

15A Protection and support services — attachment

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Table 15A.1 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status 2005-06 (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>
Indigenous children									
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	6 868	859	1 839	332	464	45	163	363
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	7 110	338	810	396	675	35	136	330
Total finalised	no.	13 978	1 197	2 649	728	1 139	80	299	693
Investigations not finalised	no.	1 480	20	1 582	353	19	46	103	132
Total investigations	no.	15 458	1 217	4 231	1 081	1 158	126	402	825
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	9 531	1 484	–	–	1 838	271	304	–
No investigation possible / no action	no.	–	–	81	41	–	7	129	929
Total notifications	no.	24 989	2 701	4 312	1 122	2 996	404	835	1 754
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	27.5	31.8	42.6	29.6	15.5	11.1	19.5	20.7
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	28.5	12.5	18.8	35.3	22.5	8.7	16.3	18.8
Total finalised	%	55.9	44.3	61.4	64.9	38.0	19.8	35.8	39.5
Investigations not finalised	%	5.9	0.7	36.7	31.5	0.6	11.4	12.3	7.5
Total investigations	%	61.9	45.0	98.1	96.3	38.7	31.2	48.1	47.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	38.1	55.0	–	–	61.3	67.1	36.4	–
No investigation possible / no action	%	–	–	1.9	3.7	–	1.7	15.4	53.0
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children									
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	22 941	6 704	11 345	628	1 391	748	1 114	117
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	32 415	3 429	7 564	994	2 249	590	1 084	201
Total finalised	no.	55 356	10 133	18 909	1 622	3 640	1 338	2 198	318
Investigations not finalised	no.	5 166	544	9 466	487	44	2 360	692	52
Total investigations	no.	60 522	10 678	28 375	2 109	3 684	3 698	2 890	370
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	67 295	24 608	–	–	8 389	7 863	2 681	–
No investigation possible / no action	no.	–	–	925	84	–	1 064	1 658	739
Total notifications	no.	127 817	35 286	29 300	2 193	12 073	12 625	7 229	1 109
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations									

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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>
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	17.9	19.0	38.7	28.6	11.5	5.9	15.4	10.6
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	25.4	9.7	25.8	45.3	18.6	4.7	15.0	18.1
Total finalised	%	43.3	28.7	64.5	74.0	30.1	10.6	30.4	28.7
Investigations not finalised	%	4.0	1.5	32.3	22.2	0.4	18.7	9.6	4.7
Total investigations	%	47.4	30.3	96.8	96.2	30.5	29.3	40.0	33.4
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	52.6	69.7	–	–	69.5	62.3	37.1	–
No investigation possible / no action	%	–	–	3.2	3.8	–	8.4	22.9	66.6
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children									
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	29 809	7 563	13 184	960	1 855	793	1 277	480
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	39 525	3 767	8 374	1 390	2 924	625	1 220	531
Total finalised	no.	69 334	11 330	21 558	2 350	4 779	1 418	2 497	1 011
Investigations not finalised	no.	6 646	564	11 048	840	63	2 406	795	184
Total investigations	no.	75 980	11 894	32 606	3 190	4 842	3 824	3 292	1 195
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	76 826	26 093	–	–	10 227	8 134	2 985	–
No investigation possible / no action	no.	–	–	1 006	125	–	1 071	1 787	1 668
Total notifications	no.	152 806	37 987	33 612	3 315	15 069	13 029	8 064	2 863
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	19.5	19.9	39.2	29.0	12.3	6.1	15.8	16.8
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	25.9	9.9	24.9	41.9	19.4	4.8	15.1	18.5
Total finalised	%	45.4	29.8	64.1	70.9	31.7	10.9	31.0	35.3
Investigations not finalised	%	4.3	1.5	32.9	25.3	0.4	18.5	9.9	6.4
Total investigations	%	49.7	31.3	97.0	96.2	32.1	29.3	40.8	41.7
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	50.3	68.7	–	–	67.9	62.4	37.0	–
No investigation possible / no action	%	–	–	3.0	3.8	–	8.2	22.2	58.3
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Source:	Tables 15A.16, 15A.28, 15A.40, 15A.52, 15A.64, 15A.76, 15A.88 and 15A.100; 2007 Report, table 15A.5.								

Table 15A.2

Table 15A.2 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, 2005-06 (number) (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								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	521	196	474	281	88	48	20	125
Had prior admissions to orders	302	201	615	45	111	46	17	103
Total children admitted	823	397	1 089	326	199	94	37	228
Children discharged from orders	545	257	640	63	58	27	15	145
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 556	1 458	1 651	363	244	295	146	60
Had prior admissions to orders	598	1 203	1 332	64	347	184	73	43
Total children admitted	2 154	2 661	2 983	427	591	479	219	103
Children discharged from orders	1 589	1 846	1 863	180	251	206	139	66
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 077	1 654	2 125	644	332	343	166	185
Had prior admissions to orders	900	1 404	1 947	109	458	230	90	146
Total children admitted	2 977	3 058	4 072	753	790	573	256	331
Children discharged from orders	2 134	2 103	2 503	243	309	233	154	211

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Source: Tables 15A.17, 15A.29, 15A.41, 15A.53, 15A.65, 15A.77, 15A.89 and 15A.101; 2007 Report, table 15A.6.

Table 15A.3

Table 15A.3 Children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status, at 30 June 2006 (number) (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	2 114	550	1 439	659	354	107	79	276
Finalised supervisory orders	na	157	85	1	..	6	7	1
Interim and temporary orders	295	33	143	138	24	12	14	26
Other/not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children	2 409	740	1 667	798	378	125	100	303
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders								
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	5 949	3 772	4 145	1 032	1 202	586	330	122
Finalised supervisory orders	na	1 274	265	2	..	26	60	—
Interim and temporary orders	855	198	369	214	91	96	68	12
Other/not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	6 804	5 244	4 779	1 248	1 293	708	458	134
Number of all children on orders								
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	8 063	4 322	5 584	1 691	1 556	693	409	398
Finalised supervisory orders	na	1 431	350	3	..	32	67	1
Interim and temporary orders	1 150	231	512	352	115	108	82	38
Other/not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total all children	9 213	5 984	6 446	2 046	1 671	833	558	437

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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; 2007 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, 2005-06 (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 aged 0–16 years in notifications (b)									
Number of children									
Indigenous	11 063	2 007	2 936	1 017	1 814	119	319	1 396	20 671
Non-Indigenous	73 293	27 623	22 468	2 032	8 337	6 466	3 780	916	144 915
All children	84 356	29 630	25 404	3 049	10 151	6 585	4 099	2 312	165 586
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	181.2	163.0	50.3	35.0	162.6	15.4	183.0	59.9	100.9
Non-Indigenous	50.9	25.5	26.0	4.7	26.7	63.1	54.4	27.4	33.4
All children	56.2	27.1	27.5	6.6	31.3	59.7	57.6	40.7	36.5
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Indigenous	6 326	1 107	1 925	760	793	52	171	653	11 787
Non-Indigenous	30 880	9 447	14 867	1 653	2 752	1 086	1 407	305	62 397
All children	37 206	10 554	16 792	2 413	3 545	1 138	1 578	958	74 184
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	103.6	89.9	33.0	26.1	71.1	6.7	98.1	28.0	57.6
Non-Indigenous	21.4	8.7	17.2	3.8	8.8	10.6	20.3	9.1	14.4
All children	24.8	9.6	18.2	5.3	10.9	10.3	22.2	16.9	16.3
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Indigenous	2 696	834	1 340	316	360	34	99	354	6 033
Non-Indigenous	9 931	6 453	8 737	603	1 101	616	754	108	28 303
All children	12 627	7 287	10 077	919	1 461	650	853	462	34 336
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	44.2	67.7	23.0	10.9	32.3	4.4	56.8	15.2	29.5
Non-Indigenous	6.9	6.0	10.1	1.4	3.5	6.0	10.9	3.2	6.5
All children	8.4	6.7	10.9	2.0	4.5	5.9	12.0	8.1	7.6
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2006									
Number of children									
Indigenous	2 409	740	1 667	798	378	125	100	303	6 520
Non-Indigenous	6 804	5 244	4 779	1 248	1 293	708	458	134	20 668
All children	9 213	5 984	6 446	2 046	1 671	833	558	437	27 188
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years									
Indigenous	37.2	56.4	26.7	25.8	31.8	15.2	53.3	12.2	29.9
Non-Indigenous	4.5	4.6	5.2	2.7	3.9	6.5	6.2	3.8	4.5
All children	5.8	5.1	6.5	4.2	4.8	7.1	7.4	7.3	5.6

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

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, 2005-06 (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>
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(b) 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.

Source: Tables 15A.14, 15A.15, 15A.19, 15A.31, 15A.43, 15A.55, 15A.67, 15A.79, 15A.91 and 15A.103; 2007 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, 2005-06 (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	2 897	552	1 496	766	359	98	82	247	6 497
Non-Indigenous	6 999	4 242	4 380	1 202	1 138	585	306	105	18 957
All children	9 896	4 794	5 876	1 968	1 497	683	388	352	25 454
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Indigenous	44.7	42.1	24.0	24.8	30.2	11.9	43.7	10.0	29.8
Non-Indigenous	4.6	3.7	4.7	2.6	3.4	5.4	4.1	3.0	4.1
All children	6.2	4.1	6.0	4.0	4.3	5.8	5.1	5.9	5.3
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Indigenous	3 496	1 103	1 790	988	497	134	115	371	8 494
Non-Indigenous	8 707	6 692	5 417	1 556	1 517	846	528	170	25 433
All children	12 203	7 795	7 207	2 544	2 014	980	643	541	33 927
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Indigenous	54.5	85.2	29.2	32.2	42.2	16.3	62.6	15.1	39.4
Non-Indigenous	5.7	5.8	5.9	3.4	4.6	7.8	7.1	4.8	5.5
All children	7.7	6.7	7.4	5.2	5.8	8.4	8.5	9.1	7.0

(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; 2007 Report, table 15A.11.

Table 15A.6

Table 15A.6 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type, 30 June 2006 (number) (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								
Residential care	52	48	37	38	4	7	7	23
Family group homes	..	..	..	25	18	11	..	..
Home based care								
Foster care	886	252	938	238	200	54	35	176
Relative/kinship care	1 951	233	521	452	137	20	39	44
Other home based care	–	18	–	–	–	1	–	1
Total home based	2 837	503	1 459	690	337	75	74	221
Independent living (incl. private board)	8	1	–	4	–	3	1	1
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	9	–	2	–	2
Total Indigenous children	2 897	552	1 496	766	359	98	82	247
Non-Indigenous								
Residential care	206	299	188	74	46	23	36	9
Family group homes	..	..	..	17	57	30	..	..
Home based care								
Foster care	3 173	2 269	3 063	728	810	305	162	79
Relative/kinship care	3 585	1 383	1 129	356	222	128	103	13
Other home based care	–	262	–	–	3	48	–	–
Total home based	6 758	3 914	4 192	1 084	1 035	481	265	92
Independent living (incl. private board)	35	29	–	17	–	35	–	4
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	10	–	16	5	–
Total non-Indigenous children	6 999	4 242	4 380	1 202	1 138	585	306	105
All children								
Residential care	258	347	225	112	50	30	43	32
Family group homes	..	..	..	42	75	41	..	..
Home based care								
Foster care	4 059	2 521	4 001	966	1 010	359	197	255
Relative/kinship care	5 536	1 616	1 650	808	359	148	142	57
Other home based care	–	280	–	–	3	49	–	1
Total home based	9 595	4 417	5 651	1 774	1 372	556	339	313
Independent living (incl. private board)	43	30	–	21	–	38	1	5
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	19	–	18	5	2
Total children	9 896	4 794	5 876	1 968	1 497	683	388	352

(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.21, 15A.33, 15A.45, 15A.57, 15A.69, 15A.81, 15A.93 and 15A.105; 2007 Report, table 15A.12.

Table 15A.7

Table 15A.7 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, 30 June 2006 (number) (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	2 289	409	1 414	713	292	97	81	247
Another type of order	–	6	–	–	14	–	–	..
Not on an order	608	137	82	53	53	1	1	..
Total Indigenous children	2 897	552	1 496	766	359	98	82	247
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	6 264	3 389	3 909	1 105	994	549	285	105
Another type of order	–	119	2	–	66	1	–	..
Not on an order	735	734	469	97	78	35	21	..
Total non-Indigenous children	6 999	4 242	4 380	1 202	1 138	585	306	105
All children								
Care and protection order	8 553	3 798	5 323	1 818	1 286	646	366	352
Another type of order	–	125	2	–	80	1	–	..
Not on an order	1 343	871	551	150	131	36	22	..
Total all children	9 896	4 794	5 876	1 968	1 497	683	388	352

(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; 2007 Report, table 15A.13.

Table 15A.8

Table 15A.8 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June 2006 (number) (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	38	3	na	na	3	na	3	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	21	13	325	9	13	–	–	22
1 to less than 6 months	848	86	317	108	72	22	8	46
6 months to less than 1 year	168	82	213	65	40	18	15	46
1 to less than 2 years	312	94	252	124	68	16	14	53
2 to less than 5 years	706	147	257	220	86	29	25	59
5 years or more	804	126	132	240	77	13	17	21
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	2 859	548	1 496	766	356	98	79	247
Not stated/unknown	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	2 897	552	1 496	766	359	98	82	247
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	88	9	na	na	4	na	14	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	85	68	847	37	62	30	3	8
1 to less than 6 months	1 793	499	874	100	208	84	41	42
6 months to less than 1 year	435	535	548	112	147	88	34	16
1 to less than 2 years	668	700	773	166	208	101	58	17
2 to less than 5 years	1 810	1 113	853	344	283	158	86	15
5 years or more	2 120	1 308	485	437	226	124	70	7
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	6	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	6 911	4 223	4 380	1 202	1 134	585	292	105
Not stated/unknown	–	10	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	6 999	4 242	4 380	1 202	1 138	585	306	105
All children								
Respite	126	12	na	na	7	na	17	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	106	81	1 172	46	75	30	3	30
1 to less than 6 months	2 641	585	1 191	208	280	106	49	88
6 months to less than 1 year	603	617	761	177	187	106	49	62
1 to less than 2 years	980	794	1 025	291	276	117	72	70
2 to less than 5 years	2 516	1 260	1 110	572	369	187	111	74
5 years or more	2 924	1 434	617	674	303	137	87	28
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	9 770	4 771	5 876	1 968	1 490	683	371	352
Not stated/unknown	–	11	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	9 896	4 794	5 876	1 968	1 497	683	388	352

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

Table 15A.8 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June 2006 (number) (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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na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tables 15A.23, 15A.35, 15A.47, 15A.59, 15A.71, 15A.83, 15A.95 and 15A.107; 2007 Report, table 15A.14.

Table 15A.9

Table 15A.9 Children who exited care during the year 2005-06 by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care (number) (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	143	158	126	32	23	15	5	20
6 months to less than 1 year	50	47	45	12	5	6	2	12
1 to less than 2 years	58	43	84	17	7	1	4	7
2 to less than 5 years	69	40	53	20	8	4	–	2
5 years or more	105	10	49	24	9	2	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	425	298	357	105	52	28	11	41
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	395	777	361	52	54	88	53	6
6 months to less than 1 year	220	323	178	40	28	15	18	8
1 to less than 2 years	176	277	228	37	49	34	25	4
2 to less than 5 years	188	213	210	50	41	19	18	1
5 years or more	224	143	112	67	47	14	8	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	1 203	1 733	1 089	246	219	170	122	19
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	538	935	487	84	77	103	58	26
6 months to less than 1 year	270	370	223	52	33	21	20	20
1 to less than 2 years	234	320	312	54	56	35	29	11
2 to less than 5 years	257	253	263	70	49	23	18	3
5 years or more	329	153	161	91	56	16	8	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 628	2 031	1 446	351	271	198	133	60

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

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tables 15A.24, 15A.36, 15A.48, 15A.60, 15A.72, 15A.84, 15A.96 and 15A.108; 2007 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>
2006										
Number of children at 30 June										
Indigenous	no.	1 951	233	521	452	137	20	39	44	3 397
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 585	1 383	1 129	356	222	128	103	13	6 919
All children	no.	5 536	1 616	1 650	808	359	148	142	57	10 316
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Indigenous	%	67.3	42.2	34.8	59.0	38.2	20.4	47.6	17.8	52.3
Non-Indigenous	%	51.2	32.6	25.8	29.6	19.5	21.9	33.7	12.4	36.5
All children	%	55.9	33.7	28.1	41.1	24.0	21.7	36.6	16.2	40.5
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
All children	no.	5 292	1 335	1 511	737	264	126	113	57	9 435
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
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
2004										
Number of children at 30 June										
Indigenous	no.	1 685	196	368	319	52	16	29	44	2 709
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 392	1 149	727	304	142	97	82	16	5 909
All children	no.	5 077	1 345	1 095	623	194	113	111	60	8 618
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Indigenous	%	68.5	36.9	38.4	54.3	22.0	29.1	50.0	25.1	53.5
Non-Indigenous	%	50.7	30.4	21.0	27.8	14.7	22.5	34.2	19.3	35.3
All children	%	55.5	31.2	24.8	37.1	16.1	23.2	37.2	23.3	39.5
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
All children	no.	4 929	1 216	929	607	173	71	98	46	8 069
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

(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; 2007 Report, table 15A.16.

Table 15A.11

Table 15A.11 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June 2006 (a), (b)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June										
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care										
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	1 669	152	379	394	109	10	28	90	2 831
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	282	80	142	64	28	8	11	na	615
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	1 951	232	521	458	137	18	39	90	3 446
Other Indigenous carer	no.	512	102	400	143	138	13	17	67	1 392
Indigenous residential care	no.	9	21	9	18	—	—	1	—	58
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	521	123	409	161	138	13	18	67	1 450
Total children	no.	2 472	355	930	619	275	31	57	157	4 896
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	374	166	538	92	62	55	18	87	1 392
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	43	27	28	45	22	7	6	—	178
Total children	no.	417	193	566	137	84	62	24	87	1 570
Independent living/unknown	no.	8	4	—	10	—	5	1	3	31
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	2 897	552	1 496	766	359	98	82	247	6 497
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care										
Indigenous relative/kin	%	57.8	27.7	25.3	52.1	30.4	10.8	34.6	36.9	43.8
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	9.8	14.6	9.5	8.5	7.8	8.6	13.6	na	9.5
Total placed with relative/kin	%	67.5	42.3	34.8	60.6	38.2	19.4	48.1	36.9	53.3
Other Indigenous carer	%	17.7	18.6	26.7	18.9	38.4	14.0	21.0	27.5	21.5
Indigenous residential care	%	0.3	3.8	0.6	2.4	—	—	1.2	—	0.9
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	18.0	22.4	27.3	21.3	38.4	14.0	22.2	27.5	22.4
Total children	%	85.6	64.8	62.2	81.9	76.6	33.3	70.4	64.3	75.7
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care										

Table 15A.11

Table 15A.11 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June 2006 (a), (b)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	12.9	30.3	36.0	12.2	17.3	59.1	22.2	35.7	21.5
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.5	4.9	1.9	6.0	6.1	7.5	7.4	–	2.8
Total children	%	14.4	35.2	37.8	18.1	23.4	66.7	29.6	35.7	24.3
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	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.

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

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; 2007 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 2006 (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.	2 042	335	1 105	541	242	59	49	183	4 556
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 723	2 454	2 979	773	708	370	171	67	12 245
All children	no.	6 765	2 789	4 084	1 314	950	429	220	250	16 801
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care										
Indigenous	%	99.5	94.6	99.5	92.8	96.8	85.5	100.0	94.8	97.7
Non-Indigenous	%	99.6	98.0	98.6	94.8	96.2	94.1	96.6	97.1	98.3
All children	%	99.5	97.6	98.9	94.0	96.3	92.9	97.3	95.4	98.1

(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; 2007 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</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								
2001-02								
Indigenous	25	111	23	56	44	3	27	na
Non-Indigenous	3	1 007	235	271	131	33	77	na
All children	28	1 118	258	327	175	36	104	na
2002-03								
Indigenous	38	97	17	58	78	6	19	na
Non-Indigenous	100	1 018	111	329	177	65	104	na
All children	138	1 115	128	387	255	71	123	na
2003-04								
Indigenous	54	84	20	97	80	14	17	na
Non-Indigenous	74	1 308	79	199	170	49	99	na
All children	128	1 392	99	296	250	63	116	na
2004-05								
Indigenous	55	148	20	188	23	15	12	na
Non-Indigenous	96	839	79	258	66	30	116	na
All children	151	1 502	290	446	89	45	128	na
2005-06								
Indigenous	123	661	195	163	6	2	na	35
Non-Indigenous	106	1 347	93	286	93	50	na	22
All children	229	2 008	288	449	99	52	na	57
Number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by sex								
2001-02								
Male	14	346	146	180	92	19	54	na
Female	14	301	112	147	83	17	50	na
Unknown	–	471	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total	28	1 118	258	327	175	36	104	na
2002-03								
Male	64	390	64	193	142	33	65	na
Female	74	309	64	194	113	38	58	na
Unknown	–	416	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total	138	1 115	128	387	255	71	123	na
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
Total	128	1 392	99	296	250	63	116	na

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</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2004-05								
Male	84	552	57	249	35	29	17	na
Female	67	433	42	197	54	16	15	na
Unknown	–	517	–	–	–	–	96	na
Total	151	1 502	290	446	89	45	128	na
2005-06								
Male	122	444	150	230	54	25	na	32
Female	107	387	138	217	45	27	na	25
Unknown	–	1 177	–	2	–	–	na	–
Total	229	2 008	288	449	99	52	na	57

(a) In 2001-02, for a service to fit the scope of this collection, it had to provide at least 8-10 hours of service provision per week. In subsequent years, the service must average at least 4 hours of service provision per week for a specified short-term period (usually less than six months).

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), *Intensive Family Support Services Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.22.

Table 15A.14

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

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous children					
NSW	59.4	59.8	60.3	60.7	61.1
Vic	12.0	12.1	12.1	12.2	12.3
Qld	55.7	56.6	57.3	58.0	58.4
WA	28.3	28.5	28.7	28.9	29.1
SA	10.9	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.2
Tas	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.8
ACT	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7
NT	22.8	22.9	23.1	23.3	23.3
Australia	198.3	200.3	202.1	203.7	204.8
Non-Indigenous children					
NSW	1 462.7	1 454.7	1 451.6	1 446.0	1 441.0
Vic	1 078.4	1 078.1	1 079.1	1 080.9	1 081.8
Qld	826.8	836.2	845.0	854.0	864.7
WA	428.8	426.9	427.0	428.5	430.0
SA	321.2	318.7	316.6	314.0	312.8
Tas	104.6	103.6	103.3	102.7	102.5
ACT	72.5	71.7	70.7	69.8	69.4
NT	34.0	31.2	33.2	33.1	33.4
Australia	4 329.0	4 321.2	4 326.5	4 329.0	4 335.7
All children					
NSW	1 522.1	1 514.6	1 511.9	1 506.6	1 502.0
Vic	1 090.3	1 090.2	1 091.2	1 093.2	1 094.1
Qld	882.5	892.8	902.3	912.0	923.1
WA	457.1	455.4	455.8	457.4	459.1
SA	332.0	329.6	327.6	325.2	323.9
Tas	112.3	111.2	111.0	110.4	110.3
ACT	74.2	73.4	72.4	71.6	71.2
NT	56.8	54.2	56.3	56.3	56.8
Australia	4 527.3	4 521.5	4 528.6	4 532.7	4 540.5
Children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous children					
NSW	62.1	62.8	63.3	63.8	64.2
Vic	12.5	12.7	12.8	12.9	13.0
Qld	58.2	59.2	60.1	60.9	61.2
WA	29.7	30.0	30.2	30.5	30.7
SA	11.4	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.8
Tas	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.2
ACT	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.8
NT	24.0	24.2	24.4	24.5	24.6
Australia	207.8	210.2	212.4	214.4	215.4

Table 15A.14

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

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Non-Indigenous children					
NSW	1 549.5	1 542.2	1 538.7	1 533.0	1 528.6
Vic	1 142.9	1 143.1	1 144.2	1 146.8	1 148.1
Qld	876.9	887.1	896.2	905.4	917.4
WA	455.4	453.8	454.3	455.9	457.5
SA	341.5	338.9	336.6	333.9	332.7
Tas	111.1	110.1	109.8	109.1	108.9
ACT	77.2	76.3	75.2	74.3	73.9
NT	35.7	32.8	34.9	34.8	35.1
Australia	4 590.2	4 584.4	4 589.9	4 593.2	4 602.1
All children					
NSW	1 611.6	1 605.0	1 602.0	1 596.8	1 592.8
Vic	1 155.4	1 155.7	1 157.0	1 159.7	1 161.0
Qld	935.1	946.4	956.3	966.3	978.6
WA	485.1	483.8	484.5	486.4	488.1
SA	352.9	350.5	348.3	345.6	344.4
Tas	119.2	118.2	117.9	117.3	117.1
ACT	79.0	78.1	77.1	76.2	75.7
NT	59.7	57.0	59.2	59.3	59.7
Australia	4 798.1	4 794.6	4 802.3	4 807.6	4 817.6

(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; 2007 Report, table 15A.25.

Table 15A.15

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

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous children					
NSW	59.6	60.1	60.5	60.8	61.5
Vic	12.0	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.4
Qld	56.1	57.0	57.7	58.3	59.3
WA	28.4	28.6	28.8	29.0	29.3
SA	10.9	11.0	11.1	11.2	11.3
Tas	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.8
ACT	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8
NT	22.9	23.0	23.2	23.3	23.5
Australia	199.4	201.2	202.9	204.5	206.8
Non-Indigenous children					
NSW	1 467.6	1 453.7	1 444.2	1 441.0	1 433.2
Vic	1 083.3	1 079.8	1 078.8	1 079.4	1 083.5
Qld	828.5	833.9	846.0	856.8	869.8
WA	428.7	427.0	427.5	427.5	432.3
SA	321.1	317.9	316.0	313.4	313.4
Tas	104.6	103.6	103.4	102.7	102.6
ACT	72.8	71.5	70.5	69.8	69.5
NT	34.1	33.5	33.2	33.0	33.4
Australia	4 340.8	4 320.9	4 319.6	4 323.6	4 337.6
All children					
NSW	1 527.2	1 513.8	1 504.7	1 501.9	1 494.7
Vic	1 095.3	1 091.9	1 091.0	1 091.6	1 095.9
Qld	884.6	890.9	903.7	915.1	929.1
WA	457.1	455.7	456.4	456.5	461.5
SA	332.1	328.9	327.1	324.6	324.6
Tas	112.3	111.3	111.1	110.4	110.4
ACT	74.5	73.2	72.3	71.6	71.3
NT	56.9	56.5	56.4	56.3	56.9
Australia	4 540.2	4 522.2	4 522.6	4 528.0	4 544.4
Children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous children					
NSW	62.4	63.1	63.5	64.0	64.8
Vic	12.6	12.7	12.8	12.9	13.1
Qld	58.8	59.7	60.5	61.3	62.4
WA	29.8	30.1	30.4	30.6	30.9
SA	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.8	11.9
Tas	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.2
ACT	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9

Table 15A.15

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

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
NT	24.1	24.2	24.5	24.6	24.8
Australia	209.1	211.3	213.4	215.3	218.0
Non-Indigenous children					
NSW	1 556.7	1 542.6	1 531.4	1 527.8	1 521.1
Vic	1 149.8	1 146.7	1 144.4	1 145.2	1 150.0
Qld	879.3	885.4	897.2	908.3	922.8
WA	456.0	454.7	454.9	454.7	459.8
SA	341.7	338.4	336.0	333.2	333.3
Tas	111.2	110.1	109.8	109.0	109.1
ACT	77.7	76.2	75.1	74.2	74.0
NT	35.9	35.2	34.9	34.7	35.0
Australia	4 608.2	4 589.4	4 583.7	4 587.0	4 605.2
All children					
NSW	1 619.2	1 605.7	1 594.9	1 591.8	1 585.9
Vic	1 162.4	1 159.4	1 157.3	1 158.1	1 163.1
Qld	938.1	945.1	957.7	969.6	985.2
WA	485.8	484.8	485.3	485.3	490.7
SA	353.2	350.0	347.7	345.0	345.2
Tas	119.3	118.2	118.0	117.2	117.3
ACT	79.5	78.0	76.9	76.1	75.9
NT	60.0	59.5	59.3	59.3	59.8
Australia	4 817.4	4 800.7	4 797.1	4 802.3	4 823.2

(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; 2007 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), (g)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	1 101	3 051	na	3 140	6 868
Carer/family issues	no.	1 118	93	na	na	..
Not substantiated	no.	1 252	1 245	na	3 871	7 110
Total finalised	no.	3 471	4 389	na	7 011	13 978
Investigations not finalised	no.	971	2 614	na	3 759	1 480
Total investigations	no.	4 442	7 003	na	10 770	15 458
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	1 979	6 586	na	9 560	9 531
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	na	—	—
Total notifications	no.	6 421	13 589	na	20 330	24 989
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	17.1	22.5	na	15.4	27.5
Carer/family issues	%	17.4	0.7	na	na	..
Not substantiated	%	19.5	9.2	na	19.0	28.5
Total finalised	%	54.1	32.3	na	34.5	55.9
Investigations not finalised	%	15.1	19.2	na	18.5	5.9
Total investigations	%	69.2	51.5	na	53.0	61.9
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	30.8	48.5	na	47.0	38.1
No investigation possible / no action	%	—	—	na	—	—
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	na	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	7 505	13 714	na	12 353	22 941
Carer/family issues	no.	4 826	535	na	na	..
Not substantiated	no.	10 453	7 825	na	21 620	32 415
Total finalised	no.	22 784	22 074	na	33 973	55 356
Investigations not finalised	no.	6 392	16 188	na	13 829	5 166
Total investigations	no.	29 176	38 262	na	47 802	60 522
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	19 611	57 647	na	65 504	67 295
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	na	—	—
Total notifications	no.	48 787	95 909	na	113 306	127 817

Table 15A.16

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	15.4	14.3	na	10.9	17.9
Carer/family issues	%	9.9	0.6	na	na	..
Not substantiated	%	21.4	8.2	na	19.1	25.4
Total finalised	%	46.7	23.0	na	30.0	43.3
Investigations not finalised	%	13.1	16.9	na	12.2	4.0
Total investigations	%	59.8	39.9	na	42.2	47.4
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	40.2	60.1	na	57.8	52.6
No investigation possible / no action	%	—	—	na	—	—
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	na	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	8 606	16 765	na	15 493	29 809
Carer/family issues	no.	5 944	628	na	na	..
Not substantiated	no.	11 705	9 070	na	25 491	39 525
Total finalised	no.	26 255	26 463	na	40 984	69 334
Investigations not finalised	no.	7 363	18 802	na	17 588	6 646
Total investigations	no.	33 618	45 265	na	58 572	75 980
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	21 590	64 233	na	75 064	76 826
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	na	—	—
Total notifications	no.	55 208	109 498	115 541	133 636	152 806
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	15.6	15.3	na	11.6	19.5
Carer/family issues	%	10.8	0.6	na	na	..
Not substantiated	%	21.2	8.3	na	19.1	25.9
Total finalised	%	47.6	24.2	na	30.7	45.4
Investigations not finalised	%	13.3	17.2	na	13.2	4.3
Total investigations	%	60.9	41.3	na	43.8	49.7
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	39.1	58.7	na	56.2	50.3
No investigation possible / no action	%	—	—	na	—	—
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
(a)	If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, 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.					
(d)	Carer/family issues' 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.					
(g)	'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.					

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

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 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 (number) (a)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	333	464	na	391	521
Had prior admissions to orders	168	262	na	231	302
Total children admitted	501	726	na	622	823
Children discharged from orders	401	507	na	505	545
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	1 644	1 471	na	1 327	1 556
Had prior admissions to orders	729	792	na	588	598
Total children admitted	2 373	2 263	na	1 915	2 154
Children discharged from orders	1 860	1 767	na	1 720	1 589
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	1 977	1 935	na	1 718	2 077
Had prior admissions to orders	897	1 054	na	819	900
Total children admitted	2 874	2 989	na	2 537	2 977
Children discharged from orders	2 261	2 274	na	2 225	2 134

(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).; 2007 Report, table 15A.28.

Table 15A.18

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	1 762	1 958	na	1 914	2 114
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	223	292	na	199	295
Other/not stated	7	15	na	—	—
Total Indigenous children	1 992	2 265	na	2 113	2 409
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	5 334	5 915	na	5 836	5 949
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	870	769	na	671	855
Other/not stated	33	26	na	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	6 237	6 710	na	6 507	6 804
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	7 096	7 873	na	7 750	8 063
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	1 093	1 061	na	870	1 150
Other/not stated	40	41	na	—	—
Total all children	8 229	8 975	na	8 620	9 213

(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); 2007 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)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	3 758	6 328	na	9 310	11 063
Non-Indigenous	35 010	59 293	na	67 952	73 293
All children	38 768	65 621	70 571	77 262	84 356
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	63.3	105.7	na	153.5	181.2
Non-Indigenous	23.9	40.8	na	47.0	50.9
All children	25.5	43.3	46.7	51.3	56.2
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	2 479	2 675	na	3 946	6 326
Non-Indigenous	17 940	15 136	na	22 963	30 880
All children	20 419	17 811	na	26 909	37 206
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	41.8	44.7	na	65.1	103.6
Non-Indigenous	12.3	10.4	na	15.9	21.4
All children	13.4	11.8	na	17.9	24.8
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	913	1 910	na	1 642	2 696
Non-Indigenous	6 361	9 524	na	7 556	9 931
All children	7 274	11 434	na	9 198	12 627
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	15.4	31.9	na	27.1	44.2
Non-Indigenous	4.3	6.5	na	5.2	6.9
All children	4.8	7.5	na	6.1	8.4
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 992	2 265	na	2 113	2 409
Non-Indigenous	6 237	6 710	na	6 507	6 804
All children	8 229	8 975	na	8 620	9 213
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	31.9	35.9	na	33.0	37.2
Non-Indigenous	4.0	4.3	na	4.3	4.5
All children	5.1	5.6	na	5.4	5.8

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)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
(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.					
(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.					

na 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); 2007 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)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	2 098	2 375	2 459	2 543	2 897
Non-Indigenous	5 986	6 261	6 686	6 687	6 999
All children	8 084	8 636	9 145	9 230	9 896
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)					
Indigenous	33.6	37.7	38.7	39.7	44.7
Non-Indigenous	3.8	4.1	4.4	4.4	4.6
All children	5.0	5.4	5.7	5.8	6.2
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	2 833	3 159	na	3 134	3 496
Non-Indigenous	8 670	9 153	na	8 530	8 707
All children	11 503	12 312	na	11 664	12 203
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)					
Indigenous	45.6	50.3	na	49.1	54.5
Non-Indigenous	5.6	5.9	na	5.6	5.7
All children	7.1	7.7	na	7.3	7.7

- (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); 2007 Report, table 15A.34.

Table 15A.21

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Residential care	38	44	46	49	52
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	511	594	710	734	886
Relative/kinship care	1 491	1 662	1 685	1 751	1 951
Other home based care	—	—	—	—	—
Total home based	2 002	2 256	2 395	2 485	2 837
Independent living (incl. private board)	14	16	17	9	8
Other (incl. unknown)	44	59	1	—	—
Total Indigenous children	2 098	2 375	2 459	2 543	2 897
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	231	223	250	219	206
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	2 287	2 374	2 923	2 886	3 173
Relative/kinship care	3 109	3 267	3 392	3 541	3 585
Other home based care	—	—	—	—	—
Total home based	5 396	5 641	6 315	6 427	6 758
Independent living (incl. private board)	101	103	113	41	35
Other (incl. unknown)	258	294	8	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	5 986	6 261	6 686	6 687	6 999
All children					
Residential care	269	267	296	268	258
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	2 798	2 968	3 633	3 620	4 059
Relative/kinship care	4 600	4 929	5 077	5 292	5 536
Other home based care	—	—	—	—	—
Total home based	7 398	7 897	8 710	8 912	9 595
Independent living (incl. private board)	115	119	130	50	43
Other (incl. unknown)	302	353	9	—	—
Total all children	8 084	8 636	9 145	9 230	9 896

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.35.

Table 15A.22

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	1 774	2 016	na	2 008	2 289
Another type of order	—	—	na	—	—
Not on an order	324	359	na	535	608
Total Indigenous children	2 098	2 375	2 459	2 543	2 897
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	5 449	5 772	na	5 929	6 264
Another type of order	—	—	na	—	—
Not on an order	537	489	na	758	735
Total non-Indigenous children	5 986	6 261	6 686	6 687	6 999
All children					
Care and protection order	7 223	7 788	na	7 937	8 553
Another type of order	—	—	na	—	—
Not on an order	861	848	na	1 293	1 343
Total all children	8 084	8 636	9 145	9 230	9 896

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.36.

Table 15A.23

Table 15A.23 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 (number) (a), (b)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Respite	209	233	na	75	38
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	21	38	na	36	21
1 to less than 6 months	143	226	na	234	848
6 months to less than 1 year	181	233	na	214	168
1 to less than 2 years	305	271	na	345	312
2 to less than 5 years	779	771	na	769	706
5 years or more	456	594	na	866	804
Not stated/unknown	—	—	na	—	—
Total non-respite	1 885	2 133	na	2 464	2 859
Not stated/unknown	4	9	na	4	—
Total Indigenous children	2 098	2 375	2 459	2 543	2 897
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	700	622	na	105	88
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	124	96	na	118	85
1 to less than 6 months	535	595	na	586	1 793
6 months to less than 1 year	527	565	na	600	435
1 to less than 2 years	911	847	na	819	668
2 to less than 5 years	1 834	1 966	na	2 056	1 810
5 years or more	1 351	1 565	na	2 358	2 120
Not stated/unknown	—	—	na	—	—
Total non-respite	5 282	5 634	na	6 537	6 911
Not stated/unknown	4	5	na	45	—
Total non-Indigenous children	5 986	6 261	6 686	6 687	6 999
All children					
Respite	909	855	na	180	126
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	145	134	na	154	106
1 to less than 6 months	678	821	na	820	2 641
6 months to less than 1 year	708	798	na	814	603
1 to less than 2 years	1 216	1 118	na	1 164	980
2 to less than 5 years	2 613	2 737	na	2 825	2 516
5 years or more	1 807	2 159	na	3 224	2 924
Not stated/unknown	—	—	na	—	—
Total non-respite	7 167	7 767	na	9 001	9 770
Not stated/unknown	8	14	na	49	—
Total all children	8 084	8 636	9 145	9 230	9 896

(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 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 (number) (a), (b)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
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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); 2007 Report, table 15A.37.

Table 15A.24

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

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	166	150	na	141	143
6 months to less than 1 year	59	50	na	64	50
1 to less than 2 years	61	69	na	67	58
2 to less than 5 years	78	82	na	107	69
5 years or more	60	46	na	84	105
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–
Total Indigenous children	424	397	na	463	425
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	589	516	na	443	395
6 months to less than 1 year	162	173	na	221	220
1 to less than 2 years	206	158	na	218	176
2 to less than 5 years	259	201	na	257	188
5 years or more	235	185	na	206	224
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	1 451	1 233	na	1 345	1 203
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	755	666	na	584	538
6 months to less than 1 year	221	223	na	285	270
1 to less than 2 years	267	227	na	285	234
2 to less than 5 years	337	283	na	364	257
5 years or more	295	231	na	290	329
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–
Total all children	1 875	1 630	na	1 808	1 628

(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 unable to provide 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); 2007 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>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	1 491	1 662	1 685	1 751	1 951
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 109	3 267	3 392	3 541	3 585
All children	no.	4 600	4 929	5 077	5 292	5 536
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	71.1	70.0	68.5	68.9	67.3
Non-Indigenous	%	51.9	52.2	50.7	53.0	51.2
All children	%	56.9	57.1	55.5	57.3	55.9

(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); 2007 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)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	1 212	1 340	na	1 485	1 669
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	279	322	na	266	282
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	1 491	1 662	na	1 751	1 951
Other Indigenous carer	no.	339	371	na	443	512
Indigenous residential care	no.	9	11	na	7	9
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	348	382	na	450	521
Total children	no.	1 839	2 044	na	2 201	2 472
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carers	no.	215	281	na	291	374
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	29	33	na	42	43
Total children	no.	244	314	na	333	417
Independent living/unknown	no.	15	17	na	9	8
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	2 098	2 375	2 459	2 543	2 897
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	58.2	56.8	na	58.6	57.8
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	13.4	13.7	na	10.5	9.8
Total placed with relative/kin	%	71.6	70.5	na	69.1	67.5
Other Indigenous carer	%	16.3	15.7	na	17.5	17.7
Indigenous residential care	%	0.4	0.5	na	0.3	0.3
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	16.7	16.2	na	17.8	18.0
Total children	%	88.3	86.7	na	86.9	85.6
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	10.3	11.9	na	11.5	12.9
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.4	1.4	na	1.7	1.5
Total children	%	11.7	13.3	na	13.1	14.4
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	na	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care 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) NSW was able to provide limited data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 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>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	1 494	1 663	1 769	1 794	2 042
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 004	4 122	4 477	4 515	4 723
All children	no.	5 498	5 785	6 246	6 309	6 765
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	98.1	97.8	99.3	99.0	99.5
Non-Indigenous	%	96.6	96.6	99.0	99.4	99.6
All children	%	97.0	97.0	99.1	99.2	99.5

(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); 2007 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), (d)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	630	725	749	816	859
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	394	470	483	396	338
Total finalised	no.	1 024	1 195	1 232	1 212	1 197
Investigations not finalised	no.	28	26	31	39	20
Total investigations	no.	1 052	1 221	1 263	1 251	1 217
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	1 082	1 210	1 159	1 246	1 484
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	—	—	—
Total notifications	no.	2 134	2 431	2 422	2 497	2 701
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	29.5	29.8	30.9	32.7	31.8
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	18.5	19.3	19.9	15.9	12.5
Total finalised	%	48.0	49.2	50.9	48.5	44.3
Investigations not finalised	%	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.6	0.7
Total investigations	%	49.3	50.2	52.1	50.1	45.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	50.7	49.8	47.9	49.9	55.0
No investigation possible / no action	%	—	—	—	—	—
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	7 057	6 562	6 663	6 582	6 704
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	4 787	4 643	3 979	3 692	3 429
Total finalised	no.	11 844	11 205	10 642	10 274	10 133
Investigations not finalised	no.	315	343	354	363	544
Total investigations	no.	12 159	11 548	10 996	10 637	10 678
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	23 683	23 656	23 538	24 389	24 608
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	—	—	—
Total notifications	no.	35 842	35 204	34 534	35 026	35 286

Table 15A.28

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	19.7	18.6	19.3	18.8	19.0
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	13.4	13.2	11.5	10.5	9.7
Total finalised	%	33.0	31.8	30.8	29.3	28.7
Investigations not finalised	%	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5
Total investigations	%	33.9	32.8	31.8	30.4	30.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	66.1	67.2	68.2	69.6	69.7
No investigation possible / no action	%	—	—	—	—	—
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	7 687	7 287	7 412	7 398	7 563
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	5 181	5 113	4 462	4 088	3 767
Total finalised	no.	12 868	12 400	11 874	11 486	11 330
Investigations not finalised	no.	343	369	385	402	564
Total investigations	no.	13 211	12 769	12 259	11 888	11 894
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	24 765	24 866	24 697	25 635	26 093
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	—	—	—
Total notifications	no.	37 976	37 635	36 956	37 523	37 987
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	20.2	19.4	20.1	19.7	19.9
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	13.6	13.6	12.1	10.9	9.9
Total finalised	%	33.9	32.9	32.1	30.6	29.8
Investigations not finalised	%	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.5
Total investigations	%	34.8	33.9	33.2	31.7	31.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	65.2	66.1	66.8	68.3	68.7
No investigation possible / no action	%	—	—	—	—	—
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
(a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, 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.						
(c) In Victoria if a case is open following the first notification, no further notifications concerning the child are counted.						
(d) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.						
.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.						

Source: AIHW *Child protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.44.

Table 15A.29

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

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	160	147	162	213	196
Had prior admissions to orders	143	131	157	197	201
Total children admitted	303	278	319	410	397
Children discharged from orders	235	220	229	226	257
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	1 324	1 270	1337	1516	1 458
Had prior admissions to orders	1049	1 057	1122	1154	1 203
Total children admitted	2 373	2 327	2 459	2 670	2 661
Children discharged from orders	1 719	1 826	1 799	1 806	1 846
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	1 484	1 417	1499	1729	1 654
Had prior admissions to orders	1192	1 188	1 279	1351	1 404
Total children admitted	2 676	2 605	2 778	3 080	3 058
Children discharged from orders	1 954	2 046	2 028	2 032	2 103

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

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.45.

Table 15A.30

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	377	388	439	525	550
Finalised supervisory orders	114	119	111	137	157
Interim and temporary orders	19	27	24	20	33
Other/not stated	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children	510	534	574	682	740
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	3 240	3 262	3 355	3 572	3 772
Finalised supervisory orders	1 043	1 090	1 118	1 223	1 274
Interim and temporary orders	182	152	204	181	198
Other/not stated	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	4 465	4 504	4 677	4 976	5 244
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	3 617	3 650	3 794	4 097	4 322
Finalised supervisory orders	1 157	1 209	1 229	1 360	1 431
Interim and temporary orders	201	179	228	201	231
Other/not stated	—	—	—	—	—
Total all children	4 975	5 038	5 251	5 658	5 984

(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); 2007 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)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 449	1 638	1 673	1 855	2 007
Non-Indigenous	26 983	26 741	26 261	26 651	27 623
All children	28 432	28 379	27 934	28 506	29 630
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	121.2	135.8	137.8	151.8	163.0
Non-Indigenous	25.0	24.8	24.3	24.7	25.5
All children	26.1	26.0	25.6	26.1	27.1
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	859	999	1 064	1 090	1 107
Non-Indigenous	10 523	10 076	9 696	9 463	9 447
All children	11 382	11 075	10 760	10 553	10 554
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	71.9	82.8	87.6	89.2	89.9
Non-Indigenous	9.8	9.3	9.0	8.8	8.7
All children	10.4	10.2	9.9	9.7	9.6
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	579	667	700	770	834
Non-Indigenous	6 569	6 177	6 323	6 244	6 453
All children	7 148	6 844	7 023	7 014	7 287
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	48.4	55.3	57.7	63.0	67.7
Non-Indigenous	6.1	5.7	5.9	5.8	6.0
All children	6.6	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.7
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	510	534	574	682	740
Non-Indigenous	4 465	4 504	4 677	4 976	5 244
All children	4 975	5 038	5 251	5 658	5 984
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	40.5	42.0	44.7	52.8	56.4
Non-Indigenous	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.6
All children	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.9	5.1

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)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
(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.					
(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); 2007 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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	489	507	531	526	552
Non-Indigenous	3 429	3 539	3 778	3 882	4 242
All children	3 918	4 046	4 309	4 408	4 794
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	38.8	39.9	41.4	40.7	42.1
Non-Indigenous	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.7
All children	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.8	4.1
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	1 004	956	1 043	1 035	1 103
Non-Indigenous	6 547	6 275	6 580	6 442	6 692
All children	7 551	7 231	7 623	7 477	7 795
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	80.2	75.6	81.7	80.4	85.2
Non-Indigenous	5.7	5.5	5.8	5.6	5.8
All children	6.5	6.3	6.6	6.4	6.7

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.51.

Table 15A.33

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Residential care	62	53	48	35	48
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	268	245	269	247	252
Relative/kinship care	151	188	196	214	233
Other home based care	8	21	18	29	18
Total home based	427	454	483	490	503
Independent living (incl. private board)	—	—	—	1	1
Other (incl. unknown)	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children	489	507	531	526	552
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	383	367	332	330	299
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	1 991	1 927	2 074	2 201	2 269
Relative/kinship care	880	1 028	1 149	1 121	1 383
Other home based care	138	180	195	209	262
Total home based	3 009	3 135	3 418	3 531	3 914
Independent living (incl. private board)	37	37	28	21	29
Other (incl. unknown)	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	3 429	3 539	3 778	3 882	4 242
All children					
Residential care	445	420	380	365	347
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	2 259	2 172	2 343	2 448	2 521
Relative/kinship care	1 031	1 216	1 345	1 335	1 616
Other home based care	146	201	213	238	280
Total home based	3 436	3 589	3 901	4 021	4 417
Independent living (incl. private board)	37	37	28	22	30
Other (incl. unknown)	—	—	—	—	—
Total all children	3 918	4 046	4 309	4 408	4 794

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.52.

Table 15A.34

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	380	358	385	422	409
Another type of order	3	7	7	5	6
Not on an order	106	142	139	99	137
Total Indigenous children	489	507	531	526	552
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	2 809	2 729	2 938	3 133	3 389
Another type of order	19	100	112	117	119
Not on an order	601	675	700	618	734
Total non-Indigenous children	3 429	3 504	3 750	3 868	4 242
All children					
Care and protection order	3 189	3 087	3 323	3 555	3 798
Another type of order	22	107	119	122	125
Not on an order	707	817	839	717	871
Total all children	3 918	4 011	4 281	4 394	4 794

(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.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.53.

Table 15A.35

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Respite	14	10	19	5	3
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	51	32	25	10	13
1 to less than 6 months	117	89	83	70	86
6 months to less than 1 year	67	59	77	66	82
1 to less than 2 years	78	86	73	107	94
2 to less than 5 years	112	163	158	125	147
5 years or more	43	66	94	142	126
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-respite	468	495	510	520	548
Not stated/unknown	7	2	2	1	1
Total Indigenous children	489	507	531	526	552
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	92	27	21	9	9
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	320	133	164	97	68
1 to less than 6 months	848	514	525	483	499
6 months to less than 1 year	479	453	492	418	535
1 to less than 2 years	498	569	593	637	700
2 to less than 5 years	723	1 023	1 031	1 037	1 113
5 years or more	424	772	912	1 174	1 308
Not stated/unknown	9	—	—	—	—
Total non-respite	3 301	3 464	3 717	3 846	4 223
Not stated/unknown	36	48	42	27	10
Total non-Indigenous children	3 429	3 539	3 778	3 882	4 242
All children					
Respite	106	37	40	14	12
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	371	165	189	107	81
1 to less than 6 months	965	603	608	553	585
6 months to less than 1 year	546	512	569	484	617
1 to less than 2 years	576	655	666	744	794
2 to less than 5 years	835	1 186	1 189	1 162	1 260
5 years or more	467	838	1 006	1 316	1 434
Not stated/unknown	9	—	—	—	—
Total non-respite	3 769	3 959	4 227	4 366	4 771
Not stated/unknown	43	50	42	28	11
Total all children	3 918	4 046	4 309	4 408	4 794

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
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(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.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.54.

Table 15A.36

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

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	146	106	99	157	158
6 months to less than 1 year	31	24	43	56	47
1 to less than 2 years	43	27	34	45	43
2 to less than 5 years	21	18	25	43	40
5 years or more	6	10	3	17	10
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children	247	185	204	318	298
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	587	575	548	891	777
6 months to less than 1 year	215	216	228	351	323
1 to less than 2 years	202	171	203	271	277
2 to less than 5 years	149	171	190	255	213
5 years or more	55	75	87	101	143
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	1 208	1 208	1 256	1 869	1 733
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	733	681	647	1 048	935
6 months to less than 1 year	246	240	271	407	370
1 to less than 2 years	245	198	237	316	320
2 to less than 5 years	170	189	215	298	253
5 years or more	61	85	90	118	153
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total all children	1 455	1 393	1 460	2 187	2 031

(a) In 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); 2007 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>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	151	188	196	214	233
Non-Indigenous	no.	880	1 028	1 149	1 121	1 383
All children	no.	1 031	1 216	1 345	1 335	1 616
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	30.9	37.1	36.9	40.7	42.2
Non-Indigenous	%	25.7	29.0	30.4	28.9	32.6
All children	%	26.3	30.1	31.2	30.3	33.7

(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); 2007 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)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	87	104	98	133	152
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	64	65	81	71	80
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	151	169	179	204	232
Other Indigenous carer	no.	100	75	117	77	102
Indigenous residential care	no.	20	12	12	11	21
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	120	87	129	88	123
Total children	no.	271	256	308	292	355
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carers	no.	176	149	155	181	166
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	42	25	36	24	27
Total children	no.	218	174	191	205	193
Independent living/unknown	no.	..	77	32	29	4
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	489	507	531	526	552
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	17.8	24.2	19.6	26.8	27.7
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	13.1	15.1	16.2	14.3	14.6
Total placed with relative/kin	%	30.9	39.3	35.9	41.0	42.3
Other Indigenous carer	%	20.4	17.4	23.4	15.5	18.6
Indigenous residential care	%	4.1	2.8	2.4	2.2	3.8
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	24.5	20.2	25.9	17.7	22.4
Total children	%	55.4	59.5	61.7	58.8	64.8
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	36.0	34.7	31.1	36.4	30.3
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	8.6	5.8	7.2	4.8	4.9
Total children	%	44.6	40.5	38.3	41.2	35.2
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care 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.

.. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 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>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	304	325	350	343	335
Non-Indigenous	no.	1 923	2 012	2 127	2 196	2 454
All children	no.	2 227	2 337	2 477	2 539	2 789
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	94.1	95.6	96.7	96.9	94.6
Non-Indigenous	%	96.2	97.0	97.0	97.5	98.0
All children	%	95.9	96.8	96.9	97.4	97.6

(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); 2007 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), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	1 206	1 261	1 864	1 707	1 839
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	292	376	370	462	810
Total finalised (d)	no.	1 498	1 637	2 234	2 169	2 649
Investigations not finalised	no.	682	634	653	1 352	1 582
Total investigations	no.	2 180	2 271	2 887	3 521	4 231
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	226	226	252	291	—
No investigation possible / no action	no.	121	91	93	124	81
Total notifications	no.	2 527	2 588	3 232	3 936	4 312
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	47.7	48.7	57.7	43.4	42.6
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	11.6	14.5	11.4	11.7	18.8
Total finalised (d)	%	59.3	63.3	69.1	55.1	61.4
Investigations not finalised	%	27.0	24.5	20.2	34.3	36.7
Total investigations	%	86.3	87.8	89.3	89.5	98.1
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	8.9	8.7	7.8	7.4	—
No investigation possible / no action	%	4.8	3.5	2.9	3.2	1.9
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	8 830	10 942	15 609	15 600	11 345
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	4 310	4 963	5 760	5 632	7 564
Total finalised (d)	no.	13 140	15 905	21 369	21 232	18 909
Investigations not finalised	no.	7 714	8 011	5 059	10 005	9 466
Total investigations	no.	20 854	23 916	26 428	31 237	28 375
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	3 263	3 624	4 373	4 388	—
No investigation possible / no action	no.	948	940	990	1 268	925
Total notifications	no.	25 065	28 480	31 791	36 893	29 300

Table 15A.40

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	35.2	38.4	49.1	42.3	38.7
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	17.2	17.4	18.1	15.3	25.8
Total finalised (d)	%	52.4	55.8	67.2	57.6	64.5
Investigations not finalised	%	30.8	28.1	15.9	27.1	32.3
Total investigations	%	83.2	84.0	83.1	84.7	96.8
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	13.0	12.7	13.8	11.9	—
No investigation possible / no action	%	3.8	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.2
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	10 036	12 203	17 473	17 307	13 184
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	4 602	5 339	6 130	6 094	8 374
Total finalised (d)	no.	14 638	17 542	23 603	23 401	21 558
Investigations not finalised	no.	8 396	8 645	5 712	11 357	11 048
Total investigations	no.	23 034	26 187	29 315	34 758	32 606
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	3 489	3 850	4 625	4 679	—
No investigation possible / no action	no.	1 069	1 031	1 083	1 392	1 006
Total notifications	no.	27 592	31 068	35 023	40 829	33 612
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	36.4	39.3	49.9	42.4	39.2
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	16.7	17.2	17.5	14.9	24.9
Total finalised (d)	%	53.1	56.5	67.4	57.3	64.1
Investigations not finalised	%	30.4	27.8	16.3	27.8	32.9
Total investigations	%	83.5	84.3	83.7	85.1	97.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	12.6	12.4	13.2	11.5	—
No investigation possible / no action	%	3.9	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.0
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
(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.						
(c) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.						
(d) This figure excludes those finalised investigations with an assessment outcome of 'No investigation and Assessment Outcome'. In these cases there was insufficient information to enable an assessment outcome of substantiated or not substantiated to be determined. This may occur in circumstances where a family was unable to be identified, located or has moved interstate and the investigation is therefore finalised and closed. For this Report, these finalised investigations have been included in the category 'No investigation possible/ no action'.						
.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.						

Source: AIHW *Child protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.61.

Table 15A.41

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

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	187	231	307	431	474
Had prior admissions to orders	237	161	271	331	615
Total children admitted	424	392	578	762	1 089
Children discharged from orders	266	290	324	454	640
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	806	1 056	1 443	1 851	1 651
Had prior admissions to orders	872	633	917	1 092	1 332
Total children admitted	1 678	1 689	2 360	2 943	2 983
Children discharged from orders	964	1 085	1 288	1 664	1 863
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	993	1 287	1 750	2 282	2 125
Had prior admissions to orders	1 109	794	1 188	1 423	1 947
Total children admitted	2 102	2 081	2 938	3 705	4 072
Children discharged from orders	1 230	1 375	1 612	2 118	2 503

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.62.

Table 15A.42

Table 15A.42 Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Queensland (number)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	823	888	1 041	1 188	1 439
Finalised supervisory orders	20	24	44	65	85
Interim and temporary orders	37	41	61	89	143
Other/not stated	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children	880	953	1 146	1 342	1 667
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	2 688	2 943	3 342	3 909	4 145
Finalised supervisory orders	86	111	172	220	265
Interim and temporary orders	111	100	290	386	369
Other/not stated	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	2 885	3 154	3 804	4 515	4 779
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	3 511	3 831	4 383	5 097	5 584
Finalised supervisory orders	106	135	216	285	350
Interim and temporary orders	148	141	351	475	512
Other/not stated	—	—	—	—	—
Total all children	3 765	4 107	4 950	5 857	6 446

— Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.63.

Table 15A.43

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)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 480	1 618	1 933	2 451	2 936
Non-Indigenous	17 888	20 203	22 871	26 847	22 468
All children	19 368	21 821	24 804	29 298	25 404
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	26.6	28.6	33.7	42.3	50.3
Non-Indigenous	21.6	24.2	27.1	31.4	26.0
All children	21.9	24.4	27.5	32.1	27.5
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations (c)					
Number of children					
Indigenous	965	1 149	1 445	1 499	1 925
Non-Indigenous	9 878	11 942	15 986	16 242	14 867
All children	10 843	13 091	17 431	17 741	16 792
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	17.3	20.3	25.2	25.8	33.0
Non-Indigenous	11.9	14.3	18.9	19.0	17.2
All children	12.3	14.7	19.3	19.5	18.2
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	795	881	1 192	1 186	1 340
Non-Indigenous	6 553	8 104	11 481	11 700	8 737
All children	7 348	8 985	12 673	12 886	10 077
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	14.3	15.6	20.8	20.4	23.0
Non-Indigenous	7.9	9.7	13.6	13.7	10.1
All children	8.3	10.1	14.0	14.1	10.9
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	880	953	1 146	1 342	1 667
Non-Indigenous	2 885	3 154	3 804	4 515	4 779
All children	3 765	4 107	4 950	5 857	6 446
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	15.0	16.0	18.9	21.9	26.7
Non-Indigenous	3.3	3.6	4.2	5.0	5.2
All children	4.0	4.3	5.2	6.0	6.5

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)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
(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.					
(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) This figure excludes those children with a finalised investigation with an assessment outcome of 'No Investigation and Assessment Outcome'. In these cases there was insufficient information to enable an assessment outcome of substantiated or not substantiated to be determined. This may occur in circumstances where a family was unable to be identified, located or has moved interstate and the investigation is therefore finalised and closed. For this Report, these finalised investigations have been included in the category 'No investigation possible/ no action' at table 15A.61.					

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection (unpublished); AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.64.

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	708	813	958	1 275	1 496
Non-Indigenous	2 549	2 974	3 455	4 382	4 380
All children	3 257	3 787	4 413	5 657	5 876
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	12.0	13.6	15.8	20.8	24.0
Non-Indigenous	2.9	3.4	3.9	4.8	4.7
All children	3.5	4.0	4.6	5.8	6.0
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	934	1 081	1 217	1 484	1 790
Non-Indigenous	3 363	4 029	4 483	5 248	5 417
All children	4 297	5 110	5 700	6 732	7 207
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	16.0	18.3	20.2	24.4	29.2
Non-Indigenous	3.8	4.5	5.0	5.8	5.9
All children	4.6	5.4	6.0	7.0	7.4

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.68.

Table 15A.45

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Residential care	12	8	3	7	37
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	409	463	587	810	938
Relative/kinship care	287	342	368	458	521
Other home based care	—	—	—	—	—
Total home based	696	805	955	1 268	1 459
Independent living (incl. private board)	—	—	—	—	—
Other (incl. unknown)	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children	708	813	958	1 275	1 496
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	36	35	44	54	188
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	1 976	2 352	2 684	3 275	3 063
Relative/kinship care	537	587	727	1 053	1 129
Other home based care	—	—	—	—	—
Total home based	2 513	2 939	3 411	4 328	4 192
Independent living (incl. private board)	—	—	—	—	—
Other (incl. unknown)	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	2 549	2 974	3 455	4 382	4 380
All children					
Residential care	48	43	47	61	225
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	2 385	2 815	3 271	4 085	4 001
Relative/kinship care	824	929	1 095	1 511	1 650
Other home based care	—	—	—	—	—
Total home based	3 209	3 744	4 366	5 596	5 651
Independent living (incl. private board)	—	—	—	—	—
Other (incl. unknown)	—	—	—	—	—
Total all children	3 257	3 787	4 413	5 657	5 876

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.69.

Table 15A.46

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	674	751	892	1 149	1 414
Another type of order	–	–	2	2	–
Not on an order	34	62	64	124	82
Total Indigenous children	708	813	958	1 275	1 496
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	2 307	2 517	3 032	3 869	3 909
Another type of order	1	2	5	–	2
Not on an order	241	455	418	513	469
Total non-Indigenous children	2 549	2 974	3 455	4 382	4 380
All children					
Care and protection order	2 981	3 268	3 924	5 018	5 323
Another type of order	1	2	7	2	2
Not on an order	275	517	482	637	551
Total all children	3 257	3 787	4 413	5 657	5 876

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.70.

Table 15A.47

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	57	85	124	269	325
1 to less than 6 months	167	166	229	297	317
6 months to less than 1 year	102	121	154	171	213
1 to less than 2 years	127	156	155	197	252
2 to less than 5 years	138	163	179	216	257
5 years or more	117	122	117	125	132
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-respite	708	813	958	1 275	1 496
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children	708	813	958	1 275	1 496
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	260	335	404	929	847
1 to less than 6 months	650	724	797	889	874
6 months to less than 1 year	308	458	519	616	548
1 to less than 2 years	455	472	618	695	773
2 to less than 5 years	471	564	678	791	853
5 years or more	405	421	439	462	485
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-respite	2 549	2 974	3 455	4 382	4 380
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	2 549	2 974	3 455	4 382	4 380
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	317	420	528	1 198	1 172
1 to less than 6 months	817	890	1 026	1 186	1 191
6 months to less than 1 year	410	579	673	787	761
1 to less than 2 years	582	628	773	892	1 025
2 to less than 5 years	609	727	857	1 007	1 110
5 years or more	522	543	556	587	617
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-respite	3 257	3 787	4 413	5 657	5 876
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total all children	3 257	3 787	4 413	5 657	5 876

(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 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Queensland (number) (a), (b)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
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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); 2007 Report, table 15A.71.

Table 15A.48

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

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	85	117	56	100	126
6 months to less than 1 year	29	30	23	29	45
1 to less than 2 years	30	29	27	31	84
2 to less than 5 years	30	31	40	44	53
5 years or more	23	20	21	30	49
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children	197	227	167	234	357
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	392	438	365	399	361
6 months to less than 1 year	98	145	109	168	178
1 to less than 2 years	100	99	108	174	228
2 to less than 5 years	109	114	92	135	210
5 years or more	75	96	84	98	112
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	774	892	758	974	1 089
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	477	555	421	499	487
6 months to less than 1 year	127	175	132	197	223
1 to less than 2 years	130	128	135	205	312
2 to less than 5 years	139	145	132	179	263
5 years or more	98	116	105	128	161
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total all children	971	1 119	925	1 208	1 446

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.72.

Table 15A.49

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>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	287	342	368	458	521
Non-Indigenous	no.	537	587	727	1 053	1 129
All children	no.	824	929	1 095	1 511	1 650
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	40.5	42.1	38.4	35.9	34.8
Non-Indigenous	%	21.1	19.7	21.0	24.0	25.8
All children	%	25.3	24.5	24.8	26.7	28.1

(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); 2007 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)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	173	323	326	343	379
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	115	19	42	115	142
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	288	342	368	458	521
Other Indigenous carer	no.	194	198	236	366	400
Indigenous residential care	no.	10	6	3	2	9
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	204	204	239	368	409
Total children	no.	492	546	607	826	930
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	214	265	351	444	538
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	2	2	–	5	28
Total children	no.	216	267	351	449	566
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	708	813	958	1 275	1 496
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	24.4	39.7	34.0	26.9	25.3
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	16.2	2.3	4.4	9.0	9.5
Total placed with relative/kin	%	40.7	42.1	38.4	35.9	34.8
Other Indigenous carer	%	27.4	24.4	24.6	28.7	26.7
Indigenous residential care	%	1.4	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.6
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	28.8	25.1	24.9	28.9	27.3
Total children	%	69.5	67.2	63.4	64.8	62.2
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	30.2	32.6	36.6	34.8	36.0
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	0.3	0.2	–	0.4	1.9
Total children	%	30.5	32.8	36.6	35.2	37.8
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care 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) There may be some children in the category residential care/independent living who had Indigenous caregivers in facility-based care.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 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>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	476	548	685	923	1 105
Non-Indigenous	no.	1 705	2 052	2 426	3 072	2 979
All children	no.	2 181	2 600	3 111	3 995	4 084
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	97.9	99.1	99.9	99.9	99.5
Non-Indigenous	%	99.4	99.5	99.6	99.6	98.6
All children	%	99.0	99.4	99.6	99.7	98.9

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.75.

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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>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	426	296	351	385	332
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	279	251	267	365	396
Total finalised	no.	705	547	618	750	728
Investigations not finalised	no.	208	175	118	316	353
Total investigations	no.	913	722	736	1 066	1 081
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	—	—	—
No investigation possible / no action	no.	33	30	29	21	41
Total notifications	no.	946	752	765	1 087	1 122
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	45.0	39.4	45.9	35.4	29.6
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	29.5	33.4	34.9	33.6	35.3
Total finalised	%	74.5	72.7	80.8	69.0	64.9
Investigations not finalised	%	22.0	23.3	15.4	29.1	31.5
Total investigations	%	96.5	96.0	96.2	98.1	96.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	—	—	—	—	—
No investigation possible / no action	%	3.5	4.0	3.8	1.9	3.7
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	761	592	617	719	628
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	961	696	789	922	994
Total finalised	no.	1 722	1 288	1 406	1 641	1 622
Investigations not finalised	no.	302	198	176	455	487
Total investigations	no.	2 024	1 486	1 582	2 096	2 109
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	—	—	—
No investigation possible / no action	no.	75	55	70	23	84
Total notifications	no.	2 099	1 541	1 652	2 119	2 193
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						

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>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	36.3	38.4	37.3	33.9	28.6
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	45.8	45.2	47.8	43.5	45.3
Total finalised	%	82.0	83.6	85.1	77.4	74.0
Investigations not finalised	%	14.4	12.8	10.7	21.5	22.2
Total investigations	%	96.4	96.4	95.8	98.9	96.2
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	—	—	—	—	—
No investigation possible / no action	%	3.6	3.6	4.2	1.1	3.8
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	1 187	888	968	1 104	960
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	1 240	947	1 056	1 287	1 390
Total finalised	no.	2 427	1 835	2 024	2 391	2 350
Investigations not finalised	no.	510	373	294	771	840
Total investigations	no.	2 937	2 208	2 318	3 162	3 190
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	—	—	—
No investigation possible / no action	no.	108	85	99	44	125
Total notifications	no.	3 045	2 293	2 417	3 206	3 315
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	39.0	38.7	40.0	34.4	29.0
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	40.7	41.3	43.7	40.1	41.9
Total finalised	%	79.7	80.0	83.7	74.6	70.9
Investigations not finalised	%	16.7	16.3	12.2	24.0	25.3
Total investigations	%	96.5	96.3	95.9	98.6	96.2
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	—	—	—	—	—
No investigation possible / no action	%	3.5	3.7	4.1	1.4	3.8
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(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.

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
(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.					
(d)	'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.					
.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.						

Source: AIHW *Child protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 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 (number) (a)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	179	140	167	188	281
Had prior admissions to orders	8	2	3	4	45
Total children admitted	187	142	170	192	326
Children discharged from orders	52	75	63	63	63
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	316	289	262	299	363
Had prior admissions to orders	4	6	9	22	64
Total children admitted	320	295	271	321	427
Children discharged from orders	197	143	156	192	180
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	495	429	429	487	644
Had prior admissions to orders	12	8	12	26	109
Total children admitted	507	437	441	513	753
Children discharged from orders	249	218	221	255	243

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

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.79.

Table 15A.54

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 (c)
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	432	459	513	556	659
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	1
Interim and temporary orders	36	50	70	104	138
Other/not stated	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children	468	509	583	660	798
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	834	879	922	961	1 032
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	2
Interim and temporary orders	82	82	134	162	214
Other/not stated	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	916	961	1 056	1 123	1 248
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	1 266	1 338	1 435	1 517	1 691
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	3
Interim and temporary orders	118	132	204	266	352
Other/not stated	—	—	—	—	—
Total all children	1 384	1 470	1 639	1 783	2 046

- (a) Children on care applications are included in the category 'interim and temporary orders'.
- (b) Data include for the first time children in care applications adjourned at 30 June where no subsequent court appearance had occurred by the end of August. Data from 2001-02 and 2002-03 do not include these children.
- (c) Implementation of the Children and Community Services Act 2004 in March 2006 required the legal status of children in care to be reviewed and Protection Orders were sought for a number of children already in care but not under care and protection orders, for 2006 onwards.
- .. Not applicable. — Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 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)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	819	682	688	968	1 017
Non-Indigenous	1 901	1 456	1 550	1 960	2 032
All children	2 720	2 138	2 238	2 928	3 049
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	28.9	23.9	23.9	33.5	35.0
Non-Indigenous	4.4	3.4	3.6	4.6	4.7
All children	6.0	4.7	4.9	6.4	6.6
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	620	530	571	677	760
Non-Indigenous	1 570	1 264	1 335	1 537	1 653
All children	2 190	1 794	1 906	2 214	2 413
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	21.9	18.6	19.9	23.4	26.1
Non-Indigenous	3.7	3.0	3.1	3.6	3.8
All children	4.8	3.9	4.2	4.8	5.3
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	386	275	322	353	316
Non-Indigenous	718	571	599	682	603
All children	1 104	846	921	1 035	919
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	13.6	9.6	11.2	12.2	10.9
Non-Indigenous	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.4
All children	2.4	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.0
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders (c)					
Number of children					
Indigenous	468	509	583	660	798
Non-Indigenous	916	961	1 056	1 123	1 248
All children	1 384	1 470	1 639	1 783	2 046
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	15.7	16.9	19.2	21.6	25.8
Non-Indigenous	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.7
All children	2.8	3.0	3.4	3.7	4.2

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)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
(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.					
(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) Implementation of the Children and Community Services Act 2004 in March 2006 required the legal status of children in care to be reviewed and Protection Orders were sought for a number of children already in care but not under care and protection orders.					

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection (unpublished), AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.81.

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)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	511	570	587	692	766
Non-Indigenous	983	1 045	1 094	1 137	1 202
All children	1 494	1 615	1 681	1 829	1 968
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)					
Indigenous	17.1	18.9	19.3	22.6	24.8
Non-Indigenous	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6
All children	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.8	4.0
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	758	834	836	925	988
Non-Indigenous	1 412	1 450	1 477	1 564	1 556
All children	2 170	2 284	2 313	2 489	2 544
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)					
Indigenous	25.5	27.8	27.6	30.3	32.2
Non-Indigenous	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.4
All children	4.5	4.7	4.8	5.1	5.2

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.85.

Table 15A.57

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Residential care	64	49	57	39	38
Family group homes	..	..	..	24	25
Home based care					
Foster care	162	192	204	217	238
Relative/kinship care	280	323	319	400	452
Other home based care	—	—	—	—	—
Total home based	442	515	523	617	690
Independent living (incl. private board)	3	2	4	5	4
Other (incl. unknown)	2	4	3	7	9
Total indigenous children	511	570	587	692	766
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	90	87	104	85	74
Family group homes	..	..	..	19	17
Home based care					
Foster care	622	644	652	665	728
Relative/kinship care	228	284	304	337	356
Other home based care	—	—	—	—	—
Total home based	850	928	956	1 002	1 084
Independent living (incl. private board)	40	27	28	21	17
Other (incl. unknown)	3	3	6	10	10
Total non-indigenous children	983	1 045	1 094	1 137	1 202
All children					
Residential care	154	136	161	124	112
Family group homes	..	..	..	43	42
Home based care					
Foster care	784	836	856	882	966
Relative/kinship care	508	607	623	737	808
Other home based care	—	—	—	—	—
Total home based	1 292	1 443	1 479	1 619	1 774
Independent living (incl. private board)	43	29	32	26	21
Other (incl. unknown)	5	7	9	17	19
Total children	1 494	1 615	1 681	1 829	1 968

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

(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: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.86.

Table 15A.58

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	420	491	518	601	713
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	91	79	69	91	53
Total Indigenous children	511	570	587	692	766
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	795	868	917	975	1 105
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	188	177	177	162	97
Total non-Indigenous children	983	1 045	1 094	1 137	1 202
All children					
Care and protection order	1 215	1 359	1 435	1 576	1 818
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	279	256	246	253	150
Total all children	1 494	1 615	1 681	1 829	1 968

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.87.

Table 15A.59

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	13	8	21	16	9
1 to less than 6 months	51	45	44	82	108
6 months to less than 1 year	53	55	43	77	65
1 to less than 2 years	76	99	89	90	124
2 to less than 5 years	185	185	197	203	220
5 years or more	133	178	193	224	240
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-respite	511	570	587	692	766
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children	511	570	587	692	766
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	26	35	29	24	37
1 to less than 6 months	67	103	71	93	100
6 months to less than 1 year	128	101	106	134	112
1 to less than 2 years	156	150	176	142	166
2 to less than 5 years	302	323	328	332	344
5 years or more	304	333	384	412	437
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	6
Total non-respite	983	1 045	1 094	1 137	1 202
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	983	1 045	1 094	1 137	1 202
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	39	43	50	40	46
1 to less than 6 months	118	148	115	175	208
6 months to less than 1 year	181	156	149	211	177
1 to less than 2 years	232	249	265	232	291
2 to less than 5 years	487	508	525	535	572
5 years or more	437	511	577	636	674
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-respite	1 494	1 615	1 681	1 829	1 968
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total all children	1 494	1 615	1 681	1 829	1 968

(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 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)**

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
(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.					

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.88.

Table 15A.60

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

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	22	23	38	27	32
6 months to less than 1 year	9	12	9	16	12
1 to less than 2 years	8	12	11	5	17
2 to less than 5 years	10	25	23	29	20
5 years or more	21	20	20	32	24
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children	70	92	101	109	105
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	92	66	67	70	52
6 months to less than 1 year	48	35	32	27	40
1 to less than 2 years	40	32	26	40	37
2 to less than 5 years	54	47	46	71	50
5 years or more	38	48	47	61	67
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	272	228	218	269	246
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	114	89	105	97	84
6 months to less than 1 year	57	47	41	43	52
1 to less than 2 years	48	44	37	45	54
2 to less than 5 years	64	72	69	100	70
5 years or more	59	68	67	93	91
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total all children	342	320	319	378	351

(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.

— Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.89.

Table 15A.61

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	280	323	319	400	452
Non-Indigenous	no.	228	284	304	337	356
All children	no.	508	607	623	737	808
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	54.8	56.7	54.3	57.8	59.0
Non-Indigenous	%	23.2	27.2	27.8	29.6	29.6
All children	%	34.0	37.6	37.1	40.3	41.1

(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); 2007 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)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	246	286	282	345	394
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	34	37	33	55	64
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	280	323	315	400	458
Other Indigenous carer	no.	87	114	127	143	143
Indigenous residential care	no.	38	26	28	25	18
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	125	140	155	168	161
Total children	no.	405	463	470	568	619
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	75	78	81	77	92
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	26	23	29	38	45
Total children	no.	101	101	110	115	137
Independent living/unknown	no.	5	6	7	9	10
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	511	570	587	692	766
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	48.6	50.7	48.6	50.5	52.1
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	6.7	6.6	5.7	8.1	8.5
Total placed with relative/kin	%	55.3	57.3	54.3	58.6	60.6
Other Indigenous carer	%	17.2	20.2	21.9	20.9	18.9
Indigenous residential care	%	7.5	4.6	4.8	3.7	2.4
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	24.7	24.8	26.7	24.6	21.3
Total children	%	80.0	82.1	81.0	83.2	81.9
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	14.8	13.8	14.0	11.3	12.2
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	5.1	4.1	5.0	5.6	6.0
Total children	%	20.0	17.9	19.0	16.8	18.1
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care 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) Children in residential care with Indigenous caregivers were included in the category 'other Indigenous carer'.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 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)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	347	399	403	480	541
Non-Indigenous	no.	569	631	655	700	773
All children	no.	916	1 030	1 058	1 180	1 314
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	87.8	92.1	89.8	91.8	92.8
Non-Indigenous	%	93.4	94.5	92.4	93.0	94.8
All children	%	91.2	93.6	91.4	92.5	94.0

(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); 2007 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), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	483	481	633	736	464
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	585	635	707	977	675
Total finalised	no.	1 068	1 116	1 340	1 713	1 139
Investigations not finalised	no.	1	8	10	3	19
Total investigations	no.	1 069	1 124	1 350	1 716	1 158
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	857	1 253	1 375	1 864	1 838
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	—	—	—
Total notifications	no.	1 926	2 377	2 725	3 580	2 996
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	25.1	20.2	23.2	20.6	15.5
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	30.4	26.7	25.9	27.3	22.5
Total finalised	%	55.5	46.9	49.2	47.8	38.0
Investigations not finalised	%	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.6
Total investigations	%	55.5	47.3	49.5	47.9	38.7
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	44.5	52.7	50.5	52.1	61.3
No investigation possible / no action	%	—	—	—	—	—
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	1 747	1 942	1 857	1 648	1 391
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	2 800	3 070	3 186	2 889	2 249
Total finalised	no.	4 547	5 012	5 043	4 537	3 640
Investigations not finalised	no.	17	39	52	26	44
Total investigations	no.	4 564	5 051	5 095	4 563	3 684
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	4 713	6 014	7 097	9 330	8 389
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	—	—	—
Total notifications	no.	9 277	11 065	12 192	13 893	12 073

Table 15A.64

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	18.8	17.6	15.2	11.9	11.5
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	30.2	27.7	26.1	20.8	18.6
Total finalised	%	49.0	45.3	41.4	32.7	30.1
Investigations not finalised	%	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4
Total investigations	%	49.2	45.6	41.8	32.8	30.5
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	50.8	54.4	58.2	67.2	69.5
No investigation possible / no action	%	—	—	—	—	—
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	2 230	2 423	2 490	2 384	1 855
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	3 385	3 705	3 893	3 866	2 924
Total finalised	no.	5 615	6 128	6 383	6 250	4 779
Investigations not finalised	no.	18	47	62	29	63
Total investigations	no.	5 633	6 175	6 445	6 279	4 842
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	5 570	7 267	8 472	11 194	10 227
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	—	—	—
Total notifications	no.	11 203	13 442	14 917	17 473	15 069
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	19.9	18.0	16.7	13.6	12.3
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	30.2	27.6	26.1	22.1	19.4
Total finalised	%	50.1	45.6	42.8	35.8	31.7
Investigations not finalised	%	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4
Total investigations	%	50.3	45.9	43.2	35.9	32.1
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	49.7	54.1	56.8	64.1	67.9
No investigation possible / no action	%	—	—	—	—	—
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
(a)	If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these were counted.					
(b)	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.					
(d)	'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.					
(e)	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); 2007 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 (number)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	29	78	78	87	88
Had prior admissions to orders	74	37	55	77	111
Total children admitted	103	115	133	164	199
Children discharged from orders	130	127	141	186	58
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	190	340	374	292	244
Had prior admissions to orders	264	117	157	290	347
Total children admitted	454	457	531	582	591
Children discharged from orders	516	543	610	698	251
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	219	418	452	379	332
Had prior admissions to orders	338	154	212	367	458
Total children admitted	557	572	664	746	790
Children discharged from orders	646	670	751	884	309

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.96.

Table 15A.66

Table 15A.66 Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, South Australia (number)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	221	226	256	296	354
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	12	35	19	26	24
Other/not stated	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children	233	261	275	322	378
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	1 021	1 061	1 109	1 150	1 202
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	32	56	71	81	91
Other/not stated	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	1 053	1 117	1 180	1 231	1 293
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	1 242	1 287	1 365	1 446	1 556
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	44	91	90	107	115
Other/not stated	—	—	—	—	—
Total all children	1 286	1 378	1 455	1 553	1 671

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

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 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)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 194	1 404	1 634	1 904	1 814
Non-Indigenous	6 567	7 507	8 160	9 151	8 337
All children	7 761	8 911	9 794	11 055	10 151
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	109.7	127.9	147.7	170.9	162.6
Non-Indigenous	20.4	23.6	25.8	29.1	26.7
All children	23.4	27.0	29.9	34.0	31.3
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	721	762	887	980	793
Non-Indigenous	3 499	3 775	3 774	3 300	2 752
All children	4 220	4 537	4 661	4 280	3 545
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	66.3	69.4	80.2	87.9	71.1
Non-Indigenous	10.9	11.8	11.9	10.5	8.8
All children	12.7	13.8	14.2	13.2	10.9
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	346	351	441	481	360
Non-Indigenous	1 407	1 545	1 499	1 317	1 101
All children	1 753	1 896	1 940	1 798	1 461
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	31.8	32.0	39.9	43.2	32.3
Non-Indigenous	4.4	4.8	4.7	4.2	3.5
All children	5.3	5.8	5.9	5.5	4.5
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	233	261	275	322	378
Non-Indigenous	1 053	1 117	1 180	1 231	1 293
All children	1 286	1 378	1 455	1 553	1 671
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	20.2	22.5	23.5	27.3	31.8
Non-Indigenous	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.7	3.9
All children	3.6	3.9	4.2	4.5	4.8

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)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
(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.					
(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) SA includes 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); 2007 Report, table 15A.98.

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	232	252	236	286	359
Non-Indigenous	964	993	968	1 043	1 138
All children	1 196	1 245	1 204	1 329	1 497
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	20.2	21.7	20.2	24.3	30.2
Non-Indigenous	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.4
All children	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.9	4.3
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	455	442	433	457	497
Non-Indigenous	1 618	1 618	1 572	1 486	1 517
All children	2 073	2 060	2 005	1 943	2 014
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	39.8	38.3	37.2	38.9	42.2
Non-Indigenous	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.6
All children	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.8

- (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); 2007 Report, table 15A.102.

Table 15A.69

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Residential care	3	3	2	4	4
Family group homes	..	..	–	9	18
Home based care					
Foster care	174	197	182	191	200
Relative/kinship care	55	52	52	82	137
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	229	249	234	273	337
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	232	252	236	286	359
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	41	43	44	36	46
Family group homes	..	..	13	45	57
Home based care					
Foster care	811	821	763	776	810
Relative/kinship care	104	121	142	182	222
Other home based care	8	8	6	4	3
Total home based	923	950	911	962	1 035
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	964	993	968	1 043	1 138
All children					
Residential care	44	46	46	40	50
Family group homes	..	..	13	54	75
Home based care					
Foster care	985	1 018	945	967	1 010
Relative/kinship care	159	173	194	264	359
Other home based care	8	8	6	4	3
Total home based	1 152	1 199	1 145	1 235	1 372
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 196	1 245	1 204	1 329	1 497

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.103.

Table 15A.70

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	179	198	195	230	292
Another type of order	46	54	41	14	14
Not on an order	7	–	–	42	53
Total Indigenous children	232	252	236	286	359
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	810	807	833	941	994
Another type of order	130	186	135	46	66
Not on an order	24	–	–	56	78
Total non-Indigenous children	964	993	968	1 043	1 138
All children					
Care and protection order	989	1 005	1 028	1 171	1 286
Another type of order	176	240	176	60	80
Not on an order	31	–	–	98	131
Total all children	1 196	1 245	1 204	1 329	1 497

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.104.

Table 15A.71

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Respite	—	3	1	—	3
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	18	30	11	10	13
1 to less than 6 months	29	49	25	60	72
6 months to less than 1 year	34	22	31	33	40
1 to less than 2 years	36	37	41	45	68
2 to less than 5 years	59	51	65	70	86
5 years or more	56	60	62	68	77
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-respite	232	249	235	286	356
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children	232	252	236	286	359
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	4	2	3	1	4
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	69	95	52	44	62
1 to less than 6 months	192	207	185	160	208
6 months to less than 1 year	128	125	120	160	147
1 to less than 2 years	149	141	169	201	208
2 to less than 5 years	195	206	208	248	283
5 years or more	227	217	231	229	226
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-respite	960	991	965	1 042	1 134
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	964	993	968	1 043	1 138
All children					
Respite	4	5	4	1	7
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	87	125	63	54	75
1 to less than 6 months	221	256	210	220	280
6 months to less than 1 year	162	147	151	193	187
1 to less than 2 years	185	178	210	246	276
2 to less than 5 years	254	257	273	318	369
5 years or more	283	277	293	297	303
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-respite	1 192	1 240	1 200	1 328	1 490
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total all children	1 196	1 245	1 204	1 329	1 497

(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.71 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, South Australia (number) (a)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
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– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.105.

Table 15A.72

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

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	59	49	35	35	23
6 months to less than 1 year	13	7	8	8	5
1 to less than 2 years	7	19	12	11	7
2 to less than 5 years	10	11	7	5	8
5 years or more	11	15	9	9	9
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children	100	101	71	68	52
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	177	167	109	56	54
6 months to less than 1 year	58	52	33	29	28
1 to less than 2 years	56	48	44	38	49
2 to less than 5 years	28	42	36	35	41
5 years or more	43	63	53	35	47
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	362	372	275	193	219
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	236	216	144	91	77
6 months to less than 1 year	71	59	41	37	33
1 to less than 2 years	63	67	56	49	56
2 to less than 5 years	38	53	43	40	49
5 years or more	54	78	62	44	56
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total all children	462	473	346	261	271

(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); 2007 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>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	55	52	52	82	137
Non-Indigenous	no.	104	121	142	182	222
All children	no.	159	173	194	264	359
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	23.7	20.6	22.0	28.7	38.2
Non-Indigenous	%	10.8	12.2	14.7	17.4	19.5
All children	%	13.3	13.9	16.1	19.9	24.0

(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.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 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)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	42	39	37	70	109
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	13	13	15	12	28
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	55	52	52	82	137
Other Indigenous carer	no.	112	113	131	136	138
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	112	113	131	136	138
Total children	no.	167	165	183	218	275
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	62	84	51	64	62
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	3	3	2	4	22
Total children	no.	65	87	53	68	84
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	232	252	236	286	359
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	18.1	15.5	15.7	24.5	30.4
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	5.6	5.2	6.4	4.2	7.8
Total placed with relative/kin	%	23.7	20.6	22.0	28.7	38.2
Other Indigenous carer	%	48.3	44.8	55.5	47.6	38.4
Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	48.3	44.8	55.5	47.6	38.4
Total children	%	72.0	65.5	77.5	76.2	76.6
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	26.7	33.3	21.6	22.4	17.3
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.3	1.2	0.8	1.4	6.1
Total children	%	28.0	34.5	22.5	23.8	23.4
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care 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.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 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>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	152	167	156	189	242
Non-Indigenous	no.	479	562	590	629	708
All children	no.	660	729	746	818	950
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	99.3	99.4	99.4	98.4	96.8
Non-Indigenous	%	93.4	98.4	99.0	97.8	96.2
All children	%	99.1	98.6	99.1	98.0	96.3

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.109.

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Table 15A.76

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	2	20	13	43	45
Carer/family issues	no.	—	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	2	6	5	19	35
Total finalised	no.	4	26	18	62	80
Investigations not finalised	no.	1	1	6	12	46
Total investigations	no.	5	27	24	74	126
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	1	131	271
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	1	—	25	7
Total notifications (g)	no.	5	28	25	230	404
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	40.0	71.4	52.0	18.7	11.1
Carer/family issues	%	—	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	40.0	21.4	20.0	8.3	8.7
Total finalised	%	80.0	92.9	72.0	27.0	19.8
Investigations not finalised	%	20.0	3.6	24.0	5.2	11.4
Total investigations	%	100.0	96.4	96.0	32.2	31.2
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	—	—	4.0	57.0	67.1
No investigation possible / no action	%	—	3.6	—	10.9	1.7
Total notifications (g)	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	156	193	414	739	748
Carer/family issues	no.	19	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	217	329	503	532	590
Total finalised	no.	392	522	917	1 271	1 338
Investigations not finalised	no.	56	92	353	488	2 360
Total investigations	no.	448	614	1 270	1 759	3 698
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	11	24	3 410	6 661	7 863
No investigation possible / no action	no.	44	75	2 543	2 138	1 064
Total notifications (h)	no.	503	713	7 223	10 558	12 625

Table 15A.76

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	31.0	27.1	5.7	7.0	5.9
Carer/family issues	%	3.8	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	43.1	46.1	7.0	5.0	4.7
Total finalised	%	77.9	73.2	12.7	12.0	10.6
Investigations not finalised	%	11.1	12.9	4.9	4.6	18.7
Total investigations	%	89.1	86.1	17.6	16.7	29.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	2.2	3.4	47.2	63.1	62.3
No investigation possible / no action	%	8.7	10.5	35.2	20.3	8.4
Total notifications (h)	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	158	213	427	782	793
Carer/family issues	no.	19	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	219	335	508	551	625
Total finalised	no.	396	548	935	1 333	1 418
Investigations not finalised	no.	57	93	359	500	2 406
Total investigations	no.	453	641	1 294	1 833	3 824
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	11	24	3 411	6 792	8 134
No investigation possible / no action	no.	44	76	2 543	2 163	1 071
Total notifications	no.	508	741	7 248	10 788	13 029
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	31.1	28.7	5.9	7.2	6.1
Carer/family issues	%	3.7	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	43.1	45.2	7.0	5.1	4.8
Total finalised	%	78.0	74.0	12.9	12.4	10.9
Investigations not finalised	%	11.2	12.6	5.0	4.6	18.5
Total investigations	%	89.2	86.5	17.9	17.0	29.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	2.2	3.2	47.1	63.0	62.4
No investigation possible / no action	%	8.7	10.3	35.1	20.1	8.2
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
(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.					
(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.					
(e)	The 'carer/family issues' category has not been used in Tasmania since 2001-02. Figures from 2002-03 to 2004-05 inclusive have been amended from previous Reports from 0 to '..'.					
(f)	'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.					
(g)	Due to the high number of children with unknown Indigenous status at notification, and the inclusion of these in the non-Indigenous category, this data is likely to be considerably under-reported for 2005-06.					
(h)	Due to the high number of children with unknown Indigenous status at notification, and the inclusion of these in the non-Indigenous category, this data is considered unreliable for 2005-06.					
.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.						

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.112.

Table 15A.77

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

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	11	20	28	5	48
Had prior admissions to orders	15	20	27	27	46
Total children admitted	26	40	55	32	94
Children discharged from orders	15	7	23	19	27
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	185	222	178	214	295
Had prior admissions to orders	217	175	297	115	184
Total children admitted	402	397	475	329	479
Children discharged from orders	165	202	247	137	206
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	196	242	206	219	343
Had prior admissions to orders	232	195	324	142	230
Total children admitted	428	437	530	361	573
Children discharged from orders	180	209	270	156	233

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.113.

Table 15A.78

Table 15A.78 Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Tasmania (number)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	21	46	74	82	107
Finalised supervisory orders	–	6	6	–	6
Interim and temporary orders	2	7	3	12	12
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	23	59	83	94	125
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	376	416	472	509	586
Finalised supervisory orders	23	31	20	30	26
Interim and temporary orders	41	94	59	83	96
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	440	541	551	622	708
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	397	462	546	591	693
Finalised supervisory orders	23	37	26	30	32
Interim and temporary orders	43	101	62	95	108
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	463	600	634	716	833

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 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)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	4	23	15	87	119
Non-Indigenous	444	515	5 200	5 678	6 466
All children	448	538	5 215	5 765	6 585
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	0.5	3.0	1.9	11.3	15.4
Non-Indigenous	4.2	5.0	50.3	55.3	63.1
All children	4.0	4.8	47.0	52.2	59.7
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	4	19	15	50	52
Non-Indigenous	368	409	668	1 004	1 086
All children	372	428	683	1 054	1 138
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	0.5	2.5	1.9	6.5	6.7
Non-Indigenous	3.5	3.9	6.5	9.8	10.6
All children	3.3	3.8	6.2	9.5	10.3
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	2	19	12	37	34
Non-Indigenous	151	186	317	599	616
All children	153	205	329	636	650
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	0.3	2.5	1.6	4.8	4.4
Non-Indigenous	1.4	1.8	3.1	5.8	6.0
All children	1.4	1.8	3.0	5.8	5.9
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	23	59	83	94	125
Non-Indigenous	440	541	551	622	708
All children	463	600	634	716	833
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	2.8	7.3	10.2	11.5	15.2
Non-Indigenous	4.0	4.9	5.0	5.7	6.5
All children	3.9	5.1	5.4	6.1	7.1

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)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
(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.					
(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); 2007 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)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	29	43	55	78	98
Non-Indigenous	515	425	432	498	585
All children	544	468	487	576	683
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	3.6	5.3	6.7	9.5	11.9
Non-Indigenous	4.6	3.9	3.9	4.6	5.4
All children	4.6	4.0	4.1	4.9	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	30	72	78	74	134
Non-Indigenous	699	685	591	587	846
All children	729	757	669	661	980
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)					
Indigenous	3.7	8.9	9.6	9.1	16.3
Non-Indigenous	6.3	6.2	5.4	5.4	7.8
All children	6.1	6.4	5.7	5.6	8.4

- (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); 2007 Report, table 15A.119.

Table 15A.81

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Residential care	8	17	–	–	7
Family group homes	..	..	13	10	11
Home based care					
Foster care	9	17	10	29	54
Relative/kinship care	11	6	16	19	20
Other home based care	–	1	9	14	1
Total home based	20	24	35	62	75
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	1	3	4	3
Other (incl. unknown)	1	1	4	2	2
Total Indigenous children	29	43	55	78	98
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	62	85	–	–	23
Family group homes	..	..	41	48	30
Home based care					
Foster care	191	233	207	249	305
Relative/kinship care	214	65	97	107	128
Other home based care	10	6	40	56	48
Total home based	415	304	344	412	481
Independent living (incl. private board)	23	22	27	21	35
Other (incl. unknown)	15	14	20	17	16
Total non-Indigenous children	515	425	432	498	585
All children					
Residential care	70	102	–	–	30
Family group homes	..	..	54	58	41
Home based care					
Foster care	200	250	217	278	359
Relative/kinship care	225	71	113	126	148
Other home based care	10	7	49	70	49
Total home based	435	328	379	474	556
Independent living (incl. private board)	23	23	30	25	38
Other (incl. unknown)	16	15	24	19	18
Total all children	544	468	487	576	683

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.120.

Table 15A.82

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	20	34	54	76	97
Another type of order	–	–	–	1	–
Not on an order	9	9	1	1	1
Total Indigenous children	29	43	55	78	98
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	351	342	432	490	549
Another type of order	12	10	–	–	1
Not on an order	152	73	–	8	35
Total non-Indigenous children	515	425	432	498	585
All children					
Care and protection order	371	376	486	566	646
Another type of order	12	10	–	1	1
Not on an order	161	82	1	9	36
Total all children	544	468	487	576	683

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.121.

Table 15A.83

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	3	6	4	13	–
1 to less than 6 months	8	22	26	29	22
6 months to less than 1 year	3	4	11	11	18
1 to less than 2 years	12	3	8	16	16
2 to less than 5 years	1	1	6	6	29
5 years or more	2	7	–	3	13
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	29	43	55	78	98
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	29	43	55	78	98
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	63	71	62	54	30
1 to less than 6 months	130	157	145	183	84
6 months to less than 1 year	56	72	94	101	88
1 to less than 2 years	200	46	53	78	101
2 to less than 5 years	40	65	50	43	158
5 years or more	26	13	26	36	124
Not stated/unknown	–	1	1	3	–
Total non-respite	515	425	431	498	585
Not stated/unknown	–	–	1	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	515	425	432	498	585
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	66	77	66	67	30
1 to less than 6 months	138	179	171	212	106
6 months to less than 1 year	59	76	105	112	106
1 to less than 2 years	212	49	61	94	117
2 to less than 5 years	41	66	56	49	187
5 years or more	28	20	26	39	137
Not stated/unknown	–	1	1	3	–
Total non-respite	544	468	486	576	683
Not stated/unknown	–	–	1	–	–
Total all children	544	468	487	576	683

(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 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Tasmania (number)**
(a), (b)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
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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); 2007 Report, table 15A.122.

Table 15A.84

Table 15A.84 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Tasmania (number)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	15
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	6
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	1
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	4
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	2
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	–
Total children	na	na	na	na	28
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	88
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	15
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	34
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	19
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	14
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	–
Total children	na	na	na	na	170
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	103
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	21
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	35
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	23
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	16
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	–
Total children	na	na	na	na	198

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 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>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	11	6	16	19	20
Non-Indigenous	no.	214	65	97	107	128
All children	no.	225	71	113	126	148
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	37.9	14.0	29.1	24.4	20.4
Non-Indigenous	%	41.6	15.3	22.5	21.5	21.9
All children	%	41.4	15.2	23.2	21.9	21.7

(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); 2007 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)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	5	–	3	8	10
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	6	6	13	11	8
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	11	6	16	19	18
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	2	1	3	1	13
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	2	1	3	1	13
Total children	no.	13	7	19	20	31
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	8	18	28	54	55
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	8	17	–	–	7
Total children	no.	16	35	28	54	62
Independent living/unknown	no.	na	1	8	4	5
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	29	43	55	78	98
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	17.2	–	6.4	10.8	10.8
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	20.7	14.3	27.7	14.9	8.6
Total placed with relative/kin	%	37.9	14.3	34.0	25.7	19.4
Other Indigenous carer	%	6.9	2.4	6.4	1.4	14.0
Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	6.9	2.4	6.4	1.4	14.0
Total children	%	44.8	16.7	40.4	27.0	33.3
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	27.6	42.9	59.6	73.0	59.1
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	27.6	40.5	–	–	7.5
Total children	%	55.2	83.3	59.6	73.0	66.7
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care 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.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 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>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	8	14	21	43	59
Non-Indigenous	no.	257	211	248	296	370
All children	no.	265	225	269	339	429
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	61.5	51.9	65.6	87.8	85.5
Non-Indigenous	%	87.1	75.4	90.5	90.8	94.1
All children	%	86.0	73.3	87.9	90.4	92.9

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.126.

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Table 15A.88

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	11	43	61	136	163
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	22	41	80	152	136
Total finalised	no.	33	84	141	288	299
Investigations not finalised	no.	17	32	95	49	103
Total investigations	no.	50	116	236	337	402
Notifications dealt with by other means (e)	no.	–	6	7	33	304
No investigation possible / no action (e)	no.	8	44	200	428	129
Total notifications	no.	58	166	443	798	835
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	19.0	25.9	13.8	17.0	19.5
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	37.9	24.7	18.1	19.0	16.3
Total finalised	%	56.9	50.6	31.8	36.1	35.8
Investigations not finalised	%	29.3	19.3	21.4	6.1	12.3
Total investigations	%	86.2	69.9	53.3	42.2	48.1
Notifications dealt with by other means (e)	%	–	3.6	1.6	4.1	36.4
No investigation possible / no action (e)	%	13.8	26.5	45.1	53.6	15.4
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	209	267	569	1 077	1 114
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	280	444	690	1 164	1 084
Total finalised	no.	489	711	1 259	2 241	2 198
Investigations not finalised	no.	111	420	883	439	692
Total investigations	no.	600	1 131	2 142	2 680	2 890
Notifications dealt with by other means (e)	no.	18	43	68	170	2 681
No investigation possible / no action (e)	no.	125	784	2 672	3 627	1 658
Total notifications	no.	743	1 958	4 882	6 477	7 229

Table 15A.88

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	28.1	13.6	11.7	16.6	15.4
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	37.7	22.7	14.1	18.0	15.0
Total finalised	%	65.8	36.3	25.8	34.6	30.4
Investigations not finalised	%	14.9	21.5	18.1	6.8	9.6
Total investigations	%	80.8	57.8	43.9	41.4	40.0
Notifications dealt with by other means (e)	%	2.4	2.2	1.4	2.6	37.1
No investigation possible / no action (e)	%	16.8	40.0	54.7	56.0	22.9
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	220	310	630	1 213	1 277
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	302	485	770	1 316	1 220
Total finalised	no.	522	795	1 400	2 529	2 497
Investigations not finalised	no.	128	452	978	488	795
Total investigations	no.	650	1 247	2 378	3 017	3 292
Notifications dealt with by other means (e)	no.	18	49	75	203	2 985
No investigation possible / no action (e)	no.	133	828	2 872	4 055	1 787
Total notifications	no.	801	2 124	5 325	7 275	8 064
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	27.5	14.6	11.8	16.7	15.8
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	37.7	22.8	14.5	18.1	15.1
Total finalised	%	65.2	37.4	26.3	34.8	31.0
Investigations not finalised	%	16.0	21.3	18.4	6.7	9.9
Total investigations	%	81.1	58.7	44.7	41.5	40.8
Notifications dealt with by other means (e)	%	2.2	2.3	1.4	2.8	37.0
No investigation possible / no action (e)	%	16.6	39.0	53.9	55.7	22.2
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
(a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, 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 'non-abuse' notifications relating to serious incompatibility or self damaging behaviour where advice 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.						
(d) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.						
(e) Fluctuations in numbers and proportions from 2004-05 to 2005-06 are due to changes in coding to distinguish between notifications not investigated and notifications dealt with by other means.						
.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.						

Source: AIHW *Child protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 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 (number) (a), (b)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	9	16	16	15	20
Had prior admissions to orders	5	13	3	12	17
Total children admitted	14	29	19	27	37
Children discharged from orders	10	8	12	17	15
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	87	78	107	122	146
Had prior admissions to orders	62	42	55	45	73
Total children admitted	150	120	162	167	219
Children discharged from orders	95	94	113	105	139
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	96	94	123	137	166
Had prior admissions to orders	67	55	58	57	90
Total children admitted	164	149	181	194	256
Children discharged from orders	105	102	125	122	154

(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.

(b) Children who had previously been on orders interstate, but not continuously, may be counted from 2005-06 as children on orders for the first time.

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.130.

Table 15A.90

Table 15A.90 Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (number)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	29	39	47	49	79
Finalised supervisory orders	2	—	—	2	7
Interim and temporary orders	1	9	6	19	14
Other/not stated	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children	32	48	53	70	100
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	184	182	233	284	330
Finalised supervisory orders	23	13	37	49	60
Interim and temporary orders	22	45	30	61	68
Other/not stated	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	229	240	300	394	458
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	213	221	280	333	409
Finalised supervisory orders	25	13	37	51	67
Interim and temporary orders	23	54	36	80	82
Other/not stated	—	—	—	—	—
Total all children	261	288	353	464	558

— Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 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)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	49	111	175	273	319
Non-Indigenous	635	1 372	2 541	3 157	3 780
All children	684	1 483	2 716	3 430	4 099
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	29.3	65.1	100.8	154.6	183.0
Non-Indigenous	8.8	19.1	35.9	45.2	54.4
All children	9.2	20.2	37.5	47.9	57.6
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	30	61	70	166	171
Non-Indigenous	433	601	773	1 486	1 407
All children	463	662	843	1 652	1 578
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	17.9	35.8	40.3	94.0	98.1
Non-Indigenous	6.0	8.4	10.9	21.3	20.3
All children	6.2	9.0	11.6	23.1	22.2
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	11	33	44	99	99
Non-Indigenous	191	230	441	758	754
All children	202	263	485	857	853
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	6.6	19.4	25.3	56.1	56.8
Non-Indigenous	2.6	3.2	6.2	10.9	10.9
All children	2.7	3.6	6.7	12.0	12.0
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	32	48	53	70	100
Non-Indigenous	229	240	300	394	458
All children	261	288	353	464	558
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	18.0	26.5	28.7	37.4	53.3
Non-Indigenous	2.9	3.2	4.0	5.3	6.2
All children	3.3	3.7	4.6	6.1	7.4

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)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
(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.					
(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.132.

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)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	27	48	58	60	82
Non-Indigenous	197	229	240	282	306
All children	224	277	298	342	388
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)					
Indigenous	15.2	26.5	31.4	32.0	43.7
Non-Indigenous	2.5	3.0	3.2	3.8	4.1
All children	2.8	3.6	3.9	4.5	5.1
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	48	66	81	101	115
Non-Indigenous	445	471	520	534	528
All children	493	537	601	635	643
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)					
Indigenous	27.3	36.8	44.3	54.3	62.6
Non-Indigenous	5.8	6.2	6.9	7.2	7.1
All children	6.2	6.9	7.8	8.3	8.5

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.136.

Table 15A.93

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Residential care	1	7	6	10	7
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	18	18	23	29	35
Relative/kinship care	7	22	29	21	39
Other home based care	–	1	–	–	–
Total home based	25	41	52	50	74
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	1
Other (incl. unknown)	1	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	27	48	58	60	82
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	20	30	20	46	36
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	120	120	128	141	162
Relative/kinship care	56	76	82	92	103
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	176	196	210	233	265
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	–	1	1	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	3	9	2	5
Total non-Indigenous children	197	229	240	282	306
All children					
Residential care	21	37	26	56	43
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	138	138	151	170	197
Relative/kinship care	63	98	111	113	142
Other home based care	–	1	–	–	–
Total home based	201	237	262	283	339
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	–	1	1	1
Other (incl. unknown)	1	3	9	2	5
Total all children	224	277	298	342	388

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.137.

Table 15A.94

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	26	47	52	60	81
Another type of order	1	1	1	–	–
Not on an order	–	–	5	–	1
Total Indigenous children	27	48	58	60	82
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	187	217	225	279	285
Another type of order	5	2	6	1	–
Not on an order	5	10	9	2	21
Total non-Indigenous children	197	229	240	282	306
All children					
Care and protection order	213	264	277	339	366
Another type of order	6	3	7	1	–
Not on an order	5	10	14	2	22
Total all children	224	277	298	342	388

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.138.

Table 15A.95

Table 15A.95 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 (number) (a), (b)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Respite	—	—	—	—	3
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	—	4	—	—	—
1 to less than 6 months	1	9	6	3	8
6 months to less than 1 year	4	8	7	9	15
1 to less than 2 years	1	7	20	14	14
2 to less than 5 years	8	7	13	21	25
5 years or more	13	13	12	13	17
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-respite	27	48	58	60	79
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children	27	48	58	60	82
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	2	3	4	—	14
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	9	22	6	8	3
1 to less than 6 months	25	43	31	35	41
6 months to less than 1 year	21	11	30	32	34
1 to less than 2 years	24	37	43	50	58
2 to less than 5 years	51	48	64	85	86
5 years or more	65	65	62	72	70
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-respite	195	226	236	282	292
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	197	229	240	282	306
All children					
Respite	2	3	4	—	17
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	9	26	6	8	3
1 to less than 6 months	26	52	37	38	49
6 months to less than 1 year	25	19	37	41	49
1 to less than 2 years	25	44	63	64	72
2 to less than 5 years	59	55	77	106	111
5 years or more	78	78	74	85	87
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-respite	222	274	294	342	371
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total all children	224	277	298	342	388

(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 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 (number) (a), (b)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.139.

Table 15A.96

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

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	6	—	3	9	5
6 months to less than 1 year	—	—	4	—	2
1 to less than 2 years	2	—	2	2	4
2 to less than 5 years	2	—	—	—	—
5 years or more	1	2	2	2	—
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children	11	2	11	13	11
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	25	21	70	74	53
6 months to less than 1 year	6	5	22	8	18
1 to less than 2 years	11	4	4	15	25
2 to less than 5 years	11	9	7	19	18
5 years or more	3	—	14	5	8
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	56	39	117	121	122
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	31	21	73	83	58
6 months to less than 1 year	6	5	26	8	20
1 to less than 2 years	13	4	6	17	29
2 to less than 5 years	13	9	7	19	18
5 years or more	4	2	16	7	8
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total all children	67	41	128	134	133

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.140.

Table 15A.97

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>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	7	22	29	21	39
Non-Indigenous	no.	56	76	82	92	103
All children	no.	63	98	111	113	142
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	25.9	45.8	50.0	35.0	47.6
Non-Indigenous	%	28.4	33.2	34.2	32.6	33.7
All children	%	28.1	35.4	37.2	33.0	36.6

(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.

(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); 2007 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)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	5	19	26	19	28
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	2	3	3	3	11
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	7	22	29	22	39
Other Indigenous carer	no.	12	5	5	14	17
Indigenous residential care	no.	1	–	1	2	1
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	13	5	6	16	18
Total children	no.	20	27	35	38	57
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	7	14	18	14	18
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	–	7	5	6	6
Total children	no.	7	21	23	20	24
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	–	–	2	1
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	27	48	58	60	82
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	18.5	39.6	44.8	32.8	34.6
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	7.4	6.3	5.2	5.2	13.6
Total placed with relative/kin	%	25.9	45.8	50.0	37.9	48.1
Other Indigenous carer	%	44.4	10.4	8.6	24.1	21.0
Indigenous residential care	%	3.7	–	1.7	3.4	1.2
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	48.1	10.4	10.3	27.6	22.2
Total children	%	74.1	56.3	60.3	65.5	70.4
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	25.9	29.2	31.0	24.1	22.2
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	–	14.6	8.6	10.3	7.4
Total children	%	25.9	43.8	39.7	34.5	29.6
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care 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.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 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>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	20	28	35	36	49
Non-Indigenous	no.	119	137	154	161	171
All children	no.	139	165	189	197	220
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	95.2	90.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous	%	98.3	93.8	98.7	98.2	96.6
All children	%	97.9	93.2	99.0	98.5	97.3

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.143.

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Table 15A.100

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	236	209	405	337	363
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	241	210	317	308	330
Total finalised	no.	477	419	722	645	693
Investigations not finalised	no.	2	89	38	108	132
Total investigations	no.	479	508	760	753	825
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	—	—	—
No investigation possible / no action	no.	316	347	473	466	929
Total notifications	no.	795	855	1 233	1 219	1 754
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	29.7	24.4	32.8	27.6	20.7
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	30.3	24.6	25.7	25.3	18.8
Total finalised	%	60.0	49.0	58.6	52.9	39.5
Investigations not finalised	%	0.3	10.4	3.1	8.9	7.5
Total investigations	%	60.3	59.4	61.6	61.8	47.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	—	—	—	—	—
No investigation possible / no action	%	39.7	40.6	38.4	38.2	53.0
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	113	118	122	136	117
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	234	208	167	222	201
Total finalised	no.	347	326	289	358	318
Investigations not finalised	no.	9	56	23	69	52
Total investigations	no.	356	382	312	427	370
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	—	—	—
No investigation possible / no action	no.	454	317	412	455	739
Total notifications	no.	810	699	724	882	1 109

Table 15A.100

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	14.0	16.9	16.9	15.4	10.6
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	28.9	29.8	23.1	25.2	18.1
Total finalised	%	42.8	46.6	39.9	40.6	28.7
Investigations not finalised	%	1.1	8.0	3.2	7.8	4.7
Total investigations	%	44.0	54.6	43.1	48.4	33.4
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	—	—	—	—	—
No investigation possible / no action	%	56.0	45.4	56.9	51.6	66.6
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	349	327	527	473	480
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	475	418	484	530	531
Total finalised	no.	824	745	1 011	1 003	1 011
Investigations not finalised	no.	11	145	61	177	184
Total investigations	no.	835	890	1 072	1 180	1 195
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	—	—	—
No investigation possible / no action	no.	770	664	885	921	1 668
Total notifications	no.	1 605	1 554	1 957	2 101	2 863
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	21.7	21.0	26.9	22.5	16.8
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	29.6	26.9	24.7	25.2	18.5
Total finalised	%	51.3	47.9	51.7	47.7	35.3
Investigations not finalised	%	0.7	9.3	3.1	8.4	6.4
Total investigations	%	52.0	57.3	54.8	56.2	41.7
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	—	—	—	—	—
No investigation possible / no action	%	48.0	42.7	45.2	43.8	58.3
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
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(b)	If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these were counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.					
(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'.					
(e)	'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.					
.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero						

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 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 (number) (a)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	na	na	na	171	125
Had prior admissions to orders	na	na	na	70	103
Total children admitted	159	197	250	241	228
Children discharged from orders	126	139	169	196	145
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	na	na	na	63	60
Had prior admissions to orders	na	na	na	52	43
Total children admitted	87	104	107	115	103
Children discharged from orders	81	75	104	105	66
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	na	na	na	234	185
Had prior admissions to orders	na	na	na	122	146
Total children admitted	246	301	357	356	331
Children discharged from orders	207	214	234	301	211

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.147.

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	112	155	206	187	276
Finalised supervisory orders	–	4	–	2	1
Interim and temporary orders	14	15	24	92	26
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	126	174	230	281	303
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	65	78	110	86	122
Finalised supervisory orders	1	1	–	3	–
Interim and temporary orders	2	21	5	44	12
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	68	100	115	133	134
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	177	233	316	273	398
Finalised supervisory orders	1	5	–	5	1
Interim and temporary orders	16	36	29	136	38
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	194	274	345	414	437

(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); 2007 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)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	668	738	1 052	1 032	1 396
Non-Indigenous	675	595	618	745	916
All children	1 343	1 333	1 670	1 777	2 312
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	29.3	32.2	45.5	44.4	59.9
Non-Indigenous	19.9	19.1	18.6	22.5	27.4
All children	23.7	24.6	29.6	31.5	40.7
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	437	379	656	611	653
Non-Indigenous	327	286	274	341	305
All children	764	665	930	952	958
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	19.2	16.5	28.4	26.3	28.0
Non-Indigenous	9.6	9.2	8.2	10.3	9.1
All children	13.5	12.3	16.5	16.9	16.9
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	222	198	375	319	354
Non-Indigenous	109	113	116	128	108
All children	331	311	491	447	462
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	9.7	8.6	16.2	13.7	15.2
Non-Indigenous	3.2	3.6	3.5	3.9	3.2
All children	5.8	5.7	8.7	7.9	8.1
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	126	174	230	281	303
Non-Indigenous	68	100	115	133	134
All children	194	274	345	414	437
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	5.2	7.2	9.4	11.4	12.2
Non-Indigenous	1.9	2.8	3.3	3.8	3.8
All children	3.2	4.6	5.8	7.0	7.3

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)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
(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.					
(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); 2007 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)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	105	142	175	218	247
Non-Indigenous	58	81	83	106	105
All children	163	223	258	324	352
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	4.4	5.9	7.2	8.9	10.0
Non-Indigenous	1.6	2.3	2.4	3.1	3.0
All children	2.7	3.8	4.3	5.5	5.9
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	199	258	338	346	371
Non-Indigenous	125	140	150	175	170
All children	324	398	488	521	541
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)					
Indigenous	8.3	10.7	13.9	14.1	15.1
Non-Indigenous	3.5	4.3	4.3	5.0	4.8
All children	5.4	7.0	8.2	8.8	9.1

- (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); 2007 Report, table 15A.153.

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Residential care	6	8	9	17	23
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	72	95	118	152	176
Relative/kinship care	22	34	44	45	44
Other home based care	—	—	—	—	1
Total home based	94	129	162	197	221
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	1	—	—	1
Other (incl. unknown)	4	4	4	4	2
Total Indigenous children	105	142	175	218	247
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	—	4	5	8	9
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	47	56	55	78	79
Relative/kinship care	7	12	16	12	13
Other home based care	—	—	—	—	—
Total home based	54	68	71	90	92
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	1	—	1	4
Other (incl. unknown)	3	8	7	7	—
Total non-Indigenous children	58	81	83	106	105
All children					
Residential care	6	12	14	25	32
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	119	151	173	230	255
Relative/kinship care	29	46	60	57	57
Other home based care	—	—	—	—	1
Total home based	148	197	233	287	313
Independent living (incl. private board)	2	2	—	1	5
Other (incl. unknown)	7	12	11	11	2
Total all children	163	223	258	324	352

(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 2002-2004.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.154.

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	105	142	175	218	247
Another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
Total Indigenous children	105	142	175	218	247
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	58	81	83	106	105
Another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
Total non-Indigenouns children	58	81	83	106	105
All children					
Care and protection order	163	223	258	324	352
Another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
Total all children	163	223	258	324	352

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.155.

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	7	5	6	20	22
1 to less than 6 months	11	15	28	47	46
6 months to less than 1 year	5	27	22	45	46
1 to less than 2 years	22	21	32	38	53
2 to less than 5 years	37	47	55	57	59
5 years or more	22	25	28	11	21
Not stated/unknown	1	2	4	—	—
Total non-respite	105	142	175	218	247
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children	105	142	175	218	247
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	—	12	—	16	8
1 to less than 6 months	1	5	11	38	42
6 months to less than 1 year	6	16	14	18	16
1 to less than 2 years	9	8	18	14	17
2 to less than 5 years	25	26	22	14	15
5 years or more	14	12	16	6	7
Not stated/unknown	3	2	2	—	—
Total non-respite	58	81	83	106	105
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	58	81	83	106	105
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	7	17	6	36	30
1 to less than 6 months	12	20	39	85	88
6 months to less than 1 year	11	43	36	63	62
1 to less than 2 years	31	29	50	52	70
2 to less than 5 years	62	73	77	71	74
5 years or more	36	37	44	17	28
Not stated/unknown	4	4	6	—	—
Total non-respite	163	223	258	324	352
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total all children	163	223	258	324	352

(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 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Northern Territory (number) (a), (b)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
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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); 2007 Report, table 15A.156.

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

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	15	18	36	14	20
6 months to less than 1 year	2	—	2	5	12
1 to less than 2 years	3	3	4	9	7
2 to less than 5 years	2	8	—	4	2
5 years or more	2	—	2	2	—
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children	24	29	44	34	41
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	7	5	8	7	6
6 months to less than 1 year	—	—	2	2	8
1 to less than 2 years	3	2	1	6	4
2 to less than 5 years	5	2	—	5	1
5 years or more	—	2	1	3	—
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children	15	11	12	23	19
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	22	23	44	21	26
6 months to less than 1 year	2	—	4	7	20
1 to less than 2 years	6	5	5	15	11
2 to less than 5 years	7	10	—	9	3
5 years or more	2	2	3	5	—
Not stated/unknown	—	—	—	—	—
Total all children	39	40	56	57	60

(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); 2007 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>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	22	34	44	45	44
Non-Indigenous	no.	7	12	16	12	13
All children	no.	29	46	60	57	57
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	21.0	23.9	25.1	20.6	17.8
Non-Indigenous	%	12.1	14.8	19.3	11.3	12.4
All children	%	17.8	20.6	23.3	17.6	16.2

(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); 2007 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)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	22	51	67	79	90
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	na	na	na	na	na
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	22	51	67	79	90
Other Indigenous carer	no.	54	43	53	71	67
Indigenous residential care	no.	—	—	—	—	—
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	54	43	53	71	67
Total children	no.	76	94	120	150	157
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	21	39	55	68	87
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	6	8	—	—	—
Total children	no.	27	47	55	68	87
Independent living/unknown	no.	2	1	—	—	3
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	105	142	175	218	247
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	21.4	36.2	38.3	36.2	36.9
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	na	na	na	na	na
Total placed with relative/kin	%	21.4	36.2	38.3	36.2	36.9
Other Indigenous carer	%	52.4	30.5	30.3	32.6	27.5
Indigenous residential care	%	—	—	—	—	—
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	52.4	30.5	30.3	32.6	27.5
Total children	%	73.8	66.7	68.6	68.8	64.3
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	20.4	27.7	31.4	31.2	35.7
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	5.8	5.7	—	—	—
Total children	%	26.2	33.3	31.4	31.2	35.7
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care 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) 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.
- (c) 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'.
- (d) For 2001-02 the number of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin may be under-numerated due to data entry error.

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)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
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na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.159.

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>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	83	105	131	160	183
Non-Indigenous	no.	38	45	44	69	67
All children	no.	121	150	175	229	250
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	93.3	92.1	92.9	95.2	94.8
Non-Indigenous	%	97.4	86.5	89.8	93.2	97.1
All children	%	94.5	90.4	92.1	94.6	95.4

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.160.

SAAP data

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										
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										
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
2005-06 (g)	%	17.3	6.9	23.9	43.0	18.2	10.9	9.2	65.4	21.4
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
2005-06 (g)	%	19.5	7.5	22.8	49.4	25.3	6.9	16.1	64.7	21.4

- (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 request 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 agencies.
- (d) 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 earlier 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 from 2004-05 onwards provide a direct comparison focusing on accommodation, therefore are not comparable to those in the previous years.
- (f) 2004-05 client data exclude 1583 records due to errors and omissions.
- (g) 2005-06 client data exclude 2298 records due to errors and omissions.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client and Demand for Accommodation Collections* (unpublished); 2007 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>
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 200	1 500	4 300	4 100	1 100	400	300	2 200	18 200
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	5 100	2 100	5 200	5 100	1 500	500	300	2 300	22 000
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	5 300	2 200	5 200	5 300	1 500	600	400	2 400	23 000
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	5 800	2 500	5 000	5 400	2 400	500	300	2 700	24 500
2005-06 (f), (g)										
Support plan	%	60.5	63.3	53.5	36.6	76.1	65.3	64.3	69.1	57.2
No support plan										
Client did not agree to support plan	%	10.3	10.3	11.2	16.1	5.1	7.9	6.3	5.0	10.5
Support period too short	%	27.0	24.6	33.7	47.1	18.2	26.0	28.0	26.0	31.2
Other	%	2.1	1.8	1.7	0.2	0.5	0.8	1.4	—	1.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	5 200	2 500	4 100	4 700	2 400	500	200	2 400	22 000

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

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

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- (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.
- (f) Data for 2005-06 includes analysis of closed support periods only and some categories have changed from earlier years. Data for years prior to 2005-06 included all support periods. Therefore data for 2005-06 are not comparable with data for previous years.
- (g) Data exclude 2 517 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished); 2007 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>
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	41.1	10.2	136.6	27.0	10.9	2.8	3.1	21.5	253.3
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	39.1	12.5	138.0	28.8	11.4	2.9	2.8	17.8	253.3
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	45.8	12.7	38.4	28.9	12.5	2.8	3.5	23.9	168.5
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	40.1	13.3	31.4	30.9	14.1	2.8	2.3	24.1	158.9
2005-06 (c)										
Provided only	%	81.8	72.0	86.6	90.2	75.7	82.8	73.0	77.8	82.1
Referred only	%	6.5	9.5	3.8	3.1	8.5	6.2	10.3	8.6	6.2
Provided & referred	%	7.2	11.3	5.9	2.9	9.6	7.5	12.4	11.8	7.5
Unmet	%	4.4	7.2	3.8	3.7	6.3	3.5	4.3	1.8	4.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	39.1	16.7	28.3	29.3	14.0	2.8	1.8	19.9	152.0

(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.

(c) Data for 2005-06 includes analysis of closed support periods only. Data for years prior to 2005-06 included all support periods. Therefore data for 2005-06 are not comparable with data for previous years.

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>
Source:	SAAP NDCA <i>Administrative Data and Client Collections</i> (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.176.									

Table 15A.115

Table 15A.115 Change in type of housing as a result of SAAP support, Indigenous clients (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>
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	3 000	1 200	4 200	2 900	900	300	200	1 500	14 200
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	2 900	1 500	3 800	3 500	1 000	300	200	1 500	14 700
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 300	1 600	3 700	4 000	1 000	300	200	1 600	16 900
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

Table 15A.115

Table 15A.115 Change in type of housing as a result of SAAP support, Indigenous clients (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>
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 300	1 800	3 300	4 400	1 400	300	200	1 800	17 500

2005-06 (h)

Type of tenure immediately before support period (i)

Non-independent housing										
SAAP/CAP crisis	%	9.5	10.3	10.8	4.3	3.4	12.7	10.2	3.5	8.0
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	1.4	4.6	2.3	1.6	2.0	1.8	6.5	1.6	2.3
Other SAAP/CAP	%	1.4	2.3	0.6	1.5	3.3	0.6	3.4	0.7	1.6
Institutional setting	%	3.1	2.3	1.8	1.7	6.2	1.9	11.4	3.1	3.1
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	6.2	7.4	9.0	1.7	11.0	10.8	6.7	10.3	7.5
Other (no tenure)	%	3.8	2.8	2.5	0.7	2.9	4.7	6.1	—	2.6
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	0.4	1.1	0.3	1.4	1.1	0.6	—	0.9	0.7
Private rental	%	19.9	20.2	22.1	12.8	9.9	14.7	8.0	6.5	16.3
Public housing rental	%	10.5	17.1	7.8	26.1	19.2	7.9	12.5	12.9	14.1
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	1.7	1.2	2.5	3.9	2.1	1.8	1.0	15.8	3.8
Rent free accommodation	%	8.0	5.7	12.2	6.7	8.1	8.0	15.2	24.4	10.3
Boarding	%	29.0	20.5	23.2	29.8	26.6	21.6	13.0	12.5	23.9
Other										
Don't know	%	5.1	4.4	4.9	7.9	4.3	12.6	6.2	7.8	5.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	1 600	900	800	600	600	200	100	700	5 300

Type of tenure immediately after support period (j)

Non-independent housing										
SAAP/CAP crisis	%	3.2	6.5	4.2	2.7	2.5	3.3	5.7	1.6	3.6
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	1.8	6.6	3.4	3.7	8.9	3.0	16.1	1.2	4.0
Other SAAP/CAP	%	1.3	3.7	1.1	1.9	0.7	1.2	—	0.7	1.5
Institutional setting	%	1.0	1.0	0.2	0.6	2.1	0.6	2.0	2.1	1.1

Table 15A.115

Table 15A.115 Change in type of housing as a result of SAAP support, Indigenous clients (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>
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	1.2	1.8	1.5	–	1.6	0.6	2.6	3.2	1.5
Other (no tenure)	%	1.9	0.1	1.1	0.4	0.5	0.6	2.6	–	0.9
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	0.2	1.0	0.2	0.5	0.4	–	–	–	0.3
Private rental	%	25.2	16.5	22.5	12.8	10.1	19.4	9.7	6.7	17.5
Public housing rental	%	13.7	25.1	9.4	26.1	20.7	17.0	21.9	16.6	17.8
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	4.4	2.8	7.8	2.8	2.3	0.7	1.0	7.3	4.4
Rent free accommodation	%	3.2	4.2	7.1	2.4	2.2	3.2	8.0	14.9	5.3
Boarding	%	15.1	12.0	13.3	18.7	12.2	7.8	5.7	7.4	13.0
Other										
No information provided	%	12.5	9.3	14.9	12.7	21.8	14.9	13.2	32.1	15.9
Don't know	%	15.4	9.5	13.4	14.6	14.1	27.6	11.4	6.1	13.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	1 600	900	700	600	600	200	100	700	5 200

(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 7259 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(g) Data exclude 7724 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(h) Data for 2005-06 is based on the housing outcomes for only closed support periods for those SAAP clients who needed assistance with maintaining or obtaining independent housing or accommodation. Earlier years' data are in relation to all support periods. In addition, 2005-06 data have different categories to previous years. Therefore data for 2005-06 are not comparable with previous years.

(i) Data exclude 79 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(j) Data exclude 142 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.184.

Table 15A.116

Table 15A.116 **Change in labour force status of 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>
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	1 000	400	700	800	200	100	100	600	3 900
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
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	1 000	500	800	900	200	100	100	500	4 100
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

Table 15A.116

Table 15A.116 **Change in labour force status of 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	%	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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	1 100	400	900	800	200	100	100	700	4 200
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	1 200	400	900	600	300	100	100	600	4 300
2005-06 (g)										
Before SAAP Support (h)										
Employed full time	%	2.5	—	2.8	8.4	2.3	—	—	—	2.5
Employed part time	%	2.7	2.8	6.4	11.4	1.2	—	21.9	6.8	4.9
Unemployed	%	41.6	31.5	41.5	27.2	42.3	31.3	36.2	41.3	38.0
Not in labour force	%	53.3	65.7	47.5	51.1	47.3	68.7	37.1	50.3	53.3
Don't know	%	—	—	1.7	1.9	6.8	—	4.8	1.6	1.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	400	200	200	100	100	—	—	100	1 200
After SAAP Support (i)										
Employed full time	%	4.7	—	5.3	11.1	1.3	—	9.9	6.1	4.5
Employed part time	%	10.6	6.9	7.5	13.9	6.0	4.7	12.0	9.9	9.3
Unemployed	%	35.9	24.8	34.5	11.6	38.0	27.2	17.1	22.4	29.7
Not in labour force	%	40.7	43.6	46.0	45.7	35.0	47.1	46.1	50.4	43.1
No information provided	%	3.1	5.9	3.8	11.3	11.7	12.0	—	4.8	5.7

Table 15A.116 Change in labour force status of 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>
Don't know	%	5.0	18.7	3.0	6.4	8.0	9.1	14.9	6.4	7.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	400	200	200	100	100	–	–	100	1 100

- (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 prior to 2005-06 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 4026 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (f) Data exclude 3212 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (g) Data for 2005-06 reflects the employment status before and after SAAP support for all clients with closed support periods who needed assistance with employment or training. In addition, data for 2005-06 have some different categories to previous years. Therefore data for 2005-06 are not comparable to previous years.
- (h) Data exclude 21 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (i) Data exclude 40 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished); 2007 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>
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 000	1 400	4 100	2 800	1 100	300	200	1 600	15 400
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 200	1 700	4 500	3 300	1 400	400	200	1 700	16 500
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 200	1 500	3 900	3 200	1 500	400	200	1 800	15 900
2004-05										
Total number of support periods										
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 000	1 600	3 700	3 300	1 600	400	200	1 800	15 900

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>
2005-06										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	79.3	74.3	77.9	69.9	69.2	69.2	80.0	76.2	75.1
2	%	11.8	13.6	13.8	16.4	15.6	15.2	9.6	15.1	14.1
3	%	4.4	4.3	4.1	7.2	7.2	9.4	5.2	4.6	5.3
4	%	1.7	2.7	1.9	2.8	3.9	2.7	2.2	2.4	2.4
5	%	1.0	1.5	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.2
6+	%	1.8	3.6	1.2	2.2	2.8	2.4	2.2	0.9	2.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 300	1 800	3 600	3 200	1 800	400	200	1 800	17 100
Proportion of SAAP clients who return to SAAP within 12 months that is, clients having two or more support periods in 12 months										
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
2005-06	%	20.7	25.7	22.1	30.0	30.9	30.9	19.9	23.8	25.0

(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); 2007 Report, table 15A.189.

Table 15A.118 Source of income immediately 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										
2004-05 (b)										
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	600	200	700	400	200	50	100	200	2 400
2005-06 (c), (d)										
No income	%	22.5	19.7	16.1	6.8	13.3	28.4	3.6	10.3	16.1
Awaiting benefit	%	4.0	4.9	1.4	0.4	0.5	5.4	3.9	3.3	2.6
Government pension/allowance	%	68.8	73.9	76.2	88.7	82.5	63.9	88.6	81.8	76.9
Other	%	3.7	0.9	5.8	3.5	1.6	2.3	3.9	3.0	3.5
Don't know	%	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.7	2.1	–	–	1.6	0.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	600	300	500	300	200	–	–	200	2 300
Source of income after SAAP support										
2004-05 (e)										
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
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	500	200	400	300	200	50	50	200	2 000
2005-06 (c), (f)										
No income	%	6.1	2.0	8.3	4.2	1.0	14.4	11.4	2.2	5.0
Awaiting benefit	%	4.5	10.8	3.1	–	0.7	–	–	3.8	3.7
Government pension/allowance	%	80.7	81.1	77.3	86.1	81.8	77.8	80.5	84.1	81.3
Other	%	4.1	1.4	3.0	2.9	0.5	2.4	3.9	4.5	3.0
No information provided	%	2.4	1.9	5.8	4.3	9.0	–	4.2	3.2	4.1
Don't know	%	2.3	2.8	2.5	2.5	7.1	5.4	–	2.2	3.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	600	300	400	300	200	–	–	200	2 200

Table 15A.118 Source of income immediately 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>
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- (a) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.
- (b) 52 cases were excluded due to errors and omissions.
- (c) For 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2004-05 and 2005-06.
- (d) 52 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.
- (e) 428 cases were excluded due to errors and omissions.
- (f) 108 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.
- Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client and Administrative Data Collections* (unpublished); 2007 Report, table 15A.192.