regarding children on care and protection orders is included in the attachment tables. Table 15A.6 identifies the number of children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status for a ten year time series to 2013-14. Table 15A.7 identifies the number of children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status for a ten year time series to 2013-14.

Out-of-home care

Out-of-home care is one of a range of services provided to children and families where there is a need to provide safe care for a child. Children are placed in out-of-home care as a last resort when it is not in their best interests to remain with their family (for example, because there is no one suitable to provide care). Where children are placed in out-of-home care, placement with the extended family or community is sought where possible, particularly in the case of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (AIHW 2006). Continued emphasis is placed on improving case planning and case management processes to facilitate the safe return home of children in out-of-home care and to maximise case workers' contact time with children and families.

Nationally, 43 009 children were in out-of-home care at 30 June 2014. This was equivalent to 8.1 children in out-of-home care per 1000 children in the population aged 0–17 years (table 15A.18). The number and rate of children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care has increased since 2010. At 30 June 2010, 35 895 children were in out-of-home care, a rate of 7.1 per 1000 children in the population aged 0–17 years (table 15A.18).

Nationally, 14 991 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and 27 827 non-Indigenous children were in out-of-home care at 30 June 2014. The rate of children in out-of-home care per 1000 children in the target population aged 0–17 years was 51.4 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and 5.6 for non-Indigenous children (table 15A.18).

Further information on children in out-of-home care is included in the attachment tables.

- Table 15A.19 identifies the number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type at 30 June 2014.
- Table 15A.20 identifies the number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether they were on a care and protection order at 30 June 2014.
- Table 15A.21 identifies the number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care at 30 June 2014.
- Table 15A.22 identifies the number of children who exited care during 2013-14, by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care.

Funding

Total recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services was approximately \$3.3 billion nationally in 2013-14 — a real increase of \$77.8 million (2.4 per cent) from 2012-13. Of this expenditure, out-of-home care services accounted for the majority (65.4 per cent, or \$2.2 billion). Nationally, annual real expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services has increased by \$543.4 million since 2009-10, an average increase of 4.6 per cent per year for the past five years (table 15A.1). 'Real'

expenditure refers to expenditure adjusted for general price movements over time, so that comparisons across years are not affected by inflation.

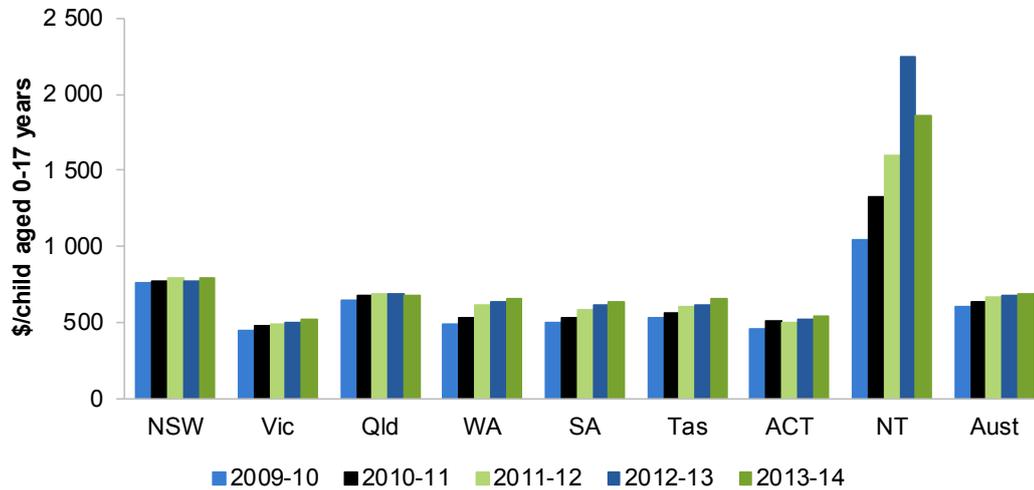
Recurrent expenditure on intensive family support services across all jurisdictions was \$300.8 million in 2013-14. Intensive family support services expenditure has fluctuated over the past five years (table 15A.30). Table 15A.1 and tables 15A.30–33 provide additional information about families and children who were involved with intensive family support services, including the cost of providing these services per child commencing intensive family support services.

This Report includes expenditure on family support services for all jurisdictions except SA. These data were introduced in the 2013 Report. Family support services are less intensive in nature and do not typically involve planned follow up and case management by child protection agencies (as is often the case with intensive family support services). Nationally, in 2013-14, expenditure on family support services amounted to \$377.1 million (table 15A.1).

In 2013-14, real recurrent expenditure on child protection, out-of-home care, intensive family support services and family support services per child aged 0–17 years in the population was \$758 nationally. The family support services category was first included in the Report for the 2011-12 financial year. Excluding family support services, the real recurrent expenditure on child protection, out-of-home care and intensive family support services per child aged 0–17 years in the population was \$686 nationally. In 2009-10, real recurrent expenditure on child protection, out-of-home care and intensive family support services per child aged 0–17 years was \$611 (table 15A.1). This represents an average increase of 2.9 per cent per year for the past five years.

Figure 15.2 depicts total real recurrent expenditure per child aged 0–17 years in the population for the period 2009-10 to 2013-14, excluding expenditure on family support services (for consistency across the time series).

Figure 15.2 **Real recurrent expenditure on child protection, out-of-home care and intensive family support services per child (total) (2013-14 dollars)^{a, b, c}**

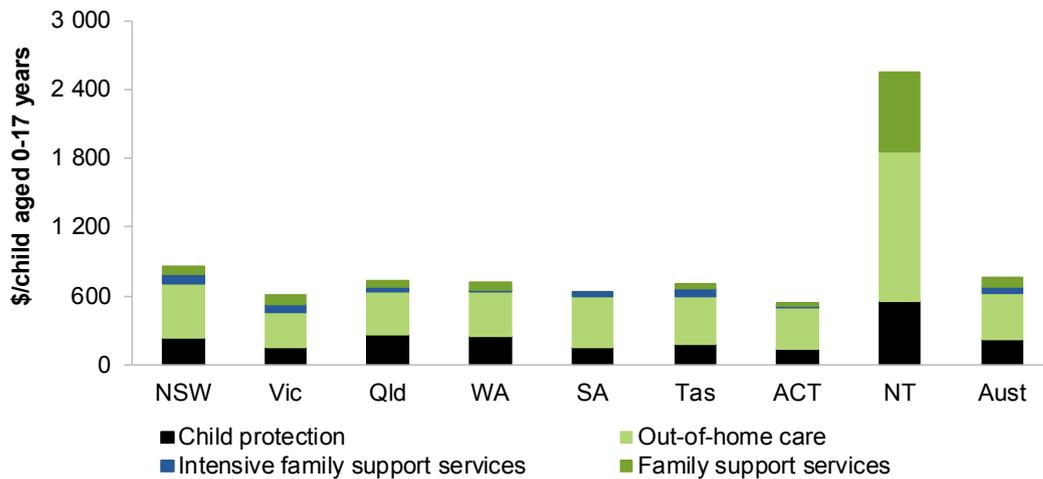


^a Refer to table 15A.1 for detailed jurisdiction-specific footnotes and table 15A.4 for information on the comparability of expenditure data. ^b Excludes expenditure on family support services for consistency across the time series. ^c Time series financial data are adjusted to 2013-14 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2013-14 = 100) (table 2A.51). See chapter 2 (sections 2.5-6) for details.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 15A.1.

Figure 15.3 depicts expenditure including family support services per child aged 0–17 years in the population in 2013-14.

Figure 15.3 **Recurrent expenditure on child protection, out-of-home care, family support services and intensive family support services per child, 2013-14^a**



^a Refer to table 15A.1 for detailed jurisdiction-specific footnotes on expenditure data and table 15A.4 for information on the comparability of expenditure data.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 15A.1.

It is a Steering Committee objective to report comparable estimates of costs. Ideally, the full range of costs to government would be determined on a comparable basis across jurisdictions. Where full costs cannot be calculated, costs should be estimated on a consistent basis across jurisdictions. However, in the area of child protection, there are differences across jurisdictions in the calculation of expenditure.

Table 15A.4 identifies the level of consistency across jurisdictions for a number of expenditure items. The scope of child protection systems also varies across jurisdictions, and expenditure on some services are included for some jurisdictions, but not for others.

15.2 Framework of performance indicators for child protection services

The framework of performance indicators for child protection and out-of-home care services is based on shared government objectives (box 15.4).

Box 15.4 Objectives for child protection and out-of-home care services

The aims of child protection services are to:

- protect children and young people who are at risk of harm within their families or whose families do not have the capacity to provide care and protection
- assist families to protect children and young people.

The aim of out-of-home care services is to provide quality care for children and young people aged 0–17 years who cannot live with their parents for reasons of safety or family crisis.

Child protection and out-of-home care services should be provided in an efficient and effective manner.

The performance indicator framework provides information on equity, efficiency and effectiveness, and distinguishes the outputs and outcomes of child protection services (figure 15.4). The performance indicator framework shows which data are comparable in the 2015 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, the text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary. Chapter 1 discusses data comparability and data completeness from a Report-wide perspective (see section 1.6).

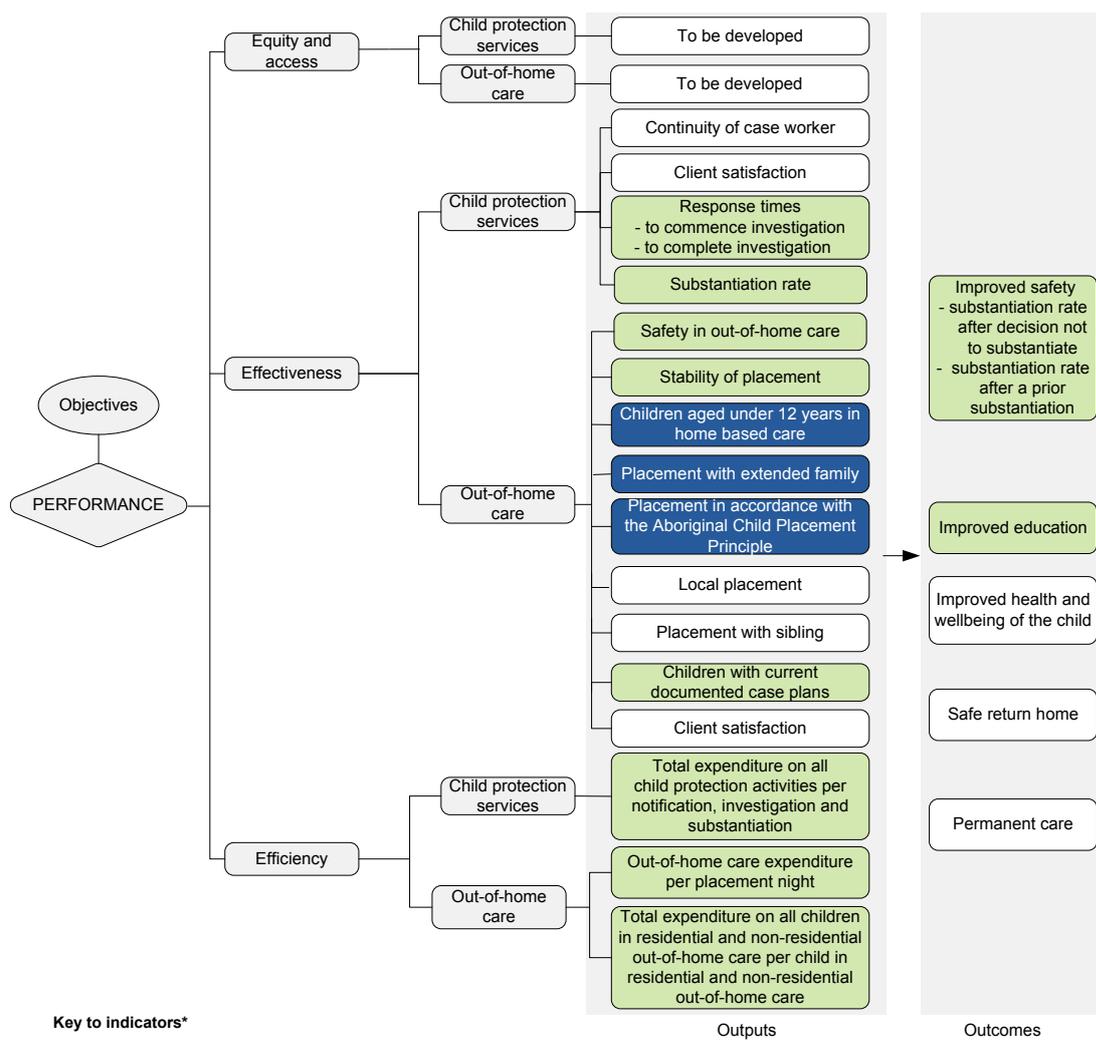
The Report's statistical context chapter contains data that may assist in interpreting the performance indicators presented in this chapter. These data cover a range of demographic and geographic characteristics, including age profile, geographic distribution of the population, income levels, education levels, tenure of dwellings and cultural heritage (including Indigenous- and ethnic-status) (chapter 2). Chapter 2 also notes that the large populations of the eastern mainland states — NSW, Victoria and Queensland — have a significant effect on national averages, as approximately three quarters of Australia's population live in these states.

Data quality information (DQI) is being progressively introduced for all indicators in the Report. The purpose of DQI is to provide structured and consistent information about quality aspects of data used to report on performance indicators, in addition to material in the chapter or sector overview and attachment tables. DQI in this Report cover the seven dimensions in the ABS' data quality framework (institutional environment, relevance, timeliness, accuracy, coherence, accessibility and interpretability) in addition to dimensions that define and describe performance indicators in a consistent manner, and note key data gaps and issues identified by the Steering Committee. All DQI for the 2015 Report can be found at www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2015.

Prior to the 2014 Report, child protection data were sourced from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's (AIHW) national child protection aggregate data collection (with data having been supplied to the AIHW by State and Territory governments). In 2013, the AIHW began implementing a child-based unit record collection for child protection services. As a result of the ongoing implementation of this new data system, data for all jurisdictions could not be sourced from the AIHW in time for this Report. Data for NSW

and Queensland were sourced directly from State governments. Data for the remaining jurisdictions were sourced from the AIHW. The move from the aggregate collection to the unit record collection has not affected the comparability of child protection data over time.

Figure 15.4 **Child protection services performance indicator framework**



Key to indicators*

- Text** (Blue box): Most recent data for all measures are comparable and complete
- Text** (Green box): Most recent data for at least one measure are comparable and complete
- Text** (White box): Most recent data for all measures are either not comparable and/or not complete
- Text** (White box): No data reported and/or no measures yet developed

* A description of the comparability and completeness of each measure is provided in indicator interpretation boxes within the chapter

15.3 Key child protection services performance indicator results

Different delivery contexts, locations and clients can affect the equity/access, effectiveness and efficiency of child protection and out-of-home care services.

Outputs

Outputs are the services delivered (while outcomes are the impact of these services on the status of an individual or group) (see chapter 1, section 1.5).

Equity and access

Equity and access indicators are indicators of governments' objective to ensure that all clients have fair and equitable access to services on the basis of relative need and available resources (box 15.5).

Box 15.5 Equity and access to child protection services

'Equity and access to child protection and out-of-home care services' is yet to be defined. These indicators have been identified for development and reporting in future.

Effectiveness

Child protection services — continuity of case worker

'Continuity of case worker' is an indicator of governments' objective to ensure child protection services are delivered in an effective manner (box 15.6).

Box 15.6 Continuity of case worker

'Continuity of case worker' is yet to be defined.

The turnover of workers is a frequent criticism of the quality of child protection services. Effective intervention requires a productive working relationship between the worker and the child and family.

This indicator has been identified for development and reporting in future.

Child protection services — client satisfaction

‘Client satisfaction’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide high quality services that meet the needs of recipients (box 15.7).

Box 15.7 Client satisfaction

‘Client satisfaction’ is yet to be defined. It is intended that this indicator will measure client satisfaction with the statutory child protection system.

This indicator has been identified for development and reporting in future.

Box 15.8 provides examples of steps taken nationally and across jurisdictions to monitor, assess and promote client satisfaction with child protection and out-of-home care services.

Box 15.8 Developments in client satisfaction

Aust A national survey of the views of children in out-of-home care is currently being implemented to enable reporting against a set of indicators under the *National Standards for Out-of-Home Care*. The first national report on this survey is due to Ministers in 2015 and is expected to include qualitative and quantitative information about children's experience of out-of-home care.

NSW An independent Brighter Futures program evaluation was completed during 2006-10 by the Social Policy Research Centre. The final Evaluation report published in September 2010 identified an overall reduction in risk of harm reports for participants in the program. The evaluation also found that families with drug and alcohol problems and where domestic violence existed demonstrated the smallest reduction in reports over time. A 2-year Aboriginal Family Study, completed by Community Services in 2011, examined what worked for Aboriginal families participating in Brighter Futures. This study identified a reduction in child protection reports and the number of days in care for Aboriginal families who participated in Brighter Futures. On the basis of national and international research and the evaluation findings, program reform was implemented in January 2012. Key program changes included the delivery of the program by 16 non-government agencies, streamlined referral pathways, and refocussing the program to target families with children (0-8 years of age) at high risk of entering the statutory child protection system. In addition, an Early Intervention Council was established with the broad aim of building the government and community collaboration needed to improve outcomes for children at risk of entering or re-entering the statutory child protection system.

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- Vic Child Protection clients and families were surveyed in 2001 about their experience of child protection intervention. Findings identified areas for practice improvement and also a range of strengths in child protection practice, including that in the majority of cases, child protection intervention improved the safety and life circumstances of children and young people. A more comprehensive survey commenced in 2011 (the Child and Family Services Outcomes Survey, or CAFSOS). An independent survey of the parents and carers of children receiving child protection, out-of-home care and intensive family support services was completed in 2012. A national survey of young people who are clients of these services is scheduled for 2014. Both surveys will be repeated after a 2-year interval to measure change. Client feedback is also routinely sought by Community Services Organisations as part of meeting Victorian out-of-home care service registration standards.
- Qld A new independent statutory body — the Office of the Public Guardian — took over responsibility for protecting the rights of vulnerable children and young people in the child protection system from 1 July 2014. As part of these responsibilities the Public Guardian took over running the Community Visitor Program to support the most vulnerable children and people in out-of-home care, youth detention, corrective services and mental health facilities. The Public Guardian also has special responsibilities to provide individual advocacy for children and young people in the child protection system, ensuring their views and wishes are taken into consideration when decisions are made about them and their care arrangements.
- WA The Department for Child Protection and Family Support has a number of system feedback loops to measure and respond to client satisfaction, including the collection of feedback from children and families, avenues for decisions to be reviewed, mechanisms for formal complaints, standards monitoring and an ongoing evaluation and review cycle for specific policies and services. The Viewpoint system is an online, interactive program for children in the care of the CEO aged 4–17 years, which enables children to express their views, wishes and experiences and to contribute meaningfully to their care plan. The Department’s corporate executive staff receive regular reports about the views of children collected through Viewpoint. The Advocate for Children in Care provides advocacy and complaint management services for children and young people in the care of the CEO. Formal complaints about Department services can also be made through the Complaints Management Unit. Requests from children and families to review Department decisions can be made through the Case Review Panel and the State Administration Tribunal. The Department’s Standards Monitoring Unit reviews both Department and community sector organisation services against the *Better Care Better Service* standards. The Department’s Information Research and Evaluation unit, and engaged external agencies, undertake a cycle of review and evaluation projects for key policies and services.

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- SA** Client complaints, compliments and suggestions are reported to the Families SA client feedback system, 'RiskMan'. This information is assessed for appropriate follow up, and is reported to the Health and Community Services Complaints Commissioner on a quarterly basis, and the Families SA Executive Director. In addition, Create SA is contracted as the peak body representing the voices of all children in care. Children have the opportunity to provide evaluation feedback on training and programs they are involved in through formal surveys, and are encouraged to provide feedback on their experiences with Create SA through various media. Young people also complete an annual 'Report Card Survey' to provide feedback on their experiences in care and with Create SA. In 2013, the Guardians Office completed a report on the experiences of children who move placements in out-of-home care. The Guardian's Inquiry into the Impact and Experience of Moving While in Care sought children's views about the impact of changing their care placement and what would make it a better experience. The Inquiry also sought the views of people who most influence placement moves.
- Tas** An independent evaluation of the pilot Children's Visitors scheme for children and young people in out-of-home care was completed following the completion of the pilot scheme in 2011. The evaluation of this pilot scheme confirmed that there were both strengths and weaknesses with the scheme and recommended that a new model be developed to provide ongoing, independent support to the most vulnerable children and young people in out of home care. As such, a new youth mentoring program has been developed which is due to commence, providing long term, independent mentoring relationships for young people currently in care, preparing to leave care, and beyond. The program will be delivered across the state by Whitelion and will use volunteer mentors to build supportive relationships with clients. Major aims of the program include improving the engagement of young people with the care planning process and the associated decisions that affect them and consistently supporting clients to achieve their goals throughout their transition to independent living and beyond.
- ACT** The ACT has strengthened mechanisms to improve transparency and accountability in decision-making, and the provision of services to vulnerable and at risk children, young people and their families. These mechanisms include the establishment of a Decision Making Review Panel (the Panel) and a Complaints Unit in 2012. The Panel will review significant administrative decisions within the Office for Children, Youth and Family Support (OCYFS), Community Services Directorate. The Panel can review decisions made by staff of OCYFS, out-of-home care agencies or carers including: significant administrative decisions that have been reviewed by the line area and the senior delegate of OCYFS; decisions regarding matters of compensation or reimbursements; review of decisions directly referred to the Panel by the Director-General, the Deputy Director-General or the Executive Director, OCYFS; administrative decisions that have a significant or long term impact on the wellbeing of children and young people, carers or agencies; matters that might proceed to the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal for a review of an internal decision; and, matters where no decision has been reached and where it is established this delay has had a significant effect on the child or young person or their care environment.

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The aim of the Complaints Unit is to improve processes to record and respond to complaints and feedback, report complaints data to executive, analyse data and identify areas requiring improvement, ensure accessible information on complaints and feedback is available to service users, and provision of feedback to staff regarding individual and systemic issues.

NT In 2013-14 the Department of Children and Families (DCF) formed a Professional Practice Division to enhance client outcomes. The Division includes a Practice Integrity and Complaints Management Unit and has launched Standards of Professional Practice. DCF has made the Charter of Rights for Children in Out of Home Care a foundation document in its interactions with children. The Out of Home Care Division is improving engagement of children during placement planning and review so that client satisfaction informs ongoing out of home care services. The Children's Commissioner's powers have also been strengthened to allow the Children's Commissioner to investigate concerns relating to vulnerable children without having to receive a formal complaint, and to resolve matters without the need for formal investigation.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Child protection services — response times

'Response times' is an indicator of governments' objective to minimise the risk of harm to children by responding to notifications of possible child protection incidents and completing investigations in a timely manner (box 15.9). Notifications and investigations are defined on pages 15.11–12.

Box 15.9 **Response times**

'Response times' is defined by two measures:

- response time to commence investigations, defined as the length of time (measured in days) between the date a child protection department records a notification and the date an investigation is subsequently commenced
- response time to complete investigations, defined as the length of time (measured in days) between the date a child protection department records a notification and the date an investigation is completed (that is, the date an investigation outcome is determined by a department).

A short or decreasing length of time between recording a notification and commencing an investigation, and between recording a notification and completing an investigation, is desirable.

The length of time between recording a notification and commencing an investigation indicates a department's promptness in responding to child protection concerns. The length of time between recording a notification and completing an investigation indicates a department's effectiveness in conducting investigations in a timely manner.

This indicator should be interpreted with care, as jurisdictions record notifications at different stages in response to a report, and jurisdictions have different policies and legislation outlining the time recommended for commencing investigations, based on the seriousness of the child protection concern. Furthermore, while investigations should be conducted in a timely manner, it is important that expediency does not undermine a thorough and accurate assessment of the case. In addition, a number of factors outside the control of a department can affect the timeliness of investigations, including involvement by external parties (for example, police and schools) and an inability to locate a child and/or family.

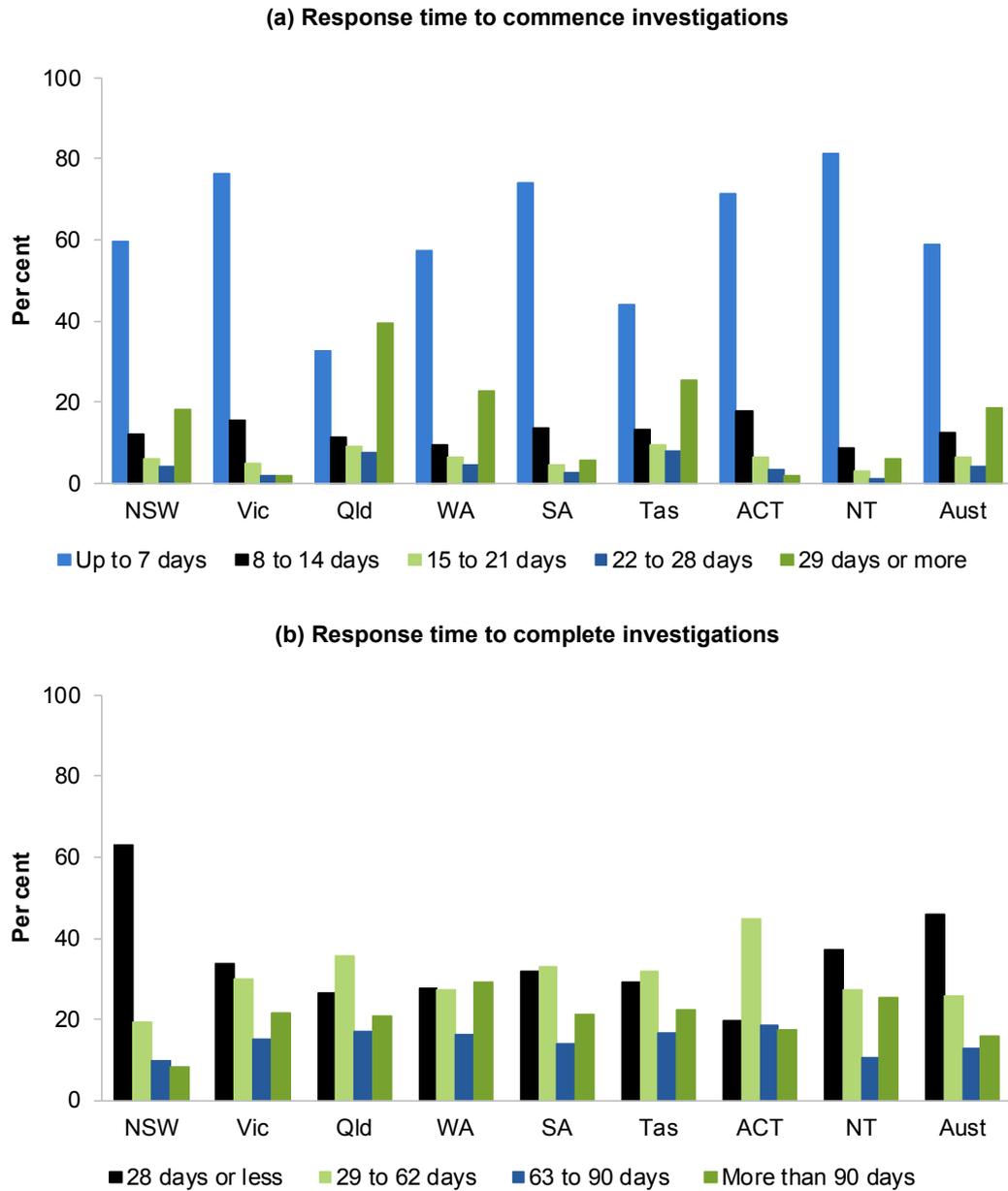
Data reported for these measures are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) within some jurisdictions over time, but are not comparable across jurisdictions (see caveats in attachment tables for specific jurisdictions)
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2013-14 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Data quality information for this indicator is at www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2015.

For most jurisdictions, and nationally, the majority of investigations were commenced within seven days of notification in 2013-14 (figure 15.5(a)). Response times to complete investigations varied across jurisdictions in 2013-14. Nationally, 45.8 per cent of investigations were completed in 28 days or less, 25.7 per cent were completed in 29 to 62 days, 12.8 per cent were completed in 63 to 90 days, and 15.7 per cent were completed in more than 90 days (figure 15.5(b)).

Figure 15.5 Proportion of investigations commenced and completed, by time taken, 2013-14^{a, b}



^a Caution should be used when interpreting results as jurisdictions count notifications at different points in response to a report, and have different policies and protocols governing the type of response to a notification. See source tables for detailed footnotes. ^b For the measure 'response times to commence investigations', in Tasmania's current system, the 'date investigation commenced' defaults to the date referred for investigation. This date is often not updated to reflect the actual date commenced which means the number of days to commence investigations is often understated.

Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) data collection (unpublished); tables 15A.15 and 15A.16.

Child protection services — substantiation rate

‘Substantiation rate’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to target investigations to those notifications where a substantive child abuse/neglect incident has occurred or is at risk of occurring (box 15.10).

Box 15.10 Substantiation rate

‘Substantiation rate’ is defined as the proportion of finalised investigations where harm or risk of harm was confirmed.

The substantiation rate provides an indication of the extent to which government avoided the human and financial costs of an investigation where no harm had occurred or was at risk of occurring. Neither a very high nor very low substantiation rate is desirable. A very low substantiation rate might indicate that notifications and investigations are not accurately targeted to appropriate cases, with the undesirable consequence of distress to families and undermining the likelihood that families will voluntarily seek support. It might also reflect a greater propensity to substantiate abuse incidents rather than situations of risk. A very high substantiation rate might indicate that the criteria for substantiation are unnecessarily bringing ‘lower risk’ families into the statutory system.

The rate of finalised investigations that were substantiated is influenced by a range of factors and might fluctuate because of policy, funding and practice changes, such as better targeting of investigative resources, the impact of mandatory reporting or factors such as increased community awareness and willingness to notify suspected instances of child abuse, neglect or harm.

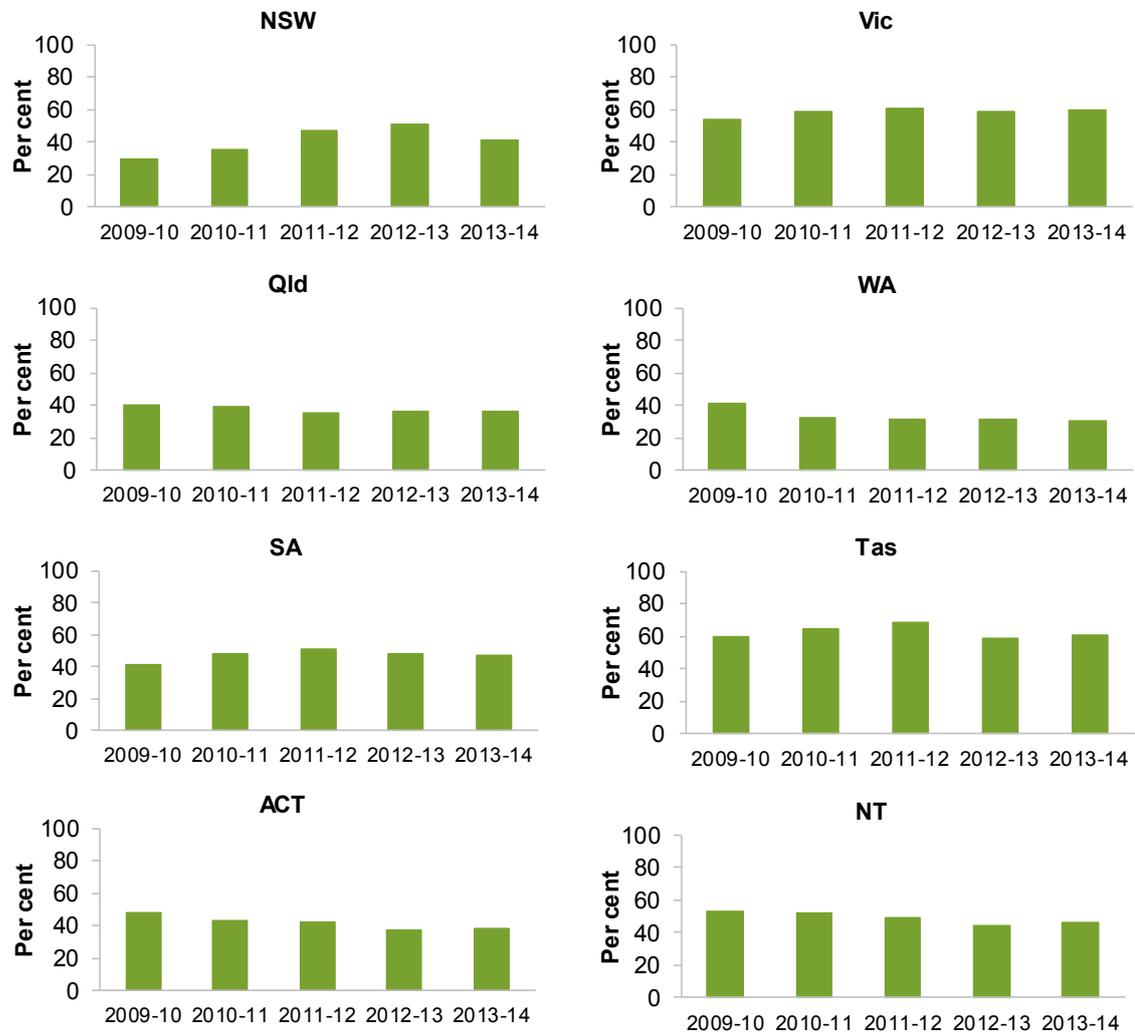
Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) within some jurisdictions over time, but are not comparable across jurisdictions (see caveats in attachment tables for specific jurisdictions)
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2013-14 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Data quality information for this indicator is at www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2015.

The proportion of finalised child protection investigations that were substantiated varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.6).

Figure 15.6 Proportion of finalised child protection investigations that were substantiated^{a, b}



^a Data are not comparable across jurisdictions because definitions of substantiation vary significantly. Consequently, rates should not be compared across jurisdictions. ^b See source table for detailed footnotes.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 15A.9.

Out-of-home care — safety in out-of-home care

‘Safety in out-of-home care’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide children who are under the care of the state with a safe home environment (box 15.11).

Box 15.11 Safety in out-of-home care

‘Safety in out-of-home care’ is defined by two measures:

- the proportion of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect
- the proportion of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation where the person responsible was living in the household providing out-of-home care.

The scope of these measures differs. For the first measure, the person responsible can be anyone who comes into contact with the child while the child is in out-of-home care and is for notifications received within the period. For the second measure, the person responsible is limited to someone in the household providing out-of-home care and is irrespective of the date of notification.

A zero, low or decreasing proportion of substantiations for both measures is desirable.

The proportion of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect, assesses the overall safety of children in care. This may include events that occur outside of the child’s placement arrangements. The proportion of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation where the person responsible was living in the household providing out-of-home care assesses the extent to which authorised carers provide safe care to children in care.

Care should be taken when interpreting this indicator as the threshold for substantiating harm or risk involving children in care is generally lower than that for substantiating harm or risk involving a child in the care of his or her own parents. This is because governments assume a duty of care for children removed from the care of their parents for protective reasons.

Data reported for these measures are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) within some jurisdictions over time but are not comparable across jurisdictions (see caveats in attachment tables for specific jurisdictions)
- incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2013-14 data were not available for NSW or Victoria, which did not provide data for the number of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect; and the NT, which did not provide data for the number of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation where the person responsible was living in the household providing out-of-home care. Victoria and the NT do not collect these data and NSW is currently working on improving data quality for future reporting.

Data quality information for this indicator is at www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2015.

Data for the measure ‘proportion of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect’ are experimental. These data will be improved over time, but available data suggest the proportion of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect varied across jurisdictions (table 15.1).

Table 15.1 Proportion of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect, 2013-14^{a, b}

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW^c</i>	<i>Vic^d</i>	<i>Qld^e</i>	<i>WA^f</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Children in care who were the subject of a notification, which was substantiated	no.	na	na	137	59	21	5	29	19
Children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year	no	20 520	10 041	8 438	4 485	3 089	1 273	776	1 134
Proportion	%	na	na	1.6	1.3	0.7	0.4	3.7	1.7

^a Data are not comparable due to differences across jurisdictions in policies, practices and reporting methods. ^b As a proportion of all children in at least one care placement. ^c In NSW, data for children in care who were the subject of a notification, which was substantiated are not available. NSW has made changes to its source system which, subject to quality assurance, will enable submission of data for 2015-16. ^d Data were not available for Victoria, as the Victorian Child Protection Service does not record the required data for children who are in out of home care. ^e Queensland's data comprise children subject to a harm report substantiation, which refers only to children in the custody or guardianship of the chief executive and who are placed in out-of-home care. For substantiated harm outcomes, the harm or risk of harm may have involved the actions or inactions of a carer; staff member of a care service; another adult who resides in, or frequents the care environment; another child (in specific circumstances only); or in some instances harm may be substantiated and the person responsible was unable to be identified. ^f WA data may include events that occur outside of the child's placement arrangements. **na** Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 15A.28.

The proportion of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation where the person responsible was living in the household also varied across jurisdictions (table 15.2).

Table 15.2 Proportion of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person responsible was living in the household, 2013-14^{a, b}

	Unit	NSW ^c	Vic ^d	Qld ^e	WA ^f	SA	Tas ^g	ACT	NT ^h
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person responsible was in the household	no.	68	109	137	9	13	9	20	na
Children aged 0–17 in at least one care placement during the year	no.	20 520	10 041	8 438	4 485	3 089	1 273	776	1 134
Proportion	%	0.3	1.1	1.6	0.2	0.4	0.7	2.6	na

^a Data are not comparable due to differences across jurisdictions in policies, practices and reporting methods. ^b As a proportion of all children in at least one care placement. ^c For NSW, the numerator provided for this measure (the number of children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household providing out-of-home care) excludes children who are in government authorised and funded out-of-home care placements where the out-of-home care placement is facilitated by a non-government organisation (NGO). However, the denominator for this measure (all children aged 0–17 in at least one care placement during the year) encompasses all children in out-of-home care (including children in government authorised and funded out-of-home care placements where the out-of-home care placement is facilitated by an NGO). This affects the reported rate (a lower rate is derived than would be the case if the numerator and denominator aligned). ^d In Victoria, quality of care concerns can range from minor quality issues through to possible physical or sexual abuse. All reports are treated seriously at the outset of the process and the best interests of the child or young person are considered paramount. Substantiated abuse may involve physical, emotional or sexual abuse, neglect (including medical neglect). An allegation of abuse may not be substantiated if at any stage during the investigation process insufficient evidence is found to support the allegation. Substantiated quality of care concerns encompass completed investigations where quality of care concerns are substantiated and action is taken in response. ^e Queensland's data comprise children subject to a harm report substantiation, which refer only to children in the custody or guardianship of the chief executive and who are placed in out-of-home care. Queensland's consideration of 'the person believed responsible' relates to overall harm or risk of harm to the child in care. For substantiated harm outcomes, the harm or risk of harm may have involved the actions or inactions of a carer; staff member of a care service; another adult who resides in, or frequents the care environment; another child (in specific circumstances only); or in some instances harm may be substantiated and the person responsible was unable to be identified. It does not report on whether harm was the result of the actions or inactions of the child's carer or staff member of a care service or whether harm or risk of harm was not as a result of their actions or inactions i.e., there was no indication that the carer, staff member or care service has not met the standards of care required under the Child Protection Act 1999. Therefore, Queensland's data are broader than the scope of the national counting rule and should not be compared with other jurisdictions' data. ^f WA data do not include substantiations relating to relatives of foster carers or other children in the household. ^g Tasmania's data are not able to be separately identified as to whether or not the person responsible was living in the household or visiting. ^h Data are not available for the NT as the NT data system does not record the person responsible. **na** Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 15A.27.

Out-of-home care — stability of placement

'Stability of placement' is an indicator of governments' objective to provide high quality services that meet the needs of recipients on the basis of relative need and available resources (box 15.12).

Stability of placement is an important indicator of service quality for children placed away from their family for protective reasons, particularly for those who require long term placements. Data are collected on the number of different placements for children on a care and protection order who exited out-of-home care. Data are grouped according to the length of time in care (less than 12 months, and 12 months or more).

Box 15.12 Stability of placement

‘Stability of placement’ is defined as the proportion of children who had one or two placements during a period of continuous out-of-home care.

A low number of child placements (one or two) per period of care is desirable, but must be balanced against other placement quality indicators, such as placements in compliance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle, local placements and placements with siblings.

Children can have multiple short term placements for appropriate reasons (for example, an initial placement followed by a longer term placement) or it may be desirable to change placements to achieve better compatibility between a child and family. It is not desirable for a child to stay in an unsatisfactory or unsupportive placement. Also, older children are more likely to have multiple placements as they move towards independence and voluntarily seek alternate placements.

Data are collected only for children who are on orders and who exit care during the reporting period. There are limitations to counting placement stability using a cohort of children on exit from care rather than longitudinally tracking a cohort of children on their entry into care: an exit cohort is biased to children who stayed a relatively short time in care and thus were more likely to have experienced fewer placements.

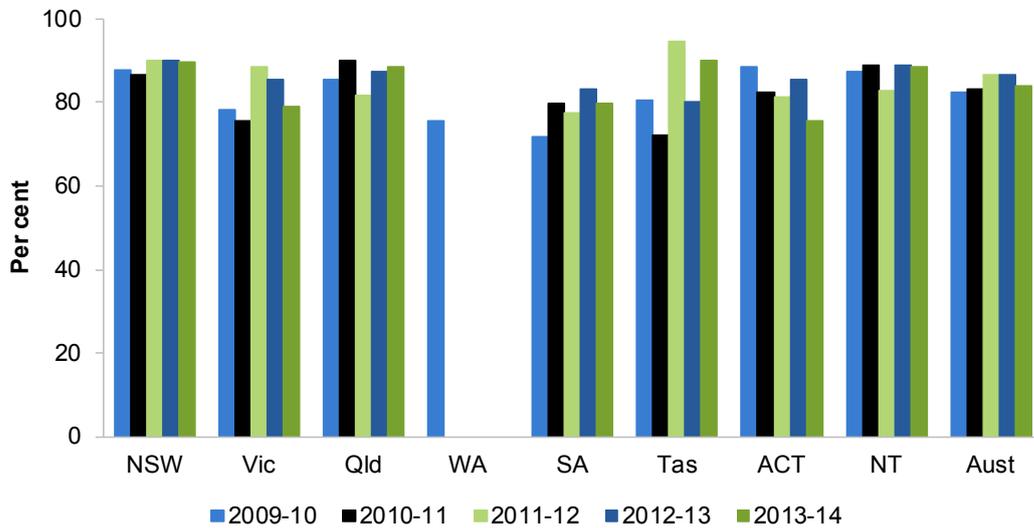
Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete for the current reporting period. All required 2013-14 data were not available for WA.

Data quality information for this indicator is at www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2015.

Nationally, 84.0 per cent of children on a care and protection order who exited care after less than 12 months in 2013-14 experienced one or two placements. Proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.7).

Figure 15.7 Proportion of children on an order exiting care after less than 12 months, who had one or two placements^{a, b, c}

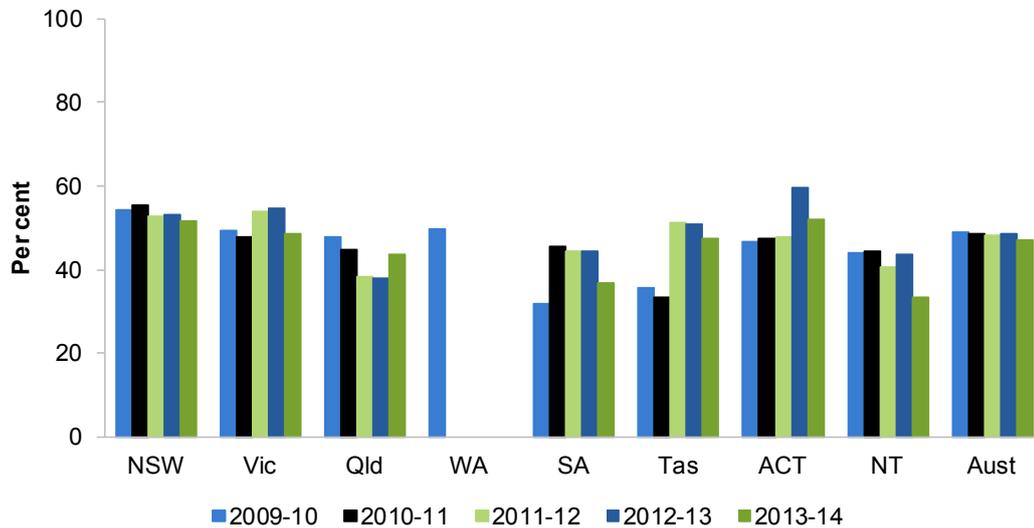


^a Data refer to children exiting care during the relevant year. ^b See source table for detailed footnotes. ^c WA data for 2010-11 onwards are not available as these data cannot be extracted from WA's aggregate child protection data system. ^c Results for Tasmania for 2011-12 and 2013-14 should not be compared with prior years as respite placements are now excluded from the count of placements. Exclusion of this placement type was not possible in previous years due to system limitations.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 15A.26.

Across jurisdictions, children who had been in out-of-home care longer tended to have had more placements. The proportion of children exiting care in 2013-14 after 12 months or more who had experienced one or two placements was 46.9 per cent nationally but varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.8).

Figure 15.8 **Proportion of children on an order exiting care after 12 months or more, who had one or two placements^{a, b, c}**



^a Data refer to children exiting care during the relevant year. ^b See source table for detailed footnotes. ^c WA data for 2010-11 onwards are not available as these data cannot be extracted from WA's aggregate child protection data system. ^c Results for Tasmania for 2011-12 and 2013-14 should not be compared with prior years as respite placements are now excluded from the count of placements. Exclusion of this placement type was not possible in previous years due to system limitations.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 15A.26.

Out-of-home care — children aged under 12 years in home-based care

'Children aged under 12 years in home-based care' is an indicator of governments' objective to provide services which meet the needs of recipients (box 15.13).

Box 15.13 Children aged under 12 years in home-based care

'Children aged under 12 years in home-based care' is defined as the number of children aged under 12 years placed in home-based care divided by the total number of children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care.

A high or increasing rate for this indicator is desirable. This indicator should be interpreted in conjunction with other placement indicators.

Placing children in home-based care is generally considered to be in their best interests, particularly for younger children. Children will generally make better developmental progress (and have more ready access to normal childhood experiences) in family settings rather than in residential or institutional care environments.

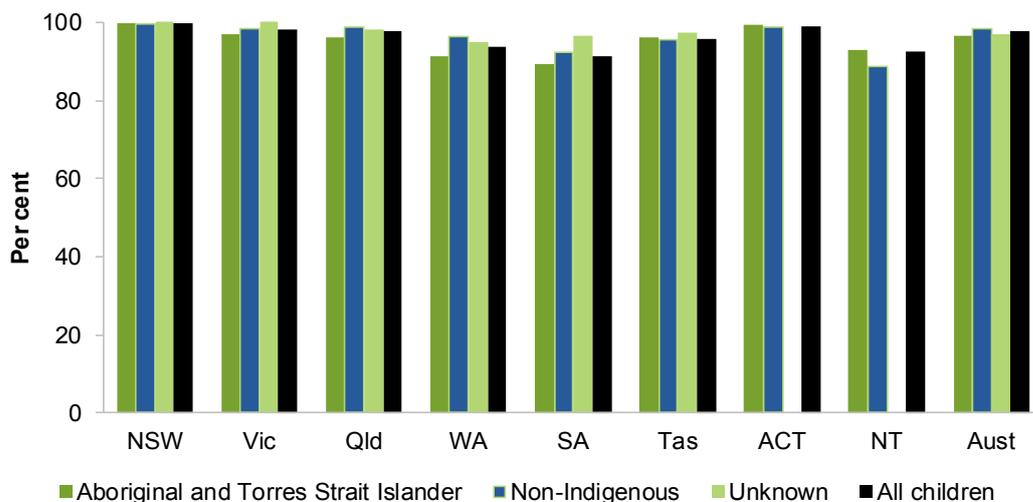
Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete for the current reporting period. All required 2013-14 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Data quality information for this indicator is at www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2015.

Nationally, the proportion of all children aged under 12 years in care who were placed in home-based care at 30 June 2014 was 97.6 per cent. In most jurisdictions, and nationally, the proportions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous children aged under 12 years who were placed in home-based care were similar (figure 15.9).

Figure 15.9 Proportion of children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care who were in a home-based placement, by Indigenous status, 30 June 2014^a



^a See source table for detailed footnotes.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 15A.25.

Out-of-home care — placement with extended family

‘Placement with extended family’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide services that meet the needs of recipients (box 15.14).

Box 15.14 Placement with extended family

‘Placement with extended family’ is defined as the proportion of all children in out-of-home care who are placed with relatives or kin who receive government financial assistance to care for that child.

A high or increasing rate for this indicator is desirable. Placing children with their relatives or kin is generally the preferred out-of-home care placement option. This option is generally associated with better long term outcomes due to increased continuity, familiarity and stability for the child. Relatives are more likely to have or to form long term emotional bonds with the child. Placement with familiar people can help to overcome the loss of attachment and belonging that can occur when children are placed in out-of-home care.

Placement with extended family should be considered with other factors in the placement decision, as placements with extended family may not always be the best option. Long standing family dynamics can undermine the pursuit of case goals such as reunification, and the possibility of intergenerational abuse needs to be considered. In addition, depending on the individual circumstances of the child, it may be more important to have a local placement that enables continuity at school, for example, rather than a distant placement with relatives.

Data reported for this indicator are:

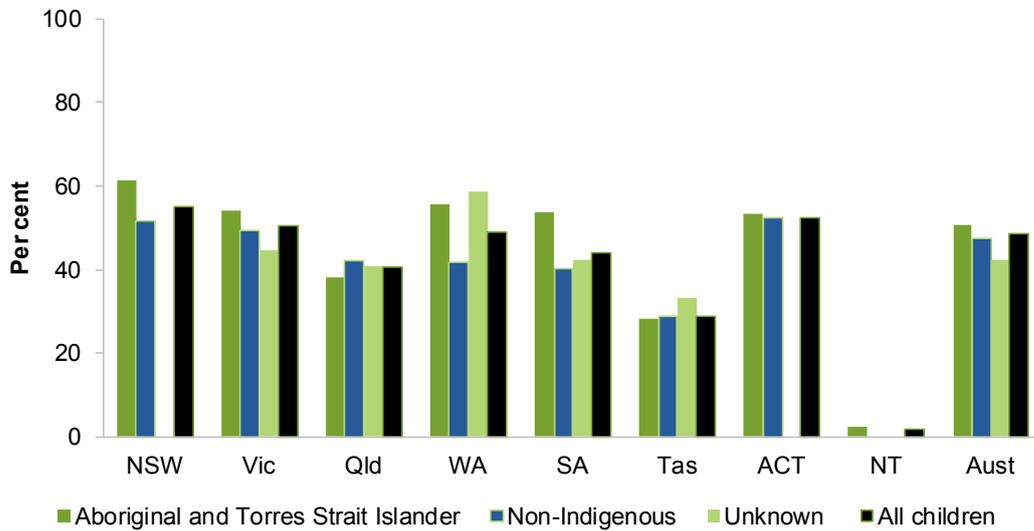
- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete for the current reporting period. All required 2013-14 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Data quality information for this indicator is at www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2015.

Figure 15.10 shows the proportion of children placed with relatives or kin by Indigenous status. The proportion of children placed with relatives or kin at 30 June 2014 was greater for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children than for non-Indigenous children in most jurisdictions, and nationally (figure 15.10).

The Aboriginal Child Placement Principle gives considerable emphasis to the placement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with extended family. This principle is discussed in box 15.15.

Figure 15.10 Proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, 30 June 2014^{a, b, c}



^a See source table for detailed footnotes. ^b ACT unknown is zero. ^c NT non-Indigenous and unknown are zero. Due to system limitations, data reported for the NT do not provide a realistic view of children placed with relatives/kin. Refer to data in figure 15.11.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 15A.23.

Out-of-home care — placement in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle

‘Placement in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to protect the safety and welfare of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children while maintaining their cultural ties and identity (box 15.15).

Box 15.15 Placement in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle

'Placement in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle' is defined as the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children placed with the child's extended family, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community or other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, divided by the total number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care. Data are reported separately for children placed (i) with relative/kin, (ii) with a non-relative Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care, and (iii) not placed with relative/kin, a non-relative Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care.

A high or increasing proportion of children placed in accordance with the principle is desirable. This indicator should be interpreted with care as it is a proxy for compliance with the principle. This indicator reports the placement outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children rather than compliance with the principle. The indicator does not reflect whether the hierarchy was followed in the consideration of the best placement for the child, nor whether appropriate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals or organisations were consulted.

Placing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in circumstances consistent with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle is considered to be in their best interests. However, it is one factor among many considerations for the child's safety and wellbeing that must be carefully considered in the placement decision. In the application of this principle, departments consult with and involve appropriate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and/or organisations. If the preferred options are not available, the child may be placed (after appropriate consultation) with a non-Indigenous family or in a residential setting. The principle does not preclude the possibility that in some instances, placement in a non-Indigenous setting, where arrangements are in place for the child's cultural identity to be preserved, might be the most appropriate placement for the child.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete for the current reporting period. All required 2013-14 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Data quality information for this indicator is at www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2015.

According to the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle (Chisholm 1998) the following hierarchy of placement options should be pursued in protecting the safety and welfare of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children:

- placement with the child's extended family (which includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous relatives/kin)
- placement within the child's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community
- placement with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

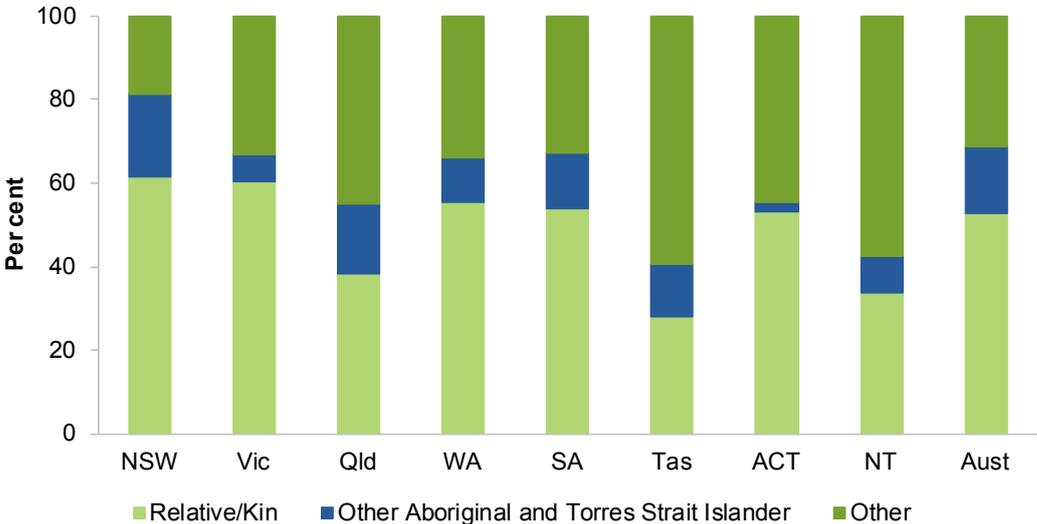
All jurisdictions have adopted this principle in both legislation and policy.

Nationally, at 30 June 2014, 52.9 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care were placed with relatives/kin (37.8 per cent with Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander relatives/kin and 15.1 per cent with non-Indigenous relatives/kin). A further 14.8 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care were placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers or in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care (figure 15.11). The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June 2014 who were placed with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander or non-Indigenous relatives or kin or with another Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.11).

As noted in box 15.15, the placement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care is a proxy measure for compliance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle. The proxy measure reports the placement outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children rather than compliance with the hierarchy of placement options to be considered when finding suitable out-of-home care environments for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Work is underway to develop a more robust measure of compliance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle as part of the *National framework for protecting Australia's children: Second three year action plan, 2012-15* (FaHCSIA 2012).

Figure 15.11 Placement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care, 30 June 2014^{a, b, c}



Relative/Kin = Placed with relative/kin. Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander = Placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care. Other = Not placed with relative/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care. ^a See source table for detailed footnotes. ^b Excludes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown. ^c Data for Tasmania and the ACT relate to a small number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 15A.24.

Out-of-home care — local placement

‘Local placement’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide services which meet the needs of the recipients (box 15.16).

Box 15.16 Local placement

‘Local placement’ is defined as the proportion of children in out-of-home care attending the same school that they were attending before entering out-of-home care.

A high or increasing rate of local placement is desirable.

A placement close to where a child lived prior to entering out-of-home care is considered to enhance the stability, familiarity and security of the child. It enables some elements of the child’s life to remain unchanged (for example, they can continue attending the same school and retain their friendship network). It may also facilitate family contact if the child’s parents continue to live nearby.

Local placement should be considered with other factors in the placement decision. For example, placement with a sibling or relative might preclude a local placement. Also, a child might move from a primary school to a secondary school or to a different local school at the same level.

Data collection for this indicator is under development. Data will be provided for 3 and 12 months after entering care.

Data quality information for this indicator is under development.

Out-of-home care — placement with sibling

‘Placement with sibling’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide services which meet the needs of the recipients (box 15.17).

Box 15.17 Placement with sibling

'Placement with sibling' is defined as the proportion of children who are on orders and in out of home care at 30 June who have siblings also on orders and in out-of-home care, who are placed with at least one of their siblings.

A high or increasing rate of placement with siblings is desirable. Placement of siblings together promotes stability and continuity. It is a long standing placement principle that siblings should be placed together, where possible, in the interests of their emotional wellbeing. Children are likely to be more secure and have a sense of belonging within their family when placed with siblings.

This is one factor among many that must be considered in the placement decision. In circumstances of sibling abuse, or when a particular child in a family has been singled out as the target for abuse or neglect, keeping siblings together may not be appropriate.

Data collection for this indicator is under development. Data were not available for the 2015 Report.

Data quality information for this indicator is under development.

Out-of-home care — children with documented case plans

'Children with documented case plans' is an indicator of governments' objective to provide services that meet the needs of the recipients (box 15.18).

Box 15.18 Children with current documented case plans

'Children with current documented case plans' is defined as the number of children who have a current documented and approved case plan as a proportion of all children who are required to have a current documented and approved case plan.

A case plan is an individualised, dynamic written plan (or support agreement) that includes information on a child in need of protection, including his or her needs, risks, health, education, living and family arrangements, goals for ongoing intervention and actions required to achieve identified goals. A case plan is usually developed between a family and an agency on the basis of an assessment process. Case planning is essential to structured and purposeful work to support children's optimal development.

A current case plan is one that has been approved and/or reviewed within the previous 12 months. Individual jurisdictions' timeframes for ongoing review may vary and reviews may be more frequent when young children or infants are involved, the child has just entered care, and certain orders are in place (for example, assessment orders). Reviews may also be required when circumstances have changed (for example, the death of a parent or carer, or placement changes) and significant new decisions are needed.

The scope of this indicator extends to children and young people (aged 0–17 years) whose care arrangements were ordered through the Children's Court and for whom parental responsibility has been transferred to the Minister/Chief Executive and who are required by jurisdictional policy/legislation to have a current documented and approved case plan.

A high or increasing rate of children with current documented case plans is desirable.

The quality of case plans, and the extent to which identified needs and actions are put into place, should also be taken into account when considering this indicator. The existence of a case plan does not guarantee that appropriate case work to meet a child's needs is occurring.

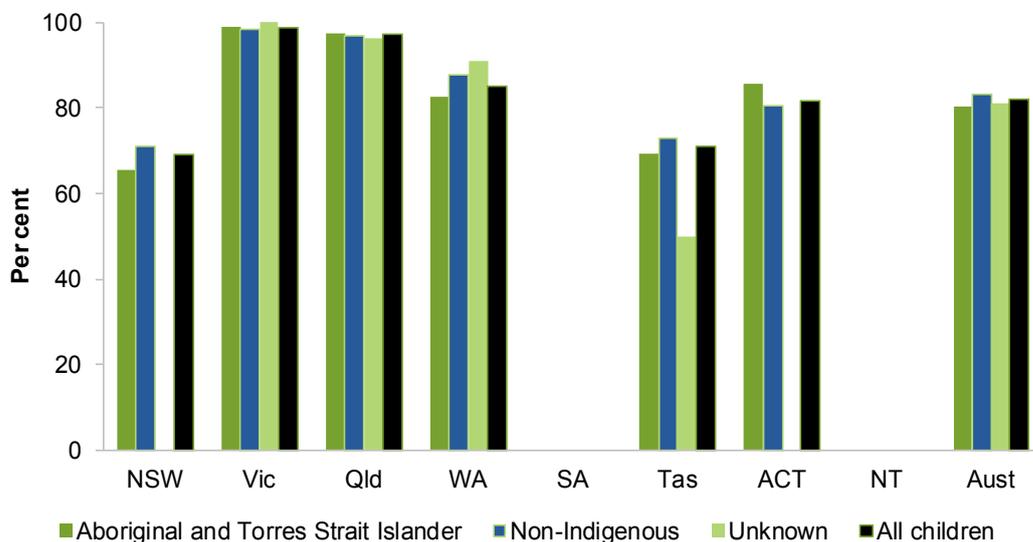
Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time, but are not comparable across jurisdictions (see caveats in attachment tables for specific jurisdictions)
- incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2014 data were not available for SA and the NT.

Data quality information for this indicator is at www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2015.

The proportion of children with current documented case plans at 30 June 2014 varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.12).

Figure 15.12 **Proportion of children with current documented case plans, 30 June 2014^{a, b, c, d}**



^a See source table for detailed footnotes. ^b Data were not available for SA and the NT. The Australian proportions comprise data for the six reporting jurisdictions only. ^c ACT unknown is zero. ^d The large populations of the eastern mainland states have a significant effect on national averages, particularly when data are not available for all jurisdictions.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 15A.17.

Out-of-home care — client satisfaction

‘Client satisfaction’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide high quality services that meet the needs of recipients (box 15.19).

Box 15.19 Client satisfaction

‘Client satisfaction’ is yet to be defined. It is intended that this indicator will measure client satisfaction with the out-of-home care system.

This indicator has been identified for development and reporting in future.

Some information on jurisdictions’ development of initiatives which may assist to measure client satisfaction in the future is included in box 15.8.

Efficiency

Understanding the efficiency of child protection systems broadly — and the different components of child protection systems, such as early intervention and out-of-home care

services — enables State and Territory governments to identify key service cost drivers. Efficiency measures coupled with outcome measures ultimately enable State and Territory governments to compare the relative cost effectiveness of broad system approaches and the cost effectiveness of different components of child protection systems.

Challenges in reporting efficiency for child protection systems

Current efficiency data for child protection services have several limitations, including:

- *different systems and priorities across jurisdictions* — child protection systems in Australia have evolved independently under the auspices of State and Territory governments. This has resulted in variations in processes and emphases placed on different service delivery paradigms, such as different approaches to diversionary options
- *limitations of current information systems* — in most jurisdictions, it is difficult to identify resources directed specifically to child protection services, out-of-home care services and other support services for families. This is due in part to the historical structure of information systems and the embedding of government agencies responsible for child protection services within larger community services departments.

Table 15A.4 identifies the level of consistency in expenditure data across jurisdictions.

As a result of these limitations, cost allocations reflect the historical nature of information systems and do not necessarily provide an accurate reflection of the costs involved in provision of various child protection and out-of-home care services.

In April 2002, the Steering Committee initiated a project to improve efficiency data for a national framework of child protection and family support pathways (the ‘Pathways’ project) (box 15.20). Until this can be fully implemented, reporting on efficiency has been limited to proxy indicators (boxes 15.21 and 15.23).

Experimental data relating to the proportion of expenditure across each Pathways activity group are included in table 15.3. These data are preliminary and are subject to further refinement for future reports. Due to different internal management systems, there can be significant variation across jurisdictions in the activities or expenditures that are included in each activity group. However, for all jurisdictions, the proportion of expenditure allocated to Activity group 8 (provision of out-of-home care services) is the most significant and varies from 51.1 per cent to 70.6 per cent across jurisdictions (table 15.3).

These data reflect a combination of direct costs (those costs which can be clearly allocated by a jurisdiction to a particular activity group) and indirect costs (which form part of the overall expenditure base, but which cannot be clearly allocated to a specific activity group). Indirect allocations have been approximated by jurisdictions across the eight activity groups.

Box 15.20 The 'Pathways' project

The Pathways project developed and tested a model that will ultimately allow jurisdictions to calculate more meaningful, comparable and robust efficiency measures (the 'Pathways method'). The model is based on a top-down application of the activity based costing method. Eight national pathways have been developed as a high level representation of the services that a child protection client could receive in any jurisdiction. Each pathway consists of common activity groups which act as the 'building blocks' for each of the pathways. The aggregate cost of each activity group within the pathway will allow the unit cost (including direct and indirect expenditure) of an individual pathway to be determined.

These activity groups and pathways will provide additional utility for jurisdictions in managing the business of child protection services. Implementation of the model has the potential to improve the quality of national reporting of child protection services efficiency measures. Activity-based data can also result, over time, in measures of the cost savings associated with early intervention strategies.

The activity groups are:

Activity group 1	Receipt and assessment of initial information about a potential protection and support issue
Activity group 2	Provision of generic family support services
Activity group 3	Provision of intensive family support services
Activity group 4	Secondary information gathering and assessment
Activity group 5	Provision of short term protective intervention and coordination services for children not on an order
Activity group 6	Seeking an order
Activity group 7	Provision of protective intervention, support and coordination services for children on an order
Activity group 8	Provision of out-of-home care services

Detailed definitions of activity groups are included in section 15.6 Definitions of key terms.

Before jurisdictional reporting against the activity groups can be undertaken with confidence, further refinement of activity group definitions and counting rules is required. Development work, including further data testing in these areas will continue.

Source: Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision (SCRGSP) (2003).

Table 15.3 Proportion of total expenditure by activity group — experimental estimates (per cent), 2013-14^{a, b}

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SAC^c</i>	<i>Tas^d</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT^e</i>
AG1	%	4.4	3.2	2.8	4.7	5.9	5.7	6.3	5.4
AG2 ^f	%	7.8	14.4	7.1	9.6	na	6.5	5.2	27.0
AG3	%	10.3	10.1	5.0	2.1	5.6	9.6	1.8	na
AG4	%	5.0	4.4	6.6	5.7	4.0	3.8	4.3	3.7
AG5	%	5.9	4.1	4.3	9.3	0.3	2.2	0.3	0.2
AG6	%	6.4	5.6	4.5	4.3	2.2	6.3	2.4	2.1
AG7	%	5.3	6.8	18.3	11.0	11.4	7.9	12.2	10.5
AG8	%	54.8	51.3	51.3	53.4	70.6	58.1	67.6	51.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

AG = Activity Group (box 15.20). ^a Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding. ^b Experimental percentage allocations are derived from total expenditure allocations which vary from totals used to derive costs presented elsewhere in this chapter. ^c Family support services data (AG2) are not available for SA. ^d Tasmania's expenditure data for AGs 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7 should be interpreted with caution as these estimates are based on a staff labour time survey completed in 2010-11 which may not reflect current staff labour time allocations. ^e Intensive family support services data (AG3) are included in AG2 for the NT as these data are no longer able to be separately identified from family support services. ^f Expenditure items included in calculating proportional expenditure for AG2 can vary across jurisdictions, for example the inclusion/exclusion of expenditure on services outsourced to non-government organisations. **na** Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 15.4 presents experimental unit cost data for all activity groups for all jurisdictions where data are available. A more complete collection of unit cost data will be provided once all jurisdictions are able to report appropriate denominators (that is, activity counts).

Table 15.4 Activity group unit costs — experimental data, 2013-14^{a, b}

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW^c</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA^d</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas^e</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
AG1 Cost per report to child protection	\$	244	na	179	214	305	na	na	549
AG1 Cost per notification ^f	\$	513	309	995	1 178	687	358	273	673
AG2 Cost per child commencing family support services ^g	\$	na	na	na	12 897	na	na	na	143 321
AG3 Cost per child commencing intensive family support services	\$	17 115	14 901	10 089	9 536	18 398	4 703	2 706	na
AG4 Cost per notification investigated ^h	\$	1 111	1 626	2 322	1 843	1 395	2 080	1 461	1 204
AG5 Cost per child commencing protective intervention and coordination services who is not on an order ⁱ	\$	4 473	na	na	7 875	na	5 391	578	na
AG6 Cost per order issued	\$	17 849	2 522	6 244	8 866	1 778	5 472	2 442	1 264
AG7 Cost per child commencing protective intervention and coordination services who is on an order	\$	24 262	na	16 328	8 793	9 018	4 433	7 530	17 087
AG8 Cost per placement night ^j	\$	123	152	143	174	170	122	146	279

AG = Activity Group (box 15.20). ^a Data are rounded to the nearest whole number. ^b Experimental unit costs are based on jurisdictions' total expenditure for each activity group. Denominators used to calculate unit costs for AG2, AG3, AG5, and AG7 are based on clients commencing service provision throughout the financial year (as distinct from total client numbers). The use of commencement numbers might inflate reported unit costs. ^c NSW data for AG3 include a small number of children commencing intensive family support services and corresponding cost data are included in AG4. This will result in under-estimation of unit costs for AG3 and over-estimation of unit costs for AG4. Data for AG5 and AG7 are preliminary. NSW is currently reviewing/refining the methodology for calculating AG costs. ^d WA financial and activity data for AG2 do not include community sector services. ^e Tasmania's expenditure data for AGs 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7 should be interpreted with caution as these estimates are based on a staff labour time survey completed in 2010-11 which may not reflect current staff labour time allocations. ^f Jurisdictions count notifications at different points in response to a report, ranging from the point of initial contact with the source of the report to the end of a screening and decision making process. This means the number of notifications and hence the unit costs for notifications are not comparable across jurisdictions for AG 1. ^g Unit costs for AG2 have proven difficult to calculate as many jurisdictions are presently unable to capture family support service activity data (that is, the denominator). ^h Jurisdictions differ in the way notifications and investigations are defined and the requirements for conducting an investigation. ⁱ Unit costs for AG5 should be interpreted with caution due to difficulty experienced by jurisdictions extracting the number of children in scope. ^j Cost per placement night should be interpreted with caution due to the effect of different proportions of children in residential out-of-home care across jurisdictions. **na** Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Total expenditure on all child protection activities per notification, investigation and substantiation

‘Total expenditure on all child protection activities, per notification’, ‘total expenditure on all child protection activities, per investigation’, and ‘total expenditure on all child protection activities, per substantiation’ are reported as proxy indicators of governments’ objective to maximise the benefit to the community through the efficient use of public resources (box 15.21).

Box 15.21 Total expenditure on all child protection activities per notification, investigation and substantiation

‘Total expenditure on all child protection activities per notification, investigation and substantiation’ is defined by three measures:

- total expenditure on all child protection activities divided by the number of notifications
- total expenditure on all child protection activities divided by the number of investigations
- total expenditure on all child protection activities divided by the number of substantiations.

Low or decreasing expenditure per notification/investigation/substantiation can suggest more efficient services but may indicate lower quality or different service delivery models.

These indicators are proxy indicators and need to be interpreted with care. Because each of these proxy indicators is based on total expenditure on child protection activities, they do not represent, and cannot be interpreted as, unit costs for notifications, investigations or substantiations. These proxy indicators cannot be added together to determine overall cost of child protection services.

More comprehensive and accurate efficiency indicators would relate expenditure on particular child protection activities to a measure of output of those activities. Work is underway to develop a national activity-based costing method, the Pathways project, which will allow this type of reporting from existing information systems (box 15.20). Experimental data using the Pathways method are included in table 15.3. The following proxy data will be replaced by Pathways unit cost data when the Pathways method is refined and implemented nationally.

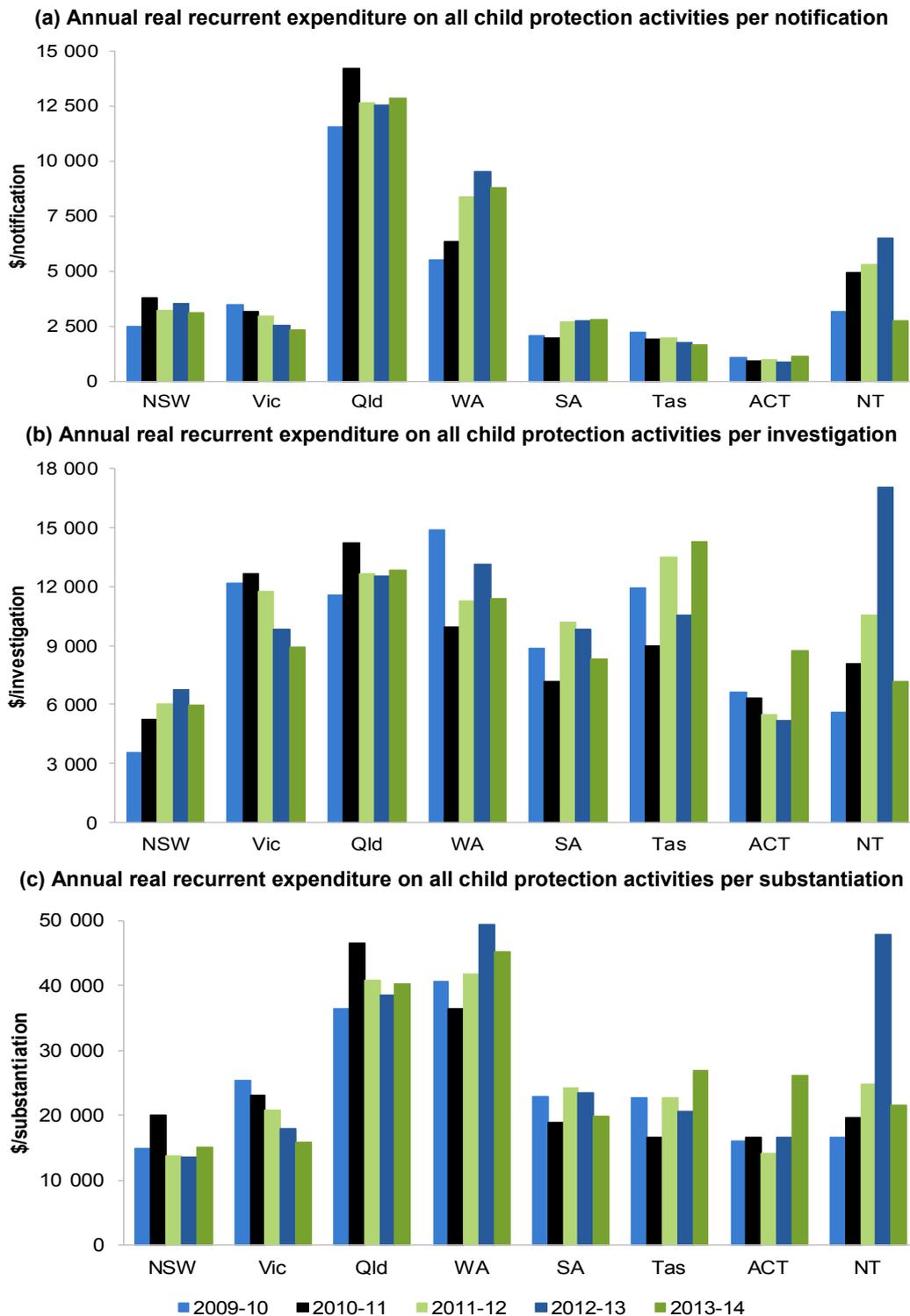
Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) within some jurisdictions over time but are not comparable across jurisdictions (see caveats in attachment tables for specific jurisdictions)
- complete for the current reporting period. All required 2013-14 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Data quality information for this indicator is at www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2015.

Total expenditure on all child protection activities per notification, per investigation and per substantiation from 2009-10 to 2013-14 varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.13).

Figure 15.13 Child protection efficiency indicators (2013-14 dollars)^{a, b}



^a See source table for detailed footnotes. ^b Time series financial data are adjusted to 2013-14 dollars using the GGFCE chain price deflator (2013-14 = 100) (table 2A.51). See chapter 2 (sections 2.5-6) for details.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 15A.2.

Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night

‘Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to maximise the availability and quality of services through the efficient use of public resources (box 15.22).

Box 15.22 Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night

‘Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night’ is defined as total real recurrent expenditure on out-of-home care services divided by the total number of placement nights in out-of-home care.

Low or decreasing expenditure per placement night can suggest more efficient services but may indicate lower service quality or different service delivery models. Further, in some cases, efficiencies may not be able to be realised due to remote geographic locations that limit opportunities to reduce overheads through economies of scale.

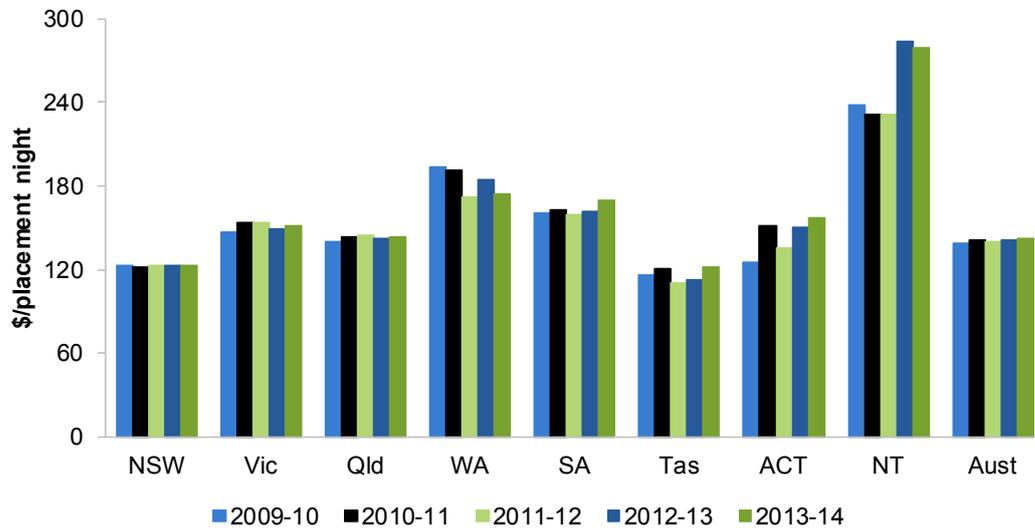
Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time but are not comparable across jurisdictions (see caveats in attachment tables for specific jurisdictions)
- complete for the current reporting period. All required 2013-14 data were available for all jurisdictions.

Data quality information for this indicator is at www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2015.

Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.14).

Figure 15.14 **Real out-of-home care expenditure per placement night (2013-14 dollars)^{a, b, c}**



^a See source table for detailed footnotes. ^b Caution should be used when interpreting results due to the variety of activities included in out-of-home care services. ^c Time series financial data are adjusted to 2013-14 dollars using the GGFCE chain price deflator (2013-14 = 100) (table 2A.51). See chapter 2 (sections 2.5-6) for details.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 15A.29.

Total expenditure on all children in residential and non-residential out-of-home care per child in residential and non-residential out-of-home care

‘Total expenditure on all out-of-home care services per child in out-of-home care, by residential and non-residential care’ are reported as proxy indicators of governments’ objective to maximise the benefit to the community through the efficient use of public resources (box 15.23).

Box 15.23 Total expenditure on children in residential and non-residential out-of-home care per child in residential and non-residential out-of-home care

Total expenditure on children in residential and non-residential out-of-home care per child in residential and non-residential out-of-home care is defined by three measures:

- total expenditure on residential out-of-home care divided by the number of children in residential out-of-home care at 30 June
- total expenditure on non-residential out-of-home care divided by the number of children in non-residential out-of-home care at 30 June
- total expenditure on all out-of-home care divided by the number of children in all out-of-home care at 30 June.

Low or decreasing expenditure per child in care can suggest more efficient services but may indicate lower quality or different service delivery models.

These indicators are proxy indicators and need to be interpreted with care as they do not represent a measure of unit costs. Expenditure per child in care at 30 June overstates the cost per child because significantly more children are in care during a year than at a point in time. In addition, the indicator does not reflect the length of time that a child spends in care.

Data reported for these measures are:

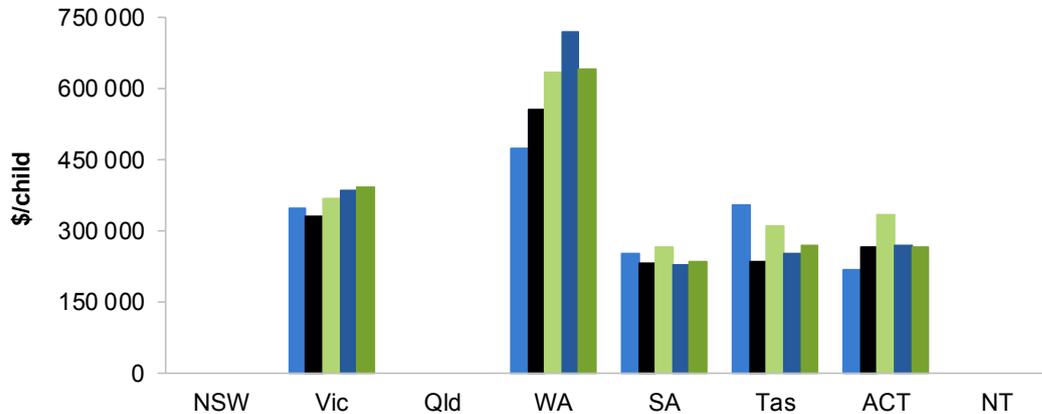
- comparable (subject to caveats) within some jurisdictions over time but are not comparable across jurisdictions (see caveats in attachment tables for specific jurisdictions)
- incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2013-14 data were not available for NSW, Queensland, and the NT for the measures of total expenditure on residential out-of-home care and non-residential out-of-home care.

Data quality information for this indicator is at www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2015.

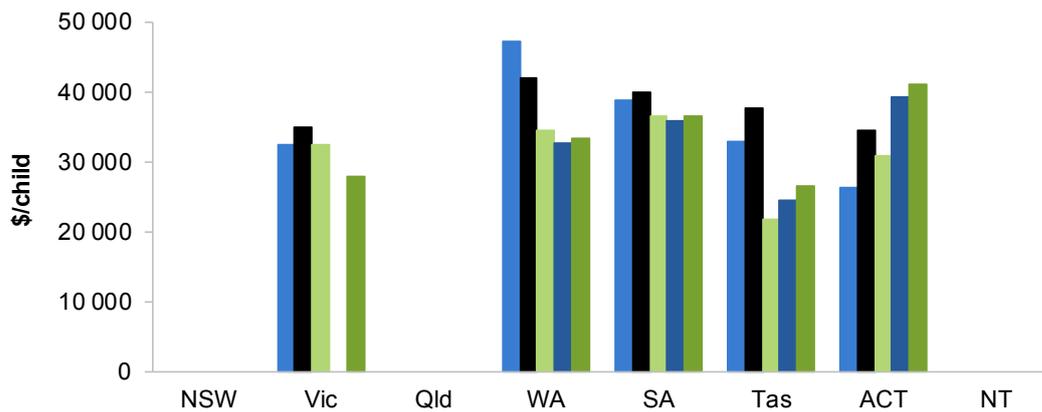
Total expenditure on residential care and non-residential care for the period 2009-10 to 2013-14, per child in residential care and non-residential care at 30 June, varied across jurisdictions (figures 15.15(a) and 15.15(b)). Total expenditure on all out-of-home care per child in care at 30 June for 2009-10 to 2013-14 also varied across jurisdictions (figure 15.15(c)).

Figure 15.15 Out-of-home care efficiency indicators, at 30 June (2013-14 dollars)^{a, b, c}

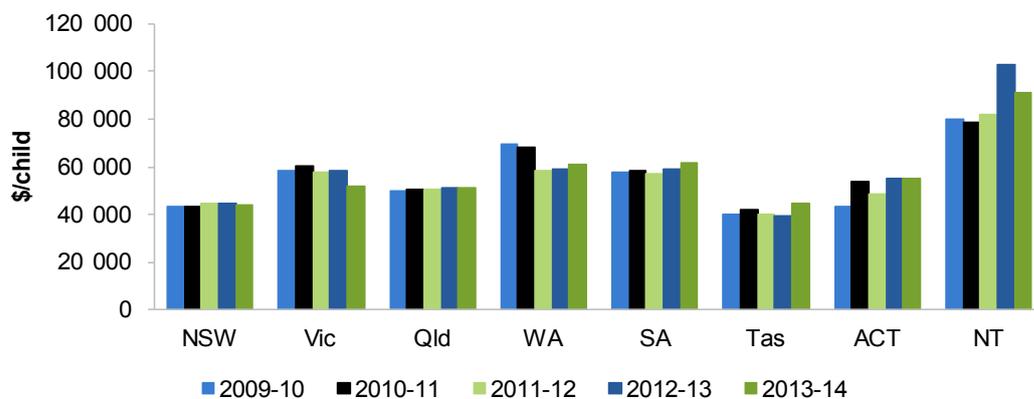
(a) Annual real recurrent expenditure on residential out-of-home care per child in residential care



(b) Annual real expenditure on non-residential out-of-home care per child in non-residential care



(c) Annual real expenditure on all out-of-home care per child in out-of-home care at 30 June



^a See source table for detailed footnotes. ^b Time series financial data are adjusted to 2013-14 dollars using the GGFC chain price deflator (2013-14 = 100) (table 2A.51). See chapter 2 (sections 2.5-6) for details. ^c NSW, Queensland, and the NT could not disaggregate expenditure on out-of-home care.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 15A.3.

Outcomes

Outcomes are the impact of services on the status of an individual or group (while outputs are the services delivered) (see chapter 1, section 1.5).

Improved safety — substantiation rate after decision not to substantiate

‘Improved safety’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to reduce the risk of harm to children by appropriately assessing notifications of possible child protection incidents (box 15.24).

Box 15.24 Improved safety

‘Improved safety’ is defined by two measures:

- substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate, defined as the proportion of children who were the subject of an investigation in the previous financial year that led to a decision not to substantiate, and who were later the subject of a substantiation within 3 or 12 months of the initial decision not to substantiate. The year reported relates to the year of the initial decision not to substantiate
- substantiation rate after a prior substantiation, defined as the proportion of children who were the subject of a substantiation in the previous financial year, who were subsequently the subject of a further substantiation within the following 3 or 12 months. The year reported relates to the year of the original substantiation.

A low or decreasing rate for these measures is desirable. However, reported results can be affected by the finalisation of investigations, factors beyond the control of child protection services, or a change in circumstances after the initial decision not to substantiate was made. A demonstrable risk of harm might not have existed in the first instance. In addition, this indicator does not distinguish between subsequent substantiations which are related to the initial notification (that is, the same source of risk of harm) and those which are unrelated to the initial notification (that is, a different source of risk of harm). This indicator partly reveals the extent to which an investigation has not succeeded in identifying the risk of harm to a child who is subsequently the subject of substantiated harm. It also provides a measure of the adequacy of interventions offered to children to protect them from further harm. This indicator should be considered with other outcome indicators.

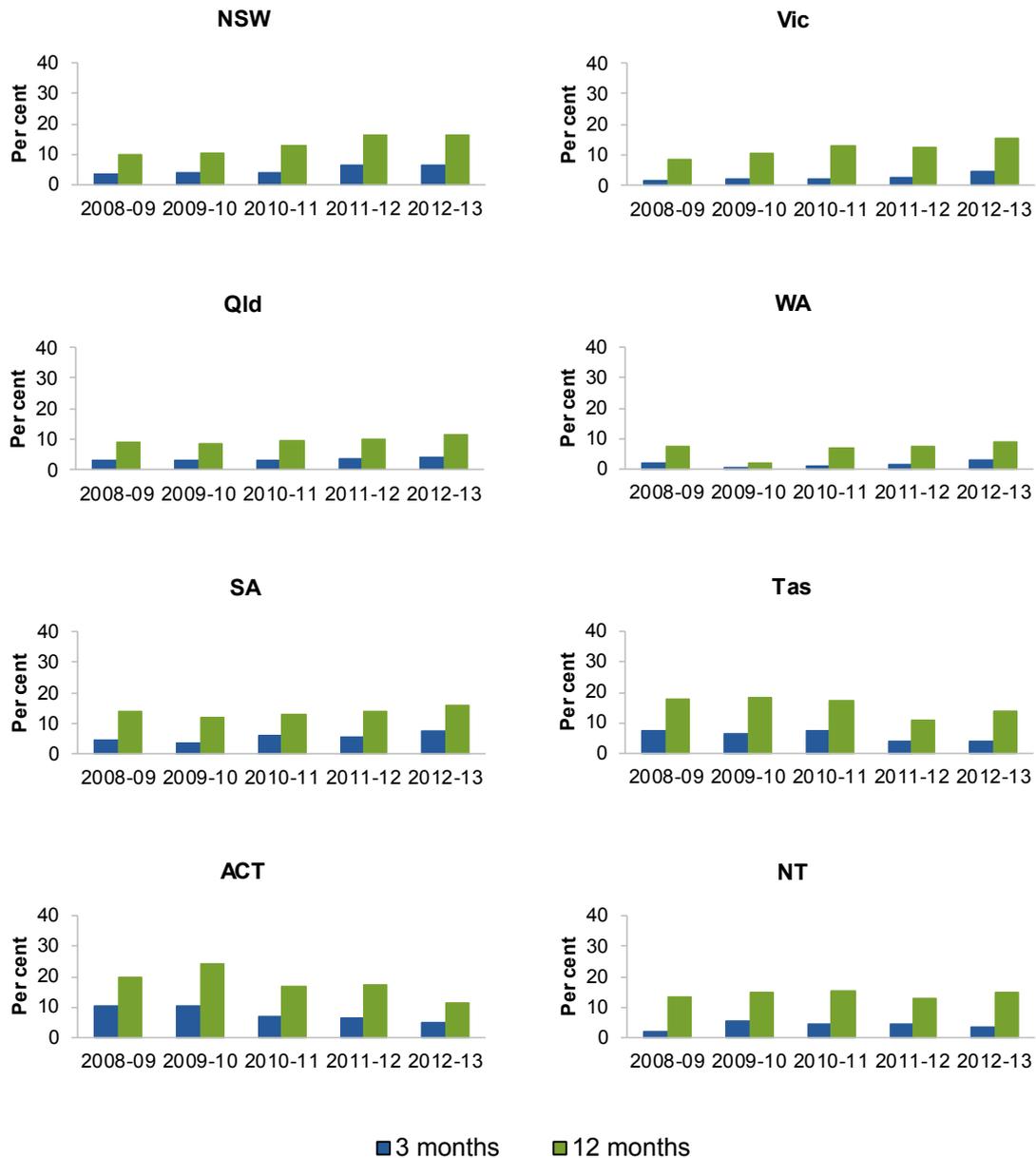
Data reported for these measures are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time but are not comparable across jurisdictions (see caveats in attachment tables for specific jurisdictions)
- complete for the current reporting period. All required 2012-13 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Data quality information for this indicator is at www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2015.

The proportion of substantiations that occurred within 3 and 12 months of a decision not to substantiate are provided in figure 15.16. The proportion of substantiations that occurred within 3 and 12 months of a prior substantiation are provided in figure 15.17.

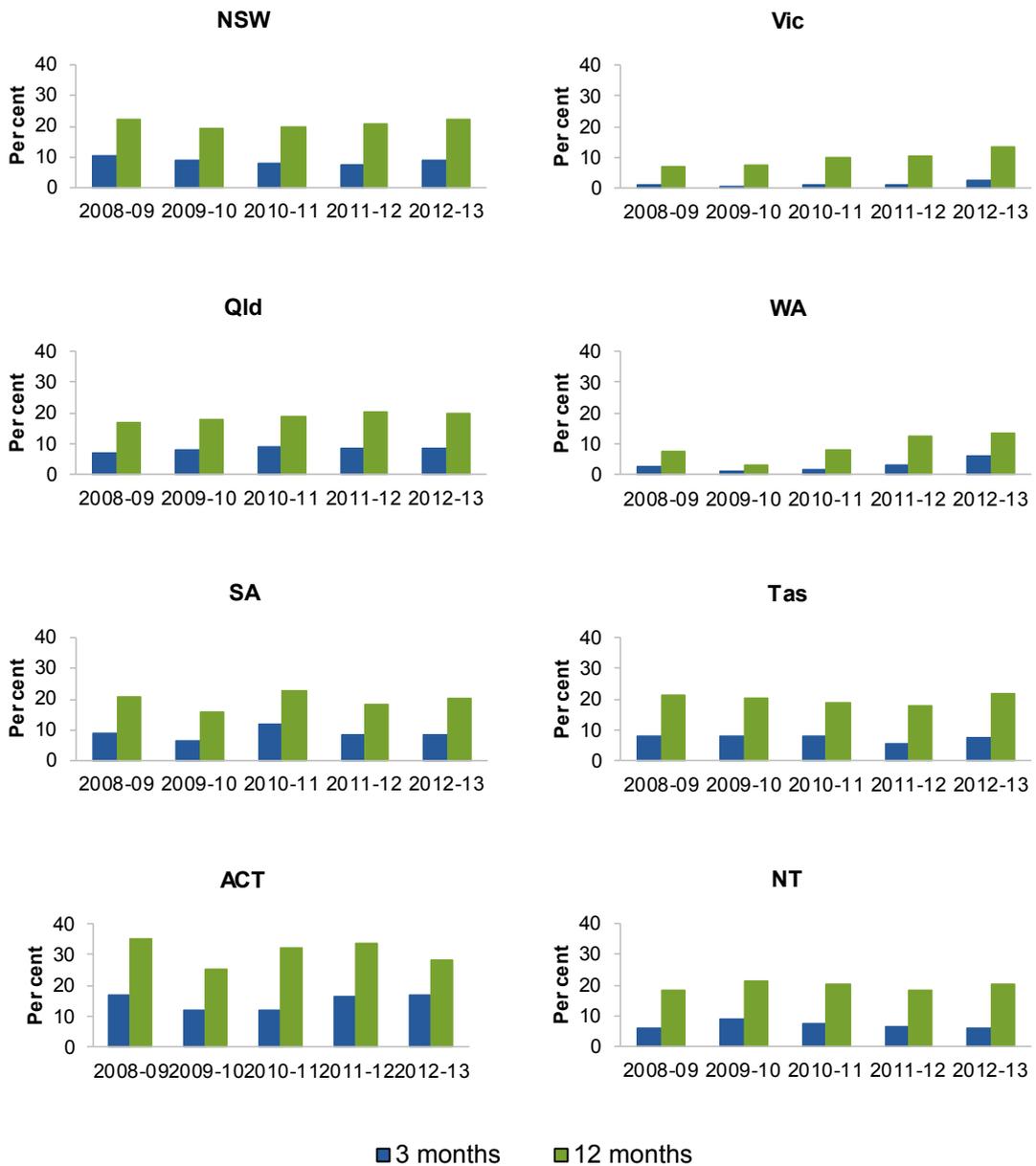
Figure 15.16 Improved safety — substantiation rate within 3 and/or 12 months after a decision not to substantiate^{a, b}



^b See source tables for detailed footnotes. ^b Data are not comparable across jurisdictions because definitions of substantiation vary significantly. Consequently, rates cannot be compared across jurisdictions.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 15A.10.

Figure 15.17 Improved safety — resubstantiation rate within 3 or 12 months of a prior substantiation^{a, b}



^c See source table for detailed footnotes. ^b Data are not comparable across jurisdictions because definitions of substantiation vary significantly. Consequently, rates cannot be compared across jurisdictions.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 15A.11.

Improved education

‘Improved education’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to maximise children’s life chances by ensuring children in care have their educational needs met (box 15.25).

Box 15.25 Improved education

‘Improved education’ is defined as proportion of children on guardianship and custody orders to the Chief Executive/Minister achieving national benchmarks in reading and numeracy, compared with all children. Only children on orders in government schools are reported.

A high or increasing rate of children on guardianship and custody orders achieving national benchmarks in reading and numeracy is desirable.

Factors outside the control of child protection services have an influence on the educational outcomes of children on guardianship and custody orders, and care should be exercised when interpreting results. Specifically, children in the child protection system often have high needs have often experienced significant disadvantage (for example, family stress, trauma and violence, mental illness and disability).

It is also important to note that children exempted from NAPLAN testing are recorded as being below the national minimum benchmarks in reading and numeracy. Experimental data indicate that children on guardianship and custody orders are exempted from NAPLAN testing at significantly higher rates than the general student population, which will contribute to poorer reported NAPLAN results for children on orders than the general student population.

Data reported for this measure are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2012 data were not available for NSW, Victoria, WA, Tasmania, the ACT and the NT.

Data quality information for this indicator is at www.pc.gov.au/rogs/2015.

Tables 15A.12–14 provide data on the proportion of children in years 3, 5 and 7 on guardianship or custody orders (attending government schools) achieving national reading and numeracy benchmarks in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 relative to all children (attending government and non-government schools). The proportion of children on guardianship or custody orders achieving national reading and numeracy benchmarks in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 varied significantly across jurisdictions. However, with few exceptions, the proportion of children on orders achieving national reading and numeracy benchmarks was less — at times significantly less — than for all students.

Data contained in tables 15A.12–14 were sourced from a pilot study conducted by the AIHW. Data were not available for all jurisdictions. State and Territory governments are currently working with the AIHW on a national project to link data from the CP NMDS to National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) data, which will improve reporting for this indicator. NAPLAN testing is conducted each year for all students across Australia in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in the same year level are

assessed on the same test items in the assessment domains of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

In 2012, an experimental collection was commenced by the Child Protection and Youth Justice Working Group (CPYJWG) to source aggregate counts of the number of year 5 children on guardianship and custody orders who achieved at or above the national minimum standards in the NAPLAN domains 'reading' and 'numeracy', as well as the NAPLAN participation rates of children in these categories.

Experimental data for 2010 and 2011 were available for Queensland and SA, for children under custody or guardianship orders to the Chief Executive for a minimum of two years at the time of the test in government and non-government schools (Queensland) and children under the guardianship of the Minister in government schools (SA). These data were published in the 2013 and 2014 Reports. In this edition, equivalent experimental data for 2012 were also available for Queensland and SA. These data indicate that the proportion of year 5 children on orders achieving at or above the national minimum standards in the NAPLAN domains 'reading' and 'numeracy' are significantly lower than the results for all students in year 5. In 2012:

- 54.1 per cent of year 5 students on orders in Queensland and 60.3 per cent of year 5 students on orders in SA achieved at or above the national minimum standard in the NAPLAN domain 'reading', compared with 91.6 per cent of all year 5 students (and 89.1 and 90.7 for Queensland and SA respectively)
- 52.3 per cent of year 5 students on orders in Queensland and 55.9 per cent of year 5 students on orders in SA achieved at or above the national minimum standard in the NAPLAN domain 'numeracy', compared with 93.3 per cent of all year 5 students (and 91.7 for both Queensland and SA) (ACARA 2012; Queensland and SA governments unpublished).

It is important to take student participation rates into account when analysing NAPLAN data. Participation rates are calculated as all assessed and exempt students as a percentage of the total number of students in the year level, including students who were absent or withdrawn. In 2012:

- the participation rates for year 5 students on orders in the NAPLAN 'reading' domain was 94.0 per cent in Queensland and 88.5 per cent in SA, compared with 95.9 per cent of all year 5 students (and 94.9 and 94.8 for Queensland and SA respectively)
- the participation rates for year 5 students on orders in the NAPLAN 'numeracy' domain was 94.0 per cent in Queensland and 90.1 per cent in SA, compared with 95.5 per cent of all year 5 students (and 94.5 and 94.4 for Queensland and SA respectively) (ACARA 2012; Queensland and SA governments unpublished).

The experimental collection will assist the CPYJWG to identify the type of education data that would be meaningful to report in future, and methodological issues that need to be accounted for in educational outcomes reporting for children on orders. Detailed

information on NAPLAN testing can be found in chapter 4 School education of this Report.

Box 15.26 notes forthcoming research into the educational outcomes beyond school of people from out-of-home care backgrounds.

Box 15.26 Out-of-home care educational outcomes research

The National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education (the National Centre) at Curtin University has commenced a study into university access and achievement of people from out-of-home care backgrounds. The lead researchers on this project note that to date, there has been little Australian analysis of the progression of people from care into higher education, or of potential policies that might increase their aspirations, access and educational success. This is in contrast to the United Kingdom where children from care are a recognised equity group whose higher education outcomes are closely monitored and where institutional policies exist to support their participation.

The National Centre will be investigating these issues in collaboration with Mackillop Family Services and Berry Street. The project is scheduled to conclude in February 2015, at which time a project report will be made publicly available.

Source: National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education (NCSEHE) (2014).

Improved health and wellbeing of the child

‘Improved health and wellbeing of the child’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to maximise children’s life chances by ensuring children in care have their health and wellbeing needs met (box 15.27).

Box 15.27 Improved health and wellbeing of the child

‘Improved health and wellbeing of the child’ is yet to be defined.

Good health and wellbeing are considered vital ingredients for optimising children’s life chances. Therefore, ensuring the health and wellbeing of children in the child protection system is considered a high priority.

This indicator has been identified for development and reporting in future.

Safe return home

‘Safe return home’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to remove the risk of harm to the child while maintaining family cohesion (box 15.28).

Box 15.28 Safe return home

'Safe return home' is yet to be defined.

For children who cannot be protected within their family and are removed from home, often the best outcome is when effective intervention to improve their parents' skills or capacity to care for them enables them to return home.

This indicator has been identified for development and reporting in future.

Permanent care

'Permanent care' is an indicator of governments' objective to provide appropriate care for children who cannot be safely reunified with their families (box 15.29).

Box 15.29 Permanent care

'Permanent care' is yet to be defined.

Appropriate services are those that minimise the length of time before stable, permanent placement is achieved.

This indicator has been identified for development and reporting in future.

15.4 Future directions in child protection and out-of-home care services performance reporting

Improving national child protection data

The Standing Council on Community and Disability Services Advisory Council (SCCDSAC), now disbanded, was overseeing a number of national projects to address gaps in child protection reporting and to improve the comparability of child protection data. Such projects included: implementing a linked data set to measure educational outcomes for children on orders; developing a linked data collection to report on the relationships between child protection and youth justice; and the development of new carer-related indicators, including carer retention, foster carer numbers and safe reunification. It is expected that these projects, along with the successful implementation of a child based unit-record data collection for all jurisdictions, will improve child protection reporting.

New arrangements to govern child welfare and family services data and information requirements include the establishment of a Children and Families Data Network (CAFDaN) reporting to the Children and Families Secretaries' Group (CAFS).

State and Territory governments are also currently working with the AIHW on a national project to link data from the CP NMDS to NAPLAN data, which will improve reporting for the educational outcomes indicator. It is anticipated that a project report will be finalised in 2015 and data will be available for future reports.

COAG developments

National framework for protecting Australia's children 2009–2020

On 30 April 2009, COAG endorsed *Protecting Children is Everyone's Business: National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009–2020* (the National Framework) (FaHCSIA 2008). The National Framework is intended to deliver a more integrated response to protecting Australia's children, and emphasises the roles of government, the non-government sector, and the community in promoting the safety and wellbeing of children. The Second Action Plan 2012–15 under the National Framework was released in 2012. It prioritises early intervention, prevention and collaboration with mental health, domestic and family violence, drug and alcohol, education, health and other services (FaHCSIA 2012).

The Report's child protection and out-of-home care performance indicator framework already includes and reports upon several National Framework performance indicators. In addition, the Steering Committee has previously identified developments for the Report's child protection and out-of-home care performance indicator framework which are complementary to many of the measures in the National Framework. In further developing the Report's child protection and out-of-home care performance indicator framework, the Steering Committee will align with applicable National Framework developments.

National standards for out-of-home care

Under the National Framework, Australian governments have committed to implementing National Standards for Out-of-Home Care (the National Standards). The National Standards relate to areas affecting the outcomes and experiences of children in out-of-home care, including: health; education; case planning; connection to family; transitioning from care; training and support for carers; belonging and identity; and stability and safety. The Steering Committee will keep a watching brief on the development of performance indicators for the National Standards and align with applicable National Standard developments.

15.5 Jurisdictions' comments

This section provides comments from each jurisdiction on the services covered in this chapter.

New South Wales Government comments



Children, young people and their families, not systems, are at the centre of NSW's child protection responses. NSW remains focused on:

- increasing the proportion of children and young people in safe and stable homes
- helping families earlier and with better services so their children are not taken into care
- providing more children at risk of significant harm with a face-to-face response
- improving the outcomes of our most vulnerable children and young people in care
- improving the safety of Aboriginal children and young people with child protection concerns.

In 2014, NSW commenced the *Safe Home for Life* reforms. These reforms will see an investment of \$500 million over four years by the NSW Government to improve the effectiveness of the child protection system in NSW.

The *Child Protection Legislative Amendment Act 2014* was passed by Parliament on 26 March 2014 and is the first step towards a less legalistic, process driven child protection system.

We have expanded the *Practice First* model of child protection. *Practice First* increases the time caseworkers spend directly with families and focuses on building genuine and responsive relationships with children, families and other agencies to reduce the number of children being re-reported as being at risk of significant harm. The model is now operating in 24 Community Services Centres.

In 2013-14 NSW invested \$243.8 million for targeted earlier intervention for vulnerable children, young people and families. Early intervention programs aim to support children and families as early as possible to address factors that place the safety of children at risk, and to prevent them entering out-of-home care (OOHC).

NSW continued to progress the transition of statutory OOHC to the non-government organisation (NGO) sector, to better support children in the Minister's parental responsibility, and their carers. In 2013-14 the care arrangements of 2061 children and young people in OOHC were transitioned to NGOs.

The NSW Government has implemented two social benefit bonds in partnership with the Benevolent Society and UnitingCare Burnside to support at risk children. The bonds are an innovative, Australian first, approach to raising private capital to support children and young people in OOHC to be safely restored to their families or to prevent them from entering care. The UnitingCare Burnside Social Benefit Bond has improved supports for parents of children in or at risk of entering OOHC and has delivered a 7.5 per cent return to investors in the first year.



Victorian Government comments

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There have been significant amendments to Victoria's Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 in 2014. The most significant changes relate to provisions which govern case planning and court orders. The amendments are due for implementation on or before 1 March 2016 and introduce a new range of protection orders closely aligned with a permanency planning hierarchy and timelines.

- Where a child enters out-of-home care, reunification will be pursued for 12 months, except where it is clearly unachievable.
- If a child has not been reunified with their parents after 12 months, but there is compelling evidence that reunification may occur a 12 month extension may be granted.
- Beyond these timelines, if out-of-home care is still required the court may vest full parental rights in the Secretary, who will then be able to make the most appropriate long term or permanent care arrangements for the child.
- The Aboriginal Child Placement Principle will continue to apply, and a preference for kinship placements for all children (where safe) is stated in the legislation.

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Queensland Government comments

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The Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry report *Taking Responsibility: A Roadmap for Queensland Child Protection* was released on 1 July 2013. On 16 December 2013, the Queensland Government committed to implementing the Inquiry's reform roadmap by accepting all of the report's recommendations, 115 in full and six in principle. The Queensland Government committed \$406 million additional investment over five years to implement the reforms that will help vulnerable children, young people and families, including the prioritisation of the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

The primary focus of this funding will be on early intervention and support services with additional investments of:

- \$51.9 million allocated to the Community Based Intake and Referral System (Recommendation 4.5)
- \$195.1 million to Intensive Family Support and Domestic and Family Violence Services (Recommendation 5.4)
- \$16.5 million to post-care services for young people (Recommendation 9.2)

The \$4 million Fostering Families two-year trial is the first family support program to target neglect. Commencing in January 2013, it provides intensive, in-home and out-of-hours family support services to at risk Queensland families with a focus on developing practical skills in the family home to improve parenting skills and family functioning. Fostering Families is currently being trialled in three sites: Brisbane South, Toowoomba/Darling Downs and Maryborough/Hervey Bay, all of which are operating at capacity. Initial results from the trial are positive, with support through the program also decreasing re-reporting rates of child protection concerns to the department. The department is proposing to extend these services for a further three years.

The Helping Out Families initiative continued in 2013–14 to provide support services to vulnerable families at risk of entering or re-entering the statutory system who do not currently require tertiary intervention. An evaluation of this initiative, completed in June 2014, demonstrated benefits including: improved outcomes for families (if families engaged with an Intensive Family Support service for seven months or longer, more than two-thirds experienced reduced risk factors for child abuse or neglect) and reduced risk of entry or re-entry to the child protection system. The findings of the evaluation are being used to inform government investment in new models of intensive family support.

In 2013–14, Queensland continued to streamline quality standards for human services, after the introduction in February 2013 of an organisation level licensing process for non-government organisations (NGOs) licensed under the *Child Protection Act (Qld) 1999*. The new process enables NGOs to spend more time on service delivery and less time on paperwork. At 30 June 2014, 13 organisations were each granted an organisational level licence, previously they collectively held 41.

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Western Australian Government comments

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In 2013-14, the practice of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support (the Department) is based on the *Signs of Safety Child Protection Practice Framework* and is oriented to child participation and work with families in an inclusive and evidence based approach that builds safety around the child with support networks to enable children to remain at home, where possible.

For those children who are in care, the *Foster Care Partnership Practice Framework* guides the Department to work with carers based on the ethos of mutual respect and joint decision-making. The Department's *Residential Care (Sanctuary) Framework* provides a theoretical and practical base to guide care for children whose trauma severely impacts their behaviour and development.

The *Aboriginal Services Framework* provides direction to continually improve its work with Aboriginal children and families with an overall goal to reduce the number of Aboriginal children coming into care.

Demand for child protection services continues to grow, demonstrated by a 25 per cent increase in child protection notifications in the last two years. Effective case practice using Signs of Safety has contributed to slowing the rate of children in care to 6.7 growth between 30 June 2013 and 30 June 2014.

The Department maintains a focus on strong partnerships with the community sector, foster carers and across government agencies. Key highlights include:

- In December 2013, the electronic exchange of incident notifications from WA Police was successfully integrated into the Department's client system, enabling more timely responses to children exposed to family violence.
- The Department, in partnership with the community sector, has commenced an Out-Of-Home Care Five Year Strategic Plan. This work is occurring alongside the national out-of-home care standards and learnings from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.
- The recruitment and retention of foster carers remains a priority. The foster carer recruitment campaign has seen over 120 new general foster carers approved.
- In line with Delivering Community Services in Partnership Policy, out-of-home care placements in the community service sector have grown by an average of 16 per cent in the last three years.
- Contact centres are being established to enhance the frequency and quality of contact arrangements and to assist in reunifying children with their families.
- With the successful integration of the Family Support Network in Armadale, two more networks were established in Mirrabooka and in the Midwest (Geraldton). The networks aim to reduce demand on child protection services, improve integration and effectively meet the needs of at risk families.

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South Australian Government comments

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SA continued to implement the redesign of child protection services within the jurisdiction, with Solution Based Casework as its practice model.

A new process for protective intervention work in the areas of family preservation and reunification was commissioned. The emphasis is on working with vulnerable families to increase their strengths and resilience to care for their children. This will enable more children to remain safe in their own homes.

A specialising approach to care and protection service delivery was finalised. Specialising hubs were created in some metropolitan locations with specialising teams across other metropolitan and country offices. Hubs and teams are based on the functions of Assessment and Support, Protective Intervention, and Guardianship.

All Families SA supervisors and senior practitioners have undertaken and passed the Solution Based Casework Qualifying Exam and a specific suite of tools for the application of Solution Based Casework in Guardianship has been provided for implementation. A final certification procedure has been developed to provide certification guidance for all eligible Families SA delivery and functional staff.

The roll-out of the Solution Based Casework model including training with funded community service provider partners has commenced.

The *Families SA Service Plan* was released in 2014 and outlines changes to the delivery of child protection services through the provision of practical assistance to families to minimise their future contact with the child protection system. The plan aligns with the Department for Education and Child Development *Strategic Plan 2014–2017* through the strategic priority *Improve and integrate child safety*.

The Parliament of SA passed the *Statutes Amendment (Assessment of Relevant History) Act 2013* in November 2013. The Act makes changes to the child safe environments provisions of the *Children’s Protection Act 1993*.

SA is reviewing and updating child safe environments and resources to support organisations in developing a child safe and child friendly environment, adopting a preventative approach to child abuse and neglect and ensuring relevant history assessments are conducted for all people working with children in prescribed positions.

New *Health Standards for Children and Young People under Guardianship of the Minister* were developed with child protection and health services. These standards incorporate national policy developments in both sectors, including the *National Out of Home Care Standards* and the *National Clinical Assessment Framework*. Agreed roles, responsibilities and standards are specified to guide workers in health and child protection to work together to improve health outcomes and opportunities in life for children and young people under Guardianship.

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Tasmanian Government comments

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A number of initiatives during 2013-14 have been planned and/or implemented to improve practice and service provision in the child protection and out-of-home care areas in Tasmania.

Implementation of the Signs of Safety approach, supporting a consistent and comprehensive risk assessment, which is child centred and family focussed, commenced across Children and Youth Services in 2012–13, with training, practice development and system review occurring throughout 2013-14 to support the ongoing implementation.

The Out of Home Care Reform Project commenced in late-2013, and has focused on reviewing service provision across the out-of-home care continuum, with a view to realigning service delivery and out-of-home care options to meet better the needs of children. This project is also examining the interconnection of services required to support children and young people in the out-of-home care system in Tasmania.

Amendments to the *Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1997* reflect the Government's response to the first stage recommendations of the Legislative Amendment Review Reference Committee (LARRC), established by the previous Government to advise it on the Principal Act. The Committee provided a detailed report on the need for amendments to some 21 areas of the Act. The LARRC report provided detailed advice on the preferred policy direction to support the amendments. These amendments are aimed at a less adversarial way of working with families, which aligns and supports the Signs of Safety approach. The commencement dates for the majority of the amendments are still being finalised.

The Advocacy for Children in Tasmania Committee (ACTC) was established as a result of one of the LARRC recommendations, which was to conduct a second stage process to clarify the expectations of the role, function and powers of the Commissioner for Children. The ACTC made 15 recommendations relating to advocacy services for Tasmanian children, including the function and role of the Commissioner. One of these recommendations was the development of standalone legislation, this has been endorsed by Cabinet and drafting instructions are currently being prepared.

Children and Youth Services entered into a three year funding agreement with the Australian Red Cross Society for the provision of an advocacy service specifically for parents and families involved with the Child Protection Service. The new alliance brings with it the opportunity to build on our commitment to working in partnership with families. The service will be available in the Southern region from 1 December 2014.

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Australian Capital Territory Government comments

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A key priority for the ACT Government is to maintain and continually improve a responsive and high performing child protection and out-of-home care system. Reforms in the ACT incorporate strategies to implement recommendations from reviews undertaken by the ACT Public Advocate in 2011 and 2012 and a performance audit by the ACT Auditor-General in 2013. These include:

- Progression of the development of the *Out of Home Care Strategy 2015–2020*. Key reforms include a renewed focus on diverting children and young people from entering care, speedy reunification of children and parents wherever possible, and new and enhanced services to improve outcomes for children and young people in care.
- Establishment of the Trauma Recovery Centre, Melaleuca Place, which supports children from birth to 12 years who have experienced trauma and are current clients of statutory services.
- Improved services and supports for kinship carers, including engaging specialist services to provide therapeutic services for children, young people and carers in their care environment.
- Enhanced early intervention services and supports for pregnant women as well as for young adults who have left care.
- Development of a dual referral system, the Child, Youth and Family Gateway, as a point of contact for information, initial support and engagement with vulnerable children, young people and their families.
- Commenced development of a service model to engage suitable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members to provide independent advice regarding the placement, cultural planning and transition from care planning for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in out-of-home care.
- Implementation of the Integrated Management System (IMS) in Care and Protection Services (CPS). The IMS aligns the strategic direction, policies and procedures, risk management and compliance activities of CPS.
- Commencement of the Integrated Statutory Services project that examines how the Office for Children, Youth and Family Support (OCYFS) can combine activities performed in child protection and youth justice areas to offer better outcomes for children, young people and their families.
- Commenced the trial of Viewpoint Interactive as a tool for eliciting the views and wishes of children and young people in out of home care.
- Commenced the development of a Child Health Passport for children and young people in care. The Child Health Passport will move with the child or young person and will ensure that carers have access to key health information about the child or young person in their care.

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Northern Territory Government comments

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The 2013-14 financial year has been marked by a system that continues to experience significant growth. The number of child protection notifications received by the Northern Territory Department of Children and Families (DCF) increased by 30 per cent, with the number of children in out-of-home care increasing by 25 per cent.

In response to continued growth in demand for services, DCF implemented a number of key reforms designed to enhance its corporate governance and improve the organisational accountability for performance. Key foundational documents focussing on practice performance and client outcomes were established. Changes were designed to improve operational accountability and performance, by connecting work units with shared outcomes and providing higher levels of executive management of key functional areas.

In November 2013, the DCF organisational structure was amended to introduce the Out of Home Care and Professional Practice Divisions. These changes were designed to improve operational accountability and performance, by connecting work units with shared outcomes and providing higher levels of executive management of key functional areas.

The formation of an Out of Home Care Division increased the focus on the Department's recruitment and support of kinship and foster carers, placement decision making and operational management of residential care. Key changes included establishing a centralised placement process, awarding a panel contract to deliver residential care services for young people aged 12 to 18 years, and amending a new care plan template and procedure to streamline the care planning processes and emphasise engagement with children in order to achieve better child protection outcomes.

In January 2014, DCF launched its new Strategic Plan. The Plan focuses the Department on its core objectives as a child protection agency and establishes strategic priorities to 2016-17. A range of legislative amendments including the Charter of Rights for Children in Out of Home Care also took effect in January 2014. The Charter was introduced to provide clearer and stronger statements of the quality of service children in care must receive. The Charter binds DCF and care providers to improved quality of care.

DCF also launched its Child Protection Framework and Standards of Professional Practice in April 2014, which both emphasise the importance of consistent decision making and encourage practitioners to meet key practice benchmarks. The Standards of Professional Practice set out the essential requirements for delivering effective, professional and accountable care and protection to vulnerable children.

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15.6 Definitions of key terms

Activity Group 1 (pathways)

Receipt and assessment of initial information about a potential protection or support issue

Activities that are typically associated with receipt and assessment of initial information including receipt and recording of information, review of department databases, initial assessment of information and decisions about the appropriate response. This activity can also include consultation, with possible provision of advice. Activities by non-government organisations (NGO) may be included if appropriate.

Activity Group 2 (pathways)

Provision of generic family support services

Activities that are typically associated with provision of lower level family support services at various stages including identification of family needs, provision of support services and diversionary services, some counselling and active linking of the family to support networks. Services are funded by government but can be delivered by either the relevant agency or a NGO. This bundle of services does not involve planned follow-up by the relevant agency after initial service delivery. The services will be delivered under voluntary arrangements between the relevant agency and family. Clients may receive these services more than once.

Activity Group 3 (pathways)

Provision of intensive family support services

Activities that are typically associated with provision of complex or intensive family support services including provision of therapeutic and in-home supports such as counselling and mediation, modelling of positive parenting strategies, referrals to intensive support services that may be provided by NGOs, advocacy on behalf of clients and intensive support for a family in a residential setting. This includes protection and treatment support services. These services may be provided if diversionary services are inappropriate to the case and may lead to statutory services being provided to the client.

Activity Group 4 (pathways)

Secondary information gathering and assessment

Activities that are typically associated with secondary information gathering and assessment are currently counted as 'investigations' in the Report on Government Services. As part of this activity group a decision may be made to substantiate or not substantiate. Information gathering activities include:

- sighting the child
- contacting people with relevant information about the child or family (for example, teachers, police, support services)
- interviewing the child, sibling(s) and parents
- observing family interactions
- obtaining assessments of the child and/or family
- conducting family group conferences
- liaising with agencies providing services to the child and family
- recording a substantiation or non-substantiation decision
- case conferences with partners and contributors in the investigation and assessment process.

Activity Group 5 (pathways)

Provision of short-term protective intervention and coordination services for children not on an order

Activities that are typically associated with provision of short-term protective intervention and coordination services including:

- working with the family to address protective issues
- developing networks of support for the child
- monitoring and reviewing the safety of the child
- monitoring and reviewing family progress against case planning goals
- case conferences with agencies providing services to the child and/or family, internal discussions and reviews
- specialist child-focused therapeutic support.

**Activity Group 6
(pathways)**

Seeking an order

Activities that are typically associated with seeking orders (court orders or voluntary/administrative orders) including:

- preparing applications for the order
- preparing reports for the court
- obtaining assessment reports to submit to the court
- informing parties to the court proceedings, including parents, the child, and lawyers
- informing and briefing legal counsel or internal court groups
- going through internal pre-court review processes
- attending court
- conducting family group conferences.

**Activity Group 7
(pathways)**

Provision of protective intervention, support and coordination services for children on an order

Activities that are typically associated with provision of longer-term protective intervention and coordination services including:

- monitoring the child or young person's progress and development (for example, social development and education progress) and undertaking activities that facilitate progress and development
- meeting any specific requirements of any court order
- reviewing appropriateness of the order for the circumstances of the child or young person. This usually occurs at intervals established by the court or in legislation
- reporting back to court
- long term cases involving out-of-home care.

**Activity Group 8
(pathways)**

Provision of out-of-home care services

Activities that are typically associated with provision of out-of-home care services including:

- finding suitable placement(s) for the child
- assisting the child or young person to maintain contact with his/her family
- in some cases, staff payments for recruiting and training carers
- assessing suitability of potential kinship carers
- assisting the child or young person to maintain contact with their family
- working to return the child home
- assisting the child or young person as they prepare to leave care as the end of the order approaches.

Care and protection orders

Care and protection orders are legal orders or arrangements which give child protection departments some responsibility for a child's welfare. The scope of departmental involvement mandated by a care and protection order is dependent on the type of order, and can include:

- responsibility for overseeing the actions of the person or authority caring for the child
- reporting or giving consideration to the child's welfare (for example, regarding the child's education, health, religion, accommodation and financial matters).

Types of care and protection orders:

- Finalised guardianship or custody orders – involve the transfer of legal guardianship to the relevant state or territory department or non-government agency. These orders involve considerable intervention in a child's life and that of his or her family, and are sought only as a last resort. Guardianship orders convey responsibility for the welfare of a child to a guardian (for example, regarding a child's education, health, religion, accommodation and financial matters). Guardianship orders do not necessarily grant the right to the daily care and control of a child, or the right to make decisions about the daily care and control of a child, which are granted under custody orders. Custody orders generally refer to orders that place children in the custody of the state or territory, or department responsible for child protection or non-government agency. These orders usually involve the child protection department being responsible for the daily care and requirements of a child, while his or

her parent retains legal guardianship. Custody alone does not bestow any responsibility regarding the long-term welfare of the child.

- Finalised third party parental responsibility orders – transfer all duties, powers, responsibilities and authority parents are entitled to by law, to a nominated person(s) considered appropriate by the court. The nominated person may be an individual such as a relative or an officer of a state or territory department. Third party parental responsibility may be ordered when a parent is unable to care for a child, and as such parental responsibility is transferred to a relative. ‘Permanent care orders’ are an example of a third party parental responsibility order and involve the transfer of guardianship to a third party carer. It can also be applied to the achievement of a stable arrangement under a long-term guardianship order to 18 years without guardianship being transferred to a third party. These orders are only applicable in some jurisdictions.
- Finalised supervisory orders – give the department responsible for child protection some responsibility for a child’s welfare. Under these orders, the department supervises and/or directs the level and type of care that is to be provided to the child. Children under supervisory orders are generally under the responsibility of their parents and the guardianship or custody of the child is unaffected. Finalised supervisory orders are therefore less interventionist than finalised guardianship orders but require the child’s parent or guardian to meet specified conditions, such as medical care of the child.
- Interim and temporary orders – generally cover the provision of a limited period of supervision and/or placement of a child. Parental responsibility under these orders may reside with the parents or with the department responsible for child protection. Orders that are not finalised (such as an application to a court for a care and protection order) are also included in this category, unless another finalised order is in place.
- Administrative arrangements – are agreements with relevant child protection departments, which have the same effect as a court order in transferring custody or guardianship. These arrangements can also allow a child to be placed in out-of-home care without going through the courts.

Children are counted only once, even if they are on more than one care and protection order.

Child	A person aged 0–17 years (including, at times, unborn children).
Child at risk	A child for whom no abuse or neglect can be substantiated but where there are reasonable grounds to suspect the possibility of prior or future abuse or neglect, and for whom continued departmental involvement is considered warranted.
Child concern reports	Reports to departments responsible for child protection regarding concerns about a child, where there is no indication that a child may have been, or is at risk of being, harmed through abuse or neglect. This may include concerns about a child’s welfare related to the quality of his or her home environment or the standard of care that he or she is receiving.
Children in out-of-home care during the year	The total number of children who were in at least one out-of-home care placement at any time during the year. A child who is in more than one placement is counted only once.
Comparability	Data are considered comparable if, (subject to caveats) they can be used to inform an assessment of comparative performance. Typically, data are considered comparable when they are collected in the same way and in accordance with the same definitions. For comparable indicators or measures, significant differences in reported results allow an assessment of differences in performance, rather than being the result of anomalies in the data.
Completeness	Data are considered complete if all required data are available for all jurisdictions that provide the service.

Dealt with by other means	A notification that is responded to by means other than an investigation, such as the provision of advice or referral to services. This category can also include notifications where the decision to investigate has not been reached (that is, notifications 'in process').
Exited out-of-home care	Where a child does not return to care within 60 days.
Family based care	Home-based care (see 'Out-of-home care').
Family group homes	Family group homes are care settings that provide care to children in a departmentally or community sector agency provided home. These homes have live-in, non-salaried carers who are reimbursed and/or subsidised for the provision of care.
Foster care	Care of a child who is living apart from his or her natural or adoptive parents in a private household, by one or more adults who act as 'foster parents' and are paid a regular allowance by a government authority or non-government organisation for the child's support. The authorised department or non-government organisation provides continuing supervision or support while the child remains in the care of foster parents. Foster parents are chosen from a list of people registered, licensed or approved as foster parents by an authorised department or non-government organisation.
Foster parent	Any person (or such a person's spouse) who is being paid a foster allowance by a government or non-government organisation for the care of a child (excluding children in family group homes).
Guardian	Any person who has the legal and ongoing care and responsibility for the protection of a child.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person	Person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as being an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and is accepted as such by the community with which he or she lives.
Investigation	An investigation of child abuse and neglect that involves identifying harm or risk of harm to the child, determining an outcome and assessing protective needs. It includes the interviewing or sighting of the subject child where practicable.
Investigation finalised	Where an investigation is completed and an outcome of 'substantiated' or 'not substantiated' is recorded by 31 August.
Investigation in process	Where an investigation is commenced but an outcome is not recorded by 31 August.
Investigation closed – no outcome possible	Where an investigation is commenced but is not able to be finalised in order to reach the outcome of 'substantiated' or 'not substantiated'. These files would be closed for administrative purposes. This may happen in instances where the family has relocated.
Length of time in continuous out-of-home care	The length of time for which a child is in out-of-home care on a continuous basis. Any break of 60 days or more is considered to break the continuity of the placement. Where a child returns home for less than 60 days and then returns to the former placement or to a different placement, this does not affect the length of time in care. Holidays or authorised absences (less than 60 days) in a placement do not break the continuity of placement.
Non-respite care	Out-of-home care for children for child protection reasons.
Notification	Contact with an authorised department by persons or other bodies making allegations of child abuse or neglect, or harm to a child. Notifications can be counted at different points in the response to a report, ranging from the point of initial contact with the source of the report to the end of a screening and decision making process.
Other relative	A grandparent, aunt, uncle or cousin, whether the relationship is half, full, step or through adoption, and can be traced through or to a person whose parents were not married to each other at the time of the child's birth. This category includes members of Aboriginal communities who are accepted by that community as being related to the child.

Out-of-home care	<p>Overnight care, including placement with relatives (other than parents) where the government makes a financial payment. Includes care of children in legal and voluntary placements (that is, children on and not on a legal order) but excludes placements solely funded by disability services, psychiatric services, youth justice facilities and overnight child care services.</p> <p>There are five main out-of-home care placement types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential care – where placement is in a residential building with paid staff. • Family group homes – provide care to children in a departmentally or community sector agency provided home. These homes have live-in, non-salaried carers who are reimbursed and/or subsidised for the provision of care. • Home-based care – where placement is in the home of a carer who is reimbursed (or who has been offered but declined reimbursement) for expenses for the care of the child. This is broken down into three subcategories: (1) <i>relative/kinship care</i> – where the caregiver is a relative (other than parents), considered to be family or a close friend, or is a member of the child or young person’s community (in accordance with their culture) who is reimbursed (or who has been offered but declined reimbursement) by the State/Territory for the care of the child. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, a kinship carer may be another Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person who is a member of their community, a compatible community or from the same language group; (2) <i>foster care</i> – where the care is authorised and carers are reimbursed (or were offered but declined reimbursement) by the state/territory and supported by an approved agency. There are varying degrees of reimbursement made to foster carers; (3) <i>other</i> – home-based care which does not fall into either of the above categories. • Independent living – including private board and lead tenant households. • Other – includes placements that do not fit into the above categories and unknown living arrangements. This includes boarding schools, hospitals, hotels/motels and defence force.
Relatives/kin	<p>People who are family or close friends, or are members of a child or young person’s community (in accordance with their culture) who are reimbursed (or who have been offered but declined reimbursement) by the State/Territory for the care of a child. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, a kinship carer may be another Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person who is a member of their community, a compatible community or from the same language group.</p>
Respite care	<p>Respite care is a form of out-of-home care that is used to provide short-term accommodation for children and young people where the intention is for the child to return to their prior place of residence. Respite placements include: <i>respite from birth family</i>, where a child is placed in out-of-home care on a temporary basis for reasons other than child protection (for example, the child’s parents are ill or unable to care for them on a temporary basis; or as a family support mechanism to prevent entry into full time care, as part of the reunification process, as a shared care arrangement); <i>respite from placement</i>, where a child spends regular, short and agreed periods of time with another carer other than their primary carer.</p>
Stability of placement	<p>Number of placements for children who exited out-of-home care and did not return within 60 days. Placements exclude respite or temporary placements lasting less than 7 days. Placements are counted separately where there is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a change in the placement type — for example, from a home-based to a facility-based placement • within placement type, a change in venue or a change from one home-based placement to a different home-based placement. <p>Each placement should only be counted once. A return to a previous placement is not included as a different placement. A return home is not counted as a placement, although if a child returns home for 60 days or more they are considered to have exited care.</p>
Substantiation	<p>Notification for which an investigation concludes there is reasonable cause to believe that the child has been, is being or is likely to be abused, neglected or otherwise harmed. It does not necessarily require sufficient evidence for a successful prosecution and does not imply that treatment or case management is, or is to be, provided.</p>

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15A Child protection services — attachment

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 15.6 of the chapter. Unsourced information was obtained from the Australian, State and Territory governments.

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Data reported in the attachment tables are the most accurate available at the time of data collection. Historical data may have been updated since the last edition of the Report on Government Services.

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>
Total real expenditure											
Child protection services											
NSW	\$'000	244 664	266 186	291 864	329 454	292 288	391 780	373 700	316 852	366 613	393 744
Vic	\$'000	120 872	122 906	129 910	138 256	160 125	168 163	175 939	188 558	186 650	188 795
Qld	\$'000	153 309	173 625	194 121	225 056	248 967	252 450	307 228	313 448	310 383	298 501
WA	\$'000	30 062	32 472	37 748	47 634	57 247	67 059	69 632	115 235	144 589	147 848
SA	\$'000	36 187	36 467	37 051	40 421	40 242	41 551	41 748	51 705	52 285	54 417
Tas	\$'000	7 178	8 491	16 098	18 823	21 293	21 864	20 396	23 340	21 273	20 958
ACT	\$'000	16 284	14 683	13 283	11 572	12 190	11 825	10 621	12 122	12 025	11 708
NT	\$'000	11 818	10 487	10 448	13 232	17 120	20 657	32 242	42 213	64 813	35 258
Australia	\$'000	620 373	665 318	730 523	824 447	849 473	975 349	1 031 506	1 063 473	1 158 631	1 151 229
Out-of-home care services											
NSW	\$'000	369 098	372 718	442 583	541 295	620 033	701 114	728 992	763 569	773 033	798 785
Vic	\$'000	228 845	232 447	242 320	258 537	295 822	319 376	343 524	359 919	375 402	402 127
Qld	\$'000	212 194	260 599	319 456	339 580	346 779	364 720	384 451	405 394	415 351	419 452
WA	\$'000	92 846	95 389	107 989	142 230	173 829	189 381	213 728	199 002	214 617	225 969
SA	\$'000	45 259	51 006	88 711	99 694	112 200	126 649	138 136	144 924	157 623	161 787
Tas	\$'000	23 806	30 200	34 995	30 261	28 909	35 823	40 727	40 621	42 305	47 261
ACT	\$'000	26 666	23 424	22 684	22 569	22 703	22 940	29 015	27 482	30 745	33 359
NT	\$'000	14 912	21 389	23 283	31 581	39 072	43 945	49 741	57 502	77 100	82 681
Australia	\$'000	1 013 625	1 087 174	1 282 022	1 465 748	1 639 346	1 803 949	1 928 314	1 998 414	2 086 176	2 171 421
Intensive family support services											
NSW	\$'000	8 191	8 304	23 297	23 296	155 262	155 075	170 360	234 686	149 533	150 116
Vic	\$'000	18 193	22 280	27 183	48 238	60 557	62 765	62 976	64 530	72 960	79 245
Qld	\$'000	44 803	49 967	62 394	71 018	67 187	66 727	31 323	33 922	40 716	40 992
WA	\$'000	3 773	3 758	3 802	4 135	4 363	7 431	7 444	28 120	8 604	8 907
SA	\$'000	1 950	1 922	2 049	2 028	9 312	9 412	9 300	9 520	11 084	12 934

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>
Tas	\$'000	1 140	1 297	212	246	2 549	4 562	4 831	5 919	7 280	7 811
ACT	\$'000	674	746	1 252	1 670	1 658	1 666	1 470	1 410	969	820
NT	\$'000	na	na	506	527	805	544	534	540	553	na
Australia	\$'000	78 724	88 274	120 696	151 159	301 692	308 182	288 238	378 648	291 699	300 825
Family support services											
NSW	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	145 990	124 070	113 959
Vic	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	96 360	106 640	113 040
Qld	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	58 696	57 436	57 950
WA	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	37 265	40 219	40 741
SA	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Tas	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	5 706	4 868	5 297
ACT	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	2 866	2 807	2 385
NT	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	1 942	35 601	43 713
Australia	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	348 825	371 641	377 085
Child protection and out-of-home care services											
NSW	\$'000	613 761	638 904	734 447	870 749	912 321	1 092 894	1 102 692	1 080 421	1 139 646	1 192 529
Vic	\$'000	349 717	355 353	372 231	396 792	455 946	487 539	519 463	548 477	562 052	590 922
Qld	\$'000	365 503	434 224	513 578	564 636	595 746	617 169	691 678	718 842	725 734	717 953
WA	\$'000	122 908	127 861	145 737	189 863	231 076	256 440	283 360	314 237	359 207	373 816
SA	\$'000	81 446	87 474	125 762	140 116	152 442	168 200	179 884	196 629	209 908	216 204
Tas	\$'000	30 984	38 691	51 093	49 084	50 203	57 688	61 124	63 961	63 579	68 220
ACT	\$'000	42 950	38 107	35 967	34 141	34 892	34 765	39 636	39 604	42 770	45 067
NT	\$'000	26 730	31 877	33 731	44 813	56 192	64 602	81 982	99 714	141 912	117 939
Australia	\$'000	1 633 998	1 752 491	2 012 544	2 290 194	2 488 819	2 779 298	2 959 820	3 061 886	3 244 808	3 322 650

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Table 15A.1 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services (2013-14 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>
Child protection, out-of-home care and intensive family support services											
NSW	\$'000	621 953	647 208	757 744	894 046	1 067 582	1 247 969	1 273 052	1 315 106	1 289 179	1 342 645
Vic	\$'000	367 910	377 633	399 414	445 030	516 503	550 304	582 439	613 007	635 012	670 167
Qld	\$'000	410 306	484 191	575 972	635 654	662 934	683 896	723 001	752 765	766 450	758 945
WA	\$'000	126 681	131 620	149 539	193 999	235 439	263 871	290 804	342 357	367 810	382 723
SA	\$'000	83 396	89 395	127 811	142 144	161 754	177 612	189 184	206 149	220 992	229 138
Tas	\$'000	32 124	39 989	51 304	49 330	52 752	62 250	65 955	69 880	70 859	76 031
ACT	\$'000	43 624	38 853	37 220	35 811	36 550	36 431	41 106	41 014	43 739	45 887
NT	\$'000	na	na	34 237	45 341	56 997	65 146	82 516	100 255	142 466	117 939
Australia	\$'000	1 685 993	1 808 888	2 133 240	2 441 354	2 790 511	3 087 479	3 248 058	3 440 534	3 536 507	3 623 475
Child protection, out-of-home care, intensive family support services and family support services											
NSW	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	1 461 096	1 413 249	1 456 604
Vic	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	709 367	741 652	783 207
Qld	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	811 461	823 886	816 895
WA	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	379 622	408 030	423 465
SA	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	206 149	220 992	229 138
Tas	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	75 586	75 727	81 327
ACT	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	43 880	46 546	48 272
NT	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	102 197	178 067	161 652
Australia	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	3 789 359	3 908 149	4 000 560
Real expenditure per child											
Child protection services											
NSW	\$	154.07	167.32	182.40	204.53	180.26	239.89	227.77	191.74	220.05	233.73
Vic	\$	104.30	105.55	110.45	116.32	133.32	138.73	144.08	152.55	148.77	148.32
Qld	\$	158.95	176.80	193.70	219.61	237.91	238.24	287.27	288.47	281.13	267.30
WA	\$	61.53	65.69	75.02	92.76	108.94	125.76	128.47	206.91	252.18	253.05
SA	\$	104.59	105.35	106.45	115.57	114.57	117.82	118.27	145.69	146.71	151.89

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Table 15A.1 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services (2013-14 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>
Tas	\$	61.23	72.40	137.38	160.39	180.98	186.11	174.55	200.98	184.42	182.52
ACT	\$	210.46	191.13	170.73	147.58	154.03	147.92	132.19	148.13	144.74	137.66
NT	\$	196.15	172.92	170.77	214.20	275.47	330.13	517.93	673.47	1 022.60	554.86
Australia	\$	129.22	137.68	149.52	166.73	169.73	193.11	202.82	206.60	222.12	218.03
Out-of-home care services											
NSW	\$	232.44	234.29	276.59	336.05	382.38	429.30	444.31	462.07	463.99	474.17
Vic	\$	197.46	199.63	206.02	217.52	246.30	263.48	281.32	291.18	299.21	315.92
Qld	\$	220.01	265.37	318.76	331.37	331.37	344.19	359.47	373.09	376.20	375.61
WA	\$	190.05	192.98	214.62	276.98	330.78	355.16	394.32	357.32	374.32	386.75
SA	\$	130.81	147.35	254.88	285.04	319.43	359.13	391.33	408.36	442.27	451.58
Tas	\$	203.06	257.50	298.64	257.87	245.71	304.92	348.53	349.79	366.74	411.59
ACT	\$	344.65	304.92	291.58	287.83	286.88	286.95	361.11	335.83	370.06	392.23
NT	\$	247.50	352.67	380.55	511.24	628.69	702.32	799.03	917.38	1 216.47	1 301.16
Australia	\$	211.14	224.97	262.39	296.42	327.56	357.16	379.16	388.22	399.93	411.24
Intensive family support services											
NSW	\$	5.16	5.22	14.56	14.46	95.75	94.96	103.83	142.02	89.75	89.11
Vic	\$	15.70	19.13	23.11	40.59	50.42	51.78	51.57	52.21	58.15	62.26
Qld	\$	46.45	50.88	62.26	69.30	64.20	62.97	29.29	31.22	36.88	36.71
WA	\$	7.72	7.60	7.56	8.05	8.30	13.93	13.73	50.49	15.01	15.24
SA	\$	5.64	5.55	5.89	5.80	26.51	26.69	26.35	26.82	31.10	36.10
Tas	\$	9.72	11.06	1.81	2.10	21.67	38.83	41.35	50.97	63.11	68.02
ACT	\$	8.71	9.71	16.10	21.30	20.95	20.83	18.30	17.24	11.66	9.64
NT	\$	na	na	8.27	8.54	12.95	8.70	8.58	8.62	8.73	na
Australia	\$	16.40	18.27	24.70	30.57	60.28	61.02	56.67	73.56	55.92	56.97
Family support services											
NSW	\$	na	88.34	74.47	67.65						
Vic	\$	na	77.96	85.00	88.81						

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Table 15A.1 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services (2013-14 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>
Qld	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	54.02	52.02	51.89
WA	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	66.91	70.15	69.73
SA	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Tas	\$	na	49.14	42.20	46.13						
ACT	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	35.02	33.79	28.04
NT	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	30.98	561.70	687.92
Australia	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	67.76	71.25	71.42
Child protection and out-of-home care services											
NSW	\$	386.51	401.61	458.99	540.59	562.64	669.20	672.08	653.81	684.04	707.90
Vic	\$	301.76	305.18	316.47	333.85	379.62	402.21	425.39	443.73	447.98	464.24
Qld	\$	378.96	442.18	512.46	550.98	569.28	582.43	646.74	661.56	657.33	642.92
WA	\$	251.58	258.67	289.64	369.75	439.72	480.92	522.79	564.23	626.51	639.80
SA	\$	235.40	252.69	361.34	400.60	434.00	476.96	509.59	554.05	588.97	603.48
Tas	\$	264.29	329.90	436.01	418.26	426.69	491.03	523.07	550.76	551.16	594.12
ACT	\$	555.12	496.05	462.31	435.41	440.91	434.87	493.30	483.95	514.79	529.89
NT	\$	443.65	525.58	551.32	725.44	904.16	1 032.45	1 316.96	1 590.85	2 239.07	1 856.02
Australia	\$	340.36	362.65	411.91	463.15	497.29	550.27	581.98	594.82	622.05	629.27
Child protection, out-of-home care and intensive family support services											
NSW	\$	391.67	406.83	473.55	555.05	658.39	764.15	775.91	795.83	773.79	797.01
Vic	\$	317.46	324.32	339.58	374.43	430.04	453.99	476.96	495.94	506.13	526.49
Qld	\$	425.42	493.06	574.72	620.29	633.48	645.40	676.02	692.78	694.20	679.63
WA	\$	259.31	266.28	297.19	377.80	448.02	494.85	536.52	614.73	641.51	655.04
SA	\$	241.04	258.24	367.22	406.40	460.51	503.65	535.94	580.88	620.07	639.58
Tas	\$	274.01	340.96	437.81	420.36	448.36	529.86	564.42	601.73	614.27	662.14
ACT	\$	563.83	505.76	478.41	456.71	461.86	455.70	511.60	501.19	526.45	539.54
NT	\$	na	na	559.59	733.98	917.11	1 041.14	1 325.54	1 599.47	2 247.80	1 856.02
Australia	\$	351.19	374.32	436.61	493.71	557.57	611.28	638.65	668.38	677.97	686.24

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Table 15A.1 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services (2013-14 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>
Child protection, out-of-home care, intensive family support services and family support services											
NSW	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	884.17	848.26	864.66
Vic	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	573.90	591.13	615.30
Qld	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	746.79	746.23	731.52
WA	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	681.64	711.66	724.77
SA	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	580.88	620.07	639.58
Tas	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	650.87	656.47	708.26
ACT	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	536.21	560.25	567.58
NT	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	1 630.45	2 809.51	2 543.94
Australia	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	736.14	749.21	757.66

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2013-14 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2013-14 = 100) (table 2A.51). See chapter 2 (sections 2.5-6) for details.
- (b) Population data used to derive rates are revised to the ABS' final 2011 Census rebased estimates.
- (c) Refer to table 15A.4 for information on the comparability of expenditure data.
- (d) Numbers may not sum due to rounding.
- (e) Expenditure on family support services was introduced in the 2013 Report.
- (f) For child protection services, prior to 2009-10, expenditure per child related to children aged 0-16 years in the residential population. From 2009-10 onwards, expenditure per child relates to children aged 0-17 years in the residential population.
- (g) NSW: The movement in expenditure for intensive family support services between 2011-12 and 2012-13 is mainly due to the movement and reclassification of previously identified early intervention services (Brighter Futures) to statutory child protection activities (Strengthening Families) and overhead re-allocations due to the change in mix across all the programs.

Table 15A.1 State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services (2013-14 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)

<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>
(h) Victoria: Expenditure for 2004-05 includes additional funding for Aboriginal Family Decision Making, Adolescent Medication and Diversion and Foster Care Initiatives and data revisions. Over the past four years significant additional funding has been provided to Victorian 'Family Services'. Client data relating to clients who received intensive support from these services were not able to be provided for earlier years but are included in 2007-08 onwards. The increase in client numbers reflects the accumulated increase over recent years. The reduction in out-of-home care salary expenses in 2010-11 is due to the conversion of internally delivered residential care services in the North West Metropolitan region to externally managed services. Child protection services, IFSS, FSS and OOHC data for 2012-13 and 2013-14 are not comparable to data for earlier years as following a major restructure of the department in 2012-13, the methodology used for attributing internal costs changed. This applied particularly to departmental management and support costs where the composition of all services changed significantly, in 2013-14. 2012-13 data have been revised to align with these changes and to provide data for the new expense categories introduced in 2013-14. Total expenditure on all services for 2012-13 have not changed and total services expenditure for 2012-13 and 2013-14 are comparable with those of previous years.										
(i) Queensland: Expenditure from 2004-05 onwards reflects full absorption costing on an accrual accounting basis.										
(j) WA: Due to a new method of expenditure reporting, expenditure data for 2011-12 are not comparable to expenditure data for previous years. Child protection services, IFSS and FSS data for 2012-13 and 2013-14 are not comparable to data for earlier years as in 2013-14, some services previously considered to be IFSS were re-allocated to child protection services and FSS to be consistent with unit counting rules. 2012-13 data have been revised to be consistent with 2013-14.										
(k) SA: Expenditure data were recast from 2008-09 due to the inclusion of expenditure previously incorrectly omitted. The significant increase in out-of-home care expenditure in 2009-10 was the result of growth in the alternative care system. Family Support Services data were not available for any year so the totals for SA and Australia are understated.										
(l) Tasmania: In 2012-13, the allocation of Targeted Youth Support Services (TYSS) was reviewed, and TYSS was found to better fit the IFSS definition, the value of the reallocation from FSS to IFSS is \$1.4 million. Payroll tax is excluded from salaries and wages, this is a decrease of \$1.09 million from the previous year. A restructure in regional management led to a decrease in cost of \$275 000. The total decrease in salaries and wages attributable to these two items is \$1.37 million. The proportional cost reduction in OOHC services is \$196 000. A service provider in the South of Tasmania has seen a significant increase in the use of their foster carers, the total increase in payments is \$1.2 million – increased reliance on this provider is the cost driver for non-residential payments to NGO's. A combination of increased numbers of children in care (including those transitioned to third party guardianship who are still funded) and indexation is the cost driver for the increase in OHC non-salary non-residential OOHC costs. The calculation methodology for allocation of umbrella costs has been altered and the total departmental overhead allocated to Children and Youth Services has reduced by \$1.1 million following significant internal restructuring of the department. This has led to a decrease in the reported umbrella costs.										

Table 15A.1 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services (2013-14 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>
(m) NT:	In years prior to 2013-14, a grant program with Catholic Care NT was reported in the IFSS category. In 2013-14 the agreement was modified to be more general so has been relocated in reporting to the FSS category. All NGO funded programs include an element of intensive support with families, however this is on a voluntary basis. The decrease in child protection expenditure and increases in OOHC and family support expenditure relate to a methodology change in how the agency measures its associated costs to each category. Predominantly, the changes relate to the separation of case work between child protection activities and OOHC case management. In the past case workers have been allocated to child protection. There was also an element of child protection expenditure which was reallocated to family and parent support through the methodology review.										

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); ABS (unpublished) Australian demographic statistics 31 March; ABS (unpublished) Australian population projections; tables 15A.34 and 15A.35.

TABLE 15A.2

Table 15A.2 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection services, per notification, per investigation and per substantiation (2013-14 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

<i>Unit</i>		2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Annual real recurrent expenditure on all child protection activities per notification											
NSW	\$	1 830.82	1 741.99	1 536.71	1 684.33	1 367.84	2 503.95	3 780.67	3 191.40	3 497.65	3 125.10
Vic	\$	3 221.27	3 235.48	3 359.02	3 322.89	3 736.78	3 476.67	3 157.66	2 954.06	2 547.36	2 300.81
Qld (f)	\$	3 754.90	5 165.56	6 808.65	9 001.16	10 636.00	11 535.31	14 187.39	12 627.33	12 534.15	12 835.44
WA	\$	9 376.80	9 795.56	4 902.28	5 306.18	5 635.09	5 514.72	6 343.99	8 383.81	9 509.29	8 799.95
SA	\$	2 071.04	2 420.02	2 009.93	1 938.95	1 733.02	2 047.04	1 974.38	2 713.33	2 734.59	2 779.50
Tas	\$	665.38	651.71	1 110.38	1 463.32	2 058.33	2 209.63	1 908.17	1 971.93	1 727.98	1 629.45
ACT	\$	2 238.30	1 820.76	1 525.00	1 290.05	1 270.42	1 096.95	906.87	976.07	887.53	1 104.53
NT	\$	5 624.91	3 663.08	3 491.92	3 615.36	2 766.21	3 136.95	4 935.19	5 296.47	6 502.71	2 722.63
Annual real recurrent expenditure on all child protection activities per investigation											
NSW	\$	4 177.14	3 503.37	2 554.52	2 394.67	1 932.37	3 558.24	5 234.70	6 052.33	6 759.59	5 980.59
Vic	\$	10 167.54	10 333.42	11 496.48	12 380.72	14 275.17	12 171.60	12 620.23	11 732.07	9 837.67	8 887.40
Qld (f)	\$	4 240.90	5 165.56	6 808.65	9 001.16	10 636.00	11 535.31	14 187.39	12 627.33	12 534.15	12 835.44
WA	\$	9 507.28	10 179.40	9 673.90	10 867.81	13 754.66	14 849.21	9 926.11	11 229.33	13 122.95	11 384.31
SA	\$	5 763.23	7 531.44	6 381.50	7 412.66	6 797.71	8 831.21	7 179.39	10 174.19	9 804.10	8 320.64
Tas	\$	3 916.04	2 220.50	3 517.22	5 779.13	8 673.48	11 928.12	8 953.67	13 506.84	10 536.50	14 266.85
ACT	\$	5 397.30	4 460.09	4 812.60	7 389.38	6 140.89	6 643.34	6 352.41	5 502.41	5 176.58	8 711.31
NT	\$	10 015.21	8 776.07	6 928.26	6 563.59	6 073.11	5 611.74	8 072.51	10 537.42	17 046.95	7 182.32
Annual real recurrent expenditure on all child protection activities per substantiation											
NSW	\$	15 791.88	8 929.73	7 868.23	9 651.50	8 577.04	14 926.10	20 095.74	13 672.13	13 649.03	15 019.80
Vic	\$	16 338.44	16 250.89	19 026.10	21 721.22	25 240.32	25 467.64	23 019.57	20 777.72	17 866.39	15 796.10
Qld (f)	\$	8 858.19	13 169.35	19 204.72	28 033.88	34 035.20	36 470.71	46 563.79	40 808.27	38 466.11	40 305.29
WA	\$	27 230.08	33 825.30	30 614.41	32 536.62	37 588.26	40 592.62	36 513.70	41 767.09	49 415.14	45 254.97
SA	\$	15 179.25	19 658.90	16 525.86	17 340.73	16 635.98	22 893.01	18 805.49	24 172.61	23 541.32	19 881.99
Tas	\$	9 179.16	10 707.67	12 858.07	15 504.64	17 923.74	22 704.30	16 650.17	22 770.55	20 553.80	26 938.30
ACT	\$	13 424.27	11 497.74	15 590.10	13 992.46	13 604.55	15 958.35	16 700.04	14 078.75	16 701.67	26 075.72

TABLE 15A.2

Table 15A.2 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection services, per notification, per investigation and per substantiation (2013-14 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>
NT	\$	24 985.08	21 848.76	16 824.18	17 502.92	19 953.48	16 618.53	19 647.55	24 758.30	47 796.83	21 577.72

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2013-14 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2013-14 = 100) (table 2A.51). See chapter 2 (sections 2.5-6) for details.
- (b) These data need to be interpreted with care. These data are based on total expenditure on child protection activities, they do not represent and cannot be interpreted as unit costs for notifications, investigations or substantiations. These data cannot be added together to determine the overall cost of child protection services.
- (c) Refer to table 15A.4 for information on the comparability of expenditure data.
- (d) 2006-07 data for some jurisdictions for 'annual real expenditure per investigation' and 'annual real expenditure per notification' may not be strictly comparable with previous years, due to the introduction of a new investigation category 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' in 2006-07. Cases where an investigation was closed and where no outcome was possible may previously have been recorded as 'dealt with by other means' or 'investigations in process'.
- (e) Refer to tables 15A.1 and 15A.5 for detailed footnotes.
- (f) In Queensland, all notifications are required to be investigated. As such, the annual real recurrent expenditure on all child protection activities per notification is equivalent to the annual real recurrent expenditure on all child protection activities per investigation from 2005-06 onwards.

Source : State and Territory governments (unpublished).

TABLE 15A.3

Table 15A.3 State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on out-of-home care services (2013-14 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)

This table has changed since the Report release in January 2015.

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	Unit	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Real expenditure											
Residential out-of-home care services											
NSW	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	\$'000	98 336	97 271	101 265	115 896	142 302	156 889	163 280	175 341	184 431	202 205
Qld	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
WA	\$'000	32 496	33 387	38 876	51 203	60 841	68 177	90 518	95 096	107 876	107 561
SA	\$'000	10 334	10 363	39 780	44 258	48 422	54 464	57 553	64 771	75 470	78 614
Tas	\$'000	na	na	na	na	6 494	8 125	6 106	9 881	9 752	12 906
ACT	\$'000	11 920	9 797	10 146	10 489	10 643	10 185	11 978	11 015	10 233	10 054
NT	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Non-residential out-of-home care services											
NSW	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	\$'000	130 509	135 175	141 056	142 641	153 520	162 487	180 245	184 578	190 971	199 922
Qld	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
WA	\$'000	60 350	62 003	69 113	91 027	112 989	121 204	123 210	103 906	106 741	118 408
SA	\$'000	34 925	40 644	48 931	55 436	63 778	72 185	80 584	80 154	82 153	83 173
Tas	\$'000	na	na	na	na	22 415	27 698	34 621	20 622	24 714	26 157
ACT	\$'000	14 748	13 627	12 539	12 081	12 059	12 755	17 036	16 467	20 512	23 305
NT	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All out-of-home care services											
NSW	\$'000	369 098	372 718	442 583	541 295	620 033	701 114	728 992	763 569	773 033	798 785
Vic	\$'000	228 845	232 447	242 320	258 537	295 822	319 376	343 524	359 919	375 402	402 127
Qld	\$'000	212 194	260 599	319 456	339 580	346 779	364 720	384 451	405 394	415 351	419 452

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	Unit	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
WA	\$'000	92 846	95 389	107 989	142 230	173 829	189 381	213 728	199 002	214 617	225 969
SA	\$'000	45 259	51 006	88 711	99 694	112 200	126 649	138 136	144 924	157 623	161 787
Tas	\$'000	23 806	30 200	34 995	30 261	28 909	35 823	40 727	40 621	42 305	47 261
ACT	\$'000	26 666	23 424	22 684	22 569	22 703	22 940	29 015	27 482	30 745	33 359
NT	\$'000	14 912	21 389	23 283	31 581	39 072	43 945	49 741	57 502	77 100	82 681

Real expenditure per child in out-of-home care at 30 June

Residential out-of-home care services

NSW	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	\$	269 414.10	280 321.24	300 488.32	272 056.69	297 702.74	345 569.44	329 193.38	366 821.84	385 034.35	392 631.07
Qld	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
WA	\$	262 064.86	298 095.09	279 684.99	353 124.37	620 822.74	473 451.73	555 326.44	633 974.75	719 173.39	640 244.05
SA	\$	258 344.33	207 254.41	282 130.07	266 613.71	279 895.94	252 150.37	230 210.20	263 295.64	228 696.24	235 371.26
Tas	\$	na	na	na	na	209 480.32	353 262.78	234 851.52	308 789.66	250 051.70	268 875.00
ACT	\$	212 848.66	227 842.54	230 582.52	223 168.40	200 813.16	216 695.73	266 181.06	333 798.58	269 285.87	264 578.95
NT	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

Non-residential out-of-home care services

NSW	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	\$	32 456.83	30 603.45	30 178.82	30 961.71	32 197.91	32 556.09	34 998.94	32 450.47	32 395.38	27 980.69
Qld	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
WA	\$	36 311.43	34 142.36	31 558.39	38 440.39	44 084.58	47 234.75	41 979.62	34 394.52	32 592.65	33 307.45
SA	\$	27 094.49	28 088.17	33 377.10	35 130.80	36 507.03	38 725.70	39 873.21	36 499.79	35 749.88	36 543.50
Tas	\$	na	na	na	na	29 224.88	32 856.95	37 754.88	21 662.09	24 590.76	26 501.52
ACT	\$	52 113.15	40 198.24	35 825.24	32 474.50	27 407.92	26 299.36	34 486.68	30 952.51	39 370.63	41 102.29
NT	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

Table 15A.3 State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on out-of-home care services (2013-14 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)

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	Unit	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
All out-of-home care services											
NSW	\$	39 988.91	37 663.49	37 370.81	39 900.87	40 762.12	43 345.51	43 547.89	44 414.21	44 371.10	43 908.59
Vic	\$	51 915.85	48 487.05	47 965.24	51 134.64	55 994.99	58 397.51	60 500.96	57 986.01	58 665.76	52 156.55
Qld	\$	37 509.98	44 349.81	53 492.35	50 911.48	48 890.30	49 621.80	50 572.29	50 680.59	51 050.98	51 246.43
WA	\$	50 763.07	48 470.11	45 545.79	55 864.05	64 813.35	69 193.07	68 502.69	58 530.01	59 025.56	60 695.41
SA	\$	34 054.61	34 072.34	52 867.20	54 152.24	55 654.65	57 883.54	58 334.59	56 877.65	59 323.67	61 492.59
Tas	\$	41 329.98	44 217.06	52 466.49	45 574.36	35 778.93	40 115.85	42 160.84	40 258.96	39 648.96	44 839.66
ACT	\$	77 971.42	60 372.25	56 853.30	53 104.54	45 956.64	43 120.10	53 730.68	48 554.93	54 999.93	55 047.85
NT	\$	46 023.49	60 764.68	58 646.77	79 349.49	81 061.89	79 755.64	78 455.10	82 145.05	103 074.60	91 058.37

(a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2013-14 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2013-14 = 100) (table 2A.51). See chapter 2 (sections 2.5-6) for details.

(b) Refer to table 15A.4 for information on the comparability of expenditure data.

(c) Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

(d) Non-residential out-of-home care services includes family group homes.

(e) These data need to be interpreted with care because they do not represent and cannot be interpreted as unit cost measures. Expenditure per child in care at 30 June overstates the cost per child because significantly more children are in care during a year than at a point in time. In addition, these data do not reflect the length of time that a child spends in care.

(f) Data relating to annual real expenditure per child in out-of-home care should be interpreted with caution due to the effect of different proportions of children in residential out-of-home care across jurisdictions.

(g) Victoria: OOHC data for 2012-13 and 2013-14 are not comparable to data for earlier years as following a major restructure of the department in 2012-13, the methodology used for attributing internal costs changed. This applied particularly to departmental management and support costs where the composition of OOHC services changed significantly, in 2013-14. 2012-13 data have been revised to align with these changes and to provide data for the new expense categories introduced in 2013-14.

Table 15A.3 State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on out-of-home care services (2013-14 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)

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<i>Unit</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>
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(h) Tasmania: Data relating to annual real expenditure per child in out-of-home care should be interpreted with caution due to low numbers of children in residential out-of-home care.

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 15A.4 Comparability of government recurrent expenditure — items included, 2013-14

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Superannuation								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Method	Accrual	Accrual	Accrual	Accrual	Accrual	Funding	Actual	Accrual
Workers compensation								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Payroll tax								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	*	na	✓
Termination and long service leave								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Method	Actual	Accruing	Accruing	Accruing	Accruing	Actual	Accruing	Other
Sick leave								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Method	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Other
Depreciation								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	*	✓
Rent								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Utilities								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	*	✓
Umbrella department costs								
Included	na	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Method	na	Dept formula	Dept formula	FTE staff	Other	Dept formula	FTE / budget	Dept formula

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

TABLE 15A.5

Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2013-14									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	8 771	1 329	2 441	1 159	883	94	79	1 450
Not substantiated	no.	10 673	738	3 674	1 792	854	64	183	1 418
Total finalised	no.	19 444	2 067	6 115	2 951	1 737	158	262	2 868
Investigations in process	no.	147	111	567	467	139	5	12	647
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	437	–	296	273	127	16	14	538
Total investigations	no.	20 028	2 178	6 978	3 691	2 003	179	288	4 053
Dealt with by other means	no.	11 226	4 100	..	995	2 857	1 098	1 251	5 828
Total notifications	no.	31 254	6 278	6 978	4 686	4 860	1 277	1 539	9 881
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	28.1	21.2	35.0	24.7	18.2	7.4	5.1	14.7
Not substantiated	%	34.1	11.8	52.7	38.2	17.6	5.0	11.9	14.4
Total finalised	%	62.2	32.9	87.6	63.0	35.7	12.4	17.0	29.0
Investigations in process	%	0.5	1.8	8.1	10.0	2.9	0.4	0.8	6.5
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	1.4	–	4.2	5.8	2.6	1.3	0.9	5.4
Total investigations	%	64.1	34.7	100.0	78.8	41.2	14.0	18.7	41.0
Dealt with by other means	%	35.9	65.3	..	21.2	58.8	86.0	81.3	59.0
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	17 344	10 622	4 707	1 287	1 737	470	370	183
Not substantiated	no.	25 625	7 304	8 566	2 305	2 120	271	416	491
Total finalised	no.	42 969	17 926	13 273	3 592	3 857	741	786	674
Investigations in process	no.	221	1 086	1 071	431	224	54	43	99
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	541	–	485	240	153	46	68	79
Total investigations	no.	43 731	19 012	14 829	4 263	4 234	841	897	852
Dealt with by other means	no.	40 521	53 729	..	1 162	9 557	6 976	4 866	2 179
Total notifications	no.	84 252	72 741	14 829	5 425	13 791	7 817	5 763	3 031
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	20.6	14.6	31.7	23.7	12.6	6.0	6.4	6.0
Not substantiated	%	30.4	10.0	57.8	42.5	15.4	3.5	7.2	16.2
Total finalised	%	51.0	24.6	89.5	66.2	28.0	9.5	13.6	22.2
Investigations in process	%	0.3	1.5	7.2	7.9	1.6	0.7	0.7	3.3

TABLE 15A.5

Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.6	–	3.3	4.4	1.1	0.6	1.2	2.6
Total investigations	%	51.9	26.1	100.0	78.6	30.7	10.8	15.6	28.1
Dealt with by other means	%	48.1	73.9	..	21.4	69.3	89.2	84.4	71.9
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	100	1	258	821	117	214	–	1
Not substantiated	no.	1 870	7	870	3 498	146	165	124	2
Total finalised	no.	1 970	8	1 128	4 319	263	379	124	3
Investigations in process	no.	8	45	192	379	17	15	1	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	100	–	129	335	23	55	34	1
Total investigations	no.	2 078	53	1 449	5 033	303	449	159	4
Dealt with by other means	no.	8 410	2 984	..	1 657	624	3 319	3 139	34
Total notifications	no.	10 488	3 037	1 449	6 690	927	3 768	3 298	38
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	1.0	0.0	17.8	12.3	12.6	5.7	–	2.6
Not substantiated	%	17.8	0.2	60.0	52.3	15.7	4.4	3.8	5.3
Total finalised	%	18.8	0.3	77.8	64.6	28.4	10.1	3.8	7.9
Investigations in process	%	0.1	1.5	13.3	5.7	1.8	0.4	0.0	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	1.0	–	8.9	5.0	2.5	1.5	1.0	2.6
Total investigations	%	19.8	1.7	100.0	75.2	32.7	11.9	4.8	10.5
Dealt with by other means	%	80.2	98.3	..	24.8	67.3	88.1	95.2	89.5
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	26 215	11 952	7 406	3 267	2 737	778	449	1 634
Not substantiated	no.	38 168	8 049	13 110	7 595	3 120	500	723	1 911
Total finalised	no.	64 383	20 001	20 516	10 862	5 857	1 278	1 172	3 545
Investigations in process	no.	376	1 242	1 830	1 277	380	74	56	746
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	1 078	–	910	848	303	117	116	618
Total investigations	no.	65 837	21 243	23 256	12 987	6 540	1 469	1 344	4 909
Dealt with by other means	no.	60 157	60 813	..	3 814	13 038	11 393	9 256	8 041
Total notifications	no.	125 994	82 056	23 256	16 801	19 578	12 862	10 600	12 950
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	20.8	14.6	31.8	19.4	14.0	6.0	4.2	12.6

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Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Not substantiated	%	30.3	9.8	56.4	45.2	15.9	3.9	6.8	14.8
Total finalised	%	51.1	24.4	88.2	64.7	29.9	9.9	11.1	27.4
Investigations in process	%	0.3	1.5	7.9	7.6	1.9	0.6	0.5	5.8
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.9	–	3.9	5.0	1.5	0.9	1.1	4.8
Total investigations	%	52.3	25.9	100.0	77.3	33.4	11.4	12.7	37.9
Dealt with by other means	%	47.7	74.1	..	22.7	66.6	88.6	87.3	62.1
Total notifications	%	100.0							

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

Substantiated	no.	8 931	1 139	2 478	893	718	160	147	1 189
Not substantiated	no.	6 919	732	3 648	1 411	777	70	165	1 242
Total finalised	no.	15 850	1 871	6 126	2 304	1 495	230	312	2 431
Investigations in process	no.	286	78	559	269	141	5	33	393
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	98	na	284	207	137	20	59	264
Total investigations	no.	16 234	1 949	6 969	2 780	1 773	255	404	3 088
Dealt with by other means	no.	9 587	3 653	..	1 048	3 272	953	1 322	4 507
Total notifications	no.	25 821	5 602	6 969	3 828	5 045	1 208	1 726	7 595

Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

Substantiated	%	34.6	20.3	35.6	23.3	14.2	13.2	8.5	15.7
Not substantiated	%	26.8	13.1	52.3	36.9	15.4	5.8	9.6	16.4
Total finalised	%	61.4	33.4	87.9	60.2	29.6	19.0	18.1	32.0
Investigations in process	%	1.1	1.4	8.0	7.0	2.8	0.4	1.9	5.2
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.4	na	4.1	5.4	2.7	1.7	3.4	3.5
Total investigations	%	62.9	34.8	100.0	72.6	35.1	21.1	23.4	40.7
Dealt with by other means	%	37.1	65.2	..	27.4	64.9	78.9	76.6	59.3
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Non-Indigenous children

Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

Substantiated	no.	17 812	9 304	5 283	917	1 439	635	416	167
Not substantiated	no.	17 535	6 733	9 294	1 934	1 585	458	737	459
Total finalised	no.	35 347	16 037	14 577	2 851	3 024	1 093	1 153	626
Investigations in process	no.	970	945	1 072	253	224	52	29	41
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	191	na	451	185	162	105	171	47
Total investigations	no.	36 508	16 982	16 100	3 289	3 410	1 250	1 353	714
Dealt with by other means	no.	33 931	48 362	..	1 176	10 035	6 358	5 710	1 640

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Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total notifications	no.	70 439	65 344	16 100	4 465	13 445	7 608	7 063	2 354
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	25.3	14.2	32.8	20.5	10.7	8.3	5.9	7.1
Not substantiated	%	24.9	10.3	57.7	43.3	11.8	6.0	10.4	19.5
Total finalised	%	50.2	24.5	90.5	63.9	22.5	14.4	16.3	26.6
Investigations in process	%	1.4	1.4	6.7	5.7	1.7	0.7	0.4	1.7
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.3	na	2.8	4.1	1.2	1.4	2.4	2.0
Total investigations	%	51.8	26.0	100.0	73.7	25.4	16.4	19.2	30.3
Dealt with by other means	%	48.2	74.0	..	26.3	74.6	83.6	80.8	69.7
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	117	4	308	1 116	64	240	157	–
Not substantiated	no.	1 195	9	1 035	3 138	69	215	313	–
Total finalised	no.	1 312	13	1 343	4 254	133	455	470	–
Investigations in process	no.	138	29	215	395	8	16	24	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	44	na	136	300	9	43	72	–
Total investigations	no.	1 494	42	1 694	4 949	150	514	566	–
Dealt with by other means	no.	7 063	2 284	..	1 963	480	2 981	4 194	18
Total notifications	no.	8 557	2 326	1 694	6 912	630	3 495	4 760	18
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	1.4	0.2	18.2	16.1	10.2	6.9	3.3	–
Not substantiated	%	14.0	0.4	61.1	45.4	11.0	6.2	6.6	–
Total finalised	%	15.3	0.6	79.3	61.5	21.1	13.0	9.9	–
Investigations in process	%	1.6	1.2	12.7	5.7	1.3	0.5	0.5	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.5	na	8.0	4.3	1.4	1.2	1.5	–
Total investigations	%	17.5	1.8	100.0	71.6	23.8	14.7	11.9	–
Dealt with by other means	%	82.5	98.2	..	28.4	76.2	85.3	88.1	100.0
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	26 860	10 447	8 069	2 926	2 221	1 035	720	1 356
Not substantiated	no.	25 649	7 474	13 977	6 483	2 431	743	1 215	1 701
Total finalised	no.	52 509	17 921	22 046	9 409	4 652	1 778	1 935	3 057
Investigations in process	no.	1 394	1 052	1 846	917	373	73	86	434

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Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	333	na	871	692	308	168	302	311
Total investigations	no.	54 236	18 973	24 763	11 018	5 333	2 019	2 323	3 802
Dealt with by other means	no.	50 581	54 299	..	4 187	13 787	10 292	11 226	6 165
Total notifications	no.	104 817	73 272	24 763	15 205	19 120	12 311	13 549	9 967
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	25.6	14.3	32.6	19.2	11.6	8.4	5.3	13.6
Not substantiated	%	24.5	10.2	56.4	42.6	12.7	6.0	9.0	17.1
Total finalised	%	50.1	24.5	89.0	61.9	24.3	14.4	14.3	30.7
Investigations in process	%	1.3	1.4	7.5	6.0	2.0	0.6	0.6	4.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.3	na	3.5	4.6	1.6	1.4	2.2	3.1
Total investigations	%	51.7	25.9	100.0	72.5	27.9	16.4	17.1	38.1
Dealt with by other means	%	48.3	74.1	..	27.5	72.1	83.6	82.9	61.9
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2011-12									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	7 088	997	2 248	861	638	144	177	1 472
Not substantiated	no.	6 773	510	3 746	1 441	598	49	219	1 311
Total finalised	no.	13 861	1 507	5 994	2 302	1 236	193	396	2 783
Investigations in process	no.	540	111	524	262	227	9	1	118
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	103	–	227	167	159	23	18	273
Total investigations	no.	14 504	1 618	6 745	2 731	1 622	225	415	3 174
Dealt with by other means	no.	9 063	3 287	..	909	3 307	969	1 229	2 756
Total notifications	no.	23 567	4 905	6 745	3 640	4 929	1 194	1 644	5 930
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	30.1	20.3	33.3	23.7	12.9	12.1	10.8	24.8
Not substantiated	%	28.7	10.4	55.5	39.6	12.1	4.1	13.3	22.1
Total finalised	%	58.8	30.7	88.9	63.2	25.1	16.2	24.1	46.9
Investigations in process	%	2.3	2.3	7.8	7.2	4.6	0.8	0.1	2.0
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.4	–	3.4	4.6	3.2	1.9	1.1	4.6
Total investigations	%	61.5	33.0	100.0	75.0	32.9	18.8	25.2	53.5
Dealt with by other means	%	38.5	67.0	..	25.0	67.1	81.2	74.8	46.5
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Non-Indigenous children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	16 052	8 078	5 121	1 143	1 430	713	539	233
Not substantiated	no.	18 555	5 485	9 426	1 953	1 440	301	710	491
Total finalised	no.	34 607	13 563	14 547	3 096	2 870	1 014	1 249	724
Investigations in process	no.	1 613	889	1 210	267	231	58	28	41
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	301	–	525	178	192	85	48	64
Total investigations	no.	36 521	14 452	16 282	3 541	3 293	1 157	1 325	829
Dealt with by other means	no.	32 013	42 781	..	1 019	10 294	6 475	5 121	1 143
Total notifications	no.	68 534	57 233	16 282	4 560	13 587	7 632	6 446	1 972
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	23.4	14.1	31.5	25.1	10.5	9.3	8.4	11.8
Not substantiated	%	27.1	9.6	57.9	42.8	10.6	3.9	11.0	24.9
Total finalised	%	50.5	23.7	89.3	67.9	21.1	13.3	19.4	36.7
Investigations in process	%	2.4	1.6	7.4	5.9	1.7	0.8	0.4	2.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.4	–	3.2	3.9	1.4	1.1	0.7	3.2
Total investigations	%	53.3	25.3	100.0	77.7	24.2	15.2	20.6	42.0
Dealt with by other means	%	46.7	74.7	..	22.3	75.8	84.8	79.4	58.0
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	35	–	312	755	71	168	145	–
Not substantiated	no.	1 061	–	1 170	2 627	63	125	277	3
Total finalised	no.	1 096	–	1 482	3 382	134	293	422	3
Investigations in process	no.	191	2	195	376	18	25	22	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	40	–	119	232	15	28	19	–
Total investigations	no.	1 327	2	1 796	3 990	167	346	463	3
Dealt with by other means	no.	5 855	1 690	..	1 555	373	2 664	3 866	65
Total notifications	no.	7 182	1 692	1 796	5 545	540	3 010	4 329	68
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	0.5	–	17.4	13.6	13.1	5.6	3.3	–
Not substantiated	%	14.8	–	65.1	47.4	11.7	4.2	6.4	4.4
Total finalised	%	15.3	–	82.5	61.0	24.8	9.7	9.7	4.4
Investigations in process	%	2.7	0.1	10.9	6.8	3.3	0.8	0.5	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.6	–	6.6	4.2	2.8	0.9	0.4	–

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Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total investigations	%	18.5	0.1	100.0	72.0	30.9	11.5	10.7	4.4
Dealt with by other means	%	81.5	99.9	..	28.0	69.1	88.5	89.3	95.6
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	23 175	9 075	7 681	2 759	2 139	1 025	861	1 705
Not substantiated	no.	26 389	5 995	14 342	6 021	2 101	475	1 206	1 805
Total finalised	no.	49 564	15 070	22 023	8 780	4 240	1 500	2 067	3 510
Investigations in process	no.	2 344	1 002	1 929	905	476	92	51	159
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	444	..	871	577	366	136	85	337
Total investigations	no.	52 352	16 072	24 823	10 262	5 082	1 728	2 203	4 006
Dealt with by other means	no.	46 931	47 758	..	3 483	13 974	10 108	10 216	3 964
Total notifications	no.	99 283	63 830	24 823	13 745	19 056	11 836	12 419	7 970
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	23.3	14.2	30.9	20.1	11.2	8.7	6.9	21.4
Not substantiated	%	26.6	9.4	57.8	43.8	11.0	4.0	9.7	22.6
Total finalised	%	49.9	23.6	88.7	63.9	22.3	12.7	16.6	44.0
Investigations in process	%	2.4	1.6	7.8	6.6	2.5	0.8	0.4	2.0
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.4	..	3.5	4.2	1.9	1.1	0.7	4.2
Total investigations	%	52.7	25.2	100.0	74.7	26.7	14.6	17.7	50.3
Dealt with by other means	%	47.3	74.8	..	25.3	73.3	85.4	82.3	49.7
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2010-11									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	5 843	829	1 972	560	567	165	152	1 363
Not substantiated	no.	7 865	487	2 531	951	631	89	165	1 101
Total finalised	no.	13 708	1 316	4 503	1 511	1 198	254	317	2 464
Investigations in process	no.	472	135	1 143	241	496	20	7	248
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	3 178	..	112	92	na	33	48	361
Total investigations	no.	17 358	1 451	5 758	1 844	1 694	307	372	3 073
Dealt with by other means	no.	5 114	2 583	..	..	2 842	755	1 122	1 667
Total notifications	no.	22 472	4 034	5 758	1 844	4 536	1 062	1 494	4 740
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	26.0	20.6	34.2	30.4	12.5	15.5	10.2	28.8
Not substantiated	%	35.0	12.1	44.0	51.6	13.9	8.4	11.0	23.2

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Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total finalised	%	61.0	32.6	78.2	81.9	26.4	23.9	21.2	52.0
Investigations in process	%	2.1	3.3	19.9	13.1	10.9	1.9	0.5	5.2
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	14.1	..	1.9	5.0	na	3.1	3.2	7.6
Total investigations	%	77.2	36.0	100.0	100.0	37.3	28.9	24.9	64.8
Dealt with by other means	%	22.8	64.0	..	..	62.7	71.1	75.1	35.2
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	12 707	6 811	4 444	705	1 603	833	448	270
Not substantiated	no.	25 064	4 844	7 245	1 282	1 667	421	503	413
Total finalised	no.	37 771	11 655	11 689	1 987	3 270	1 254	951	683
Investigations in process	no.	1 861	826	2 492	257	701	95	20	93
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	11 534	..	317	114	na	131	103	112
Total investigations	no.	51 166	12 481	14 498	2 358	3 971	1 480	1 074	888
Dealt with by other means	no.	19 110	38 415	..	..	12 103	5 467	5 279	813
Total notifications	no.	70 276	50 896	14 498	2 358	16 074	6 947	6 353	1 701
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	18.1	13.4	30.7	29.9	10.0	12.0	7.1	15.9
Not substantiated	%	35.7	9.5	50.0	54.4	10.4	6.1	7.9	24.3
Total finalised	%	53.7	22.9	80.6	84.3	20.3	18.1	15.0	40.2
Investigations in process	%	2.6	1.6	17.2	10.9	4.4	1.4	0.3	5.5
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	16.4	..	2.2	4.8	na	1.9	1.6	6.6
Total investigations	%	72.8	24.5	100.0	100.0	24.7	21.3	16.9	52.2
Dealt with by other means	%	27.2	75.5	..	..	75.3	78.7	83.1	47.8
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	46	3	182	642	50	227	36	8
Not substantiated	no.	1 131	5	653	1 721	76	171	160	7
Total finalised	no.	1 177	8	835	2 363	126	398	196	15
Investigations in process	no.	206	1	448	313	24	43	11	3
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	1 482	..	116	137	–	50	19	15
Total investigations	no.	2 865	9	1 399	2 813	150	491	226	33
Dealt with by other means	no.	3 232	779	..	..	385	2 189	3 639	59
Total notifications	no.	6 097	788	1 399	2 813	535	2 680	3 865	92

TABLE 15A.5

Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	0.8	0.4	13.0	22.8	9.3	8.5	0.9	8.7
Not substantiated	%	18.6	0.6	46.7	61.2	14.2	6.4	4.1	7.6
Total finalised	%	19.3	1.0	59.7	84.0	23.6	14.9	5.1	16.3
Investigations in process	%	3.4	0.1	32.0	11.1	4.5	1.6	0.3	3.3
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	24.3	..	8.3	4.9	–	1.9	0.5	16.3
Total investigations	%	47.0	1.1	100.0	100.0	28.0	18.3	5.8	35.9
Dealt with by other means	%	53.0	98.9	..	..	72.0	81.7	94.2	64.1
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	18 596	7 643	6 598	1 907	2 220	1 225	636	1 641
Not substantiated	no.	34 060	5 336	10 429	3 954	2 374	681	828	1 521
Total finalised	no.	52 656	12 979	17 027	5 861	4 594	1 906	1 464	3 162
Investigations in process	no.	2 539	962	4 083	811	na	158	38	344
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	16 194	–	545	343	na	214	170	488
Total investigations	no.	71 389	13 941	21 655	7 015	5 815	2 278	1 672	3 994
Dealt with by other means	no.	27 456	41 777	..	3 961	15 330	8 411	10 040	2 539
Total notifications	no.	98 845	55 718	21 655	10 976	21 145	10 689	11 712	6 533
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	18.8	13.7	30.5	17.4	10.5	11.5	5.4	25.1
Not substantiated	%	34.5	9.6	48.2	36.0	11.2	6.4	7.1	23.3
Total finalised	%	53.3	23.3	78.6	53.4	21.7	17.8	12.5	48.4
Investigations in process	%	2.6	1.7	18.9	7.4	na	1.5	0.3	5.3
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	16.4	–	2.5	3.1	na	2.0	1.5	7.5
Total investigations	%	72.2	25.0	100.0	63.9	27.5	21.3	14.3	61.1
Dealt with by other means	%	27.8	75.0	..	36.1	72.5	78.7	85.7	38.9
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0						

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Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

Substantiated	no.	7 828	750	2 058	704	552	148	173	1 045
Not substantiated	no.	14 534	442	2 281	755	789	43	129	841
Total finalised	no.	22 362	1 192	4 339	1 459	1 341	191	302	1 886
Investigations in process	no.	698	138	1 008	111	52	8	–	675

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Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	3 528	..	159	52	na	9	55	311
Total investigations	no.	26 588	1 330	5 506	1 622	1 393	208	357	2 872
Dealt with by other means	no.	6 152	2 038	..	2 612	3 089	410	1 144	1 815
Total notifications	no.	32 740	3 368	5 506	4 234	4 482	618	1 501	4 687
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	23.9	22.3	37.4	16.6	12.3	23.9	11.5	22.3
Not substantiated	%	44.4	13.1	41.4	17.8	17.6	7.0	8.6	17.9
Total finalised	%	68.3	35.4	78.8	34.5	29.9	30.9	20.1	40.2
Investigations in process	%	2.1	4.1	18.3	2.6	1.2	1.3	–	14.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	10.8	..	2.9	1.2	na	1.5	3.7	6.6
Total investigations	%	81.2	39.5	100.0	38.3	31.1	33.7	23.8	61.3
Dealt with by other means	%	18.8	60.5	..	61.7	68.9	66.3	76.2	38.7
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	18 396	5 850	4 643	850	1 142	614	511	191
Not substantiated	no.	45 553	5 183	7 499	1 360	1 671	94	567	254
Total finalised	no.	63 949	11 033	12 142	2 210	2 813	708	1 078	445
Investigations in process	no.	2 671	1 433	2 159	167	200	22	4	256
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	12 850	..	387	83	na	10	134	66
Total investigations	no.	79 470	12 466	14 688	2 460	3 013	740	1 216	767
Dealt with by other means	no.	33 177	31 861	..	3 273	11 030	788	4 964	1 025
Total notifications	no.	112 647	44 327	14 688	5 733	14 043	1 528	6 180	1 792
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	16.3	13.2	31.6	14.8	8.1	40.2	8.3	10.7
Not substantiated	%	40.4	11.7	51.1	23.7	11.9	6.2	9.2	14.2
Total finalised	%	56.8	24.9	82.7	38.5	20.0	46.3	17.4	24.8
Investigations in process	%	2.4	3.2	14.7	2.9	1.4	1.4	0.1	14.3
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	11.4	..	2.6	1.4	na	0.7	2.2	3.7
Total investigations	%	70.5	28.1	100.0	42.9	21.5	48.4	19.7	42.8
Dealt with by other means	%	29.5	71.9	..	57.1	78.5	51.6	80.3	57.2
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	24	3	221	98	121	201	57	7

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Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Not substantiated	no.	1 766	11	649	272	167	505	115	22
Total finalised	no.	1 790	14	870	370	288	706	172	29
Investigations in process	no.	378	6	693	44	11	110	–	10
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	1 879	..	128	20	–	69	35	3
Total investigations	no.	4 047	20	1 691	434	299	885	207	42
Dealt with by other means	no.	7 031	654	..	1 759	1 474	6 864	2 892	64
Total notifications	no.	11 078	674	1 691	2 193	1 773	7 749	3 099	106
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	0.2	0.4	13.1	4.5	6.8	2.6	1.8	6.6
Not substantiated	%	15.9	1.6	38.4	12.4	9.4	6.5	3.7	20.8
Total finalised	%	16.2	2.1	51.4	16.9	16.2	9.1	5.6	27.4
Investigations in process	%	3.4	0.9	41.0	2.0	0.6	1.4	–	9.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	17.0	..	7.6	0.9	–	0.9	1.1	2.8
Total investigations	%	36.5	3.0	100.0	19.8	16.9	11.4	6.7	39.6
Dealt with by other means	%	63.5	97.0	..	80.2	83.1	88.6	93.3	60.4
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	26 248	6 603	6 922	1 652	1 815	963	741	1 243
Not substantiated	no.	61 853	5 636	10 429	2 387	2 627	642	811	1 117
Total finalised	no.	88 101	12 239	17 351	4 039	4 442	1 605	1 552	2 360
Investigations in process	no.	3 747	1 577	3 860	322	na	140	4	941
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	18 257	–	674	155	na	88	224	380
Total investigations	no.	110 105	13 816	21 885	4 516	4 705	1 833	1 780	3 681
Dealt with by other means	no.	46 360	34 553	..	7 644	15 593	8 062	9 000	2 904
Total notifications	no.	156 465	48 369	21 885	12 160	20 298	9 895	10 780	6 585
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	16.8	13.7	31.6	13.6	8.9	9.7	6.9	18.9
Not substantiated	%	39.5	11.7	47.7	19.6	12.9	6.5	7.5	17.0
Total finalised	%	56.3	25.3	79.3	33.2	21.9	16.2	14.4	35.8
Investigations in process	%	2.4	3.3	17.6	2.6	na	1.4	0.0	14.3
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	11.7	–	3.1	1.3	na	0.9	2.1	5.8
Total investigations	%	70.4	28.6	100.0	37.1	23.2	18.5	16.5	55.9
Dealt with by other means	%	29.6	71.4	..	62.9	76.8	81.5	83.5	44.1
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2008-09									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	9 663	720	1 979	574	816	108	146	694
Not substantiated	no.	18 140	389	2 203	719	956	60	134	533
Total finalised	no.	27 803	1 109	4 182	1 293	1 772	168	280	1 227
Investigations in process	no.	1 148	150	1 142	111	11	27	–	428
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	5 532	–	151	55	na	4	38	367
Total investigations	no.	34 483	1 259	5 475	1 459	1 783	199	318	2 022
Dealt with by other means	no.	7 482	1 861	..	2 112	3 212	497	721	2 161
Total notifications	no.	41 965	3 120	5 475	3 571	4 995	696	1 039	4 183
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	23.0	23.1	36.1	16.1	16.3	15.5	14.1	16.6
Not substantiated	%	43.2	12.5	40.2	20.1	19.1	8.6	12.9	12.7
Total finalised	%	66.3	35.5	76.4	36.2	35.5	24.1	26.9	29.3
Investigations in process	%	2.7	4.8	20.9	3.1	0.2	3.9	–	10.2
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	13.2	–	2.8	1.5	na	0.6	3.7	8.8
Total investigations	%	82.2	40.4	100.0	40.9	35.7	28.6	30.6	48.3
Dealt with by other means	%	17.8	59.6	..	59.1	64.3	71.4	69.4	51.7
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	24 415	5 624	5 336	949	1 603	1 080	750	164
Not substantiated	no.	66 292	3 567	8 937	1 475	2 511	807	747	294
Total finalised	no.	90 707	9 191	14 273	2 424	4 114	1 887	1 497	458
Investigations in process	no.	4 170	767	3 118	182	23	201	–	228
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	21 899	–	542	97	na	168	170	111
Total investigations	no.	116 776	9 958	17 933	2 703	4 137	2 256	1 667	797
Dealt with by other means	no.	54 945	29 773	..	3 885	14 089	7 393	6 889	1 209
Total notifications	no.	171 721	39 731	17 933	6 588	18 226	9 649	8 556	2 006
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	14.2	14.2	29.8	14.4	8.8	11.2	8.8	8.2
Not substantiated	%	38.6	9.0	49.8	22.4	13.8	8.4	8.7	14.7
Total finalised	%	52.8	23.1	79.6	36.8	22.6	19.6	17.5	22.8
Investigations in process	%	2.4	1.9	17.4	2.8	0.1	2.1	–	11.4

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Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	12.8	–	3.0	1.5	na	1.7	2.0	5.5
Total investigations	%	68.0	25.1	100.0	41.0	22.7	23.4	19.5	39.7
Dealt with by other means	%	32.0	74.9	..	59.0	77.3	76.6	80.5	60.3
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not substantiated	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total finalised	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Investigations in process	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total investigations	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Dealt with by other means	no.	na	na	..	na	na	na	na	na
Total notifications	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not substantiated	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total finalised	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Investigations in process	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total investigations	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Dealt with by other means	%	na	na	..	na	na	na	na	na
Total notifications	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	34 078	6 344	7 315	1 523	2 419	1 188	896	858
Not substantiated	no.	84 432	3 956	11 140	2 194	3 467	867	881	827
Total finalised	no.	118 510	10 300	18 455	3 717	5 886	2 055	1 777	1 685
Investigations in process	no.	5 318	917	4 260	293	na	228	–	656
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	27 431	–	693	152	na	172	208	478
Total investigations	no.	151 259	11 217	23 408	4 162	5 920	2 455	1 985	2 819
Dealt with by other means	no.	62 427	31 634	..	5 997	17 301	7 890	7 610	3 370
Total notifications	no.	213 686	42 851	23 408	10 159	23 221	10 345	9 595	6 189
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	15.9	14.8	31.3	15.0	10.4	11.5	9.3	13.9

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Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Not substantiated	%	39.5	9.2	47.6	21.6	14.9	8.4	9.2	13.4
Total finalised	%	55.5	24.0	78.8	36.6	25.3	19.9	18.5	27.2
Investigations in process	%	2.5	2.1	18.2	2.9	na	2.2	–	10.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	12.8	–	3.0	1.5	na	1.7	2.2	7.7
Total investigations	%	70.8	26.2	100.0	41.0	25.5	23.7	20.7	45.5
Dealt with by other means	%	29.2	73.8	..	59.0	74.5	76.3	79.3	54.5
Total notifications	%	100.0							

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

Substantiated	no.	8 860	706	1 804	546	737	47	136	600
Not substantiated	no.	16 007	335	1 592	604	807	19	79	341
Total finalised	no.	24 867	1 041	3 396	1 150	1 544	66	215	941
Investigations in process	no.	702	154	1 352	293	2	28	–	231
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	4 927	..	148	52	na	30	18	272
Total investigations	no.	30 496	1 195	4 896	1 495	1 546	124	233	1 444
Dealt with by other means	no.	6 959	1 723	..	1 591	2 631	251	771	967
Total notifications	no.	37 455	2 918	4 896	3 086	4 177	375	1 004	2 411

Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

Substantiated	%	23.7	24.2	36.8	17.7	17.6	12.5	13.5	24.9
Not substantiated	%	42.7	11.5	32.5	19.6	19.3	5.1	7.9	14.1
Total finalised	%	66.4	35.7	69.4	37.3	37.0	17.6	21.4	39.0
Investigations in process	%	1.9	5.3	27.6	9.5	0.0	7.5	–	9.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	13.2	..	3.0	1.7	na	8.0	1.8	11.3
Total investigations	%	81.4	41.0	100.0	48.4	37.0	33.1	23.2	59.9
Dealt with by other means	%	18.6	59.0	..	51.6	63.0	66.9	76.8	40.1
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Non-Indigenous children

Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

Substantiated	no.	25 275	5 659	6 224	918	1 594	1 167	691	156
Not substantiated	no.	56 801	3 380	8 429	1 424	2 299	853	556	178
Total finalised	no.	82 076	9 039	14 653	2 342	3 893	2 020	1 247	334
Investigations in process	no.	3 295	933	4 797	415	14	210	–	121
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	21 711	..	657	131	na	903	86	117
Total investigations	no.	107 082	9 972	20 107	2 888	3 907	3 133	1 333	572
Dealt with by other means	no.	51 062	28 717	..	3 003	12 763	9 355	6 633	677

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Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total notifications	no.	158 144	38 689	20 107	5 891	16 670	12 488	7 966	1 249
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	16.0	14.6	31.0	15.6	9.6	9.3	8.7	12.5
Not substantiated	%	35.9	8.7	41.9	24.2	13.8	6.8	7.0	14.3
Total finalised	%	51.9	23.4	72.9	39.8	23.4	16.2	15.7	26.7
Investigations in process	%	2.1	2.4	23.9	7.0	0.1	1.7	–	9.7
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	13.7	..	3.3	2.2	na	7.2	1.1	9.4
Total investigations	%	67.7	25.8	100.0	49.0	23.4	25.1	16.7	45.8
Dealt with by other means	%	32.3	74.2	..	51.0	76.6	74.9	83.3	54.2
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not substantiated	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total finalised	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Investigations in process	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total investigations	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Dealt with by other means	no.	na	na	..	na	na	na	na	na
Total notifications	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not substantiated	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total finalised	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Investigations in process	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total investigations	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Dealt with by other means	%	na	na	..	na	na	na	na	na
Total notifications	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	34 135	6 365	8 028	1 464	2 331	1 214	827	756
Not substantiated	no.	72 808	3 715	10 021	2 028	3 106	872	635	519
Total finalised	no.	106 943	10 080	18 049	3 492	5 437	2 086	1 462	1 275
Investigations in process	no.	3 997	1 087	6 149	708	na	238	–	352

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	26 638	..	805	183	na	933	104	389
Total investigations	no.	137 578	11 167	25 003	4 383	5 453	3 257	1 566	2 016
Dealt with by other means	no.	58 021	30 440	..	4 594	15 394	9 606	7 404	1 644
Total notifications	no.	195 599	41 607	25 003	8 977	20 847	12 863	8 970	3 660
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	17.5	15.3	32.1	16.3	11.2	9.4	9.2	20.7
Not substantiated	%	37.2	8.9	40.1	22.6	14.9	6.8	7.1	14.2
Total finalised	%	54.7	24.2	72.2	38.9	26.1	16.2	16.3	34.8
Investigations in process	%	2.0	2.6	24.6	7.9	na	1.9	–	9.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	13.6	..	3.2	2.0	na	7.3	1.2	10.6
Total investigations	%	70.3	26.8	100.0	48.8	26.2	25.3	17.5	55.1
Dealt with by other means	%	29.7	73.2	..	51.2	73.8	74.7	82.5	44.9
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2006-07									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	9 401	730	2 096	479	625	47	151	454
Not substantiated	no.	11 200	365	1 713	447	965	19	164	287
Total finalised	no.	20 601	1 095	3 809	926	1 590	66	315	741
Investigations in process	no.	593	82	1 196	379	13	61	28	181
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	3 470	–	152	48	na	26	26	95
Total investigations	no.	24 664	1 177	5 157	1 353	1 603	153	369	1 017
Dealt with by other means	no.	8 612	1 709	..	1 246	2 457	292	566	851
Total notifications	no.	33 276	2 886	5 157	2 599	4 060	445	935	1 868
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	28.3	25.3	40.6	18.4	15.4	10.6	16.1	24.3
Not substantiated	%	33.7	12.6	33.2	17.2	23.8	4.3	17.5	15.4
Total finalised	%	61.9	37.9	73.9	35.6	39.2	14.8	33.7	39.7
Investigations in process	%	1.8	2.8	23.2	14.6	0.3	13.7	3.0	9.7
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	10.4	–	2.9	1.8	na	5.8	2.8	5.1
Total investigations	%	74.1	40.8	100.0	52.1	39.5	34.4	39.5	54.4
Dealt with by other means	%	25.9	59.2	..	47.9	60.5	65.6	60.5	45.6
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Non-Indigenous children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	27 693	6 098	8 012	754	1 617	1 205	701	167
Not substantiated	no.	44 435	3 344	9 021	1 252	2 524	566	1 400	197
Total finalised	no.	72 128	9 442	17 033	2 006	4 141	1 771	2 101	364
Investigations in process	no.	2 653	684	5 322	441	62	1 742	240	69
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	14 809	–	999	102	na	911	50	58
Total investigations	no.	89 590	10 126	23 354	2 549	4 203	4 424	2 391	491
Dealt with by other means	no.	67 062	25 663	..	2 552	10 171	9 629	5 384	633
Total notifications	no.	156 652	35 789	23 354	5 101	14 374	14 053	7 775	1 124
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	17.7	17.0	34.3	14.8	11.2	8.6	9.0	14.9
Not substantiated	%	28.4	9.3	38.6	24.5	17.6	4.0	18.0	17.5
Total finalised	%	46.0	26.4	72.9	39.3	28.8	12.6	27.0	32.4
Investigations in process	%	1.7	1.9	22.8	8.6	0.4	12.4	3.1	6.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	9.5	–	4.3	2.0	na	6.5	0.6	5.2
Total investigations	%	57.2	28.3	100.0	50.0	29.2	31.5	30.8	43.7
Dealt with by other means	%	42.8	71.7	..	50.0	70.8	68.5	69.2	56.3
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not substantiated	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total finalised	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Investigations in process	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total investigations	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Dealt with by other means	no.	na	na	..	na	na	na	na	na
Total notifications	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not substantiated	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total finalised	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Investigations in process	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

TABLE 15A.5

Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total investigations	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Dealt with by other means	%	na	na	..	na	na	na	na	na
Total notifications	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	37 094	6 828	10 108	1 233	2 242	1 252	852	621
Not substantiated	no.	55 635	3 709	10 734	1 699	3 489	585	1 564	484
Total finalised	no.	92 729	10 537	20 842	2 932	5 731	1 837	2 416	1 105
Investigations in process	no.	3 246	763	6 518	820	na	1 803	268	250
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	18 279	–	1 151	150	na	937	76	153
Total investigations	no.	114 254	11 300	28 511	3 902	5 806	4 577	2 760	1 508
Dealt with by other means	no.	75 674	27 375	..	3 798	12 628	9 921	5 950	1 484
Total notifications	no.	189 928	38 675	28 511	7 700	18 434	14 498	8 710	2 992
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	19.5	17.7	35.5	16.0	12.2	8.6	9.8	20.8
Not substantiated	%	29.3	9.6	37.6	22.1	18.9	4.0	18.0	16.2
Total finalised	%	48.8	27.2	73.1	38.1	31.1	12.7	27.7	36.9
Investigations in process	%	1.7	2.0	22.9	10.6	na	12.4	3.1	8.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	9.6	–	4.0	1.9	na	6.5	0.9	5.1
Total investigations	%	60.2	29.2	100.0	50.7	31.5	31.6	31.7	50.4
Dealt with by other means	%	39.8	70.8	..	49.3	68.5	68.4	68.3	49.6
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2005-06									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	6 868	859	1 839	332	464	45	163	363
Not substantiated	no.	7 110	338	810	396	675	35	136	330
Total finalised	no.	13 978	1 197	2 649	728	1 139	80	299	693
Investigations in process	no.	1 480	20	1 582	353	19	46	103	132
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	..	..	81	..	na	..	na	..
Total investigations	no.	15 458	1 217	4 312	1 081	1 158	126	402	825
Dealt with by other means	no.	..	..	..	..	na	..	na	..
Total notifications	no.	24 989	2 701	4 312	1 122	2 996	404	835	1 754
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	27.5	31.8	42.6	29.6	15.5	11.1	19.5	20.7
Not substantiated	%	28.5	12.5	18.8	35.3	22.5	8.7	16.3	18.8

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Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total finalised	%	55.9	44.3	61.4	64.9	38.0	19.8	35.8	39.5
Investigations in process	%	5.9	0.7	36.7	31.5	0.6	11.4	12.3	7.5
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	..	..	1.9	..	na	..	na	..
Total investigations	%	61.9	45.0	100.0	96.3	38.7	31.2	48.1	47.0
Dealt with by other means	%	..	..	..	..	na	..	na	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	22 941	6 704	11 345	628	1 391	748	1 114	117
Not substantiated	no.	32 415	3 429	7 564	994	2 249	590	1 084	201
Total finalised	no.	55 356	10 133	18 909	1 622	3 640	1 338	2 198	318
Investigations in process	no.	5 166	544	9 466	487	44	2 360	692	52
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	..	..	925	..	na	..	na	..
Total investigations	no.	60 522	10 678	29 300	2 109	3 684	3 698	2 890	370
Dealt with by other means	no.	..	..	..	..	na	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	127 817	35 286	29 300	2 193	12 073	12 625	7 229	1 109
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	17.9	19.0	38.7	28.6	11.5	5.9	15.4	10.6
Not substantiated	%	25.4	9.7	25.8	45.3	18.6	4.7	15.0	18.1
Total finalised	%	43.3	28.7	64.5	74.0	30.1	10.6	30.4	28.7
Investigations in process	%	4.0	1.5	32.3	22.2	0.4	18.7	9.6	4.7
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	..	..	3.2	..	na	..	na	..
Total investigations	%	47.4	30.3	100.0	96.2	30.5	29.3	40.0	33.4
Dealt with by other means	%	..	..	..	..	na	..	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not substantiated	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total finalised	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Investigations in process	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total investigations	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Dealt with by other means	no.	na	na	..	na	na	na	na	na
Total notifications	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

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Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not substantiated	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total finalised	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Investigations in process	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total investigations	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Dealt with by other means	%	na	na	..	na	na	na	na	na
Total notifications	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	29 809	7 563	13 184	960	1 855	793	1 277	480
Not substantiated	no.	39 525	3 767	8 374	1 390	2 924	625	1 220	531
Total finalised	no.	69 334	11 330	21 558	2 350	4 779	1 418	2 497	1 011
Investigations in process	no.	6 646	564	11 048	840	na	2 406	795	184
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	..	..	1 006	..	na	..	na	..
Total investigations	no.	75 980	11 894	33 612	3 190	4 842	3 824	3 292	1 195
Dealt with by other means	no.	..	..	..	..	na	..	na	..
Total notifications	no.	152 806	37 987	33 612	3 315	15 069	13 029	8 064	2 863
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	19.5	19.9	39.2	29.0	12.3	6.1	15.8	16.8
Not substantiated	%	25.9	9.9	24.9	41.9	19.4	4.8	15.1	18.5
Total finalised	%	45.4	29.8	64.1	70.9	31.7	10.9	31.0	35.3
Investigations in process	%	4.3	1.5	32.9	25.3	na	18.5	9.9	6.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	..	..	3.0	..	na	..	na	..
Total investigations	%	49.7	31.3	100.0	96.2	32.1	29.3	40.8	41.7
Dealt with by other means	%	..	..	..	..	na	..	na	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

2004-05

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

Substantiated	no.	3 140	816	1 707	385	736	43	136	337
Not substantiated	no.	3 871	396	462	365	977	19	152	308
Total finalised	no.	7 011	1 212	2 169	750	1 713	62	288	645
Investigations in process	no.	3 759	39	1 352	316	3	12	49	108

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Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	..	..	124	..	na	..	na	..
Total investigations	no.	10 770	1 251	3 645	1 066	1 716	74	337	753
Dealt with by other means	no.	..	..	291	..	na	..	na	..
Total notifications	no.	20 330	2 497	3 936	1 087	3 580	230	798	1 219
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	15.4	32.7	43.4	35.4	20.6	18.7	17.0	27.6
Not substantiated	%	19.0	15.9	11.7	33.6	27.3	8.3	19.0	25.3
Total finalised	%	34.5	48.5	55.1	69.0	47.8	27.0	36.1	52.9
Investigations in process	%	18.5	1.6	34.3	29.1	0.1	5.2	6.1	8.9
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	..	..	3.2	..	na	..	na	..
Total investigations	%	53.0	50.1	92.6	98.1	47.9	32.2	42.2	61.8
Dealt with by other means	%	..	..	7.4	..	na	..	na	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	12 353	6 582	15 600	719	1 648	739	1 077	136
Not substantiated	no.	21 620	3 692	5 632	922	2 889	532	1 164	222
Total finalised	no.	33 973	10 274	21 232	1 641	4 537	1 271	2 241	358
Investigations in process	no.	13 829	363	10 005	455	26	488	439	69
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	..	..	1 268	..	na	..	na	..
Total investigations	no.	47 802	10 637	32 505	2 096	4 563	1 759	2 680	427
Dealt with by other means	no.	..	..	4 388	..	na	..	..	..
Total notifications	no.	113 306	35 026	36 893	2 119	13 893	10 558	6 477	882
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	10.9	18.8	42.3	33.9	11.9	7.0	16.6	15.4
Not substantiated	%	19.1	10.5	15.3	43.5	20.8	5.0	18.0	25.2
Total finalised	%	30.0	29.3	57.6	77.4	32.7	12.0	34.6	40.6
Investigations in process	%	12.2	1.0	27.1	21.5	0.2	4.6	6.8	7.8
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	..	..	3.4	..	na	..	na	..
Total investigations	%	42.2	30.4	88.1	98.9	32.8	16.7	41.4	48.4
Dealt with by other means	%	..	..	11.9	..	na	..	..	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

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Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Not substantiated	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total finalised	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Investigations in process	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total investigations	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Dealt with by other means	no.	na	na	..	na	na	na	na	na
Total notifications	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not substantiated	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total finalised	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Investigations in process	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total investigations	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Dealt with by other means	%	na	na	..	na	na	na	na	na
Total notifications	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	15 493	7 398	17 307	1 104	2 384	782	1 213	473
Not substantiated	no.	25 491	4 088	6 094	1 287	3 866	551	1 316	530
Total finalised	no.	40 984	11 486	23 401	2 391	6 250	1 333	2 529	1 003
Investigations in process	no.	17 588	402	11 357	771	na	500	488	177
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	..	..	1 392	..	na	..	na	..
Total investigations	no.	58 572	11 888	36 150	3 162	6 279	1 833	3 017	1 180
Dealt with by other means	no.	..	..	4 679	..	na	..	na	..
Total notifications	no.	133 636	37 523	40 829	3 206	17 473	10 788	7 275	2 101
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	11.6	19.7	42.4	34.4	13.6	7.2	16.7	22.5
Not substantiated	%	19.1	10.9	14.9	40.1	22.1	5.1	18.1	25.2
Total finalised	%	30.7	30.6	57.3	74.6	35.8	12.4	34.8	47.7
Investigations in process	%	13.2	1.1	27.8	24.0	na	4.6	6.7	8.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	..	..	3.4	..	na	..	na	..
Total investigations	%	43.8	31.7	88.5	98.6	35.9	17.0	41.5	56.2
Dealt with by other means	%	..	..	11.5	..	na	..	na	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 15A.5 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
(a)	Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous status category. For 2009-10 onwards, a separate unknown Indigenous status category is reported.								
(b)	If a child is the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, each of these is counted.								
(c)	Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised.								
(d)	The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting the child where practicable.								
(e)	Prior to 2006-07, the category 'investigations in process' was called 'investigations not finalised'.								
(f)	'Investigation closed – no outcome possible' includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons. Prior to 2006-07, these cases may previously have been recorded as 'Dealt with by other means'.								
(g)	'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. Prior to 2006-07, some of the cases recorded as 'dealt with by other means' may have been cases where the investigation was closed with no outcome possible. Dealt with by other means also includes cases that were previously reported as 'no investigation possible/no action'.								
(h)	NSW: Data for 'notifications investigated', 'notifications resolved without investigations' and 'notifications dealt with by other means' for 2011-12 to 2013-14 are not comparable with previous years. The counting rules changed for 2011-12 data to better account for recent practice changes. Data are not comparable with those of other jurisdictions. NSW has a differential investigation response whereby an investigation can be undertaken over two stages (stage 1 – information gathering; stage 2 – assessment).								
(i)	Victoria: If a case is open following the first notification, no further notifications concerning the child are recorded. During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which was progressively rolled out across the State. In parallel, the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, Victorian child protection data from 2006-07 onwards may not be fully comparable with data from previous years.								
(j)	Queensland: The category 'investigation closed - no outcome possible' is considered to be a finalised investigation. This includes notifications where there was insufficient information to enable an assessment outcome of substantiated or unsubstantiated i.e. the family was unable to be identified, located or has moved overseas and the investigation is therefore considered closed. 2006-07: Notification figures for Queensland are affected by a change in recording practice. From March 2007, any new child protection concerns received by the department that relate to an open notification or investigation and assessment are recorded as an additional concern and linked to the open notification/investigation and assessment. Previously, any new child protection concerns received by the department were recorded as an additional notification. 2011-12: Additional staff focussed on investigations and assessments were deployed across Queensland. This resulted in a decrease in the number of investigations not yet finalised, and an increase in the number of investigations with a finalised outcome of substantiated, unsubstantiated or no investigation and assessment outcome.								
(k)	WA: A safety and wellbeing assessment (investigation) is counted as 'finalised' if it is approved, otherwise it is counted as 'in process'.								
(l)	SA: During 2009-10, SA implemented new service and reporting arrangements. Therefore, data for 2009-10 are not fully comparable to previous years' data.								

Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
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(m) Tasmania: A change was made to the business processes for recording notifications in February 2008. New contacts made about similar concerns during an open notification/investigation period, within 6 weeks of the first contact, were added to the notification as a 'case note'. Case notes are not included in the count of notifications and hence comparison between values from 2007-08 to 2008-09 should be made with caution.

(n) NT: Number of notifications involving children of unknown Indigenous status totals include 1 client for whom Indigenous status was not recorded (no client record).

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 and 2013-14 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child protection Australia* data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 15A.6

Table 15A.6 **Number of children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2013-14								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	844	436	514	353	109	28	30	227
Had prior admissions to orders	192	223	1 079	77	21	27	3	81
Total children admitted	1 036	659	1 593	430	130	55	33	308
Children discharged from orders	621	632	678	372	140	84	27	178
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 693	2 618	822	373	268	115	90	48
Had prior admissions to orders	264	931	1 332	61	35	71	14	11
Total children admitted	1 957	3 549	2 154	434	303	186	104	59
Children discharged from orders	1 428	3 517	1 393	383	335	271	79	42
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2	2	40	41	19	40	4	3
Had prior admissions to orders	–	–	21	3	5	1	–	–
Total children admitted	2	2	61	44	24	41	4	3
Children discharged from orders	3	5	20	15	19	26	5	2
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 539	3 056	1 376	767	396	183	124	278
Had prior admissions to orders	456	1 154	2 432	141	61	99	17	92
Total children admitted	2 995	4 210	3 808	908	457	282	141	370
Children discharged from orders	2 052	4 154	2 091	770	494	381	111	222
2012-13								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	701	365	586	583	139	46	36	214
Had prior admissions to orders	168	185	1 208	263	21	35	5	56
Total children admitted	869	550	1 794	846	160	81	41	270
Children discharged from orders	527	543	742	101	125	83	38	245
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 622	2 244	980	542	298	159	51	48
Had prior admissions to orders	260	1 052	1 536	276	35	108	20	14
Total children admitted	1 882	3 296	2 516	818	333	267	71	62
Children discharged from orders	1 530	3 354	1 260	243	359	274	134	63
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	5	1	35	73	20	32	18	–
Had prior admissions to orders	–	–	23	–	–	1	1	–

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Table 15A.6 **Number of children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total children admitted	5	1	58	73	20	33	19	–
Children discharged from orders	3	1	16	9	16	18	6	–
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 328	2 610	1 601	1 198	457	237	105	262
Had prior admissions to orders	428	1 237	2 767	539	56	144	26	70
Total children admitted	2 756	3 847	4 368	1 737	513	381	131	332
Children discharged from orders	2 060	3 898	2 018	353	465	375	178	354
2011-12								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	740	284	574	514	143	39	32	250
Had prior admissions to orders	218	150	1 110	243	121	74	12	82
Total children admitted	958	434	1 684	757	264	113	44	332
Children discharged from orders	620	446	974	155	93	67	35	265
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 732	1 920	1 010	593	355	204	105	60
Had prior admissions to orders	325	764	1 543	222	283	298	16	6
Total children admitted	2 057	2 684	2 553	815	638	502	121	66
Children discharged from orders	1 615	2 570	1 609	202	324	271	93	83
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2	–	34	47	24	18	18	–
Had prior admissions to orders	–	–	11	–	10	5	–	–
Total children admitted	2	–	45	47	34	23	18	–
Children discharged from orders	3	1	20	4	3	18	6	1
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 474	2 204	1 618	1 154	522	261	155	310
Had prior admissions to orders	543	914	2 664	465	414	377	28	88
Total children admitted	3 017	3 118	4 282	1 619	936	638	183	398
Children discharged from orders	2 238	3 017	2 603	361	420	356	134	349
2010-11								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	735	284	644	406	105	32	40	220
Had prior admissions to orders	186	236	1 127	134	135	92	8	64
Total children admitted	921	520	1 771	540	240	124	48	284
Children discharged from orders	562	296	771	158	113	35	30	217

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Table 15A.6 **Number of children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 731	1 433	1 008	431	346	146	107	38
Had prior admissions to orders	351	1 196	1 549	121	324	278	36	15
Total children admitted	2 082	2 629	2 557	552	670	424	143	53
Children discharged from orders	1 523	1 365	1 409	235	377	178	92	70
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	3	2	22	144	43	21	14	2
Had prior admissions to orders	–	–	3	2	13	1	2	–
Total children admitted	3	2	25	146	56	22	16	2
Children discharged from orders	1	1	5	4	22	8	6	2
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 469	1 719	1 674	981	494	199	161	260
Had prior admissions to orders	537	1 432	2 679	257	472	371	46	79
Total children admitted	3 006	3 151	4 353	1 238	966	570	207	339
Children discharged from orders	2 086	1 662	2 185	397	512	221	128	289
2009-10								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	859	257	609	327	141	16	40	235
Had prior admissions to orders	212	243	1 063	247	138	48	54	63
Total children admitted	1 071	500	1 672	574	279	64	94	298
Children discharged from orders	539	237	739	214	106	17	26	230
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 923	1 431	956	452	428	246	117	72
Had prior admissions to orders	383	1 125	1 674	336	350	312	116	22
Total children admitted	2 306	2 556	2 630	788	778	558	233	94
Children discharged from orders	1 460	1 425	1 606	411	378	171	129	58
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	4	–	14	2	31	–	4	4
Had prior admissions to orders	–	1	2	–	7	–	–	–
Total children admitted	4	1	16	2	38	–	4	4
Children discharged from orders	4	1	18	2	11	–	5	4
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 786	1 688	1 579	781	600	262	161	311
Had prior admissions to orders	595	1 369	2 739	583	495	360	170	85
Total children admitted	3 381	3 057	4 318	1 364	1 095	622	331	396

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Children discharged from orders	2 003	1 663	2 363	627	495	188	160	292
2008-09								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	850	258	677	307	166	23	41	179
Had prior admissions to orders	280	175	1 040	276	136	64	40	75
Total children admitted	1 130	433	1 717	583	302	87	81	254
Children discharged from orders	533	252	682	172	155	29	39	220
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 252	1 659	1 291	401	454	266	147	78
Had prior admissions to orders	445	1 149	1 639	371	331	274	153	12
Total children admitted	2 697	2 808	2 930	772	785	540	300	90
Children discharged from orders	1 581	1 525	1 586	375	384	245	136	113
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Had prior admissions to orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total children admitted	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Children discharged from orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	3 102	1 917	1 968	708	620	289	188	257
Had prior admissions to orders	725	1 324	2 679	647	467	338	193	87
Total children admitted	3 827	3 241	4 647	1 355	1 087	627	381	344
Children discharged from orders	2 114	1 777	2 268	547	539	274	175	333
2007-08								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	674	227	567	498	164	29	24	195
Had prior admissions to orders	236	163	819	126	151	71	18	40
Total children admitted	910	390	1 386	624	315	100	42	235
Children discharged from orders	459	285	668	170	93	57	16	181
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 104	1 718	1 360	744	475	231	103	83
Had prior admissions to orders	600	1 181	1 566	200	372	242	96	3
Total children admitted	2 704	2 899	2 926	944	847	473	199	86
Children discharged from orders	1 586	1 901	1 759	272	401	224	144	98

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Had prior admissions to orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total children admitted	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Children discharged from orders								
	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 778	1 945	1 927	1 242	639	260	127	278
Had prior admissions to orders	836	1 344	2 385	326	523	313	114	43
Total children admitted	3 614	3 289	4 312	1 568	1 162	573	241	321
Children discharged from orders								
	2 045	2 186	2 427	442	494	281	160	279
2006-07								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	556	236	492	502	125	33	23	147
Had prior admissions to orders	357	121	728	80	100	75	30	44
Total children admitted	913	357	1 220	582	225	108	53	191
Children discharged from orders								
	458	283	691	157	72	28	24	172
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 870	1 651	1 218	661	307	266	98	76
Had prior admissions to orders	712	926	1 560	119	356	208	110	37
Total children admitted	2 582	2 577	2 778	780	663	474	208	113
Children discharged from orders								
	1 509	2 227	1 655	265	214	268	129	88
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Had prior admissions to orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total children admitted	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Children discharged from orders								
	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 426	1 887	1 710	1 163	432	299	121	223
Had prior admissions to orders	1 069	1 047	2 288	199	456	283	140	81
Total children admitted	3 495	2 934	3 998	1 362	888	582	261	304
Children discharged from orders								
	1 967	2 510	2 346	422	286	296	153	260

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2005-06								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	521	196	474	281	88	48	20	125
Had prior admissions to orders	302	201	615	45	111	46	17	103
Total children admitted	823	397	1 089	326	199	94	37	228
Children discharged from orders	545	257	640	63	58	27	15	145
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 556	1 458	1 651	363	244	295	146	60
Had prior admissions to orders	598	1 203	1 332	64	347	184	73	43
Total children admitted	2 154	2 661	2 983	427	591	479	219	103
Children discharged from orders	1 589	1 846	1 863	180	251	206	139	66
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Had prior admissions to orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total children admitted	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Children discharged from orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 077	1 654	2 125	644	332	343	166	185
Had prior admissions to orders	900	1 404	1 947	109	458	230	90	146
Total children admitted	2 977	3 058	4 072	753	790	573	256	331
Children discharged from orders	2 134	2 103	2 503	243	309	233	154	211
2004-05								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	391	213	431	188	87	5	15	171
Had prior admissions to orders	231	197	331	4	77	27	12	70
Total children admitted	622	410	762	192	164	32	27	241
Children discharged from orders	505	226	454	63	186	19	17	196
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 327	1 516	1 851	299	292	214	122	63
Had prior admissions to orders	588	1 154	1 092	22	290	115	45	52
Total children admitted	1 915	2 670	2 943	321	582	329	167	115
Children discharged from orders	1 720	1 806	1 664	192	698	137	105	105
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Had prior admissions to orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

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	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT
Total children admitted	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Children discharged from orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 718	1 729	2 282	487	379	219	137	234
Had prior admissions to orders	819	1 351	1 423	26	367	142	57	122
Total children admitted	2 537	3 080	3 705	513	746	361	194	356
Children discharged from orders	2 225	2 032	2 118	255	884	156	122	301

- (a) Prior to 2009-10, the category 'non-Indigenous' included children whose Indigenous status was unknown or not stated. In 2009-10, a separate category 'children of unknown Indigenous' status was introduced.
- (b) NSW: Data do not include children on finalised supervisory orders. NSW is working to improve the way it counts admissions to care and protection orders and does not currently strictly adhere to the national counting rules.
- (c) Victoria: During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, Victorian child protection data for 2006-07 onwards may not be fully comparable with previous years data. Data for 2006-07 are based on an extract from the new child protection system which only contains information relating to open cases and/or cases commenced after 1 July 2000. As the earliest history that can be traced back for a client is to 1 July 2000, if a child had been admitted to an order prior to 1 July 2000 they may be counted as admitted for the first time in 2006-07.
- (d) Queensland: Previous admissions to care and protection orders in other jurisdictions could not be counted. During 2012-13, reporting on children subject to an order continued under Section 99 of the Child Protection Act 1999 was enhanced. When a child is subject to an order granting custody or guardianship to the chief executive or to a member of the child's family, Section 99 allows for the original order to continue until an application is decided by the court for an extension or for another order. Previously, some children subject to orders continued under Section 99 were not included in the count. As a result, the number of children discharged from orders has decreased and is not comparable to previous years.
- (e) WA admissions and discharges data for 2013-14 are not comparable to previous years due to a change in methodology in 2013-14.
- (f) NT: Due to a data misinterpretation, the figure provided for the number of children admitted to orders in 2006-07 is likely to be an underestimation of the true number and thus should be treated with caution.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 and 2013-14 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child protection Australia* data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 15A.7

Table 15A.7 **Number of children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2013-14								
Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	4 078	717	2 731	1 694	769	208	146	696
Third party parental responsibility orders	1 383	223	474	210	13	35	14	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	287	87	19	5	–	13	1
Interim and temporary orders	540	280	367	292	22	24	9	139
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	21	..	..	–	3	–	–	4
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	–	–	..
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	6 022	1 507	3 659	2 215	812	267	182	840
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	7 331	2 654	3 907	1 687	1 752	642	374	129
Third party parental responsibility orders	2 696	1 899	915	215	94	145	53	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	1 618	212	30	14	10	30	–
Interim and temporary orders	1 119	1 547	370	269	72	82	64	18
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	73	..	..	–	8	1	2	2
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	–	–	..
Total non-Indigenous children	11 219	7 718	5 404	2 201	1 940	880	523	149
Number of children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	1	3	41	22	27	22	–	–
Third party parental responsibility orders	na	4	3	–	–	1	–	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	1	7	4	–	–	–	–
Interim and temporary orders	na	–	17	29	4	18	–	1
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	na	..	..	–	3	–	–	–
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	–	–	..
Total unknown children	1	8	68	55	34	41	–	1
Number of all children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	11 410	3 374	6 679	3 403	2 548	872	520	825
Third party parental responsibility orders	4 079	2 126	1 392	425	107	181	67	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	1 906	306	53	19	10	43	1
Interim and temporary orders	1 659	1 827	754	590	98	124	73	158

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	94	–	14	1	2	6
Other/not stated	na	–	–	na	na	–	–	..
Total all children	17 242	9 233	9 131	4 471	2 786	1 188	705	990
2012-13								
Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	3 765	890	2 569	1 477	745	215	134	586
Third party parental responsibility orders	1 297	na	383	180	12	29	13	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	332	120	39	6	–	12	–
Interim and temporary orders	503	40	475	237	25	32	5	86
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	29	na	..	–	15	–	5	11
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	–	–	..
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	5 594	1 262	3 547	1 933	803	276	169	683
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	6 977	4 474	4 038	1 514	1 797	734	352	121
Third party parental responsibility orders	2 586	na	814	192	64	123	47	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	1 664	289	40	5	25	41	–
Interim and temporary orders	1 098	195	461	193	73	67	38	9
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	115	na	..	–	18	2	3	2
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	–	–	..
Total non-Indigenous children	10 776	6 333	5 602	1 939	1 957	951	481	132
Number of children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	3	8	34	14	30	17	11	–
Third party parental responsibility orders	na	na	–	–	–	–	–	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	na	9	9	2	–	2	–
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	19	30	6	9	8	–
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	na	na	..	–	–	–	3	–
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	–	–	..
Total unknown children	3	8	62	53	38	26	24	–
Number of all children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	10 745	5 371	6 641	3 005	2 572	966	497	707
Third party parental responsibility orders	3 883	na	1 197	372	76	152	60	..

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	1 997	418	88	13	25	55	–
Interim and temporary orders	1 601	235	955	460	104	108	51	95
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	144	na	..	–	33	2	11	13
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	–	–	..
Total all children	16 373	7 603	9 211	3 925	2 798	1 253	674	815
2011-12								
Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	3 521	802	2 485	1 326	696	206	103	506
Third party parental responsibility orders	1 229	–	286	129	10	11	13	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	333	123	28	–	5	8	–
Interim and temporary orders	524	15	480	167	33	19	38	108
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	25	–	..	–	5	–	2	32
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	–	na	na
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	5 299	1 150	3 374	1 650	744	241	164	646
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	7 010	4 286	3 901	1 436	1 764	745	379	104
Third party parental responsibility orders	2 420	–	698	157	38	83	38	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	1 594	227	33	10	14	57	–
Interim and temporary orders	1 135	220	620	187	60	88	57	26
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	96	–	..	–	29	3	12	4
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	–	na	na
Total non-Indigenous children	10 661	6 100	5 446	1 813	1 901	933	543	134
Number of children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	21	12	19	4	24	4	8	–
Third party parental responsibility orders	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	–	6	12	3	–	–	–
Interim and temporary orders	–	–	17	13	6	7	1	–
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	–	–	..	–	2	–	3	–
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	–	na	na
Total unknown children	21	12	43	29	35	11	12	–

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of all children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	10 552	5 100	6 405	2 766	2 484	955	490	610
Third party parental responsibility orders	3 649	–	985	286	48	94	51	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	1 927	356	73	13	19	65	–
Interim and temporary orders	1 659	235	1 117	367	99	114	96	134
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	121	–	..	–	36	3	17	36
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	–	na	na
Total all children	15 981	7 262	8 863	3 492	2 680	1 185	719	780
2010-11								
Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	3 231	732	2 368	1 263	594	205	121	470
Third party parental responsibility orders	1 120	–	234	75	12	6	10	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	290	142	34	–	2	15	–
Interim and temporary orders	535	38	437	124	35	20	24	76
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	14	–	..	–	17	1	6	29
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	–	na	..
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	4 900	1 060	3 181	1 496	658	234	176	575
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	6 919	4 138	3 882	1 401	1 768	790	387	137
Third party parental responsibility orders	2 256	–	605	111	44	21	32	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	1 364	263	39	–	20	62	–
Interim and temporary orders	1 174	163	497	112	74	102	49	4
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	86	–	..	–	18	3	5	5
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	–	na	..
Total non-Indigenous children	10 435	5 665	5 247	1 663	1 904	936	535	146
Number of children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	3	10	16	49	49	3	7	–
Third party parental responsibility orders	–	–	2	1	–	–	1	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	–	3	5	–	–	–	–
Interim and temporary orders	1	–	7	63	8	10	2	–

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Table 15A.7 **Number of children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	–	–	..	–	1	3	2	1
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	–	na	..
Total unknown children	4	10	28	118	58	16	12	1
Number of all children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	10 153	4 880	6 266	2 713	2 411	998	515	607
Third party parental responsibility orders	3 376	–	841	187	56	27	43	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	1 654	408	78	–	22	77	–
Interim and temporary orders	1 710	201	941	299	117	132	75	80
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	100	–	..	–	36	7	13	35
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	–	na	..
Total all children	15 339	6 735	8 456	3 277	2 620	1 186	723	722
2009-10								
Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	2 939	698	2 303	1 232	568	139	105	413
Third party parental responsibility orders	1 007	–	217	48	11	na	8	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	235	128	49	–	1	15	–
Interim and temporary orders	589	15	321	196	39	17	29	66
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	20	–	..	..	13	–	2	28
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	..	na	..
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	4 555	948	2 969	1 525	631	157	159	507
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	6 773	4 121	3 767	1 501	1 711	773	355	157
Third party parental responsibility orders	1 999	–	547	66	42	na	23	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	1 266	278	96	4	23	40	2
Interim and temporary orders	1 279	162	526	243	92	155	64	15
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	81	–	..	..	28	4	10	12
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	..	na	..
Total non-Indigenous children	10 132	5 549	5 118	1 906	1 877	955	492	186
Number of children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	1	17	3	1	23	–	1	2
Third party parental responsibility orders	–	–	–	–	–	na	1	..

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Table 15A.7 **Number of children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Interim and temporary orders	1	–	–	–	4	–	–	–
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	–	–	..	..	8	–	–	–
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	..	na	..
Total unknown children	2	18	3	1	35	–	2	3
Number of all children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	9 713	4 836	6 073	2 734	2 302	912	461	572
Third party parental responsibility orders	3 006	–	764	114	53	na	32	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	1 502	406	145	4	24	55	3
Interim and temporary orders	1 869	177	847	439	135	172	93	81
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	101	–	..	..	49	4	12	40
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	..	na	..
Total all children	14 689	6 515	8 090	3 432	2 543	1 112	653	696
2008-09								
Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	2 555	593	2 021	1 154	512	125	85	376
Third party parental responsibility orders	814	–	177	46	9	na	4	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	–	208	114	52	–	1	6	–
Interim and temporary orders	582	24	408	213	29	25	30	24
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	28	–	..	–	23	–	5	28
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	..	na	..
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	3 979	825	2 720	1 465	573	151	130	428
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	6 521	3 781	3 801	1 461	1 602	659	350	130
Third party parental responsibility orders	1 661	–	486	58	29	na	13	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	–	1 341	355	92	7	25	36	–
Interim and temporary orders	1 221	153	580	261	90	150	63	11
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	109	–	..	–	60	6	18	8
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	..	na	..
Total non-Indigenous children	9 512	5 275	5 222	1 872	1 788	840	480	149

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Table 15A.7 **Number of children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Third party parental responsibility orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	na	na	..	na	na	na	na	na
Other/not stated	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total unknown children	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Number of all children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	9 076	4 374	5 822	2 615	2 114	784	435	506
Third party parental responsibility orders	2 475	–	663	104	38	na	17	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	–	1 549	469	144	7	26	42	–
Interim and temporary orders	1 803	177	988	474	119	175	93	35
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	137	–	..	–	83	6	23	36
Other/not stated	na	na	–	na	na	..	na	..
Total all children	13 491	6 100	7 942	3 337	2 361	991	610	577
2007-08								
Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	2 917	571	1 619	1 012	475	122	90	322
Third party parental responsibility orders	na	–	131	24	9	na	–	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	183	114	39	–	5	7	–
Interim and temporary orders	463	21	352	204	26	12	13	17
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	na	–	..	..	30	–	7	24
Other/not stated	..	na	–	..	na	..	..	..
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	3 380	775	2 216	1 279	540	139	117	363
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	7 330	3 281	3 463	1 367	1 472	657	334	143
Third party parental responsibility orders	na	–	432	24	9	na	–	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	1 483	290	81	4	19	26	2
Interim and temporary orders	1 376	160	639	329	98	84	52	8

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	na	–	53	15	14	4
Other/not stated	..	na	–	..	na	..	..	..
Total non-Indigenous children	8 706	5 464	4 824	1 815	1 657	775	435	157
Number of children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Third party parental responsibility orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	na	na	..	na	na	na	na	na
Other/not stated	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total unknown children	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Number of all children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	10 247	4 932	5 082	2 379	1 947	779	424	465
Third party parental responsibility orders	na	–	563	24	9	na	–	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	1 666	404	120	4	24	33	2
Interim and temporary orders	1 839	181	991	533	124	96	65	25
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	na	–	..	..	83	15	21	28
Other/not stated	..	na	–	..	na	..	na	..
Total all children	12 086	6 239	7 040	3 094	2 197	914	552	520
2006-07								
Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	2 505	507	1 589	818	416	134	98	274
Third party parental responsibility orders	..	–	..	..	na	na	..	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	155	65	23	na	6	6	–
Interim and temporary orders	375	26	261	250	24	24	9	26
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	–	..	..	na	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	na	–	–	na	..	–	..
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	2 880	688	1 915	1 091	440	164	113	300
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	6 614	3 521	3 706	1 206	1 379	620	337	134
Third party parental responsibility orders	..	–	na	na

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	1 092	288	42	na	26	53	–
Interim and temporary orders	1 145	191	482	290	62	87	71	17
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	–	..	..	na	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	na	–	–	na	..	–	..
Total non-Indigenous children	7 759	4 804	4 476	1 538	1 441	733	461	151
Number of children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Third party parental responsibility orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	na	na	..	na	na	na	na	na
Other/not stated	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total unknown children	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Number of all children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	9 119	4 028	5 295	2 024	1 795	754	435	408
Third party parental responsibility orders	..	–	..	..	na	na	..	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	1 247	353	65	na	32	59	–
Interim and temporary orders	1 520	217	743	540	86	111	80	43
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	–	..	..	na	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	na	–	–	na	..	–	..
Total all children	10 639	5 492	6 391	2 629	1 881	897	574	451
2005-06								
Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	2 114	480	1 439	659	354	107	79	276
Third party parental responsibility orders	..	–	..	..	na	na	..	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	117	85	1	na	6	7	1
Interim and temporary orders	295	35	143	138	24	12	14	26
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	–	..	..	na	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	na	–	–	na	..	–	..
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	2 409	632	1 667	798	378	125	100	303

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	5 949	3 327	4 145	1 032	1 202	586	330	122
Third party parental responsibility orders	..	–	..	..	na	na	..	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	976	265	2	na	26	60	–
Interim and temporary orders	855	176	369	214	91	96	68	12
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	–	..	..	na	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	na	–	–	na	..	–	..
Total non-Indigenous children	6 804	4 379	4 779	1 248	1 293	708	458	134
Number of children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Third party parental responsibility orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	na	na	..	na	na	na	na	na
Other/not stated	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total unknown children	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Number of all children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	8 063	3 807	5 584	1 691	1 556	693	409	398
Third party parental responsibility orders	..	–	..	..	na	na	..	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	993	350	3	na	32	67	1
Interim and temporary orders	1 150	211	512	352	115	108	82	38
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	–	..	..	na	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	na	–	–	na	..	–	..
Total all children	9 213	5 011	6 446	2 046	1 671	833	558	437
2004-05								
Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	1 914	452	1 188	556	296	82	49	187
Third party parental responsibility orders	..	–	..	..	na	na	..	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	115	65	..	na	–	2	2
Interim and temporary orders	199	20	89	104	26	12	19	92
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	–	na

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Table 15A.7 Number of children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT
Other/not stated	..	na	–	–	na	..	–	..
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	2 113	587	1 342	660	322	94	70	281
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	5 836	3 061	3 909	961	1 150	509	284	86
Third party parental responsibility orders	..	–	..	..	na	na	..	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	839	220	..	na	30	49	3
Interim and temporary orders	671	181	386	162	81	83	61	44
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	–	..	..	na	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	na	–	–	na	..	–	..
Total non-Indigenous children	6 507	4 081	4 515	1 123	1 231	622	394	133
Number of children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Third party parental responsibility orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	na	na	..	na	na	na	na	na
Other/not stated	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total unknown children	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Number of all children on orders								
Guardianship or custody orders	7 750	3 513	5 097	1 517	1 446	591	333	273
Third party parental responsibility orders	..	–	..	..	na	na	..	..
Supervisory and other finalised orders	na	954	285	..	na	30	51	5
Interim and temporary orders	870	201	475	266	107	95	80	136
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	–	..	..	na	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	na	–	–	na	..	–	..
Total all children	8 620	4 668	5 857	1 783	1 553	716	464	414

(a) Prior to 2009-10, the category 'non-Indigenous' included children whose Indigenous status was unknown or not stated. In 2009-10, a separate category 'children of unknown Indigenous' status was introduced.

(b) NSW: Data do not include children on finalised supervisory orders.

Table 15A.7 Number of children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
(c) Victoria: During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, child protection data for 2006-07 onwards may not be fully comparable with previous years data. Prior to 2013-14 Third party parental responsibility orders were included in Finalised guardianship or custody orders and a small minority of Victoria's interim and temporary orders were reported.								
(d) Queensland: From 2008, data for the category 'third party parental responsibility orders' are reported separately. Previously, these were counted as a subset of 'guardianship or custody orders'.								
(e) WA: Children on care applications are included in the category 'interim and temporary orders'. Specifically, in WA, the application for a care and protection order to be issued for a child is counted as an interim order for national reporting purposes. However, no order is actually issued during this stage. It is thus not valid to compare the number of orders on a percentage basis. Implementation of the Children and Community Services Act 2004 in March 2006 required the legal status of children in care to be reviewed and Protection Orders were sought for a number of children already in care but not under care and protection orders, for 2006 onwards. In 2006-07, the number of children on orders included 24 children who were placed on Enduring Parental Responsibility orders.								
(f) NT: Third party parental responsibility data are not captured for NT.								
na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.								

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 and 2013-14 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child protection Australia* data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 15A.8

Table 15A.8 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and on care and protection orders, per 1000 children in the target population, and by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2013-14									
Children aged 0-17 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	15 205	3 856	5 857	3 724	2 737	718	629	5 871	38 597
Non-Indigenous	49 717	49 870	12 982	4 459	9 174	5 009	2 684	2 036	135 931
Unknown	8 756	2 790	1 390	5 937	745	2 582	2 206	32	24 438
All children	73 678	56 516	20 229	14 120	12 656	8 309	5 519	7 939	198 966
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	166.6	186.3	68.0	100.8	172.1	68.0	279.7	219.9	132.9
Non-Indigenous	31.3	40.0	12.6	8.2	26.9	48.0	32.6	55.3	27.3
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	43.8	44.6	18.2	24.3	35.4	72.4	65.2	125.0	37.8
Children aged 0-17 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	9 887	1 828	5 204	2 535	1 101	147	183	2 325	23 210
Non-Indigenous	25 733	16 360	11 715	3 147	2 643	671	574	592	61 435
Unknown	1 774	8	1 088	4 002	206	345	113	3	7 539
All children	37 394	18 196	18 007	9 684	3 950	1 163	870	2 920	92 184
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	108.3	88.3	60.4	68.6	69.2	13.9	81.4	87.1	79.9
Non-Indigenous	16.2	13.1	11.4	5.8	7.7	6.4	7.0	16.1	12.4
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	22.3	14.4	16.2	16.7	11.1	10.1	10.3	46.0	17.5
Children aged 0-17 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	4 677	1 249	2 200	1 070	691	86	66	1 231	11 270
Non-Indigenous	10 323	10 145	4 234	1 182	1 398	430	275	162	28 149
Unknown	74	1	251	801	101	196	–	1	1 425
All children	15 074	11 395	6 685	3 053	2 190	712	341	1 394	40 844
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	51.2	60.3	25.5	29.0	43.4	8.1	29.4	46.1	38.8
Non-Indigenous	6.5	8.1	4.1	2.2	4.1	4.1	3.3	4.4	5.7
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9.0	9.0	6.0	5.2	6.1	6.2	4.0	21.9	7.8

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children aged 0-17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2014									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6 022	1 507	3 659	2 215	812	267	182	840	15 504
Non-Indigenous	11 219	7 718	5 404	2 201	1 940	880	523	149	30 034
Unknown	1	8	68	55	34	41	–	1	208
All children	17 242	9 233	9 131	4 471	2 786	1 188	705	990	45 746
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years at 30 June 2014									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	65.8	72.3	42.2	59.8	50.7	25.1	80.6	31.5	53.2
Non-Indigenous	7.0	6.2	5.2	4.0	5.7	8.4	6.3	4.0	6.0
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	10.2	7.3	8.2	7.7	7.8	10.3	8.3	15.6	8.7
2012-13									
Children aged 0-17 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	13 365	3 561	5 803	3 133	2 829	726	631	4 944	34 992
Non-Indigenous	43 887	46 399	13 845	3 739	9 098	4 824	2 997	1 656	126 445
Unknown	7 218	2 151	1 606	6 101	495	2 456	2 803	17	22 847
All children	64 470	52 111	21 254	12 973	12 422	8 006	6 431	6 617	184 284
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	146.9	174.2	68.1	85.1	179.7	69.4	280.6	185.3	121.3
Non-Indigenous	28.0	37.8	13.7	7.0	26.7	46.0	37.1	45.8	25.8
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	38.9	41.8	19.4	22.9	34.9	69.5	77.4	105.3	35.5
Children aged 0-17 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	8 345	1 642	5 189	2 149	990	204	210	2 221	20 950
Non-Indigenous	22 272	14 924	12 642	2 647	2 151	939	820	564	56 959
Unknown	1 192	na	1 280	4 201	98	413	362	–	7 546
All children	31 809	16 566	19 111	8 997	3 239	1 556	1 392	2 785	85 455
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	91.7	80.3	60.9	58.4	62.9	19.5	93.4	83.2	72.6
Non-Indigenous	14.2	12.2	12.5	5.0	6.3	9.0	10.1	15.6	11.6
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	19.2	13.3	17.4	15.9	9.1	13.5	16.7	44.3	16.5

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children aged 0-17 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	4 934	1 048	2 184	929	581	143	84	1 053	10 956
Non-Indigenous	11 216	8 957	4 666	983	1 200	554	309	150	28 035
Unknown	86	4	299	928	55	221	101	–	1 694
All children	16 236	10 009	7 149	2 840	1 836	918	494	1 203	40 685
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	54.2	51.3	25.6	25.2	36.9	13.7	37.4	39.5	38.0
Non-Indigenous	7.2	7.3	4.6	1.9	3.5	5.3	3.8	4.1	5.7
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9.8	8.0	6.5	5.0	5.2	8.0	5.9	19.1	7.8
Children aged 0-17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2013									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	5 594	1 262	3 547	1 933	803	276	169	683	14 267
Non-Indigenous	10 776	6 333	5 602	1 939	1 957	951	481	132	28 171
Unknown	3	8	62	53	38	26	24	–	214
All children	16 373	7 603	9 211	3 925	2 798	1 253	674	815	42 652
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years at 30 June 2013									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	61.4	61.4	41.4	52.4	50.8	26.3	75.5	25.6	49.3
Non-Indigenous	6.8	5.1	5.5	3.6	5.7	9.1	5.9	3.6	5.7
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9.8	6.1	8.3	6.8	7.9	10.9	8.1	12.9	8.2
2011-12									
Children aged 0-17 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	12 536	3 294	5 820	3 010	2 763	751	586	4 219	32 979
Non-Indigenous	42 505	41 858	14 367	3 829	9 015	4 820	2 718	1 458	120 570
Unknown	6 267	1 560	1 722	5 015	411	2 181	2 732	65	19 953
All children	61 308	46 712	21 909	11 854	12 189	7 752	6 036	5 742	173 502
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	138.3	163.2	69.2	82.1	177.2	72.4	259.6	158.2	115.1
Non-Indigenous	27.3	34.6	14.4	7.4	26.6	45.5	34.5	40.8	24.9
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	37.3	38.0	20.3	21.5	34.4	66.7	74.4	92.0	33.9

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children aged 0-17 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	7 807	1 407	5 232	2 168	886	194	229	2 514	20 437
Non-Indigenous	22 266	12 712	12 989	2 883	2 155	966	757	661	55 389
Unknown	1 037	–	1 421	3 390	104	302	318	3	6 575
All children	31 110	14 119	19 642	8 441	3 145	1 462	1 304	3 178	82 401
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	86.1	69.7	62.2	59.1	56.8	18.7	101.4	94.3	71.3
Non-Indigenous	14.3	10.5	13.0	5.6	6.4	9.1	9.6	18.5	11.5
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	18.9	11.5	18.2	15.3	8.9	12.6	16.1	50.9	16.1
Children aged 0-17 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	4 247	963	2 002	763	530	136	113	1 304	10 058
Non-Indigenous	10 387	7 778	4 670	944	1 219	645	331	209	26 183
Unknown	33	–	302	876	61	158	110	–	1 540
All children	14 667	8 741	6 974	2 583	1 810	939	554	1 513	37 781
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	46.9	47.7	23.8	20.8	34.0	13.1	50.1	48.9	35.1
Non-Indigenous	6.7	6.4	4.7	1.8	3.6	6.1	4.2	5.9	5.4
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	8.9	7.1	6.5	4.7	5.1	8.1	6.8	24.3	7.4
Children aged 0-17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2012									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	5 299	1 150	3 374	1 650	744	241	164	646	13 268
Non-Indigenous	10 661	6 100	5 446	1 813	1 901	933	543	134	27 531
Unknown	21	12	43	29	35	11	12	–	163
All children	15 981	7 262	8 863	3 492	2 680	1 185	719	780	40 962
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years at 30 June 2012									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	58.3	56.5	39.8	44.9	47.5	23.1	72.6	24.2	46.1
Non-Indigenous	6.8	5.0	5.4	3.5	5.6	8.8	6.8	3.7	5.7
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9.7	5.9	8.2	6.3	7.6	10.2	8.8	12.4	8.0

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2010-11									
Children aged 0-17 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	11 796	2 716	4 953	2 372	2 695	696	521	3 498	29 247
Non-Indigenous	44 098	38 004	13 066	3 048	10 875	4 738	2 814	1 259	117 902
Unknown	5 238	739	1 334	4 314	426	2 053	2 433	81	16 618
All children	61 132	41 459	19 353	9 734	13 996	7 487	5 768	4 838	163 767
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	130.7	136.5	59.6	64.9	174.8	67.5	229.5	130.8	102.8
Non-Indigenous	28.5	31.7	13.3	6.1	32.2	44.4	36.1	35.4	24.6
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	37.3	34.0	18.2	18.1	39.7	64.0	72.0	77.7	32.3
Children aged 0-17 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	7 777	1 170	3 890	1 430	821	240	223	2 256	17 807
Non-Indigenous	25 268	10 934	10 584	1 934	2 503	1 217	665	661	53 766
Unknown	1 093	5	790	2 379	95	407	181	29	4 979
All children	34 138	12 109	15 264	5 743	3 419	1 864	1 069	2 946	76 552
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	86.2	58.8	46.8	39.1	53.2	23.3	98.2	84.3	62.6
Non-Indigenous	16.3	9.1	10.8	3.9	7.4	11.4	8.5	18.6	11.2
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	20.8	9.9	14.3	10.7	9.7	15.9	13.3	47.3	15.1
Children aged 0-17 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3 303	768	1 731	539	452	146	106	1 186	8 231
Non-Indigenous	8 194	6 557	4 032	695	1 334	771	329	232	22 144
Unknown	39	2	178	636	45	215	30	7	1 152
All children	11 536	7 327	5 941	1 870	1 831	1 132	465	1 425	31 527
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	36.6	38.6	20.8	14.7	29.3	14.2	46.7	44.3	28.9
Non-Indigenous	5.3	5.5	4.1	1.4	4.0	7.2	4.2	6.5	4.6
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	7.0	6.0	5.6	3.5	5.2	9.7	5.8	22.9	6.2

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children aged 0-17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2011									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	4 900	1 060	3 181	1 496	658	234	176	575	12 280
Non-Indigenous	10 435	5 665	5 247	1 663	1 904	936	535	146	26 531
Unknown	4	10	28	118	58	16	12	1	247
All children	15 339	6 735	8 456	3 277	2 620	1 186	723	722	39 058
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years at 30 June 2011									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	54.2	52.9	38.1	40.9	42.4	22.7	78.0	21.6	43.0
Non-Indigenous	6.7	4.7	5.3	3.3	5.6	8.8	6.9	4.1	5.5
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9.3	5.5	7.9	6.0	7.4	10.1	9.0	11.6	7.7
2009-10									
Children aged 0–17 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	15 399	2 404	4 832	3 551	2 665	402	533	3 348	33 134
Non-Indigenous	63 797	34 715	13 182	4 972	9 546	1 238	2 896	1 371	131 717
Unknown	9 400	642	1 622	2 010	1 362	5 337	2 090	–	22 463
All children	88 596	37 761	19 636	10 533	13 573	6 977	5 519	4 719	187 314
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	171.8	122.7	59.0	97.6	175.5	39.4	232.6	124.4	117.5
Non-Indigenous	41.4	29.2	13.5	10.1	28.3	11.5	37.4	38.6	27.7
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	54.4	31.2	18.6	19.9	38.5	59.4	69.3	75.5	37.2
Children aged 0–17 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	11 314	1 064	3 830	1 289	944	165	180	1 700	20 486
Non-Indigenous	37 895	10 404	10 976	2 055	2 215	693	763	430	65 431
Unknown	1 627	14	828	360	233	552	135	–	3 749
All children	50 836	11 482	15 634	3 704	3 392	1 410	1 078	2 130	89 666
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	126.2	54.3	46.8	35.4	62.2	16.2	78.6	63.2	72.6
Non-Indigenous	24.6	8.7	11.3	4.2	6.6	6.5	9.9	12.1	13.8
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	31.2	9.5	14.8	7.0	9.6	12.0	13.5	34.1	17.8

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children aged 0–17 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3 707	710	1 780	642	379	130	118	868	8 334
Non-Indigenous	9 408	5 690	4 227	818	1 029	614	380	169	22 335
Unknown	21	3	211	97	99	136	52	7	626
All children	13 136	6 403	6 218	1 557	1 507	880	550	1 044	31 295
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	41.4	36.2	21.7	17.6	25.0	12.7	51.5	32.2	29.5
Non-Indigenous	6.1	4.8	4.3	1.7	3.1	5.7	4.9	4.8	4.7
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	8.1	5.3	5.9	2.9	4.3	7.5	6.9	16.7	6.2
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2010									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	4 555	948	2 969	1 525	631	157	159	507	11 451
Non-Indigenous	10 132	5 549	5 118	1 906	1 877	955	492	186	26 215
Unknown	2	18	3	1	35	–	2	3	64
All children	14 689	6 515	8 090	3 432	2 543	1 112	653	696	37 730
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years at 30 June 2010									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	50.6	48.0	36.0	41.7	41.2	15.3	69.6	18.9	40.4
Non-Indigenous	6.6	4.7	5.2	3.8	5.6	8.9	6.3	5.2	5.5
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9.0	5.4	7.6	6.4	7.2	9.5	8.2	11.1	7.5
2008-09									
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	17 206	2 264	4 650	2 999	2 767	445	407	2 874	33 612
Non-Indigenous	93 133	31 299	16 105	5 792	11 923	6 682	4 546	1 371	170 851
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	110 339	33 563	20 755	8 791	14 690	7 127	4 953	4 245	204 463
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	203.5	123.5	60.7	87.2	195.0	46.6	187.0	112.1	126.6
Non-Indigenous	64.6	28.2	17.8	12.7	37.8	66.0	63.4	41.3	38.5
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	72.3	29.8	21.1	17.9	44.6	64.4	67.0	72.2	43.5

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	12 227	1 017	3 555	1 177	1 154	152	181	1 295	20 758
Non-Indigenous	49 868	8 767	12 922	2 239	3 118	1 635	1 071	486	80 106
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	62 095	9 784	16 477	3 416	4 272	1 787	1 252	1 781	100 864
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	144.6	55.5	46.4	34.2	81.3	15.9	83.2	50.5	78.2
Non-Indigenous	34.6	7.9	14.3	4.9	9.9	16.2	14.9	14.7	18.1
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	40.7	8.7	16.8	6.9	13.0	16.1	16.9	30.3	21.5
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3 749	684	1 747	545	598	98	97	617	8 135
Non-Indigenous	10 208	5 445	4 849	909	1 303	976	508	145	24 343
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	13 957	6 129	6 596	1 454	1 901	1 074	605	762	32 478
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	44.3	37.3	22.8	15.9	42.1	10.3	44.6	24.1	30.6
Non-Indigenous	7.1	4.9	5.4	2.0	4.1	9.6	7.1	4.4	5.5
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9.1	5.4	6.7	3.0	5.8	9.7	8.2	13.0	6.9
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2009									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3 979	825	2 720	1 465	573	151	130	428	10 271
Non-Indigenous	9 512	5 275	5 222	1 872	1 788	840	480	149	25 138
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	13 491	6 100	7 942	3 337	2 361	991	610	577	35 409
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years at 30 June 2009									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	44.6	42.4	33.5	40.4	38.1	14.9	56.5	15.9	36.6
Non-Indigenous	6.2	4.5	5.4	3.8	5.3	7.8	6.2	4.2	5.3
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	8.3	5.1	7.6	6.4	6.7	8.4	7.7	9.3	7.1

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2007-08									
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	15 756	2 180	4 265	2 657	2 397	196	394	1 978	29 823
Non-Indigenous	86 172	30 119	17 836	5 222	11 200	7 314	4 135	983	162 981
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	101 928	32 299	22 101	7 879	13 597	7 510	4 529	2 961	192 804
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	188.1	121.0	56.7	78.0	171.7	21.0	177.7	77.0	113.7
Non-Indigenous	60.2	27.5	20.2	11.7	35.6	72.4	58.2	30.1	37.2
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	67.3	29.0	23.0	16.4	41.4	68.1	61.9	50.8	41.6
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	11 032	964	2 991	1 047	1 024	55	137	1 089	18 339
Non-Indigenous	44 907	8 595	13 084	2 167	2 938	1 517	769	404	74 381
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	55 939	9 559	16 075	3 214	3 962	1 572	906	1 493	92 720
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	131.7	53.5	39.8	30.7	73.4	5.9	61.8	42.4	69.9
Non-Indigenous	31.4	7.8	14.8	4.9	9.4	15.0	10.8	12.4	17.0
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	36.9	8.6	16.7	6.7	12.1	14.2	12.4	25.6	20.0
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3 263	681	1 617	520	547	39	88	558	7 313
Non-Indigenous	9 856	5 481	5 660	863	1 272	881	447	142	24 602
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	13 119	6 162	7 277	1 383	1 819	920	535	700	31 915
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	39.0	37.8	21.5	15.3	39.2	4.2	39.7	21.7	27.9
Non-Indigenous	6.9	5.0	6.4	1.9	4.0	8.7	6.3	4.4	5.6
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	8.7	5.5	7.6	2.9	5.5	8.3	7.3	12.0	6.9

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Table 15A.8 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and on care and protection orders, per 1000 children in the target population, and by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2008									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3 380	775	2 216	1 279	540	139	117	363	8 809
Non-Indigenous	8 706	5 464	4 824	1 815	1 657	775	435	157	23 833
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	12 086	6 239	7 040	3 094	2 197	914	552	520	32 642
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years at 30 June 2008									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	38.2	40.5	27.8	35.6	36.3	14.0	50.2	13.4	31.8
Non-Indigenous	5.7	4.7	5.1	3.8	4.9	7.2	5.7	4.5	5.1
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	7.5	5.2	6.9	6.0	6.3	7.8	7.0	8.4	6.6
2006-07									
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	13 534	2 058	4 003	2 262	2 222	146	382	1 632	26 239
Non-Indigenous	85 128	28 183	19 817	4 654	9 773	7 180	4 185	948	159 868
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	98 662	30 241	23 820	6 916	11 995	7 326	4 567	2 580	186 107
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	163.5	116.1	54.2	67.1	161.5	15.9	171.9	63.5	101.3
Non-Indigenous	59.8	26.0	22.9	10.7	31.3	71.0	59.4	29.5	36.9
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	65.5	27.4	25.3	14.7	36.7	66.4	62.8	44.6	40.6
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	8 568	1 012	2 957	828	1 036	42	159	782	15 384
Non-Indigenous	37 659	8 927	14 490	1 873	3 201	1 123	1 296	391	68 960
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	46 227	9 939	17 447	2 701	4 237	1 165	1 455	1 173	84 344
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	103.5	57.1	40.0	24.5	75.3	4.6	71.6	30.4	59.4
Non-Indigenous	26.5	8.2	16.7	4.3	10.2	11.1	18.4	12.2	15.9
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	30.7	9.0	18.6	5.7	13.0	10.6	20.0	20.3	18.4

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Table 15A.8 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and on care and protection orders, per 1000 children in the target population, and by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3 276	697	1 725	438	439	31	75	395	7 076
Non-Indigenous	10 414	5 891	7 053	716	1 314	768	483	145	26 784
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	13 690	6 588	8 778	1 154	1 753	799	558	540	33 860
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	39.6	39.3	23.4	13.0	31.9	3.4	33.8	15.4	27.3
Non-Indigenous	7.3	5.4	8.1	1.6	4.2	7.6	6.9	4.5	6.2
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9.1	6.0	9.3	2.5	5.4	7.2	7.7	9.3	7.4
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2007									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	2 880	688	1 915	1 091	440	164	113	300	7 591
Non-Indigenous	7 759	4 804	4 476	1 538	1 441	733	461	151	21 363
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	10 639	5 492	6 391	2 629	1 881	897	574	451	28 954
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years at 30 June 2007									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	32.9	36.6	24.5	30.6	30.2	16.8	48.7	11.1	27.7
Non-Indigenous	5.1	4.2	4.8	3.3	4.3	6.8	6.1	4.4	4.6
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	6.6	4.7	6.4	5.2	5.4	7.7	7.4	7.4	5.9
2005-06									
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	11 063	2 007	2 936	1 017	1 814	119	319	1 396	20 671
Non-Indigenous	73 293	27 623	22 468	2 032	8 337	6 466	3 780	916	144 915
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	84 356	29 630	25 404	3 049	10 151	6 585	4 099	2 312	165 586
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	135.7	114.7	40.6	30.6	134.1	13.1	144.5	54.6	81.1
Non-Indigenous	51.6	25.6	26.4	4.7	26.7	63.8	54.0	28.6	33.7
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	56.2	27.1	27.5	6.6	31.2	59.6	56.8	40.1	36.4

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6 326	1 107	1 925	676	793	52	171	653	11 703
Non-Indigenous	30 880	9 447	14 867	1 516	2 752	1 086	1 407	305	62 260
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	37 206	10 554	16 792	2 192	3 545	1 138	1 578	958	73 963
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	77.6	63.2	26.6	20.3	58.6	5.7	77.5	25.5	45.9
Non-Indigenous	21.7	8.8	17.5	3.5	8.8	10.7	20.1	9.5	14.5
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	24.8	9.6	18.2	4.7	10.9	10.3	21.9	16.6	16.3
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	2 696	834	1 340	316	360	34	99	354	6 033
Non-Indigenous	9 931	6 453	8 737	603	1 101	616	754	108	28 303
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	12 627	7 287	10 077	919	1 461	650	853	462	34 336
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	33.1	47.6	18.5	9.5	26.6	3.7	44.9	13.8	23.7
Non-Indigenous	7.0	6.0	10.3	1.4	3.5	6.1	10.8	3.4	6.6
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	8.4	6.7	10.9	2.0	4.5	5.9	11.8	8.0	7.5
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2006									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	2 409	632	1 667	798	378	125	100	303	6 412
Non-Indigenous	6 804	4 379	4 779	1 248	1 293	708	458	134	19 803
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9 213	5 011	6 446	2 046	1 671	833	558	437	26 215
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years at 30 June 2006									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	28.0	34.2	21.8	22.7	26.3	13.0	43.2	11.2	23.8
Non-Indigenous	4.5	3.8	5.3	2.7	3.9	6.6	6.1	4.0	4.3
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	5.8	4.3	6.6	4.1	4.8	7.1	7.3	7.2	5.4

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2004-05									
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	9 310	1 855	2 451	968	1 904	87	273	1 032	17 880
Non-Indigenous	67 952	26 651	26 847	1 960	9 151	5 678	3 157	745	142 141
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	77 262	28 506	29 298	2 928	11 055	5 765	3 430	1 777	160 021
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	116.1	107.3	34.8	29.5	143.7	9.7	124.2	40.7	71.4
Non-Indigenous	47.9	24.8	32.1	4.6	29.3	55.9	44.9	23.4	33.3
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	51.5	26.1	32.3	6.4	34.0	52.1	47.3	31.1	35.4
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3 946	1 090	1 499	677	980	50	166	611	9 019
Non-Indigenous	22 963	9 463	16 242	1 537	3 300	1 004	1 486	341	56 336
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	26 909	10 553	17 741	2 214	4 280	1 054	1 652	952	65 355
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	49.2	63.1	21.3	20.6	74.0	5.6	75.5	24.1	36.0
Non-Indigenous	16.2	8.8	19.4	3.6	10.6	9.9	21.1	10.7	13.2
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	17.9	9.7	19.6	4.8	13.1	9.5	22.8	16.7	14.5
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	1 642	770	1 186	353	481	37	99	319	4 887
Non-Indigenous	7 556	6 244	11 700	682	1 317	599	758	128	28 984
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9 198	7 014	12 886	1 035	1 798	636	857	447	33 871
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	20.5	44.5	16.8	10.7	36.3	4.1	45.0	12.6	19.5
Non-Indigenous	5.3	5.8	14.0	1.6	4.2	5.9	10.8	4.0	6.8
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	6.1	6.4	14.2	2.3	5.5	5.7	11.8	7.8	7.5

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2005									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	2 113	587	1 342	660	322	94	70	281	5 469
Non-Indigenous	6 507	4 081	4 515	1 123	1 231	622	394	133	18 606
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	8 620	4 668	5 857	1 783	1 553	716	464	414	24 075
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years at 30 June 2005									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	25.0	32.2	18.0	19.1	22.9	9.9	29.9	10.5	20.7
Non-Indigenous	4.3	3.6	5.1	2.5	3.7	5.8	5.3	4.0	4.1
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	5.4	4.0	6.1	3.6	4.5	6.1	6.0	6.9	5.0

- (a) Data on the number of notifications by Indigenous status should be interpreted with care. These data are collected very early in the child protection process and often before the agency has full knowledge of the child's family circumstances. As a result of this lack of full knowledge and the other inherent difficulties in identifying Indigenous status, these data are not considered reliable.
- (b) Prior to 2009-10, rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including children whose ages were not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year. For 2009-10 onwards, rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations are calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years in each category (including children whose ages were not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0-17 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000.
- (c) Rates of non-Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including children whose ages were not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including children whose ages were not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (d) Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous status category. For 2009-10 onwards, a separate unknown Indigenous status category is reported.
- (e) Rates are not able to be calculated for children of unknown Indigenous status as corresponding population data are not available.
- (f) NSW: See table 15A.5 for detailed footnotes.
- (g) Victoria: During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, Victorian child protection data for 2006-07 onwards may not be fully comparable with previous years data.

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(h) Queensland: During 2011-12, additional staff focussed on investigations and assessments were deployed across Queensland. This resulted in a decrease in the number of investigations not yet finalised, and an increase in the number of investigations with a finalised outcome of substantiated, unsubstantiated or no investigation and assessment outcome.									
(i) WA: The number of notifications increased between 2005-06 and 2006-07 as all Concern for Child Wellbeing reports are now classified as a notification. Previously, only those that were followed by an investigation were counted as a notification. Implementation of the Children and Community Services Act 2004 in March 2006 required the legal status of children in care to be reviewed and Protection Orders were sought for a number of children already in care but not under care and protection orders. Children on care applications are included in the category 'interim and temporary orders'. Specifically, in WA, the application for a care and protection order to be issued for a child is counted as an interim order for national reporting purposes. However, no order is actually issued during this stage. It is thus not valid to compare the number of orders on a percentage basis.									
(j) SA: Includes in 'notifications' only those reports which have met the criteria for a reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect.									
(k) Tasmania: The proportions of notifications, finalised investigations and substantiations for children of unknown Indigenous status impacts the reliability of these data. As such, any comparisons of the Indigenous status breakdown between years should be made with caution.									

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 and 2013-14 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child protection Australia* data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 15A.9

Table 15A.9 Proportion of investigations substantiated (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2013-14										
Total finalised investigations	no.	64 383	20 001	20 516	10 862	5 857	1 278	1 172	3 545	127 614
Total substantiations	no.	26 215	11 952	7 406	3 267	2 737	778	449	1 634	54 438
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	40.7	59.8	36.1	30.1	46.7	60.9	38.3	46.1	42.7
2012-13										
Total finalised investigations	no.	52 509	17 921	22 046	9 409	4 652	1 778	1 935	3 057	113 307
Total substantiations	no.	26 860	10 447	8 069	2 926	2 221	1 035	720	1 356	53 634
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	51.2	58.3	36.6	31.1	47.7	58.2	37.2	44.4	47.3
2011-12										
Total finalised investigations	no.	49 564	15 070	22 023	8 780	4 240	1 500	2 067	3 510	106 754
Total substantiations	no.	23 175	9 075	7 681	2 759	2 139	1 025	861	1 705	48 420
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	46.8	60.2	34.9	31.4	50.4	68.3	41.7	48.6	45.4
2010-11										
Total finalised investigations	no.	52 656	12 979	17 027	5 861	4 594	1 906	1 464	3 162	99 649
Total substantiations	no.	18 596	7 643	6 598	1 907	2 220	1 225	636	1 641	40 466
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	35.3	58.9	38.8	32.5	48.3	64.3	43.4	51.9	40.6
2009-10										
Total finalised investigations	no.	88 101	12 239	17 351	4 039	4 442	1 605	1 552	2 360	131 689
Total substantiations	no.	26 248	6 603	6 922	1 652	1 815	963	741	1 243	46 187
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	29.8	54.0	39.9	40.9	40.9	60.0	47.7	52.7	35.1
2008-09										
Total finalised investigations	no.	118 510	10 300	18 455	3 717	5 886	2 055	1 777	1 685	162 385
Total substantiations	no.	34 078	6 344	7 315	1 523	2 419	1 188	896	858	54 621
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	28.8	61.6	39.6	41.0	41.1	57.8	50.4	50.9	33.6
2007-08										
Total finalised investigations	no.	106 943	10 080	18 049	3 492	5 437	2 086	1 462	1 275	148 824
Total substantiations	no.	34 135	6 365	8 028	1 464	2 331	1 214	827	756	55 120
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	31.9	63.1	44.5	41.9	42.9	58.2	56.6	59.3	37.0

TABLE 15A.9

Table 15A.9 **Proportion of investigations substantiated (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2006-07										
Total finalised investigations	no.	92 729	10 537	20 842	2 932	5 731	1 837	2 416	1 105	138 129
Total substantiations	no.	37 094	6 828	10 108	1 233	2 242	1 252	852	621	60 230
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	40.0	64.8	48.5	42.1	39.1	68.2	35.3	56.2	43.6
2005-06										
Total finalised investigations	no.	69 334	11 330	21 558	2 350	4 779	1 418	2 497	1 011	114 277
Total substantiations	no.	29 809	7 563	13 184	960	1 855	793	1 277	480	55 921
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	43.0	66.8	61.2	40.9	38.8	55.9	51.1	47.5	48.9
2004-05										
Total finalised investigations	no.	40 984	11 486	23 401	2 391	6 250	1 333	2 529	1 003	89 377
Total substantiations	no.	15 493	7 398	17 307	1 104	2 384	782	1 213	473	46 154
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	37.8	64.4	74.0	46.2	38.1	58.7	48.0	47.2	51.6

(a) See table 15A.5 for detailed footnotes.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 and 2013-14 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child protection Australia* data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

Table 15A.10 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

This table has changed since the Report release in January 2015.

See errata at <http://www.pc.gov.au/research/recurring/report-on-government-services/2015/community-services>.

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2012-13									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 227	321	606	198	155	30	51	52
Proportion of children	%	6.5	4.4	4.2	3.1	7.7	4.2	4.9	3.7
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 115	1 099	1 681	567	322	97	117	210
Proportion of children	%	16.5	15.1	11.6	9.0	15.9	13.7	11.2	14.8
2011-12									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 245	115	569	102	103	22	52	92
Proportion of children	%	6.3	2.3	3.4	1.7	5.2	4.1	6.5	4.3
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 223	628	1 638	463	277	58	141	272
Proportion of children	%	16.4	12.5	9.8	7.7	14.1	10.8	17.6	12.8
2010-11									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 059	94	426	49	112	52	49	101
Proportion of children	%	4.1	2.0	3.2	1.2	5.8	7.4	7.1	4.3
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 263	594	1 264	295	255	123	115	367
Proportion of children	%	12.7	12.8	9.6	7.0	13.1	17.4	16.7	15.5
2009-10									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 647	116	417	21	85	45	69	80
Proportion of children	%	3.8	2.1	3.2	0.5	3.4	6.5	10.5	5.2
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	4 607	589	1 136	75	295	126	160	229
Proportion of children	%	10.7	10.4	8.7	1.8	12.0	18.3	24.2	15.0
2008-09									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 866	72	497	54	133	65	75	32
Proportion of children	%	3.4	1.7	3.0	2.1	4.6	7.2	10.6	2.2
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	5 458	359	1 466	186	396	159	140	196
Proportion of children	%	10.0	8.4	8.9	7.3	13.7	17.7	19.8	13.3

Table 15A.10 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

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2007-08									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 606	60	507	58	126	39	23	20
Proportion of children	%	3.4	1.5	3.4	2.3	4.9	4.1	3.6	2.0
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	4 783	319	1 338	153	369	129	208	84
Proportion of children	%	10.2	7.8	9.0	6.2	14.3	13.4	32.3	8.4
2006-07									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 466	91	408	20	131	22	64	18
Proportion of children	%	4.0	2.5	3.0	1.0	4.5	2.8	6.1	3.8
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	4 085	361	1 126	99	395	75	191	48
Proportion of children	%	11.1	9.8	8.3	5.2	13.4	9.6	18.2	10.3
2005-06									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 128	113	202	34	116	45	95	9
Proportion of children	%	4.0	3.1	3.1	2.0	4.7	6.4	10.4	1.6
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 303	492	599	89	334	95	194	33
Proportion of children	%	11.7	13.3	9.2	5.1	13.6	13.5	21.2	5.8
2004-05									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	751	83	233	20	123	21	77	15
Proportion of children	%	3.8	2.1	4.2	1.5	4.0	4.5	7.5	2.6
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	2 309	542	618	79	361	61	185	45
Proportion of children	%	11.6	13.5	11.2	6.0	11.8	13.0	18.0	7.7
2003-04									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	na	137	263	14	240	8	38	12
Proportion of children	%	na	3.1	4.9	1.2	7.2	1.9	5.7	2.4
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	na	591	811	57	504	42	112	61
Proportion of children	%	na	13.2	15.1	4.9	15.1	9.9	16.8	12.2

Table 15A.10 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

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- (a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.
- (b) Jurisdictions are now providing the denominator for this indicator (denominator is all children who were the subject of an investigation and a decision not to substantiate). Previously the denominator was derived by the AIHW. Data in this Report may therefore differ from previous Reports.
- (c) Proportions are calculated on the basis of all children who were the subject of an investigation and a decision not to substantiate in a given year.
- (d) NSW: In 2003-04, NSW was unable to provide data due to the introduction of a new client information system. Following the NSW Keep Them Safe reforms, the 2010-11 data reflect the first full year of reporting under legislative changes to the NSW Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998, proclaimed on 24 January 2010. This includes raising the reporting threshold from 'risk of harm' to the new 'risk of significant harm'. NSW data for 2012-13 have been revised and differ from those in the 2014 Report. Data for 'notifications investigated', 'notifications resolved without investigations' and 'notifications dealt with by other means' for 2011-12 to 2013-14 are not comparable to previous years. The counting rules changed for 2011-12 data to better account for recent practice changes therefore NSW data are not comparable with those of other jurisdictions. NSW has a differential investigation response whereby an investigation can be undertaken over two stages (stage 1 - information gathering; stage 2 - assessment).
- (e) Victoria: During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, Victorian child protection data for 2006-07 onwards may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (f) NT: Data from 2012-13 onwards have been derived from the AIHW NMDS, which does not include investigations which relate to notifications received prior to 1 July 2012.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 and 2013-14 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

Table 15A.11 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

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2012-13									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 443	266	676	162	180	65	83	70
Proportion of children	%	8.8	2.6	8.6	5.9	8.5	7.2	16.8	6.2
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 618	1 358	1 562	370	429	194	140	231
Proportion of children	%	22.2	13.2	19.8	13.4	20.2	21.6	28.4	20.5
2011-12									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 010	90	687	94	165	58	91	102
Proportion of children	%	7.3	1.2	8.4	3.1	8.3	5.5	16.5	6.4
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	2 895	823	1 678	376	367	188	186	291
Proportion of children	%	20.9	10.6	20.4	12.4	18.4	17.7	33.8	18.4
2010-11									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	952	83	660	34	212	98	56	119
Proportion of children	%	8.2	1.2	8.8	1.5	12.0	7.7	11.8	7.6
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	2 297	675	1 420	186	405	235	151	322
Proportion of children	%	19.7	10.1	19.0	8.1	22.9	18.6	31.9	20.5
2009-10									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 150	49	617	26	108	80	67	100
Proportion of children	%	8.8	0.7	8.0	1.1	6.5	8.1	11.9	8.9
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	2 534	508	1 371	71	263	198	142	239
Proportion of children	%	19.5	7.4	17.7	3.1	15.8	20.1	25.1	21.2
2008-09									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 440	61	681	51	172	94	104	54
Proportion of children	%	10.2	0.9	7.0	2.7	9.0	8.2	17.0	6.0
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 134	455	1 642	145	402	245	214	166
Proportion of children	%	22.1	6.8	16.9	7.6	21.0	21.3	35.0	18.3

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2007-08									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 236	49	689	51	171	51	71	36
Proportion of children	%	9.8	0.7	6.6	2.7	9.3	3.6	13.0	5.1
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	2 742	446	1 653	158	391	166	157	87
Proportion of children	%	21.6	6.6	15.7	8.4	21.4	11.8	28.8	12.3
2006-07									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 316	58	681	40	167	46	88	32
Proportion of children	%	10.0	0.9	6.2	2.8	9.5	4.3	12.9	5.0
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	2 866	528	1 691	113	377	156	193	80
Proportion of children	%	21.8	7.9	15.3	7.9	21.5	14.4	28.2	12.5
2005-06									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 340	67	773	22	126	64	132	25
Proportion of children	%	10.6	0.9	8.1	1.7	8.6	7.8	14.9	4.1
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 041	661	1 726	79	314	151	244	69
Proportion of children	%	24.0	8.9	18.1	6.2	21.5	18.3	27.6	11.3
2004-05									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	692	82	1 181	24	116	46	146	11
Proportion of children	%	7.5	1.1	9.2	2.0	6.4	7.9	16.9	1.9
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	1 825	822	2 656	87	339	120	263	44
Proportion of children	%	19.8	11.2	20.6	7.3	18.8	20.6	30.5	7.5
2003-04									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	na	108	1 450	19	307	25	47	17
Proportion of children	%	na	1.5	11.9	1.8	15.6	4.3	9.3	2.8
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	na	780	3 235	69	509	83	145	53
Proportion of children	%	na	10.9	26.5	6.4	25.9	14.2	28.8	8.7

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(a)	Jurisdictions have provided the denominator (all children who were the subject of a substantiation) for this indicator since 2012-13. Previously the denominator was derived by the AIHW. Data in this Report may therefore differ from the 2013 and earlier Reports.								
(b)	As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.								
(c)	NSW: In 2003-04, NSW was unable to provide data due to the introduction of a new client information system. Following the NSW Keep Them Safe reforms, the 2010-11 data reflect the first full year of reporting under legislative changes to the NSW Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998, proclaimed on 24 January 2010. This includes raising the reporting threshold from 'risk of harm' to the new 'risk of significant harm'. NSW data for 2012-13 have been revised and differ from those in the 2014 Report. Data for 'notifications investigated', 'notifications resolved without investigations' and 'notifications dealt with by other means' for 2011-12 to 2013-14 are not comparable to previous years. The counting rules changed for 2011-12 data to better account for recent practice changes therefore NSW data are not comparable with those of other jurisdictions. NSW has a differential investigation response whereby an investigation can be undertaken over two stages (stage 1 - information gathering; stage 2 - assessment).								
(d)	Victoria: During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.								
(e)	NT: Data from 2012-13 onwards have been derived from the AIHW NMDS, which does not include investigations which relate to notifications received prior to 1 July 2012.								

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 and 2013-14 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

Table 15A.12 **Proportion of children on guardianship/custody orders achieving the national reading and numeracy benchmarks, Year 3 level (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Reading</i>		<i>Numeracy</i>	
	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>
2003				
Victoria	84.4 (75.5–91.0)	90.4 (88.3–92.5)	89.8 (82.0–95.0)	95.8 (95.3–96.3)
Queensland	69.8 (63.6–75.5)	93.8 (92.2–95.4)	65.7 (59.5–71.6)	92.1 (90.5–93.7)
WA	86.5 (74.2–94.4)	95.2 (93.8–96.6)	69.6 (55.9–81.2)	89.7 (87.0–92.4)
SA	60.0 (44.3–74.3)	89.7 (88.1–91.3)	75.6 (60.5–87.1)	90.1 (88.4–91.8)
Tasmania (e)	95.8 (78.9–99.9)	96.4 (95.6–97.2)	76.0 (54.9–90.6)	93.9 (92.5–95.3)
ACT (e)	57.1 (18.4–90.1)	96.2 (95.3–97.1)	100.0 (59.0–100.0)	95.2 (94.1–96.3)
2004				
Victoria	79.8 (70.8–87.0)	90.5 (88.6–92.4)	93.3 (86.6–97.3)	96.0 (95.5–96.5)
Queensland	86.5 (82.0–90.2)	97.0 (96.5–97.5)	62.2 (56.4–67.8)	90.5 (88.6–92.4)
WA	88.5 (77.8–95.3)	95.6 (94.2–97.0)	78.3 (65.8–87.9)	89.9 (87.3–92.5)
SA	68.8 (41.3–89.0)	90.9 (89.2–92.6)	66.7 (38.4–88.2)	91.5 (89.7–93.3)
Tasmania (e)	94.4 (81.3–99.3)	96.5 (95.8–97.2)	73.0 (55.9–86.2)	93.7 (92.3–95.1)
ACT (e)	na	na	na	na
2005				
Victoria	79.6 (70.3–87.1)	91.7 (89.8–93.6)	91.3 (84.1–95.9)	95.5 (94.9–96.1)
Queensland	76.8 (70.9–81.9)	93.7 (92.5–94.9)	68.2 (61.9–74.0)	92.7 (91.3–94.1)
WA	64.5 (45.4–80.8)	93.6 (91.9–95.3)	64.5 (45.4–80.8)	90.2 (88.2–92.2)
SA	70.4 (56.4–82.0)	91.1 (89.5–92.7)	69.8 (55.7–81.7)	92.6 (91.7–93.5)
Tasmania (e)	76.7 (57.7–90.1)	94.9 (93.4–96.4)	61.8 (43.6–77.8)	91.2 (89.2–93.2)
ACT (e)	na	na	na	na
2006				
Victoria	87.5 (78.7–93.6)	91.5 (89.5–93.5)	85.9 (77.0–92.3)	95.9 (95.2–96.6)
Queensland	81.9 (76.0–86.9)	94.5 (93.2–95.8)	62.7 (55.8–69.3)	88.9 (86.6–91.2)
WA	75.3 (64.2–84.4)	94.0 (92.4–95.6)	65.9 (54.6–76.0)	88.4 (85.9–90.9)
SA	64.7 (52.2–75.9)	93.1 (91.3–94.9)	68.7 (56.2–79.4)	91.5 (90.2–92.8)
Tasmania (e)	86.8 (71.9–95.6)	94.1 (92.8–95.4)	48.7 (32.4–65.2)	88.5 (86.7–90.3)
ACT (e)	na	na	na	na

(a) Benchmark calculations for children on guardianship/custody orders include only government school students, whereas all students calculations include government school and non-government school students.

(b) Benchmark calculations for children on guardianship/custody orders exclude students who were exempt from the tests, whereas all student calculations include exempted students and these students are reported as falling below the benchmark.

Table 15A.12 **Proportion of children on guardianship/custody orders achieving the national reading and numeracy benchmarks, Year 3 level (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

<i>Reading</i>		<i>Numeracy</i>	
<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>

(c) The methods used to calculate percentages and confidence intervals of children who are on guardianship/custody orders who have achieved national benchmark achievement levels is not the same as the method used by MCEETYA to report all student results. Confidence intervals have been calculated for children on guardianship/custody orders using the exact 95 per cent confidence limits, which have been approximated to an F distribution. For the all students estimates, the methods used by MCEETYA for calculating confidence intervals involve specifically developed software, accounting for some sources of error in the measurement and estimation process, and are reliant on having data for large cohorts of students.

(d) Data for 2003 are available for six jurisdictions (Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA, Tasmania and the ACT). Data for 2004-2006 are available for five jurisdictions (Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and Tasmania).

(e) Care should be taken when interpreting the results for Tasmania and the ACT, as the number of children on guardianship/custody orders in these jurisdictions is very small.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) (2007) *Educational outcomes of children on guardianship or custody orders. A pilot study*. AIHW cat. no. CWS 30.

Table 15A.13 Proportion of children on guardianship/custody orders achieving the national reading and numeracy benchmarks, Year 5 level (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>Reading</i>		<i>Numeracy</i>	
	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>
2003				
Victoria	79.2 (70.3–86.5)	89.6 (88.4–90.8)	81.4 (73.1–87.9)	94.7 (94.0–95.4)
Queensland	47.0 (40.6–53.4)	81.4 (78.9–83.9)	55.3 (49.0–61.6)	86.3 (84.7–87.9)
WA	78.2 (65.0–88.2)	93.4 (92.1–94.7)	61.1 (46.9–74.1)	90.4 (88.4–92.4)
SA	65.6 (52.3–77.3)	88.6 (87.2–90.0)	68.9 (55.7–80.1)	90.7 (89.5–91.9)
Tasmania (e)	92.3 (74.9–99.1)	95.2 (94.3–96.1)	70.4 (49.8–86.2)	92.4 (91.2–93.6)
ACT (e)	85.7 (42.1–99.6)	96.1 (95.0–97.2)	66.7 (22.3–95.7)	91.9 (90.2–93.6)
2004				
Victoria	81.8 (73.3–88.5)	87.6 (85.5–89.7)	87.2 (79.4–92.8)	94.7 (94.0–95.4)
Queensland	52.1 (45.9–58.3)	83.4 (81.1–85.7)	57.6 (51.5–63.6)	89.3 (87.7–90.9)
WA	69.9 (58.0–80.1)	93.7 (92.7–94.7)	63.3 (51.7–73.9)	87.1 (85.5–88.7)
SA	64.3 (35.1–87.2)	90.0 (88.8–91.2)	60.0 (32.3–83.7)	90.0 (88.7–91.3)
Tasmania (e)	66.7 (43.0–85.4)	94.0 (93.0–95.0)	45.5 (24.4–67.8)	89.2 (87.7–90.7)
ACT (e)	na	na	na	na
2005				
Victoria	75.2 (65.7–83.3)	88.7 (86.9–90.5)	91.6 (84.1–96.3)	95.4 (94.7–96.1)
Queensland	43.7 (37.4–50.0)	79.7 (77.3–82.1)	57.9 (51.5–64.0)	88.1 (86.2–90.0)
WA	68.9 (55.7–80.1)	91.6 (90.1–93.1)	57.1 (44.0–69.5)	85.9 (84.1–87.7)
SA	50.0 (37.6–62.4)	89.0 (87.8–90.2)	55.4 (42.5–67.7)	90.1 (88.8–91.4)
Tasmania (e)	67.9 (47.6–84.1)	92.8 (91.7–93.9)	67.9 (47.6–84.1)	89.1 (87.6–90.6)
ACT (e)	na	na	na	na
2006				
Victoria	75.2 (66.2–82.9)	89.9 (88.5–91.3)	87.6 (80.1–93.1)	94.9 (94.0–95.8)
Queensland	44.0 (38.3–49.9)	81.2 (78.1–84.3)	48.5 (42.6–54.3)	85.4 (83.8–87.0)
WA	77.1 (65.6–86.3)	92.6 (91.2–94.0)	54.3 (41.9–66.3)	86.0 (84.5–87.5)
SA	65.7 (53.4–76.7)	88.0 (86.6–89.4)	57.7 (45.4–69.4)	88.3 (86.6–90.0)
Tasmania (e)	87.9 (71.8–96.6)	94.1 (93.1–95.1)	68.6 (50.7–83.1)	88.7 (87.2–90.2)
ACT (e)	na	na	na	na

(a) Benchmark calculations for children on guardianship/custody orders include only government school students, whereas all students calculations include government school and non-government school students.

(b) Benchmark calculations for children on guardianship/custody orders exclude students who were exempt from the tests, whereas all student calculations include exempted students and these students are reported as falling below the benchmark.

Table 15A.13 **Proportion of children on guardianship/custody orders achieving the national reading and numeracy benchmarks, Year 5 level (per cent)**
(a), (b), (c), (d)

<i>Reading</i>		<i>Numeracy</i>	
<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>

- (c) The methods used to calculate percentages and confidence intervals of children who are on guardianship/custody orders who have achieved national benchmark achievement levels is not the same as the method used by MCEETYA to report all student results. Confidence intervals have been calculated for children on guardianship/custody orders using the exact 95 per cent confidence limits, which have been approximated to an F distribution. For the all students estimates, the methods used by MCEETYA for calculating confidence intervals involve specifically developed software, accounting for some sources of error in the measurement and estimation process, and are reliant on having data for large cohorts of students.
- (d) Data for 2003 are available for six jurisdictions (Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA, Tasmania and the ACT). Data for 2004-2006 are available for five jurisdictions (Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and Tasmania).
- (e) Care should be taken when interpreting the results for Tasmania and the ACT, as the number of children on guardianship/custody orders in these jurisdictions is very small.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (2007) *Educational outcomes of children on guardianship or custody orders. A pilot study.* AIHW cat. no. CWS 30.

Table 15A.14 Proportion of children on guardianship/custody orders achieving the national reading and numeracy benchmarks, Year 7 level (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>Reading</i>		<i>Numeracy</i>	
	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>
2003				
Victoria	74.7 (67.2–81.3)	90.3 (89.7–90.9)	50.3 (42.3–58.3)	85.8 (85.1–86.5)
Queensland	64.2 (57.5–70.6)	89.3 (88.2–90.4)	52.7 (45.9–59.5)	85.2 (84.6–85.8)
WA	68.2 (52.4–81.4)	88.9 (87.7–90.1)	55.6 (40.0–70.4)	84.3 (83.6–85.0)
SA	79.0 (66.8–88.3)	92.9 (92.3–93.5)	61.3 (48.1–73.4)	85.2 (84.4–86.0)
Tasmania (e)	63.6 (40.7–82.8)	88.3 (87.2–89.4)	45.5 (24.4–67.8)	80.6 (79.5–81.7)
ACT (e)	100.0 (54.1–100.0)	91.4 (90.3–92.5)	42.9 (9.9–81.6)	86.4 (84.8–88.0)
2004				
Victoria	81.3 (73.9–87.3)	93.1 (92.6–93.6)	50.4 (41.6–59.1)	85.8 (85.1–86.5)
Queensland	78.6 (72.6–83.8)	94.5 (93.8–95.2)	49.8 (43.1–56.5)	84.6 (84.0–85.2)
WA	58.5 (45.6–70.6)	88.9 (87.8–90.0)	44.4 (31.9–57.5)	84.6 (83.8–85.4)
SA	80.0 (28.4–99.5)	92.5 (91.9–93.1)	60.0 (14.7–94.7)	87.3 (86.3–88.3)
Tasmania (e)	72.7 (39.0–94.0)	88.9 (87.9–89.9)	45.5 (16.7–76.6)	80.9 (79.6–82.2)
ACT (e)	na	na	na	na
2005				
Victoria	78.7 (70.4–85.6)	95.1 (94.6–95.6)	44.8 (35.9–54.0)	86.9 (86.3–87.5)
Queensland	61.9 (55.7–67.8)	88.1 (87.0–89.2)	51.9 (45.7–58.1)	83.2 (82.6–83.8)
WA	64.7 (52.2–75.9)	85.6 (84.8–86.4)	58.2 (45.5–70.2)	84.3 (83.5–85.1)
SA	86.3 (73.7–94.3)	93.8 (93.2–94.4)	69.4 (54.6–81.7)	85.7 (84.5–86.9)
Tasmania (e)	53.8 (33.4–73.4)	88.3 (87.4–89.2)	41.7 (22.1–63.4)	80.5 (79.3–81.7)
ACT (e)	na	na	na	na
2006				
Victoria	80.7 (72.4–87.3)	94.9 (94.4–95.4)	51.6 (42.4–60.8)	84.6 (83.9–85.3)
Queensland	53.8 (47.7–59.8)	85.6 (84.6–86.6)	42.8 (36.9–48.9)	79.8 (78.6–81.0)
WA	54.1 (42.1–65.7)	84.4 (83.6–85.2)	50.7 (38.6–62.8)	84.5 (83.8–85.2)
SA	74.2 (61.5–84.5)	93.3 (92.9–93.7)	63.3 (49.9–75.4)	87.3 (86.5–88.1)
Tasmania (e)	60.9 (38.5–80.3)	86.5 (85.4–87.6)	31.8 (13.9–54.9)	80.4 (79.2–81.6)
ACT (e)	na	na	na	na

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(b) Benchmark calculations for children on guardianship/custody orders exclude students who were exempt from the tests, whereas all student calculations include exempted students and these students are reported as falling below the benchmark.

Table 15A.14 Proportion of children on guardianship/custody orders achieving the national reading and numeracy benchmarks, Year 7 level (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)

<i>Reading</i>		<i>Numeracy</i>	
<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>

- (c) The methods used to calculate percentages and confidence intervals of children who are on guardianship/custody orders who have achieved national benchmark achievement levels is not the same as the method used by MCEETYA to report all student results. Confidence intervals have been calculated for children on guardianship/custody orders using the exact 95 per cent confidence limits, which have been approximated to an F distribution. For the all students estimates, the methods used by MCEETYA for calculating confidence intervals involve specifically developed software, accounting for some sources of error in the measurement and estimation process, and are reliant on having data for large cohorts of students.
- (d) Data for 2003 are available for six jurisdictions (Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA, Tasmania and the ACT). Data for 2004-2006 are available for five jurisdictions (Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and Tasmania).
- (e) Care should be taken when interpreting the results for Tasmania and the ACT, as the number of children on guardianship/custody orders in these jurisdictions is very small.

na Not available.

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TABLE 15A.15

Table 15A.15 **Response time to commence investigation (a), (b), (c)**

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2013-14										
Number of investigations commenced										
Up to 7 days	no.	36 311	16 203	7 178	7 680	4 874	655	964	3 751	77 616
8 to 14 days	no.	7 438	3 243	2 503	1 249	883	194	239	391	16 140
15 to 21 days	no.	3 639	1 014	1 983	824	286	142	83	142	8 113
22 to 28 days	no.	2 502	410	1 656	566	164	118	42	54	5 512
29 days or more	no.	11 171	340	8 682	3 049	361	380	23	267	24 273
Total	no.	61 061	21 210	22 002	13 370	6 568	1 489	1 351	4 605	131 656
Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation										
Up to 7 days	%	59.5	76.4	32.6	57.4	74.2	44.0	71.4	81.5	59.0
8 to 14 days	%	12.2	15.3	11.4	9.3	13.4	13.0	17.7	8.5	12.3
15 to 21 days	%	6.0	4.8	9.0	6.2	4.4	9.5	6.1	3.1	6.2
22 to 28 days	%	4.1	1.9	7.5	4.2	2.5	7.9	3.1	1.2	4.2
29 days or more	%	18.3	1.6	39.5	22.8	5.5	25.5	1.7	5.8	18.4
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2012-13										
Number of investigations commenced										
Up to 7 days	no.	28 967	14 862	7 363	5 396	4 058	1 004	2 034	3 513	67 197
8 to 14 days	no.	5 815	2 152	2 437	1 185	559	300	164	168	12 780
15 to 21 days	no.	2 990	896	2 006	771	236	248	57	47	7 251
22 to 28 days	no.	1 949	456	1 731	565	176	97	32	23	5 029
29 days or more	no.	10 255	635	9 818	3 184	261	298	33	49	24 533
Total	no.	49 976	19 001	23 355	11 101	5 290	1 947	2 320	3 800	116 790
Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation										
Up to 7 days	%	58.0	78.2	31.5	48.6	76.7	51.6	87.7	92.4	57.5
8 to 14 days	%	11.6	11.3	10.4	10.7	10.6	15.4	7.1	4.4	10.9
15 to 21 days	%	6.0	4.7	8.6	6.9	4.5	12.7	2.5	1.2	6.2
22 to 28 days	%	3.9	2.4	7.4	5.1	3.3	5.0	1.4	0.6	4.3
29 days or more	%	20.5	3.3	42.0	28.7	4.9	15.3	1.4	1.3	21.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2011-12										
Number of investigations commenced										
Up to 7 days	no.	26 326	12 320	6 679	5 157	4 054	1 260	2 041	3 339	61 176
8 to 14 days	no.	6 388	1 768	1 822	932	482	272	101	279	12 044
15 to 21 days	no.	3 596	873	1 550	573	217	219	28	101	7 157
22 to 28 days	no.	2 446	454	1 353	491	95	145	21	67	5 072
29 days or more	no.	10 856	570	13 340	2 954	272	370	31	417	28 810
Total	no.	49 612	15 985	24 744	10 107	5 120	2 266	2 222	4 203	114 259

TABLE 15A.15

Table 15A.15 Response time to commence investigation (a), (b), (c)

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	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation										
Up to 7 days	%	53.1	77.1	27.0	51.0	79.2	55.6	91.9	79.4	53.5
8 to 14 days	%	12.9	11.1	7.4	9.2	9.4	12.0	4.5	6.6	10.5
15 to 21 days	%	7.2	5.5	6.3	5.7	4.2	9.7	1.3	2.4	6.3
22 to 28 days	%	4.9	2.8	5.5	4.9	1.9	6.4	0.9	1.6	4.4
29 days or more	%	21.9	3.6	53.9	29.2	5.3	16.3	1.4	9.9	25.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2010-11										
Number of investigations commenced										
Up to 7 days	no.	na	11 050	6 405	5 914	4 423	1 236	1 555	2 565	33 148
8 to 14 days	no.	na	1 566	1 639	808	558	270	80	455	5 376
15 to 21 days	no.	na	590	1 283	441	252	218	11	211	3 006
22 to 28 days	no.	na	331	1 008	327	169	143	14	120	2 112
29 days or more	no.	na	434	9 561	1 701	407	363	24	1 058	13 548
Total	no.	na	13 971	19 896	9 191	5 809	2 230	1 684	4 409	57 190
Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation										
Up to 7 days	%	na	79.1	32.2	64.3	76.1	55.4	92.3	58.2	58.0
8 to 14 days	%	na	11.2	8.2	8.8	9.6	12.1	4.8	10.3	9.4
15 to 21 days	%	na	4.2	6.4	4.8	4.3	9.8	0.7	4.8	5.3
22 to 28 days	%	na	2.4	5.1	3.6	2.9	6.4	0.8	2.7	3.7
29 days or more	%	na	3.1	48.1	18.5	7.0	16.3	1.4	24.0	23.7
Total	%	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2009-10										
Number of investigations commenced										
Up to 7 days	no.	na	11 022	6 617	3 098	3 102	825	1 582	1 811	28 057
8 to 14 days	no.	na	1 499	1 587	326	653	219	132	393	4 809
15 to 21 days	no.	na	479	1 250	217	338	166	57	181	2 688
22 to 28 days	no.	na	313	1 154	122	215	134	11	154	2 103
29 days or more	no.	na	456	9 309	704	470	342	12	890	12 183
Total	no.	na	13 769	19 917	4 467	4 778	1 686	1 794	3 429	49 840
Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation										
Up to 7 days	%	na	80.0	33.2	69.4	64.9	48.9	88.2	52.8	56.3
8 to 14 days	%	na	10.9	8.0	7.3	13.7	13.0	7.4	11.5	9.6
15 to 21 days	%	na	3.5	6.3	4.9	7.1	9.8	3.2	5.3	5.4
22 to 28 days	%	na	2.3	5.8	2.7	4.5	7.9	0.6	4.5	4.2
29 days or more	%	na	3.3	46.7	15.8	9.8	20.3	0.7	26.0	24.4
Total	%	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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2008-09										
Number of investigations commenced										
Up to 7 days	no.	na	9 046	7 804	3 086	3 841	880	1 351	1 279	27 287
8 to 14 days	no.	na	1 354	1 428	250	801	218	249	339	4 639
15 to 21 days	no.	na	457	1 233	190	373	182	161	194	2 790
22 to 28 days	no.	na	188	1 000	94	258	149	80	144	1 913
29 days or more	no.	na	332	10 948	648	607	675	158	649	14 017
Total	no.	na	11 377	22 413	4 268	5 880	2 104	1 999	2 605	50 646
Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation										
Up to 7 days	%	na	79.5	34.8	72.3	65.3	41.8	67.6	49.1	53.9
8 to 14 days	%	na	11.9	6.4	5.9	13.6	10.4	12.5	13.0	9.2
15 to 21 days	%	na	4.0	5.5	4.5	6.3	8.7	8.1	7.4	5.5
22 to 28 days	%	na	1.7	4.5	2.2	4.4	7.1	4.0	5.5	3.8
29 days or more	%	na	2.9	48.8	15.2	10.3	32.1	7.9	24.9	27.7
Total	%	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Caution should be used when interpreting results as jurisdictions count notifications at different points in response to a report, and have different policies and protocols governing the type of response to a notification.

(b) NSW: Data were not available prior to 2011-12.

(c) Tasmania: There are issues with the recording of the date commenced for the measure 'response times to commence investigations'. In the current system, the 'date investigation commenced' defaults to the date referred for investigation. This date is often not updated to reflect the actual date commenced which means the number of days to commence investigations is often understated.

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 and 2013-14 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 15A.16

Table 15A.16 Response time to complete investigation (a), (b), (c)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2013-14										
Number of investigations completed										
28 days or less	no.	38 479	7 011	5 714	3 126	1 862	396	259	1 372	58 219
29 to 62 days	no.	11 753	6 229	7 705	3 086	1 939	432	595	1 002	32 741
63 to 90 days	no.	5 932	3 143	3 665	1 826	829	224	247	389	16 255
More than 90 days	no.	5 021	4 477	4 504	3 300	1 253	303	230	939	20 027
Total	no.	61 185	20 860	21 588	11 338	5 883	1 355	1 331	3 702	127 242
Proportion of investigations finalised, by time taken to complete investigation										
28 days or less	%	62.9	33.6	26.5	27.6	31.7	29.2	19.5	37.1	45.8
29 to 62 days	%	19.2	29.9	35.7	27.2	33.0	31.9	44.7	27.1	25.7
63 to 90 days	%	9.7	15.1	17.0	16.1	14.1	16.5	18.6	10.5	12.8
More than 90 days	%	8.2	21.5	20.9	29.1	21.3	22.4	17.3	25.4	15.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2012-13										
Number of investigations completed										
28 days or less	no.	21 601	5 756	6 170	3 017	1 624	861	633	2 046	41 708
29 to 62 days	no.	7 943	5 407	7 737	2 723	1 310	518	978	692	27 308
63 to 90 days	no.	5 346	2 845	3 998	1 687	651	190	347	230	15 294
More than 90 days	no.	14 538	4 391	4 988	3 620	1 575	207	287	590	30 196
Total	no.	49 428	18 399	22 893	11 047	5 160	1 776	2 245	3 558	114 506
Proportion of investigations finalised, by time taken to complete investigation										
28 days or less	%	43.7	31.3	27.0	27.3	31.5	48.5	28.2	57.5	36.4
29 to 62 days	%	16.1	29.4	33.8	24.6	25.4	29.2	43.6	19.4	23.8
63 to 90 days	%	10.8	15.5	17.5	15.3	12.6	10.7	15.5	6.5	13.4
More than 90 days	%	29.4	23.9	21.8	32.8	30.5	11.7	12.8	16.6	26.4
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2011-12										
Number of investigations completed during										
28 days or less	no.	23 442	4 679	4 984	2 942	1 848	767	1 180	2 437	42 279
29 to 62 days	no.	6 733	4 097	6 852	2 230	1 161	550	643	867	23 133
63 to 90 days	no.	4 704	2 475	3 954	1 413	578	204	147	351	13 826
More than 90 days	no.	15 510	4 187	9 144	3 335	865	186	62	602	33 891
Total	no.	50 389	15 438	24 934	9 920	4 452	1 707	2 032	4 257	113 129
Proportion of investigations finalised, by time taken to complete investigation										
28 days or less	%	46.5	30.3	20.0	29.7	41.5	44.9	58.1	57.2	37.4
29 to 62 days	%	13.4	26.5	27.5	22.5	26.1	32.2	31.6	20.4	20.4
63 to 90 days	%	9.3	16.0	15.9	14.2	13.0	12.0	7.2	8.2	12.2
More than 90 days	%	30.8	27.1	36.7	33.6	19.4	10.9	3.1	14.1	30.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2010-11										
Number of investigations completed during 2013-14										
28 days or less	no.	na	4 304	4 832	2 529	1 717	624	1 178	2 578	17 762
29 to 62 days	no.	na	3 647	5 321	1 652	1 315	665	457	766	13 823
63 to 90 days	no.	na	2 278	2 668	1 140	643	349	34	330	7 442

Table 15A.16 Response time to complete investigation (a), (b), (c)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
More than 90 days	no.	na	4 615	7 541	3 263	960	449	18	928	17 774
Total	no.	na	14 844	20 362	8 584	4 635	2 087	1 687	4 602	56 801
Proportion of investigations finalised, by time taken to complete investigation										
28 days or less	%	na	29.0	23.7	29.5	37.0	29.9	69.8	56.0	31.3
29 to 62 days	%	na	24.6	26.1	19.2	28.4	31.9	27.1	16.6	24.3
63 to 90 days	%	na	15.3	13.1	13.3	13.9	16.7	2.0	7.2	13.1
More than 90 days	%	na	31.1	37.0	38.0	20.7	21.5	1.1	20.2	31.3
Total	%	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2009-10										
Number of investigations completed during 2013-14										
28 days or less	no.	na	3 797	4 768	1 470	2 777	450	1 081	1 996	16 339
29 to 62 days	no.	na	3 070	5 372	1 083	1 149	620	476	434	12 204
63 to 90 days	no.	na	1 738	2 563	732	377	343	36	188	5 977
More than 90 days	no.	na	4 129	7 882	1 328	436	435	13	475	14 698
Total	no.	na	12 734	20 585	4 613	4 739	1 848	1 606	3 093	49 218
Proportion of investigations finalised, by time taken to complete investigation										
28 days or less	%	na	29.8	23.2	31.9	58.6	24.4	67.3	64.5	33.2
29 to 62 days	%	na	24.1	26.1	23.5	24.2	33.5	29.6	14.0	24.8
63 to 90 days	%	na	13.6	12.5	15.9	8.0	18.6	2.2	6.1	12.1
More than 90 days	%	na	32.4	38.3	28.8	9.2	23.5	0.8	15.4	29.9
Total	%	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2008-09										
Number of investigations completed during 2013-14										
28 days or less	no.	na	3 974	5 004	1 367	3 667	417	991	1 681	17 101
29 to 62 days	no.	na	2 300	5 630	906	1 258	621	526	386	11 627
63 to 90 days	no.	na	1 355	2 869	656	388	426	153	154	6 001
More than 90 days	no.	na	3 508	11 950	1 836	503	788	87	462	19 134
Total	no.	na	11 137	25 453	4 765	5 816	2 252	1 757	2 683	53 863
Proportion of investigations finalised, by time taken to complete investigation										
28 days or less	%	na	35.7	19.7	28.7	63.1	18.5	56.4	62.7	31.7
29 to 62 days	%	na	20.7	22.1	19.0	21.6	27.6	29.9	14.4	21.6
63 to 90 days	%	na	12.2	11.3	13.8	6.7	18.9	8.7	5.7	11.1
More than 90 days	%	na	31.5	46.9	38.5	8.6	35.0	5.0	17.2	35.5
Total	%	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Caution should be used when interpreting results as jurisdictions count notifications at different points in response to a report, and have different policies and protocols governing the type of response to a notification.

(b) NSW: Data were not available prior to 2011-12.

(c) NT: Prior to 2013-14 data have included investigations closed as 'no possible outcome'. Data from 2013-14 are not comparable to prior years data. Data from 2013-14 onwards have been derived from AIHW Child Protection NMDS which does not include investigations which relate to a notification received prior to 1 July 2012.

na Not available.

Table 15A.16 **Response time to complete investigation (a), (b), (c)**

<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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Source : State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 and 2013-14 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

Table 15A.17 **Children with documented case plans, by Indigenous status, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2013-14										
Number of children aged 0-17 with a current documented and approved case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	2 950	706	3 001	1 489	na	157	130	na	8 433
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 886	2 589	4 089	1 525	na	513	338	na	14 940
Unknown	no.	–	3	51	20	na	16	–	na	90
All children		8 836	3 298	7 141	3 034	na	686	468	na	23 463
Number of children aged 0-17 required to have a current documented and approved case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	4 507	713	3 078	1 799	na	227	152	na	10 476
Non-Indigenous	no.	8 269	2 626	4 224	1 739	na	705	420	na	17 983
Unknown	no.	1	3	53	22	na	32	–	na	111
All children	no.	12 777	3 342	7 355	3 560	na	964	572	na	28 570
Proportion										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	65.5	99.0	97.5	82.8	na	69.2	85.5	na	80.5
Non-Indigenous	%	71.2	98.6	96.8	87.7	na	72.8	80.5	na	83.1
Unknown	%	–	100.0	96.2	90.9	na	50.0	na	na	81.1
All children	%	69.2	98.7	97.1	85.2	na	71.2	81.8	na	82.1
2012-13										
Number of children aged 0-17 with a current documented and approved case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	2 305	na	2 916	1 434	na	162	104	na	6 921
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 784	na	4 321	1 450	na	536	293	na	11 384
Unknown	no.	1	na	48	4	na	7	7	na	67
All children	no.	7 090	na	7 285	2 888	na	705	404	na	18 372
Number of children aged 0-17 required to have a current documented and approved case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	4 181	na	3 007	1 644	na	246	138	na	9 216
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 869	na	4 454	1 684	na	762	383	na	15 152
Unknown	no.	3	na	52	18	na	20	18	na	111
All children	no.	12 053	na	7 513	3 346	na	1 028	539	na	24 479
Proportion										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	55.1	na	97.0	87.2	na	65.9	75.4	na	75.1
Non-Indigenous	%	60.8	na	97.0	86.1	na	70.3	76.5	na	75.1
Unknown	%	33.3	na	92.3	22.2	na	35.0	38.9	na	60.4
All children	%	58.8	na	97.0	86.3	na	68.6	75.0	na	75.1
2011-12										
Number of children aged 0-17 with a current documented and approved case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	na	na	2 865	1 203	na	92	115	na	4 275

Table 15A.17 **Children with documented case plans, by Indigenous status, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Non-Indigenous	no.	na	na	4 326	1 379	na	341	374	na	6 420
Unknown	no.	na	na	29	2	na	2	4	na	37
All children	no.	na	na	7 220	2 584	na	435	493	na	10 732
Number of children aged 0-17 required to have a current documented and approved case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	na	na	2 928	1 508	na	193	136	na	4 765
Non-Indigenous	no.	na	na	4 478	1 606	na	703	429	na	7 216
Unknown	no.	na	na	32	4	na	4	10	na	50
All children	no.	na	na	7 438	3 118	na	900	575	na	12 031
Proportion										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	na	na	97.8	79.8	na	47.7	84.6	na	89.7
Non-Indigenous	%	na	na	96.6	85.9	na	48.5	87.2	na	89.0
Unknown	%	na	na	90.6	50.0	na	50.0	40.0	na	74.0
All children	%	na	na	97.1	82.9	na	48.3	85.7	na	89.2

(a) These data were collected for the first time for the 2011-12 reporting period. Data are experimental and subject to further review and refinement in future reports.

(b) Data are not comparable across jurisdictions as policies and legislation varies regarding timeframes within which children are required to have case plans prepared.

(c) NSW: in November 2012, a new case plan record data item was included on the information system, resulting in more accurate data capture post-November 2012. Consequently, 2012-13 data contain a combination of new and old recording procedures. Accuracy issues with recording procedures prior to November 2012 affected the case plans of 373 children and young people (CYP). A sample of these case plans were read in detail in order to provide a reliable estimate of this cohort of CYP for the overall NSW figure for 2012-13. NSW procedures state that a case plan is to be developed for a CYP within 30 days of the CYP entering care, therefore CYP who have been in care for less than 30 days are excluded from the base count.

(d) SA: data are not available due to recording issues.

(e) Tasmania: a child with a populated case plan has not been counted as having a 'documented case plan' if the case plan was not approved or if the review date was overdue.

(f) ACT: data for 2013-14 are not comparable with ACT data for earlier years due to data entry issues during a period of change.

(g) NT: data are not available due to recording issues.

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 and 2013-14 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

Table 15A.18 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2013-14									
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6 520	1 308	3 336	1 882	787	232	152	774	14 991
Non-Indigenous	11 667	6 393	4 783	1 800	1 811	786	454	133	27 827
Unknown	5	9	66	41	33	36	–	1	191
All children	18 192	7 710	8 185	3 723	2 631	1 054	606	908	43 009
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	71.3	62.7	38.5	50.8	49.2	21.8	67.3	29.0	51.4
Non-Indigenous	7.3	5.1	4.6	3.3	5.3	7.5	5.5	3.6	5.6
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	10.8	6.1	7.3	6.4	7.3	9.2	7.1	14.3	8.1
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	7 333	1 650	4 055	2 203	932	281	182	937	17 573
Non-Indigenous	13 177	8 380	6 079	2 205	2 115	940	576	177	33 649
Unknown	10	11	105	77	42	52	18	3	318
All children	20 520	10 041	10 239	4 485	3 089	1 273	776	1 134	51 557
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	80.3	79.7	47.1	59.6	58.6	26.6	80.9	35.1	60.5
Non-Indigenous	8.3	6.7	5.9	4.0	6.2	9.0	7.0	4.8	6.8
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	12.2	7.9	9.2	7.7	8.6	11.1	9.2	17.9	9.8
2012-13									
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6 203	922	3 195	1 800	788	243	140	623	13 914
Non-Indigenous	11 214	5 412	4 884	1 781	1 835	803	400	125	26 454
Unknown	5	65	57	55	34	21	19	–	256
All children	17 422	6 399	8 136	3 636	2 657	1 067	559	748	40 624
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	68.1	44.9	37.3	48.8	49.8	23.1	62.5	23.3	48.1
Non-Indigenous	7.1	4.4	4.8	3.3	5.4	7.7	4.9	3.4	5.4
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	10.5	5.1	7.4	6.3	7.5	9.2	6.7	11.8	7.8

Table 15A.18 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6 991	1 240	3 985	2 152	898	282	187	862	16 597
Non-Indigenous	13 060	7 608	6 293	2 234	2 156	981	539	186	33 057
Unknown	18	109	84	112	41	35	44	–	443
All children	20 069	8 957	10 362	4 498	3 095	1 298	770	1 048	50 097
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	76.9	60.7	46.8	58.5	57.0	27.0	83.2	32.3	57.5
Non-Indigenous	8.3	6.2	6.2	4.2	6.3	9.4	6.7	5.1	6.7
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	12.1	7.2	9.4	7.9	8.7	11.3	9.3	16.7	9.7
2011-12									
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	5 991	1 028	3 041	1 614	706	212	134	573	13 299
Non-Indigenous	11 177	5 106	4 919	1 760	1 828	789	421	127	26 127
Unknown	24	73	39	26	14	8	11	–	195
All children	17 192	6 207	7 999	3 400	2 548	1 009	566	700	39 621
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	66.0	50.5	35.9	44.0	45.1	20.3	59.3	21.5	46.2
Non-Indigenous	7.2	4.2	4.9	3.4	5.4	7.5	5.3	3.5	5.4
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	10.4	5.0	7.4	6.1	7.2	8.7	6.9	11.2	7.7
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6 876	1 424	3 796	1 972	803	244	182	838	16 135
Non-Indigenous	13 102	7 369	6 205	2 203	2 146	983	576	192	32 776
Unknown	40	310	78	85	37	22	39	1	612
All children	20 018	9 103	10 079	4 260	2 986	1 249	797	1 031	49 523
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	75.9	70.5	45.1	53.8	51.5	23.5	80.6	31.4	56.3
Non-Indigenous	8.4	6.1	6.2	4.3	6.3	9.3	7.3	5.4	6.8
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	12.2	7.4	9.3	7.7	8.4	10.7	9.8	16.5	9.7

Table 15A.18 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2010-11									
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	5 737	877	2 850	1 448	630	196	119	501	12 358
Non-Indigenous	10 994	4 701	4 722	1 527	1 690	754	409	132	24 929
Unknown	9	100	30	145	48	16	12	1	361
All children	16 740	5 678	7 602	3 120	2 368	966	540	634	37 648
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	63.4	43.8	34.1	39.6	40.6	19.0	52.7	18.8	43.3
Non-Indigenous	7.1	3.9	4.8	3.0	5.0	7.1	5.2	3.7	5.2
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	10.2	4.6	7.1	5.8	6.7	8.3	6.7	10.2	7.4
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6 620	1 251	3 651	1 702	747	233	175	702	15 081
Non-Indigenous	12 945	6 923	6 092	1 908	2 012	905	553	192	31 530
Unknown	25	299	57	229	63	29	51	3	756
All children	19 590	8 473	9 800	3 839	2 822	1 167	779	897	47 367
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	73.4	62.9	44.0	46.5	48.4	22.6	77.1	26.2	53.0
Non-Indigenous	8.4	5.8	6.2	3.8	6.0	8.5	7.1	5.4	6.6
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	12.0	7.0	9.2	7.1	8.0	10.0	9.7	14.4	9.3
2009-10									
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	5 465	816	2 686	1 242	589	138	125	407	11 468
Non-Indigenous	10 699	4 553	4 655	1 494	1 576	755	405	142	24 279
Unknown	11	100	9	1	23	–	2	2	148
All children	16 175	5 469	7 350	2 737	2 188	893	532	551	35 895
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	60.7	41.3	32.5	34.0	38.4	13.4	54.8	15.2	40.4
Non-Indigenous	6.9	3.8	4.8	3.0	4.7	7.0	5.2	4.0	5.1
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9.9	4.5	6.9	5.1	6.2	7.6	6.7	8.8	7.1

Table 15A.18 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6 337	1 204	3 490	1 557	719	153	169	608	14 237
Non-Indigenous	12 601	6 836	6 032	1 976	1 959	968	564	212	31 148
Unknown	29	284	43	4	33	–	32	–	425
All children	18 967	8 324	9 565	3 537	2 711	1 121	765	820	45 810
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	70.7	61.4	42.6	42.8	47.3	15.0	73.8	22.6	50.5
Non-Indigenous	8.2	5.7	6.2	4.0	5.8	9.0	7.3	6.0	6.6
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	11.6	6.9	9.1	6.7	7.7	9.5	9.6	13.1	9.1
2008-09									
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	4 991	734	2 481	1 197	521	130	100	358	10 512
Non-Indigenous	10 220	4 549	4 612	1 485	1 495	678	394	124	23 557
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	15 211	5 283	7 093	2 682	2 016	808	494	482	34 069
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	55.9	37.7	30.6	33.0	34.6	12.9	43.5	13.3	37.5
Non-Indigenous	6.7	3.8	4.8	3.0	4.4	6.3	5.1	3.5	5.0
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9.4	4.4	6.8	5.1	5.7	6.9	6.2	7.8	6.8
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	5 798	1 073	3 136	1 491	656	152	175	543	13 024
Non-Indigenous	12 200	6 753	6 391	1 965	1 863	859	717	204	30 952
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	17 998	7 826	9 527	3 456	2 519	1 011	892	747	43 976
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	65.3	55.6	39.0	41.3	43.9	15.2	75.5	20.1	46.7
Non-Indigenous	8.0	5.7	6.7	4.0	5.5	8.0	9.4	5.8	6.6
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	11.1	6.5	9.2	6.6	7.2	8.6	11.3	12.0	8.8

Table 15A.18 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2007-08									
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	4 316	660	2 085	1 078	467	102	81	281	9 070
Non-Indigenous	9 250	4 396	4 585	1 468	1 374	562	344	117	22 096
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	13 566	5 056	6 670	2 546	1 841	664	425	398	31 166
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	48.8	34.5	26.2	30.0	31.4	10.3	34.7	10.4	32.7
Non-Indigenous	6.1	3.8	4.9	3.1	4.1	5.2	4.5	3.4	4.7
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	8.4	4.3	6.5	5.0	5.3	5.7	5.4	6.4	6.3
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	4 926	1 021	2 730	1 347	603	150	126	464	11 367
Non-Indigenous	11 082	6 877	6 259	1 915	1 776	818	550	190	29 467
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	16 008	7 898	8 989	3 262	2 379	968	676	654	40 834
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	56.0	53.8	34.6	37.6	41.0	15.2	54.2	17.1	41.3
Non-Indigenous	7.3	5.9	6.7	4.0	5.3	7.6	7.3	5.5	6.3
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	10.0	6.7	8.8	6.4	6.8	8.3	8.6	10.6	8.3
2006-07									
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3 689	626	1 749	978	405	113	89	268	7 917
Non-Indigenous	8 154	4 426	4 223	1 393	1 273	554	310	129	20 462
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	11 843	5 052	5 972	2 371	1 678	667	399	397	28 379
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	42.2	33.3	22.4	27.4	27.8	11.6	38.4	9.9	28.9
Non-Indigenous	5.4	3.8	4.6	3.0	3.8	5.2	4.1	3.8	4.4
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	7.4	4.3	6.0	4.7	4.8	5.7	5.1	6.5	5.8

Table 15A.18 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	4 234	988	2 244	1 226	600	158	121	452	10 023
Non-Indigenous	9 832	6 797	5 836	1 765	1 669	806	551	228	27 484
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	14 066	7 785	8 080	2 991	2 269	964	672	680	37 507
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	48.8	53.0	29.0	34.6	41.5	16.3	52.2	16.7	36.9
Non-Indigenous	6.5	5.9	6.4	3.8	5.0	7.5	7.3	6.7	6.0
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	8.8	6.6	8.1	6.0	6.5	8.2	8.7	11.2	7.7
2005-06									
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	2 897	552	1 496	766	359	98	82	247	6 497
Non-Indigenous	6 999	4 242	4 380	1 202	1 138	585	306	105	18 957
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	9 896	4 794	5 876	1 968	1 497	683	388	352	25 454
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	33.7	29.8	19.6	21.8	25.0	10.2	35.5	9.1	24.1
Non-Indigenous	4.7	3.7	4.8	2.6	3.4	5.4	4.1	3.1	4.2
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	6.2	4.1	6.0	4.0	4.3	5.8	5.1	5.8	5.3
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3 496	1 103	1 790	988	497	134	115	371	8 494
Non-Indigenous	8 707	6 692	5 417	1 556	1 517	846	528	170	25 433
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	12 203	7 795	7 207	2 544	2 014	980	643	541	33 927
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	41.1	60.1	23.7	28.3	35.0	14.1	49.4	13.7	31.8
Non-Indigenous	5.8	5.8	6.0	3.4	4.6	7.9	7.1	5.1	5.6
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	7.7	6.7	7.4	5.2	5.8	8.4	8.4	8.9	7.0

Table 15A.18 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2004-05									
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	2 543	526	1 275	692	286	78	60	218	5 678
Non-Indigenous	6 687	3 882	4 382	1 137	1 043	498	282	106	18 017
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	9 230	4 408	5 657	1 829	1 329	576	342	324	23 695
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	30.1	28.9	17.1	20.0	20.3	8.2	25.6	8.1	21.5
Non-Indigenous	4.4	3.4	4.9	2.5	3.1	4.6	3.8	3.2	4.0
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	5.8	3.8	5.9	3.7	3.8	4.9	4.4	5.4	4.9
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3 134	1 035	1 484	925	457	74	101	346	7 556
Non-Indigenous	8 530	6 442	5 248	1 564	1 486	587	534	175	24 566
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	11 664	7 477	6 732	2 489	1 943	661	635	521	32 122
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	37.4	57.4	20.2	26.8	32.8	7.9	43.3	12.9	28.8
Non-Indigenous	5.7	5.7	5.9	3.5	4.5	5.4	7.1	5.3	5.4
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	7.3	6.5	7.0	5.1	5.6	5.6	8.2	8.7	6.7

- (a) Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous status category. For 2009-10 onwards, a separate unknown Indigenous status category is reported.
- (b) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.
- (c) Rates for non-Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).

Table 15A.18 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
(d) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year. Rates could not be calculated for children of unknown Indigenous status as corresponding population data were not available.									
(e) NSW: Payments are made to relative/kin carers as well as foster carers. Relative/kin carers may care for children who are not on an order.									
(f) Victoria: The foster care category includes children on permanent care orders where carers are in receipt of foster care payment and children in individually tailored home-based arrangements. During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid-2008. In parallel, the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, Victorian child protection data for 2006-07 onwards may not be fully comparable with data from previous years.									
(g) Tasmania: The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer. Tasmania is not able to adhere to this definition of out-of-home care. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely to be low. The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.									
(h) NT: Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children reported to be in out-of-home care in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted.									

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 and 2013-14 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

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Table 15A.19 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2013-14									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Residential care	139	90	282	84	114	11	7	75	802
Family group homes	3	–	..	120	–	8	–	6	137
Home based care									
Foster care	2 348	325	1 780	635	245	91	59	420	5 903
Relative/kinship care	4 006	709	1 274	1 043	422	65	81	17	7 617
Other home based care	–	180	..	–	–	57	4	212	453
Total home based	6 354	1 214	3 054	1 678	667	213	144	649	13 973
Independent living (incl. private board)	18	4	..	–	6	–	–	4	32
Other (incl. unknown)	6	–	..	–	–	–	1	40	47
Total Indigenous children	6 520	1 308	3 336	1 882	787	232	152	774	14 991
Non-Indigenous									
Residential care	365	425	372	84	217	37	31	15	1 546
Family group homes	11	–	..	63	–	20	–	3	97
Home based care									
Foster care	5 200	1 804	2 406	899	853	289	154	52	11 657
Relative/kinship care	6 038	3 164	2 005	754	726	225	237	–	13 149
Other home based care	–	954	..	–	–	196	32	48	1 230
Total home based	11 238	5 922	4 411	1 653	1 579	710	423	100	26 036
Independent living (incl. private board)	48	45	..	–	15	1	–	1	110
Other (incl. unknown)	5	1	..	–	–	18	–	14	38
Total non-Indigenous children	11 667	6 393	4 783	1 800	1 811	786	454	133	27 827
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Residential care	3	–	2	–	3	–	–	–	8
Family group homes	–	–	..	2	–	1	–	–	3

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Home based care									
Foster care	2	3	37	15	16	21	–	–	94
Relative/kinship care	–	4	27	24	14	12	–	–	81
Other home based care	–	2	..	–	–	2	–	1	5
Total home based	2	9	64	39	30	35	–	1	180
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	5	9	66	41	33	36	–	1	191
All children									
Residential care	507	515	656	168	334	48	38	90	2 356
Family group homes	14	–	..	185	–	29	–	9	237
Home based care									
Foster care	7 550	2 132	4 223	1 549	1 114	401	213	472	17 654
Relative/kinship care	10 044	3 877	3 306	1 821	1 162	302	318	17	20 847
Other home based care	–	1 136	..	–	–	255	36	261	1 688
Total home based	17 594	7 145	7 529	3 370	2 276	958	567	750	40 189
Independent living (incl. private board)	66	49	..	–	21	1	–	5	142
Other (incl. unknown)	11	1	..	–	–	18	1	54	85
Total children	18 192	7 710	8 185	3 723	2 631	1 054	606	908	43 009
2012-13									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Residential care	126	64	218	76	100	5	9	59	657
Family group homes	5	na	..	117	–	8	–	7	137
Home based care									
Foster care	2 146	239	1 812	593	250	105	49	354	5 548
Relative/kinship care	3 900	512	1 165	888	434	65	78	37	7 079

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Other home based care	–	103	..	–	–	55	4	141	303
Total home based	6 046	854	2 977	1 481	684	225	131	532	12 930
Independent living (incl. private board)	20	3	..	7	4	3	–	–	37
Other (incl. unknown)	6	1	..	119	–	2	–	25	153
Total Indigenous children	6 203	922	3 195	1 800	788	243	140	623	13 914
Non-Indigenous									
Residential care	353	409	397	74	221	34	25	14	1 527
Family group homes	14	na	..	73	–	14	–	1	102
Home based care									
Foster care	4 941	1 760	2 649	857	838	329	154	52	11 580
Relative/kinship care	5 830	2 677	1 838	693	745	229	203	3	12 218
Other home based care	–	545	..	–	6	180	18	45	794
Total home based	10 771	4 982	4 487	1 550	1 589	738	375	100	24 592
Independent living (incl. private board)	73	20	..	13	25	2	–	3	136
Other (incl. unknown)	3	1	..	71	–	15	–	7	97
Total non-Indigenous children	11 214	5 412	4 884	1 781	1 835	803	400	125	26 454
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Residential care	1	6	3	–	9	–	4	–	23
Family group homes	–	na	..	1	–	–	–	–	1
Home based care									
Foster care	4	26	31	17	14	11	5	–	108
Relative/kinship care	–	1	23	36	11	9	10	–	90
Other home based care	–	32	..	–	–	–	–	–	32
Total home based	–	59	54	53	25	20	15	–	226
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	na	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	na	..	1	–	–	–	–	1

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total children	5	65	57	55	34	21	19	–	256
All children									
Residential care	480	479	618	150	330	39	38	73	2 207
Family group homes	19	na	..	191	–	22	–	8	240
Home based care									
Foster care	7 091	2 025	4 492	1 467	1 102	445	208	406	17 236
Relative/kinship care	9 730	3 190	3 026	1 617	1 190	303	291	40	19 387
Other home based care	–	680	..	–	6	235	22	186	1 129
Total home based	16 821	5 895	7 518	3 084	2 298	983	521	632	37 752
Independent living (incl. private board)	93	23	..	20	29	5	–	3	173
Other (incl. unknown)	9	2	..	191	–	18	–	32	252
Total children	17 422	6 399	8 136	3 636	2 657	1 067	559	748	40 624
2011-12									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Residential care	121	87	240	76	78	4	8	..	614
Family group homes	2	–	..	92	–	4	–	46	144
Home based care									
Foster care	2 039	299	1 760	496	213	109	49	229	5 194
Relative/kinship care	3 808	513	1 041	816	385	71	74	135	6 843
Other home based care	–	128	..	–	–	21	2	118	269
Total home based	5 847	940	2 801	1 312	598	201	125	482	12 306
Independent living (incl. private board)	17	1	..	5	6	2	1	–	32
Other (incl. unknown)	4	–	..	129	24	1	–	45	203
Total Indigenous children	5 991	1 028	3 041	1 614	706	212	134	573	13 299
Non-Indigenous									
Residential care	331	383	409	73	168	26	23	..	1 413

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Family group homes	28	–	..	78	–	13	–	9	128
Home based care									
Foster care	4 967	1 824	2 790	883	870	434	166	36	11 970
Relative/kinship care	5 777	2 313	1 720	639	709	233	213	28	11 632
Other home based care	–	546	..	–	5	61	19	44	675
Total home based	10 744	4 683	4 510	1 522	1 584	728	398	108	24 277
Independent living (incl. private board)	71	37	..	8	20	6	–	1	143
Other (incl. unknown)	3	3	..	79	56	16	–	9	166
Total non-Indigenous children	11 177	5 106	4 919	1 760	1 828	789	421	127	26 127
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Residential care	3	8	4	1	–	2	2	..	20
Family group homes	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Home based care									
Foster care	20	43	29	7	4	4	3	–	110
Relative/kinship care	1	6	6	10	10	2	5	–	40
Other home based care	–	16	..	–	–	–	1	–	17
Total home based	21	65	35	17	14	6	9	–	167
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	8	–	–	–	–	8
Total children	24	73	39	26	14	8	11	–	195
All children									
Residential care	455	478	653	150	246	32	33	..	2 047
Family group homes	30	–	..	170	–	17	–	55	272
Home based care									
Foster care	7 026	2 166	4 579	1 386	1 087	547	218	265	17 274
Relative/kinship care	9 586	2 832	2 767	1 465	1 104	306	292	163	18 515

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Other home based care	–	690	..	–	5	82	22	162	961
Total home based	16 612	5 688	7 346	2 851	2 196	935	532	590	36 750
Independent living (incl. private board)	88	38	..	13	26	8	1	1	175
Other (incl. unknown)	7	3	..	216	80	17	–	54	377
Total children	17 192	6 207	7 999	3 400	2 548	1 009	566	700	39 621
2010-11									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Residential care	93	59	245	101	70	6	13	11	598
Family group homes	2	–	..	60	–	9	–	33	104
Home based care									
Foster care	1 931	270	1 680	436	201	96	42	221	4 877
Relative/kinship care	3 683	447	925	788	336	67	63	79	6 388
Other home based care	–	101	..	57	–	18	1	120	297
Total home based	5 614	818	2 605	1 281	537	181	106	420	11 562
Independent living (incl. private board)	24	–	..	6	5	–	–	3	38
Other (incl. unknown)	4	–	..	–	18	–	–	34	56
Total Indigenous children	5 737	877	2 850	1 448	630	196	119	501	12 358
Non-Indigenous									
Residential care	295	421	369	58	175	19	32	1	1 370
Family group homes	28	–	..	80	–	15	–	11	134
Home based care									
Foster care	4 920	1 772	2 830	807	812	405	161	39	11 746
Relative/kinship care	5 691	1 929	1 523	529	627	254	207	27	10 787
Other home based care	–	547	..	37	4	39	8	44	679
Total home based	10 611	4 248	4 353	1 373	1 443	698	376	110	23 212
Independent living (incl. private board)	57	31	..	16	21	2	–	1	128

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Other (incl. unknown)	3	1	..	–	51	20	1	9	85
Total non-Indigenous children	10 994	4 701	4 722	1 527	1 690	754	409	132	24 929
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Residential care	4	16	5	4	5	1	–	–	35
Family group homes	–	–	..	10	–	1	–	–	11
Home based care									
Foster care	5	54	18	73	19	10	2	1	182
Relative/kinship care	–	7	7	52	22	3	10	–	101
Other home based care	–	23	..	6	–	–	–	–	29
Total home based	5	84	25	131	41	13	12	1	312
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	..	–	–	1	–	–	1
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	–	2	–	–	–	2
Total children	9	100	30	145	48	16	12	1	361
All children									
Residential care	392	496	619	163	250	26	45	12	2 003
Family group homes	30	–	..	150	–	25	–	44	249
Home based care									
Foster care	6 856	2 096	4 528	1 316	1 032	511	205	261	16 805
Relative/kinship care	9 374	2 383	2 455	1 369	985	324	280	106	17 276
Other home based care	–	671	..	100	4	57	9	164	1 005
Total home based	16 230	5 150	6 983	2 785	2 021	892	494	531	35 086
Independent living (incl. private board)	81	31	..	22	26	3	–	4	167
Other (incl. unknown)	7	1	..	–	71	20	1	43	143
Total children	16 740	5 678	7 602	3 120	2 368	966	540	634	37 648

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2009-10									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Residential care	90	42	211	62	56	4	11	5	481
Family group homes	..	–	..	37	–	1	..	20	58
Home based care									
Foster care	1 867	278	1 605	406	213	79	52	200	4 700
Relative/kinship care	3 482	423	870	733	301	40	62	88	5 999
Other home based care	–	71	..	–	–	13	–	64	148
Total home based	5 349	772	2 475	1 139	514	132	114	352	10 847
Independent living (incl. private board)	25	2	..	4	2	–	–	3	36
Other (incl. unknown)	1	–	..	–	17	1	–	27	46
Total Indigenous children	5 465	816	2 686	1 242	589	138	125	407	11 468
Non-Indigenous									
Residential care	284	397	356	82	157	19	36	1	1 332
Family group homes	..	–	..	27	–	18	..	4	49
Home based care									
Foster care	4 846	1 904	2 781	860	787	375	166	51	11 770
Relative/kinship care	5 519	1 751	1 518	502	539	246	203	36	10 314
Other home based care	–	479	..	–	4	71	–	38	592
Total home based	10 365	4 134	4 299	1 362	1 330	692	369	125	22 676
Independent living (incl. private board)	50	21	..	22	26	–	–	1	120
Other (incl. unknown)	–	1	..	1	63	26	–	11	102
Total non-Indigenous children	10 699	4 553	4 655	1 494	1 576	755	405	142	24 279
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Residential care	4	15	–	–	3	–	–	–	22
Family group homes	..	–	..	–	–	–	..	–	–

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Table 15A.19 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Home based care									
Foster care	7	52	7	1	13	–	1	–	81
Relative/kinship care	–	11	2	–	7	–	1	2	23
Other home based care	–	22	..	–	–	–	–	–	22
Total home based	7	85	9	1	20	–	2	2	126
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	11	100	9	1	23	–	2	2	148
All children									
Residential care	378	454	567	144	216	23	47	6	1 835
Family group homes	..	–	..	64	–	19	..	24	107
Home based care									
Foster care	6 720	2 234	4 393	1 267	1 013	454	219	251	16 551
Relative/kinship care	9 001	2 185	2 390	1 235	847	286	266	126	16 336
Other home based care	–	572	..	–	4	84	–	102	762
Total home based	15 721	4 991	6 783	2 502	1 864	824	485	479	33 649
Independent living (incl. private board)	75	23	..	26	28	–	–	4	156
Other (incl. unknown)	1	1	..	1	80	27	–	38	148
Total children	16 175	5 469	7 350	2 737	2 188	893	532	551	35 895
2008-09									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Residential care	76	73	135	42	33	5	16	9	389
Family group homes	..	..	..	57	–	8	–	11	76
Home based care									
Foster care	1 584	278	1 491	400	199	75	38	231	4 296
Relative/kinship care	3 303	343	855	693	265	33	46	79	5 617

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Table 15A.19 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Other home based care	–	38	..	–	–	9	–	–	47
Total home based	4 887	659	2 346	1 093	464	117	84	310	9 960
Independent living (incl. private board)	27	2	..	2	4	–	–	3	38
Other (incl. unknown)	1	–	..	3	20	–	–	25	49
Total Indigenous children	4 991	734	2 481	1 197	521	130	100	358	10 512
Non-Indigenous									
Residential care	266	405	309	56	140	26	37	–	1 239
Family group homes	..	..	..	34	–	21	–	1	56
Home based care									
Foster care	4 577	2 112	2 779	885	778	363	175	78	11 747
Relative/kinship care	5 317	1 620	1 524	494	502	196	181	28	9 862
Other home based care	–	377	..	–	3	62	–	–	442
Total home based	9 894	4 109	4 303	1 379	1 283	621	356	106	22 051
Independent living (incl. private board)	60	35	..	15	16	1	–	–	127
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	1	56	9	1	17	84
Total non-Indigenous children	10 220	4 549	4 612	1 485	1 495	678	394	124	23 557
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Residential care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Family group homes	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Home based care									
Foster care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Relative/kinship care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Other home based care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Total home based	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Independent living (incl. private board)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Other (incl. unknown)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–

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Table 15A.19 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total children	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children									
Residential care	342	478	444	98	173	31	53	9	1 628
Family group homes	..	..	..	91	–	29	–	12	132
Home based care									
Foster care	6 161	2 390	4 270	1 285	977	438	213	309	16 043
Relative/kinship care	8 620	1 963	2 379	1 187	767	229	227	107	15 479
Other home based care	–	415	..	–	3	71	–	–	489
Total home based	14 781	4 768	6 649	2 472	1 747	738	440	416	32 011
Independent living (incl. private board)	87	37	..	17	20	1	–	3	165
Other (incl. unknown)	1	–	..	4	76	9	1	42	133
Total children	15 211	5 283	7 093	2 682	2 016	808	494	482	34 069
2007-08									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Residential care	61	41	83	41	25	4	14	4	273
Family group homes	..	..	..	44	–	6	..	14	64
Home based care									
Foster care	1 315	309	1 235	334	201	55	31	180	3 660
Relative/kinship care	2 926	279	767	651	229	30	35	52	4 969
Other home based care	–	30	..	..	–	7	–	–	37
Total home based	4 241	618	2 002	985	430	92	66	232	8 666
Independent living (incl. private board)	13	1	..	7	5	–	1	2	29
Other (incl. unknown)	1	–	..	1	7	–	–	29	38
Total Indigenous children	4 316	660	2 085	1 078	467	102	81	281	9 070
Non-Indigenous									
Residential care	255	385	303	104	141	16	33	–	1 237

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Table 15A.19 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Family group homes	..	..	..	7	–	30	..	–	37
Home based care									
Foster care	4 133	2 163	2 803	847	710	322	173	67	11 218
Relative/kinship care	4 797	1 548	1 479	485	434	150	133	20	9 046
Other home based care	3	278	..	..	4	34	–	–	319
Total home based	8 933	3 989	4 282	1 332	1 148	506	306	87	20 583
Independent living (incl. private board)	57	22	..	16	20	2	4	1	122
Other (incl. unknown)	5	–	..	9	65	8	1	29	117
Total non-Indigenous children	9 250	4 396	4 585	1 468	1 374	562	344	117	22 096
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Residential care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Family group homes	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Home based care									
Foster care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Relative/kinship care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Other home based care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Total home based	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Independent living (incl. private board)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Other (incl. unknown)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Total children	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children									
Residential care	316	426	386	145	166	20	47	4	1 510
Family group homes	..	..	..	51	–	36	..	14	101
Home based care									
Foster care	5 448	2 472	4 038	1 181	911	377	204	247	14 878
Relative/kinship care	7 723	1 827	2 246	1 136	663	180	168	72	14 015

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Other home based care	3	308	4	41	–	–	356
Total home based	13 174	4 607	6 284	2 317	1 578	598	372	319	29 249
Independent living (incl. private board)	70	23	..	23	25	2	5	3	151
Other (incl. unknown)	6	–	..	10	72	8	1	58	155
Total children	13 566	5 056	6 670	2 546	1 841	664	425	398	31 166
2006-07									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Residential care	43	42	58	50	18	10	10	9	240
Family group homes	..	..	..	33	–	4	..	17	54
Home based care									
Foster care	1 107	296	986	304	199	69	36	169	3 166
Relative/kinship care	2 526	260	705	573	180	27	43	45	4 359
Other home based care	–	26	..	–	–	2	–	–	28
Total home based	3 633	582	1 691	877	379	98	79	214	7 553
Independent living (incl. private board)	13	2	..	5	4	–	–	1	25
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	13	4	1	–	27	45
Total Indigenous children	3 689	626	1 749	978	405	113	89	268	7 917
Non-Indigenous									
Residential care	220	295	287	89	123	25	34	–	1 073
Family group homes	..	..	..	14	–	26	..	4	44
Home based care									
Foster care	3 634	2 301	2 557	822	711	328	164	87	10 604
Relative/kinship care	4 254	1 521	1 379	444	373	128	107	13	8 219
Other home based care	–	270	..	–	3	43	–	–	316
Total home based	7 888	4 092	3 936	1 266	1 087	499	271	100	19 139
Independent living (incl. private board)	46	39	..	12	5	–	4	3	109

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	12	58	4	1	22	97
Total non-Indigenous children	8 154	4 426	4 223	1 393	1 273	554	310	129	20 462
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Residential care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Family group homes	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Home based care									
Foster care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Relative/kinship care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Other home based care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Total home based	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Independent living (incl. private board)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Other (incl. unknown)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Total children	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children									
Residential care	263	337	345	139	141	35	44	9	1 313
Family group homes	..	..	..	47	–	30	..	21	98
Home based care									
Foster care	4 741	2 597	3 543	1 126	910	397	200	256	13 770
Relative/kinship care	6 780	1 781	2 084	1 017	553	155	150	58	12 578
Other home based care	–	296	..	–	3	45	–	–	344
Total home based	11 521	4 674	5 627	2 143	1 466	597	350	314	26 692
Independent living (incl. private board)	59	41	..	17	9	–	4	4	134
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	25	62	5	1	49	142
Total children	11 843	5 052	5 972	2 371	1 678	667	399	397	28 379

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2005-06									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Residential care	52	48	37	38	4	7	7	23	216
Family group homes	..	..	..	25	18	11	..	..	54
Home based care									
Foster care	886	252	938	238	200	54	35	176	2 779
Relative/kinship care	1 951	233	521	452	137	20	39	44	3 397
Other home based care	–	18	..	–	–	1	–	1	20
Total home based	2 837	503	1 459	690	337	75	74	221	6 196
Independent living (incl. private board)	8	1	..	4	–	3	1	1	18
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	9	–	2	–	2	13
Total Indigenous children	2 897	552	1 496	766	359	98	82	247	6 497
Non-Indigenous									
Residential care	206	299	188	74	46	23	36	9	881
Family group homes	..	..	..	17	57	30	..	..	104
Home based care									
Foster care	3 173	2 269	3 063	728	810	305	162	79	10 589
Relative/kinship care	3 585	1 383	1 129	356	222	128	103	13	6 919
Other home based care	–	262	..	–	3	48	–	–	313
Total home based	6 758	3 914	4 192	1 084	1 035	481	265	92	17 821
Independent living (incl. private board)	35	29	..	17	–	35	–	4	120
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	10	–	16	5	–	31
Total non-Indigenous children	6 999	4 242	4 380	1 202	1 138	585	306	105	18 957
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Residential care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Family group homes	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Home based care									
Foster care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Relative/kinship care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Other home based care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Total home based	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Independent living (incl. private board)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Other (incl. unknown)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Total children	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children									
Residential care	258	347	225	112	50	30	43	32	1 097
Family group homes	..	..	..	42	75	41	..	..	158
Home based care									
Foster care	4 059	2 521	4 001	966	1 010	359	197	255	13 368
Relative/kinship care	5 536	1 616	1 650	808	359	148	142	57	10 316
Other home based care	–	280	..	–	3	49	–	1	333
Total home based	9 595	4 417	5 651	1 774	1 372	556	339	313	24 017
Independent living (incl. private board)	43	30	..	21	–	38	1	5	138
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	19	–	18	5	2	44
Total children	9 896	4 794	5 876	1 968	1 497	683	388	352	25 454
2004-05									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Residential care	49	35	7	39	4	–	10	17	161
Family group homes	..	..	..	24	9	10	..	..	43
Home based care									
Foster care	734	247	810	217	191	29	29	152	2 409
Relative/kinship care	1 751	214	458	400	82	19	21	45	2 990

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Other home based care	–	29	..	–	–	14	–	–	43
Total home based	2 485	490	1 268	617	273	62	50	197	5 442
Independent living (incl. private board)	9	1	..	5	–	4	–	–	19
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	7	–	2	–	4	13
Total Indigenous children	2 543	526	1 275	692	286	78	60	218	5 678
Non-Indigenous									
Residential care	219	330	54	85	36	–	46	8	778
Family group homes	..	..	..	19	45	48	..	..	112
Home based care									
Foster care	2 886	2 201	3 275	665	776	249	141	78	10 271
Relative/kinship care	3 541	1 121	1 053	337	182	107	92	12	6 445
Other home based care	–	209	..	–	4	56	–	–	269
Total home based	6 427	3 531	4 328	1 002	962	412	233	90	16 985
Independent living (incl. private board)	41	21	..	21	–	21	1	1	106
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	10	–	17	2	7	36
Total non-Indigenous children	6 687	3 882	4 382	1 137	1 043	498	282	106	18 017
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Residential care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Family group homes	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Home based care									
Foster care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Relative/kinship care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Other home based care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Total home based	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Independent living (incl. private board)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
Other (incl. unknown)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total children	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children									
Residential care	268	365	61	124	40	–	56	25	939
Family group homes	..	..	..	43	54	58	..	..	155
Home based care									
Foster care	3 620	2 448	4 085	882	967	278	170	230	12 680
Relative/kinship care	5 292	1 335	1 511	737	264	126	113	57	9 435
Other home based care	–	238	..	–	4	70	–	–	312
Total home based	8 912	4 021	5 596	1 619	1 235	474	283	287	22 427
Independent living (incl. private board)	50	22	..	26	–	25	1	1	125
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	17	–	19	2	11	49
Total children	9 230	4 408	5 657	1 829	1 329	576	342	324	23 695

- (a) Family group homes are included as part of residential care. However, in this table they have been disaggregated.
- (b) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.
- (c) Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous status category. For 2009-10 onwards, a separate unknown Indigenous status category is reported.
- (d) Victoria: During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, Victorian child protection data for 2006-07 onwards may not be fully comparable with data from previous years.
- (e) WA: WA reported children in family group homes separately to residential care for the first time in 2005. A small number of children are placed with externally managed foster carers who are also their relative and have been recorded in the foster care category in 2007.
- (f) SA: In 2005-06 children who were in residential care were incorrectly categorised as being in family group homes.
- (g) Tasmania: The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
(h)	<p>NT: Data from 2013-14 onwards has been derived from the AIHW Child Protection National Minimum Data Set (CP NMDS). Prior year data include unfunded kinship care places in the count of relative/kinship care and data from 2013-14 are not comparable with data for 2012-13 and earlier years. In addition, in the NT's client information system, the majority of children in a relative/kinship placement are captured in the foster care placement type. In 2013-14 approximately 40 per cent of children in the 'foster care' category are placed in a relative/kinship household.</p> <p>na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.</p> <p><i>Source:</i> State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 and 2013-14 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from <i>Child protection Australia</i> data collection for data prior to 2012-13.</p>								

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Table 15A.20 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2013-14								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Care and protection order	5 764	1 133	3 241	1 739	742	230	151	774
Another type of order	–	–	–	2	44	–	–	–
Not on an order	756	175	95	141	1	2	1	–
Total Indigenous children	6 520	1 308	3 336	1 882	787	232	152	774
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	10 770	5 507	4 692	1 723	1 786	773	442	133
Another type of order	–	–	–	4	25	–	6	–
Not on an order	897	886	91	73	–	13	6	–
Total non-Indigenous children	11 667	6 393	4 783	1 800	1 811	786	454	133
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Care and protection order	1	7	56	40	33	35	–	1
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	4	2	10	1	–	1	–	–
Total all children	5	9	66	41	33	36	–	1
All children								
Care and protection order	16 535	6 647	7 989	3 502	2 561	1 038	593	908
Another type of order	–	–	–	6	69	–	6	–
Not on an order	1 657	1 063	196	215	1	16	7	–
Total all children	18 192	7 710	8 185	3 723	2 631	1 054	606	908
2012-13								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Care and protection order	5 332	707	3 102	1 796	729	236	140	623
Another type of order	–	na	–	–	51	–	–	–
Not on an order	871	215	93	4	8	7	–	–
Total Indigenous children	6 203	922	3 195	1 800	788	243	140	623
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	10 224	4 085	4 737	1 766	1 795	779	389	125
Another type of order	–	na	–	–	38	–	5	–
Not on an order	990	1 327	147	15	2	24	6	–
Total non-Indigenous children	11 214	5 412	4 884	1 781	1 835	803	400	125
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Care and protection order	3	40	49	51	33	21	18	–
Another type of order	–	na	–	–	1	–	1	–
Not on an order	2	25	8	4	–	–	–	–
Total all children	5	65	57	55	34	21	19	–
All children								
Care and protection order	15 559	4 832	7 888	3 613	2 557	1 036	547	748
Another type of order	–	na	–	–	90	–	6	–
Not on an order	1 863	1 567	248	23	10	31	6	–
Total all children	17 422	6 399	8 136	3 636	2 657	1 067	559	748

Table 15A.20 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2011-12								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Care and protection order	5 018	829	2 915	1 612	642	203	133	573
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	56	–	–	–
Not on an order	973	199	126	2	8	9	1	–
Total Indigenous children	5 991	1 028	3 041	1 614	706	212	134	573
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	10 032	4 066	4 730	1 735	1 788	768	413	127
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	22	–	1	–
Not on an order	1 145	1 040	189	25	18	21	7	–
Total non-Indigenous children	11 177	5 106	4 919	1 760	1 828	789	421	127
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Care and protection order	21	58	32	24	11	7	10	–
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	3	–	–	–
Not on an order	3	15	7	2	–	1	1	–
Total all children	24	73	39	26	14	8	11	–
All children								
Care and protection order	15 071	4 953	7 677	3 371	2 441	978	556	700
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	81	–	1	–
Not on an order	2 121	1 254	322	29	26	31	9	–
Total all children	17 192	6 207	7 999	3 400	2 548	1 009	566	700
2010-11								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Care and protection order	4 616	685	2 753	1 430	558	191	119	501
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	8	–	–	–
Not on an order	1 121	192	97	18	64	5	–	–
Total Indigenous children	5 737	877	2 850	1 448	630	196	119	501
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	9 689	3 822	4 480	1 509	1 653	739	404	132
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	19	–	3	–
Not on an order	1 305	879	242	18	18	15	2	–
Total non-Indigenous children	10 994	4 701	4 722	1 527	1 690	754	409	132
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Care and protection order	4	79	24	138	48	11	12	1
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	5	21	6	7	–	5	–	–
Total all children	9	100	30	145	48	16	12	1
All children								
Care and protection order	14 309	4 586	7 257	3 077	2 259	941	535	634
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	27	–	3	–
Not on an order	2 431	1 092	345	43	82	25	2	–

Table 15A.20 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total all children	16 740	5 678	7 602	3 120	2 368	966	540	634
2009-10								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Care and protection order	4 269	660	2 564	1 229	530	138	122	407
Another type of order	..	–	–	..	12	–	3	–
Not on an order	1 196	156	122	13	47	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	5 465	816	2 686	1 242	589	138	125	407
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	9 325	3 753	4 381	1 474	1 527	754	394	142
Another type of order	..	–	–	..	24	–	1	–
Not on an order	1 374	800	274	20	25	1	10	–
Total non-Indigenous children	10 699	4 553	4 655	1 494	1 576	755	405	142
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Care and protection order	2	75	3	1	22	–	2	2
Another type of order	..	–	–	..	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	9	25	6	–	1	–	–	–
Total all children	11	100	9	1	23	–	2	2
All children								
Care and protection order	13 596	4 488	6 948	2 704	2 079	892	518	551
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	36	–	4	–
Not on an order	2 579	981	402	33	73	1	10	–
Total all children	16 175	5 469	7 350	2 737	2 188	893	532	551
2008-09								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Care and protection order	3 694	578	2 330	1 184	462	130	99	358
Another type of order	..	–	–	–	13	–	–	–
Not on an order	1 297	156	151	13	46	–	1	–
Total Indigenous children	4 991	734	2 481	1 197	521	130	100	358
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	8 651	3 610	4 318	1 460	1 441	675	384	124
Another type of order	..	–	–	–	32	1	5	–
Not on an order	1 569	939	294	25	22	2	5	–
Total non-Indigenous children	10 220	4 549	4 612	1 485	1 495	678	394	124
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Care and protection order	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Another type of order	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not on an order	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total all children	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children								
Care and protection order	12 345	4 188	6 648	2 644	1 903	805	483	482
Another type of order	..	–	–	–	45	1	5	–

Table 15A.20 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Not on an order	2 866	1 095	445	38	68	2	6	–
Total all children	15 211	5 283	7 093	2 682	2 016	808	494	482
2007-08								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Care and protection order	3 143	492	1 847	1 049	416	102	81	281
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	17	–	–	..
Not on an order	1 173	168	238	29	34	–	–	..
Total Indigenous children	4 316	660	2 085	1 078	467	102	81	281
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	7 909	3 356	3 970	1 421	1 341	562	338	117
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	17	–	1	..
Not on an order	1 341	1 040	615	47	16	–	5	..
Total non-Indigenous children	9 250	4 396	4 585	1 468	1 374	562	344	117
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Care and protection order	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Another type of order	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not on an order	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total all children	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children								
Care and protection order	11 052	3 848	5 817	2 470	1 757	664	419	398
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	34	–	1	..
Not on an order	2 514	1 208	853	76	50	–	5	..
Total all children	13 566	5 056	6 670	2 546	1 841	664	425	398
2006-07								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Care and protection order	2 719	475	1 545	935	354	111	86	268
Another type of order	–	7	–	–	15	–	–	..
Not on an order	970	144	204	43	36	2	3	..
Total Indigenous children	3 689	626	1 749	978	405	113	89	268
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	7 100	3 322	3 651	1 327	1 109	547	292	129
Another type of order	–	219	–	–	83	2	4	..
Not on an order	1 054	885	572	66	81	5	14	..
Total non-Indigenous children	8 154	4 426	4 223	1 393	1 273	554	310	129
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Care and protection order	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Another type of order	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not on an order	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total all children	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children								
Care and protection order	9 819	3 797	5 196	2 262	1 463	658	378	397

Table 15A.20 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Another type of order	–	226	–	–	98	2	4	..
Not on an order	2 024	1 029	776	109	117	7	17	..
Total all children	11 843	5 052	5 972	2 371	1 678	667	399	397
2005-06								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Care and protection order	2 289	409	1 414	713	292	97	81	247
Another type of order	–	6	–	–	14	–	–	..
Not on an order	608	137	82	53	53	1	1	..
Total Indigenous children	2 897	552	1 496	766	359	98	82	247
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	6 264	3 389	3 909	1 105	994	549	285	105
Another type of order	–	119	2	–	66	1	–	..
Not on an order	735	734	469	97	78	35	21	..
Total non-Indigenous children	6 999	4 242	4 380	1 202	1 138	585	306	105
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Care and protection order	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Another type of order	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not on an order	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total all children	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children								
Care and protection order	8 553	3 798	5 323	1 818	1 286	646	366	352
Another type of order	–	125	2	–	80	1	–	..
Not on an order	1 343	871	551	150	131	36	22	..
Total all children	9 896	4 794	5 876	1 968	1 497	683	388	352
2004-05								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Care and protection order	2 008	422	1 149	601	230	76	60	218
Another type of order	–	5	2	–	14	1	–	..
Not on an order	535	99	124	91	42	1	–	..
Total Indigenous children	2 543	526	1 275	692	286	78	60	218
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	5 929	3 133	3 869	975	941	490	279	106
Another type of order	–	117	–	–	46	–	1	..
Not on an order	758	618	513	162	56	8	2	..
Total non-Indigenous children	6 687	3 868	4 382	1 137	1 043	498	282	106
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Care and protection order	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Another type of order	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not on an order	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total all children	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

Table 15A.20 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
All children								
Care and protection order	7 937	3 555	5 018	1 576	1 171	566	339	324
Another type of order	–	122	2	–	60	1	1	..
Not on an order	1 293	717	637	253	98	9	2	..
Total all children	9 230	4 394	5 657	1 829	1 329	576	342	324

- (a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; and those on interim or temporary orders. 'On another type of order' includes offence orders or other orders that are not care and protection orders.
- (b) Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous status category. For 2009-10 onwards, a separate unknown Indigenous status category is reported.
- (c) Victoria: During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, Victorian child protection data for 2006-07 onwards may not be fully comparable with data from previous years. In 2013-14 the number of children reported as on an order increased and the number not on an order decreased as a result of improved processing.
- (d) Tasmania: Tasmania is not able to adhere to the definition of OOHC introduced in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely to be very low. The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 and 2013-14 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

Table 15A.21 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2013-14								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Respite	19	3	na	–	–	1	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	91	35	94	44	5	1	3	18
1 to less than 6 months	368	143	260	206	49	10	8	108
6 months to less than 1 year	473	157	245	175	35	13	13	107
1 to less than 2 years	654	189	496	329	108	29	22	131
2 to less than 5 years	1 948	397	918	516	226	76	44	330
5 years or more	2 967	384	1 323	612	364	102	62	80
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	6 501	1 305	3 336	1 882	787	231	152	774
Not stated/unknown	–	na	na	na	–	–	–	–
Total	6 520	1 308	3 336	1 882	787	232	152	774
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	27	3	na	–	–	16	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	151	227	76	32	32	5	14	11
1 to less than 6 months	745	743	338	189	100	35	40	12
6 months to less than 1 year	780	666	357	139	85	51	30	6
1 to less than 2 years	1 232	983	607	263	190	103	44	17
2 to less than 5 years	3 234	1 651	1 322	542	530	242	124	63
5 years or more	5 498	2 120	2 083	635	874	334	202	24
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	11 640	6 390	4 783	1 800	1 811	770	454	133
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	na	–	–	–	–
Total	11 667	6 393	4 783	1 800	1 811	786	454	133
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Respite	1	–	na	–	1	–	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	–	–	8	–	3	2	–	1
1 to less than 6 months	2	–	18	27	7	14	–	–
6 months to less than 1 year	1	–	12	5	2	11	–	–
1 to less than 2 years	–	–	15	7	9	9	–	–
2 to less than 5 years	1	3	10	2	7	–	–	–
5 years or more	–	6	3	–	4	–	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	4	9	66	41	32	36	–	1
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	na	–	–	–	–
Total	5	9	66	41	33	36	–	1

Table 15A.21 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
All children								
Respite	47	6	na	–	1	17	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	242	262	178	76	40	8	17	30
1 to less than 6 months	1 115	886	616	422	156	59	48	120
6 months to less than 1 year	1 254	823	614	319	122	75	43	113
1 to less than 2 years	1 886	1 172	1 118	599	307	141	66	148
2 to less than 5 years	5 183	2 051	2 250	1 060	763	318	168	393
5 years or more	8 465	2 510	3 409	1 247	1 242	436	264	104
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	18 145	7 704	8 185	3 723	2 630	1 037	606	908
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	na	–	–	–	–
Total all children	18 192	7 710	8 185	3 723	2 631	1 054	606	908
2012-13								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Respite	8	1	na	–	–	7	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	70	21	85	36	10	1	–	10
1 to less than 6 months	361	112	296	202	73	28	17	52
6 months to less than 1 year	397	98	274	164	58	16	11	97
1 to less than 2 years	695	170	433	258	91	33	32	94
2 to less than 5 years	2 068	283	989	512	247	85	43	223
5 years or more	2 604	237	1 118	628	309	73	37	147
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	6 195	921	3 195	1 800	788	236	140	623
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	na	–	–	na	–
Total	6 203	922	3 195	1 800	788	243	140	623
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	18	6	na	–	–	21	1	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	136	177	75	30	6	17	4	1
1 to less than 6 months	652	678	383	111	124	77	22	7
6 months to less than 1 year	694	618	381	175	116	42	23	12
1 to less than 2 years	1 260	868	747	329	221	105	49	16
2 to less than 5 years	3 568	1 373	1 255	479	565	236	129	38
5 years or more	4 886	1 692	2 043	657	803	305	172	51
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	na	–
Total non-respite	11 196	5 406	4 884	1 781	1 835	782	399	125
Not stated/unknown	–	6	–	na	–	–	–	–
Total	11 214	5 412	4 884	1 781	1 835	803	400	125

Table 15A.21 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Respite	–	–	na	–	–	1	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	1	1	3	11	1	2	–	–
1 to less than 6 months	2	12	23	24	8	11	11	–
6 months to less than 1 year	1	2	7	16	7	5	3	–
1 to less than 2 years	1	10	14	3	13	2	2	–
2 to less than 5 years	–	11	10	1	2	–	3	–
5 years or more	–	29	–	–	3	–	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	5	65	57	55	34	20	19	–
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	na	–	–	–	–
Total	5	65	57	55	34	21	19	–
All children								
Respite	26	7	na	–	–	29	1	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	207	199	163	77	23	20	4	11
1 to less than 6 months	1 015	802	702	337	208	116	50	59
6 months to less than 1 year	1 092	718	662	355	179	63	37	109
1 to less than 2 years	1 956	1 048	1 194	590	322	140	83	110
2 to less than 5 years	5 636	1 667	2 254	992	813	321	175	261
5 years or more	7 490	1 929	3 161	1 285	1 112	378	209	198
Not stated/unknown	–	6	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	17 396	6 369	8 136	3 636	2 657	1 038	558	748
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	na	–	–	–	na
Total all children	17 422	6 369	8 136	3 636	2 657	1 067	559	748
2011-12								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Respite	11	–	na	–	2	–	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	47	24	85	19	2	1	3	22
1 to less than 6 months	376	133	246	156	48	21	13	66
6 months to less than 1 year	444	135	297	140	40	15	18	68
1 to less than 2 years	731	161	473	279	78	32	14	114
2 to less than 5 years	2 160	307	971	481	58	77	45	183
5 years or more	2 222	268	969	539	478	66	41	120
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	5 980	1 028	3 041	1 614	704	212	134	573
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	5 991	1 028	3 041	1 614	706	212	134	573

Table 15A.21 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	34	16	na	–	2	3	1	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	163	148	102	43	7	11	7	4
1 to less than 6 months	764	655	469	178	103	49	23	12
6 months to less than 1 year	712	598	435	169	94	94	46	8
1 to less than 2 years	1 284	691	669	257	224	117	58	11
2 to less than 5 years	3 930	1 296	1 355	480	165	244	148	46
5 years or more	4 290	1 702	1 889	633	1 233	271	138	46
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	11 143	5 090	4 919	1 760	1 826	786	420	127
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	11 177	5 106	4 919	1 760	1 828	789	421	127
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Respite	–	4	na	–	–	–	1	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	–	4	4	13	–	1	–	–
1 to less than 6 months	5	22	16	10	6	3	5	–
6 months to less than 1 year	1	7	8	2	3	–	2	–
1 to less than 2 years	1	8	5	1	5	2	2	–
2 to less than 5 years	15	14	4	–	–	1	1	–
5 years or more	2	14	2	–	–	1	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	24	69	39	26	14	8	10	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	24	73	39	26	14	8	11	–
All children								
Respite	45	20	na	–	4	3	2	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	210	176	191	75	9	13	10	26
1 to less than 6 months	1 145	810	731	344	157	73	41	78
6 months to less than 1 year	1 157	740	740	311	137	109	66	76
1 to less than 2 years	2 016	860	1 147	537	307	151	74	125
2 to less than 5 years	6 105	1 617	2 330	961	223	322	194	229
5 years or more	6 514	1 984	2 860	1 172	1 711	338	179	166
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	17 147	6 187	7 999	3 400	2 544	1 006	564	700
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	17 192	6 207	7 999	3 400	2 548	1 009	566	700

TABLE 15A.21

Table 15A.21 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2010-11								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Respite	12	–	na	–	1	–	2	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	77	18	52	22	–	2	3	19
1 to less than 6 months	383	87	292	125	45	18	13	80
6 months to less than 1 year	429	113	278	122	36	17	10	68
1 to less than 2 years	884	169	449	185	55	38	17	115
2 to less than 5 years	2 038	252	922	539	70	64	43	127
5 years or more	1 914	238	857	455	423	57	31	92
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	5 725	877	2 850	1 448	629	196	117	501
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	5 737	877	2 850	1 448	630	196	119	501
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	29	1	na	–	6	–	1	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	128	154	108	11	5	15	10	4
1 to less than 6 months	826	542	405	101	88	67	37	14
6 months to less than 1 year	690	423	402	122	91	75	27	10
1 to less than 2 years	1 433	762	688	203	170	127	61	28
2 to less than 5 years	4 043	1 161	1 395	489	179	243	153	42
5 years or more	3 845	1 658	1 724	601	1 151	227	120	34
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	10 965	4 700	4 722	1 527	1 684	754	408	132
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	10 994	4 701	4 722	1 527	1 690	754	409	132
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Respite	–	2	na	–	–	–	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	–	14	2	9	1	4	2	1
1 to less than 6 months	1	23	11	65	8	9	3	–
6 months to less than 1 year	–	13	10	55	4	1	5	–
1 to less than 2 years	1	13	2	16	14	1	–	–
2 to less than 5 years	4	19	2	–	2	1	–	–
5 years or more	3	16	3	–	19	–	2	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	9	98	30	145	48	16	12	1
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	9	100	30	145	48	16	12	1

Table 15A.21 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
All children								
Respite	41	3	na	–	7	–	3	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	205	186	162	42	6	21	15	24
1 to less than 6 months	1 210	652	708	291	141	94	53	94
6 months to less than 1 year	1 119	549	690	299	131	93	42	78
1 to less than 2 years	2 318	944	1 139	404	239	166	78	143
2 to less than 5 years	6 085	1 432	2 319	1 028	251	308	196	169
5 years or more	5 762	1 912	2 584	1 056	1 593	284	153	126
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	16 699	5 675	7 602	3 120	2 361	966	537	634
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	16 740	5 678	7 602	3 120	2 368	966	540	634
2009-10								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Respite	22	1	na	na	1	na	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	72	23	86	26	1	5	9	20
1 to less than 6 months	451	113	238	87	48	10	11	64
6 months to less than 1 year	524	106	287	121	33	10	10	62
1 to less than 2 years	957	144	530	183	102	38	31	68
2 to less than 5 years	1 778	225	799	478	57	46	30	106
5 years or more	1 661	201	746	347	347	29	34	87
Not stated/unknown	–	3	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	5 443	815	2 686	1 242	588	138	125	407
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	5 465	816	2 686	1 242	589	138	125	407
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	33	4	na	na	1	na	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	169	110	96	42	4	17	6	12
1 to less than 6 months	777	531	370	100	88	98	41	17
6 months to less than 1 year	894	481	458	142	91	91	42	21
1 to less than 2 years	1 758	684	704	179	195	131	75	22
2 to less than 5 years	3 464	1 161	1 454	489	169	221	131	33
5 years or more	3 604	1 556	1 573	542	1 028	197	110	37
Not stated/unknown	–	26	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	10 666	4 549	4 655	1 494	1 575	755	405	142
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	10 699	4 553	4 655	1 494	1 576	755	405	142

Table 15A.21 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Respite	–	–	na	na	–	na	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	–	3	2	–	–	–	–	–
1 to less than 6 months	3	26	3	–	6	–	–	–
6 months to less than 1 year	1	15	2	–	3	–	–	–
1 to less than 2 years	1	18	2	–	2	–	–	1
2 to less than 5 years	5	17	–	–	1	–	1	1
5 years or more	1	17	–	1	11	–	1	–
Not stated/unknown	–	4	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	11	100	9	1	23	–	2	2
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	11	100	9	1	23	–	2	2
All children								
Respite	55	5	na	na	2	na	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	241	136	184	68	5	22	15	32
1 to less than 6 months	1 231	670	611	187	142	108	52	81
6 months to less than 1 year	1 419	602	747	263	127	101	52	83
1 to less than 2 years	2 716	846	1 236	362	299	169	106	91
2 to less than 5 years	5 247	1 403	2 253	967	227	267	162	140
5 years or more	5 266	1 774	2 319	890	1 386	226	145	124
Not stated/unknown	–	33	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	16 120	5 464	7 350	2 737	2 186	893	532	551
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	16 175	5 469	7 350	2 737	2 188	893	532	551
2008-09								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Respite	21	–	na	na	3	na	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	96	17	89	21	2	4	2	17
1 to less than 6 months	471	84	292	101	45	15	20	53
6 months to less than 1 year	610	109	306	118	52	22	10	56
1 to less than 2 years	814	133	443	210	60	16	16	56
2 to less than 5 years	1 469	208	772	424	46	50	19	99
5 years or more	1 510	183	579	323	313	23	33	77
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	4 970	734	2 481	1 197	518	130	100	358
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	4 991	734	2 481	1 197	521	130	100	358

Table 15A.21 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	46	5	na	na	2	na	1	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	183	137	123	38	3	11	6	9
1 to less than 6 months	938	459	411	138	111	89	37	17
6 months to less than 1 year	1 079	521	486	113	114	92	57	14
1 to less than 2 years	1 733	684	830	234	181	99	69	24
2 to less than 5 years	2 838	1 237	1 369	448	167	216	122	33
5 years or more	3 403	1 506	1 393	514	917	171	102	27
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	10 174	4 544	4 612	1 485	1 493	678	393	124
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	10 220	4 549	4 612	1 485	1 495	678	394	124
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Respite	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total non-respite	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children								
Respite	67	5	na	na	5	na	1	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	279	154	212	59	5	15	8	26
1 to less than 6 months	1 409	543	703	239	156	104	57	70
6 months to less than 1 year	1 689	630	792	231	166	114	67	70
1 to less than 2 years	2 547	817	1 273	444	241	115	85	80
2 to less than 5 years	4 307	1 445	2 141	872	213	266	141	132
5 years or more	4 913	1 689	1 972	837	1 230	194	135	104
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	15 144	5 278	7 093	2 682	2 011	808	493	482
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	15 211	5 283	7 093	2 682	2 016	808	494	482

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2007-08								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Respite	25	–	na	na	–	na	–	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	92	14	61	14	–	1	–	179
1 to less than 6 months	411	89	279	81	24	11	10	12
6 months to less than 1 year	496	94	267	146	33	10	7	12
1 to less than 2 years	787	110	324	249	67	17	11	26
2 to less than 5 years	1 143	198	700	306	50	43	24	35
5 years or more	1 362	155	454	282	293	20	29	17
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	4 291	660	2 085	1 078	467	102	81	281
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	4 316	660	2 085	1 078	467	102	81	281
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	52	11	na	na	–	na	2	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	217	139	176	20	1	13	14	83
1 to less than 6 months	960	470	576	151	95	46	28	4
6 months to less than 1 year	1 003	460	513	176	68	77	41	14
1 to less than 2 years	1 605	627	787	243	188	101	59	6
2 to less than 5 years	2 197	1 287	1 315	392	144	175	103	4
5 years or more	3 216	1 402	1 218	486	878	150	97	6
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	9 198	4 385	4 585	1 468	1 374	562	342	117
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	9 250	4 396	4 585	1 468	1 374	562	344	117
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Respite	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total non-respite	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
All children								
Respite	77	11	na	na	–	na	2	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	309	153	237	34	1	14	14	262
1 to less than 6 months	1 371	559	855	232	119	57	38	16
6 months to less than 1 year	1 499	554	780	322	101	87	48	26
1 to less than 2 years	2 392	737	1 111	492	255	118	70	32
2 to less than 5 years	3 340	1 485	2 015	698	194	218	127	39
5 years or more	4 578	1 557	1 672	768	1 171	170	126	23
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	13 489	5 045	6 670	2 546	1 841	664	423	398
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	13 566	5 056	6 670	2 546	1 841	664	425	398
2006-07								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Respite	44	15	na	na	1	na	3	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	81	17	na	23	24	6	2	89
1 to less than 6 months	444	65	na	136	63	13	6	30
6 months to less than 1 year	445	112	na	125	60	14	12	34
1 to less than 2 years	584	130	na	154	71	32	18	35
2 to less than 5 years	921	171	na	256	103	30	27	55
5 years or more	1 170	116	na	284	83	18	21	25
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	3 645	611	na	978	404	113	86	268
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total	3 689	626	1 749	978	405	113	89	268
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	71	68	na	na	7	na	6	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	206	92	na	33	73	21	4	59
1 to less than 6 months	890	379	na	174	224	50	45	18
6 months to less than 1 year	944	647	na	146	192	83	32	29
1 to less than 2 years	1 077	903	na	197	214	104	45	10
2 to less than 5 years	1 987	1 141	na	374	313	183	94	7
5 years or more	2 979	1 196	na	469	250	113	84	6
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	8 083	4 358	na	1 393	1 266	554	304	129
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total	8 154	4 426	4 223	1 393	1 273	554	310	129

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Respite	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total non-respite	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children								
Respite	115	83	na	na	8	na	9	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	287	109	na	56	97	27	6	148
1 to less than 6 months	1 334	444	na	310	287	63	51	48
6 months to less than 1 year	1 389	759	na	271	252	97	44	63
1 to less than 2 years	1 661	1 033	na	351	285	136	63	45
2 to less than 5 years	2 908	1 312	na	630	416	213	121	62
5 years or more	4 149	1 312	na	753	333	131	105	31
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	11 728	4 969	na	2 371	1 670	667	390	397
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	11 843	5 052	5 972	2 371	1 678	667	399	397
2005-06								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Respite	38	3	na	na	3	na	3	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	21	13	325	9	13	–	–	22
1 to less than 6 months	848	86	317	108	72	22	8	46
6 months to less than 1 year	168	82	213	65	40	18	15	46
1 to less than 2 years	312	94	252	124	68	16	14	53
2 to less than 5 years	706	147	257	220	86	29	25	59
5 years or more	804	126	132	240	77	13	17	21
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	2 859	548	1 496	766	356	98	79	247
Not stated/unknown	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	2 897	552	1 496	766	359	98	82	247

Table 15A.21 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	88	9	na	na	4	na	14	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	85	68	847	37	62	30	3	8
1 to less than 6 months	1 793	499	874	100	208	84	41	42
6 months to less than 1 year	435	535	548	112	147	88	34	16
1 to less than 2 years	668	700	773	166	208	101	58	17
2 to less than 5 years	1 810	1 113	853	344	283	158	86	15
5 years or more	2 120	1 308	485	437	226	124	70	7
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	6	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	6 911	4 223	4 380	1 202	1 134	585	292	105
Not stated/unknown	–	10	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	6 999	4 242	4 380	1 202	1 138	585	306	105
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Respite	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total non-respite	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children								
Respite	126	12	na	na	7	na	17	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	106	81	1 172	46	75	30	3	30
1 to less than 6 months	2 641	585	1 191	208	280	106	49	88
6 months to less than 1 year	603	617	761	177	187	106	49	62
1 to less than 2 years	980	794	1 025	291	276	117	72	70
2 to less than 5 years	2 516	1 260	1 110	572	369	187	111	74
5 years or more	2 924	1 434	617	674	303	137	87	28
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	9 770	4 771	5 876	1 968	1 490	683	371	352
Not stated/unknown	–	11	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	9 896	4 794	5 876	1 968	1 497	683	388	352

Table 15A.21 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2004-05								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Respite	75	5	na	na	–	na	–	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	36	10	269	16	10	13	–	20
1 to less than 6 months	234	70	297	82	60	29	3	47
6 months to less than 1 year	214	66	171	77	33	11	9	45
1 to less than 2 years	345	107	197	90	45	16	14	38
2 to less than 5 years	769	125	216	203	70	6	21	57
5 years or more	866	142	125	224	68	3	13	11
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	2 464	520	1 275	692	286	78	60	218
Not stated/unknown	4	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	2 543	526	1 275	692	286	78	60	218
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	105	9	na	na	1	na	–	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	118	97	929	24	44	54	8	16
1 to less than 6 months	586	483	889	93	160	183	35	38
6 months to less than 1 year	600	418	616	134	160	101	32	18
1 to less than 2 years	819	637	695	142	201	78	50	14
2 to less than 5 years	2 056	1 037	791	332	248	43	85	14
5 years or more	2 358	1 174	462	412	229	36	72	6
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	–
Total non-respite	6 537	3 846	4 382	1 137	1 042	498	282	106
Not stated/unknown	45	27	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	6 687	3 882	4 382	1 137	1 043	498	282	106
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Respite	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total non-respite	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

Table 15A.21 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
All children								
Respite	180	14	na	na	1	na	–	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	154	107	1 198	40	54	67	8	36
1 to less than 6 months	820	553	1 186	175	220	212	38	85
6 months to less than 1 year	814	484	787	211	193	112	41	63
1 to less than 2 years	1 164	744	892	232	246	94	64	52
2 to less than 5 years	2 825	1 162	1 007	535	318	49	106	71
5 years or more	3 224	1 316	587	636	297	39	85	17
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	–
Total non-respite	9 001	4 366	5 657	1 829	1 328	576	342	324
Not stated/unknown	49	28	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	9 230	4 408	5 657	1 829	1 329	576	342	324

- (a) This indicates the length of time a child has been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.
- (b) Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous status category. For 2009-10 onwards, a separate unknown Indigenous status category is reported.
- (c) Victoria: During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, Victorian child protection data for 2006-07 onwards may not be fully comparable with data for previous years.
- (d) Queensland: Prior to 2008, Queensland was not able to report on the length of time in continuous out-of-home care placement, instead reporting on the length of time in the current out-of-home care placement. From 2008 data refer to the length of time in continuous out-of-home care and is therefore not comparable with previous years. Only limited data were available for 2006-07 due to the transition to a new information management system.
- (e) Tasmania: Tasmania was unable to distinguish between respite and non-respite care prior to 2010-11. Both types of placement are included if they satisfy the general definition of out-of-home care (OOHC). The number of children in OOHC as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of OOHC.
- (f) NT: Respite and non-respite care data for 2004-05 to 2007-08 are unable to be distinguished between reliably so both types of placement are included if they satisfy the definition of OOHC. A change in the counting algorithm for 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate distribution in the length of time in OOHC compared with 2007-08. In addition, improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in OOHC. The number of children in OOHC reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted. Data from 2013-14 onwards have been derived from the AIHW Child Protection National Minimum Data Set (CP NMDS) and are not comparable with prior years data.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 and 2013-14 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 15A.22

Table 15A.22 **Children who exited out-of-home care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2013-14								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
1 to less than 6 months	147	108	137	57	34	10	8	35
6 months to less than 1 year	84	44	45	40	18	9	2	22
1 to less than 2 years	74	30	120	47	29	12	7	26
2 to less than 5 years	149	44	133	76	17	12	6	22
5 years or more	345	40	95	82	34	7	3	7
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	799	266	530	302	132	50	26	112
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	195	587	228	69	43	32	38	10
6 months to less than 1 year	153	242	93	50	27	18	13	2
1 to less than 2 years	174	240	188	61	55	18	16	9
2 to less than 5 years	263	264	229	81	61	33	9	3
5 years or more	544	223	233	95	88	32	15	1
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	1 329	1 556	971	356	274	133	91	25
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
1 to less than 6 months	–	1	10	5	1	4	2	–
6 months to less than 1 year	–	–	5	7	1	3	1	–
1 to less than 2 years	–	–	2	–	3	–	–	–
2 to less than 5 years	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–
5 years or more	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	–	2	19	12	5	7	3	–
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	342	696	375	131	78	46	48	45
6 months to less than 1 year	237	286	143	97	46	30	16	24
1 to less than 2 years	248	270	310	108	87	30	23	35
2 to less than 5 years	412	308	364	157	78	45	15	25
5 years or more	889	264	328	177	122	39	18	8
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 128	1 824	1 520	670	411	190	120	137
2012-13								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
1 to less than 6 months	122	93	140	35	28	3	5	73
6 months to less than 1 year	109	57	77	12	20	4	2	17
1 to less than 2 years	100	47	126	32	17	7	4	23
2 to less than 5 years	199	39	119	41	19	10	9	39
5 years or more	248	25	85	101	17	6	3	7
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	80	–	–	–	–
Total	778	261	547	301	101	30	23	159

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Table 15A.22 Children who exited out-of-home care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	285	714	266	54	70	37	26	17
6 months to less than 1 year	223	348	100	37	44	15	9	1
1 to less than 2 years	234	305	186	57	57	39	23	3
2 to less than 5 years	331	282	241	45	40	41	19	10
5 years or more	546	244	211	147	68	27	13	5
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	110	–	–	–	–
Total	1 619	1 893	1 004	450	279	159	90	36
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
1 to less than 6 months	4	1	4	44	1	1	1	–
6 months to less than 1 year	–	3	4	8	1	1	1	–
1 to less than 2 years	–	5	2	3	2	–	1	–
2 to less than 5 years	1	3	2	1	–	–	–	–
5 years or more	1	6	1	–	–	1	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	6	18	13	56	4	3	3	–
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	411	808	410	133	99	41	32	90
6 months to less than 1 year	332	408	181	57	65	20	12	18
1 to less than 2 years	334	357	314	92	76	46	28	26
2 to less than 5 years	531	324	362	87	59	51	28	49
5 years or more	795	275	297	248	85	34	16	12
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	190	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 403	2 172	1 564	807	384	192	116	195
2011-12								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
1 to less than 6 months	109	99	117	17	26	4	12	89
6 months to less than 1 year	104	29	59	16	8	4	2	26
1 to less than 2 years	127	49	105	21	22	8	4	21
2 to less than 5 years	203	48	146	95	7	9	9	33
5 years or more	266	32	68	53	16	3	–	10
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	809	257	495	202	79	28	27	179
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	282	567	202	49	68	32	28	13
6 months to less than 1 year	253	232	97	40	38	33	10	6
1 to less than 2 years	220	220	155	36	58	34	15	9
2 to less than 5 years	372	245	226	113	49	36	23	3
5 years or more	535	239	162	46	58	25	20	3
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	1 662	1 503	842	284	271	160	96	34

Table 15A.22 **Children who exited out-of-home care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
1 to less than 6 months	4	28	8	13	5	1	1	1
6 months to less than 1 year	3	10	3	3	1	1	1	–
1 to less than 2 years	–	3	1	5	4	1	–	–
2 to less than 5 years	–	4	1	–	1	1	–	–
5 years or more	1	2	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	8	47	13	21	11	4	2	1
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	395	694	327	79	99	37	41	103
6 months to less than 1 year	360	271	159	59	47	38	13	32
1 to less than 2 years	347	272	261	62	84	43	19	30
2 to less than 5 years	575	297	373	208	57	46	32	36
5 years or more	802	273	230	99	74	28	20	13
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 479	1 807	1 350	507	361	192	125	214
2010-11								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
1 to less than 6 months	109	74	188	23	26	13	17	65
6 months to less than 1 year	101	53	65	29	17	5	6	20
1 to less than 2 years	175	55	123	15	20	10	8	23
2 to less than 5 years	234	34	129	81	16	5	7	15
5 years or more	189	25	70	55	15	3	5	13
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	808	241	575	203	94	36	43	136
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	319	518	292	42	71	34	26	19
6 months to less than 1 year	259	220	106	25	52	24	7	5
1 to less than 2 years	217	245	205	50	70	28	14	5
2 to less than 5 years	337	242	293	110	33	20	14	7
5 years or more	445	212	155	76	48	25	18	6
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	1 577	1 437	1 051	303	274	131	79	42
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
1 to less than 6 months	1	23	1	19	3	2	1	–
6 months to less than 1 year	2	11	–	7	–	–	1	–
1 to less than 2 years	2	11	1	–	5	–	–	–
2 to less than 5 years	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
5 years or more	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	5	51	2	26	8	2	2	1

TABLE 15A.22

Table 15A.22 **Children who exited out-of-home care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	429	615	481	84	100	49	44	84
6 months to less than 1 year	362	284	171	61	69	29	14	25
1 to less than 2 years	394	311	329	65	95	38	22	28
2 to less than 5 years	571	277	422	191	49	25	21	23
5 years or more	634	242	225	131	63	28	23	19
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 390	1 729	1 628	532	376	169	124	179
2009-10								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
1 to less than 6 months	151	102	200	23	39	2	5	52
6 months to less than 1 year	128	45	92	5	16	1	6	10
1 to less than 2 years	162	58	118	28	23	9	1	20
2 to less than 5 years	186	47	106	84	13	4	1	13
5 years or more	189	18	81	38	12	2	2	13
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	816	270	597	178	103	18	15	108
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	346	472	309	63	84	60	23	26
6 months to less than 1 year	248	211	135	33	64	32	11	6
1 to less than 2 years	276	281	224	55	51	39	8	3
2 to less than 5 years	306	288	239	136	45	16	12	9
5 years or more	360	130	148	61	55	23	21	1
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	1 536	1 382	1 055	348	299	170	75	45
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
1 to less than 6 months	4	34	5	–	2	–	–	–
6 months to less than 1 year	1	6	1	–	1	–	1	–
1 to less than 2 years	2	10	–	–	–	–	–	–
2 to less than 5 years	–	3	–	–	–	–	1	–
5 years or more	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	7	53	6	–	3	–	2	–
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	501	608	514	86	125	62	28	78
6 months to less than 1 year	377	262	228	38	81	33	18	16
1 to less than 2 years	440	349	342	83	74	48	9	23
2 to less than 5 years	492	338	345	220	58	20	14	22
5 years or more	549	148	229	99	67	25	23	14
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 359	1 705	1 658	526	405	188	92	153

Table 15A.22 **Children who exited out-of-home care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT
2008-09								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
1 to less than 6 months	173	67	173	20	36	4	21	na
6 months to less than 1 year	106	35	81	10	11	2	4	na
1 to less than 2 years	154	34	98	30	35	6	–	na
2 to less than 5 years	143	39	93	46	14	6	2	na
5 years or more	163	12	55	37	11	2	1	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total	739	187	500	143	107	20	28	na
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	382	418	431	57	77	58	39	na
6 months to less than 1 year	234	213	188	46	34	16	12	na
1 to less than 2 years	303	196	248	47	41	19	8	na
2 to less than 5 years	248	228	252	94	65	21	11	na
5 years or more	341	93	131	57	50	16	12	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total	1 508	1 148	1 250	301	267	130	82	na
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	555	485	604	77	113	62	60	na
6 months to less than 1 year	340	248	269	56	45	18	16	na
1 to less than 2 years	457	230	346	77	76	25	8	na
2 to less than 5 years	391	267	345	140	79	27	13	na
5 years or more	504	105	186	94	61	18	13	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total all children	2 247	1 335	1 750	444	374	150	110	na
2007-08								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
1 to less than 6 months	136	72	176	27	24	20	6	na
6 months to less than 1 year	112	29	52	16	13	1	1	na
1 to less than 2 years	122	32	61	11	12	7	7	na
2 to less than 5 years	78	20	99	45	11	5	8	na
5 years or more	91	20	46	47	15	6	2	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total	539	173	434	146	75	39	24	na

Table 15A.22 **Children who exited out-of-home care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	444	505	440	47	80	55	27	na
6 months to less than 1 year	232	193	173	36	50	39	14	na
1 to less than 2 years	229	234	189	17	42	33	14	na
2 to less than 5 years	159	210	167	61	29	42	21	na
5 years or more	264	133	141	83	43	16	12	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total	1 328	1 275	1 110	244	244	185	88	na
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	580	577	616	74	104	75	33	na
6 months to less than 1 year	344	222	225	52	63	40	15	na
1 to less than 2 years	351	266	250	28	54	40	21	na
2 to less than 5 years	237	230	266	106	40	47	29	na
5 years or more	355	153	187	130	58	22	14	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total all children	1 867	1 448	1 544	390	319	224	112	na
2006-07								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
1 to less than 6 months	159	181	180	20	56	12	2	na
6 months to less than 1 year	57	57	59	23	21	10	1	na
1 to less than 2 years	38	53	77	9	10	5	3	na
2 to less than 5 years	66	44	92	20	16	4	4	na
5 years or more	69	18	46	35	12	1	1	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total	389	353	454	107	115	32	11	na
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	424	748	449	39	101	79	35	na
6 months to less than 1 year	187	329	149	31	39	25	6	na
1 to less than 2 years	171	296	170	23	36	24	24	na
2 to less than 5 years	176	250	203	50	37	17	18	na
5 years or more	207	116	106	68	37	12	14	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total	1 165	1 739	1 077	211	250	157	97	na

Table 15A.22 **Children who exited out-of-home care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	583	929	629	59	157	91	37	na
6 months to less than 1 year	244	386	208	54	60	35	7	na
1 to less than 2 years	209	349	247	32	46	29	27	na
2 to less than 5 years	242	294	295	70	53	21	22	na
5 years or more	276	134	152	103	49	13	15	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total all children	1 554	2 092	1 531	318	365	189	108	na
2005-06								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
1 to less than 6 months	143	158	126	32	23	15	5	20
6 months to less than 1 year	50	47	45	12	5	6	2	12
1 to less than 2 years	58	43	84	17	7	1	4	7
2 to less than 5 years	69	40	53	20	8	4	–	2
5 years or more	105	10	49	24	9	2	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	425	298	357	105	52	28	11	41
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	395	777	361	52	54	88	53	6
6 months to less than 1 year	220	323	178	40	28	15	18	8
1 to less than 2 years	176	277	228	37	49	34	25	4
2 to less than 5 years	188	213	210	50	41	19	18	1
5 years or more	224	143	112	67	47	14	8	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	1 203	1 733	1 089	246	219	170	122	19
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

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Table 15A.22 Children who exited out-of-home care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	538	935	487	84	77	103	58	26
6 months to less than 1 year	270	370	223	52	33	21	20	20
1 to less than 2 years	234	320	312	54	56	35	29	11
2 to less than 5 years	257	253	263	70	49	23	18	3
5 years or more	329	153	161	91	56	16	8	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 628	2 031	1 446	351	271	198	133	60
2004-05								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
1 to less than 6 months	141	157	100	27	35	na	9	14
6 months to less than 1 year	64	56	29	16	8	na	–	5
1 to less than 2 years	67	45	31	5	11	na	2	9
2 to less than 5 years	107	43	44	29	5	na	–	4
5 years or more	84	17	30	32	9	na	2	2
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–
Total	463	318	234	109	68	na	13	34
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	443	891	399	70	56	na	74	7
6 months to less than 1 year	221	351	168	27	29	na	8	2
1 to less than 2 years	218	271	174	40	38	na	15	6
2 to less than 5 years	257	255	135	71	35	na	19	5
5 years or more	206	101	98	61	35	na	5	3
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–
Total	1 345	1 869	974	269	193	na	121	23
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	584	1 048	499	97	91	na	83	21
6 months to less than 1 year	285	407	197	43	37	na	8	7
1 to less than 2 years	285	316	205	45	49	na	17	15
2 to less than 5 years	364	298	179	100	40	na	19	9
5 years or more	290	118	128	93	44	na	7	5
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–
Total all children	1 808	2 187	1 208	378	261	na	134	57

Table 15A.22 Children who exited out-of-home care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
(a)	Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous status category. For 2009-10 onwards, a separate unknown Indigenous status category is reported.							
(b)	Exits from out-of-home care are defined as occasions when children leave care and do not return within 60 days. Placement breaks which do not exceed 7 days are not counted as exits.							
(c)	NSW: Prior to 2004-05, separate data on children who exited care provided by non government organisations were not available. Estimated figures were provided for these children exiting care.							
(d)	Victoria: During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, Victorian child protection data for 2006-07 onwards may not be fully comparable with previous years data.							
(e)	Tasmania: The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.							
	na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.							

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 and 2013-14 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 15A.23

Table 15A.23 **Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2014										
Number of children at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	4 006	709	1 274	1 043	422	65	81	17	7 617
Non-Indigenous	no.	6 038	3 164	2 005	754	726	225	237	–	13 149
Unknown	no.	–	4	27	24	14	12	–	–	81
All children	no.	10 044	3 877	3 306	1 821	1 162	302	318	17	20 847
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	61.4	54.2	38.2	55.4	53.6	28.0	53.3	2.2	50.8
Non-Indigenous	%	51.8	49.5	41.9	41.9	40.1	28.6	52.2	–	47.3
Unknown	%	–	44.4	40.9	58.5	42.4	33.3	na	–	42.4
All children	%	55.2	50.3	40.4	48.9	44.2	28.7	52.5	1.9	48.5
2013										
Number of children at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 900	512	1 165	888	434	65	78	37	7 079
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 830	2 677	1 838	693	745	229	203	3	12 218
Unknown	no.	–	1	23	36	11	9	10	–	90
All children	no.	9 730	3 190	3 026	1 617	1 190	303	291	40	19 387
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	62.9	55.5	36.5	49.3	55.1	26.7	55.7	5.9	50.9
Non-Indigenous	%	52.0	49.5	37.6	38.9	40.6	28.5	50.8	2.4	46.2
Unknown	%	–	1.5	40.4	65.5	32.4	42.9	52.6	na	35.2
All children	%	55.8	49.9	37.2	44.5	44.8	28.4	52.1	5.3	47.7
2012										
Number of children at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 808	513	1 041	816	385	71	74	135	6 843

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 777	2 313	1 720	639	709	233	213	28	11 632
Unknown	no.	1	6	6	10	10	2	5	–	40
All children	no.	9 586	2 832	2 767	1 465	1 104	306	292	163	18 515
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	63.6	49.9	34.2	50.6	54.5	33.5	55.2	23.6	51.5
Non-Indigenous	%	51.7	45.3	35.0	36.3	38.8	29.5	50.6	22.0	44.5
Unknown	%	4.2	8.2	15.4	38.5	71.4	25.0	45.5	na	20.5
All children	%	55.8	45.6	34.6	43.1	43.3	30.3	51.6	23.3	46.7
2011										
Number of children at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 683	447	925	788	336	67	63	79	6 388
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 691	1 929	1 523	528	627	254	207	27	10 786
Unknown	no.	–	7	7	52	22	3	10	–	101
All children	no.	9 374	2 383	2 455	1 368	985	324	280	106	17 275
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	64.2	51.0	32.5	54.4	53.3	34.2	52.9	15.8	51.7
Non-Indigenous	%	51.8	41.0	32.3	34.6	37.1	33.7	50.6	20.5	43.3
Unknown	%	–	7.0	23.3	35.9	45.8	18.8	83.3	–	28.0
All children	%	56.0	42.0	32.3	43.8	41.6	33.5	51.9	16.7	45.9
2010										
Number of children at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 482	423	870	733	301	40	62	88	5 999
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 519	1 751	1 518	502	539	246	203	36	10 314
Unknown	no.	–	11	2	–	7	–	1	2	23
All children	no.	9 001	2 185	2 390	1 235	847	286	266	126	16 336

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Table 15A.23 **Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	63.7	51.8	32.4	59.0	51.1	29.0	49.6	21.6	52.3
Non-Indigenous	%	51.6	38.5	32.6	33.6	34.2	32.6	50.1	25.4	42.5
Unknown	%	–	11.0	22.2	–	30.4	na	50.0	100.0	15.5
All children	%	55.6	40.0	32.5	45.1	38.7	32.0	50.0	22.9	45.5
2009										
Number of children at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 303	343	855	693	265	33	46	79	5 617
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 317	1 620	1 524	494	502	196	181	28	9 862
Unknown	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	no.	8 620	1 963	2 379	1 187	767	229	227	107	15 479
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	66.2	46.7	34.5	57.9	50.9	25.4	46.0	22.1	53.4
Non-Indigenous	%	52.0	35.6	33.0	33.3	33.6	28.9	45.9	22.6	41.9
Unknown	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	%	56.7	37.2	33.5	44.3	38.0	28.3	46.0	22.2	45.4
2008										
Number of children at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	2 926	279	767	651	229	30	35	52	4 969
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 797	1 548	1 479	485	434	150	133	20	9 046
Unknown	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	no.	7 723	1 827	2 246	1 136	663	180	168	72	14 015
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	67.8	42.3	36.8	60.4	49.0	29.4	43.2	18.5	54.8
Non-Indigenous	%	51.9	35.2	32.3	33.0	31.6	26.7	38.7	17.1	40.9

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Table 15A.23 **Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Unknown	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	%	56.9	36.1	33.7	44.6	36.0	27.1	39.5	18.1	45.0
2007										
Number of children at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	2 526	260	705	573	180	27	43	45	4 359
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 254	1 521	1 379	444	373	128	107	13	8 219
Unknown	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	no.	6 780	1 781	2 084	1 017	553	155	150	58	12 578
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	68.5	41.5	40.3	58.6	44.4	23.9	48.3	16.8	55.1
Non-Indigenous	%	52.2	34.4	32.7	31.9	29.3	23.1	34.5	10.1	40.2
Unknown	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	%	57.2	35.3	34.9	42.9	33.0	23.2	37.6	14.6	44.3
2006										
Number of children at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	1 951	233	521	452	137	20	39	44	3 397
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 585	1 383	1 129	356	222	128	103	13	6 919
Unknown	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	no.	5 536	1 616	1 650	808	359	148	142	57	10 316
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	67.3	42.2	34.8	59.0	38.2	20.4	47.6	17.8	52.3
Non-Indigenous	%	51.2	32.6	25.8	29.6	19.5	21.9	33.7	12.4	36.5
Unknown	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	%	55.9	33.7	28.1	41.1	24.0	21.7	36.6	16.2	40.5

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Table 15A.23 **Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2005										
Number of children at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	1 751	214	458	400	82	19	21	45	2 990
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 541	1 121	1 053	337	182	107	92	12	6 445
Unknown	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	no.	5 292	1 335	1 511	737	264	126	113	57	9 435
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	68.9	40.7	35.9	57.8	28.7	24.4	35.0	20.6	52.7
Non-Indigenous	%	53.0	28.9	24.0	29.6	17.4	21.5	32.6	11.3	35.8
Unknown	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	%	57.3	30.3	26.7	40.3	19.9	21.9	33.0	17.6	39.8

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care (OOHC) placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in OOHC placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where the placement type was known.
- (b) Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous status category. For 2009-10 onwards, a separate unknown Indigenous status category is reported.
- (c) The scope for OOHC was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.
- (d) NSW: Payments may be made to relative/kin carers where children are not on an order.
- (e) Victoria: During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, Victorian child protection data for 2006-07 onwards may not be fully comparable with data for previous years.
- (f) WA: A small number of children are placed with externally managed foster carers who are also their relative and have been recorded in the foster care category in 2007.

Table 15A.23 **Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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(g) Tasmania: The scope for OOHC was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer. Tasmania is not able to adhere to the definition of OOHC introduced in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely to be very low. The number of children in OOHC as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of OOHC.

(h) NT: due to a stringent assessment process in the NT, kinship carers are registered as foster carers. Due to system limitations, data reported for the NT for this measure do not provide a realistic view of children placed with relatives/kin (refer to table 15A.24). Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out-of-home care. The number of children in out-of-home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted. Due to realignment of placement types to ensure better data integrity, data for the financial year 2012-13 may not be comparable with data provided for previous financial years.

na Not available. - Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 and 2013-14 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

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Table 15A.24 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2014										
Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	2 994	371	775	821	274	13	38	262	5 548
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	1 012	245	499	222	148	52	43	–	2 221
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	4 006	616	1 274	1 043	422	65	81	262	7 769
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	1 224	54	523	181	88	27	3	70	2 170
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	58	11	42	16	15	2	–	–	144
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 282	65	565	197	103	29	3	70	2 314
Total children placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	no.	5 288	681	1 839	1 240	525	94	84	332	10 083
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	1 127	301	1 257	454	157	125	61	447	3 929
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	81	36	240	188	99	13	7	–	664
Total children not placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	no.	1 208	337	1 497	642	256	138	68	447	4 593
Independent living/unknown	no.	24	290	–	–	6	–	–	8	328
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	6 520	1 308	3 336	1 882	787	232	152	787	15 004
As a proportion of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	46.1	36.4	23.2	43.6	35.1	5.6	25.0	33.6	37.8
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	15.6	24.1	15.0	11.8	19.0	22.4	28.3	–	15.1
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	61.7	60.5	38.2	55.4	54.0	28.0	53.3	33.6	52.9
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	18.8	5.3	15.7	9.6	11.3	11.6	2.0	9.0	14.8

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	0.9	1.1	1.3	0.9	1.9	0.9	–	–	1.0
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	19.7	6.4	16.9	10.5	13.2	12.5	2.0	9.0	15.8
Total children placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	%	81.4	66.9	55.1	65.9	67.2	40.5	55.3	42.6	68.7
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	17.3	29.6	37.7	24.1	20.1	53.9	40.1	57.4	26.8
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.2	3.5	7.2	10.0	12.7	5.6	4.6	–	4.5
Total children not placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	%	18.6	33.1	44.9	34.1	32.8	59.5	44.7	57.4	31.3
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

2013

Number of Indigenous children at 30 June

Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	2 927	327	729	698	286	14	64	189	5 234
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	973	174	436	187	149	51	14	–	1 984
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	3 900	501	1 165	885	435	65	78	189	7 218
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	1 112	48	569	199	91	31	5	83	2 138
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	32	11	39	20	–	–	1	–	103
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 144	59	608	219	91	31	6	83	2 241
Total children placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	no.	5 044	560	1 773	1 104	526	96	84	272	9 459
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	1 039	319	1 243	397	159	134	48	348	3 687

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	94	40	179	173	99	10	8	–	603
Total children not placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	no.	1 133	359	1 422	570	258	144	56	348	4 290
Independent living/unknown	no.	26	3	–	126	4	3	–	3	165
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	6 203	922	3 195	1 800	788	243	140	623	13 914
As a proportion of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	47.4	35.6	22.8	41.7	36.5	5.8	45.7	30.5	38.1
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	15.8	18.9	13.6	11.2	19.0	21.3	10.0	–	14.4
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	63.1	54.5	36.5	52.9	55.5	27.1	55.7	30.5	52.5
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	18.0	5.2	17.8	11.9	11.6	12.9	3.6	13.4	15.6
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	0.5	1.2	1.2	1.2	–	–	0.7	–	0.7
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	18.5	6.4	19.0	13.1	11.6	12.9	4.3	13.4	16.3
Total children placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	%	81.7	60.9	55.5	65.9	67.1	40.0	60.0	43.9	68.8
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	16.8	34.7	38.9	23.7	20.3	55.8	34.3	56.1	26.8
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.5	4.4	5.6	10.3	12.6	4.2	5.7	–	4.4
Total children not placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	%	18.3	39.1	44.5	34.1	32.9	60.0	40.0	56.1	31.2
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0								

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2012										
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	2 922	275	659	670	275	24	64	158	5 047
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	886	238	382	193	110	47	10	–	1 866
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	3 808	513	1 041	863	385	71	74	158	6 913
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	1 028	54	541	199	111	24	11	59	2 027
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	37	11	52	32	7	1	2	–	142
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 065	65	593	231	118	25	13	59	2 169
Total children placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	no.	4 873	578	1 634	1 094	503	96	87	217	9 082
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	1 013	373	1 219	328	102	111	40	352	3 538
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	84	76	188	156	71	3	6	–	584
Total children not placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	no.	1 097	449	1 407	484	173	114	46	352	4 122
Independent living/unknown	no.	21	1	–	36	30	2	1	4	95
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	5 991	1 028	3 041	1 614	706	212	134	573	13 299
As a proportion of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	48.9	26.8	21.7	42.5	40.7	11.4	48.1	27.8	38.2
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	14.8	23.2	12.6	12.2	16.3	22.4	7.5	–	14.1
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	63.8	50.0	34.2	54.7	57.0	33.8	55.6	27.8	52.4
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	17.2	5.3	17.8	12.6	16.4	11.4	8.3	10.4	15.4

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	0.6	1.1	1.7	2.0	1.0	0.5	1.5	–	1.1
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	17.8	6.3	19.5	14.6	17.5	11.9	9.8	10.4	16.4
Total children placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	%	81.6	56.3	53.7	69.3	74.4	45.7	65.4	38.1	68.8
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	17.0	36.3	40.1	20.8	15.1	52.9	30.1	61.9	26.8
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.4	7.4	6.2	9.9	10.5	1.4	4.5	–	4.4
Total children not placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	%	18.4	43.7	46.3	30.7	25.6	54.3	34.6	61.9	31.2
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

2011

Number of Indigenous children at 30 June

Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	2 887	216	605	654	247	26	54	114	4 803
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	796	231	320	171	89	41	9	–	1 657
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	3 683	447	925	825	336	67	63	114	6 460
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	994	47	510	182	107	17	11	52	1 920
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	30	10	60	22	11	–	2	–	135
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 024	57	570	204	118	17	13	52	2 055
Total children placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	no.	4 707	504	1 495	1 029	454	84	76	166	8 515
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	937	324	1 170	277	94	106	32	330	3 270

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In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	68	49	185	140	59	6	11	–	518
Total children not placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	no.	1 005	373	1 355	417	153	112	43	330	3 788
Independent living/unknown	no.	25	–	–	2	23	–	–	5	55
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	5 737	877	2 850	1 448	630	196	119	501	12 358
As a proportion of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	50.5	24.6	21.2	45.2	40.7	13.3	45.4	23.0	39.0
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	13.9	26.3	11.2	11.8	14.7	20.9	7.6	–	13.5
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	64.5	51.0	32.5	57.1	55.4	34.2	52.9	23.0	52.5
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	17.4	5.4	17.9	12.6	17.6	8.7	9.2	10.5	15.6
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	0.5	1.1	2.1	1.5	1.8	–	1.7	–	1.1
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	17.9	6.5	20.0	14.1	19.4	8.7	10.9	10.5	16.7
Total children placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	%	82.4	57.5	52.5	71.2	74.8	42.9	63.9	33.5	69.2
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	16.4	36.9	41.1	19.2	15.5	54.1	26.9	66.5	26.6
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.2	5.6	6.5	9.7	9.7	3.1	9.2	–	4.2
Total children not placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	%	17.6	42.5	47.5	28.8	25.2	57.1	36.1	66.5	30.8
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0								

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2010										
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	2 802	209	571	633	224	15	55	124	4 633
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	680	214	299	110	77	25	7	–	1 412
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	3 482	423	870	743	301	40	62	124	6 045
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	949	47	538	161	115	4	9	58	1 881
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	38	5	37	22	16	–	2	–	120
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	987	52	575	183	131	4	11	58	2 001
Total children placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	no.	4 469	475	1 445	926	432	44	73	182	8 046
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	918	302	1 067	235	98	90	43	224	2 977
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	52	37	174	77	40	4	9	–	393
Total children not placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	no.	970	339	1 241	312	138	94	52	224	3 370
Independent living/unknown	no.	26	2	–	4	19	–	–	1	52
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	5 465	816	2 686	1 242	589	138	125	407	11 468
As a proportion of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	51.5	25.7	21.3	51.1	39.3	10.9	44.0	30.5	40.6
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	12.5	26.3	11.1	8.9	13.5	18.1	5.6	–	12.4
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	64.0	52.0	32.4	60.0	52.8	29.0	49.6	30.5	53.0
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	17.4	5.8	20.0	13.0	20.2	2.9	7.2	14.3	16.5

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	0.7	0.6	1.4	1.8	2.8	–	1.6	–	1.1
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	18.1	6.4	21.4	14.8	23.0	2.9	8.8	14.3	17.5
Total children placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	%	82.2	58.4	53.8	74.8	75.8	31.9	58.4	44.8	70.5
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	16.9	37.1	39.7	19.0	17.2	65.2	34.4	55.2	26.1
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.0	4.5	6.5	6.2	7.0	2.9	7.2	–	3.4
Total children not placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	%	17.8	41.6	46.2	25.2	24.2	68.1	41.6	55.2	29.5
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

2009

Number of Indigenous children at 30 June

Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	2 759	181	590	607	204	13	40	116	4 510
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	544	162	265	96	61	20	6	–	1 154
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	3 303	343	855	703	265	33	46	116	5 664
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	843	75	566	169	112	3	9	52	1 829
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	23	13	24	26	18	–	3	–	107
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	866	88	590	195	130	3	12	52	1 936
Total children placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	no.	4 169	431	1 445	898	395	36	58	168	7 600
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	741	233	925	221	87	89	29	186	2 511

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In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	53	60	111	73	35	5	13	–	350
Total children not placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	no.	794	293	1 036	294	122	94	42	186	2 861
Independent living/unknown	no.	28	10	–	5	4	–	–	4	51
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	4 991	734	2 481	1 197	521	130	100	358	10 512
As a proportion of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	55.6	25.0	23.8	50.9	39.5	10.0	40.0	32.8	43.1
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	11.0	22.4	10.7	8.1	11.8	15.4	6.0	–	11.0
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	66.6	47.4	34.5	59.0	51.3	25.4	46.0	32.8	54.1
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	17.0	10.4	22.8	14.2	21.7	2.3	9.0	14.7	17.5
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	0.5	1.8	1.0	2.2	3.5	–	3.0	–	1.0
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	17.4	12.2	23.8	16.4	25.1	2.3	12.0	14.7	18.5
Total children placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	%	84.0	59.5	58.2	75.3	76.4	27.7	58.0	47.5	72.7
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	14.9	32.2	37.3	18.5	16.8	68.5	29.0	52.5	24.0
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.1	8.3	4.5	6.1	6.8	3.8	13.0	–	3.3
Total children not placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	%	16.0	40.5	41.8	24.7	23.6	72.3	42.0	52.5	27.3
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0								

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Table 15A.24 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2008										
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	2 517	103	399	566	182	14	21	87	3 889
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	409	176	164	94	47	16	14	na	920
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	2 926	279	563	660	229	30	35	87	4 809
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	700	144	610	155	124	6	14	48	1 801
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	8	15	9	25	–	–	4	–	61
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	708	159	619	180	124	6	18	48	1 862
Total children placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	no.	3 634	438	1 182	840	353	36	53	135	6 671
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	615	182	829	170	77	62	17	146	2 098
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	53	25	74	60	25	4	10	–	251
Total children not placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	no.	668	207	903	230	102	66	27	146	2 349
Independent living/unknown	no.	14	15	–	8	12	–	1	–	50
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	4 316	660	2 085	1 078	467	102	81	281	9 070
As a proportion of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	58.5	16.0	19.1	52.9	40.0	13.7	26.3	31.0	43.1
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	9.5	27.3	7.9	8.8	10.3	15.7	17.5	na	10.2
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	68.0	43.3	27.0	61.7	50.3	29.4	43.8	31.0	53.3
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	16.3	22.3	29.3	14.5	27.3	5.9	17.5	17.1	20.0

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Table 15A.24 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	0.2	2.3	0.4	2.3	–	–	5.0	–	0.7
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	16.5	24.7	29.7	16.8	27.3	5.9	22.5	17.1	20.6
Total children placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	%	84.5	67.9	56.7	78.5	77.6	35.3	66.3	48.0	74.0
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	14.3	28.2	39.8	15.9	16.9	60.8	21.3	52.0	23.3
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.2	3.9	3.5	5.6	5.5	3.9	12.5	–	2.8
Total children not placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	%	15.5	32.1	43.3	21.5	22.4	64.7	33.8	52.0	26.0
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

2007

Number of Indigenous children at 30 June

Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	2 233	125	401	512	140	9	29	89	3 538
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	293	102	167	82	40	15	14	na	713
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	2 526	227	568	594	180	24	43	89	4 251
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	637	103	449	156	136	16	16	61	1 574
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	12	19	6	21	–	–	2	–	60
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	649	122	455	177	136	16	18	61	1 634
Total children placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	no.	3 175	349	1 023	771	316	40	61	150	5 885
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	470	199	674	133	63	58	20	118	1 735

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Table 15A.24 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	31	16	52	62	18	10	8	–	197
Total children not placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	no.	501	215	726	195	81	68	28	118	1 932
Independent living/unknown	no.	13	62	–	12	8	5	–	–	100
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	3 689	626	1 749	978	405	113	89	268	7 917
As a proportion of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	60.7	22.2	22.9	53.0	35.3	8.3	32.6	33.2	45.3
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	8.0	18.1	9.5	8.5	10.1	13.9	15.7	na	9.1
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	68.7	40.2	32.5	61.5	45.3	22.2	48.3	33.2	54.4
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	17.3	18.3	25.7	16.1	34.3	14.8	18.0	22.8	20.1
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	0.3	3.4	0.3	2.2	–	–	2.2	–	0.8
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	17.7	21.6	26.0	18.3	34.3	14.8	20.2	22.8	20.9
Total children placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	%	86.4	61.9	58.5	79.8	79.6	37.0	68.5	56.0	75.3
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	12.8	35.3	38.5	13.8	15.9	53.7	22.5	44.0	22.2
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	0.8	2.8	3.0	6.4	4.5	9.3	9.0	–	2.5
Total children not placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	%	13.6	38.1	41.5	20.2	20.4	63.0	31.5	44.0	24.7
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0								

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Table 15A.24 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2006										
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	1 669	152	379	394	109	10	28	90	2 831
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	282	80	142	64	28	8	11	na	615
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	1 951	232	521	458	137	18	39	90	3 446
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	512	102	400	143	138	13	17	67	1 392
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	9	21	9	18	–	–	1	–	58
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	521	123	409	161	138	13	18	67	1 450
Total children placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	no.	2 472	355	930	619	275	31	57	157	4 896
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	374	166	538	92	62	55	18	87	1 392
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	43	27	28	45	22	7	6	–	178
Total children not placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	no.	417	193	566	137	84	62	24	87	1 570
Independent living/unknown	no.	8	4	–	10	–	5	1	3	31
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	2 897	552	1 496	766	359	98	82	247	6 497
As a proportion of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	57.8	27.7	25.3	52.1	30.4	10.8	34.6	36.9	43.8
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	9.8	14.6	9.5	8.5	7.8	8.6	13.6	na	9.5
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	67.5	42.3	34.8	60.6	38.2	19.4	48.1	36.9	53.3
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	17.7	18.6	26.7	18.9	38.4	14.0	21.0	27.5	21.5

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Table 15A.24 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	0.3	3.8	0.6	2.4	–	–	1.2	–	0.9
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	18.0	22.4	27.3	21.3	38.4	14.0	22.2	27.5	22.4
Total children placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	%	85.6	64.8	62.2	81.9	76.6	33.3	70.4	64.3	75.7
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	12.9	30.3	36.0	12.2	17.3	59.1	22.2	35.7	21.5
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.5	4.9	1.9	6.0	6.1	7.5	7.4	–	2.8
Total children not placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	%	14.4	35.2	37.8	18.1	23.4	66.7	29.6	35.7	24.3
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

2005

Number of Indigenous children at 30 June

Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	1 485	133	343	345	70	8	19	79	2 482
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	266	71	115	55	12	11	3	na	533
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	1 751	204	458	400	82	19	22	79	3 015
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	443	77	366	143	136	1	14	71	1 251
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	7	11	2	25	–	–	2	–	47
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	450	88	368	168	136	1	16	71	1 298
Total children placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	no.	2 201	292	826	568	218	20	38	150	4 313
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	291	181	444	77	64	54	14	68	1 193

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Table 15A.24 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	42	24	5	38	4	–	6	–	119
Total children not placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	no.	333	205	449	115	68	54	20	68	1 312
Independent living/unknown	no.	9	29	–	9	–	4	2	–	53
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	2 543	526	1 275	692	286	78	60	218	5 678
As a proportion of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	58.6	26.8	26.9	50.5	24.5	10.8	32.8	36.2	44.1
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	10.5	14.3	9.0	8.1	4.2	14.9	5.2	na	9.5
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	69.1	41.0	35.9	58.6	28.7	25.7	37.9	36.2	53.6
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	17.5	15.5	28.7	20.9	47.6	1.4	24.1	32.6	22.2
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	0.3	2.2	0.2	3.7	–	–	3.4	–	0.8
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	17.8	17.7	28.9	24.6	47.6	1.4	27.6	32.6	23.1
Total children placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	%	86.9	58.8	64.8	83.2	76.2	27.0	65.5	68.8	76.7
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	11.5	36.4	34.8	11.3	22.4	73.0	24.1	31.2	21.2
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.7	4.8	0.4	5.6	1.4	–	10.3	–	2.1
Total children not placed in accordance with Aboriginal child placement principle	%	13.1	41.2	35.2	16.8	23.8	73.0	34.5	31.2	23.3
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) The denominator for calculating the proportion of children excludes Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

Table 15A.24 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
(b)	Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous status category. For 2009-10 onwards, a separate unknown Indigenous status category is reported.									
(c)	The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.									
(d)	Residential care includes family group homes.									
(e)	Victoria: During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which was progressively rolled out across the State. In parallel, the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, Victorian child protection data for 2006-07 onwards may not be fully comparable with data for previous years.									
(f)	Queensland: There may be some children in the category residential care/independent living who had Indigenous caregivers in facility-based care.									
(g)	WA: A small number of children may be placed with externally managed foster carers who are also their relative and have been recorded in the foster care category.									
(h)	SA: During 2012-13, SA changed databases, which resulted in a data recording issue leading to an undercount of children placed in compliance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle. Due to these data issues, 2012-13 child protection data for this indicator for this indicator are likely to be incorrect and cannot be reliably compared with data for previous years.									
(i)	Tasmania: Data relate to a small number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.									
(j)	NT: Children placed with family members have been included in the 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin' category. Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in OOHC. The number of children in OOHC reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted. Due to realignment of placement types to ensure better data integrity, data for 2012-13 may not be comparable with data for previous years. In 2013-14 data for this indicator were provided by the NT in aggregate form. As such there are small differences in totals for this indicator (<2 per cent) when compared with other OOHC tables.									

na Not available. ... Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 and 2013-14 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

Table 15A.25 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement, by Indigenous status, 30 June (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2014										
Number of children										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	4 460	917	2 348	1 372	496	156	116	506	10 371
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 543	3 919	3 079	1 218	1 113	478	297	62	17 709
Unknown	no.	2	6	57	38	28	35	–	–	166
All children	no.	12 005	4 842	5 484	2 628	1 637	669	413	568	28 246
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	99.7	96.9	96.3	91.1	89.2	96.3	99.1	92.8	96.5
Non-Indigenous	%	99.5	98.4	98.8	96.4	92.2	95.4	98.7	88.6	98.2
Unknown	%	100.0	100.0	98.3	95.0	96.6	97.2	na	na	97.1
All children	%	99.6	98.1	97.7	93.6	91.4	95.7	98.8	92.4	97.6
2013										
Number of children										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	4 265	626	2 333	1 481	525	169	103	397	9 899
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 262	3 163	3 155	1 550	1 134	499	255	63	17 081
Unknown	no.	3	31	49	53	22	20	14	–	192
All children	no.	11 530	3 820	5 537	3 084	1 681	688	372	460	27 172
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	99.5	97.8	97.5	82.3	91.5	96.0	98.1	93.0	95.1
Non-Indigenous	%	99.5	98.7	98.6	87.0	92.6	95.8	99.2	96.9	97.3
Unknown	%	100.0	93.9	100.0	96.4	73.3	100.0	82.4	na	92.8
All children	%	99.5	98.5	98.1	84.8	92.0	96.0	98.2	93.5	96.5
2012										
Number of children										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	4 125	704	2 225	1 082	450	157	97	367	9 207
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 265	2 963	3 199	1 098	1 148	514	278	64	16 529
Unknown	no.	18	51	30	17	13	4	7	–	140
All children	no.	11 408	3 718	5 454	2 197	1 611	675	382	431	25 876
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	99.7	97.1	96.4	90.4	88.1	98.1	100.0	90.0	96.5
Non-Indigenous	%	99.4	98.1	98.2	95.7	92.1	97.7	98.9	91.4	98.1
Unknown	%	94.7	100.0	96.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	na	98.6
All children	%	99.5	98.0	97.4	93.1	91.0	97.8	99.2	90.2	97.5

Table 15A.25 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement, by Indigenous status, 30 June (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2011										
Number of children										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 934	589	2 101	982	413	147	81	332	8 579
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 173	2 622	3 094	918	1 012	507	276	71	15 673
Unknown	no.	4	58	22	116	40	12	9	–	261
All children	no.	11 111	3 269	5 217	2 016	1 465	666	366	403	24 513
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	99.8	97.8	96.6	88.2	89.2	94.8	97.6	89.2	96.3
Non-Indigenous	%	99.6	97.5	98.7	94.7	91.3	97.1	98.2	95.9	98.1
Unknown	%	100.0	100.0	95.7	90.6	87.0	100.0	100.0	na	93.2
All children	%	99.7	97.6	97.8	91.2	90.6	96.7	98.1	90.4	97.4
2010										
Number of children										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 763	553	1 978	930	384	109	85	273	8 075
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 037	2 590	3 032	964	918	510	259	82	15 392
Unknown	no.	4	66	8	1	17	–	1	2	99
All children	no.	10 804	3 209	5 018	1 895	1 319	619	345	357	23 566
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	99.8	99.5	96.9	93.0	90.6	99.1	97.7	91.3	97.4
Non-Indigenous	%	99.6	97.8	98.5	96.7	89.3	95.9	99.2	96.5	98.1
Unknown	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	85.0	na	100.0	100.0	97.1
All children	%	99.7	98.1	97.9	94.8	89.6	96.4	98.9	92.5	97.9
2009										
Number of children										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 424	467	1 862	907	343	97	60	250	7 410
Non-Indigenous	no.	6 749	2 575	3 048	994	892	463	242	66	15 029
Unknown	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	no.	10 173	3 042	4 910	1 901	1 235	560	302	316	22 439
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	99.8	96.5	97.9	91.4	91.7	95.1	95.2	94.0	97.3
Non-Indigenous	%	99.7	97.5	98.5	97.0	91.5	96.3	100.0	91.7	98.3
Unknown	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	%	99.8	97.4	98.3	94.2	91.5	96.1	99.0	93.5	97.9

Table 15A.25 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement, by Indigenous status, 30 June (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2008										
Number of children										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	2 948	416	1 568	805	320	73	46	195	6 371
Non-Indigenous	no.	6 058	2 479	3 030	973	818	384	215	63	14 020
Unknown	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	no.	9 006	2 895	4 598	1 778	1 138	457	261	258	20 391
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	99.9	97.4	98.7	92.5	94.7	96.1	97.9	90.7	97.8
Non-Indigenous	%	99.7	96.4	98.4	94.9	91.7	96.7	100.0	80.8	97.8
Unknown	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	%	99.7	96.6	98.5	93.8	92.5	96.6	99.6	88.1	97.8
2007										
Number of children										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	2 563	403	1 326	709	271	79	57	178	5 586
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 373	2 571	2 768	900	749	376	186	79	13 002
Unknown	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	no.	7 936	2 974	4 094	1 609	1 020	455	243	257	18 588
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	99.9	97.1	99.2	92.4	96.4	97.5	100.0	89.4	98.0
Non-Indigenous	%	99.6	97.7	97.5	94.9	89.8	94.7	97.4	84.0	97.5
Unknown	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	%	99.7	97.6	98.0	93.8	91.5	95.2	98.0	87.7	97.7
2006										
Number of children										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	2 042	335	1 105	541	242	59	49	183	4 556
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 723	2 454	2 979	773	708	370	171	67	12 245
Unknown	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	no.	6 765	2 789	4 084	1 314	950	429	220	250	16 801
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	99.5	94.6	99.5	92.8	96.8	85.5	100.0	94.8	97.7
Non-Indigenous	%	99.6	98.0	98.6	94.8	96.2	94.1	96.6	97.1	98.3
Unknown	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	%	99.5	97.6	98.9	94.0	96.3	92.9	97.3	95.4	98.1

Table 15A.25 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement, by Indigenous status, 30 June (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2005										
Number of children										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	1 794	343	923	480	189	43	36	160	3 968
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 515	2 196	3 072	700	629	296	161	69	11 638
Unknown	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	no.	6 309	2 539	3 995	1 180	818	339	197	229	15 606
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	99.0	96.9	99.9	91.8	98.4	87.8	100.0	95.2	97.8
Non-Indigenous	%	99.4	97.5	99.6	93.0	97.8	90.8	98.2	93.2	98.3
Unknown	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	%	99.2	97.4	99.7	92.5	98.0	90.4	98.5	94.6	98.2

- (a) The percentage of children under 12 years in home-based placements was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children under 12 years old in out-of-home care placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous status category. For 2009-10 onwards, a separate unknown Indigenous status category is reported.
- (c) Victoria: During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which was progressively rolled out across the State. In parallel, the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, Victorian child protection data for 2006-07 onwards may not be fully comparable with data for previous years.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 and 2013-14 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

Table 15A.26 **Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements, by the length of time in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2013-14									
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care									
1 placement	197	303	169	na	43	24	21	27	784
2 placements	67	143	67	na	15	13	7	10	322
3 placements	22	70	20	na	8	4	6	1	131
4-5 placements	5	34	3	na	2	-	2	-	46
6-10 placements	-	12	-	na	-	-	1	-	13
11 or more placements	-	-	-	na	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	na	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	291	562	259	na	68	41	37	38	1 296
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care									
1 placement	101	148	66	na	19	15	3	7	359
2 placement	63	62	43	na	10	12	6	9	205
3 placement	12	36	14	na	5	2	2	3	74
4-5 placement	9	19	7	na	4	1	1	3	44
6-10 placements	1	5	1	na	2	-	-	-	9
11 or more placements	-	-	-	na	1	-	-	-	1
Unknown	-	-	-	na	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	186	270	131	na	41	30	12	22	692
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care									
1 placement	79	103	82	na	18	11	14	6	313
2 placement	55	58	109	na	20	11	2	4	259
3 placement	40	33	67	na	12	6	1	3	162
4-5 placement	23	35	42	na	19	2	3	8	132
6-10 placements	5	28	7	na	8	-	-	2	50
11 or more placements	1	1	-	na	1	-	-	-	3
Unknown	-	-	-	na	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	203	258	307	na	78	30	20	23	919
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care									
1 placement	76	49	69	na	10	17	2	3	226
2 placement	79	45	90	na	10	8	2	6	240
3 placement	68	43	55	na	9	9	6	3	193
4-5 placement	54	62	85	na	10	8	4	3	226
6-10 placements	19	56	59	na	25	3	1	6	169
11 or more placements	-	14	3	na	3	-	-	3	23
Unknown	-	-	-	na	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	296	269	361	na	67	45	15	24	1 077
5 years or more in out-of-home care									
1 placement	174	70	39	na	28	4	4	-	319
2 placement	160	44	43	na	11	3	3	4	268
3 placement	108	29	38	na	3	6	3	2	189

Table 15A.26 **Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements, by the length of time in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
4–5 placement	129	44	65	na	12	4	5	2	261
6–10 placements	111	31	111	na	37	11	2	8	311
11 or more placements	27	17	28	na	29	11	–	6	118
Unknown	–	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	709	235	324	na	120	39	17	22	1 466
All children									
1 placement	627	673	425	na	118	71	44	43	2 001
2 placements	424	352	352	na	66	47	20	33	1 294
3 placements	250	211	194	na	37	27	18	12	749
4–5 placements	220	194	202	na	47	15	15	16	709
6–10 placements	136	132	178	na	72	14	4	16	552
11 or more placements	28	32	31	na	34	11	–	9	145
Unknown	–	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	1 685	1 594	1 382	na	374	185	101	129	5 450
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	428	656	345	na	87	64	37	53	1 670
3 or more placements	49	176	45	na	22	7	12	7	318
Total children	477	832	390	na	109	71	49	60	1 988
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
	89.7	78.8	88.5	na	79.8	90.1	75.5	88.3	84.0
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	623	369	432	na	97	54	27	23	1 625
3 or more placements	585	393	560	na	168	60	25	46	1 837
Total children	1 208	762	992	na	265	114	52	69	3 462
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
	51.6	48.4	43.5	na	36.6	47.4	51.9	33.3	46.9
2012-13 summary									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	463	931	398	na	134	49	35	96	2 106
3 or more placements	51	159	58	na	27	12	6	12	325
Total children	514	1 090	456	na	161	61	41	108	2 431
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
	90.1	85.4	87.3	na	83.2	80.3	85.4	88.9	86.6

Table 15A.26 Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements, by the length of time in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	572	512	366	na	95	65	43	38	1 691
3 or more placements	501	425	604	na	119	63	29	49	1 790
Total children	1 073	937	970	na	214	128	72	87	3 481
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
1–2 placements, per cent	53.3	54.6	37.7	na	44.4	50.8	59.7	43.7	48.6
2011-12 summary									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	477	645	314	na	65	68	43	112	1 724
3 or more placements	53	85	70	na	19	4	10	23	264
Total children	530	730	384	na	84	72	53	135	1 988
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
1–2 placements, per cent	90.0	88.4	81.8	na	77.4	94.4	81.1	83.0	86.7
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	567	386	326	na	91	59	34	32	1 495
3 or more placements	509	330	527	na	114	56	37	47	1 620
Total children	1 076	716	853	na	205	115	71	79	3 115
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
1–2 placements, per cent	52.7	53.9	38.2	na	44.4	51.3	47.9	40.5	48.0
2010-11 summary									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	472	477	473	na	78	52	47	97	1 696
3 or more placements	74	154	53	na	20	20	10	12	343
Total children	546	631	526	na	98	72	57	109	2 039
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
1–2 placements, per cent	86.4	75.6	89.9	na	79.6	72.2	82.5	89.0	83.2
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	545	340	430	na	86	29	28	31	1 489
3 or more placements	436	372	532	na	103	58	31	39	1 571
Total children	981	712	962	na	189	87	59	70	3 060
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
1–2 placements, per cent	55.6	47.8	44.7	na	45.5	33.3	47.5	44.3	48.7

Table 15A.26 Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements, by the length of time in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2009-10 summary									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1-2 placements	495	502	523	77	91	75	39	82	1 884
3 or more placements	70	141	90	25	36	18	5	12	397
Total children	565	643	613	102	127	93	44	94	2 281
Proportion of children in									
1-2 placements, per cent	87.6	78.1	85.3	75.5	71.7	80.6	88.6	87.2	82.6
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1-2 placements	496	359	433	187	60	33	21	26	1 615
3 or more placements	416	367	476	188	128	60	24	33	1 692
Total children	912	726	909	375	188	93	45	59	3 307
Proportion of children in									
1-2 placements, per cent	54.4	49.4	47.6	49.9	31.9	35	46.7	44.1	48.8
2008-09 summary									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1-2 placements	576	416	619	93	49	68	68	na	1 889
3 or more placements	61	152	90	21	25	11	8	na	368
Total children	637	568	709	114	74	79	76	na	2 257
Proportion of children in									
1-2 placements, per cent	90.4	73.2	87.3	81.6	66.2	86.1	89.5	na	83.7
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1-2 placements	536	239	412	133	76	20	22	na	1 438
3 or more placements	412	265	437	159	119	49	12	na	1 453
Total children	948	504	849	292	195	69	34	na	2 891
Proportion of children in									
1-2 placements, per cent	56.5	47.4	48.5	45.5	39.0	29	64.7	na	49.7
2007-08 summary									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1-2 placements	596	374	609	77	58	79	31	na	1 824
3 or more placements	44	99	71	23	20	35	17	na	309
Total children	640	473	680	100	78	114	48	na	2 133
Proportion of children in									
1-2 placements, per cent	93.1	79.1	89.6	77.0	74.4	69.3	64.6	na	85.5

Table 15A.26 **Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements, by the length of time in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	390	224	301	120	60	38	33	na	1 166
3 or more placements	353	246	358	125	81	71	31	na	1 265
Total children	743	470	659	245	141	109	64	na	2 431
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
1–2 placements, per cent	52.5	47.7	45.7	49.0	42.6	35	51.6	na	48.0
2006-07 summary									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	592	504	771	55	52	85	35	na	2 094
3 or more placements	47	120	70	18	20	40	9	na	324
Total children	639	624	841	73	72	125	44	na	2 418
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
1–2 placements, per cent	92.6	80.8	91.7	75.3	72.2	68.0	79.5	na	86.6
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	342	301	364	71	52	10	34	na	1 174
3 or more placements	247	330	329	102	83	53	28	na	1 172
Total children	589	631	693	173	135	63	62	na	2 346
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
1–2 placements, per cent	58.1	47.7	52.5	41.0	38.5	16	54.8	na	50.0
2005-06 summary									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	540	487	482	19	33	76	60	21	1 718
3 or more placements	48	76	79	4	16	37	15	25	300
Total children	588	563	561	23	49	113	75	46	2 018
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
1–2 placements, per cent	91.8	86.5	85.9	82.6	67.3	67.3	80.0	45.7	85.1
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	364	300	319	68	70	23	36	7	1 187
3 or more placements	270	230	349	100	74	48	17	7	1 095
Total children	634	530	668	168	144	71	53	14	2 282
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
1–2 placements, per cent	57.4	56.6	47.8	40.5	48.6	32	67.9	50.0	52.0

Table 15A.26 Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements, by the length of time in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2004-05 summary									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	560	585	526	21	29	na	89	24	1 834
3 or more placements	37	85	52	6	10	na	2	4	196
Total children	597	670	578	27	39	na	91	28	2 030
Proportion of children in									
1–2 placements, per cent	93.8	87.3	91.0	77.8	74.4	na	97.8	85.7	90.3
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	418	318	279	85	48	na	30	17	1 195
3 or more placements	294	245	212	92	75	na	13	12	943
Total children	712	563	491	177	123	na	43	29	2 138
Proportion of children in									
1–2 placements, per cent	58.7	56.5	56.8	48.0	39.0	na	69.8	58.6	55.9

- (a) For number of different placements, only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as separate placements.
- (b) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.
- (c) Victoria: During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, Victorian child protection data for 2006-07 onwards may not be fully comparable with data for previous years.
- (d) WA: Data for 2010-11 onwards are not available as these data cannot be extracted from WA's aggregate child protection data system.
- (e) Tasmania: Prior to September 2010, data for respite placements were unable to be identified and excluded. Results for 'total children exiting care' for 2011-12 to 2013-14 should not be compared with prior years as respite placements are now excluded from the count of placements. Exclusion of this placement type was not possible in previous years due to system limitations.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 and 2013-14 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 15A.27

Table 15A.27 **Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was living in the household providing out-of-home care (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2013-14									
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	68	109	137	9	13	9	20	na
Children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	20 520	10 041	8 438	4 485	3 089	1 273	776	1 134
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	0.3	1.1	1.6	0.2	0.4	0.7	2.6	na
2012-13									
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	24	89	237	9	5	3	4	na
Children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	20 069	8 957	8 706	4 498	3 095	1 298	770	1 048
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	0.1	1.0	2.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	na
2011-12									
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	58	90	316	14	10	26	8	na
Children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	20 018	9 103	8 560	4 260	2 986	1 249	797	1 031
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	0.3	1.0	3.7	0.3	0.3	2.1	1.0	na
2010-11									
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	93	78	194	4	9	27	9	na
Children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	19 590	8 473	8 265	3 839	2 822	1 167	779	897

TABLE 15A.27

Table 15A.27 **Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was living in the household providing out-of-home care (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	0.5	0.9	2.3	0.1	0.3	2.3	1.2	na
2009-10									
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	na	41	228	7	9	23	15	na
Children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	18 967	8 324	8 130	3 537	2 711	1 121	765	820
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	na	0.5	2.8	0.2	0.3	2.1	2.0	na
2008-09									
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	na	na	230	4	4	16	1	na
Children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	17 998	7 826	8 005	3 456	2 519	1 011	892	747
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	na	na	2.9	0.1	0.2	1.6	0.1	na
2007-08									
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	na	na	179	6	na	na	2	na
Children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	16 008	7 898	8 989	3 262	2 379	968	676	654
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	na	na	2.0	0.2	na	na	0.3	na
2006-07									
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	na	na	na	13	8	na	3	na

TABLE 15A.27

Table 15A.27 **Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was living in the household providing out-of-home care (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	14 066	7 785	8 080	2 991	2 269	964	672	680
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	na	na	na	0.4	0.4	na	0.4	na
2005-06									
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	na	na	281	9	11	na	11	na
Children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	12 203	7 795	7 207	2 544	2 014	980	643	541
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	na	na	3.9	0.4	0.5	na	1.7	na
2004-05									
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	na	na	509	12	8	11	11	na
Children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	11 664	7 477	6 732	2 489	1 943	661	635	521
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	na	na	7.6	0.5	0.4	1.7	1.7	na

(a) NSW: Could not provide data for this indicator prior to 2010-11. For all years, the numerator provided for this measure (i.e., the number of children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household providing out-of-home care (OOHC)) excludes children who are in government authorised and funded OOHC placements where the OOHC placement is facilitated by a non-government organisation (NGO) and children who were victims of allegations which were finalised after left OOHC. The denominator for this measure (i.e., all children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year) encompasses all children in OOHC (including children in government authorised and funded OOHC placements where the OOHC placement is facilitated by an NGO). This affects the reported rate (i.e., a lower rate is derived than would be the case if the numerator and denominator aligned). Therefore, NSW data are narrower than the scope of the national counting rule and should not be compared with other jurisdictions' data.

Table 15A.27 **Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was living in the household providing out-of-home care (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
(b) Victoria: Quality of care concerns can range from minor quality issues through to possible physical or sexual abuse. All reports are treated seriously at the outset of the process and the best interests of the child or young person are considered paramount. Substantiated abuse may involve physical, emotional or sexual abuse, neglect (including medical neglect). An allegation of abuse may not be substantiated if at any stage during the investigation process insufficient evidence is found to support the allegation. Substantiated quality of care concerns encompass completed investigations where quality of care concerns are substantiated and action is taken in response. Data up to and including 2011-12 are not comparable to data for 2012-13 and 2013-14 due to the recent implementation of a new quality of care database. Previously published data for 2012-13 have been revised for this Report and differ from those in the 2014 Report.									
(c) Queensland: Data are not comparable with other jurisdictions or across the time-series due to changes in policy and recording as follows for 2006-07 only limited data were available due to the transition to a new information management system. 2007-08 Queensland commenced reporting on Matter of Concern substantiations which refer to those children in the custody or guardianship of the Chief Executive and placed in accordance with Section 82(1) of the Child Protection Act 1999. 2008-09: The Queensland denominator now counts the number of children aged 0-17 years who were in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year and who were also subject to a child protection order granting custody or guardianship to the Chief Executive. This reflects the group of children who could be subject to a Matter of Concern substantiation in accordance with Queensland legislation and policy. 2011-12: Prior to 2011-12 reporting, a system issue with the Integrated Client Management System was identified whereby some matter of concern substantiations recorded since 2009 were not being transferred for corporate reporting. Data for 2011-12 onward are therefore not comparable to previous years. 2013-14: Queensland data are reported in accordance with the department's new policy 'Responding to concerns about the standards of care' introduced in July 2013 and are not directly comparable with previous years. Queensland's data comprise children subject to a harm report substantiation, which refer only to children in the custody or guardianship of the chief executive and who are placed in out-of-home care. Queensland's consideration of 'the person believed responsible' relates to overall harm or risk of harm to the child in care. For substantiated harm outcomes, the harm or risk of harm may have involved the actions or inactions of a carer; staff member of a care service; another adult who resides in, or frequents the care environment; another child (in specific circumstances only); or in some instances harm may be substantiated and the person responsible was unable to be identified. The department does not report on whether harm was the result of the actions or inactions of the child's carer or staff member of a care service or whether harm or risk of harm was not as a result of their actions or inactions i.e., there was no indication that the carer, staff member or care service has not met the standards of care required under the Child Protection Act 1999.									
(d) WA: Data do not include substantiations relating to relatives of foster carers or other children in the household.									
(e) Tasmania: Data are not able to separately identified as to whether the person responsible was living in the household or visiting.									
(f) NT: Data for this measure are not available as the NT data system does not identify the person responsible/perpetrator.									

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

TABLE 15A.28

Table 15A.28 **Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2013-14									
Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a notification, which was substantiated									
Number of children	no.	na	na	137	59	21	5	29	19
Children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	20 520	10 041	8 438	4 485	3 089	1 273	776	1 134
Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of notification, which was substantiated, as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	na	na	1.6	1.3	0.7	0.4	3.7	1.7
2012-13									
Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a notification, which was substantiated									
Number of children	no.	na	na	237	41	8	5	8	12
Children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	20 069	8 957	8 706	4 498	3 095	1 298	770	1 048
Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of notification, which was substantiated, as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	na	na	2.7	0.9	0.3	0.4	1.0	1.1
2011-12									
Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a notification, which was substantiated									
Number of children	no.	1 200	na	316	80	na	26	16	20
Children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	20 018	9 103	8 560	4 260	2 986	1 249	797	1 031
Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of notification, which was substantiated, as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	6.0	na	3.7	1.9	na	2.1	2.0	1.9

Table 15A.28 **Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
(a)	Data were introduced in the 2013 Report for the 2011-12 reporting period.								
(b)	NSW: In 2011-12, NSW data were not comparable to data supplied by other jurisdictions because NSW data encompassed a more inclusive set of substantiated issues, for example, children who absconded from out-of-home care (OOHC) placements and reported incidents of self harm. In addition, NSW has a significantly lower threshold for investigating notifications relating to children in care compared with children in the general population. In NSW, data for children in care who were the subject of a notification, which was substantiated are not available. NSW has made changes to its source system which, subject to quality assurance, will enable submission of data for 2015-16.								
(c)	Victoria: Data were not available for Victoria, as the Victorian Child Protection Service does not record the required data for children who are in OOHC.								
(d)	Queensland: For 2012-13 data comprise Matter of Concern substantiations, which refer to children in the custody or guardianship of the Chief Executive and placed in accordance with Section 82(1) of the Child Protection Act 1999. 2013-14 data are reported in accordance with the department's new policy 'Responding to concerns about the standards of care' introduced in July 2013 and are not directly comparable with previous years. Data comprise children subject to a harm report substantiation, which refer only to children in the custody or guardianship of the chief executive and who are placed in out-of-home care. For substantiated harm outcomes, the harm or risk of harm may have involved the actions or inactions of a carer; staff member of a care service; another adult who resides in, or frequents the care environment; another child (in specific circumstances only); or in some instances harm may be substantiated and the person responsible was unable to be identified.								

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

TABLE 15A.29

Table 15A.29 **Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2013-14										
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services	\$'000	798 785	402 127	419 452	225 969	161 787	47 261	33 359	82 681	2 171 421
Placement nights in out-of-home care	no.	6 502 547	2 653 082	2 932 765	1 299 316	953 048	388 732	212 364	296 133	15 237 987
Real expenditure per placement night	\$	122.84	151.57	143.02	173.91	169.76	121.58	157.08	279.20	142.50
2012-13										
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services	\$'000	773 033	375 402	415 351	214 617	157 623	42 305	30 745	83 348	2 092 424
Placement nights in out-of-home care	no.	6 315 949	2 513 013	2 910 866	1 162 356	978 247	377 485	204 986	296 133	14 759 035
Real expenditure per placement night	\$	122.39	149.38	142.69	184.64	161.13	112.07	149.99	281.45	141.77
2011-12										
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services	\$'000	763 569	359 919	405 394	199 002	144 924	40 621	27 482	84 627	2 025 539
Placement nights in out-of-home care	no.	6 207 556	2 348 467	2 815 204	1 160 765	908 557	367 627	203 514	296 133	14 307 823
Real expenditure per placement night	\$	123.01	153.26	144.00	171.44	159.51	110.50	135.04	285.78	141.57
2010-11										
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services	\$'000	728 992	343 524	384 451	213 728	138 136	40 727	29 015	86 036	1 964 610
Placement nights in out-of-home care	no.	6 002 992	2 233 489	2 686 330	1 114 464	850 851	336 899	192 343	296 133	13 713 501
Real expenditure per placement night	\$	121.44	153.81	143.11	191.78	162.35	120.89	150.85	290.53	143.26
2009-10										
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services	\$'000	701 114	319 376	364 720	189 381	126 649	35 823	22 940	90 362	1 850 366
Placement nights in out-of-home care	no.	5 729 577	2 171 951	2 596 794	978 429	788 849	309 884	183 877	296 133	13 055 494
Real expenditure per placement night	\$	122.37	147.05	140.45	193.56	160.55	115.60	124.76	305.14	141.73
2008-09										
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services	\$'000	620 033	295 822	346 779	173 829	112 200	28 909	22 703	92 796	1 346 291
Placement nights in out-of-home care	no.	5 276 201	2 129 886	2 498 867	957 936	713 419	269 361	170 087	296 133	12 311 890
Real expenditure per placement night	\$	117.51	138.89	138.77	181.46	157.27	107.33	133.48	313.36	109.35

TABLE 15A.29

Table 15A.29 **Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2007-08										
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services	\$'000	520 640	248 671	326 621	136 802	95 890	29 107	21 708	92 796	595 868
Placement nights in out-of-home care	no.	4 625 425	2 013 812	na	903 575	664 672	248 713	150 067	296 133	8 902 397
Real expenditure per placement night	\$	112.56	123.48	na	151.40	144.27	117.03	144.66	313.36	66.93
2006-07										
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services	\$'000	409 302	224 099	295 434	99 869	82 040	32 364	20 979	92 796	519 782
Placement nights in out-of-home care	no.	na	1 900 120	na	783 609	594 451	..	141 613	296 133	3 715 926
Real expenditure per placement night	\$	na	117.94	na	127.45	138.01	na	148.14	313.36	139.88

(a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2013-14 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2013-14 = 100) (table 2A.51). See Chapter 2 (sections 2.5-6) for details.

(b) Where jurisdictions could only provide total expenditure on out-of-home and not the total number of placement nights in out-of-home care, their total expenditure data are excluded from the national average.

(c) WA: See notes to table 15A.1, whereby OOHC data have been revised since the 2014 Report.

(d) NT: See notes to table 15A.1, whereby OOHC data have been revised since the 2014 Report.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished).

TABLE 15A.30

Table 15A.30 **Intensive family support services: total real recurrent expenditure, number of children aged 0-17 years commencing intensive family support services and real recurrent expenditure per child (2013-14 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust	
Real recurrent expenditure on intensive family support services										
2013-14	\$'000	150 116	79 245	40 992	8 907	12 934	7 811	820	na	300 825
2012-13	\$'000	149 533	72 960	40 716	8 604	11 084	7 280	969	553	291 699
2011-12	\$'000	234 686	64 530	33 922	28 120	9 520	5 919	1 410	540	378 648
2010-11	\$'000	170 360	62 976	31 323	7 444	9 300	4 831	1 470	534	288 238
2009-10	\$'000	155 075	62 765	66 727	7 431	9 412	4 562	1 666	544	308 182
2008-09	\$'000	155 262	60 557	67 187	4 363	9 312	2 549	1 658	805	301 692
2007-08	\$'000	23 296	48 238	71 018	4 135	2 028	246	1 670	527	151 159
2006-07	\$'000	23 297	27 183	62 394	3 802	2 049	212	1 252	506	120 696
2005-06	\$'000	8 304	22 280	49 967	3 758	1 922	1 297	746	na	88 274
2004-05	\$'000	8 191	18 193	44 803	3 773	1 950	1 140	674	na	78 724
Number of children aged 0-17 years commencing intensive family support services										
2013-14	no.	8 771	5 318	4 063	934	703	1 661	303	na	21 753
2012-13	no.	8 526	5 941	3 714	838	912	1 831	201	153	22 116
2011-12	no.	8 872	5 818	3 334	1 013	584	na	na	121	19 742
2010-11	no.	6 584	na	2 966	1 032	522	na	206	74	11 384
2009-10	no.	6 665	4 976	2 945	482	311	na	na	53	15 432
2008-09	no.	6 311	5 067	2 199	489	159	768	478	73	15 544
2007-08	no.	285	4 016	1 844	371	48	63	439	104	7 170
2006-07	no.	265	1 741	1 240	498	60	53	418	61	4 336
2005-06	no.	229	2 008	288	449	99	52	na	57	3 182
2004-05	no.	151	1 502	290	446	89	45	128	na	2 651

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	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Real recurrent expenditure per child commencing intensive family support services										
2013-14	\$	17 115.04	14 901.28	10 089.10	9 536.40	18 398.29	4 702.59	2 706.27	na	13 829.13
2012-13	\$	17 538.50	12 280.71	10 962.77	10 267.10	12 153.15	3 976.10	4 819.65	3 617.17	13 189.48
2011-12	\$	26 452.41	11 091.47	10 174.63	27 758.89	16 301.30	na	na	4 466.36	19 179.81
2010-11	\$	25 874.85	na	10 560.55	7 213.50	17 815.49	na	7 137.59	7 213.77	25 319.60
2009-10	\$	23 267.13	12 613.55	22 657.65	15 416.18	30 263.74	na	na	10 269.10	19 970.32
2008-09	\$	24 601.73	11 951.19	30 553.63	8 921.30	58 566.09	3 319.09	3 467.97	11 023.48	19 408.88
2007-08	\$	81 741.69	12 011.46	38 513.16	11 146.51	42 250.10	3 908.06	3 803.60	5 071.36	21 082.21
2006-07	\$	87 914.45	15 613.59	50 318.08	7 634.91	34 142.39	3 994.09	2 996.24	8 296.20	27 835.77
2005-06	\$	36 259.94	11 095.59	173 497.41	8 370.13	19 413.28	24 946.72	na	na	27 741.56
2004-05	\$	54 246.97	12 112.37	154 494.59	8 459.84	21 908.63	25 329.82	5 266.74	na	29 696.13

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2013-14 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2013-14 = 100) (table 2A.51). See Chapter 2 (sections 2.5-6) for details.
- (b) The service must average at least 4 hours of service provision per week for a specified short-term period (usually less than six months).
- (c) The Australian figure for total real expenditure represents the sum of figures for those jurisdictions able to provide data. The Australian figure for real expenditure per child represents the sum of expenditure for those jurisdictions able to provide data divided by the number of children aged 0-17 years commencing intensive family support services. In previous reports, data were divided by the sum of the residential population for the target group.
- (d) NSW: The movement in expenditure for intensive family support services between 2011-12 and 2012-13 is mainly due to the movement and reclassification of previously identified early intervention services (Brighter Futures) to statutory child protection activities (Strengthening Families) and overhead re-allocations due to the change in mix across all the programs.
- (e) WA: Due to a new method of expenditure reporting, expenditure data for 2011-12 are not comparable to expenditure data for previous years. IFSS data for 2012-13 and 2013-14 are not comparable to data for earlier years as in 2013-14, some services previously considered to be IFSS were re-allocated to child protection services and FSS to be consistent with unit counting rules. 2012-13 data have been revised to be consistent with 2013-14.
- (f) Tasmania: Intensive family support services activity data were not available for Tasmania for the periods 2009-10 to 2011-12.

Table 15A.30 **Intensive family support services: total real recurrent expenditure, number of children aged 0-17 years commencing intensive family support services and real recurrent expenditure per child (2013-14 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

Unit	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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(g) ACT: IFSS data were not available for 2009-10 due to a change in data systems during the counting period. The data system was undergoing subsequent refinements so 2010-11 data should be treated with caution.

(h) NT: Financial data for children commencing IFSS were not separately available for 2013-14 and have been included in data for children commencing family support services.

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 15A.31 **Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by Indigenous status and gender (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support service by Indigenous status								
2013-14								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	2 755	311	1 258	309	na	na	89	106
Non-Indigenous	5 707	5 007	2 778	596	na	na	178	4
Unknown	309	na	27	29	703	1 661	36	40
All children	8 771	5 318	4 063	934	703	1 661	303	150
2012-13								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	2 791	302	1 160	424	na	na	57	92
Non-Indigenous	5 706	5 639	2 514	403	na	na	144	61
Unknown	29	–	40	11	912	1 831	–	–
All children	8 526	5 941	3 714	838	912	1 831	201	153
2011-12								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	2 711	314	1 124	350	na	na	na	53
Non-Indigenous	6 146	5 468	2 128	663	na	na	na	68
Unknown	15	36	82	–	584	na	na	–
All children	8 872	5 818	3 334	1 013	584	na	na	121
2010-11								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	1 882	na	789	323	na	na	19	61
Non-Indigenous	4 664	na	1 988	709	na	na	169	13
Unknown	38	na	189	–	522	na	18	–
All children	6 584	na	2 966	1 032	522	na	206	74
2009-10								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	1 812	362	1 012	166	34	na	na	37
Non-Indigenous	4 836	2 483	1 720	316	na	na	na	16
Unknown	17	2 131	213	–	277	na	na	–
All children	6 665	4 976	2 945	482	311	na	na	53
2008-09								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	1 623	338	715	208	na	53	122	57
Non-Indigenous	4 688	4 729	1 484	281	na	715	357	16
Unknown	na	na	na	na	159	na	–	na
All children	6 311	5 067	2 199	489	159	768	478	73
2007-08								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	178	152	806	104	26	4	91	75
Non-Indigenous	107	3 864	1 038	267	22	59	348	29

TABLE 15A.31

Table 15A.31

Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by Indigenous status and gender (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Unknown	–	na	–	–	na	–	–	–
All children	285	4 016	1 844	371	48	63	439	104
2006-07								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	165	210	888	175	21	3	82	29
Non-Indigenous	100	1 531	352	323	39	50	336	32
Unknown	–	–	–	–	na	–	–	–
All children	265	1 741	1 240	498	60	53	418	61
2005-06								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	123	661	195	163	6	2	na	35
Non-Indigenous	106	1 347	93	286	93	50	na	22
Unknown	–	–	–	–	na	–	na	–
All children	229	2 008	288	449	99	52	na	57
2004-05								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	55	148	20	188	23	15	12	na
Non-Indigenous	96	839	79	258	66	30	116	na
Unknown	–	511	–	–	na	–	–	na
All children	151	1 502	290	446	89	45	128	na
Number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by sex								
2013-14								
Male	4 313	2 761	2 099	492	na	942	149	na
Female	3 943	2 546	1 937	441	na	719	133	na
Unknown	515	na	27	1	703	–	21	na
Total	8 771	5 318	4 063	934	703	1 661	303	na
2012-13								
Male	4 303	3 086	1 959	433	na	980	117	76
Female	3 969	2 855	1 747	394	na	790	84	77
Unknown	254	–	8	11	912	61	–	–
Total	8 526	5 941	3 714	838	912	1 831	201	153
2011-12								
Male	4 693	3 095	1 657	556	na	na	na	64
Female	4 105	2 723	1 479	457	na	na	na	57
Unknown	74	–	198	–	584	na	na	–
Total	8 872	5 818	3 334	1 013	584	na	na	121
2010-11								
Male	3 431	na	1 405	526	na	na	–	41
Female	2 991	na	1 290	501	na	na	–	33
Unknown	162	na	271	5	522	na	–	–
Total	6 584	na	2 966	1 032	522	na	206	74

Table 15A.31 **Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by Indigenous status and gender (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2009-10								
Male	3 459	2 565	1 585	225	na	na	na	28
Female	3 060	2 373	1 351	216	na	na	na	25
Unknown	146	38	9	41	311	na	na	–
Total	6 665	4 976	2 945	482	311	na	na	53
2008-09								
Male	3 236	2 115	1 106	252	na	414	242	43
Female	2 926	1 848	1 056	235	na	344	214	25
Unknown	149	1 104	37	2	159	10	23	5
Total	6 311	5 067	2 199	489	159	768	478	73
2007-08								
Male	141	232	890	190	24	44	236	46
Female	144	247	758	152	24	19	203	58
Unknown	–	3 537	196	29	na	–	–	–
Total	285	4 016	1 844	371	48	63	439	104
2006-07								
Male	131	704	535	245	36	23	227	32
Female	134	610	620	246	24	30	191	29
Unknown	–	427	85	7	na	–	–	–
Total	265	1 741	1 240	498	60	53	418	61
2005-06								
Male	122	444	150	230	54	25	na	32
Female	107	387	138	217	45	27	na	25
Unknown	–	1 177	–	2	na	–	na	–
Total	229	2 008	288	449	99	52	na	57
2004-05								
Male	84	552	57	249	35	29	17	na
Female	67	433	42	197	54	16	15	na
Unknown	–	517	–	–	na	–	96	na
Total	151	1 502	290	446	89	45	128	na

- (a) The service must average at least 4 hours of service provision per week for a specified short-term period (usually less than six months).
- (b) Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous status category. For 2009-10 onwards, a separate unknown Indigenous status category is reported.
- (c) NSW: Data for 2011-12 and 2013-14 include children and young people supported through the Strengthening Families program, which is within the statutory child protection spectrum. In 2013-14, limited data were available for some services.
- (d) Tasmania: Intensive family support services activity data are not available for 2009-10 to 2011-12.
- (e) ACT: IFSS data were not available for 2009-10 due to a change in data systems during the counting period. The data system was undergoing subsequent refinements so 2010-11 data should be treated with caution.

Table 15A.31

Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by Indigenous status and gender (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
(f) NT: Data were not available for 2005-06. The sex status of children commencing IFSS was not available in 2013-14.								

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 15A.32 **Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by age (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT
2013-14								
0–4	4 831	2 286	1 722	416	na	521	80	na
5–9	2 437	1 411	1 259	284	na	515	73	na
10–14	1 086	1 198	851	183	na	487	74	na
15–17	406	397	221	51	na	138	40	na
Unknown	11	26	10	–	703	–	36	na
Total	8 771	5 318	4 063	934	703	1 661	303	na
2012-13								
0–4	4 731	2 330	1 559	311	na	519	65	55
5–9	2 367	1 531	1 161	270	na	522	65	40
10–14	1 053	1 477	789	198	na	544	47	49
15–17	365	603	186	59	na	194	24	9
Unknown	10	–	19	–	912	52	–	–
Total	8 526	5 941	3 714	838	912	1 831	201	153
2011-12								
0–4	4 854	2 269	1 381	440	na	na	na	57
5–9	2 547	1 523	1 056	305	na	na	na	36
10–14	1 179	1 464	683	191	na	na	na	25
15–17	282	548	164	59	na	na	na	3
Unknown	10	14	50	18	584	na	na	–
Total	8 872	5 818	3 334	1 013	584	na	na	121
2010-11								
0–4	3 997	na	1 314	487	na	na	81	21
5–9	1 738	na	932	279	na	na	66	25
10–14	688	na	564	203	na	na	38	24
15–17	161	na	125	46	na	na	21	4
Unknown	–	na	31	17	522	na	–	–
Total	6 584	na	2 966	1 032	522	na	206	74
2009-10								
0–4	4 151	2 040	1 119	230	na	na	na	11
5–9	1 680	1 281	924	138	na	na	na	21
10–14	685	938	665	80	na	na	na	19
15–17	148	646	163	16	na	na	na	2
Unknown	1	71	74	18	311	na	na	–
Total	6 665	4 976	2 945	482	311	na	na	53
2008-09								
0–4	3 953	1 602	826	219	na	286	207	22
5–9	1 545	1 240	719	139	na	223	113	18
10–14	592	1 284	461	87	na	195	104	22
15–17	140	424	116	29	na	47	32	3
Unknown	81	517	77	15	159	17	23	8
Total	6 311	5 067	2 199	489	159	768	478	73

Table 15A.32 **Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by age (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT
2007-08								
0–4	100	783	721	174	25	11	154	32
5–9	83	294	517	115	10	33	161	35
10–14	78	367	363	51	10	17	86	24
15–17	24	106	114	20	3	2	38	13
Unknown	–	2 466	129	11	na	–	–	–
Total	285	4 016	1 844	371	48	63	439	104
2006-07								
0–4	106	408	328	235	22	15	150	23
5–9	58	333	442	144	19	28	151	19
10–14	73	464	278	78	16	8	86	15
15–17	28	117	106	38	3	2	31	4
Unknown	–	419	86	3	na	–	–	–
Total	265	1 741	1 240	498	60	53	418	61
2005-06								
0–4	92	987	114	209	51	14	na	23
5–9	66	252	80	133	31	17	na	16
10–14	59	202	60	91	15	20	na	13
15–17	12	31	14	12	2	1	na	5
Unknown	–	536	20	4	na	–	na	–
Total	229	2 008	288	449	99	52	na	57
2004-05								
0–4	46	762	42	177	40	15	5	na
5–9	58	198	33	162	29	18	3	na
10–14	37	159	23	94	17	10	21	na
15–17	10	23	1	9	3	2	10	na
Unknown	–	360	–	4	na	–	89	na
Total	151	1 502	290	446	89	45	128	na

- (a) The service must average at least 4 hours of service provision per week for a specified short-term period (usually less than six months).
- (b) NSW: Data for 2011-12 and 2012-13 include children and young people supported through the Strengthening Families program, which is within the statutory child protection spectrum. In 2013-14, limited data were available for some services.
- (c) Tasmania: IFSS activity data were not available for 2009-10 to 2011-12.
- (d) ACT: IFSS data were not available for 2009-10 due to a change in data systems during the counting period. The data system was undergoing subsequent refinements so 2010-11 data should be treated with caution.
- (e) NT: Data were not available for 2005-06. The ages of children commencing IFSS were not available in 2013-14.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 15A.33 Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by living situation at commencement of the program (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2013-14								
Family care, child living with:								
Parent(s)	8 231	4 419	2 714	796	703	na	253	139
Other relatives/kin	11	17	190	41	na	na	13	4
Child in out-of-home care	279	6	1 006	92	na	na	32	7
Child in shared care	2	–	14	9	na	na	–	–
Other	na	446	11	1	na	na	3	–
Not available	248	430	128	–	na	1 661	2	–
Total	8 771	5 318	4 063	939	703	1 661	303	150
2012-13								
Family care, child living with:								
Parent(s)	8 187	4 042	2 403	799	912	na	164	na
Other relatives/kin	16	73	181	–	na	na	19	na
Child in out-of-home care	323	41	1 075	–	na	na	15	na
Child in shared care	–	–	11	–	na	na	1	na
Other	–	357	15	1	na	na	2	na
Not available	–	1 428	29	38	na	1 831	–	na
Total	8 526	5 941	3 714	838	912	1 831	201	153
2011-12								
Family care, child living with:								
Parent(s)	8 671	3 982	2 149	661	444	na	na	106
Other relatives/kin	22	48	162	70	na	na	na	–
Child in out-of-home care	173	56	987	48	140	na	na	15
Child in shared care	5	–	9	20	na	na	na	–
Other	1	713	7	108	na	na	na	–
Not available	–	1 019	20	1	na	na	na	–
Total	8 872	5 818	3 334	908	584	na	na	121
2010-11								
Family care, child living with:								
Parent(s)	6 521	na	1 826	424	441	na	196	62
Other relatives/kin	6	na	177	44	na	na	9	6
Child in out-of-home care	57	na	702	137	81	na	1	4
Child in shared care	–	na	49	36	na	na	–	2
Other	–	na	43	72	na	na	–	–
Not available	–	na	169	–	na	na	–	–
Total	6 584	na	2 966	713	522	na	206	74
2009-10								
Family care, child living with:								
Parent(s)	6 631	3 242	1 586	248	87	na	na	49
Other relatives/kin	22	114	102	46	na	na	na	1
Child in out-of-home care	12	303	1 065	41	224	na	na	1

Table 15A.33 **Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by living situation at commencement of the program (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Child in shared care	–	–	58	–	na	na	na	–
Other	–	3	10	12	na	na	na	2
Not available	–	1 314	124	135	na	na	na	–
Total	6 665	4 976	2 945	482	311	na	na	53
2008-09								
Family care, child living with:								
Parent(s)	6 264	294	1 186	261	3	–	416	53
Other relatives/kin	25	–	89	34	na	–	12	4
Child in out-of-home care	8	395	721	144	156	–	51	11
Child in shared care	6	–	15	3	na	–	–	1
Other	3	9	14	30	na	–	–	–
Not available	5	4 369	174	17	na	768	–	4
Total	6 311	5 067	2 199	489	159	768	478	73
2007-08								
Family care, child living with:								
Parent(s)	236	873	1 042	231	na	51	414	87
Other relatives/kin	16	–	173	53	na	–	10	6
Child in out-of-home care	24	442	581	79	48	3	15	11
Child in shared care	–	–	37	3	na	7	–	–
Other	9	16	10	5	na	2	–	–
Not available	–	2 685	1	–	na	–	–	–
Total	285	4 016	1 844	371	48	63	439	104
2006-07								
Family care, child living with:								
Parent(s)	239	1 103	556	415	na	43	403	59
Other relatives/kin	21	1	93	10	na	–	4	–
Child in out-of-home care	4	336	557	46	60	4	11	2
Child in shared care	–	4	14	1	na	6	–	–
Other	1	129	6	13	na	–	–	–
Not available	–	168	14	13	na	–	–	–
Total	265	1 741	1 240	498	60	53	418	61
2005-06								
Family care, child living with:								
Parent(s)	186	1 430	207	329	na	30	na	49
Other relatives/kin	5	–	28	26	na	10	na	1
Child in out-of-home care	4	527	46	82	99	6	na	5
Child in shared care	34	2	–	4	na	6	na	–

Table 15A.33 **Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by living situation at commencement of the program (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Other	–	41	–	8	na	–	na	2
Not available	–	8	7	–	na	–	na	–
Total	229	2 008	288	449	99	52	na	57
2004-05								
Family care, child living with:								
Parent(s)	125	1 160	58	342	na	28	103	na
Other relatives/kin	17	44	–	17	na	–	11	na
Child in out-of-home care	9	291	39	84	na	12	–	na
Child in shared care	–	–	2	1	na	5	9	na
Other	–	5	–	2	na	–	4	na
Not available	–	8	–	–	na	–	1	na
Total	151	1 508	290	446	89	45	128	na

- (a) The service must average at least 4 hours of service provision per week for a specified short-term period (usually less than six months).
- (b) NSW: Data for 2011-12 and 2012-13 include children and young people supported through the Strengthening Families program, which is within the statutory child protection spectrum. In 2013-14, limited data were available for some services.
- (c) WA: Data for 2013-14 include five children aged 18 and over.
- (d) Tasmania: IFSS activity data were not available for 2009-10 to 2011-12.
- (e) ACT: IFSS data were not available for 2009-10 due to a change in data systems during the counting period. The data system was undergoing subsequent refinements so 2010-11 data should be treated with caution.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

TABLE 15A.34

Table 15A.34 Target population data used for annual data, December ('000) (a), (b)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Children aged 0–16 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
NSW	80.2	81.5	82.8	83.8	84.5	..	..	..	..	..
Vic	17.3	17.5	17.7	18.0	18.3	..	..	..	..	..
Qld	70.5	72.3	73.9	75.2	76.7	..	..	..	..	..
WA	32.9	33.3	33.7	34.1	34.4	..	..	..	..	..
SA	13.3	13.5	13.8	14.0	14.2	..	..	..	..	..
Tas	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.5	..	..	..	..	..
ACT	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	..	..	..	..	..
NT	25.3	25.6	25.7	25.7	25.6	..	..	..	..	..
Australia	250.6	255.0	259.0	262.3	265.4	..	..	..	..	..
Non-Indigenous children										
NSW	1 419.2	1 420.5	1 422.6	1 430.5	1 441.6	..	..	..	..	..
Vic	1 073.5	1 077.4	1 085.5	1 095.9	1 108.2	..	..	..	..	..
Qld	836.7	851.6	865.9	884.9	904.7	..	..	..	..	..
WA	426.0	430.0	436.8	445.5	457.4	..	..	..	..	..
SA	312.2	311.9	312.7	314.2	315.3	..	..	..	..	..
Tas	101.6	101.4	101.1	101.0	101.2	..	..	..	..	..
ACT	70.4	70.0	70.4	71.0	71.7	..	..	..	..	..
NT	31.8	32.0	32.1	32.6	33.2	..	..	..	..	..
Australia	4 271.5	4 294.9	4 327.3	4 375.6	4 433.2	..	..	..	..	..
All children										
NSW	1 499.4	1 502.0	1 505.4	1 514.2	1 526.1	..	..	..	..	..
Vic	1 090.8	1 094.9	1 103.2	1 114.0	1 126.6	..	..	..	..	..
Qld	907.1	924.0	939.8	960.1	981.3	..	..	..	..	..
WA	458.8	463.3	470.6	479.6	491.8	..	..	..	..	..
SA	325.5	325.4	326.4	328.1	329.5	..	..	..	..	..

TABLE 15A.34

Table 15A.34 Target population data used for annual data, December ('000) (a), (b)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Tas	110.6	110.5	110.3	110.3	110.7	..	..	..	..	..
ACT	72.6	72.2	72.7	73.2	73.9	..	..	..	..	..
NT	57.2	57.6	57.8	58.3	58.8	..	..	..	..	..
Australia	4 522.0	4 549.9	4 586.2	4 637.9	4 698.7	..	..	..	..	..
Children aged 0–17 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
NSW	83.7	85.1	86.7	87.9	88.8	89.6	90.2	90.6	91.0	91.3
Vic	18.0	18.4	18.7	19.0	19.3	19.6	19.9	20.2	20.4	20.7
Qld	73.3	75.5	77.3	78.9	80.4	81.9	83.1	84.1	85.2	86.2
WA	34.5	34.9	35.4	35.8	36.1	36.4	36.6	36.7	36.8	37.0
SA	13.9	14.2	14.5	14.7	15.0	15.2	15.4	15.6	15.7	15.9
Tas	9.4	9.5	9.7	9.8	10.0	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.5	10.6
ACT	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2
NT	26.8	27.0	27.1	27.1	27.0	26.9	26.8	26.7	26.7	26.7
Australia	262.0	266.9	271.6	275.5	278.9	282.1	284.5	286.5	288.5	290.5
Non-Indigenous children										
NSW	1 504.3	1 506.0	1 509.9	1 519.4	1 530.0	1 540.1	1 547.8	1 554.9	1 565.6	1 589.1
Vic	1 139.6	1 144.0	1 153.3	1 165.4	1 177.7	1 189.5	1 198.3	1 209.1	1 227.4	1 245.9
Qld	886.7	902.3	918.4	939.5	960.4	974.2	982.8	996.7	1 012.3	1 026.3
WA	452.9	457.1	464.7	474.0	486.0	494.2	502.3	514.9	530.8	544.6
SA	332.0	331.7	332.8	334.6	335.7	337.0	337.4	338.3	340.2	341.5
Tas	107.9	107.7	107.5	107.4	107.6	107.3	106.6	105.8	104.8	104.3
ACT	75.0	74.6	75.2	75.8	76.6	77.4	77.9	78.9	80.9	82.4
NT	33.3	33.6	33.8	34.5	35.0	35.6	35.5	35.7	36.2	36.8
Australia	4 531.8	4 557.0	4 595.6	4 650.5	4 709.0	4 755.1	4 788.5	4 834.3	4 898.1	4 970.8

TABLE 15A.34

Table 15A.34 Target population data used for annual data, December ('000) (a), (b)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
All children										
NSW	1 588.0	1 591.1	1 596.6	1 607.3	1 618.8	1 629.7	1 638.0	1 645.5	1 656.6	1 680.3
Vic	1 157.7	1 162.4	1 172.0	1 184.3	1 197.0	1 209.1	1 218.2	1 229.3	1 247.9	1 266.6
Qld	960.0	977.8	995.7	1 018.3	1 040.8	1 056.0	1 065.8	1 080.8	1 097.4	1 112.4
WA	487.4	492.0	500.1	509.8	522.1	530.6	538.8	551.6	567.6	581.6
SA	345.9	345.9	347.3	349.3	350.7	352.2	352.8	353.9	355.9	357.4
Tas	117.3	117.2	117.2	117.3	117.6	117.5	116.9	116.2	115.2	114.8
ACT	77.3	76.9	77.5	78.2	78.9	79.7	80.2	81.1	83.1	84.6
NT	60.1	60.6	60.9	61.6	62.0	62.5	62.3	62.4	62.9	63.5
Australia	4 793.7	4 823.9	4 867.2	4 926.1	4 987.9	5 037.2	5 073.0	5 120.8	5 186.6	5 261.3

(a) Prior to 2012-13, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous population data were supplied by AIHW derived from ABS data sources. For 2012-13 onwards, population data were sourced directly from the ABS.

(a) Population data used to derive rates are revised to the ABS' final 2011 Census rebased estimates and projections. Population data for All Australians for all years are estimates. Population data for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians up to and including 2011 are estimates and for 2012 onwards are projections. See chapter 2 (tables 2A.1-2 and 2A.12-13) for details.

(b) Prior to 2009-10, the rates of children subject to notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated for children aged 0-16 years, while the rates of children on care and protection orders and in out-of-home care were calculated for children aged 0-17 years. From the 2009-10 period onwards, all child protection data are reported for the age range 0-17 years and therefore, only 0-17 year old population data are collected.

.. Not applicable.

Source: ABS (unpublished) Australian demographic statistics 31 December; ABS (unpublished) Australian population projections.

TABLE 15A.35

Table 15A.35 Target population data used for end of financial year data, March ('000) (a), (b), (c)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Children aged 0–16 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
NSW	80.9	82.2	83.4	84.2	84.9	..	..	..	..	..
Vic	17.4	17.6	17.8	18.2	18.5	..	..	..	..	..
Qld	71.5	73.2	74.5	75.9	77.4	..	..	..	..	..
WA	33.0	33.6	33.9	34.2	34.5	..	..	..	..	..
SA	13.4	13.7	13.8	14.1	14.3	..	..	..	..	..
Tas	9.0	9.1	9.3	9.4	9.7	..	..	..	..	..
ACT	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	..	..	..	..	..
NT	25.5	25.7	25.7	25.7	25.6	..	..	..	..	..
Australia	252.8	257.2	260.7	263.8	267.0	..	..	..	..	..
Non-Indigenous children										
NSW	1 418.4	1 419.2	1 424.7	1 433.3	1 444.1	..	..	..	..	..
Vic	1 074.4	1 079.1	1 088.7	1 099.5	1 112.0	..	..	..	..	..
Qld	840.0	854.6	870.8	890.2	909.2	..	..	..	..	..
WA	427.0	431.8	439.4	448.9	460.6	..	..	..	..	..
SA	312.1	311.9	313.2	314.5	315.6	..	..	..	..	..
Tas	101.5	101.4	101.1	100.9	101.2	..	..	..	..	..
ACT	70.4	69.9	70.7	71.2	71.9	..	..	..	..	..
NT	31.9	32.0	32.3	32.8	33.3	..	..	..	..	..
Australia	4 275.6	4 300.0	4 340.8	4 391.3	4 448.0	..	..	..	..	..
All children										
NSW	1 499.2	1 501.3	1 508.1	1 517.4	1 529.0	..	..	..	..	..
Vic	1 091.8	1 096.7	1 106.5	1 117.7	1 130.5	..	..	..	..	..
Qld	911.5	927.8	945.4	966.1	986.6	..	..	..	..	..
WA	460.0	465.4	473.3	483.1	495.1	..	..	..	..	..

TABLE 15A.35

Table 15A.35 Target population data used for end of financial year data, March ('000) (a), (b), (c)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
SA	325.5	325.6	327.0	328.6	329.9	..	..	..	..	..
Tas	110.5	110.5	110.3	110.4	110.8	..	..	..	..	..
ACT	72.6	72.1	72.9	73.4	74.1	..	..	..	..	..
NT	57.3	57.7	58.0	58.5	58.9	..	..	..	..	..
Australia	4 528.4	4 557.2	4 601.5	4 655.1	4 715.0	..	..	..	..	..
Children aged 0–17 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
NSW	84.4	85.9	87.5	88.4	89.2	90.0	90.4	90.8	91.1	91.5
Vic	18.2	18.5	18.8	19.2	19.5	19.7	20.0	20.3	20.5	20.9
Qld	74.5	76.5	78.1	79.6	81.2	82.6	83.6	84.7	85.7	86.7
WA	34.6	35.2	35.7	36.0	36.2	36.5	36.6	36.7	36.9	37.0
SA	14.1	14.4	14.6	14.9	15.1	15.3	15.5	15.7	15.8	16.0
Tas	9.5	9.6	9.8	9.9	10.1	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.5	10.6
ACT	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.3
NT	26.9	27.1	27.1	27.1	27.0	26.9	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7
Australia	264.4	269.4	273.8	277.3	280.5	283.6	285.4	287.6	289.4	291.6
Non-Indigenous children										
NSW	1 503.6	1 504.9	1 512.7	1 522.4	1 532.3	1 543.1	1 550.3	1 561.7	1 575.0	1 593.1
Vic	1 140.7	1 145.9	1 157.4	1 169.4	1 181.6	1 192.4	1 201.1	1 215.7	1 234.1	1 252.0
Qld	890.0	905.5	924.1	945.2	965.3	977.1	985.9	1 001.9	1 018.4	1 030.0
WA	453.9	459.1	467.5	477.5	489.3	496.7	505.4	520.2	536.5	547.2
SA	331.9	331.8	333.5	334.9	336.2	337.3	337.5	339.2	340.6	342.3
Tas	107.8	107.7	107.4	107.4	107.5	107.2	106.5	105.7	104.9	104.2
ACT	75.0	74.5	75.5	76.1	76.8	77.7	78.1	79.6	80.8	82.8
NT	33.4	33.5	34.1	34.7	35.2	35.7	35.6	36.0	36.7	36.8
Australia	4 536.3	4 563.0	4 612.1	4 667.6	4 724.2	4 767.2	4 800.4	4 860.0	4 926.9	4 988.5

TABLE 15A.35

Table 15A.35 Target population data used for end of financial year data, March ('000) (a), (b), (c)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
All children										
NSW	1 588.0	1 590.8	1 600.1	1 610.8	1 621.5	1 633.1	1 640.7	1 652.5	1 666.1	1 684.6
Vic	1 158.9	1 164.4	1 176.2	1 188.5	1 201.1	1 212.2	1 221.1	1 236.1	1 254.6	1 272.9
Qld	964.5	982.0	1 002.2	1 024.8	1 046.5	1 059.6	1 069.5	1 086.6	1 104.1	1 116.7
WA	488.5	494.3	503.2	513.5	525.5	533.2	542.0	556.9	573.3	584.3
SA	346.0	346.2	348.0	349.8	351.3	352.7	353.0	354.9	356.4	358.3
Tas	117.2	117.3	117.2	117.4	117.7	117.5	116.9	116.1	115.4	114.8
ACT	77.4	76.8	77.8	78.4	79.1	79.9	80.3	81.8	83.1	85.0
NT	60.2	60.7	61.2	61.8	62.1	62.6	62.3	62.7	63.4	63.5
Australia	4 800.7	4 832.5	4 885.9	4 944.9	5 004.7	5 050.8	5 085.8	5 147.6	5 216.3	5 280.2

(a) Prior to 2012-13, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous population data were supplied by AIHW derived from ABS data sources. For 2012-13 onwards, population data were sourced directly from the ABS.

(a) Population data used to derive rates are revised to the ABS' final 2011 Census rebased estimates and projections. Population data for All Australians for all years are estimates. Population data for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians up to and including 2011 are estimates and for 2012 onwards are projections. See chapter 2 (tables 2A.1-2 and 2A.12-13) for details.

(b) Indigenous rates for 2008-09 onwards were calculated using June data from 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).

(c) Prior to 2009-10, the rates of children subject to notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated for children aged 0-16 years, while the rates of children on care and protection orders and in out-of-home care were calculated for children aged 0-17 years. From the 2009-10 period onwards, all child protection data are reported for the age range 0-17 years.

.. Not applicable.

Source: ABS (unpublished) Australian demographic statistics 31 March; ABS (unpublished) Australian population projections.

Data quality information — Child protection services, chapter 15

Data quality information

Data quality information (DQI) was prepared for the first time for the 2011 Report on Government Services. DQI provides information against the seven Australian Bureau of Statistics data quality framework dimensions, for a selection of performance indicators in the Child protection services chapter. DQI for additional indicators will be progressively introduced in future reports.

Technical DQI has been supplied or agreed by relevant data providers. Additional Steering Committee commentary does not necessarily reflect the views of data providers.

DQI are available for the following performance indicators:

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Effectiveness, child protection services — Response times

Data quality information for this indicator has been drafted by the Child Protection and Youth Justice Working Group.

Indicator definition and description

Element Indicator	Effectiveness — Child protection services This indicator comprises two measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Response time to commence investigation.• Response time to complete investigation.
Measure (computation)	<u>Definition:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation (time categories: up to 7 days; 8 to 14 days; 15 to 21 days; 22 to 28 days; 29 days or more), within the reference period.• The proportion of investigations completed, by time taken to complete investigation (time categories: 28 days or less; 29 to 62 days; 63 to 90 days; more than 90 days), within the reference period. <u>Numerators:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total number of investigations commenced within each time category (i.e., up to 7 days; 8 to 14 days; 15 to 21 days; 22 to 28 days; 29 days or more), within the reference period, regardless of the date of notification.• Total number of investigations completed within each time category (i.e., 28 days or less; 29 to 62 days; 63 to 90 days; more than 90 days), within the reference period, with an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated recorded by 31 August. <u>Denominators:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total number of investigations commenced within the reference period.• Total number of finalised investigations within the reference period. <u>Computation:</u> <p>Expressed as a percentage. Calculation is: (Numerator ÷ Denominator) x 100.</p>
Data source/s	<u>Numerators:</u> <p>Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), '<i>Notifications, investigations and substantiations collection</i>', data supplied by jurisdictions.</p> <u>Denominators:</u> <p>AIHW, '<i>Notifications, investigations and substantiations collection</i>', data supplied by jurisdictions.</p>
<u>Data Quality Framework Dimensions</u>	
Institutional environment	Data are sourced from State and Territory administrative data systems and compiled by the AIHW.
Relevance	Data are reported by Australian State and Territory governments and provide information on the timeliness of governments' responses to notifications of possible harm or risk of harm to children. Response times to complete investigations are calculated by reference to the total number of finalised investigations. A finalised investigation is an investigation that is complete by 31 August (as distinct from one that is still 'in process' at this date).
Timeliness	The most timely data (i.e., data for the most recent financial year) are reported.
Accuracy	Data are affected by comparability issues resulting from different policy and legislative requirements across jurisdictions which stipulate the time required for commencing and completing investigations (both of which are based on the seriousness of the presenting child protection concern). In addition, jurisdictions

	record notifications at different stages in response to a report. There is greater consistency within jurisdictions over time.
Coherence	As noted above, the data items used to construct this performance indicator are affected by comparability issues arising from different child protection policy and legislation across states and territories.
Accessibility	Data are published in the Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision's (SCRGSP) Report on Government Services (Report).
Interpretability	Further technical details are available in the AIHW manual ' <i>Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia: Data collection standards & counting rules</i> ' at www.aihw.gov.au/child-protection/ .

Data Gaps/Issues Analysis

Key data gaps/issues	<p>The Steering Committee notes the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caution should be used when interpreting results as jurisdictions count notifications at different points in response to a report, and have different policies and protocols governing the type and timeliness of response to a notification.
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Effectiveness, child protection services — Substantiation rate

Data quality information for this indicator has been drafted by the Child Protection and Youth Justice Working Group.

Indicator definition and description

Element	Effectiveness — Child protection services
Indicator	Substantiation rate
Measure (computation)	<p><u>Definition:</u> The proportion of finalised investigations where harm or risk of harm was confirmed.</p> <p><u>Numerator:</u> Total number of finalised child protection investigations, for notifications received in the reference year, that were substantiated (that is, where harm or risk of harm was confirmed).</p> <p><u>Denominators:</u> Total number of finalised child protection investigations of notifications received in the reference year.</p> <p><u>Computation:</u> Expressed as a percentage. Calculation is: (Numerator ÷ Denominator) x 100.</p>
Data source/s	<p><u>Numerator:</u> AIHW, '<i>Notifications, investigations and substantiations collection</i>', data supplied by jurisdictions.</p> <p><u>Denominator:</u> AIHW, '<i>Notifications, investigations and substantiations collection</i>', data supplied by jurisdictions.</p>

Data Quality Framework Dimensions

Institutional environment	Data are sourced from State and Territory administrative data systems and compiled by the AIHW.
Relevance	<p>Data are reported by Australian State and Territory governments and provide information on the rates of finalised investigations that were substantiated over time. The indicator attempts to assess the extent to which child protection services are targeting investigations to those notifications where a substantive child abuse or neglect incident has occurred or is at risk of occurring.</p> <p>It is important to note that this indicator is not a measure of the rate of child abuse and neglect in the community, or a measure of the extent to which governments are detecting child abuse and neglect in the community (i.e., without a national incidence or prevalence study, it is not possible to estimate these figures). Instead, it is a measure of the extent to which governments target investigations to cases that warrant such intervention, thus avoiding undesirable stress to families in circumstances where investigations are not warranted.</p> <p>The proportion of investigations substantiated is calculated by reference to the total number of finalised investigations. A finalised investigation is an investigation that is complete by 31 August (as distinct from one that is still 'in process' at this date).</p>
Timeliness	The most timely data (i.e., data for the most recent financial year) are reported.
Accuracy	Data are affected by comparability issues resulting from different substantiation criteria across jurisdictions (i.e., legislation and policy documents which define thresholds for substantiation vary across jurisdictions, such as whether 'risk of harm' or 'significant risk of harm' is required in order to substantiate). However, there is greater consistency within jurisdictions over time.
Coherence	As noted above, the data items used to construct this performance indicator are affected by comparability issues arising from different child protection legislation, policy and practice across states and territories.

Accessibility Data are published in the Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision's (SCRGSP) Report on Government Services (Report). The numerator and denominator are also published separately in the AIHW publication '*Child protection Australia*' (CPA), however, the derived rate is not published in CPA.

Interpretability Further technical details are available in the AIHW manual '*Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia: Data collection standards & counting rules*' at www.aihw.gov.au/child-protection/.

Data Gaps/Issues Analysis

Key data gaps/issues The Steering Committee notes the following issues:

- The proportion of investigations resulting in substantiation vary significantly across jurisdictions. In part, these differences are the result of differences in the availability and capacity of diversionary and family support services; differences in what is substantiated; and threshold differences in the point at which child protection services determine there has been harm/abuse or that there is a risk of harm/abuse (Holzer and Bromfield, 2008).
- The proportion of investigations resulting in substantiation also vary within jurisdictions over time. Factors that contribute to these variations include: the introduction of risk assessment frameworks/instruments; changes to the threshold for substantiation (e.g., in January 2010, NSW legislation was amended to change the threshold for recording a substantiation from 'risk of harm' to 'risk of *significant* harm'); and other practice changes (e.g., from March 2005, Qld required all notifications to be investigated and from March 2014, WA required all notifications of children under the age of five to be investigated and all high priority notifications to proceed directly to investigation).

Effectiveness, out-of-home care services — Safety in out-of-home care

Data quality information for this indicator has been drafted by the Child Protection and Youth Justice Working Group.

Indicator definition and description

Element	Effectiveness — Out-of-home care services
Indicator	Safety in out-of-home care
Measure (computation)	<p><u>Definition:</u></p> <p>This indicator comprises two measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the proportion of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect (that is, regardless of the perpetrator), during the reference year • the proportion of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation where the person responsible was living in the household providing out-of-home care, during the reference year. <p><u>Numerators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect (that is, regardless of the perpetrator), during the reference year. • Total number of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, during the reference year. <p><u>Denominators:</u></p> <p>For both measures the denominator is: total number of children aged 0-17 in at least one out-of-home care placement during the reference year.</p> <p><u>Computation:</u></p> <p>Expressed as a percentage. Calculation is: (Numerator ÷ Denominator) x 100.</p>
Data source/s	<p><u>Numerator:</u></p> <p>Data supplied by jurisdictions.</p> <p><u>Denominator:</u></p> <p>AIHW, '<i>Child protection: Out-of-home care collection</i>', data supplied by jurisdictions.</p>

Data Quality Framework Dimensions

Institutional environment	Data are sourced from State and Territory administrative data systems.
Relevance	<p>Data are reported by Australian State and Territory governments and provide information on the safety of children in out-of-home care, based on the rate of substantiations each year concerning these children. At present, not all jurisdictions are providing these data.</p> <p>While these data are affected by comparability issues as noted below, this is the only indicator of its kind reported nationally. The safety of children in care is of critical importance to government and the community and is a reflection of the extent to which governments are fulfilling their duty of care to children and young people.</p>
Timeliness	The most timely data (i.e., data for the most recent financial year) are reported.
Accuracy	<p>These data are affected by comparability issues noted in relation to the 'substantiation rate' indicator. Jurisdictions possess different policies and legislation which establish the thresholds at which substantiations should be recorded. In addition, it is understood that child protection services possess higher standards or expectations of care by departmentally endorsed carers. Therefore, incidents or issues that might not give rise to a substantiation when involving a child's birth parents, might result in a substantiation when involving a child's foster or residential carer. Different investigative processes employed by jurisdictions regarding</p>

registered carers might also create differences in reported rates. Also, it is possible that the count of children subject to a substantiation while in out-of-home care could pertain to an historical experience of abuse while in care, which has only been reported in the reference period (i.e., it does not concern the current carer or care setting).

Coherence

These data are affected by comparability issues as noted above. In addition, jurisdictions' compliance with the counting rules for this indicator impact on the comparability of reported data. However, data are considered relatively comparable within jurisdictions over time (notwithstanding that numbers reported for this indicator are small and thus potentially more volatile than other indicators).

Accessibility

Data are published in this Report.

Interpretability

Further technical details are available in the AIHW manual '*Child protection: out-of-home care, Australia: Data collection standards & counting rules*' at www.aihw.gov.au/child-protection/.

Data Gaps/Issues Analysis

Key data gaps/issues

The Steering Committee notes the following issues:

- The broader measure, 'the proportion of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect (that is, regardless of the perpetrator), during the reference year', is under continued refinement and development. Caution should be exercised when interpreting data for this measure.
- There are differences across jurisdictions in the proportion of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation where the person responsible was living in the household providing out-of-home care. In part, these differences are explained by differences in the procedures jurisdictions employ for investigating and recording matters of concern when children are in out-of-home care and differences in the application of the counting rules for this indicator. For example:
 - In NSW, the numerator provided for this measure (i.e., the number of children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household providing out-of-home care) excludes children who are in government authorised and funded out-of-home care placements where the out-of-home care placement is facilitated by a non-government organisation (NGO). However, the denominator for this measure (i.e., all children aged 0-17 in at least one care placement during the year) encompasses all children in out-of-home care (including children in government authorised and funded out-of-home care placements where the out-of-home care placement is facilitated by an NGO). This affects the reported rate (i.e., a lower rate is derived than would be the case if the numerator and denominator aligned).
 - In Victoria, investigations undertaken in relation to quality of care concerns encompass allegations or concerns about the quality of care provided for children, relating to home-based carers or members of their family, kinship carers, residential care staff or other care staff. These data include investigations which were commenced during the relevant financial year for children and young people who, at the time of the incident, were current clients of the child protection program and who were residing in either home-based care (including lead tenant, residential care or kinship care). Substantiated quality of care concerns encompass completed investigations where quality of care concerns were substantiated and action was taken in response.
 - In Queensland, 2013-14 data are reported in accordance with the department's new policy 'Responding to concerns about the standards of care' introduced in July 2013 and are not directly comparable with previous years. Data comprise children subject to a harm report substantiation, which refer only to children in the custody or guardianship of the chief executive and who are placed in out-of-home care. Queensland's consideration of 'the person believed responsible' relates to overall harm or risk of harm to the child in care. For substantiated harm outcomes, the harm or risk of harm may have involved the actions or inactions of a carer; staff member of a care service; another adult who resides in, or frequents the care environment;

another child (in specific circumstances only); or in some instances harm may be substantiated and the person responsible was unable to be identified. It does not report on whether harm was the result of the actions or inactions of the child's carer or staff member of a care service or whether harm or risk of harm was not as a result of their actions or inactions i.e., there was no indication that the carer, staff member or care service has not met the standards of care required under the Child Protection Act 1999. Therefore, Queensland's data are broader than the scope of the national counting rule and should not be compared to other jurisdictions' data.

- In WA, data include children who have been harmed by foster carers and workers in placement services. Children harmed by relatives of foster carers or other children in care are not included.
- The NT cannot provide data for this measure as the NT data system does not identify the person responsible/perpetrator.
- There are also differences across jurisdictions in the proportion of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect (that is, regardless of the perpetrator). In part, these differences are explained by differences in the procedures jurisdictions employ for investigating and recording matters of concern when children are in out-of-home care and differences in the application of the counting rules for this indicator. For example:
 - NSW data for the 2011-12 reporting period were not comparable to data supplied by other jurisdictions because NSW data encompassed a more inclusive set of substantiated issues, for example, children who absconded from out-of-home care placements and reported incidents of self-harm.
 - Queensland's data from 2013-14 are reported in accordance with the department's new policy 'Responding to concerns about the standards of care' introduced in July 2013 and are not directly comparable with previous years. Data comprise children subject to a harm report substantiation, which refer only to children in the custody or guardianship of the chief executive and who are placed in out-of-home care. For substantiated harm outcomes, the harm or risk of harm may have involved the actions or inactions of a carer; staff member of a care service; another adult who resides in, or frequents the care environment; another child (in specific circumstances only); or in some instances harm may be substantiated and the person responsible was unable to be identified.
 - NSW and Victoria did not provide data for this measure for the 2012-13 or 2013-14 reporting period. NSW advised that available data were not considered suitable for publication. Victoria advised that data were not available as the Victorian Child Protection Service does not record the required data for children in out-of-home care.

Effectiveness, out-of-home care services — Stability of placement

Data quality information for this indicator has been drafted by the Child Protection and Youth Justice Working Group.

Indicator definition and description

Element	Effectiveness — Out-of-home care services
Indicator	Stability of placement
Measure (computation)	<p><u>Definition:</u></p> <p>Indicator - The proportion of children who had 1 or 2 placements during a period of continuous out-of-home care. Comprising sub-measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Proportion of children on a care and protection order exiting out-of-home care after less than 12 months, who had 1 or 2 placements. (2) Proportion of children on a care and protection order exiting out-of-home care after 12 months or more, who had 1 or 2 placements. <p><u>Numerators:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Number of children on a care and protection order exiting out-of-home care after less than 12 months, who had 1 or 2 placements. (2) Number of children on a care and protection order exiting out-of-home care after 12 months or more, who had 1 or 2 placements. <p><u>Denominators:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) All children on a care and protection order exiting out-of-home care after less than 12 months. (2) All children on a care and protection order exiting out-of-home care after 12 months or more. <p><u>Computation:</u></p> <p>Expressed as a percentage. Calculation is: (Numerator ÷ Denominator) x 100.</p>
Data source/s	<p><u>Numerator:</u></p> <p>AIHW, '<i>Child protection: Out-of-home care collection</i>', data supplied by jurisdictions.</p> <p><u>Denominator:</u></p> <p>AIHW, '<i>Child protection: Out-of-home care collection</i>', data supplied by jurisdictions.</p>
<u>Data Quality Framework Dimensions</u>	
Institutional environment	Data are sourced from State and Territory administrative data systems and compiled by the AIHW.
Relevance	Data are reported by Australian State and Territory governments and provide information on the placement stability experienced by young people in out-of-home care.
Timeliness	The most timely data (i.e., data for the most recent financial year) are reported.
Accuracy	<p>These data are comparable across jurisdictions. However, data are collected only for children who are on orders and who exit care during the reference year. There are limitations to counting placement stability using a cohort of children on exit from care rather than longitudinally tracking a cohort of children on their entry into care (or all children in care during the reference year): an exit cohort is biased to children who stayed a relatively short time in care and thus were more likely to have experienced fewer placements.</p> <p>Exits from out-of-home care are defined as occasions when children leave care and do not return within 60 days. Placement breaks which do not exceed 7 days are not counted as exits.</p>
Coherence	The data items used to construct this performance indicator are reported by all jurisdictions and are considered comparable.
Accessibility	Data are published in this Report.

Interpretability Further technical details are available in the AIHW manual '*Child protection: out-of-home care, Australia: Data collection standards & counting rules*' at www.aihw.gov.au/child-protection/.

Data Gaps/Issues Analysis

**Key data
gaps/issues**

The Steering Committee notes the following issues:

- While these data are comparable across jurisdictions, the data are biased towards children who have stayed only a relatively short time in care (i.e., an exit cohort). Ideally, stability of care would be measured for all children in care (i.e., number of placements all children in care have experienced).

Effectiveness, out-of-home care services — Children aged under 12 years in home-based care

Data quality information for this indicator has been drafted by the Child Protection and Youth Justice Working Group.

Indicator definition and description

Element	Effectiveness — Out-of-home care services
Indicator	Children aged under 12 years in home-based care
Measure (computation)	<p><u>Definition:</u></p> <p>The number of children aged under 12 years in home-based care, as a proportion of all children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care, at 30 June.</p> <p><u>Numerators:</u></p> <p>Total number of children aged under 12 years in home-based care, at 30 June.</p> <p><u>Denominators:</u></p> <p>Total number of children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care, at 30 June.</p> <p><u>Computation:</u></p> <p>Expressed as a percentage. Calculation is: (Numerator ÷ Denominator) x 100.</p>
Data source/s	<p><u>Numerator:</u></p> <p>AIHW, '<i>Child protection: Out-of-home care collection</i>', data supplied by jurisdictions.</p> <p><u>Denominator:</u></p> <p>AIHW, '<i>Child protection: Out-of-home care collection</i>', data supplied by jurisdictions.</p>

Data Quality Framework Dimensions

Institutional environment	Data are sourced from State and Territory administrative data systems and compiled by the AIHW.
Relevance	Data are reported by Australian State and Territory governments and provide information on the rates of children under 12 years of age in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement (for example, in foster or kinship care and distinct from residential care arrangements). It is generally considered desirable to place children, particularly young children, in home-like environments as they will generally make better development progress and have more ready access to normal childhood experiences in family settings than in institutional settings.
Timeliness	The most timely data (i.e., data for the most recent financial year) are reported.
Accuracy	The data are reported as comparable across jurisdictions.
Coherence	The data items used to construct this performance indicator are reported by all jurisdictions and are considered comparable.
Accessibility	Data are published in this Report.
Interpretability	Further technical details are available in the AIHW manual ' <i>Child protection: out-of-home care, Australia: Data collection standards & counting rules</i> ' at www.aihw.gov.au/child-protection/ .

Data Gaps/Issues Analysis

Key data gaps/issues	<p>The Steering Committee notes the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These data are a robust count of children under 12 years of age in home-based care. In future, it might also be appropriate to analyse the placement types of older children.
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Effectiveness, out-of-home care services — Placement with extended family

Data quality information for this indicator has been drafted by the Child Protection and Youth Justice Working Group.

Indicator definition and description

Element	Effectiveness — Out-of-home care services
Indicator	Placement with extended family
Measure (computation)	<p><u>Definition:</u></p> <p>The proportion of children in out-of-home care who are placed with relatives or kin, at 30 June.</p> <p><u>Numerators:</u></p> <p>Total number of children in out-of-home care who are placed with relatives or kin, at 30 June.</p> <p><u>Denominators:</u></p> <p>Total number of children in out-of-home care, at 30 June.</p> <p><u>Computation:</u></p> <p>Expressed as a percentage. Calculation is: (Numerator ÷ Denominator) x 100.</p>
Data source/s	<p><u>Numerator:</u></p> <p>AIHW, 'Child protection: Out-of-home care collection', data supplied by jurisdictions.</p> <p><u>Denominator:</u></p> <p>AIHW, 'Child protection: Out-of-home care collection', data supplied by jurisdictions.</p>

Data Quality Framework Dimensions

Institutional environment	Data are sourced from State and Territory administrative data systems and compiled by the AIHW.
Relevance	Data are reported by Australian State and Territory governments and provide information on the extent to which young people in out-of-home care are living with relatives or kin. Where safe and appropriate, it is considered desirable to place children in out-of-home care with relatives and kin to enhance a child's feelings of familiarity and family connectedness.
Timeliness	The most timely data (i.e., data for the most recent financial year) are reported.
Accuracy	The data are reported as comparable across jurisdictions.
Coherence	The data items used to construct this performance indicator are reported by all jurisdictions and are considered comparable.
Accessibility	Data are published in this Report and in CPA.
Interpretability	Further technical details are available in the AIHW manual 'Child protection: out-of-home care, Australia: Data collection standards & counting rules' at www.aihw.gov.au/child-protection/ .

Data Gaps/Issues Analysis

Key data gaps/issues	<p>The Steering Committee notes the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• These data are a robust count of children in out-of-home care who are placed with extended family.
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Effectiveness, out-of-home care services — Placement in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle

Data quality information for this indicator has been drafted by the Child Protection and Youth Justice Working Group.

Indicator definition and description

Element	Effectiveness — Out-of-home care services
Indicator	Placement in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle
Measure (computation)	<p><u>Definition:</u></p> <p>The proportion of Indigenous children placed with the child's extended family, Indigenous community or other Indigenous people, as a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care, at 30 June.</p> <p><u>Numerators:</u></p> <p>(1) Number of Indigenous children placed with relatives/kin at 30 June.</p> <p>(2) Number of Indigenous children placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care, at 30 June.</p> <p>(3) Number of Indigenous children not placed with relative/kin, other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care, at 30 June.</p> <p><u>Denominators:</u></p> <p>Total number of Indigenous children in care at 30 June (excluding Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown).</p> <p><u>Computation:</u></p> <p>Expressed as a percentage. Calculation is: (Numerator ÷ Denominator) x 100.</p>
Data source/s	<p><u>Numerator:</u></p> <p>AIHW, '<i>Child protection: Out-of-home care collection</i>', data supplied by jurisdictions.</p> <p><u>Denominator:</u></p> <p>AIHW, '<i>Child protection: Out-of-home care collection</i>', data supplied by jurisdictions.</p>

Data Quality Framework Dimensions

Institutional environment	Data are sourced from State and Territory administrative data systems and compiled by the AIHW.
Relevance	Data are reported by Australian State and Territory governments and provide information on the care placements of Indigenous young people. This indicator does not actually assess the process departments employed in seeking out certain care placements, rather it reports on Indigenous placement outcomes. Technically, therefore, this is a proxy indicator, as the ACPP sets out a sequence of steps that should be followed in seeking out certain placements, not just the desirability of final placement settings.
Timeliness	The most timely data (i.e., data for the most recent financial year) are reported.
Accuracy	The data are reported as comparable across jurisdictions. However, for all jurisdictions these data are proxy data for compliance with the ACPP (i.e., the indicator measures placement outcome rather than whether the ACPP process was complied with in determining placement outcome). Notwithstanding that this measure is a proxy indicator of compliance with the ACPP, it is an important measure of the placement outcomes achieved for Indigenous children.
Coherence	The data items used to construct this performance indicator are reported by all jurisdictions and are considered comparable.
Accessibility	Data are published in this Report and CPA.

Interpretability Further technical details are available in the AIHW manual '*Child protection: out-of-home care, Australia: Data collection standards & counting rules*' at www.aihw.gov.au/child-protection/.

Data Gaps/Issues Analysis

**Key data
gaps/issues**

The Steering Committee notes the following issues:

- These data are a proxy for compliance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle (i.e., these data report on the placement outcomes of Indigenous children rather than whether the sequence of steps contained within the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle were followed).

Effectiveness, child protection services — Children with current documented case plans

Data quality information for this indicator has been drafted by the Child Protection and Youth Justice Working Group.

Indicator definition and description

Element Indicator Measure (computation)	<p>Effectiveness — Child protection services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children with current documented case plans <p><u>Definition:</u> The number of children who have a current documented and approved case plan, as a proportion of all children who are required to have a current documented and approved case plan, at 30 June.</p> <p><u>Numerators:</u> Number of children aged 0-17 years who are required to have a current documented and approved case plan who have a current documented and approved case plan, at 30 June.</p> <p><u>Denominators:</u> Number of children aged 0-17 years required to have a current documented and approved case plan, at 30 June.</p> <p><u>Computation:</u> Expressed as a percentage. Calculation is: (Numerator ÷ Denominator) x 100.</p>
Data source/s	<p><u>Numerators:</u> AIHW, '<i>National out-of-home care standards</i>', data supplied by jurisdictions.</p> <p><u>Denominators:</u> AIHW, '<i>National out-of-home care standards</i>', data supplied by jurisdictions.</p>

Data Quality Framework Dimensions

Institutional environment	Data are sourced from State and Territory administrative data systems and compiled by the AIHW.
Relevance	<p>Data are reported by Australian State and Territory governments and provide information on the number of children who have a current documented and approved case plan. A high or increasing rate of children with documented case plans is desirable.</p> <p>A case plan is an individualised, dynamic written plan (or support agreement) that includes information on the circumstances explaining why the child is considered to be in need of protection, the goal of ongoing intervention and outcomes and actions required to achieve the goals. A case plan is usually developed between the person and agency as a result of an assessment process and usually includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• goals and objectives• planned measures/actions• needs assessment (including: health, education, therapeutic social/cultural support)• family/relatives/kin contact arrangements• living/accommodation arrangements. <p>Case planning is essential to structured and purposeful work to support children's optimal development.</p> <p>A current case plan is one that has been initiated and completed with approval, or reviewed and approved, within the previous 12 months. Individual jurisdictions' timeframes for ongoing review may vary and reviews may be more frequent when young children or infants are involved, a child has just entered care, and certain orders are in place (for example, assessment orders). Reviews may also be required when circumstances have changed (for example, the death of a parent or carer and placement changes) and significant new decisions are needed.</p> <p>The scope of this indicator extends to children and young people (aged 0-17 years) whose care arrangements were ordered through the Children's Court and for whom parental responsibility has been transferred to the Minister/Chief Executive and who</p>

are required by jurisdictional policy/legislation to have a current documented and approved case plan.

If a child has had more than one case plan review during the 12 month period, the relevant date is that of the most recent review during the 12 month period.

The quality of case plans, and the extent to which identified needs and actions are put into place, should also be taken into account when considering this indicator. The existence of a case plan does not guarantee that appropriate case work to meet a child's needs is occurring.

Timeliness

The most timely data (i.e., data for the most recent financial year) are reported.

Accuracy

Data are affected by comparability issues resulting from different policy and legislative requirements across jurisdictions which stipulate the timeframes within which children are required to have case plans prepared.

Coherence

As noted above, the data items used to construct this performance indicator are affected by comparability issues arising from different child protection policy and legislation across states and territories.

Accessibility

Data are published in the Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision's (SCRGSP) Report on Government Services (Report).

Interpretability

Further technical details are available in '*National out-of-home care standards data collection: Technical specifications*' at www.aihw.gov.au/child-protection/.

Data Gaps/Issues Analysis

Key data gaps/issues

The Steering Committee notes the following issues:

- Data were collected for the first time for this indicator for the 2012 reporting period. Data are experimental and subject to further review and refinement.
- Data were not available for all jurisdictions for the 2014 reporting period. Data were not available for SA or the NT.

Outcomes, child protection services — Improved safety

Data quality information for this indicator has been drafted by the Child Protection and Youth Justice Working Group.

Indicator definition and description

Element	Outcomes — Child protection services
Indicator	Improved safety
Measure (computation)	<p><u>Definition:</u></p> <p>This indicator comprises two measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate, within the reference period.• Substantiation rate after a prior substantiation, within the reference period. <p><u>Numerators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of children who were the subject of a substantiation who had also been the subject of an investigation that resulted in a decision not to substantiate in the previous 3 and 12 months.• The number of children who were the subject of a substantiation who had also been the subject of a substantiation within the previous 3 and 12 months. <p><u>Denominators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of children who were not subject to a substantiation in the reference year.• The number of all children who were the subject of a substantiation. <p><u>Computation:</u></p> <p>Expressed as a percentage. Calculation is: (Numerator ÷ Denominator) x 100.</p>
Data source/s	<p><u>Numerator:</u></p> <p>AIHW, '<i>Notifications, investigations and substantiations collection</i>', data supplied by jurisdictions.</p> <p><u>Denominator:</u></p> <p>AIHW, '<i>Notifications, investigations and substantiations collection</i>', data supplied by jurisdictions.</p>

Data Quality Framework Dimensions

Institutional environment	Data are sourced from State and Territory administrative data systems and compiled by the AIHW.
Relevance	Data are reported by Australian State and Territory governments and provide information on the extent to which government effectively reduces the risk of harm to children by appropriately assessing notifications of child protection concerns.
Timeliness	The most timely data are reported. However, because a full 12 months needs to lapse before data can be collected for this indicator, current year data concern the financial year prior.
Accuracy	Data reported for these measures are not directly comparable across jurisdictions. Data are affected by comparability issues resulting from different substantiation criteria across jurisdictions (i.e., legislation and policy documents which define thresholds for substantiation vary across jurisdictions, such as whether 'risk of harm' or 'significant risk of harm' is required in order to substantiate). There is greater consistency within jurisdictions over time. However, the proportion of investigations resulting in substantiation can also vary within jurisdictions over time. Factors that contribute to these variations include: the introduction of risk assessment frameworks/instruments; changes to the threshold for substantiation (e.g., in January 2010, NSW legislation was amended to change the threshold for recording a substantiation from 'risk of harm' to 'risk of <i>significant</i> harm'); and other practice changes (e.g., from March 2005, Qld required all notifications be investigated).

Coherence As noted above, the data items used to construct this performance indicator are affected by comparability issues arising from different child protection legislation, policy and practice across states and territories.

Reported results can also be affected by the finalisation of investigations, factors beyond the control of child protection services, or a change in circumstances after the initial decision not to substantiate was made. For example, a demonstrable risk of harm might not have existed in the first instance. In addition, this indicator does not distinguish between subsequent substantiations which are related to the initial notification (that is, the same source of risk of harm, such as physical abuse) and those which are unrelated to the initial notification (that is, a different source of risk of harm for the subsequent substantiation, such as neglect).

Accessibility Data are published in the SCRGSP's Report on Government Services (Report).

Interpretability Further technical details are available in the AIHW manual '*Child protection: out-of-home care, Australia: Data collection standards & counting rules*' at www.aihw.gov.au/child-protection/.

Data Gaps/Issues Analysis

Key data gaps/issues The Steering Committee notes the following issues:

- Caution should be used when interpreting results due to the comparability issues noted above.

Outcomes, child protection services — Improved education

Data quality information for this indicator has been drafted by the Child Protection and Youth Justice Working Group.

Indicator definition and description

Element	Outcomes — child protection services
Indicator	Improved education
Measure (computation)	<p><u>Definition:</u></p> <p>The proportion of children on guardianship and custody orders to the Chief Executive/Minister achieving national benchmarks in reading and numeracy, compared to all children.</p> <p><u>Numerators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of children on guardianship and custody orders to the chief executive who achieved national benchmarks in reading and numeracy. • Total number of all children who achieved national benchmarks in reading and numeracy. <p><u>Denominators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of children on guardianship and custody orders to the chief executive who participated in national testing. • Total number of all children who participated in national testing. <p><u>Computation:</u></p> <p>Expressed as a percentage. Calculation is: (Numerator ÷ Denominator) x 100.</p>
Data source/s	<p><u>Numerator:</u></p> <p>There are two sources of data for this indicator. Most recent data are provided directly by jurisdictions participating in the experimental aggregate educational outcomes data collection for this Report (Queensland and SA). These data are reported in the text of chapter 15 of this Report.</p> <p>Historical data are also available in chapter 15 attachment tables. These data were derived from a pilot study on the educational outcomes of children in the child protection system (AIHW, <i>'Educational outcomes of children on guardianship or custody orders: A pilot study (stage 2)'</i>, data supplied by jurisdictions).</p> <p><u>Denominator:</u></p> <p>There are two sources of data for this indicator. Most recent data are provided directly by jurisdictions participating in the experimental aggregate educational outcomes data collection for this Report (Queensland and SA). These data are reporting in the text of chapter 15 of this Report.</p> <p>Historical data are also available in chapter 15 attachment tables. These data were derived from a pilot study on the educational outcomes of children in the child protection system (AIHW, <i>'Educational outcomes of children on guardianship or custody orders: A pilot study (stage 2)'</i>, data supplied by jurisdictions).</p>
<u>Data Quality Framework Dimensions</u>	
Institutional environment	<p>Current, experimental aggregate educational outcomes data were sourced directly from participating jurisdictions (Queensland and SA).</p> <p>Historical data were sourced from State and Territory administrative data systems and compiled by the AIHW.</p>
Relevance	Data are reported by Australian State and Territory governments and provide information on the educational outcomes of children in the child protection system who are attending government schools. In contrast, all student calculations include both government and non-government schools.
Timeliness	At present, current data are only available for jurisdictions participating in the experimental aggregate educational outcomes data collection for this Report (Queensland and SA). Historical data (published in chapter 15 attachment tables) are only available for the period 2003-06, for selected jurisdictions: Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA, Tasmania and the ACT (for 2003 only).

Accuracy	<p><u>Current experimental data</u></p> <p>Data are comparable across jurisdictions but are incomplete and only available for selected jurisdictions.</p> <p>Children exempted from NAPLAN testing are recorded as being below the national minimum benchmarks in reading and numeracy. Experimental data indicate that children on guardianship and custody orders are exempted from NAPLAN testing at significantly higher rates than the general student population, which will contribute to poorer reported NAPLAN results for children on orders than the general student population.</p> <p><u>Historical pilot data</u></p> <p>Data are comparable across jurisdictions but are incomplete and only available for selected jurisdictions for the period 2003-2006.</p> <p>Benchmark calculations for children on guardianship/custody orders exclude students who were exempt from the tests, whereas all student calculations include exempted students and these students are reported as falling below the benchmark.</p> <p>The methods used to calculate percentages and confidence intervals of children who are on guardianship/custody orders who have achieved national benchmark achievement levels is not the same as the method used by MCEETYA to report all student results. Confidence intervals have been calculated for children on guardianship/custody orders using the exact 95 per cent confidence limits, which have been approximated to an F distribution. For the all students estimates, the methods used by MCEETYA for calculating confidence intervals involve specifically developed software, accounting for some sources of error in the measurement and estimation process, and are reliant on having data for large cohorts of students.</p>
Coherence	<p>Current experimental data and historical pilot data are considered comparable. However, they relate to children in government schools only and are only available for selected jurisdictions.</p> <p>Historical pilot data were collected prior to the introduction of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests, so should not be compared with later years of NAPLAN test data that may be published elsewhere.</p>
Accessibility	<p>Data are published in the SCRGSP's Report on Government Services and in the AIHW publication '<i>Educational outcomes of children on guardianship and custody orders: A pilot study</i>' (2007).</p>
Interpretability	<p>Further technical details are available in the AIHW publication '<i>Educational outcomes of children on guardianship and custody orders: A pilot study</i>' (2007).</p>

Data Gaps/Issues Analysis

Key data gaps/issues

- The Steering Committee notes the following issues:
- Current experimental data are incomplete. The Steering Committee considers the measurement of the educational outcomes of children in the child protection system to be a high priority. It is anticipated that the CPYJWG, in conjunction with relevant parallel groups, will prioritise the development of an ongoing national collection to routinely monitor the educational outcomes of children on orders.
 - Historical pilot data are dated and incomplete. As above, the Steering Committee expects that work will continue to develop national reporting on this high priority issue.

Efficiency, child protection services — Total expenditure on all child protection activities per notification, investigation and substantiation

Data quality information for this indicator has been drafted by the Child Protection and Youth Justice Working Group.

Indicator definition and description

Element Indicator	Efficiency — Child protection services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total expenditure on all child protection activities per notification, investigation and substantiation.
Measure (computation)	<p><u>Definition:</u> This indicator is defined by three measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total expenditure on all child protection activities throughout the financial year, divided by the number of notifications • Total expenditure on all child protection activities throughout the financial year, divided by the number of investigations • Total expenditure on all child protection activities throughout the financial year, divided by the number of substantiations. <p><u>Numerator:</u> Total expenditure on all child protection activities throughout the financial year.</p> <p><u>Denominators:</u> The denominator for each measure varies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measure 1: the number of notifications received throughout the reference year • Measure 2: the number of notifications that required investigation throughout the reference year • Measure 3: the number of notifications received throughout the reference year that were investigated with an outcome of substantiated <p><u>Computation:</u> Expressed in dollar figures. Calculation is: (Numerator ÷ Denominator).</p>
Data source/s	<p><u>Numerators:</u> Expenditure data are supplied by Australian State and Territory governments.</p> <p><u>Denominators:</u> AIHW, '<i>Notifications, investigations and substantiations collection</i>', data supplied by jurisdictions.</p>

Data Quality Framework Dimensions

Institutional environment	<p>Activity data are sourced from State and Territory administrative data systems and compiled by the AIHW.</p> <p>Financial data are sourced from State and Territory administrative data systems and provided directly to the RGSP Secretariat.</p>
Relevance	<p>Data are reported by Australian State and Territory governments and provide information on the efficiency of service delivery. Low or decreasing expenditure per notification/investigation/substantiation can suggest more efficient services, but may indicate lower quality or different service delivery models.</p> <p>These indicators are proxy indicators and need to be interpreted with care. Given each of these proxy indicators is based on total expenditure on child protection activities, they do not represent, and cannot be interpreted as, unit costs for notifications, investigations or substantiations. These proxy indicators cannot be added together to determine overall cost of child protection services.</p> <p>Child protection activities undertaken by government that fall within the scope of the expenditure data include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • receiving and responding to allegations of child abuse and neglect, including investigation and assessment • initiating formal statutory intervention to secure the safety of children or young people, including applying to the court for protective orders • ensuring the ongoing safety of children by working with families to resolve protective concerns.

More comprehensive and accurate efficiency indicators would relate expenditure on particular child protection activities to an output measure of those activities. Work is underway to develop a national activity-based costing method, the Pathways project, which will allow this type of reporting from existing information systems.

In some cases, efficiencies might not be able to be realised due to remote geographic locations that limit opportunities to reduce overheads through economies of scale.

Timeliness

The most timely data (i.e., data for the most recent financial year) are reported.

Accuracy

Data are affected by comparability issues resulting from different policy and legislative requirements across Australian jurisdictions.

Jurisdictions count notifications at different points in the response to a report, ranging from the point of initial contact with the source of the report to the end of a screening and decision making process. This means the number of notifications is not strictly comparable across jurisdictions. Notifications are subsequently investigated based on the policies and practices in each jurisdiction.

An investigation is the process whereby the relevant department obtains more detailed information about a child who is the subject of a notification and makes an assessment about the harm or risk of harm to the child, and his or her protective needs. Not all notifications are investigated in all jurisdictions. For example, if a determination is made that a child and family are better served by family support services rather than a child protection response, children and families might be referred to diversionary and support services. Once it has been decided that an investigation is required, the investigation process is similar across jurisdictions. An investigation determines whether a notification is substantiated or not substantiated.

A substantiation is the outcome of an investigation where harm or risk of harm, abuse or risk of abuse, is confirmed. The legal definition of harm or risk of harm, abuse or risk of abuse, are similar across jurisdictions. However, there can be differences in practice, including different thresholds for recording a substantiation related to risk of harm, which impact on the comparability of these data.

The national *Child protection services financial data manual* stipulates that the full cost to government of providing child protection services, including all resources consumed in providing a service, should be reported. Types of costs included in the financial data are staffing and salary expenses, usage charges on land and buildings, corporate overheads, and grants to non-government organisations to deliver services.

Time series expenditure data are deflated so comparisons over time can be made in real terms.

Coherence

As noted above, the data items used to construct this performance indicator are affected by comparability issues arising from different child protection policy and legislation across states and territories.

Accessibility

Data are published in the Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision's (SCRGSP) Report on Government Services (Report).

Interpretability

Further technical details are available in the AIHW manual '*Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia: Data collection standards & counting rules*' at www.aihw.gov.au/child-protection/ and the Steering Committee's '*Child protection services financial data manual*'.

Data Gaps/Issues Analysis

Key data gaps/issues

The Steering Committee notes the following issues:

- Once national unit cost data are able to be derived using the Pathways activity based costing method, it is anticipated that these proxy measures will be replaced by more robust unit cost efficiency data.

Efficiency, out-of-home care — Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night

Data quality information for this indicator has been drafted by the Child Protection and Youth Justice Working Group.

Indicator definition and description

Element	Efficiency — Out-of-home care services
Indicator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night
Measure (computation)	<p><u>Definition:</u> 'Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night' is defined as total real recurrent expenditure on out-of-home care services divided by the total number of placement nights in out-of-home care.</p> <p><u>Numerators:</u> Total recurrent expenditure on out-of-home care services.</p> <p><u>Denominators:</u> Total number of placement nights for all children in out-of-home care during the reference year.</p> <p><u>Computation:</u> Expressed in dollar figures. Calculation is: (Numerator ÷ Denominator).</p>
Data source/s	<p><u>Numerators:</u> Expenditure data are supplied by Australian State and Territory governments.</p> <p><u>Denominators:</u> AIHW, '<i>Out-of-home care collection</i>', data supplied by jurisdictions.</p>

Data Quality Framework Dimensions

Institutional environment	<p>Activity data are sourced from State and Territory administrative data systems and compiled by the AIHW.</p> <p>Financial data are sourced from State and Territory administrative data systems and provided directly to the RGSP Secretariat.</p>
Relevance	Data are reported by Australian State and Territory governments and provide information on the efficiency of out-of-home care service provision. Low or decreasing expenditure per placement night can suggest more efficient services but may indicate lower service quality or different service delivery models. Further, in some cases, efficiencies may not be able to be realised due to remote geographic locations that limit opportunities to reduce overheads through economies of scale.
Timeliness	The most timely data (i.e., data for the most recent financial year) are reported.
Accuracy	<p>Data are affected by comparability issues resulting from different inclusions in out-of-home care expenditure across jurisdictions.</p> <p>The national <i>Child protection services financial data manual</i> stipulates that the full cost to government of providing out-of-home care services, including all resources consumed in providing a service, should be reported.</p> <p>Time series expenditure data are deflated so comparisons over time can be made in real terms.</p>
Coherence	As noted above, the data items used to construct this performance indicator are affected by comparability issues.
Accessibility	Data are published in the Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision's (SCRGSP) Report on Government Services (Report).
Interpretability	Further technical details are available in the AIHW manual ' <i>Out-of-home care, Australia: Data collection standards & counting rules</i> ' at www.aihw.gov.au/child-protection/ and the Steering Committee's ' <i>Child protection services financial data manual</i> '.

Data Gaps/Issues Analysis

Key data gaps/issues	<p>The Steering Committee notes the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is anticipated that further refinement of the Pathways activity based costing method will improve the comparability of these data as expenditure categories are implemented consistently across jurisdictions.
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Efficiency, out-of-home care — Total expenditure on all children in residential care and non-residential care per child in residential and non-residential out-of-home care

Data quality information for this indicator has been drafted by the Child Protection and Youth Justice Working Group.

Indicator definition and description

Element	Efficiency — Out-of-home care services
Indicator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total expenditure on all children in residential care and non-residential care per child in residential and non-residential out-of-home care
Measure (computation)	<p><u>Definition:</u> This indicator is defined by three measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measure 1: Total expenditure on residential out-of-home care during the financial year, divided by the number of children in residential out-of-home care at 30 June. Measure 2: Total expenditure on non-residential out-of-home care during the financial year, divided by the number of children in non-residential out-of-home care at 30 June. Measure 3: Total expenditure on all out-of-home care during the financial year, divided by the number of children in all out-of-home care at 30 June. <p><u>Numerators:</u> The numerator for each measure varies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measure 1: Total recurrent expenditure on residential out-of-home care services during the financial year. Measure 2: Total recurrent expenditure on non-residential out-of-home care services during the financial year. Measure 3: Total recurrent expenditure on all out-of-home care services during the financial year. <p><u>Denominators:</u> The denominator for each measure varies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measure 1: Number of children in residential out-of-home care at 30 June. Measure 2: Number of children in non-residential out-of-home care at 30 June. Measure 3: Number of children in all out-of-home care at 30 June. <p><u>Computation:</u> Expressed in dollar figures. Calculation is: (Numerator ÷ Denominator).</p>
Data source/s	<p><u>Numerators:</u> Expenditure data are supplied by Australian State and Territory governments.</p> <p><u>Denominators:</u> AIHW, 'Out-of-home care collection', data supplied by jurisdictions.</p>

Data Quality Framework Dimensions

Institutional environment	Data are sourced from State and Territory administrative data systems and compiled by the AIHW.
Relevance	<p>Data are reported by Australian State and Territory governments and provide information on the efficiency of out-of-home care service delivery. Low or decreasing expenditure per child in care can suggest more efficient services but may indicate lower quality or different service delivery models.</p> <p>These indicators are proxy indicators and need to be interpreted with care as they do not represent a measure of unit costs. Expenditure per child in care at 30 June overstates the cost per child because significantly more children are in care during a year than at a point in time. In addition, the indicator does not reflect the length of time that a child spends in care.</p> <p>Residential out-of-home care comprises care placements in residential buildings with paid staff. These facilities are mainly used for children who have complex needs.</p> <p>Non-residential out-of-home care comprises home-based care where placement is in the home of a carer who is reimbursed (or who has been offered but declined</p>

reimbursement) for expenses related to the care of a child. Home-based care includes relative/kinship care and foster care.

Timeliness

The most timely data (i.e., data for the most recent financial year) are reported.

Accuracy

Data are affected by comparability issues resulting from different inclusions in out-of-home care expenditure across jurisdictions.

The national *Child protection services financial data manual* stipulates that the full cost to government of providing out-of-home care services, including all resources consumed in providing a service, should be reported.

Time series expenditure data are deflated so comparisons over time can be made in real terms.

Coherence

As noted above, the data items used to construct this performance indicator are affected by comparability issues.

Accessibility

Data are published in the Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision's (SCRGSP) Report on Government Services (Report).

Interpretability

Further technical details are available in the AIHW manual '*Out-of-home care, Australia: Data collection standards & counting rules*' at www.aihw.gov.au/child-protection/ and the Steering Committee's '*Child protection services financial data manual*'.

Data Gaps/Issues Analysis

Key data gaps/issues

The Steering Committee notes the following issues:

- Not all jurisdictions are able to disaggregate out-of-home care expenditure by residential and non-residential service costs. Data for all three measures are reported for Victoria, WA, SA, Tasmania and the ACT. Data for measure 3 *only* are reported for NSW, Queensland and the NT
- Once national unit cost data are able to be derived using the Pathways activity based costing method, it is anticipated that these proxy measures will be replaced by more robust unit cost efficiency data.