

# 15A Protection and support services — attachment

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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>
Indigenous children									
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	3 140	816	1 707	385	736	43	136	337
Carer/family issues	no.	na	..	..	..	..	–	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	3 871	396	462	365	977	19	152	308
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>7 011</b>	<b>1 212</b>	<b>2 169</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1 713</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>645</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	3 759	39	1 429	316	3	12	49	108
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>10 770</b>	<b>1 251</b>	<b>3 598</b>	<b>1 066</b>	<b>1 716</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>753</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	9 560	1 246	291	–	1 864	131	33	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	47	21	–	25	428	466
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>20 330</b>	<b>2 497</b>	<b>3 936</b>	<b>1 087</b>	<b>3 580</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>1 219</b>
Proportion of notification, 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
Carer/family issues	%	na	..	..	..	..	–	..	..
Not substantiated	%	19.0	15.9	11.7	33.6	27.3	8.3	19.0	25.3
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>48.5</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>52.9</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	18.5	1.6	36.3	29.1	0.1	5.2	6.1	8.9
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>61.8</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	47.0	49.9	7.4	–	52.1	57.0	4.1	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	–	–	1.2	1.9	–	10.9	53.6	38.2
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Non-Indigenous children									
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	12 353	6 582	15 600	719	1 648	739	1 077	136
Carer/family issues	no.	na	..	..	..	..	–	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	21 620	3 692	5 632	922	2 889	532	1 164	222
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>33 973</b>	<b>10 274</b>	<b>21 232</b>	<b>1 641</b>	<b>4 537</b>	<b>1 271</b>	<b>2 241</b>	<b>358</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	13 829	363	10 531	455	26	488	439	69
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>47 802</b>	<b>10 637</b>	<b>31 763</b>	<b>2 096</b>	<b>4 563</b>	<b>1 759</b>	<b>2 680</b>	<b>427</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	65 504	24 389	4 388	–	9 330	6 661	170	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	742	23	–	2 138	3 627	455
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>113 306</b>	<b>35 026</b>	<b>36 893</b>	<b>2 119</b>	<b>13 893</b>	<b>10 558</b>	<b>6 477</b>	<b>882</b>
Proportion of notification, 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

Table 15A.1

Table 15A.1 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status 2004-05 (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>
Carer/family issues	%	na	..	..	..	..	–	..	..
Not substantiated	%	19.1	10.5	15.3	43.5	20.8	5.0	18.0	25.2
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>77.4</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>40.6</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	12.2	1.0	28.5	21.5	0.2	4.6	6.8	7.8
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>86.1</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>48.4</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	57.8	69.6	11.9	–	67.2	63.1	2.6	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	–	–	2.0	1.1	–	20.3	56.0	51.6
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
All children									
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	15 493	7 398	17 307	1 104	2 384	782	1 213	473
Carer/family issues	no.	na	..	..	..	..	–	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	25 491	4 088	6 094	1 287	3 866	551	1 316	530
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>40 984</b>	<b>11 486</b>	<b>23 401</b>	<b>2 391</b>	<b>6 250</b>	<b>1 333</b>	<b>2 529</b>	<b>1 003</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	17 588	402	11 960	771	29	500	488	177
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>58 572</b>	<b>11 888</b>	<b>35 361</b>	<b>3 162</b>	<b>6 279</b>	<b>1 833</b>	<b>3 017</b>	<b>1 180</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	75 064	25 635	4 679	–	11 194	6 792	203	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	789	44	–	2 163	4 055	921
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>133 636</b>	<b>37 523</b>	<b>40 829</b>	<b>3 206</b>	<b>17 473</b>	<b>10 788</b>	<b>7 275</b>	<b>2 101</b>
Proportion of notification, 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
Carer/family issues	%	na	..	..	..	..	–	..	..
Not substantiated	%	19.1	10.9	14.9	40.1	22.1	5.1	18.1	25.2
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>74.6</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>47.7</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	13.2	1.1	29.3	24.0	0.2	4.6	6.7	8.4
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>86.6</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>56.2</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	56.2	68.3	11.5	–	64.1	63.0	2.8	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	–	–	1.9	1.4	–	20.1	55.7	43.8
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Table 15A.2

Table 15A.2 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, 2004-05 (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>
Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	no.	391	213	431	188	87	5	15
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	231	197	331	4	77	27	12
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>27</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	505	226	454	63	186	19	17
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	no.	1 327	1 516	1 851	299	292	214	122
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	588	1 154	1 092	22	290	115	45
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 915</b>	<b>2 670</b>	<b>2 943</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>167</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	1 720	1 806	1 664	192	698	137	105
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	no.	1 718	1 729	2 282	487	379	219	137
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	819	1 351	1 423	26	367	142	57
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 537</b>	<b>3 080</b>	<b>3 705</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>194</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	2 225	2 032	2 118	255	884	156	122

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

**na** Not available.

Source: Tables 15A.17, 15A.29, 15A.41, 15A.53, 15A.65, 15A.77, 15A.89 and 15A.101; 2006 Report 15A.6.

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Table 15A.3

Table 15A.3 **Number of children on care and protection orders at by type of order and Indigenous status, at 30 June 2005 (a)**

	<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 Indigenous children on orders								
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	1 914	525	1 188	556	296	82	49	187
Finalised supervisory orders	na	137	65	..	..	–	2	2
Interim and temporary orders	199	20	89	104	26	12	19	92
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 113</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>1 342</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>281</b>
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders								
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	5 836	3 572	3 909	961	1 150	509	284	86
Finalised supervisory orders	na	1 223	220	..	..	30	49	3
Interim and temporary orders	671	181	386	162	81	83	61	44
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>6 507</b>	<b>4 976</b>	<b>4 515</b>	<b>1 123</b>	<b>1 231</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>133</b>
Number of all children on orders								
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	7 750	4 097	5 097	1 517	1 446	591	333	273
Finalised supervisory orders	na	1 360	285	..	..	30	51	5
Interim and temporary orders	870	201	475	266	107	95	80	136
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>8 620</b>	<b>5 658</b>	<b>5 857</b>	<b>1 783</b>	<b>1 553</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>414</b>

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

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

Source: Tables 15A.18, 15A.30, 15A.42, 15A.54, 15A.66, 15A.78, 15A.90 and 15A.102; 2006 Report, table 15A.7.

Table 15A.4

**Table 15A.4 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, 2004-05 (a), (b)**

	<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 notifications (a)									
Number of children									
Indigenous	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
<b>All children</b>	<b>77 262</b>	<b>28 506</b>	<b>29 298</b>	<b>2 928</b>	<b>11 055</b>	<b>5 765</b>	<b>3 430</b>	<b>1 777</b>	<b>160 021</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	153.5	151.8	42.3	33.5	170.9	11.3	154.6	44.4	87.8
Non-Indigenous	47.0	24.7	31.4	4.6	29.1	55.3	45.2	22.5	32.8
All children	51.3	26.1	32.1	6.4	34.0	52.2	47.9	31.5	35.3
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Indigenous	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
<b>All children</b>	<b>26 909</b>	<b>10 553</b>	<b>17 741</b>	<b>2 214</b>	<b>4 280</b>	<b>1 054</b>	<b>1 652</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>65 355</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	65.1	89.2	25.8	23.4	87.9	6.5	94.0	26.3	44.3
Non-Indigenous	15.9	8.8	19.0	3.6	10.5	9.8	21.3	10.3	13.0
All children	17.9	9.7	19.5	4.8	13.2	9.5	23.1	16.9	14.4
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Indigenous	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
<b>All children</b>	<b>9 198</b>	<b>7 014</b>	<b>12 886</b>	<b>1 035</b>	<b>1 798</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>33 871</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	27.1	63.0	20.4	12.2	43.2	4.8	56.1	13.7	24.0
Non-Indigenous	5.2	5.8	13.7	1.6	4.2	5.8	10.9	3.9	6.7
All children	6.1	6.4	14.1	2.3	5.5	5.8	12.0	7.9	7.5
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2005									
Number of children									
Indigenous	2 113	682	1 342	660	322	94	70	281	5 564
Non-Indigenous	6 507	4 976	4 515	1 123	1 231	622	394	133	19 501
<b>All children</b>	<b>8 620</b>	<b>5 658</b>	<b>5 857</b>	<b>1 783</b>	<b>1 553</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>25 065</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years									
Indigenous	33.0	52.8	21.9	21.6	27.3	11.5	37.4	11.4	25.8
Non-Indigenous	4.3	4.3	5.0	2.5	3.7	5.7	5.3	3.8	4.3
All children	5.4	4.9	6.0	3.7	4.5	6.1	6.1	7.0	5.2

(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 to have a high level of reliability.

Table 15A.4 **Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, 2004-05 (a), (b)**

	<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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(b) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

**na** Not available.

Source: Tables 15A.14, 15A.15, 15A.19, 15A.31, 15A.43, 15A.55, 15A.67, 15A.79, 15A.91 and 15A.103; 2006 Report, table 15A.8.

Table 15A.5

Table 15A.5 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status, 2004-05 (a)**

	<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 in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Indigenous	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
<b>All children</b>	<b>9 230</b>	<b>4 408</b>	<b>5 657</b>	<b>1 829</b>	<b>1 329</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>23 695</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Indigenous	39.7	40.7	20.8	22.6	24.3	9.5	32.0	8.9	26.4
Non-Indigenous	4.4	3.4	4.8	2.5	3.1	4.6	3.8	3.1	3.9
All children	5.8	3.8	5.8	3.8	3.9	4.9	4.5	5.5	4.9
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Indigenous	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
<b>All children</b>	<b>11 664</b>	<b>7 477</b>	<b>6 732</b>	<b>2 489</b>	<b>1 943</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>32 122</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Indigenous	49.1	80.4	24.4	30.3	38.9	9.1	54.3	14.1	35.2
Non-Indigenous	5.6	5.6	5.8	3.4	4.5	5.4	7.2	5.0	5.3
All children	7.3	6.4	7.0	5.1	5.6	5.6	8.3	8.8	6.7

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

Source: Tables 15A.14, 15A.15, 15A.20, 15A.32, 15A.44, 15A.56, 15A.68, 15A.80, 15A.92 and 15A.104; 2006 Report, table 15A.11.

Table 15A.6

Table 15A.6 **Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type, 30 June 2005 (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (b)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Indigenous								
Residential care	49	35	7	39	4	–	10	17
Family group homes	..	..	..	24	9	10	..	..
Home based care								
Foster care	734	247	810	217	191	29	29	152
Relative/kinship care	1 751	214	458	400	82	19	21	45
Other home based care	–	29	–	–	–	14	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>2 485</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>1 268</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>197</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	9	1	–	5	–	4	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	7	–	2	–	4
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 543</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>1 275</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>218</b>
Non-Indigenous								
Residential care	219	330	54	85	36	–	46	8
Family group homes	..	..	..	19	45	48	..	..
Home based care								
Foster care	2 886	2 201	3 275	665	776	249	141	78
Relative/kinship care	3 541	1 121	1 053	337	182	107	92	12
Other home based care	–	209	–	–	4	56	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>6 427</b>	<b>3 531</b>	<b>4 328</b>	<b>1 002</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>90</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	41	21	–	21	–	21	1	1
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	10	–	17	2	7
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>6 687</b>	<b>3 882</b>	<b>4 382</b>	<b>1 137</b>	<b>1 043</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>106</b>
All children								
Residential care	268	365	61	124	40	–	56	25
Family group homes	..	..	..	43	54	58	..	..
Home based care								
Foster care	3 620	2 448	4 085	882	967	278	170	230
Relative/kinship care	5 292	1 335	1 511	737	264	126	113	57
Other home based care	–	238	–	–	4	70	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>8 912</b>	<b>4 021</b>	<b>5 596</b>	<b>1 619</b>	<b>1 235</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>287</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	50	22	–	26	–	25	1	1
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	17	–	19	2	11
<b>Total children</b>	<b>9 230</b>	<b>4 408</b>	<b>5 657</b>	<b>1 829</b>	<b>1 329</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>324</b>

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

(b) Western Australia reported children in Family group homes separately to residential care for the first time in 2005.

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

Source: Tables 15A.21, 15A.33, 15A.45, 15A.57, 15A.69, 15A.81, 15A.93 and 15A.105; 2006 Report, table 15A.12.

Table 15A.7

Table 15A.7 **Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, 30 June 2005 (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Indigenous								
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	–	..
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 543</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>1 275</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>218</b>
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	..
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>6 687</b>	<b>3 868</b>	<b>4 382</b>	<b>1 137</b>	<b>1 043</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>106</b>
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	..
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>9 230</b>	<b>4 394</b>	<b>5 657</b>	<b>1 829</b>	<b>1 329</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>324</b>

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

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

Source: Tables 15A.22, 15A.34, 15A.46, 15A.58, 15A.70, 15A.82, 15A.94 and 15A.106; 2006 Report, table 15A.13.

Table 15A.8

Table 15A.8 **Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June 2005 (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Indigenous								
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	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 543</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>1 275</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>218</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>6 687</b>	<b>3 882</b>	<b>4 382</b>	<b>1 137</b>	<b>1 043</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>106</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>9 230</b>	<b>4 408</b>	<b>5 657</b>	<b>1 829</b>	<b>1 329</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>324</b>

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

**Table 15A.8 Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June 2005 (a)**

	<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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*Source:* Tables 15A.23, 15A.35, 15A.47, 15A.59, 15A.71, 15A.83, 15A.95 and 15A.107; 2006 Report, table 15A.14.

Table 15A.9

Table 15A.9 **Number of children who exited care during the year 2004-05 by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Indigenous								
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	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>34</b>
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	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 345</b>	<b>1 869</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>23</b>
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	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 808</b>	<b>2 187</b>	<b>1 208</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>57</b>

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tables 15A.24, 15A.36, 15A.48, 15A.60, 15A.72, 15A.84, 15A.96 and 15A.108; 2006 Report, table 15A.15.

Table 15A.10

Table 15A.10 **Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, 30 June (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>
2005										
Number of children at 30 June										
Indigenous	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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 292</b>	<b>1 335</b>	<b>1 511</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>9 435</b>
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Indigenous	%	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
All children	%	57.3	30.3	26.7	40.3	19.9	21.9	33.0	17.6	39.8
2003										
Number of children at 30 June										
Indigenous	no.	1 662	188	342	323	52	6	22	34	2 629
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 267	1 028	587	284	121	65	76	12	5 440
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 929</b>	<b>1 216</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>8 069</b>
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Indigenous	%	70.0	37.1	42.1	56.7	20.6	14.0	45.8	23.9	55.3
Non-Indigenous	%	52.2	29.0	19.7	27.2	12.2	15.3	33.2	14.8	35.0
All children	%	57.1	30.1	24.5	37.6	13.9	15.2	35.4	20.6	39.8
2001										
Number of children at 30 June										
Indigenous	no.	1 458	141	241	223	47	11	11	29	2 161
Non-Indigenous	no.	2 821	905	478	214	100	208	44	9	4 779
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 279</b>	<b>1 046</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>6 940</b>
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Indigenous	%	68.2	31.1	37.8	48.9	20.7	35.5	37.9	29.0	53.1
Non-Indigenous	%	50.0	26.4	20.1	21.8	10.5	38.4	23.7	14.1	33.7
All children	%	55.0	26.9	23.9	30.4	12.5	38.3	25.6	23.2	38.0

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

Source: Tables 15A.25, 15A.37, 15A.49, 15A.61, 15A.73, 15A.85, 15A.97 and 15A.109; 2006 Report, table 15A.16.

Table 15A.11

Table 15A.11 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June 2005 (a), (b)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June										
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle										
Indigenous 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
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	443	77	366	143	136	1	14	71	1 251
Indigenous residential care	no.	7	11	2	25	—	—	2	—	47
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 201</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>4 313</b>
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle (c)										
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	291	181	444	77	64	54	14	68	1 193
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	42	24	5	38	4	—	6	—	119
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>1 312</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	9	29	—	9	—	4	2	—	53
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 543</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>1 275</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>5 678</b>
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle										
Indigenous 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
Other Indigenous carer	%	17.5	15.5	28.7	20.9	47.6	1.4	24.1	32.6	22.2
Indigenous residential care	%	0.3	2.2	0.2	3.7	—	—	3.4	—	0.8
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>86.9</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>76.2</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>68.8</b>	<b>76.7</b>
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle (c)										
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>23.3</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

Table 15A.11

**Table 15A.11 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June 2005 (a), (b)**

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Q/d	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
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(b) The denominator for calculating the percentage of children placed in accordance with the principle excludes Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

(c) For the purpose of this Report, all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June 2005, who are not placed with a relative or other Indigenous caregiver are deemed as placements not in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle.

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

**Source:** Tables 15A.26, 15A.38, 15A.50, 15A.62, 15A.74, 15A.86, 15A.98 and 15A.110; 2006 Report, table 15A.17.

Table 15A.12

Table 15A.12 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care and in a home based placement by Indigenous status, 30 June 2005 (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>
Number of children										
Indigenous	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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>6 309</b>	<b>2 539</b>	<b>3 995</b>	<b>1 180</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>15 606</b>
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care										
Indigenous	%	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
All children	%	99.2	97.4	99.7	92.5	98.0	90.4	98.5	94.6	98.2

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.

Source: Tables 15A.27, 15A.39, 15A.51, 15A.63, 15A.75, 15A.87, 15A.99 and 15A.111; 2006 Report, table 15A.18.

Table 15A.13

**Table 15A.13 Intensive family support services: Number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by Indigenous status and gender (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</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 in intensive family support service by Indigenous status								
2000-01								
Indigenous	32	na	13	47	136	10	na	na
Non-Indigenous	156	na	51	377	311	40	na	na
<b>All children</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>na</b>
2001-02								
Indigenous	25	111	23	56	44	3	27	na
Non-Indigenous	3	1 007	235	271	131	33	77	na
<b>All children</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1 118</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>na</b>
2002-03								
Indigenous	38	97	17	58	78	6	19	na
Non-Indigenous	100	1 018	111	329	177	65	104	na
<b>All children</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>1 115</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>na</b>
2003-04								
Indigenous	54	84	20	97	80	14	17	na
Non-Indigenous	74	1 308	79	199	170	49	99	na
<b>All children</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>1 392</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>na</b>
2004-05								
Indigenous	55	148	61	188	23	15	12	na
Non-Indigenous	96	839	229	258	66	30	116	na
<b>All children</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>1 502</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>na</b>
Number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by sex								
2000-01								
Male	106	na	40	252	136	34	na	na
Female	82	na	24	172	311	16	na	na
Unknown	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>na</b>
2001-02								
Male	14	346	146	180	92	19	54	na
Female	14	301	112	147	83	17	50	na
Unknown	–	471	–	–	–	–	–	na
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1 118</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>na</b>
2002-03								
Male	64	390	64	193	142	33	65	na
Female	74	309	64	194	113	38	58	na
Unknown	–	416	–	–	–	–	–	na
<b>Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>1 115</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>na</b>

Table 15A.13

**Table 15A.13 Intensive family support services: Number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by Indigenous status and gender (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2003-04								
Male	68	345	42	128	128	31	61	na
Female	60	285	57	114	121	32	55	na
Unknown	–	762	–	54	1	–	–	na
<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>1 392</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>na</b>
2004-05								
Male	84	552	150	249	35	29	17	na
Female	67	433	140	197	54	16	15	na
Unknown	–	517	–	–	–	–	96	na
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>1 502</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>na</b>

(a) In 2001-02, for a service to fit the scope of this collection, it had to provide at least 8-10 hours.

(b) Data for Victoria for 2004-05 include 511 children whose Indigenous status was unknown.

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

*Source:* Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), *Intensive Family Support Services Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.22.

Table 15A.14

Table 15A.14 Target population data used for annual data, December ('000) (a)

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous children					
NSW	58.7	59.4	59.8	60.3	60.7
Vic	11.9	12.0	12.1	12.1	12.2
Qld	54.8	55.7	56.6	57.3	58.0
WA	28.1	28.3	28.5	28.7	28.9
SA	10.8	10.9	11.0	11.1	11.1
Tas	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7
ACT	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8
NT	22.6	22.8	22.9	23.1	23.3
<b>Australia</b>	<b>196.0</b>	<b>198.3</b>	<b>200.3</b>	<b>202.1</b>	<b>203.7</b>
Non-Indigenous children					
NSW	1 460.6	1 462.7	1 454.7	1 451.6	1 446.0
Vic	1 075.9	1 078.4	1 078.1	1 079.1	1 080.9
Qld	816.3	826.8	836.2	845.0	854.0
WA	429.1	428.8	426.9	427.0	428.5
SA	323.5	321.2	318.7	316.6	314.0
Tas	105.7	104.6	103.6	103.3	102.7
ACT	73.0	72.5	71.7	70.7	69.8
NT	34.2	34.0	31.2	33.2	33.1
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 318.3</b>	<b>4 329.0</b>	<b>4 321.2</b>	<b>4 326.5</b>	<b>4 329.0</b>
All children					
NSW	1 519.3	1 522.1	1 514.6	1 511.9	1 506.6
Vic	1 087.8	1 090.3	1 090.2	1 091.2	1 093.2
Qld	871.1	882.5	892.8	902.3	912.0
WA	457.2	457.1	455.4	455.8	457.4
SA	334.2	332.0	329.6	327.6	325.2
Tas	113.3	112.3	111.2	111.0	110.4
ACT	74.7	74.2	73.4	72.4	71.6
NT	56.8	56.8	54.2	56.3	56.3
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 514.3</b>	<b>4 527.3</b>	<b>4 521.5</b>	<b>4 528.6</b>	<b>4 532.7</b>
Children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous children					
NSW	61.8	62.1	62.8	63.3	63.8
Vic	12.5	12.5	12.7	12.8	12.9
Qld	57.7	58.2	59.2	60.1	60.9
WA	29.6	29.7	30.0	30.2	30.5
SA	11.4	11.4	11.6	11.7	11.7
Tas	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2
ACT	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9
NT	23.9	24.0	24.2	24.4	24.5
<b>Australia</b>	<b>205.1</b>	<b>207.8</b>	<b>210.2</b>	<b>212.4</b>	<b>214.4</b>

Table 15A.14

Table 15A.14 Target population data used for annual data, December ('000) (a)

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Non-Indigenous children					
NSW	1 545.7	1 549.5	1 542.2	1 538.7	1 533.0
Vic	1 139.4	1 142.9	1 143.1	1 144.2	1 146.8
Qld	865.7	876.9	887.1	896.2	905.4
WA	455.0	455.4	453.8	454.3	455.9
SA	343.5	341.5	338.9	336.6	333.9
Tas	112.0	111.1	110.1	109.8	109.1
ACT	77.8	77.2	76.3	75.2	74.3
NT	35.8	35.7	32.8	34.9	34.8
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 576.7</b>	<b>4 590.2</b>	<b>4 584.4</b>	<b>4 589.9</b>	<b>4 593.2</b>
All children					
NSW	1 607.5	1 611.6	1 605.0	1 602.0	1 596.8
Vic	1 151.9	1 155.4	1 155.7	1 157.0	1 159.7
Qld	923.4	935.1	946.4	956.3	966.3
WA	484.7	485.1	483.8	484.5	486.4
SA	354.9	352.9	350.5	348.3	345.6
Tas	120.1	119.2	118.2	117.9	117.3
ACT	79.6	79.0	78.1	77.1	76.2
NT	59.7	59.7	57.0	59.2	59.3
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 781.8</b>	<b>4 798.1</b>	<b>4 794.6</b>	<b>4 802.3</b>	<b>4 807.6</b>

(a) Indigenous and non-Indigenous numbers have been supplied by AIHW derived from ABS data sources.

Source: ABS (unpublished) Australian demographic statistics 31 March and 31 December; ABS (unpublished) Australian population projections; 2006 Report, table 15A.25.

Table 15A.15

Table 15A.15 Target population data used for end of financial year data, March ('000) (a)

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous children					
NSW	59.1	59.6	60.1	60.5	60.8
Vic	11.9	12.0	12.1	12.2	12.3
Qld	55.2	56.1	57.0	57.7	58.3
WA	28.2	28.4	28.6	28.8	29.0
SA	10.8	10.9	11.0	11.1	11.2
Tas	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7
ACT	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8
NT	22.7	22.9	23.0	23.2	23.3
<b>Australia</b>	<b>197.2</b>	<b>199.4</b>	<b>201.2</b>	<b>202.9</b>	<b>204.5</b>
Non-Indigenous children					
NSW	1 434.7	1 467.6	1 453.7	1 444.2	1 441.0
Vic	1 065.6	1 083.3	1 079.8	1 078.8	1 079.4
Qld	807.0	828.5	833.9	846.0	856.8
WA	424.5	428.7	427.0	427.5	427.5
SA	319.5	321.1	317.9	316.0	313.4
Tas	104.2	104.6	103.6	103.4	102.7
ACT	71.5	72.8	71.5	70.5	69.8
NT	34.3	34.1	33.5	33.2	33.0
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 261.2</b>	<b>4 340.8</b>	<b>4 320.9</b>	<b>4 319.6</b>	<b>4 323.6</b>
All children					
NSW	1 493.8	1 527.2	1 513.8	1 504.7	1 501.9
Vic	1 077.5	1 095.3	1 091.9	1 091.0	1 091.6
Qld	862.2	884.6	890.9	903.7	915.1
WA	452.7	457.1	455.7	456.4	456.5
SA	330.3	332.1	328.9	327.1	324.6
Tas	111.8	112.3	111.3	111.1	110.4
ACT	73.1	74.5	73.2	72.3	71.6
NT	57.0	56.9	56.5	56.4	56.3
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 458.5</b>	<b>4 540.2</b>	<b>4 522.2</b>	<b>4 522.6</b>	<b>4 528.0</b>
Children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous children					
NSW	61.8	62.4	63.1	63.5	64.0
Vic	12.4	12.6	12.7	12.8	12.9
Qld	57.7	58.8	59.7	60.5	61.3
WA	29.5	29.8	30.1	30.4	30.6
SA	11.4	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.8
Tas	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.2
ACT	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9

Table 15A.15

Table 15A.15 **Target population data used for end of financial year data, March ('000) (a)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
NT	23.9	24.1	24.2	24.5	24.6
<b>Australia</b>	<b>206.6</b>	<b>209.1</b>	<b>211.3</b>	<b>213.4</b>	<b>215.3</b>
Non-Indigenous children					
NSW	1 521.3	1 556.7	1 542.6	1 531.4	1 527.8
Vic	1 130.6	1 149.8	1 146.7	1 144.4	1 145.2
Qld	857.9	879.3	885.4	897.2	908.3
WA	451.3	456.0	454.7	454.9	454.7
SA	339.8	341.7	338.4	336.0	333.2
Tas	110.8	111.2	110.1	109.8	109.0
ACT	76.1	77.7	76.2	75.1	74.2
NT	36.1	35.9	35.2	34.9	34.7
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 524.0</b>	<b>4 608.2</b>	<b>4 589.4</b>	<b>4 583.7</b>	<b>4 587.0</b>
All children					
NSW	1 583.2	1 619.2	1 605.7	1 594.9	1 591.8
Vic	1 143.0	1 162.4	1 159.4	1 157.3	1 158.1
Qld	915.6	938.1	945.1	957.7	969.6
WA	480.9	485.8	484.8	485.3	485.3
SA	351.2	353.2	350.0	347.7	345.0
Tas	118.8	119.3	118.2	118.0	117.2
ACT	77.9	79.5	78.0	76.9	76.1
NT	60.0	60.0	59.5	59.3	59.3
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 730.5</b>	<b>4 817.4</b>	<b>4 800.7</b>	<b>4 797.1</b>	<b>4 802.3</b>

(a) Indigenous and non-Indigenous numbers have been supplied by AIHW derived from ABS data sources.

Source: ABS (unpublished) Australian demographic statistics 31 March and 31 December; ABS (unpublished) Australian population projections; 2006 Report, table 15A.26.

# Single jurisdiction data — NSW

Table 15A.16

Table 15A.16 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	1 023	1 101	3 051	na	3 140
Carer/family issues	no.	815	1 118	93	na	na
Not substantiated	no.	779	1 252	1 245	na	3 871
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 617</b>	<b>3 471</b>	<b>4 389</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>7 011</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	673	971	2 614	na	3 759
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>3 290</b>	<b>4 442</b>	<b>7 003</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>10 770</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	1 216	1 979	6 586	na	9 560
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	–	na	–
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 506</b>	<b>6 421</b>	<b>13 589</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>20 330</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	22.7	17.1	22.5	na	15.4
Carer/family issues	%	18.1	17.4	0.7	na	na
Not substantiated	%	17.3	19.5	9.2	na	19.0
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>34.5</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	14.9	15.1	19.2	na	18.5
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>53.0</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	27.0	30.8	48.5	na	47.0
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	–	–	–	na	–
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	6 478	7 505	13 714	na	12 353
Carer/family issues	no.	3 785	4 826	535	na	na
Not substantiated	no.	7 033	10 453	7 825	na	21 620
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>17 296</b>	<b>22 784</b>	<b>22 074</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>33 973</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	4 706	6 392	16 188	na	13 829
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>22 002</b>	<b>29 176</b>	<b>38 262</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>47 802</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	14 429	19 611	57 647	na	65 504
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	–	na	–
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>36 431</b>	<b>48 787</b>	<b>95 909</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>113 306</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	17.8	15.4	14.3	na	10.9

Table 15A.16

Table 15A.16 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Carer/family issues	%	10.4	9.9	0.6	na	na
Not substantiated	%	19.3	21.4	8.2	na	19.1
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>30.0</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	12.9	13.1	16.9	na	12.2
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>60.4</b>	<b>59.8</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>42.2</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	39.6	40.2	60.1	na	57.8
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	–	–	–	na	–
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>100.0</b>
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	7 501	8 606	16 765	na	15 493
Carer/family issues	no.	4 600	5 944	628	na	na
Not substantiated	no.	7 812	11 705	9 070	na	25 491
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>19 913</b>	<b>26 255</b>	<b>26 463</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>40 984</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	5 379	7 363	18 802	na	17 588
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>25 292</b>	<b>33 618</b>	<b>45 265</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>58 572</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	15 645	21 590	64 233	na	75 064
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	–	na	–
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>40 937</b>	<b>55 208</b>	<b>109 498</b>	<b>115 541</b>	<b>133 636</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	18.3	15.6	15.3	na	11.6
Carer/family issues	%	11.2	10.8	0.6	na	na
Not substantiated	%	19.1	21.2	8.3	na	19.1
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>30.7</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	13.1	13.3	17.2	na	13.2
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>43.8</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	38.2	39.1	58.7	na	56.2
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	–	–	–	na	–
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.
- (b) 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.
- (c) Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.

**Table 15A.16 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
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- (d) This category includes children where no actual harm is determined but carer/family issues were involved.
- (e) Data from 2002-03 should not be compared previous years. NSW implemented a modification to the data system to support legislation and associated practice changes during 2002-03 which would make any comparison inaccurate.
- (f) NSW was able to provide limited data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.

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

*Source:* AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.27.

Table 15A.17

Table 15A.17 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Indigenous						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	531	333	464	na	391
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	282	168	262	na	231
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>622</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	553	401	507	na	505
Non-Indigenous						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	1 850	1 644	1471	na	1 327
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	810	729	792	na	588
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 660</b>	<b>2 373</b>	<b>2 263</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>1 915</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	1 818	1 860	1 767	na	1 720
All children						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	2 381	1 977	1935	na	1 718
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	1092	897	1 054	na	819
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>3 473</b>	<b>2 874</b>	<b>2 989</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>2 537</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	2 371	2 261	2 274	na	2 225

(a) In 2003-04, NSW was unable to provide data due to ongoing implementation of the new reporting system.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.28.

Table 15A.18

Table 15A.18 **Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	1 798	1 762	1 958	na	1 914
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	264	223	292	na	199
Other/not stated	8	7	15	na	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 070</b>	<b>1 992</b>	<b>2 265</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>2 113</b>
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	5 244	5 334	5 915	na	5 836
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	775	870	769	na	671
Other/not stated	16	33	26	na	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>6 035</b>	<b>6 237</b>	<b>6 710</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>6 507</b>
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	7 042	7 096	7 873	na	7 750
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	1 039	1 093	1 061	na	870
Other/not stated	24	40	41	na	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>8 105</b>	<b>8 229</b>	<b>8 975</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>8 620</b>

(a) Data exclude children on 'finalised supervisory orders'.

(b) Data from 2002-03 should not be compared previous years. NSW implemented a modification to the data system to support legislation and associated practice changes during 2002-03 which would make any comparison inaccurate.

(c) In 2003-04, NSW was unable to provide data due to ongoing implementation of the new reporting system.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children on care and protection orders, Australia data collection* (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.29.

Table 15A.19

**Table 15A.19 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	3 085	3 758	6 328	na	9 310
Non-Indigenous	27 925	35 010	59 293	na	67 952
<b>All children</b>	<b>31 010</b>	<b>38 768</b>	<b>65 621</b>	<b>70 571</b>	<b>77 262</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	52.6	63.3	105.7	na	153.5
Non-Indigenous	19.1	23.9	40.8	na	47.0
All children	20.4	25.5	43.3	46.7	51.3
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 988	2 479	2 675	na	3 946
Non-Indigenous	14 161	17 940	15 136	na	22 963
<b>All children</b>	<b>16 149</b>	<b>20 419</b>	<b>17 811</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>26 909</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	33.9	41.8	44.7	na	65.1
Non-Indigenous	9.7	12.3	10.4	na	15.9
All children	10.6	13.4	11.8	na	17.9
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	875	913	1 910	na	1 642
Non-Indigenous	5 655	6 361	9 524	na	7 556
<b>All children</b>	<b>6 530</b>	<b>7 274</b>	<b>11 434</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>9 198</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	14.9	15.4	31.9	na	27.1
Non-Indigenous	3.9	4.3	6.5	na	5.2
All children	4.3	4.8	7.5	na	6.1
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	2 070	1 992	2 265	na	2 113
Non-Indigenous	6 035	6 237	6 710	na	6 507
<b>All children</b>	<b>8 105</b>	<b>8 229</b>	<b>8 975</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>8 620</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	33.5	31.9	35.9	na	33.0
Non-Indigenous	4.0	4.0	4.3	na	4.3
All children	5.1	5.1	5.6	na	5.4

(a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years 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.

**Table 15A.19 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
(b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was 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.					
(c) Data from 2002-03 should not be compared previous years. NSW implemented a modification to the data system to support legislation and associated practice changes during 2002-03 which would make any comparison inaccurate.					
(d) NSW was able to provide limited data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.					
<b>na</b> Not available.					

*Source:* AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection (unpublished); AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.30.

Table 15A.20

**Table 15A.20 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	2 139	2 098	2 375	2 459	2 543
Non-Indigenous	5 647	5 986	6 261	6 686	6 687
<b>All children</b>	<b>7 786</b>	<b>8 084</b>	<b>8 636</b>	<b>9 145</b>	<b>9 230</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)					
Indigenous	34.6	33.6	37.7	38.7	39.7
Non-Indigenous	3.7	3.8	4.1	4.4	4.4
All children	4.9	5.0	5.4	5.7	5.8
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	2 818	2 833	3 159	na	3 134
Non-Indigenous	8 417	8 670	9 153	na	8 530
<b>All children</b>	<b>11 235</b>	<b>11 503</b>	<b>12 312</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>11 664</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)					
Indigenous	45.6	45.6	50.3	na	49.1
Non-Indigenous	5.4	5.6	5.9	na	5.6
All children	7.0	7.1	7.7	na	7.3

- (a) Data prior to 2004 on children in out-of-home care include the following categories of children even if they do not meet the definition of 'out-of-home care': wards, children under a guardianship order, protected persons (including overseas adoptees) and pre-adoption placements.
- (b) Data from 2002-03 should not be compared previous years. NSW implemented a modification to the data system to support legislation and associated practice changes during 2002-03 which would make any comparison inaccurate.
- (c) NSW was able to provide limited data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.
- (d) Rates 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.
- (e) 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.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.34.

Table 15A.21

Table 15A.21 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, New South Wales (a), (b)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Indigenous</b>					
Residential care	66	38	44	46	49
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Home based care</b>					
Foster care	555	511	594	710	734
Relative/kinship care	1 458	1 491	1 662	1 685	1 751
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>2 013</b>	<b>2 002</b>	<b>2 256</b>	<b>2 395</b>	<b>2 485</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	17	14	16	17	9
Other (incl. unknown)	43	44	59	1	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 139</b>	<b>2 098</b>	<b>2 375</b>	<b>2 459</b>	<b>2 543</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
Residential care	275	231	223	250	219
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Home based care</b>					
Foster care	2 232	2 287	2 374	2 923	2 886
Relative/kinship care	2 821	3 109	3 267	3 392	3 541
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>5 053</b>	<b>5 396</b>	<b>5 641</b>	<b>6 315</b>	<b>6 427</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	103	101	103	113	41
Other (incl. unknown)	216	258	294	8	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>5 647</b>	<b>5 986</b>	<b>6 261</b>	<b>6 686</b>	<b>6 687</b>
<b>All children</b>					
Residential care	341	269	267	296	268
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Home based care</b>					
Foster care	2 787	2 798	2 968	3 633	3 620
Relative/kinship care	4 279	4 600	4 929	5 077	5 292
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>7 066</b>	<b>7 398</b>	<b>7 897</b>	<b>8 710</b>	<b>8 912</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	120	115	119	130	50
Other (incl. unknown)	259	302	353	9	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>7 786</b>	<b>8 084</b>	<b>8 636</b>	<b>9 145</b>	<b>9 230</b>

(a) In 2002-03, the category 'Family group homes' was separated from the category 'Residential care'.

(b) Data from 2002-03 should not be compared previous years. NSW implemented a modification to the data system to support legislation and associated practice changes during 2002-03 which would make any comparison inaccurate.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.35.

Table 15A.22

Table 15A.22 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, New South Wales (a), (b)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	1 814	1 774	2 016	na	2 008
Another type of order	–	–	–	na	–
Not on an order	325	324	359	na	535
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 139</b>	<b>2 098</b>	<b>2 375</b>	<b>2 459</b>	<b>2 543</b>
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	5 138	5 449	5 772	na	5 929
Another type of order	–	–	–	na	–
Not on an order	509	537	489	na	758
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>5 647</b>	<b>5 986</b>	<b>6 261</b>	<b>6 686</b>	<b>6 687</b>
All children					
Care and protection order	6 952	7 223	7 788	na	7 937
Another type of order	–	–	–	na	–
Not on an order	834	861	848	na	1 293
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>7 786</b>	<b>8 084</b>	<b>8 636</b>	<b>9 145</b>	<b>9 230</b>

(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) NSW was able to provide limited data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.36.

Table 15A.23

**Table 15A.23 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, New South Wales (a), (b)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Indigenous					
Respite	252	209	233	na	75
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	31	21	38	na	36
1 to less than 6 months	184	143	226	na	234
6 months to less than 1 year	242	181	233	na	214
1 to less than 2 years	369	305	271	na	345
2 to less than 5 years	648	779	771	na	769
5 years or more	408	456	594	na	866
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	na	–
Total non-respite	1 882	1 885	2 133	na	2 464
Not stated/unknown	5	4	9	na	4
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 139</b>	<b>2 098</b>	<b>2 375</b>	<b>2 459</b>	<b>2 543</b>
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	669	700	622	na	105
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	155	124	96	na	118
1 to less than 6 months	524	535	595	na	586
6 months to less than 1 year	615	527	565	na	600
1 to less than 2 years	936	911	847	na	819
2 to less than 5 years	1 559	1 834	1 966	na	2 056
5 years or more	1 185	1 351	1 565	na	2 358
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	na	–
Total non-respite	4 974	5 282	5 634	na	6 537
Not stated/unknown	4	4	5	na	45
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>5 647</b>	<b>5 986</b>	<b>6 261</b>	<b>6 686</b>	<b>6 687</b>
All children					
Respite	921	909	855	na	180
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	186	145	134	na	154
1 to less than 6 months	708	678	821	na	820
6 months to less than 1 year	857	708	798	na	814
1 to less than 2 years	1 305	1 216	1 118	na	1 164
2 to less than 5 years	2 207	2 613	2 737	na	2 825
5 years or more	1 593	1 807	2 159	na	3 224
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	na	–
Total non-respite	6 856	7 167	7 767	na	9 001
Not stated/unknown	9	8	14	na	49
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>7 786</b>	<b>8 084</b>	<b>8 636</b>	<b>9 145</b>	<b>9 230</b>

(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.

Table 15A.23 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, New South Wales (a), (b)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
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(b) In 2003-04, NSW was unable to provide full data due to ongoing implementation of the new reporting system.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.37.

Table 15A.24

Table 15A.24 **Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, New South Wales (a), (b)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
<b>Indigenous</b>					
1 to less than 6 months	246	166	150	na	141
6 months to less than 1 year	102	59	50	na	64
1 to less than 2 years	78	61	69	na	67
2 to less than 5 years	73	78	82	na	107
5 years or more	52	60	46	na	84
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	na	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>463</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
1 to less than 6 months	549	589	516	na	443
6 months to less than 1 year	180	162	173	na	221
1 to less than 2 years	225	206	158	na	218
2 to less than 5 years	214	259	201	na	257
5 years or more	170	235	185	na	206
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	na	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 338</b>	<b>1 451</b>	<b>1 233</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>1 345</b>
<b>All children</b>					
1 to less than 6 months	795	755	666	na	584
6 months to less than 1 year	282	221	223	na	285
1 to less than 2 years	303	267	227	na	285
2 to less than 5 years	287	337	283	na	364
5 years or more	222	295	231	na	290
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	na	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 889</b>	<b>1 875</b>	<b>1 630</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>1 808</b>

(a) Prior to 2004-05, separate data on children who exited care provided by non government organisations (NGOs) was not available. Estimate figures were provided for these children exiting care.

(b) NSW was able to provide limited data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.38.

Table 15A.25

**Table 15A.25 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	1 458	1 491	1 662	1 685	1 751
Non-Indigenous	no.	2 821	3 109	3 267	3 392	3 541
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 279</b>	<b>4 600</b>	<b>4 929</b>	<b>5 077</b>	<b>5 292</b>
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	68.2	71.1	70.0	68.5	68.9
Non-Indigenous	%	50.0	51.9	52.2	50.7	53.0
All children	%	55.0	56.9	57.1	55.5	57.3

(a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.39.

Table 15A.26

Table 15A.26 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, New South Wales (a), (b), (c)**

	Unit	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	1 187	1 212	1 340	na	1 485
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	271	279	322	na	266
Other Indigenous carer	no.	395	339	371	na	443
Indigenous residential care	no.	..	9	11	na	7
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 853</b>	<b>1 839</b>	<b>2 044</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>2 201</b>
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Other non-Indigenous carers	no.	224	215	281	na	291
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	41	29	33	na	42
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>333</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	21	15	17	na	9
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 139</b>	<b>2 098</b>	<b>2 375</b>	<b>2 459</b>	<b>2 543</b>
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June (excl. Independent living/unknown)						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	56.0	58.2	56.8	na	58.6
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	12.8	13.4	13.7	na	10.5
Other Indigenous carer	%	18.6	16.3	15.7	na	17.5
Indigenous residential care	%	..	0.4	0.5	na	0.3
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>87.5</b>	<b>88.3</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>86.9</b>
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	10.6	10.3	11.9	na	11.5
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.9	1.4	1.4	na	1.7
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>13.1</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out of home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.
- (b) In 2001, children in facility-based care with Indigenous caregivers were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'. In 2000-01, Indigenous children in facility-based care/independent living/unknown include 41 children in facility-based care, 17 children living independently and 4 children for whom no details are known.
- (c) NSW was able to provide limited data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.40.

Table 15A.27

Table 15A.27 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	1 520	1 494	1 663	1 769	1 794
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 785	4 004	4 122	4 477	4 515
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 305</b>	<b>5 498</b>	<b>5 785</b>	<b>6 246</b>	<b>6 309</b>
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	96.7	98.1	97.8	99.3	99.0
Non-Indigenous	%	96.9	96.6	96.6	99.0	99.4
All children	%	96.8	97.0	97.0	99.1	99.2

(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 placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.41.

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Table 15A.28

Table 15A.28 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
<b>Indigenous children</b>						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	650	630	725	749	816
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	353	394	470	483	396
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 003</b>	<b>1 024</b>	<b>1 195</b>	<b>1 232</b>	<b>1 212</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	22	28	26	31	39
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 025</b>	<b>1 052</b>	<b>1 221</b>	<b>1 263</b>	<b>1 251</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	988	1 082	1 210	1 159	1 246
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 013</b>	<b>2 134</b>	<b>2 431</b>	<b>2 422</b>	<b>2 497</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	32.3	29.5	29.8	30.9	32.7
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	17.5	18.5	19.3	19.9	15.9
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>49.8</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>49.2</b>	<b>50.9</b>	<b>48.5</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.6
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>50.9</b>	<b>49.3</b>	<b>50.2</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>50.1</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	49.1	50.7	49.8	47.9	49.9
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous children</b>						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	6 958	7 057	6 562	6 663	6 582
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	4 949	4 787	4 643	3 979	3 692
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>11 907</b>	<b>11 844</b>	<b>11 205</b>	<b>10 642</b>	<b>10 274</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	273	315	343	354	363
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>12 180</b>	<b>12 159</b>	<b>11 548</b>	<b>10 996</b>	<b>10 637</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	22 773	23 683	23 656	23 538	24 389
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>34 953</b>	<b>35 842</b>	<b>35 204</b>	<b>34 534</b>	<b>35 026</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	19.9	19.7	18.6	19.3	18.8

Table 15A.28

Table 15A.28 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	14.2	13.4	13.2	11.5	10.5
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>29.3</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>30.4</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	65.2	66.1	67.2	68.2	69.6
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	7 608	7 687	7 287	7 412	7 398
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	5 302	5 181	5 113	4 462	4 088
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>12 910</b>	<b>12 868</b>	<b>12 400</b>	<b>11 874</b>	<b>11 486</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	295	343	369	385	402
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>13 205</b>	<b>13 211</b>	<b>12 769</b>	<b>12 259</b>	<b>11 888</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	23 761	24 765	24 866	24 697	25 635
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>36 966</b>	<b>37 976</b>	<b>37 635</b>	<b>36 956</b>	<b>37 523</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	20.6	20.2	19.4	20.1	19.7
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	14.3	13.6	13.6	12.1	10.9
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>34.9</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>30.6</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>31.7</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	64.3	65.2	66.1	66.8	68.3
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these were counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.

(b) 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. Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.

**Table 15A.28 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
(c)	In Victoria if a case is open following the first notification, no further notifications concerning the child are counted.					

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

Source: AIHW *Child protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.44.

Table 15A.29

Table 15A.29 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Victoria (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Indigenous						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	165	160	147	162	213
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	143	143	131	157	197
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>410</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	199	235	220	229	226
Non-Indigenous						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	1 315	1 324	1270	1337	1 516
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	989	1 049	1057	1122	1 154
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 304</b>	<b>2 373</b>	<b>2 327</b>	<b>2 459</b>	<b>2 670</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	1 833	1 719	1 826	1 799	1 806
All children						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	1 480	1 484	1417	1499	1 729
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	1132	1 192	1 188	1279	1 351
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 612</b>	<b>2 676</b>	<b>2 605</b>	<b>2 778</b>	<b>3 080</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	2 032	1 954	2 046	2 028	2 032

(a) Admissions to orders in other jurisdictions could not be counted.

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.45.

Table 15A.30

**Table 15A.30 Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Victoria (a)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	370	377	388	439	525
Finalised supervisory orders	108	114	119	111	137
Interim and temporary orders	34	19	27	24	20
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>682</b>
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	3 168	3 240	3 262	3 355	3 572
Finalised supervisory orders	942	1 043	1 090	1 118	1 223
Interim and temporary orders	160	182	152	204	181
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>4 270</b>	<b>4 465</b>	<b>4 504</b>	<b>4 677</b>	<b>4 976</b>
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	3 538	3 617	3 650	3 794	4 097
Finalised supervisory orders	1 050	1 157	1 209	1 229	1 360
Interim and temporary orders	194	201	179	228	201
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>4 782</b>	<b>4 975</b>	<b>5 038</b>	<b>5 251</b>	<b>5 658</b>

(a) Permanent care orders are included in the category 'finalised guardianship and custody orders'.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.46.

Table 15A.31

**Table 15A.31 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 398	1 449	1 638	1 673	1 855
Non-Indigenous	26 378	26 983	26 741	26 261	26 651
<b>All children</b>	<b>27 776</b>	<b>28 432</b>	<b>28 379</b>	<b>27 934</b>	<b>28 506</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	117.6	121.2	135.8	137.8	151.8
Non-Indigenous	24.5	25.0	24.8	24.3	24.7
All children	25.5	26.1	26.0	25.6	26.1
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	880	859	999	1 064	1 090
Non-Indigenous	10 705	10 523	10 076	9 696	9 463
<b>All children</b>	<b>11 585</b>	<b>11 382</b>	<b>11 075</b>	<b>10 760</b>	<b>10 553</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	74.1	71.9	82.8	87.6	89.2
Non-Indigenous	9.9	9.8	9.3	9.0	8.8
All children	10.7	10.4	10.2	9.9	9.7
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	602	579	667	700	770
Non-Indigenous	6 547	6 569	6 177	6 323	6 244
<b>All children</b>	<b>7 149</b>	<b>7 148</b>	<b>6 844</b>	<b>7 023</b>	<b>7 014</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	50.7	48.4	55.3	57.7	63.0
Non-Indigenous	6.1	6.1	5.7	5.9	5.8
All children	6.6	6.6	6.3	6.4	6.4
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	512	510	534	574	682
Non-Indigenous	4 270	4 465	4 504	4 677	4 976
<b>All children</b>	<b>4 782</b>	<b>4 975</b>	<b>5 038</b>	<b>5 251</b>	<b>5 658</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	41.1	40.5	42.0	44.7	52.8
Non-Indigenous	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.3
All children	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.9

(a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years 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.

**Table 15A.31 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
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(b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was 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.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection (unpublished); AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.47.

Table 15A.32

**Table 15A.32 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Victoria**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	454	489	507	531	526
Non-Indigenous	3 428	3 429	3 539	3 778	3 882
<b>All children</b>	<b>3 882</b>	<b>3 918</b>	<b>4 046</b>	<b>4 309</b>	<b>4 408</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	36.5	38.8	39.9	41.4	40.7
Non-Indigenous	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.4
All children	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.8
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	730	1 004	956	1 043	1 035
Non-Indigenous	6 145	6 547	6 275	6 580	6 442
<b>All children</b>	<b>6 875</b>	<b>7 551</b>	<b>7 231</b>	<b>7 623</b>	<b>7 477</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	58.5	80.2	75.6	81.7	80.4
Non-Indigenous	5.4	5.7	5.5	5.8	5.6
All children	6.0	6.5	6.3	6.6	6.4

(a) Rates 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.

(b) 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.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.51.

Table 15A.33

Table 15A.33 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Victoria (a), (b)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Indigenous</b>					
Residential care	44	62	53	48	35
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Home based care</b>					
Foster care	257	268	245	269	247
Relative/kinship care	141	151	188	196	214
Other home based care	12	8	21	18	29
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>490</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	1
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>526</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
Residential care	426	383	367	332	330
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Home based care</b>					
Foster care	1 939	1 991	1 927	2 074	2 201
Relative/kinship care	905	880	1 028	1 149	1 121
Other home based care	157	138	180	195	209
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>3 001</b>	<b>3 009</b>	<b>3 135</b>	<b>3 418</b>	<b>3 531</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	37	37	28	21
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>3 428</b>	<b>3 429</b>	<b>3 539</b>	<b>3 778</b>	<b>3 882</b>
<b>All children</b>					
Residential care	470	445	420	380	365
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Home based care</b>					
Foster care	2 196	2 259	2 172	2 343	2 448
Relative/kinship care	1 046	1 031	1 216	1 345	1 335
Other home based care	169	146	201	213	238
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>3 411</b>	<b>3 436</b>	<b>3 589</b>	<b>3 901</b>	<b>4 021</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	37	37	28	22
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>3 882</b>	<b>3 918</b>	<b>4 046</b>	<b>4 309</b>	<b>4 408</b>

(a) Foster care category for Victoria includes children on permanent care orders where carers are in receipt of foster care payment and children in individually tailored home-based arrangements.

(b) In 2002-03, the category 'Family group homes' was separated from the category 'Residential care'.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.52.

Table 15A.34

Table 15A.34 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Victoria (a), (b)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	316	380	358	385	422
Another type of order	–	3	7	7	5
Not on an order	138	106	142	139	99
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>526</b>
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	2 830	2 809	2 729	2 938	3 133
Another type of order	17	19	100	112	117
Not on an order	581	601	675	700	618
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>3 428</b>	<b>3 429</b>	<b>3 504</b>	<b>3 750</b>	<b>3 868</b>
All children					
Care and protection order	3 146	3 189	3 087	3 323	3 555
Another type of order	17	22	107	119	122
Not on an order	719	707	817	839	717
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>3 882</b>	<b>3 918</b>	<b>4 011</b>	<b>4 281</b>	<b>4 394</b>

(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) In 2001-02, those children for whom it was not known whether they were on an order were distributed across the categories on the same prorata basis as those whose order status was known.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.53.

Table 15A.35

**Table 15A.35 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Victoria (a)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Indigenous					
Respite	21	14	10	19	5
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	19	51	32	25	10
1 to less than 6 months	102	117	89	83	70
6 months to less than 1 year	62	67	59	77	66
1 to less than 2 years	114	78	86	73	107
2 to less than 5 years	83	112	163	158	125
5 years or more	45	43	66	94	142
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	425	468	495	510	520
Not stated/unknown	8	7	2	2	1
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>526</b>
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	128	92	27	21	9
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	177	320	133	164	97
1 to less than 6 months	671	848	514	525	483
6 months to less than 1 year	529	479	453	492	418
1 to less than 2 years	694	498	569	593	637
2 to less than 5 years	717	723	1 023	1 031	1 037
5 years or more	426	424	772	912	1 174
Not stated/unknown	8	9	–	–	–
Total non-respite	3 222	3 301	3 464	3 717	3 846
Not stated/unknown	78	36	48	42	27
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>3 428</b>	<b>3 429</b>	<b>3 539</b>	<b>3 778</b>	<b>3 882</b>
All children					
Respite	149	106	37	40	14
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	196	371	165	189	107
1 to less than 6 months	773	965	603	608	553
6 months to less than 1 year	591	546	512	569	484
1 to less than 2 years	808	576	655	666	744
2 to less than 5 years	800	835	1 186	1 189	1 162
5 years or more	471	467	838	1 006	1 316
Not stated/unknown	8	9	–	–	–
Total non-respite	3 647	3 769	3 959	4 227	4 366
Not stated/unknown	86	43	50	42	28
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>3 882</b>	<b>3 918</b>	<b>4 046</b>	<b>4 309</b>	<b>4 408</b>

(a) 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.

**Table 15A.35 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Victoria (a)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
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– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.54.

Table 15A.36

Table 15A.36 **Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Victoria (a)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	46	146	106	99	157
6 months to less than 1 year	36	31	24	43	56
1 to less than 2 years	48	43	27	34	45
2 to less than 5 years	20	21	18	25	43
5 years or more	4	6	10	3	17
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>318</b>
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	513	587	575	548	891
6 months to less than 1 year	339	215	216	228	351
1 to less than 2 years	298	202	171	203	271
2 to less than 5 years	275	149	171	190	255
5 years or more	118	55	75	87	101
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 543</b>	<b>1 208</b>	<b>1 208</b>	<b>1 256</b>	<b>1 869</b>
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	559	733	681	647	1 048
6 months to less than 1 year	375	246	240	271	407
1 to less than 2 years	346	245	198	237	316
2 to less than 5 years	295	170	189	215	298
5 years or more	122	61	85	90	118
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 697</b>	<b>1 455</b>	<b>1 393</b>	<b>1 460</b>	<b>2 187</b>

(a) In 2000-01 and 2001-02, data were available only for July to May. Data were adjusted for full year effect.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.55.

Table 15A.37

**Table 15A.37 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Victoria (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	141	151	188	196	214
Non-Indigenous	no.	905	880	1 028	1 149	1 121
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 046</b>	<b>1 031</b>	<b>1 216</b>	<b>1 345</b>	<b>1 335</b>
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	31.1	30.9	37.1	36.9	40.7
Non-Indigenous	%	26.4	25.7	29.0	30.4	28.9
All children	%	26.9	26.3	30.1	31.2	30.3

(a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.56.

Table 15A.38

Table 15A.38 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Victoria (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	89	87	104	98	133
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	52	64	65	81	71
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	115	100	75	117	77
Indigenous residential care	no.	..	20	12	12	11
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>292</b>
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	154	176	149	155	181
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	44	42	25	36	24
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>205</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	..	..	77	32	29
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>526</b>
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June (excl. Independent living/unknown)						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	19.6	17.8	24.2	19.6	26.8
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	11.5	13.1	15.1	16.2	14.3
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	25.3	20.4	17.4	23.4	15.5
Indigenous residential care	%	..	4.1	2.8	2.4	2.2
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>56.4</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>59.5</b>	<b>61.7</b>	<b>58.8</b>
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	33.9	36.0	34.7	31.1	36.4
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	9.7	8.6	5.8	7.2	4.8
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>41.2</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out of home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.
- (b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.
- (c) Data for 2001 may include some children who were in Indigenous residential care in the category 'in non-Indigenous residential care'.
- .. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.57.

Table 15A.39

**Table 15A.39 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Victoria (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	305	304	325	350	343
Non-Indigenous	no.	1 899	1 923	2 012	2 127	2 196
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 204</b>	<b>2 227</b>	<b>2 337</b>	<b>2 477</b>	<b>2 539</b>
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	94.1	94.1	95.6	96.7	96.9
Non-Indigenous	%	96.2	96.2	97.0	97.0	97.5
All children	%	95.9	95.9	96.8	96.9	97.4

(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 placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.58.

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Table 15A.40

Table 15A.40 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	946	1 206	1 261	1 864	1 707
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	295	292	376	370	462
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 241</b>	<b>1 498</b>	<b>1 637</b>	<b>2 234</b>	<b>2 169</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	538	682	634	653	1 429
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 779</b>	<b>2 180</b>	<b>2 271</b>	<b>2 887</b>	<b>3 598</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	219	226	226	252	291
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	82	121	91	93	47
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 080</b>	<b>2 527</b>	<b>2 588</b>	<b>3 232</b>	<b>3 936</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	45.5	47.7	48.7	57.7	43.4
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	14.2	11.6	14.5	11.4	11.7
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>59.7</b>	<b>59.3</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>55.1</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	25.9	27.0	24.5	20.2	36.3
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>85.5</b>	<b>86.3</b>	<b>87.8</b>	<b>89.3</b>	<b>91.4</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	10.5	8.9	8.7	7.8	7.4
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	3.9	4.8	3.5	2.9	1.2
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	7 449	8 830	10 942	15 609	15 600
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	3 657	4 310	4 963	5 760	5 632
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>11 106</b>	<b>13 140</b>	<b>15 905</b>	<b>21 369</b>	<b>21 232</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	5 237	7 714	8 011	5 059	10 531
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>16 343</b>	<b>20 854</b>	<b>23 916</b>	<b>26 428</b>	<b>31 763</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	2 925	3 263	3 624	4 373	4 388
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	721	948	940	990	742
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>19 989</b>	<b>25 065</b>	<b>28 480</b>	<b>31 791</b>	<b>36 893</b>

Table 15A.40

Table 15A.40 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	37.3	35.2	38.4	49.1	42.3
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	18.3	17.2	17.4	18.1	15.3
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>57.6</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	26.2	30.8	28.1	15.9	28.5
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>81.8</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>84.0</b>	<b>83.1</b>	<b>86.1</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	14.6	13.0	12.7	13.8	11.9
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	3.6	3.8	3.3	3.1	2.0
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	8 395	10 036	12 203	17 473	17 307
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	3 952	4 602	5 339	6 130	6 094
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>12 347</b>	<b>14 638</b>	<b>17 542</b>	<b>23 603</b>	<b>23 401</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	5 775	8 396	8 645	5 712	11 960
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>18 122</b>	<b>23 034</b>	<b>26 187</b>	<b>29 315</b>	<b>35 361</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	3 144	3 489	3 850	4 625	4 679
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	803	1 069	1 031	1 083	789
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>22 069</b>	<b>27 592</b>	<b>31 068</b>	<b>35 023</b>	<b>40 829</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	38.0	36.4	39.3	49.9	42.4
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	17.9	16.7	17.2	17.5	14.9
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>53.1</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>57.3</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	26.2	30.4	27.8	16.3	29.3
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>82.1</b>	<b>83.5</b>	<b>84.3</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>86.6</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	14.2	12.6	12.4	13.2	11.5
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	3.6	3.9	3.3	3.1	1.9
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these were counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.

**Table 15A.40 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
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(b) 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. Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.

.. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW *Child protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.61.

Table 15A.41

Table 15A.41 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b)**

	Unit	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Indigenous						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	108	187	231	307	431
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	104	237	161	271	331
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>762</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	249	266	290	324	454
Non-Indigenous						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	725	806	1056	1443	1 851
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	460	872	633	917	1 092
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 185</b>	<b>1 678</b>	<b>1 689</b>	<b>2 360</b>	<b>2 943</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	929	964	1 085	1 288	1 664
All children						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	833	993	1287	1750	2 282
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	564	1 109	794	1188	1 423
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 397</b>	<b>2 102</b>	<b>2 081</b>	<b>2 938</b>	<b>3 705</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	1 178	1 230	1 375	1 612	2 118

- (a) Previous admissions to care and protection orders in other jurisdictions could not be counted.
- (b) The significant increase in the number of children who had prior admissions orders in 2001-02 is due to the use of short term (less than two years duration) orders. This practice resulted from the much wider range of orders and conditions made available in the *Child Protection Act 1999*.

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.62.

Table 15A.42

**Table 15A.42 Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Queensland**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	752	823	888	1 041	1 188
Finalised supervisory orders	5	20	24	44	65
Interim and temporary orders	46	37	41	61	89
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>1 146</b>	<b>1 342</b>
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	2 549	2 688	2 943	3 342	3 909
Finalised supervisory orders	63	86	111	172	220
Interim and temporary orders	158	111	100	290	386
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 770</b>	<b>2 885</b>	<b>3 154</b>	<b>3 804</b>	<b>4 515</b>
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	3 301	3 511	3 831	4 383	5 097
Finalised supervisory orders	68	106	135	216	285
Interim and temporary orders	204	148	141	351	475
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>3 573</b>	<b>3 765</b>	<b>4 107</b>	<b>4 950</b>	<b>5 857</b>

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.63.

**Table 15A.43 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 364	1 480	1 618	1 933	2 451
Non-Indigenous	14 834	17 888	20 203	22 871	26 847
<b>All children</b>	<b>16 198</b>	<b>19 368</b>	<b>21 821</b>	<b>24 804</b>	<b>29 298</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	24.9	26.6	28.6	33.7	42.3
Non-Indigenous	18.2	21.6	24.2	27.1	31.4
All children	18.6	21.9	24.4	27.5	32.1
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	867	965	1 149	1 445	1 499
Non-Indigenous	8 577	9 878	11 942	15 986	16 242
<b>All children</b>	<b>9 444</b>	<b>10 843</b>	<b>13 091</b>	<b>17 431</b>	<b>17 741</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	15.8	17.3	20.3	25.2	25.8
Non-Indigenous	10.5	11.9	14.3	18.9	19.0
All children	10.8	12.3	14.7	19.3	19.5
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	680	795	881	1 192	1 186
Non-Indigenous	5 690	6 553	8 104	11 481	11 700
<b>All children</b>	<b>6 370</b>	<b>7 348</b>	<b>8 985</b>	<b>12 673</b>	<b>12 886</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	12.4	14.3	15.6	20.8	20.4
Non-Indigenous	7.0	7.9	9.7	13.6	13.7
All children	7.3	8.3	10.1	14.0	14.1
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	803	880	953	1 146	1 342
Non-Indigenous	2 770	2 885	3 154	3 804	4 515
<b>All children</b>	<b>3 573</b>	<b>3 765</b>	<b>4 107</b>	<b>4 950</b>	<b>5 857</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	13.9	15.0	16.0	18.9	21.9
Non-Indigenous	3.2	3.3	3.6	4.2	5.0
<b>All children</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>6.0</b>

(a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years 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.

**Table 15A.43 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
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(b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was 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.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection (unpublished); AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.64.

Table 15A.44

Table 15A.44 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Queensland**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	637	708	813	958	1 275
Non-Indigenous	2 374	2 549	2 974	3 455	4 382
<b>All children</b>	<b>3 011</b>	<b>3 257</b>	<b>3 787</b>	<b>4 413</b>	<b>5 657</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	11.0	12.0	13.6	15.8	20.8
Non-Indigenous	2.8	2.9	3.4	3.9	4.8
All children	3.3	3.5	4.0	4.6	5.8
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	823	934	1 081	1 217	1 484
Non-Indigenous	3 108	3 363	4 029	4 483	5 248
<b>All children</b>	<b>3 931</b>	<b>4 297</b>	<b>5 110</b>	<b>5 700</b>	<b>6 732</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	14.3	16.0	18.3	20.2	24.4
Non-Indigenous	3.6	3.8	4.5	5.0	5.8
All children	4.3	4.6	5.4	6.0	7.0

(a) Rates 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.

(b) 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.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.68.

Table 15A.45

Table 15A.45 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Queensland (a)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Indigenous</b>					
Residential care	19	12	8	3	7
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Home based care</b>					
Foster care	377	409	463	587	810
Relative/kinship care	241	287	342	368	458
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>1 268</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>1 275</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
Residential care	62	36	35	44	54
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Home based care</b>					
Foster care	1 834	1 976	2 352	2 684	3 275
Relative/kinship care	478	537	587	727	1 053
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>2 312</b>	<b>2 513</b>	<b>2 939</b>	<b>3 411</b>	<b>4 328</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 374</b>	<b>2 549</b>	<b>2 974</b>	<b>3 455</b>	<b>4 382</b>
<b>All children</b>					
Residential care	81	48	43	47	61
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Home based care</b>					
Foster care	2 211	2 385	2 815	3 271	4 085
Relative/kinship care	719	824	929	1 095	1 511
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>2 930</b>	<b>3 209</b>	<b>3 744</b>	<b>4 366</b>	<b>5 596</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>3 011</b>	<b>3 257</b>	<b>3 787</b>	<b>4 413</b>	<b>5 657</b>

(a) In 2002-03, the category 'Family group homes' was separated from the category 'Residential care'.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.69.

Table 15A.46

**Table 15A.46 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Queensland (a)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	607	674	751	892	1 149
Another type of order	1	–	–	2	2
Not on an order	29	34	62	64	124
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>1 275</b>
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	2 196	2 307	2 517	3 032	3 869
Another type of order	4	1	2	5	–
Not on an order	174	241	455	418	513
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 374</b>	<b>2 549</b>	<b>2 974</b>	<b>3 455</b>	<b>4 382</b>
All children					
Care and protection order	2 803	2 981	3 268	3 924	5 018
Another type of order	5	1	2	7	2
Not on an order	203	275	517	482	637
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>3 011</b>	<b>3 257</b>	<b>3 787</b>	<b>4 413</b>	<b>5 657</b>

(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.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.70.

Table 15A.47

**Table 15A.47 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Queensland (a), (b)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	51	57	85	124	269
1 to less than 6 months	131	167	166	229	297
6 months to less than 1 year	98	102	121	154	171
1 to less than 2 years	106	127	156	155	197
2 to less than 5 years	140	138	163	179	216
5 years or more	111	117	122	117	125
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	637	708	813	958	1 275
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>1 275</b>
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	264	260	335	404	929
1 to less than 6 months	538	650	724	797	889
6 months to less than 1 year	363	308	458	519	616
1 to less than 2 years	345	455	472	618	695
2 to less than 5 years	472	471	564	678	791
5 years or more	392	405	421	439	462
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	2 374	2 549	2 974	3 455	4 382
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 374</b>	<b>2 549</b>	<b>2 974</b>	<b>3 455</b>	<b>4 382</b>
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	315	317	420	528	1 198
1 to less than 6 months	669	817	890	1 026	1 186
6 months to less than 1 year	461	410	579	673	787
1 to less than 2 years	451	582	628	773	892
2 to less than 5 years	612	609	727	857	1 007
5 years or more	503	522	543	556	587
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	3 011	3 257	3 787	4 413	5 657
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>3 011</b>	<b>3 257</b>	<b>3 787</b>	<b>4 413</b>	<b>5 657</b>

(a) Data are based on length of time in current placement rather than total length of time in continuous out-of-home care.

Table 15A.47 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Queensland (a), (b)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
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(b) Queensland is unable to distinguish between respite and non-respite care. As a result, both types of placement are included if they satisfy the general definition of out-of-home care.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.71.

Table 15A.48

**Table 15A.48 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Queensland (a)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
<b>Indigenous</b>					
1 to less than 6 months	44	85	117	56	100
6 months to less than 1 year	23	29	30	23	29
1 to less than 2 years	49	30	29	27	31
2 to less than 5 years	29	30	31	40	44
5 years or more	29	23	20	21	30
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
1 to less than 6 months	238	392	438	365	399
6 months to less than 1 year	83	98	145	109	168
1 to less than 2 years	98	100	99	108	174
2 to less than 5 years	110	109	114	92	135
5 years or more	78	75	96	84	98
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>974</b>
<b>All children</b>					
1 to less than 6 months	282	477	555	421	499
6 months to less than 1 year	106	127	175	132	197
1 to less than 2 years	147	130	128	135	205
2 to less than 5 years	139	139	145	132	179
5 years or more	107	98	116	105	128
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>1 119</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>1 208</b>

(a) This indicates the length of time a child had been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis for those children who exited care during the year. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.72.

**Table 15A.49 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	241	287	342	368	458
Non-Indigenous	no.	478	537	587	727	1 053
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>1 095</b>	<b>1 511</b>
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	37.8	40.5	42.1	38.4	35.9
Non-Indigenous	%	20.1	21.1	19.7	21.0	24.0
All children	%	23.9	25.3	24.5	24.8	26.7

(a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.73.

Table 15A.50

Table 15A.50 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Queensland (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	155	173	323	326	343
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	86	115	19	42	115
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	185	194	198	236	366
Indigenous residential care	no.	..	10	6	3	2
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>826</b>
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	192	214	265	351	444
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	19	2	2	–	5
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>449</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>1 275</b>
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June (excl. Independent living/unknown)						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	24.3	24.4	39.7	34.0	26.9
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	13.5	16.2	2.3	4.4	9.0
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	29.0	27.4	24.4	24.6	28.7
Indigenous residential care	%	..	1.4	0.7	0.3	0.2
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>64.8</b>
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	30.1	30.2	32.6	36.6	34.8
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	3.0	0.3	0.2	–	0.4
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>35.2</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out of home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

(b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.

(c) There may be some children in the category 'residential care/independent living who had Indigenous caregivers in facility-based care.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.74.

Table 15A.51

**Table 15A.51 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	397	476	548	685	923
Non-Indigenous	no.	1 540	1 705	2 052	2 426	3 072
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 937</b>	<b>2 181</b>	<b>2 600</b>	<b>3 111</b>	<b>3 995</b>
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	96.6	97.9	99.1	99.9	99.9
Non-Indigenous	%	98.9	99.4	99.5	99.6	99.6
All children	%	98.4	99.0	99.4	99.6	99.7

(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 placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.75.

# Single jurisdiction data — WA

Table 15A.52

Table 15A.52 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	383	426	296	351	385
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	254	279	251	267	365
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>750</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	122	208	175	118	316
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>1 066</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	31	33	30	29	21
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>1 087</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	48.5	45.0	39.4	45.9	35.4
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	32.2	29.5	33.4	34.9	33.6
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>80.6</b>	<b>74.5</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>80.8</b>	<b>69.0</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	15.4	22.0	23.3	15.4	29.1
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>98.1</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	3.9	3.5	4.0	3.8	1.9
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	808	761	592	617	719
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	947	961	696	789	922
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 755</b>	<b>1 722</b>	<b>1 288</b>	<b>1 406</b>	<b>1 641</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	245	302	198	176	455
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>2 024</b>	<b>1 486</b>	<b>1 582</b>	<b>2 096</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	61	75	55	70	23
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 061</b>	<b>2 099</b>	<b>1 541</b>	<b>1 652</b>	<b>2 119</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	39.2	36.3	38.4	37.3	33.9

Table 15A.52

Table 15A.52 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	45.9	45.8	45.2	47.8	43.5
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>85.2</b>	<b>82.0</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>77.4</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	11.9	14.4	12.8	10.7	21.5
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>97.0</b>	<b>96.4</b>	<b>96.4</b>	<b>95.8</b>	<b>98.9</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	—	—	—	—	—
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	3.0	3.6	3.6	4.2	1.1
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	1 191	1 187	888	968	1 104
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	1 201	1 240	947	1 056	1 287
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 392</b>	<b>2 427</b>	<b>1 835</b>	<b>2 024</b>	<b>2 391</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	367	510	373	294	771
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 759</b>	<b>2 937</b>	<b>2 208</b>	<b>2 318</b>	<b>3 162</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	—	—	—
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	92	108	85	99	44
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 851</b>	<b>3 045</b>	<b>2 293</b>	<b>2 417</b>	<b>3 206</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	41.8	39.0	38.7	40.0	34.4
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	42.1	40.7	41.3	43.7	40.1
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>79.7</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>74.6</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	12.9	16.7	16.3	12.2	24.0
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>96.8</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>96.3</b>	<b>95.9</b>	<b>98.6</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	—	—	—	—	—
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	3.2	3.5	3.7	4.1	1.4
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable. For WA, however, investigations may include some situations where the child was not sighted.
- (b) 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.

**Table 15A.52 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
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(c) Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.

(d) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

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

*Source:* AIHW *Child protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.78.

Table 15A.53

Table 15A.53 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Indigenous						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	131	179	140	167	188
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	12	8	2	3	4
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>192</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	36	52	75	63	63
Non-Indigenous						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	280	316	289	262	299
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	7	4	6	9	22
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>321</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	127	197	143	156	192
All children						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	411	495	429	429	487
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	19	12	8	12	26
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>513</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	163	249	218	221	255

(a) Includes children admitted to and discharged from care applications.

(b) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.79.

Table 15A.54

**Table 15A.54 Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	354	432	459	513	556
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	70	36	50	70	104
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>660</b>
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	789	834	879	922	961
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	107	82	82	134	162
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>1 056</b>	<b>1 123</b>
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	1 143	1 266	1 338	1 435	1 517
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	177	118	132	204	266
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 320</b>	<b>1 384</b>	<b>1 470</b>	<b>1 639</b>	<b>1 783</b>

(a) Children on care applications are included in the category 'interim and temporary orders'.

(b) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

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

Source: AIHW *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.80.

Table 15A.55

**Table 15A.55 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	702	819	682	688	968
Non-Indigenous	1 886	1 901	1 456	1 550	1 960
<b>All children</b>	<b>2 588</b>	<b>2 720</b>	<b>2 138</b>	<b>2 238</b>	<b>2 928</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	25.0	28.9	23.9	23.9	33.5
Non-Indigenous	4.4	4.4	3.4	3.6	4.6
All children	5.7	6.0	4.7	4.9	6.4
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	576	620	530	571	677
Non-Indigenous	1 607	1 570	1 264	1 335	1 537
<b>All children</b>	<b>2 183</b>	<b>2 190</b>	<b>1 794</b>	<b>1 906</b>	<b>2 214</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	20.5	21.9	18.6	19.9	23.4
Non-Indigenous	3.7	3.7	3.0	3.1	3.6
All children	4.8	4.8	3.9	4.2	4.8
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	355	386	275	322	353
Non-Indigenous	760	718	571	599	682
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 115</b>	<b>1 104</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>1 035</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	12.6	13.6	9.6	11.2	12.2
Non-Indigenous	1.8	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.6
All children	2.4	2.4	1.9	2.0	2.3
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	424	468	509	583	660
Non-Indigenous	896	916	961	1 056	1 123
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 320</b>	<b>1 384</b>	<b>1 470</b>	<b>1 639</b>	<b>1 783</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	14.4	15.7	16.9	19.2	21.6
Non-Indigenous	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.5
All children	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.4	3.7

(a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years 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.

**Table 15A.55 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
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(b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was 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.

(c) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

*Source:* AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection (unpublished), AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.81.

Table 15A.56

**Table 15A.56 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	456	511	570	587	692
Non-Indigenous	980	983	1 045	1 094	1 137
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 436</b>	<b>1 494</b>	<b>1 615</b>	<b>1 681</b>	<b>1 829</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)					
Indigenous	15.4	17.1	18.9	19.3	22.6
Non-Indigenous	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5
All children	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.8
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	681	758	834	836	925
Non-Indigenous	1 437	1 412	1 450	1 477	1 564
<b>All children</b>	<b>2 118</b>	<b>2 170</b>	<b>2 284</b>	<b>2 313</b>	<b>2 489</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)					
Indigenous	23.0	25.5	27.8	27.6	30.3
Non-Indigenous	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4
All children	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.8	5.1

- (a) Data may include a small number of children placed with relatives who were not reimbursed.
- (b) A child is only counted once, regardless of the number of placements during the year.
- (c) Rates 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.
- (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.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.85.

Table 15A.57

**Table 15A.57 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Western Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Indigenous</b>					
Residential care	57	64	49	57	39
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	24
<b>Home based care</b>					
Foster care	168	162	192	204	217
Relative/kinship care	223	280	323	319	400
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>617</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	5	3	2	4	5
Other (incl. unknown)	3	2	4	3	7
<b>Total indigenous children</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>692</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
Residential care	88	90	87	104	85
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	19
<b>Home based care</b>					
Foster care	623	622	644	652	665
Relative/kinship care	214	228	284	304	337
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>1 002</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	52	40	27	28	21
Other (incl. unknown)	3	3	3	6	10
<b>Total non-indigenous children</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>1 045</b>	<b>1 094</b>	<b>1 137</b>
<b>All children</b>					
Residential care	145	154	136	161	124
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	43
<b>Home based care</b>					
Foster care	791	784	836	856	882
Relative/kinship care	437	508	607	623	737
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>1 228</b>	<b>1 292</b>	<b>1 443</b>	<b>1 479</b>	<b>1 619</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	57	43	29	32	26
Other (incl. unknown)	6	5	7	9	17
<b>Total children</b>	<b>1 436</b>	<b>1 494</b>	<b>1 615</b>	<b>1 681</b>	<b>1 829</b>

- (a) In 2002-03, the category 'Family group homes' was separated from the category 'Residential care'.
- (b) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.
- (c) Western Australia reported children in Family group homes separately to residential care for the first time in 2005.

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

Source: AIHW Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.86.

Table 15A.58

**Table 15A.58 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Western Australia (a), (b)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	325	420	491	518	601
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	131	91	79	69	91
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>692</b>
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	731	795	868	917	975
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	249	188	177	177	162
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>1 045</b>	<b>1 094</b>	<b>1 137</b>
All children					
Care and protection order	1 056	1 215	1 359	1 435	1 576
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	380	279	256	246	253
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 436</b>	<b>1 494</b>	<b>1 615</b>	<b>1 681</b>	<b>1 829</b>

(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) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.87.

Table 15A.59

**Table 15A.59 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Western Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	9	13	8	21	16
1 to less than 6 months	51	51	45	44	82
6 months to less than 1 year	37	53	55	43	77
1 to less than 2 years	79	76	99	89	90
2 to less than 5 years	142	185	185	197	203
5 years or more	138	133	178	193	224
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-respite	456	511	570	587	692
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>692</b>
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	28	26	35	29	24
1 to less than 6 months	130	67	103	71	93
6 months to less than 1 year	101	128	101	106	134
1 to less than 2 years	171	156	150	176	142
2 to less than 5 years	255	302	323	328	332
5 years or more	295	304	333	384	412
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-respite	980	983	1 045	1 094	1 137
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>1 045</b>	<b>1 094</b>	<b>1 137</b>
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	37	39	43	50	40
1 to less than 6 months	181	118	148	115	175
6 months to less than 1 year	138	181	156	149	211
1 to less than 2 years	250	232	249	265	232
2 to less than 5 years	397	487	508	525	535
5 years or more	433	437	511	577	636
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-respite	1 436	1 494	1 615	1 681	1 829
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 436</b>	<b>1 494</b>	<b>1 615</b>	<b>1 681</b>	<b>1 829</b>

(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.

**Table 15A.59 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Western Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
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(b) WA is unable to reliably distinguish between respite and non-respite care. As a result, both types of placement were included if they satisfy the definition of out-of-home care.

(c) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.88.

Table 15A.60

**Table 15A.60 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Western Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
<b>Indigenous</b>					
1 to less than 6 months	28	22	23	38	27
6 months to less than 1 year	10	9	12	9	16
1 to less than 2 years	4	8	12	11	5
2 to less than 5 years	11	10	25	23	29
5 years or more	11	21	20	20	32
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
1 to less than 6 months	98	92	66	67	70
6 months to less than 1 year	33	48	35	32	27
1 to less than 2 years	34	40	32	26	40
2 to less than 5 years	37	54	47	46	71
5 years or more	38	38	48	47	61
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>269</b>
<b>All children</b>					
1 to less than 6 months	126	114	89	105	97
6 months to less than 1 year	43	57	47	41	43
1 to less than 2 years	38	48	44	37	45
2 to less than 5 years	48	64	72	69	100
5 years or more	49	59	68	67	93
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>378</b>

- (a) This indicates the length of time a child had been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis for those children who exited care during the year. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.
- (b) WA is unable to reliably distinguish between respite and non-respite care. As a result both types of placement were included if they satisfy the definition of out-of-home care.
- (c) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.89.

**Table 15A.61 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	223	280	323	319	400
Non-Indigenous	no.	214	228	284	304	337
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>737</b>
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	48.9	54.8	56.7	54.3	57.8
Non-Indigenous	%	21.8	23.2	27.2	27.8	29.6
All children	%	30.4	34.0	37.6	37.1	40.3

(a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

(b) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of

*Source:* AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.90.

Table 15A.62

Table 15A.62 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	195	246	286	282	345
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	28	34	37	33	55
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	104	87	114	127	143
Indigenous residential care	no.	32	38	26	28	25
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>568</b>
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	64	75	78	81	77
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	25	26	23	29	38
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>115</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	8	5	6	7	9
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>692</b>
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June (excl. Independent living/unknown)						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	43.5	48.6	50.7	48.6	50.5
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	6.3	6.7	6.6	5.7	8.1
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	23.2	17.2	20.2	21.9	20.9
Indigenous residential care	%	7.1	7.5	4.6	4.8	3.7
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>80.1</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>82.1</b>	<b>81.0</b>	<b>83.2</b>
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	14.3	14.8	13.8	14.0	11.3
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	5.6	5.1	4.1	5.0	5.6
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>16.8</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out of home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.
- (b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.
- (c) Children in residential care with Indigenous caregivers were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.
- (d) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.91.

Table 15A.63

**Table 15A.63 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	314	347	399	403	480
Non-Indigenous	no.	570	569	631	655	700
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>1 030</b>	<b>1 058</b>	<b>1 180</b>
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	90.2	87.8	92.1	89.8	91.8
Non-Indigenous	%	93.1	93.4	94.5	92.4	93.0
All children	%	92.1	91.2	93.6	91.4	92.5

(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 placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

(b) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.92.

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Table 15A.64

Table 15A.64 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	438	483	481	633	736
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	536	585	635	707	977
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>1 068</b>	<b>1 116</b>	<b>1 340</b>	<b>1 713</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	2	1	8	10	3
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>1 069</b>	<b>1 124</b>	<b>1 350</b>	<b>1 716</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	716	857	1 253	1 375	1 864
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 692</b>	<b>1 926</b>	<b>2 377</b>	<b>2 725</b>	<b>3 580</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	25.9	25.1	20.2	23.2	20.6
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	31.7	30.4	26.7	25.9	27.3
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>49.2</b>	<b>47.8</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.1
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>57.7</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>47.9</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	42.3	44.5	52.7	50.5	52.1
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	1 560	1 747	1 942	1 857	1 648
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	2 590	2 800	3 070	3 186	2 889
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 150</b>	<b>4 547</b>	<b>5 012</b>	<b>5 043</b>	<b>4 537</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	30	17	39	52	26
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 180</b>	<b>4 564</b>	<b>5 051</b>	<b>5 095</b>	<b>4 563</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	4 116	4 713	6 014	7 097	9 330
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>8 296</b>	<b>9 277</b>	<b>11 065</b>	<b>12 192</b>	<b>13 893</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	18.8	18.8	17.6	15.2	11.9

Table 15A.64

Table 15A.64 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	31.2	30.2	27.7	26.1	20.8
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>32.7</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>49.2</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>32.8</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	49.6	50.8	54.4	58.2	67.2
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	1 998	2 230	2 423	2 490	2 384
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	3 126	3 385	3 705	3 893	3 866
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 124</b>	<b>5 615</b>	<b>6 128</b>	<b>6 383</b>	<b>6 250</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	32	18	47	62	29
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 156</b>	<b>5 633</b>	<b>6 175</b>	<b>6 445</b>	<b>6 279</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	4 832	5 570	7 267	8 472	11 194
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>9 988</b>	<b>11 203</b>	<b>13 442</b>	<b>14 917</b>	<b>17 473</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	20.0	19.9	18.0	16.7	13.6
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	31.3	30.2	27.6	26.1	22.1
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>35.8</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>51.6</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>35.9</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	48.4	49.7	54.1	56.8	64.1
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these were counted.
- (b) From 2000-01 'notifier concern reports' are excluded from the count of total notifications because concern reports are not reported.
- (c) Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.

**Table 15A.64 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
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(d) 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. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.

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

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.95.

Table 15A.65

Table 15A.65 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, South Australia**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Indigenous						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	43	29	78	78	87
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	50	74	37	55	77
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>164</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	116	130	127	141	186
Non-Indigenous						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	208	190	340	374	292
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	191	264	117	157	290
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>582</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	448	516	543	610	698
All children						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	251	219	418	452	379
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	241	338	154	212	367
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>746</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	564	646	670	751	884

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.96.

Table 15A.66

**Table 15A.66 Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, South Australia**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	215	221	226	256	296
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	6	12	35	19	26
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>322</b>
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	995	1 021	1 061	1 109	1 150
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	44	32	56	71	81
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 039</b>	<b>1 053</b>	<b>1 117</b>	<b>1 180</b>	<b>1 231</b>
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	1 210	1 242	1 287	1 365	1 446
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	50	44	91	90	107
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 260</b>	<b>1 286</b>	<b>1 378</b>	<b>1 455</b>	<b>1 553</b>

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

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.97.

Table 15A.67

**Table 15A.67 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 062	1 194	1 404	1 634	1 904
Non-Indigenous	6 018	6 567	7 507	8 160	9 151
<b>All children</b>	<b>7 080</b>	<b>7 761</b>	<b>8 911</b>	<b>9 794</b>	<b>11 055</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	98.5	109.7	127.9	147.7	170.9
Non-Indigenous	18.6	20.4	23.6	25.8	29.1
All children	21.2	23.4	27.0	29.9	34.0
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	664	721	762	887	980
Non-Indigenous	3 286	3 499	3 775	3 774	3 300
<b>All children</b>	<b>3 950</b>	<b>4 220</b>	<b>4 537</b>	<b>4 661</b>	<b>4 280</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	61.6	66.3	69.4	80.2	87.9
Non-Indigenous	10.2	10.9	11.8	11.9	10.5
All children	11.8	12.7	13.8	14.2	13.2
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	317	346	351	441	481
Non-Indigenous	1 334	1 407	1 545	1 499	1 317
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 651</b>	<b>1 753</b>	<b>1 896</b>	<b>1 940</b>	<b>1 798</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	29.4	31.8	32.0	39.9	43.2
Non-Indigenous	4.1	4.4	4.8	4.7	4.2
All children	4.9	5.3	5.8	5.9	5.5
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	221	233	261	275	322
Non-Indigenous	1 039	1 053	1 117	1 180	1 231
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 260</b>	<b>1 286</b>	<b>1 378</b>	<b>1 455</b>	<b>1 553</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	19.5	20.2	22.5	23.5	27.3
Non-Indigenous	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.7
All children	3.6	3.6	3.9	4.2	4.5

(a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years 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.

**Table 15A.67 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
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- (b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was 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.
- (c) From 2000-01 onwards, SA included in 'notifications' only those reports which have met the criteria for a reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect.

*Source:* AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection (unpublished); AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.98.

Table 15A.68

Table 15A.68 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, South Australia**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	227	232	252	236	286
Non-Indigenous	948	964	993	968	1 043
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 175</b>	<b>1 196</b>	<b>1 245</b>	<b>1 204</b>	<b>1 329</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	20.0	20.2	21.7	20.2	24.3
Non-Indigenous	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.1
All children	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.9
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	444	455	442	433	457
Non-Indigenous	1 702	1 618	1 618	1 572	1 486
<b>All children</b>	<b>2 146</b>	<b>2 073</b>	<b>2 060</b>	<b>2 005</b>	<b>1 943</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	39.1	39.8	38.3	37.2	38.9
Non-Indigenous	5.0	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.5
All children	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.6

(a) Rates 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.

(b) 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.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.102.

Table 15A.69

**Table 15A.69 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, South Australia (a)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Indigenous</b>					
Residential care	4	3	3	2	4
Family group homes	..	..	..	–	9
Home based care					
Foster care	176	174	197	182	191
Relative/kinship care	47	55	52	52	82
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>273</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>286</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
Residential care	39	41	43	44	36
Family group homes	..	..	..	13	45
Home based care					
Foster care	799	811	821	763	776
Relative/kinship care	100	104	121	142	182
Other home based care	10	8	8	6	4
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>962</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>1 043</b>
<b>All children</b>					
Residential care	43	44	46	46	40
Family group homes	..	..	..	13	54
Home based care					
Foster care	975	985	1 018	945	967
Relative/kinship care	147	159	173	194	264
Other home based care	10	8	8	6	4
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>1 132</b>	<b>1 152</b>	<b>1 199</b>	<b>1 145</b>	<b>1 235</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 175</b>	<b>1 196</b>	<b>1 245</b>	<b>1 204</b>	<b>1 329</b>

(a) In 2002-03, the category 'Family group homes' was separated from the category 'Residential care'.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.103.

Table 15A.70

Table 15A.70 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, South Australia (a)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	na	179	198	195	230
Another type of order	na	46	54	41	14
Not on an order	na	7	–	–	42
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>286</b>
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	na	810	807	833	941
Another type of order	na	130	186	135	46
Not on an order	na	24	–	–	56
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>1 043</b>
All children					
Care and protection order	na	989	1 005	1 028	1 171
Another type of order	na	176	240	176	60
Not on an order	na	31	–	–	98
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 175</b>	<b>1 196</b>	<b>1 245</b>	<b>1 204</b>	<b>1 329</b>

(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.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.104.

Table 15A.71

**Table 15A.71 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, South Australia (a)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Indigenous					
Respite	3	–	3	1	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	23	18	30	11	10
1 to less than 6 months	36	29	49	25	60
6 months to less than 1 year	22	34	22	31	33
1 to less than 2 years	32	36	37	41	45
2 to less than 5 years	55	59	51	65	70
5 years or more	52	56	60	62	68
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	220	232	249	235	286
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>286</b>
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	6	4	2	3	1
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	96	69	95	52	44
1 to less than 6 months	169	192	207	185	160
6 months to less than 1 year	122	128	125	120	160
1 to less than 2 years	112	149	141	169	201
2 to less than 5 years	168	195	206	208	248
5 years or more	236	227	217	231	229
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	903	960	991	965	1 042
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>1 043</b>
All children					
Respite	9	4	5	4	1
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	119	87	125	63	54
1 to less than 6 months	205	221	256	210	220
6 months to less than 1 year	144	162	147	151	193
1 to less than 2 years	144	185	178	210	246
2 to less than 5 years	223	254	257	273	318
5 years or more	288	283	277	293	297
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 123	1 192	1 240	1 200	1 328
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 132</b>	<b>1 196</b>	<b>1 245</b>	<b>1 204</b>	<b>1 329</b>

(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.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

**Table 15A.71 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, South Australia (a)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
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Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.105.

Table 15A.72

**Table 15A.72 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, South Australia (a)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
<b>Indigenous</b>					
1 to less than 6 months	51	59	49	35	35
6 months to less than 1 year	3	13	7	8	8
1 to less than 2 years	7	7	19	12	11
2 to less than 5 years	3	10	11	7	5
5 years or more	8	11	15	9	9
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
1 to less than 6 months	224	177	167	109	56
6 months to less than 1 year	44	58	52	33	29
1 to less than 2 years	21	56	48	44	38
2 to less than 5 years	25	28	42	36	35
5 years or more	33	43	63	53	35
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>193</b>
<b>All children</b>					
1 to less than 6 months	275	236	216	144	91
6 months to less than 1 year	47	71	59	41	37
1 to less than 2 years	28	63	67	56	49
2 to less than 5 years	28	38	53	43	40
5 years or more	41	54	78	62	44
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>261</b>

(a) This indicates the length of time a child had been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis for those children who exited care during the year. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.106.

Table 15A.73

**Table 15A.73 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, South Australia (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	47	55	52	52	82
Non-Indigenous	no.	100	104	121	142	182
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>264</b>
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	20.7	23.7	20.6	22.0	28.7
Non-Indigenous	%	10.5	10.8	12.2	14.7	17.4
All children	%	12.5	13.3	13.9	16.1	19.9

(a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.107.

Table 15A.74

Table 15A.74 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, South Australia (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	34	42	39	37	70
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	13	13	13	15	12
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	111	112	113	131	136
Indigenous residential care	no.	..	–	–	–	–
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>218</b>
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	65	62	84	51	64
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	4	3	3	2	4
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>68</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>286</b>
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June (excl. Independent living/unknown)						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	15.0	18.1	15.5	15.7	24.5
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	5.7	5.6	5.2	6.4	4.2
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	48.9	48.3	44.8	55.5	47.6
Indigenous residential care	%	..	–	–	–	–
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>69.6</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>77.5</b>	<b>76.2</b>
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	28.6	26.7	33.3	21.6	22.4
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.8	1.3	1.2	0.8	1.4
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>23.8</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out of home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

(b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.108.

Table 15A.75

**Table 15A.75 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, South Australia (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	153	152	167	156	189
Non-Indigenous	no.	538	479	562	590	629
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>818</b>
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	100.0	99.3	99.4	99.4	98.4
Non-Indigenous	%	99.8	93.4	98.4	99.0	97.8
All children	%	99.9	99.1	98.6	99.1	98.0

(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 placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.109.

# Single jurisdiction data — Tas

Table 15A.76

Table 15A.76 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	2	2	20	13	43
Carer/family issues	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Not substantiated	no.	5	2	6	5	19
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>62</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	2	1	1	6	12
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>74</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	–	1	131
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	4	–	1	–	25
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>230</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	15.4	40.0	71.4	52.0	18.7
Carer/family issues	%	–	–	–	–	–
Not substantiated	%	38.5	40.0	21.4	20.0	8.3
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>92.9</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>27.0</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	15.4	20.0	3.6	24.0	5.2
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>96.4</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>32.2</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	–	–	–	4.0	57.0
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	30.8	–	3.6	–	10.9
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	101	156	193	414	739
Carer/family issues	no.	28	19	–	–	–
Not substantiated	no.	132	217	329	503	532
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>1 271</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	8	56	92	353	488
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>1 270</b>	<b>1 759</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	7	11	24	3 410	6 661
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	26	44	75	2 543	2 138
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>7 223</b>	<b>10 558</b>

Table 15A.76

Table 15A.76 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	33.4	31.0	27.1	5.7	7.0
Carer/family issues	%	9.3	3.8	–	–	–
Not substantiated	%	43.7	43.1	46.1	7.0	5.0
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>86.4</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>12.0</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	2.6	11.1	12.9	4.9	4.6
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>86.1</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>16.7</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	2.3	2.2	3.4	47.2	63.1
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	8.6	8.7	10.5	35.2	20.3
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	103	158	213	427	782
Carer/family issues	no.	28	19	–	–	–
Not substantiated	no.	137	219	335	508	551
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>1 333</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	10	57	93	359	500
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>1 294</b>	<b>1 833</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	7	11	24	3 411	6 792
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	30	44	76	2 543	2 163
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>7 248</b>	<b>10 788</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	32.7	31.1	28.7	5.9	7.2
Carer/family issues	%	8.9	3.7	–	–	–
Not substantiated	%	43.5	43.1	45.2	7.0	5.1
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>12.4</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	3.2	11.2	12.6	5.0	4.6
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>88.3</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>86.5</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>17.0</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	2.2	2.2	3.2	47.1	63.0
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	9.5	8.7	10.3	35.1	20.1
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Data on notifications for 2003-04 should not be compared to previous years. This is because of a change in recording practices due to the centralisation of the intake service, known as the Child Protection Advice and Referral Service. Now every call about a child is recorded as a notification, whereas previously, workers made the decision locally about whether the call was in fact a notification based on the risk to the

**Table 15A.76 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
(b)	If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these were 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. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.					
(d)	Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.					
	– Nil or rounded to zero.					

*Source:* AIHW *Child protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.112.

Table 15A.77

**Table 15A.77 Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Tasmania**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Indigenous						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	4	11	20	28	5
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	16	15	20	27	27
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>32</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	10	15	7	23	19
Non-Indigenous						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	135	185	222	178	214
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	326	217	175	297	115
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>329</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	228	165	202	247	137
All children						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	139	196	242	206	219
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	342	232	195	324	142
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>361</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	238	180	209	270	156

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.113.

Table 15A.78

**Table 15A.78 Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Tasmania**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	20	21	46	74	82
Finalised supervisory orders	5	–	6	6	–
Interim and temporary orders	2	2	7	3	12
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>94</b>
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	354	376	416	472	509
Finalised supervisory orders	45	23	31	20	30
Interim and temporary orders	27	41	94	59	83
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>622</b>
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	374	397	462	546	591
Finalised supervisory orders	50	23	37	26	30
Interim and temporary orders	29	43	101	62	95
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>716</b>

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.114.

Table 15A.79

**Table 15A.79 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	10	4	23	15	87
Non-Indigenous	290	444	515	5 200	5 678
<b>All children</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>5 215</b>	<b>5 765</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	1.3	0.5	3.0	1.9	11.3
Non-Indigenous	2.7	4.2	5.0	50.3	55.3
All children	2.6	4.0	4.8	47.0	52.2
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	6	4	19	15	50
Non-Indigenous	217	368	409	668	1 004
<b>All children</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>1 054</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	0.8	0.5	2.5	1.9	6.5
Non-Indigenous	2.1	3.5	3.9	6.5	9.8
All children	2.0	3.3	3.8	6.2	9.5
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	2	2	19	12	37
Non-Indigenous	99	151	186	317	599
<b>All children</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>636</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	0.3	0.3	2.5	1.6	4.8
Non-Indigenous	0.9	1.4	1.8	3.1	5.8
All children	0.9	1.4	1.8	3.0	5.8
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	27	23	59	83	94
Non-Indigenous	426	440	541	551	622
<b>All children</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>716</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	3.4	2.8	7.3	10.2	11.5
Non-Indigenous	3.8	4.0	4.9	5.0	5.7
All children	3.8	3.9	5.1	5.4	6.1

(a) Data on notifications for 2003-04 should not be compared to previous years. This is because of a change in recording practices due to the centralisation of the intake service, known as the Child Protection Advice and Referral Service. Now every call about a child is recorded as a notification, whereas previously, workers made the decision locally about whether the call was in fact a notification based on the risk to the child.

**Table 15A.79 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
(b) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years 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.					
(c) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was 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.					
(d) Care should be taken in interpreting the rates for Indigenous children due to the relatively small size of the Indigenous population.					

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection (unpublished); AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.115.

Table 15A.80

Table 15A.80 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	31	29	43	55	78
Non-Indigenous	541	515	425	432	498
<b>All children</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>576</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	3.9	3.6	5.3	6.7	9.5
Non-Indigenous	4.9	4.6	3.9	3.9	4.6
All children	4.8	4.6	4.0	4.1	4.9
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	50	30	72	78	74
Non-Indigenous	943	699	685	591	587
<b>All children</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>661</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)					
Indigenous	6.2	3.7	8.9	9.6	9.1
Non-Indigenous	8.4	6.3	6.2	5.4	5.4
All children	8.3	6.1	6.4	5.7	5.6

- (a) The number of children in out of home care in Tasmania from 2003 should not be compared with previous years, as a group of children who did not meet the definition of out of home care were excluded from this year's collection. These children are not the subject of a care and protection order and out of home care services did not arrange their placement with relatives.
- (b) Rates 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.
- (c) 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.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.119.

Table 15A.81

Table 15A.81 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Tasmania (a)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Indigenous					
Residential care	8	8	17	–	–
Family group homes	..	..	..	13	10
Home based care					
Foster care	11	9	17	10	29
Relative/kinship care	11	11	6	16	19
Other home based care	–	–	1	9	14
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>62</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	1	3	4
Other (incl. unknown)	1	1	1	4	2
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>78</b>
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	64	62	85	–	–
Family group homes	..	..	..	41	48
Home based care					
Foster care	209	191	233	207	249
Relative/kinship care	208	214	65	97	107
Other home based care	13	10	6	40	56
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>412</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	21	23	22	27	21
Other (incl. unknown)	26	15	14	20	17
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>498</b>
All children					
Residential care	72	70	102	–	–
Family group homes	..	..	..	54	58
Home based care					
Foster care	220	200	250	217	278
Relative/kinship care	219	225	71	113	126
Other home based care	13	10	7	49	70
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>474</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	21	23	23	30	25
Other (incl. unknown)	27	16	15	24	19
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>576</b>

(a) In 2002-03, the category 'Family group homes' was separated from the category 'Residential care'.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.120.

Table 15A.82

Table 15A.82 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Tasmania (a)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	27	20	34	54	76
Another type of order	3	–	–	–	1
Not on an order	–	9	9	1	1
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>78</b>
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	426	351	342	432	490
Another type of order	116	12	10	–	–
Not on an order	–	152	73	–	8
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>498</b>
All children					
Care and protection order	453	371	376	486	566
Another type of order	119	12	10	–	1
Not on an order	–	161	82	1	9
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>576</b>

(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.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.121.

Table 15A.83

**Table 15A.83 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Tasmania (a), (b)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	6	3	6	4	13
1 to less than 6 months	8	8	22	26	29
6 months to less than 1 year	10	3	4	11	11
1 to less than 2 years	2	12	3	8	16
2 to less than 5 years	–	1	1	6	6
5 years or more	5	2	7	–	3
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	31	29	43	55	78
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>78</b>
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	153	63	71	62	54
1 to less than 6 months	131	130	157	145	183
6 months to less than 1 year	122	56	72	94	101
1 to less than 2 years	52	200	46	53	78
2 to less than 5 years	22	40	65	50	43
5 years or more	28	26	13	26	36
Not stated/unknown	33	–	1	1	3
Total non-respite	541	515	425	431	498
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	1	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>498</b>
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	159	66	77	66	67
1 to less than 6 months	139	138	179	171	212
6 months to less than 1 year	132	59	76	105	112
1 to less than 2 years	54	212	49	61	94
2 to less than 5 years	22	41	66	56	49
5 years or more	33	28	20	26	39
Not stated/unknown	33	–	1	1	3
Total non-respite	572	544	468	486	576
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	1	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>576</b>

(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.

**Table 15A.83 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Tasmania (a), (b)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
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(b) Tasmania was unable to distinguish between respite and non-respite care. Both types of placement are included if they satisfy the general definition of out of home care.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.122.

Table 15A.84

**Table 15A.84 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Tasmania**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na
<b>Total children</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na
<b>Total children</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na
<b>Total children</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.123.

Table 15A.85

**Table 15A.85 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	11	11	6	16	19
Non-Indigenous	no.	208	214	65	97	107
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>126</b>
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	35.5	37.9	14.0	29.1	24.4
Non-Indigenous	%	38.4	41.6	15.3	22.5	21.5
All children	%	38.3	41.4	15.2	23.2	21.9

(a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.124.

Table 15A.86

Table 15A.86 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Tasmania (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	5	5	–	3	8
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	6	6	6	13	11
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	1	2	1	3	1
Indigenous residential care	no.	na	–	–	–	–
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	10	8	18	28	54
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	9	8	17	–	–
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>54</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	na	na	1	8	4
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>78</b>
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June (excl. Independent living/unknown)						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	16.1	17.2	–	6.4	10.8
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	19.4	20.7	14.3	27.7	14.9
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	3.2	6.9	2.4	6.4	1.4
Indigenous residential care	%	na	–	–	–	–
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>38.7</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>27.0</b>
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	32.3	27.6	42.9	59.6	73.0
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	29.0	27.6	40.5	–	–
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>83.3</b>	<b>59.6</b>	<b>73.0</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out of home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

(b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.125.

Table 15A.87

Table 15A.87 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	13	8	14	21	43
Non-Indigenous	no.	267	257	211	248	296
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>339</b>
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	76.5	61.5	51.9	65.6	87.8
Non-Indigenous	%	88.7	87.1	75.4	90.5	90.8
All children	%	88.1	86.0	73.3	87.9	90.4

(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 placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.126.

# Single jurisdiction data — ACT

Table 15A.88

Table 15A.88 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	24	11	43	61	136
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	49	22	41	80	152
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>288</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	2	17	32	95	49
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>337</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	6	7	33
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	5	8	44	200	428
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>798</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	30.0	19.0	25.9	13.8	17.0
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	61.3	37.9	24.7	18.1	19.0
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>36.1</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	2.5	29.3	19.3	21.4	6.1
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>93.8</b>	<b>86.2</b>	<b>69.9</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>42.2</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	–	–	3.6	1.6	4.1
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	6.3	13.8	26.5	45.1	53.6
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	198	209	267	569	1 077
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	306	280	444	690	1 164
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>1 259</b>	<b>2 241</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	105	111	420	883	439
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1 131</b>	<b>2 142</b>	<b>2 680</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	–	18	43	68	170
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	105	125	784	2 672	3 627
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>1 958</b>	<b>4 882</b>	<b>6 477</b>

Table 15A.88

Table 15A.88 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	27.7	28.1	13.6	11.7	16.6
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	42.9	37.7	22.7	14.1	18.0
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>34.6</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	14.7	14.9	21.5	18.1	6.8
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>85.3</b>	<b>80.8</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>41.4</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	–	2.4	2.2	1.4	2.6
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	14.7	16.8	40.0	54.7	56.0
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	222	220	310	630	1 213
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	355	302	485	770	1 316
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>1 400</b>	<b>2 529</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	107	128	452	978	488
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>1 247</b>	<b>2 378</b>	<b>3 017</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	–	18	49	75	203
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	110	133	828	2 872	4 055
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>2 124</b>	<b>5 325</b>	<b>7 275</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	28.0	27.5	14.6	11.8	16.7
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	44.7	37.7	22.8	14.5	18.1
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>65.2</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>34.8</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	13.5	16.0	21.3	18.4	6.7
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>86.1</b>	<b>81.1</b>	<b>58.7</b>	<b>44.7</b>	<b>41.5</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	–	2.2	2.3	1.4	2.8
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	13.9	16.6	39.0	53.9	55.7
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these were counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.

**Table 15A.88 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
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(b) 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. Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes 'non-abuse' notifications relating to serious incompatibility or self damaging behaviour where advise and/or referrals were followed up.

(c) In 2002-03, the ACT changed the arrangements for recording reports of concerns about children and young people. This and stricter mandatory reporting guidelines has led to an increase in the number of notifications.

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

Source: AIHW *Child protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.129.

Table 15A.89

Table 15A.89 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a)**

	Unit	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Indigenous						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	14	9	16	16	15
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	11	5	13	3	12
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	28	10	8	12	17
Non-Indigenous						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	78	87	78	107	122
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	56	62	42	55	45
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>167</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	89	95	94	113	105
All children						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	92	96	94	123	137
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	67	67	55	58	57
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>194</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	117	105	102	125	122

(a) The introduction of the new *Children and Young People Act 1999* provided for short term orders which has impacted on the number of children admitted to orders.

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.130.

Table 15A.90

Table 15A.90 **Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	22	29	39	47	49
Finalised supervisory orders	1	2	–	–	2
Interim and temporary orders	9	1	9	6	19
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>70</b>
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	156	184	182	233	284
Finalised supervisory orders	13	23	13	37	49
Interim and temporary orders	18	22	45	30	61
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>394</b>
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	178	213	221	280	333
Finalised supervisory orders	14	25	13	37	51
Interim and temporary orders	27	23	54	36	80
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>464</b>

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.131.

Table 15A.91

**Table 15A.91 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	68	49	111	175	273
Non-Indigenous	606	635	1 372	2 541	3 157
<b>All children</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>1 483</b>	<b>2 716</b>	<b>3 430</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	41.3	29.3	65.1	100.8	154.6
Non-Indigenous	8.3	8.8	19.1	35.9	45.2
All children	9.0	9.2	20.2	37.5	47.9
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	64	30	61	70	166
Non-Indigenous	450	433	601	773	1 486
<b>All children</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>1 652</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	38.9	17.9	35.8	40.3	94.0
Non-Indigenous	6.2	6.0	8.4	10.9	21.3
All children	6.9	6.2	9.0	11.6	23.1
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	20	11	33	44	99
Non-Indigenous	183	191	230	441	758
<b>All children</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>857</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	12.1	6.6	19.4	25.3	56.1
Non-Indigenous	2.5	2.6	3.2	6.2	10.9
All children	2.7	2.7	3.6	6.7	12.0
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	32	32	48	53	70
Non-Indigenous	187	229	240	300	394
<b>All children</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>464</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	18.4	18.0	26.5	28.7	37.4
Non-Indigenous	2.5	2.9	3.2	4.0	5.3
All children	2.8	3.3	3.7	4.6	6.1

(a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years 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.

**Table 15A.91 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
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(b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was 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.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection (unpublished); AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.132.

Table 15A.92

**Table 15A.92 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	29	27	48	58	60
Non-Indigenous	186	197	229	240	282
<b>All children</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>342</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)					
Indigenous	16.7	15.2	26.5	31.4	32.0
Non-Indigenous	2.4	2.5	3.0	3.2	3.8
All children	2.8	2.8	3.6	3.9	4.5
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	72	48	66	81	101
Non-Indigenous	420	445	471	520	534
<b>All children</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>635</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)					
Indigenous	41.6	27.3	36.8	44.3	54.3
Non-Indigenous	5.4	5.8	6.2	6.9	7.2
All children	6.2	6.2	6.9	7.8	8.3

(a) A child is only counted once, regardless of the number of placements during the year.

(b) SAAP placements were counted as out-of-home care placements where Family Services made a financial payment.

(c) Rates 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.

(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.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.136.

Table 15A.93

Table 15A.93 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Indigenous					
Residential care	2	1	7	6	10
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	14	18	18	23	29
Relative/kinship care	11	7	22	29	21
Other home based care	–	–	1	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>50</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	1	1	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	14	20	30	20	46
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	126	120	120	128	141
Relative/kinship care	44	56	76	82	92
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>233</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	1	–	1	1
Other (incl. unknown)	1	–	3	9	2
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>282</b>
All children					
Residential care	16	21	37	26	56
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	140	138	138	151	170
Relative/kinship care	55	63	98	111	113
Other home based care	–	–	1	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>283</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	2	1	–	1	1
Other (incl. unknown)	2	1	3	9	2
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>342</b>

(a) The number of children in relative/kinship care may be understated as the relationship to a child of foster carers from non-government organisations is unknown.

(b) In 2002-03, the category 'Family group homes' was separated from the category 'Residential care'.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.137.

Table 15A.94

Table 15A.94 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Australian Capital Territory (a)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	29	26	47	52	60
Another type of order	–	1	1	1	–
Not on an order	–	–	–	5	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	164	187	217	225	279
Another type of order	7	5	2	6	1
Not on an order	15	5	10	9	2
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>282</b>
All children					
Care and protection order	193	213	264	277	339
Another type of order	7	6	3	7	1
Not on an order	15	5	10	14	2
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>342</b>

(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.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.138.

Table 15A.95

**Table 15A.95 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Indigenous					
Respite	–	–	–	–	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	–	–	4	–	–
1 to less than 6 months	1	1	9	6	3
6 months to less than 1 year	–	4	8	7	9
1 to less than 2 years	7	1	7	20	14
2 to less than 5 years	12	8	7	13	21
5 years or more	9	13	13	12	13
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	29	27	48	58	60
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	9	2	3	4	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	3	9	22	6	8
1 to less than 6 months	21	25	43	31	35
6 months to less than 1 year	15	21	11	30	32
1 to less than 2 years	40	24	37	43	50
2 to less than 5 years	35	51	48	64	85
5 years or more	63	65	65	62	72
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	177	195	226	236	282
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>282</b>
All children					
Respite	9	2	3	4	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	3	9	26	6	8
1 to less than 6 months	22	26	52	37	38
6 months to less than 1 year	15	25	19	37	41
1 to less than 2 years	47	25	44	63	64
2 to less than 5 years	47	59	55	77	106
5 years or more	72	78	78	74	85
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	206	222	274	294	342
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>342</b>

(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.

**Table 15A.95 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
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(b) Respite care includes children who were in emergency or planned respite from the home for non-child protection reasons, such as where the parents were ill or unable to care for the child. Non-respite includes children in care for child protection reasons.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.139.

**Table 15A.96 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
<b>Indigenous</b>					
1 to less than 6 months	14	6	–	3	9
6 months to less than 1 year	–	–	–	4	–
1 to less than 2 years	2	2	–	2	2
2 to less than 5 years	7	2	–	–	–
5 years or more	2	1	2	2	2
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
1 to less than 6 months	31	25	21	70	74
6 months to less than 1 year	4	6	5	22	8
1 to less than 2 years	4	11	4	4	15
2 to less than 5 years	5	11	9	7	19
5 years or more	4	3	–	14	5
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>121</b>
<b>All children</b>					
1 to less than 6 months	45	31	21	73	83
6 months to less than 1 year	4	6	5	26	8
1 to less than 2 years	6	13	4	6	17
2 to less than 5 years	12	13	9	7	19
5 years or more	6	4	2	16	7
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>134</b>

(a) This indicates the length of time a child had been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis for those children who exited care during the year. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

(b) Children in respite care or temporary placements were not included.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.140.

**Table 15A.97 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	11	7	22	29	21
Non-Indigenous	no.	44	56	76	82	92
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>113</b>
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	37.9	25.9	45.8	50.0	35.0
Non-Indigenous	%	23.7	28.4	33.2	34.2	32.6
All children	%	25.6	28.1	35.4	37.2	33.0

(a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

(b) The number children in relative/kinship care may be understated as the relationship to a child of foster carers from non-government organisations is unknown.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.141.

Table 15A.98

**Table 15A.98 Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	9	5	19	26	19
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	2	2	3	3	3
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	6	12	5	5	14
Indigenous residential care	no.	..	1	–	1	2
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	8	7	14	18	14
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	4	–	7	5	6
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	2
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June (excl. Independent living/unknown)						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	31.0	18.5	39.6	44.8	32.8
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	6.9	7.4	6.3	5.2	5.2
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	20.7	44.4	10.4	8.6	24.1
Indigenous residential care	%	..	3.7	–	1.7	3.4
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>65.5</b>
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	27.6	25.9	29.2	31.0	24.1
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	13.8	–	14.6	8.6	10.3
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>34.5</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out of home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

(b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.142.

Table 15A.99

**Table 15A.99 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	19	20	28	35	36
Non-Indigenous	no.	116	119	137	154	161
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>197</b>
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	95.0	95.2	90.3	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous	%	98.3	98.3	93.8	98.7	98.2
All children	%	97.8	97.9	93.2	99.0	98.5

(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 placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.143.

# Single jurisdiction data — NT

Table 15A.100

Table 15A.100 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	167	236	209	405	337
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	181	241	210	317	308
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>645</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	7	2	89	38	108
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>753</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	268	316	347	473	466
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>1 233</b>	<b>1 219</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	26.8	29.7	24.4	32.8	27.6
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	29.1	30.3	24.6	25.7	25.3
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>52.9</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	1.1	0.3	10.4	3.1	8.9
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>59.4</b>	<b>61.6</b>	<b>61.8</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	43.0	39.7	40.6	38.4	38.2
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	182	113	118	122	136
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	225	234	208	167	222
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>358</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	7	9	56	23	69
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>427</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	514	454	317	412	455
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>882</b>

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Table 15A.100 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	19.6	14.0	16.9	16.9	15.4
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	24.2	28.9	29.8	23.1	25.2
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>40.6</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	0.8	1.1	8.0	3.2	7.8
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>54.6</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>48.4</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	55.4	56.0	45.4	56.9	51.6
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	349	349	327	527	473
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	406	475	418	484	530
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>1 011</b>	<b>1 003</b>
Investigations not finalised	no.	14	11	145	61	177
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>1 072</b>	<b>1 180</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	no.	782	770	664	885	921
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 551</b>	<b>1 605</b>	<b>1 554</b>	<b>1 957</b>	<b>2 101</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	22.5	21.7	21.0	26.9	22.5
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	26.2	29.6	26.9	24.7	25.2
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>47.7</b>
Investigations not finalised	%	0.9	0.7	9.3	3.1	8.4
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>56.2</b>
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	%	50.4	48.0	42.7	45.2	43.8
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) The NT includes child concern reports in child protection notifications.

(b) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these were counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.

**Table 15A.100 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
(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. Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.					
(d)	The NT cannot reliably count notifications dealt with by other means and such matters are included under 'notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means'.					
	.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero					

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.146.

Table 15A.101

Table 15A.101 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>
Indigenous						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	na	na	na	na	171
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	na	na	na	70
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>241</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	101	126	139	169	196
Non-Indigenous						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	na	na	na	na	63
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	na	na	na	52
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>115</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	130	81	75	104	105
All children						
Children admitted to orders						
Admitted for the first time	no.	na	na	na	na	234
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	na	na	na	122
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>356</b>
Children discharged from orders	no.	231	207	214	234	301

(a) Includes all children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time since October 1998 (when client information system was commissioned) and excludes those children with a current care and protection order at that time.

**na** Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.147.

**Table 15A.102 Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	111	112	155	206	187
Finalised supervisory orders	2	–	4	–	2
Interim and temporary orders	13	14	15	24	92
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>281</b>
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	70	65	78	110	86
Finalised supervisory orders	3	1	1	–	3
Interim and temporary orders	6	2	21	5	44
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>133</b>
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	181	177	233	316	273
Finalised supervisory orders	5	1	5	–	5
Interim and temporary orders	19	16	36	29	136
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>414</b>

(a) From 2005, Temporary Custody Agreements and Holding Orders are included in the 'Interim and Temporary' category due to the Interim and Temporary nature of the order/agreement. 'Finalised Guardianship or Finalised Custody' orders include finalised arrangements of a more permanent nature.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.148.

**Table 15A.103 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	491	668	738	1 052	1 032
Non-Indigenous	695	675	595	618	745
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 186</b>	<b>1 343</b>	<b>1 333</b>	<b>1 670</b>	<b>1 777</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	21.7	29.3	32.2	45.5	44.4
Non-Indigenous	20.3	19.9	19.1	18.6	22.5
All children	20.9	23.7	24.6	29.6	31.5
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	300	437	379	656	611
Non-Indigenous	364	327	286	274	341
<b>All children</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>952</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	13.3	19.2	16.5	28.4	26.3
Non-Indigenous	10.7	9.6	9.2	8.2	10.3
All children	11.7	13.5	12.3	16.5	16.9
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	153	222	198	375	319
Non-Indigenous	177	109	113	116	128
<b>All children</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>447</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	6.8	9.7	8.6	16.2	13.7
Non-Indigenous	5.2	3.2	3.6	3.5	3.9
All children	5.8	5.8	5.7	8.7	7.9
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	126	126	174	230	281
Non-Indigenous	79	68	100	115	133
<b>All children</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>414</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	5.3	5.2	7.2	9.4	11.4
Non-Indigenous	2.2	1.9	2.8	3.3	3.8
All children	3.4	3.2	4.6	5.8	7.0

(a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years 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.

**Table 15A.103 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
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(b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was 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.

(c) The NT include child concern reports in child protection notifications.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection (unpublished); AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.149.

**Table 15A.104 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	100	105	142	175	218
Non-Indigenous	64	58	81	83	106
<b>All children</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>324</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	4.2	4.4	5.9	7.2	8.9
Non-Indigenous	1.8	1.6	2.3	2.4	3.1
All children	2.7	2.7	3.8	4.3	5.5
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	193	199	258	338	346
Non-Indigenous	190	125	140	150	175
<b>All children</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>521</b>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)					
Indigenous	8.1	8.3	10.7	13.9	14.1
Non-Indigenous	5.3	3.5	4.3	4.3	5.0
All children	6.4	5.4	7.0	8.2	8.8

- (a) The data does not include children placed with parents or relatives who were not reimbursed.
- (b) Rates 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.
- (c) 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.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.153.

Table 15A.105

Table 15A.105 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Northern Territory (a), (b)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Indigenous</b>					
Residential care	7	6	8	9	17
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	61	72	95	118	152
Relative/kinship care	29	22	34	44	45
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>197</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	1	1	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	3	4	4	4	4
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>218</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
Residential care	2	–	4	5	8
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	48	47	56	55	78
Relative/kinship care	9	7	12	16	12
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>90</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	2	1	1	–	1
Other (incl. unknown)	3	3	8	7	7
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>All children</b>					
Residential care	9	6	12	14	25
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	109	119	151	173	230
Relative/kinship care	38	29	46	60	57
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>287</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	2	2	2	–	1
Other (incl. unknown)	6	7	12	11	11
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>324</b>

(a) In 2002-03, the category 'Family group homes' was separated from the category 'Residential care'.

(b) Numbers for 'residential care' and 'family group homes' have been revised for 2001-2004.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.154.

Table 15A.106

Table 15A.106 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Northern Territory (a)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	100	105	142	175	218
Another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>218</b>
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	64	58	81	83	106
Another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total non-Indigenouns children</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>106</b>
All children					
Care and protection order	164	163	223	258	324
Another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>324</b>

(a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; and those on interim or temporary orders.

.. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.155.

Table 15A.107

**Table 15A.107 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Northern Territory (a), (b)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	2	7	5	6	20
1 to less than 6 months	9	11	15	28	47
6 months to less than 1 year	16	5	27	22	45
1 to less than 2 years	34	22	21	32	38
2 to less than 5 years	20	37	47	55	57
5 years or more	19	22	25	28	11
Not stated/unknown	–	1	2	4	–
Total non-respite	100	105	142	175	218
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>218</b>
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	–	–	12	–	16
1 to less than 6 months	7	1	5	11	38
6 months to less than 1 year	13	6	16	14	18
1 to less than 2 years	16	9	8	18	14
2 to less than 5 years	21	25	26	22	14
5 years or more	7	14	12	16	6
Not stated/unknown	–	3	2	2	–
Total non-respite	64	58	81	83	106
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>106</b>
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	2	7	17	6	36
1 to less than 6 months	16	12	20	39	85
6 months to less than 1 year	29	11	43	36	63
1 to less than 2 years	50	31	29	50	52
2 to less than 5 years	41	62	73	77	71
5 years or more	26	36	37	44	17
Not stated/unknown	–	4	4	6	–
Total non-respite	164	163	223	258	324
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>324</b>

(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.

**Table 15A.107 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Northern Territory (a), (b)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
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(b) The NT is unable to reliably distinguish between respite and non-respite care. As a result both types of placement were included if they satisfy the definition of out-of-home care.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.156.

Table 15A.108

Table 15A.108 **Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Northern Territory (a), (b)**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	8	15	18	36	14
6 months to less than 1 year	1	2	–	2	5
1 to less than 2 years	2	3	3	4	9
2 to less than 5 years	1	2	8	–	4
5 years or more	3	2	–	2	2
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>34</b>
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	23	7	5	8	7
6 months to less than 1 year	4	–	–	2	2
1 to less than 2 years	5	3	2	1	6
2 to less than 5 years	10	5	2	–	5
5 years or more	1	–	2	1	3
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>23</b>
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	31	22	23	44	21
6 months to less than 1 year	5	2	–	4	7
1 to less than 2 years	7	6	5	5	15
2 to less than 5 years	11	7	10	–	9
5 years or more	4	2	2	3	5
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>

(a) This indicates the length of time a child had been in out of home placement on a continuous basis for those children who exited care during the year. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

(b) The NT is unable to reliably distinguish between respite and non-respite care. As a result both types of placement were included if they satisfy the definition of out-of-home care.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.157.

**Table 15A.109 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	29	22	34	44	45
Non-Indigenous	no.	9	7	12	16	12
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>57</b>
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	29.0	21.0	23.9	25.1	20.6
Non-Indigenous	%	14.1	12.1	14.8	19.3	11.3
All children	%	23.2	17.8	20.6	23.3	17.6

(a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.158.

Table 15A.110

Table 15A.110 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	38	22	51	67	79
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	na	na	na	na	na
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	29	54	43	53	71
Indigenous residential care	no.	..	–	–	–	–
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>150</b>
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	29	21	39	55	68
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	4	6	8	–	–
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>68</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	2	1	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>218</b>
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June (excl. Independent living/unknown)						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	38.0	21.4	36.2	38.3	36.2
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	na	na	na	na	na
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	29.0	52.4	30.5	30.3	32.6
Indigenous residential care	%	..	–	–	–	–
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>73.8</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>68.8</b>
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	29.0	20.4	27.7	31.4	31.2
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	4.0	5.8	5.7	–	–
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>31.2</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out of home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.
- (b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.
- (c) The definition of 'relative/kin' used in this table is broader than the definition used in other tables because it includes kin relationships based on customary law.
- (d) Data on the relationship of the caregiver to children placed with non-Indigenous carers could not be provided and these children were included in the category 'other non-Indigenous carer'.
- (e) For 2001-02 the number of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin may be under-enumerated due to data entry error.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.159.

Table 15A.111

Table 15A.111 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	76	83	105	131	160
Non-Indigenous	no.	39	38	45	44	69
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>229</b>
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	90.5	93.3	92.1	92.9	95.2
Non-Indigenous	%	95.1	97.4	86.5	89.8	93.2
All children	%	92.0	94.5	90.4	92.1	94.6

(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 placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.160.

# SAAP data

Table 15A.112

**Table 15A.112 Proportion of Indigenous people among all accommodated SAAP clients and among people whose valid requests for accommodation were unmet (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<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>
Representation among all SAAP clients										
2000-01	%	16.0	4.8	20.5	34.5	14.0	8.9	9.9	46.4	15.9
2001-02	%	16.4	5.0	24.3	33.4	14.0	9.4	12.3	54.5	16.7
2002-03	%	17.2	5.8	24.9	36.5	15.3	8.8	11.4	55.7	17.7
2003-04	%	17.4	4.5	22.7	38.7	16.4	9.4	12.9	57.3	16.5
Representation among people unable to be provided with a SAAP service										
2000-01	%	16.5	1.6	16.6	32.8	12.8	7.5	20.6	55.3	13.4
2001-02	%	13.4	3.1	14.1	34.8	21.1	2.4	11.0	63.2	13.3
2002-03	%	19.5	5.7	18.0	47.7	24.8	2.5	20.2	55.9	17.7
2003-04	%	20.8	7.0	19.2	47.6	21.9	7.4	10.5	57.1	18.7
Representation among accommodated SAAP clients										
2004-05 (f)	%	16.2	6.0	23.2	39.9	16.6	11.7	12.1	61.3	20.4
Representation among people unable to be provided with SAAP accommodation										
2004-05 (f)	%	20.2	6.8	24.7	44.0	17.5	7.7	4.8	59.1	20.1

- (a) Client figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent; figures on number of requests have been rounded by 10 and based on valid requests only.
- (b) Unmet requests exclude those where the person refused an offer of assistance; those where a similar request was made at a SAAP funded agency within the collection period (to limit double counting); and those where the reason their request was not met was either that the referral was inappropriate (wrong target group) or that the service requested was not provided by the agency.
- (c) Data on unmet requests should be interpreted with caution for several reasons. First, a person can make request on more than one occasion and to more than one SAAP agency. While double counting has been limited through the exclusion of those requests where the person had made a similar request to a SAAP agency within the collection period, this information may not have been available to record. Therefore, the total numbers do not represent actual people. Second, a number of people may receive the ongoing support or accommodation from a SAAP agency at a later time, quite possibly soon after their initial request. As a result, this estimate may overstate the actual level of unmet demand. Third, a number of potential clients have their needs met by other means and do not return to a SAAP agency. Finally, there are shortfalls in pro-rating from a two week collection period to the full year. It was not possible to identify a two week period which is 'typical' for all SAAP
- (d) Data from 2000-01 onwards are not comparable to earlier years. Figures for SAAP clients exclude accompanying children, while figures for people with unmet requests include accompanying children. The client collection data is not comparable with the unmet demand data.
- (e) In previous Reports, this measure compared the proportion of people from these two groups who could not be accommodated with their representation among all SAAP clients (including accommodated and not accommodated). Data for 2004-05 provide a direct comparison focusing on accommodation, therefore are not comparable to those in the previous years.
- (f) 2004-05 client data exclude 1 583 records due to errors and omissions.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client and Demand for Accommodation Collections* (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.171.

Table 15A.113

Table 15A.113 **Support periods, by the existence of a support plan, Indigenous clients (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>
2000-01										
Support plan	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
No support plan	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Support plan not appropriate	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>na</b>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<b>Total number</b>	<b>no.</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2001-02										
Support plan	%	57.5	65.3	71.0	48.5	72.1	73.6	74.4	71.8	62.6
No support plan	%	17.0	15.9	12.1	24.5	11.1	13.2	9.5	16.3	16.8
Support plan not appropriate	%	25.5	18.8	16.9	27.0	16.8	13.2	16.0	11.9	20.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 200</b>	<b>1 500</b>	<b>4 300</b>	<b>4 100</b>	<b>1 100</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>2 200</b>	<b>18 200</b>
2002-03										
Support plan	%	54.7	60.9	68.8	46.8	69.2	68.4	83.1	62.9	59.3
No support plan	%	17.2	14.4	13.1	22.5	11.8	14.8	2.3	21.1	17.0
Support plan not appropriate	%	28.1	24.7	18.1	30.7	19.1	16.8	14.6	16.0	23.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 100</b>	<b>2 100</b>	<b>5 200</b>	<b>5 100</b>	<b>1 500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>2 300</b>	<b>22 000</b>
2003-04 (d)										
Support plan	%	59.4	55.4	60.9	42.4	70.3	71.5	82.4	67.7	57.7
No support plan	%	17.4	23.6	20.8	36.1	12.8	11.8	5.3	15.0	22.2
Support plan not appropriate	%	23.2	21.0	18.2	21.5	16.9	16.7	12.3	17.3	20.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 300</b>	<b>2 200</b>	<b>5 200</b>	<b>5 300</b>	<b>1 500</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>2 400</b>	<b>23 000</b>
2004-05 (e)										
Support plan	%	62.7	57.0	59.5	39.5	65.7	74.7	76.2	76.8	58.6
No support plan	%	16.3	21.5	22.6	38.4	12.2	12.0	5.1	11.7	21.8
Support plan not appropriate	%	21.0	21.4	18.0	22.1	22.1	13.3	18.7	11.5	19.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 800</b>	<b>2 500</b>	<b>5 000</b>	<b>5 400</b>	<b>2 400</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>2 700</b>	<b>24 500</b>

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.

(b) Data prior to 2004-05 exclude high volume agencies (those accommodating 50 or more clients per night, telephone referral agencies, day centres, and information and referral centres) because these data items were often not collected by these agencies.

(c) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

(d) Data exclude 3 499 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(e) Data exclude 3 129 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

**na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

**Table 15A.113 Support periods, by the existence of a support plan, Indigenous clients (a), (b), (c)**

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Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.174.

Table 15A.114

Table 15A.114 **Support needs of indigenous clients, met and unmet (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>
2000-01										
Provided only	%	83.6	69.2	87.3	87.8	80.9	79.7	76.7	86.9	84.2
Referred only	%	4.3	14.2	3.6	2.9	5.5	6.0	6.2	4.4	4.8
Provided & referred	%	6.1	9.3	4.4	4.9	6.3	7.7	11.9	6.0	5.9
Unmet	%	5.9	7.4	4.7	4.3	7.3	6.5	5.2	2.6	5.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>157.2</b>
2001-02										
Provided only	%	84.2	72.2	81.4	88.8	80.2	83.5	73.1	91.5	83.0
Referred only	%	4.4	12.5	0.9	3.4	6.4	6.0	6.4	3.1	2.7
Provided & referred	%	7.0	8.6	1.2	4.1	7.3	4.8	16.0	3.6	3.5
Unmet	%	4.4	6.7	16.5	3.7	6.1	5.6	4.5	1.9	10.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>136.6</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>253.3</b>
2002-03										
Provided only	%	83.9	73.4	82.0	91.3	82.2	87.6	78.6	88.5	83.4
Referred only	%	4.2	10.6	0.8	2.3	5.5	4.5	3.9	3.1	2.4
Provided & referred	%	7.3	9.2	1.2	3.6	6.6	3.6	12.1	5.5	3.5
Unmet	%	4.7	6.8	16.0	2.8	5.6	4.3	5.5	2.9	10.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>138.0</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>253.3</b>
2003-04										
Provided only	%	84.3	72.3	84.7	91.7	81.4	84.9	73.6	86.9	84.7
Referred only	%	4.9	10.2	4.4	2.1	6.0	6.2	5.4	3.2	4.6
Provided & referred	%	7.9	12.6	4.8	3.4	7.3	4.2	11.5	8.1	6.8
Unmet	%	2.9	4.9	6.1	2.7	5.3	4.7	9.5	1.8	4.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>168.5</b>
2004-05										
Provided only	%	82.2	73.4	86.6	88.5	82.4	85.1	70.4	81.1	83.3
Referred only	%	5.5	8.1	3.8	2.3	7.2	5.3	6.1	6.9	5.1
Provided & referred	%	9.0	13.6	5.3	5.3	7.6	7.6	19.0	11.3	8.3
Unmet	%	3.3	4.9	4.3	3.9	2.9	1.9	4.4	0.8	3.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>158.9</b>

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.

(b) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.176.

Table 15A.115

Table 15A.115 Change in type of housing after SAAP support, Indigenous clients (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
2000-01										
Independent housing										
Private rental	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Owner-occupied	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Public housing	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Non-independent housing										
SAAP crisis/short term	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
SAAP medium/short term	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total</b>	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total number</b>	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2001-02										
Independent housing										
Private rental	%	35.3	37.0	24.1	24.2	21.1	37.3	13.0	15.8	26.6
Owner-occupied	%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	1.3	-	0.4	0.6
Public housing	%	20.8	28.6	12.7	40.3	33.7	17.1	19.6	45.9	26.6
Other	%	15.2	10.9	10.8	14.2	19.9	19.4	26.1	18.7	14.3
Non-independent housing										
SAAP crisis/short term	%	11.7	6.7	5.2	8.9	7.1	8.0	9.8	4.2	7.6
SAAP medium/short term	%	3.5	4.0	1.0	1.3	4.7	3.4	11.2	1.8	2.3
Other	%	12.9	12.2	45.6	10.3	13.1	13.6	20.2	13.2	22.1
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	no.	<b>3 000</b>	<b>1 200</b>	<b>4 200</b>	<b>2 900</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1 500</b>	<b>14 200</b>

Table 15A.115

Table 15A.115 Change in type of housing after SAAP support, Indigenous clients (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
2002-03										
Independent housing										
Private rental	%	38.0	36.9	27.3	19.7	24.3	38.5	16.8	18.2	27.5
Owner-occupied	%	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.7	4.5	1.8	0.1	0.6
Public housing	%	20.3	24.1	15.1	45.9	31.1	19.5	20.3	40.4	28.2
Other	%	14.5	9.8	12.5	16.7	19.8	14.7	28.1	25.3	15.6
Non-independent housing										
SAAP crisis/short term	%	11.7	9.4	5.1	6.1	7.5	6.6	10.7	2.1	7.0
SAAP medium/short term	%	3.7	5.0	1.1	1.1	6.1	2.5	8.1	0.9	2.4
Other	%	11.4	14.0	38.5	9.9	10.5	13.7	14.2	13.0	18.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 900</b>	<b>1 500</b>	<b>3 800</b>	<b>3 500</b>	<b>1 000</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1 500</b>	<b>14 700</b>
2003-04 (f)										
Independent housing										
Private rental	%	30.9	33.1	29.4	20.3	23.7	47.1	13.4	16.4	26.5
Owner-occupied	%	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.8	2.2	—	0.4	0.6
Public housing	%	20.5	23.8	18.7	54.7	31.8	21.7	22.1	45.0	31.7
Other	%	10.3	11.3	13.8	11.6	18.9	12.2	30.3	19.0	13.2
Non-independent housing										
SAAP crisis/short term	%	7.8	11.6	5.0	3.2	7.0	3.4	11.9	3.0	5.9
SAAP medium/short term	%	2.7	4.6	1.1	1.0	4.8	2.3	13.3	1.8	2.3
Other	%	27.0	15.3	31.4	8.7	13.0	11.0	9.0	14.4	19.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 300</b>	<b>1 600</b>	<b>3 700</b>	<b>4 000</b>	<b>1 000</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1 600</b>	<b>16 900</b>

Table 15A.115

Table 15A.115 Change in type of housing after SAAP support, Indigenous clients (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
2004-05 (g)										
Independent housing										
Private rental	%	35.2	35.3	34.9	21.2	21.9	47.8	20.7	20.3	29.1
Owner-occupied	%	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	1.1	–	0.3	0.6
Public housing	%	25.0	23.6	20.3	56.4	34.1	19.5	23.2	34.2	33.4
Other	%	10.8	10.3	19.0	11.2	10.1	12.0	18.6	25.0	13.9
Non-independent housing										
SAAP crisis/short term	%	7.9	9.5	6.3	3.5	11.5	7.6	9.9	3.8	6.5
SAAP medium/short term	%	2.9	6.8	2.2	1.0	7.3	1.7	17.5	1.2	3.0
Other	%	17.2	14.0	16.9	6.3	14.8	10.3	10.0	15.2	13.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 300</b>	<b>1 800</b>	<b>3 300</b>	<b>4 400</b>	<b>1 400</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1 800</b>	<b>17 500</b>

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.

(b) Data prior to 2004-05 exclude high volume agencies (those accommodating 50 or more clients per night, telephone referral agencies, day centres, and information and referral centres) because these data items were often not collected by these agencies.

(c) 'Other' independent housing may include living rent free in a house or flat.

(d) 'Other' non-independent housing may include SAAP funded accommodation at hostels, hotels or community placements; non-SAAP emergency accommodation; a car, a tent or squat, or an institutional setting. Refer to the SAAP NDCA annual reports for further explanation of the counting rules.

(e) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non participation and client non consent.

(f) Data exclude 7 259 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(g) Data exclude 7 724 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

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

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.184.

Table 15A.116

Table 15A.116 **Change in labour force status of unemployed Indigenous clients after SAAP support (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>	<i>Aust</i>
2000-01										
Employed										
Full time	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Part time	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Casual	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sub-total	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unemployed										
Studying	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not studying	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sub-total	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not in labour force										
Studying	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not studying	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sub-total	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>..</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total number</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>..</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2001-02										
Employed										
Full time	%	1.4	3.0	1.2	0.6	1.1	–	1.6	1.3	1.3
Part time	%	1.2	1.6	1.6	0.3	–	–	3.2	1.0	1.0
Casual	%	2.6	2.0	2.4	0.3	1.7	5.4	1.4	0.7	1.7
Sub-total	%	5.2	6.5	5.1	1.2	2.9	5.4	6.2	3.0	4.1
Unemployed										
Studying	%	5.4	4.2	5.9	2.7	9.3	1.0	6.7	2.1	4.4
Not studying	%	76.5	81.3	75.2	82.6	65.4	74.1	85.7	85.7	78.9
Sub-total	%	81.9	85.5	81.1	85.3	74.7	75.2	92.4	87.8	83.4
Not in labour force										
Studying	%	1.8	1.4	0.6	1.1	3.0	3.1	1.4	0.6	1.3
Not studying	%	11.0	6.6	13.1	12.5	19.4	16.4	–	8.6	11.3
Sub-total	%	12.8	8.0	13.7	13.5	22.4	19.5	1.4	9.2	12.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 000</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>3 900</b>
2002-03										
Employed										
Full time	%	1.4	1.7	1.3	0.7	2.7	na	3.2	1.3	1.3
Part time	%	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.1	na	1.9	1.2	1.2
Casual	%	3.1	2.3	2.0	0.7	3.3	3.9	5.0	1.3	2.1
Sub-total	%	5.7	5.0	4.4	2.6	7.2	3.9	10.0	3.9	4.6
Unemployed										
Studying	%	7.2	3.3	9.9	1.3	3.5	2.4	6.8	3.5	5.3

Table 15A.116

Table 15A.116 **Change in labour force status of unemployed Indigenous clients after SAAP support (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>	<i>Aust</i>
Not studying	%	76.3	78.6	73.9	83.0	67.6	82.1	76.2	81.4	77.8
Sub-total	%	83.6	81.9	83.9	84.3	71.2	84.4	83.1	84.9	83.1
Not in labour force										
Studying	%	1.7	2.4	1.5	0.8	3.7	2.3	3.4	0.8	1.6
Not studying	%	9.1	10.7	10.1	12.3	18.0	9.3	3.5	10.4	10.7
Sub-total	%	10.7	13.1	11.7	13.1	21.7	11.7	6.9	11.2	12.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 000</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>4 100</b>
2003-04 (e)										
Employed										
Full time	%	2.4	2.1	0.8	0.3	3.6	0.9	–	0.8	1.4
Part time	%	0.8	1.5	1.0	0.3	1.7	–	1.6	1.0	0.9
Casual	%	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.2	5.6	1.1	3.4	–	1.6
Sub-total	%	5.2	5.7	3.4	1.8	10.9	2.1	5.0	1.8	3.9
Unemployed										
Studying	%	7.2	2.2	3.9	2.5	6.8	4.0	8.9	3.9	4.6
Not studying	%	78.5	85.4	82.2	84.5	74.5	85.6	74.5	88.8	82.6
Sub-total	%	85.7	87.6	86.1	87.0	81.3	89.6	83.4	92.7	87.2
Not in labour force										
Studying	%	1.6	0.3	0.6	0.5	1.3	3.9	3.3	0.2	0.9
Not studying	%	7.5	6.4	9.9	10.7	6.6	4.4	8.3	5.3	8.0
Sub-total	%	9.1	6.7	10.5	11.2	7.9	8.4	11.6	5.4	8.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 100</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>4 200</b>
2004-05 (f)										
Employed										
Full time	%	1.1	3.9	1.1	1.7	–	1.0	–	1.7	1.4
Part time	%	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.6	0.3	4.2	2.3	0.8	1.1
Casual	%	2.0	3.0	3.0	1.2	2.5	1.0	4.5	2.1	2.2
Sub-total	%	4.1	8.3	5.0	4.5	2.8	6.2	6.8	4.5	4.8
Unemployed										
Studying	%	7.1	6.4	4.5	3.0	4.8	3.0	9.9	1.8	4.8
Not studying	%	82.1	77.8	84.9	82.6	88.1	85.7	78.4	88.7	83.7
Sub-total	%	89.2	84.1	89.4	85.6	92.9	88.7	88.3	90.5	88.7
Not in labour force										
Studying	%	1.4	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.4	2.1	2.6	0.2	0.8
Not studying	%	5.2	6.9	4.9	9.4	3.9	3.1	2.3	4.7	5.7
Sub-total	%	6.7	7.6	5.6	9.9	4.2	5.1	4.9	4.9	6.5

**Table 15A.116 Change in labour force status of unemployed Indigenous clients after SAAP support (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>	<i>Aust</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>								
<b>Total number</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 200</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>4 300</b>

- (a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding. A client may have support periods in more than one state or territory, state and territory figures do not sum to the national figure.
- (b) Data are for support periods for people who were unemployed when entering SAAP services.
- (c) Data prior to 2004-05 exclude high volume agencies (those accommodating 50 or more clients per night, telephone referral agencies, day centres, and information and referral centres) because these data items were often not collected by these agencies.
- (d) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.
- (e) Data exclude 4 026 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (f) Data exclude 3 212 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.187.

Table 15A.117

Table 15A.117 **Indigenous SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year (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>
2000-01										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2	%	na								
3	%	na								
4	%	na								
5	%	na								
6+	%	na								
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	<b>na</b>
<b>Total number</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>na</b>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2001-02										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	66.4	69.5	65.2	61.1	63.0	63.7	67.6	64.8	64.9
2	%	17.6	19.4	15.5	19.8	20.7	18.1	17.1	19.3	18.0
3	%	7.6	5.9	6.2	9.3	8.7	8.4	9.3	6.6	7.4
4	%	2.8	2.0	2.4	3.6	4.1	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.9
5	%	1.8	1.3	1.7	2.4	1.5	2.5	1.7	3.0	2.0
6+	%	3.6	1.9	9.0	3.8	1.9	3.6	1.1	3.3	4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 000</b>	<b>1 400</b>	<b>4 100</b>	<b>2 800</b>	<b>1 100</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1 600</b>	<b>15 400</b>
2002-03										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	77.2	79.8	73.5	68.8	72.4	71.7	80.0	73.4	71.5
2	%	13.2	12.7	11.9	15.9	14.1	16.7	10.6	15.6	14.3
3	%	3.9	4.5	4.0	7.1	6.2	6.1	5.8	6.2	5.8
4	%	2.1	1.1	2.3	3.1	3.7	1.9	1.8	2.2	2.7
5	%	1.0	0.7	0.9	1.9	1.6	1.3	na	1.1	1.4
6+	%	2.7	1.2	7.4	3.2	2.0	2.2	1.8	1.5	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 200</b>	<b>1 700</b>	<b>4 500</b>	<b>3 300</b>	<b>1 400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1 700</b>	<b>16 500</b>
2003-04										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	76.6	74.1	76.3	68.0	68.1	73.2	72.8	74.0	71.4
2	%	12.8	13.8	14.0	15.5	17.7	14.3	9.3	14.5	14.7
3	%	4.2	4.4	5.0	8.5	7.2	7.2	11.2	5.4	6.1
4	%	2.1	2.7	1.8	3.0	3.4	3.1	5.0	3.1	2.9
5	%	1.2	2.0	0.9	1.7	2.2	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.6
6+	%	3.1	3.0	2.0	3.4	1.4	1.1	0.5	1.8	3.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 200</b>	<b>1 500</b>	<b>3 900</b>	<b>3 200</b>	<b>1 500</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1 800</b>	<b>15 900</b>
2004-05										
Total number of support periods										

Table 15A.117

**Table 15A.117 Indigenous SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year (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>
1	%	74.1	75.7	78.5	67.8	67.6	73.8	81.5	73.7	70.8
2	%	14.4	13.9	13.3	16.5	17.9	16.9	10.2	15.7	15.6
3	%	4.7	4.7	3.7	7.7	6.3	5.8	5.3	5.4	6.2
4	%	2.0	2.7	1.7	3.0	3.6	1.4	1.8	2.4	2.8
5	%	1.7	1.1	1.0	1.9	1.9	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.7
6+	%	3.0	2.0	1.7	3.1	2.7	1.1	–	1.6	2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 000</b>	<b>1 600</b>	<b>3 700</b>	<b>3 300</b>	<b>1 600</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1 800</b>	<b>15 900</b>
Proportion of SAAP clients who return to SAAP within 12 months that is, clients having two or more support periods in 12 months										
2000-01	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2001-02	%	33.4	30.5	34.8	38.9	36.9	36.3	32.5	35.2	35.0
2002-03	%	22.9	20.2	26.5	31.2	27.6	28.2	20.0	26.6	28.5
2003-04	%	23.4	25.9	23.7	32.1	31.9	26.8	27.1	26.1	28.5
2004-05	%	25.8	24.4	21.4	32.2	32.4	26.3	18.5	26.2	29.2

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding. A client may have support periods in more than one state or territory, state and territory figures do not sum to the national figure.

(b) Client figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

(c) Caution should be taken when comparing 2001-02 data with other years as 2001-02 figures are based on estimated support periods for each client rather than observed support periods for each client.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.189.

Table 15A.118

Table 15A.118 **Source of income before/after SAAP support of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit (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>	
Source of income before SAAP support (b)										
2004-05										
No income	%	18.2	8.3	11.1	6.6	10.0	17.5	20.0	17.7	12.6
Awaiting benefit	%	4.0	2.6	2.5	0.9	1.0	2.5	8.8	1.6	2.5
Government pension/allowance	%	76.0	86.2	82.8	91.6	87.6	74.6	65.0	77.6	82.4
Other	%	1.7	2.9	3.6	0.9	1.5	5.4	6.1	3.1	2.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Total number</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2 400</b>
Source of income after SAAP support (c)										
2004-05										
No income	%	6.8	3.0	9.3	3.3	1.6	5.4	5.1	8.9	5.9
Awaiting benefit	%	4.3	1.7	3.0	1.0	1.2	5.7	2.4	1.1	2.5
Government pension/allowance	%	86.6	93.4	84.4	94.3	96.2	85.5	85.6	87.2	89.2
Other	%	2.2	1.9	3.3	1.4	1.0	3.4	6.9	2.7	2.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total number</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2 000</b>

(a) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

(b) In 2004-05, 52 cases were excluded due to errors and omissions.

(c) In 2004-05, 428 cases were excluded due to errors and omissions.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client and Administrative Data Collections (unpublished); 2006 Report, table 15A.192.