
16 Child protection services

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This chapter reports on the performance of child protection services across Australia.

Further information on the Report on Government Services including other reported service areas, the glossary and list of abbreviations is available at www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services.

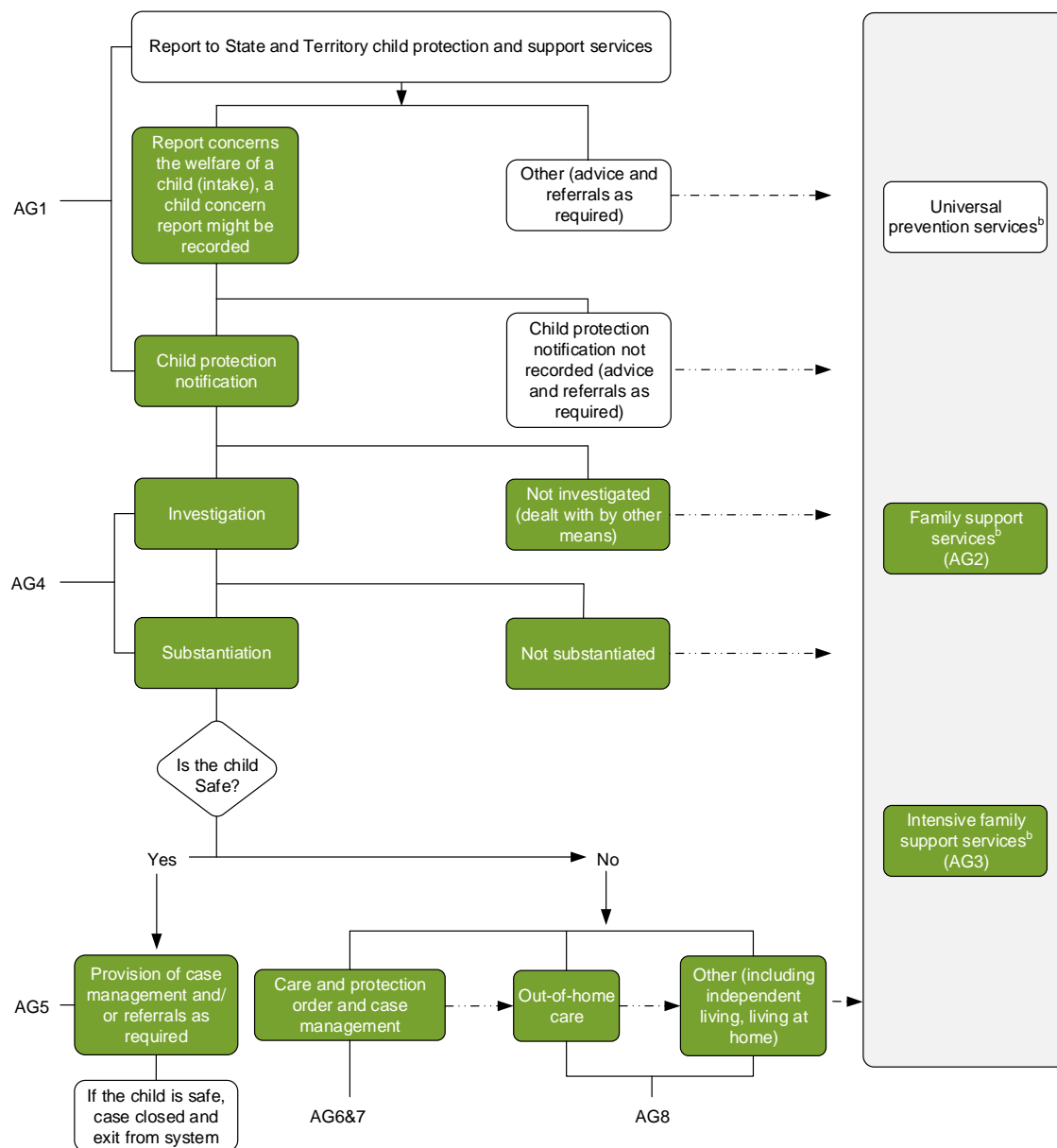
16.1 Profile of child protection services

Service overview

Child protection services provide supports and interventions to promote child and family wellbeing, and to protect children and young people aged 0–17 years who are at risk of abuse and neglect within their families, or whose families do not have the capacity to provide care and protection.

Figure 16.1 is a simplified representation of the child protection services system, depicting common pathways through the system and referrals to support services.

Figure 16.1 The child protection services system^{a, b, c, d}



^a Dashed lines indicate that clients may or may not receive these services, depending on need, service availability, and client willingness to participate in voluntary services. ^b Support services include family preservation and reunification services provided by government and other agencies. Children and families move in and out of these services, and might also receive protective intervention services while receiving support services. ^c Green shading indicates data are reported. ^d AG = Activity Group. See section 16.4 for detailed definitions.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Roles and responsibilities

State and Territory governments have responsibility for funding and/or providing child protection services in Australia. Each jurisdiction has its own legislation that determines the policies and practices of its child protection system, and while this legislation varies in detail, its intent is similar across jurisdictions.

Other government service systems can have a role in child protection, including:

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

This chapter reports on services provided by State and Territory governments to promote family wellbeing and to protect children, specifically: family support services; intensive family support services; protective intervention services and out-of-home care services (see section 16.4 for definitions).

Size and scope

Nationally, the following number of children aged 0–17 years received protective intervention services and out-of-home care services during 2017–18 (also reported as a rate per 1000 children in the population) (tables 16A.1–3):

- 245 382 children were the subject of *notifications*; 44.7 notifications per 1000 children
- excluding NSW, 65 768 children were the subject of a *finalised investigation*; 17.5 finalised investigations per 1000 children
- excluding NSW, 32 031 children were the subject of a *substantiation*; 8.5 substantiations per 1000 children
- 56 412 children were on *care and protection orders*; 10.2 children on care and protection orders per 1000 children
- 45 756 children were in *out-of-home care* at 30 June 2018; 8.3 children in out-of-home care per 1000 children. There were 11 178 children admitted to care in Australia during 2017–18 and 10 226 discharged from care.

Children can be the subject of more than one notification, investigation and substantiation (table 16A.4) and around one in four children admitted to a care and protection order has

been admitted to such orders before, though this proportion varies across states and territories (table 16A.5). The majority of children in out-of-home care are on care and protection orders (table 16A.6).

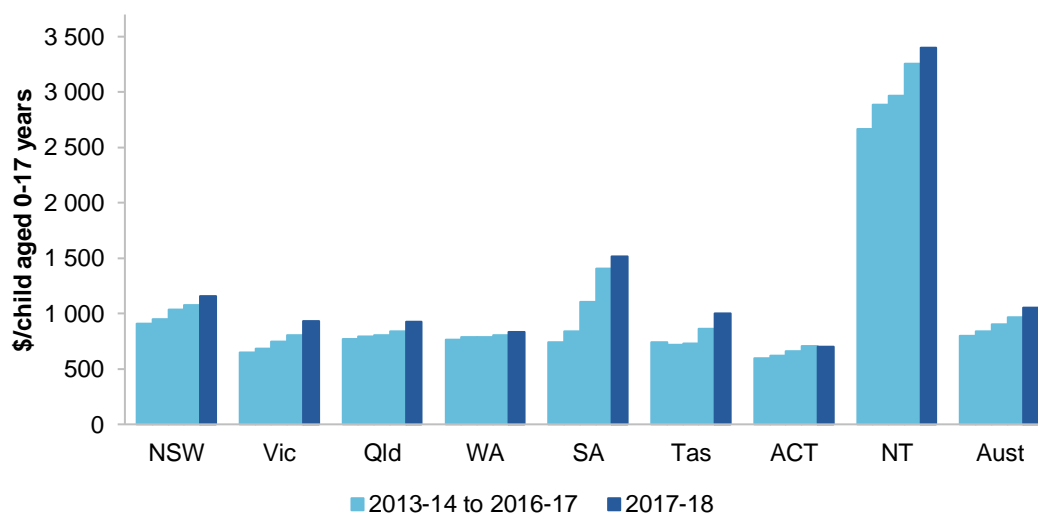
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are overrepresented in the child protection system (tables 16A.1–3). For further details see the performance indicator ‘Disproportionality’ in section 16.3.

Funding

Total recurrent expenditure on family support services, intensive family support services, protective intervention services and out-of-home care services was \$5.8 billion nationally in 2017-18 (a real increase of 10.3 per cent from 2016-17) of which out-of-home care services accounted for the majority (58.5 per cent, or \$3.4 billion) (table 16A.7).

In 2017-18, real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services per child aged 0–17 years in the population was \$1055 nationally (figure 16.2).

Figure 16.2 **Total real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services, per child (2017-18 dollars)^a**



^a See table 16A.7 for detailed footnotes and caveats.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 16A.7.

Differences across jurisdictions in the calculation of child protection expenditure are listed in table 16A.8.

16.2 Framework of performance indicators

The framework of performance indicators for child protection services is based on shared government objectives (box 16.1).

Box 16.1 Objectives for child protection services

Child protection services aim to promote child and family wellbeing by:

- enabling families to care for, and protect, children and young people
- protecting children and young people who are at risk of abuse and neglect within their families or whose families do not have the capacity to provide care and protection
- supporting children and young people in the child protection system to reach their potential.

To achieve these aims, governments seek to provide child protection services that:

- are responsive, ensuring that notifications are responded to, and investigations are completed, in a timely and appropriate manner
- are targeted to children and young people who are at greatest risk
- support and strengthen families so that children can live in a safe and stable family environment
- provide quality care for children and young people aged 0–17 years who cannot live with their parents for reasons of safety or family crisis, with an emphasis on safety, stability and permanency in children's living arrangements
- meet the needs of individual children and young people in the child protection system.

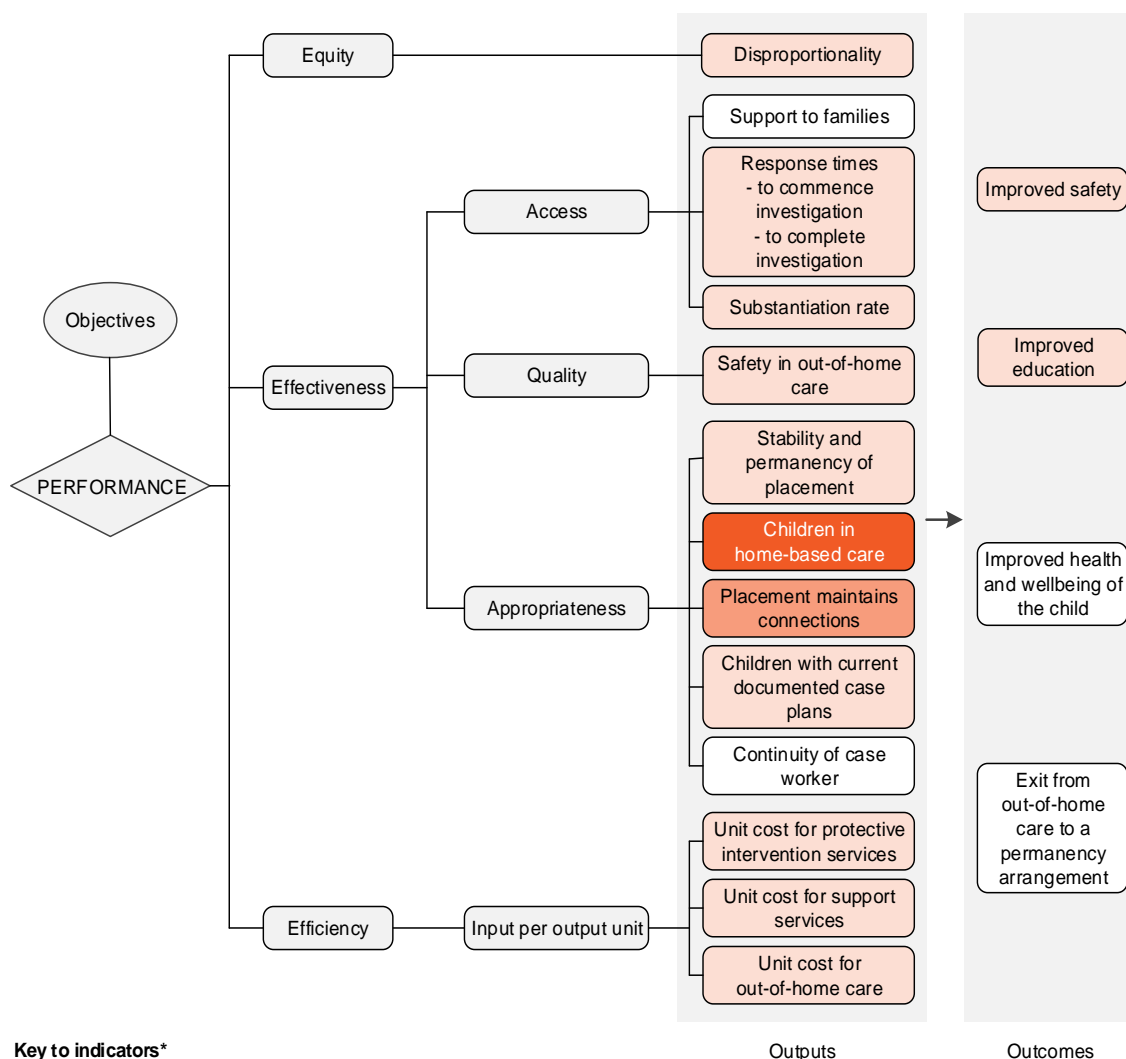
Governments aim for child protection services to meet these objectives in an equitable and efficient manner.

The performance indicator framework provides information on equity, efficiency and effectiveness, and distinguishes the outputs and outcomes of child protection services (figure 16.3).

The performance indicator framework shows which data are complete and comparable in the 2019 Report. For data that are not directly comparable, text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary. Chapter 1 discusses data comparability, data completeness and information on data quality from a Report-wide perspective. In addition to section 16.1, the Report's statistical context chapter (chapter 2) contains data that may assist in interpreting the performance indicators presented in this chapter. Chapters 1 and 2 are available from the website at www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services.

Improvements to performance reporting for child protection services are ongoing and include identifying data sources to fill gaps in reporting for performance indicators and measures, and improving the comparability and completeness of data.

Figure 16.3 Child protection services performance indicator framework



Key to indicators*

- Text Most recent data for all measures are comparable and complete
- Text Most recent data for at least one measure are comparable and complete
- Text Most recent data for all measures are either not comparable and/or not complete
- Text No data reported and/or no measures yet developed

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

16.3 Key performance indicator results

Different delivery contexts, locations and clients can affect the equity, effectiveness and efficiency of child protection services. Performance indicator results may differ from similar data included in jurisdictions’ annual reports due to different counting rules applied for jurisdictional reports.

The comparability of performance indicator results are shaded in indicator interpretation boxes, figures and chapter and attachment tables as follows:



Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.

Data are either not comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time or are not comparable across jurisdictions or both.

The completeness of performance indicator results are shaded in indicator interpretation boxes, figures and chapter and attachment tables as follows:



Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required data are available for all jurisdictions.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period. At least some data were not available.

Outputs

Outputs are the services delivered (while outcomes are the impact of these services on the status of an individual or group) (see chapter 1). Output information is also critical for equitable, efficient and effective management of government services.

Equity

Disproportionality

‘Disproportionality’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide child protection services in an equitable manner (box 16.2).

Box 16.2 Disproportionality

‘Disproportionality’ is defined as the extent to which a group’s representation in the child protection services system is proportionate to their representation in the child protection services target population (0–17 years). Disproportionality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children is calculated by dividing the proportion of children in the child protection system who are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children by the proportion of children in the target population who are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

The disproportionality ratio is calculated as follows:

$$\left[\text{Ratio} = \left(\frac{\text{Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the child protection system}}{\text{All children in the child protection system}} \right) / \left(\frac{\text{Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the target population (0-17 years)}}{\text{All children in the target population (0-17 years)}} \right) \right]$$

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Box 16.2 (continued)

If the group's representation is proportionate to their representation in the target population, the disproportionality ratio will equal 1.0. For example, if five per cent of all children in the child protection system are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and five per cent of all children in the target population (0–17 years) are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, then the disproportionality ratio will be 1.0.

This measure comprises six ratios for components of the child protection services system (see figure 16.1 for a simplified representation of the components):

- notifications
- commencing intensive family support services
- investigations
- substantiations
- care and protection orders
- out-of-home care.

Disproportionality provides an indication of the extent to which government's child protection policies and practices result in differences in the supports and services delivered based on a group's characteristics. A group's representation should be proportional to their need for supports and services. Higher need may result in necessary disproportionality (that is, a ratio greater than 1.0). If risk factors and need are the same across groups, then neither overrepresentation or underrepresentation is desirable (that is, the disproportionality ratio should be 1.0). Both overrepresentation and underrepresentation can have undesirable consequences.

Disproportionality can reflect the uneven distribution of structural and relative disadvantage throughout the population, in addition to risk factors including economic and social factors, and can indicate a greater need for appropriate supports and services. At the same time, disproportionality can reflect biases in the system that should be avoided.

The six disproportionality ratios might fluctuate because of policy, funding and/or practice changes, such as increased investment in intensive family support and services to divert children from care, better targeting of investigative resources and the introduction of mandatory reporting. Increased community awareness and willingness to notify suspected instances of child abuse, neglect or harm can also influence these ratios.

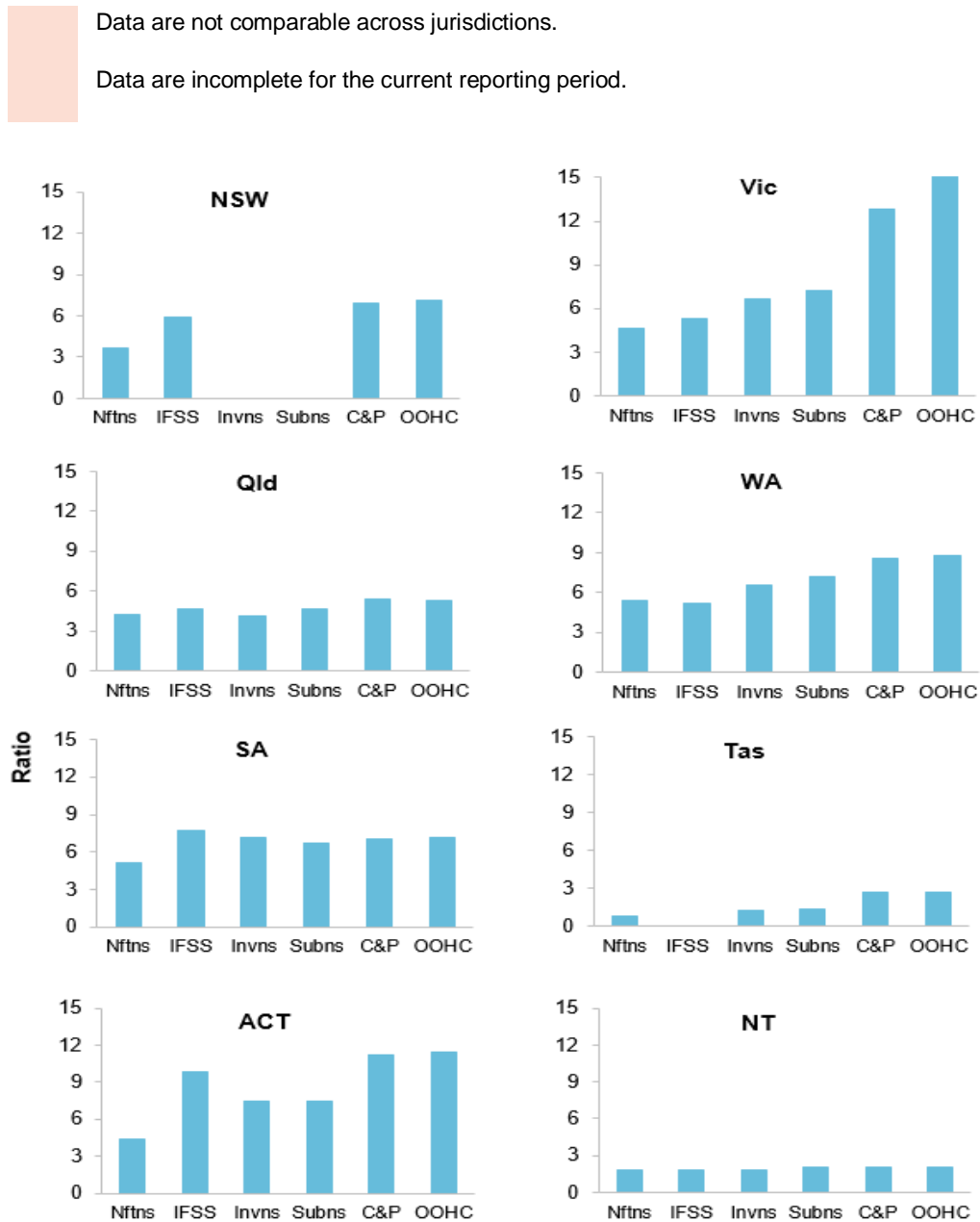
Identification of Indigenous status may lead to data quality issues for this indicator, in particular underidentification of Indigenous status is likely to result in disproportionality ratios understating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's representation in the child protection system. The disproportionality ratios should be considered in conjunction with data on the proportion of children for whom Indigenous status is not stated, which varies across states and territories (refer to tables 16A.1–3; 16A.32 and 16A.38).

Data reported for this indicator are:

- not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time (see caveats in attachment tables)
- incomplete for the current reporting period. All required data for investigations and substantiations are not available for NSW. All required data for intensive family support services are not available for Tasmania.

The 2017-18 disproportionality ratios for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children vary within jurisdictions across each of the six service types (figure 16.4 and table 16A.9).

Figure 16.4 Disproportionality ratios for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children receiving child protection services, by service type, 2017-18^{a, b, c}



Nftns: Notifications; **IFSS:** Intensive Family Support Services (children commencing); **Invns:** Investigations (finalised); **Subns:** Substantiations; **C&P:** Care and Protection Orders; **OOHC:** Out-of-home care.
^a Investigations and substantiations data are not available for NSW. IFSS data by Indigenous status are not available for Tasmania. ^b See box 16.2 and table 16A.9 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); tables 16A.9.

Effectiveness

Support to families

‘Support to families’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to support and strengthen families so that children can live in a safe and stable family environment (box 16.3).

Box 16.3 Support to families

‘Support to families’ is defined as the proportion of families identified as requiring support who receive support.

A high or increasing proportion of families who have been identified as requiring support and who receive support is desirable.

Data are not yet available for reporting against this indicator.

Response times

‘Response times’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide child protection services that are responsive, ensuring that notifications are responded to, and investigations are completed, in a timely and appropriate manner (box 16.4).

Box 16.4 Response times

'Response times' is defined by two measures:

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

A higher and increasing proportion of investigations commenced and completed in shorter periods is desirable.

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

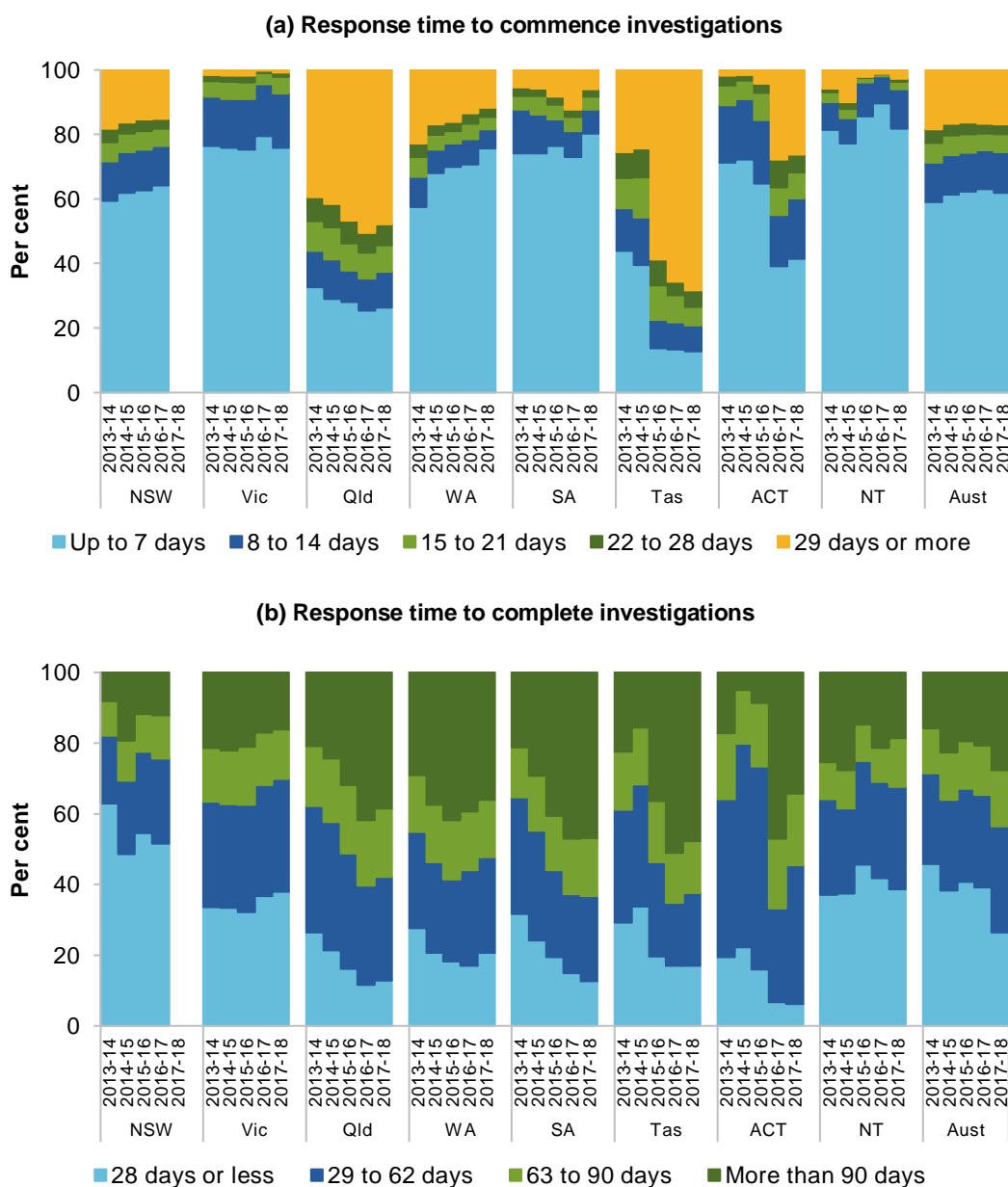
Data reported for these measures are:

- not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within some jurisdictions over time
- incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are not available for NSW.

Response times to commence and complete investigations varied across jurisdictions in 2017-18. Nationally (excluding NSW), 61.9 per cent of investigations were commenced within seven days of notification (figure 16.5(a)) and 26.4 per cent of investigations were completed in 28 days or fewer — more than one in four investigations (27.6 per cent) took longer than 90 days to complete (figure 16.5(b), tables 16A.10–11).

Figure 16.5 Proportion of investigations commenced and completed, by time taken, 2017-18^{a, b}

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.
 Data are incomplete for the current reporting period.



^a See box 16.4 and tables 16A.10–11 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. ^b Data were not available for NSW for 2017-18.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); tables 16A.10–11.

Substantiation rate

‘Substantiation rate’ is an indicator of governments’ objective that child protection services are targeted to children and young people who are at greatest risk (box 16.5).

Box 16.5 Substantiation rate

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

The substantiation rate provides an indication of the extent to which services are targeted to those at greatest risk, thereby avoiding the human and financial costs of an investigation where no abuse or neglect had occurred or was at risk of occurring.

Neither a very high nor very low substantiation rate is desirable. A very low substantiation rate might indicate that investigations are not targeted to appropriate cases. A very high substantiation rate might indicate that the criteria for substantiation are unnecessarily bringing ‘lower risk’ families into the statutory system.

The substantiation rate might fluctuate because of policy, funding and practice changes. For example, targeting investigative resources to more serious cases may mean investigations are more likely to result in substantiation, and there are varying thresholds for recording a substantiation. Mandatory reporting, increased community awareness and willingness to notify suspected instances of child abuse, neglect or harm may also affect the substantiation rate.

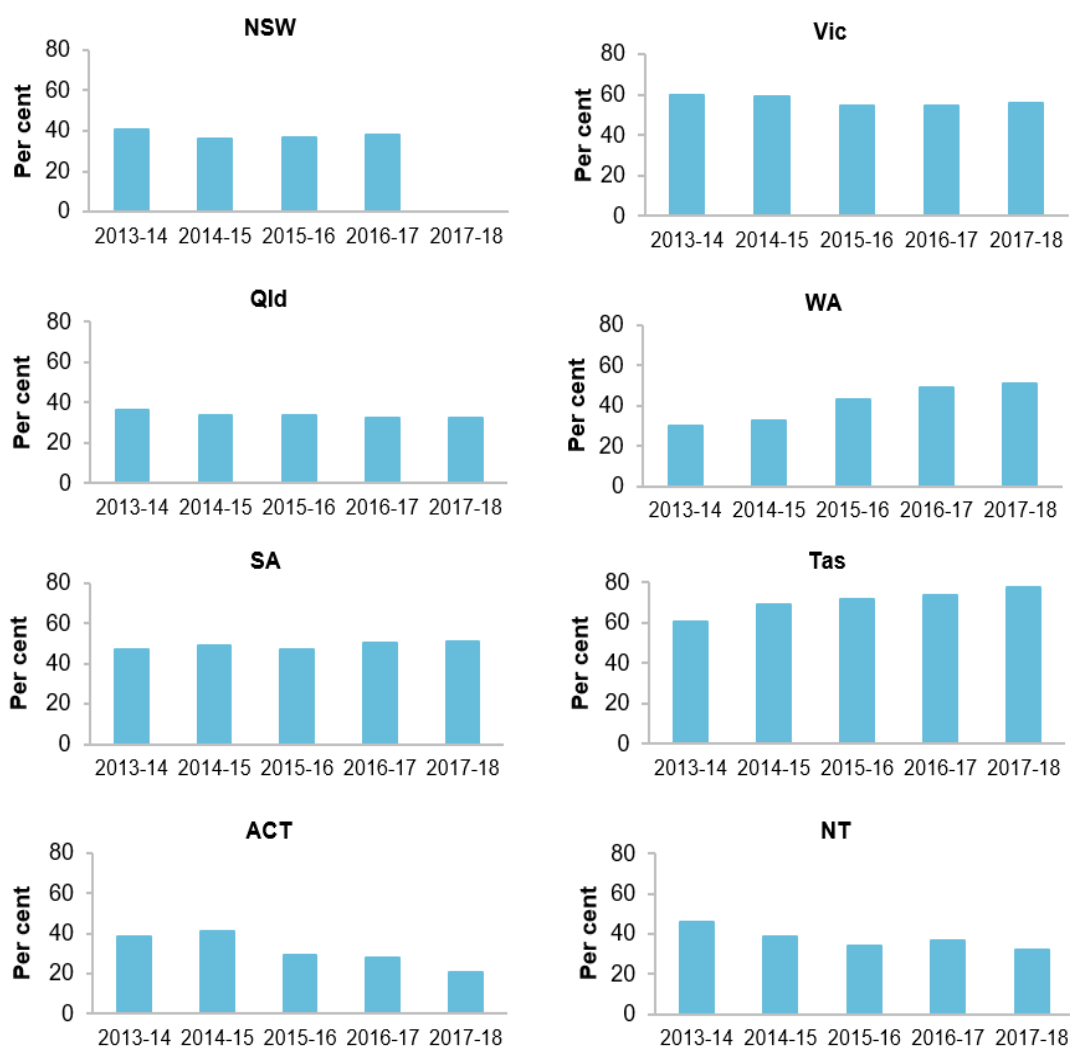
Data reported for this indicator are:

- not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within some jurisdictions over time
- incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are not available for NSW.

The proportion of finalised investigations where abuse or neglect, or risk of abuse or neglect was substantiated varied across jurisdictions and over time (figure 16.6 and table 16A.12).

Figure 16.6 Proportion of finalised investigations that were substantiated^{a, b}

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.
 Data are incomplete for the current reporting period.



^a See box 16.5 and table 16A.12 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. ^b Data for NSW were not available for 2017-18.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 16A.12.

Safety in out-of-home care

‘Safety in out-of-home care’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide quality care for children and young people aged 0–17 years who cannot live with their parents for

reasons of safety or family crisis, with an emphasis on safety, stability and permanency in children’s living arrangements (box 16.6).

Box 16.6 Safety in out-of-home care

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

- the proportion of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect (data for this measure are experimental)
- the proportion of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect where the person responsible was living in the household providing out-of-home care.

For the first measure, the person responsible can be anyone who encounters the child while the child is in out-of-home care (that is, not limited to a person living in the household). For the second measure, the person responsible is limited to someone in the household providing out-of-home care.

A low or decreasing proportion of substantiations for both measures is desirable. Care should be taken when interpreting these data as the threshold for substantiating abuse or neglect or risk involving a child in care is generally lower than that for a child in the care of his or her own parents. This is because governments assume a greater duty of care for children removed from the care of their parents for protective reasons.

Data reported for this indicator should be interpreted with caution. Jurisdictions employ different data systems and record keeping methods, which vary in scope (for example, whether data are collected on all, or only particular, out-of-home care settings) and detail collected (for example, whether the perpetrator is recorded and whether an incident resulted in a substantiation or equivalent). These differences affect the comparability of these data across jurisdictions.

Data reported for these measures are:

- not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within some jurisdictions over time
- incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are not available for Victoria (who did not provide data for the first measure), and Queensland, Tasmania and the NT (who did not provide data for the second measure).

The proportion of children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation of abuse or neglect was less than 6 per cent across all jurisdictions for whom data were available (table 16A.13). The proportion where the person responsible was living in the household was less than 4 per cent across all jurisdictions for whom data were available (table 16A.14).

Stability and permanency of placement

‘Stability and permanency of placement’ is a partial indicator of governments’ objective to provide quality care for children and young people aged 0–17 years who cannot live with

their parents for reasons of safety or family crisis, with an emphasis on safety, stability and permanency in children’s living arrangements (box 16.7).

Box 16.7 Stability and permanency of placement

‘Stability and permanency of placement’ is defined as the proportion of children who had one or two placements during a period of continuous out-of-home care, by length of care (less than 12 months, and 12 months or more).

A high proportion of children who had one or two placements per period of care is desirable, but must be considered in conjunction with other placement indicators.

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



Data are only for children who were on orders and who exited care during the reporting period. There are limitations to counting placement stability and permanency using a cohort of children on exit from care rather than longitudinally tracking a cohort of children on their entry into care. An exit cohort is biased to children who stay a relatively short time in care and thus are more likely to have experienced fewer placements. From the 2014-15 period onwards, the counting rules for this indicator were modified to exclude placements lasting less than seven days. In addition, the data do not distinguish between long and short-term orders. Long-term orders can indicate legal permanency of placement, though a child may still experience multiple placements while subject to a long-term order.

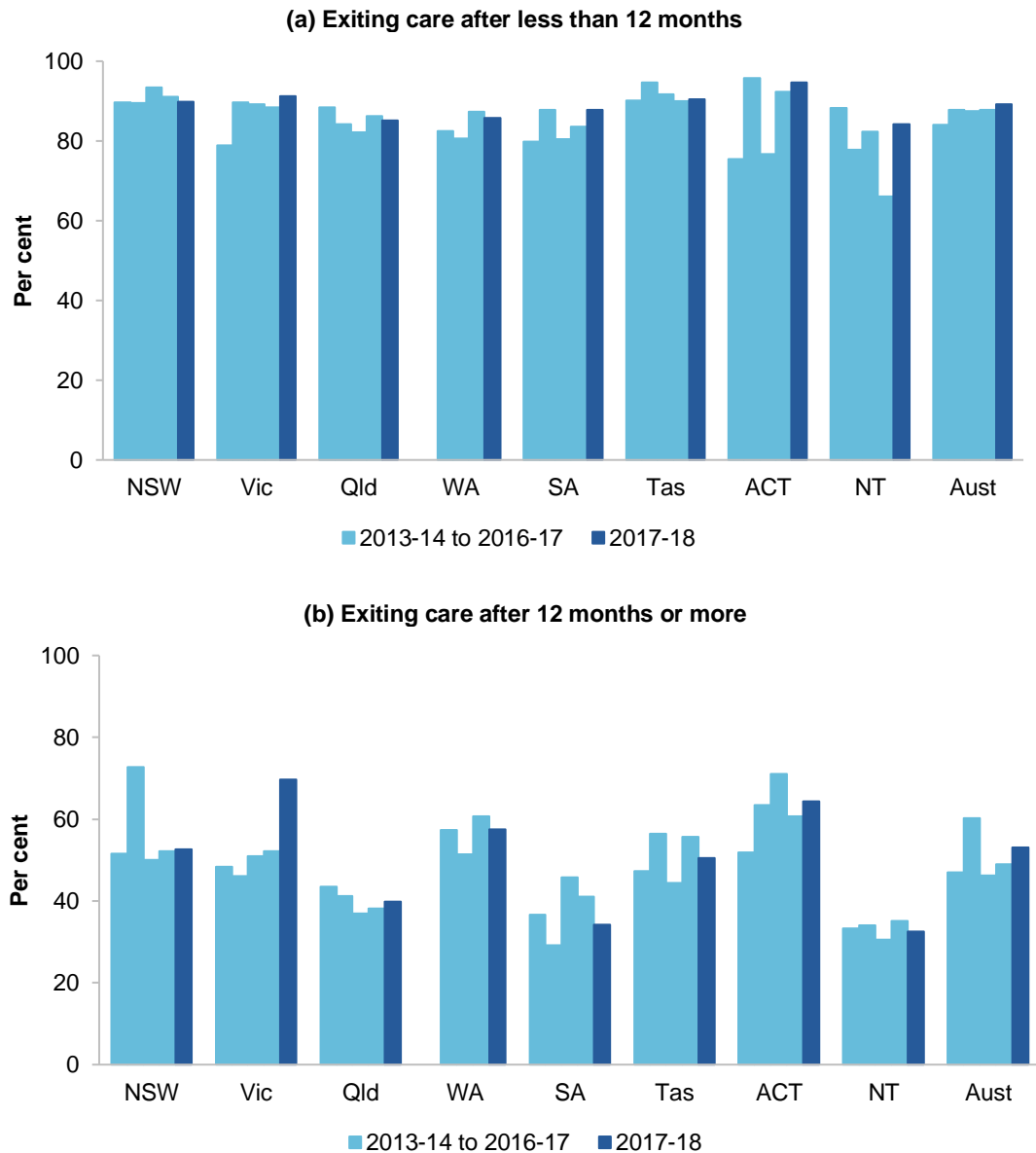
Data reported for this indicator are:

- not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within some jurisdictions over time
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Nationally in 2017-18, 89.2 per cent of children on a care and protection order who exited care within 12 months experienced one or two placements (figure 16.7(a)), while for children who had been in out-of-home care 12 months or more this proportion was lower at 53.1 per cent (figure 16.7(b)) (table 16A.15). To assist with the interpretation of this indicator, table 16A.16 details the length of time children spent in continuous out-of-home care for all children in out-of-home care, while table 16A.17 details the length of time in continuous out-of-home care for children who exited out-of-home care.

Figure 16.7 **Proportion of children on an order exiting care who had one or two placements^{a, b}**

 Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.
 Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.



^a See box 16.7 and table 16A.15 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. ^b Data were not available for WA for 2013-14.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 16A.15.

Children in home-based care

‘Children in home-based care’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide services that meet the needs of individual children and young people in the child protection system (box 16.8).

Box 16.8 Children in home-based care

‘Children in home-based care’ is defined as the proportion of children in out-of-home care who are in home-based care.

A high or increasing proportion of children in out-of-home care who are placed in home-based care is desirable.

Placing children in home-based care is generally considered to be in their best interests, particularly for younger children. Children will generally make better developmental progress in family settings than in residential or institutional care environments.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required data for 30 June 2018 are available.

Nationally at 30 June 2018, 93.1 per cent of children in care were in home-based care — 97.4 per cent for children aged less than 12 years, and 84.7 per cent for children aged 12–17 years (table 16A.18). Proportions were similar for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous children, and have been consistent across available time series data. To assist with the interpretation of this indicator, table 16A.19 details the type of out-of-home care placement for children, by Indigenous status.

Placement maintains connections

‘Placement maintains connections’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide services that meet the needs of individual children and young people in the child protection system (box 16.9).

Box 16.9 Placement maintains connections

'Placement maintains connections' is defined by four measures:

- *placement with relatives or kin* – the proportion of all children in out-of-home care who are placed with relatives or kin who receive government financial assistance to care for that child
- *placement in accordance with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child placement principle* – the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care who are placed with the child's extended family, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community or other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- *local placement* – the proportion of children in out-of-home care attending the same school that they attended before entering out-of-home care
- *placement with sibling* – the proportion of children who are on orders and in out-of-home care at 30 June who have siblings also on orders and in out-of-home care, who are placed with at least one of their siblings.

High or increasing rates for all four measures are desirable, though a placement decision needs to consider all factors regarding the child's safety and wellbeing and therefore may involve weighing up the measures separately. Placing children so that connections with family, kin and/or community can be maintained or enhanced is generally the preferred out-of-home care placement option due to the increased continuity, familiarity and stability for the child, and the association with improved long-term outcomes. However, placements with family, kin and/or community may not always be the best option.

The measure 'placement in accordance with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child placement principle' should be interpreted with care as it is a proxy, reporting the placement outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children rather than compliance with the principle.

Identification of Indigenous status may lead to data quality issues for this indicator, in particular high rates of Indigenous status not stated are likely to affect the results.

Data for the measures 'local placement' and 'placement with sibling' are under development and are not available for this report.

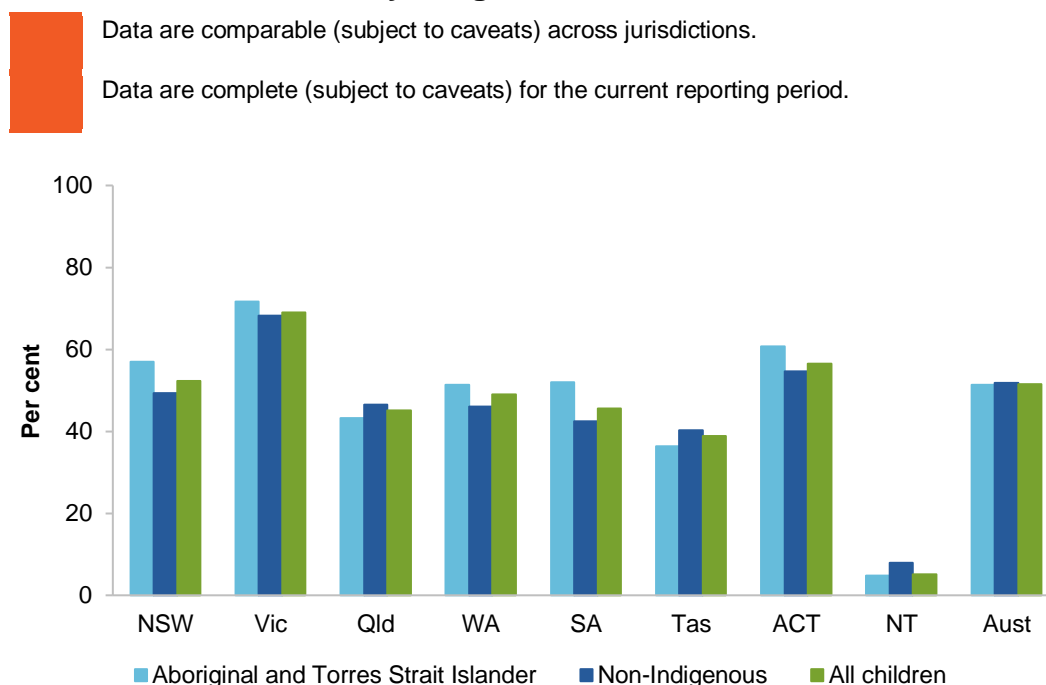
Data reported for the 'placement with relatives or kin' and 'placement in accordance with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child placement principle' measures are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time
- complete for the current reporting period. All required data for 30 June 2018 are available for all jurisdictions.

Nationally at 30 June 2018, the proportion of children placed with relatives or kin was 51.5 per cent, with the proportion similar for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (51.4 per cent) and non-Indigenous children (51.8 per cent) (figure 16.8).

The proportion of all children placed with relatives or kin increased 6.1 percentage points between 30 June 2009 and 30 June 2018, but has decreased 2.0 percentage points over the same period for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (table 16A.20).

Figure 16.8 Proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, at 30 June 2018^a



^a See box 16.9 and table 16A.20 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 16A.20.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child placement principle comprises five domains; prevention, partnership, placement, participation and connection (SNAICC 2013; DSS 2015). The placement domain specifies the following priorities:

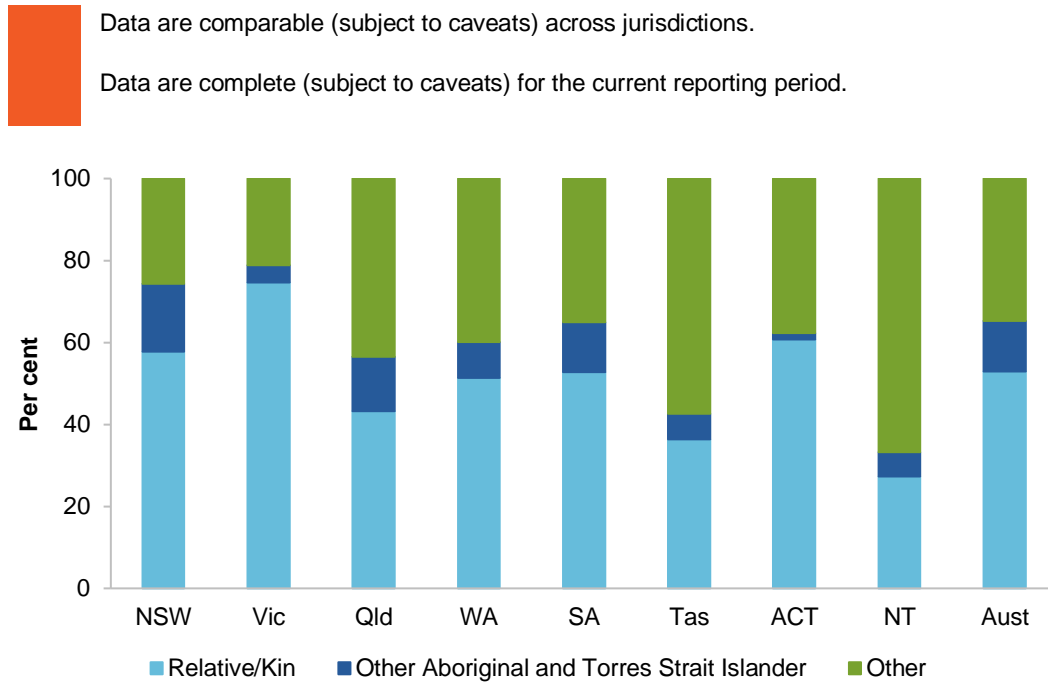
- placement with Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander relatives or extended family members, or other relatives or extended family members
- placement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family-based carers.

If the preferred options are not available, the child may be placed with a non-Indigenous carer or in a residential setting. If the child is not placed with their extended Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander family, the placement must be within close geographic proximity to the child's family. All jurisdictions have adopted the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child placement principle in both legislation and policy.

Nationally at 30 June 2018, 52.9 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care were placed with relatives/kin (this proportion differs to the first measure as it excludes those in independent living, which largely affects Victorian figures). A further 12.3 per cent were placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers or in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care. Proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 16.9).

Nationally, the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care who were placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers, or in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care decreased from 72.7 per cent at 30 June 2009 to 65.2 per cent at 30 June 2018 (table 16A.21).

Figure 16.9 Placement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care, at 30 June 2018^a



^a See box 16.9 and table 16A.21 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 16A.21.

Children with current documented case plans

‘Children with current documented case plans’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide services that meet the needs of individual children and young people in the child protection system (box 16.10).

Box 16.10 Children with current documented case plans

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

A case plan is an individualised, dynamic written plan (or support agreement) developed between a family and an agency based on an assessment process. A current documented case plan is one that has been approved and/or reviewed within the previous 12 months.

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

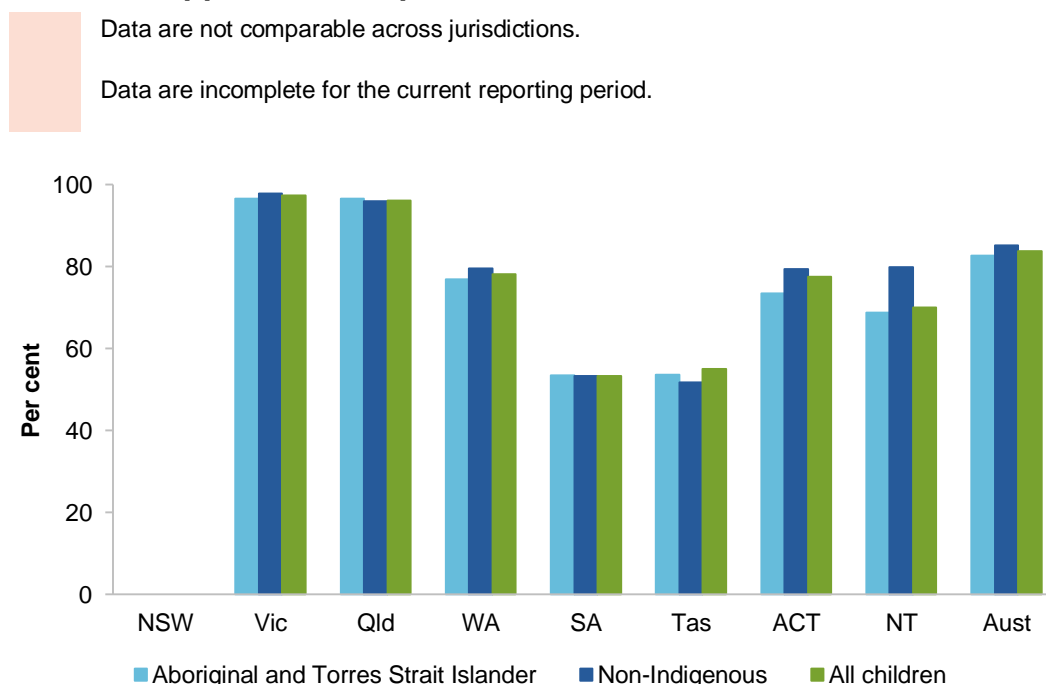
The indicator does not assess the quality of case plans, nor the extent to which identified needs and actions are put into place. These factors should be taken into account when considering the results reported for this indicator.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time
- incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are not available for NSW.

Nationally (excluding NSW), 83.8 per cent of children required to have a current documented and approved case plan, had such a plan at 30 June 2018 (figure 16.10).

Figure 16.10 Proportion of children with current documented and approved case plans, at 30 June 2018^{a, b}



^a See box 16.10 and table 16A.22 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. ^b Data are not available for NSW.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 16A.22.

Continuity of case worker

‘Continuity of case worker’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide quality care for children and young people aged 0–17 years who cannot live with their parents for reasons of safety or family crisis, with an emphasis on safety, stability and permanency in children’s living arrangements (box 16.11).

Box 16.11 **Continuity of case worker**

‘Continuity of case worker’ is defined as the proportion of children in out-of-home care who have one caseworker assigned during the reporting period.

A high or increasing percentage of children in out-of-home care who have one caseworker assigned during the reporting period is desirable.

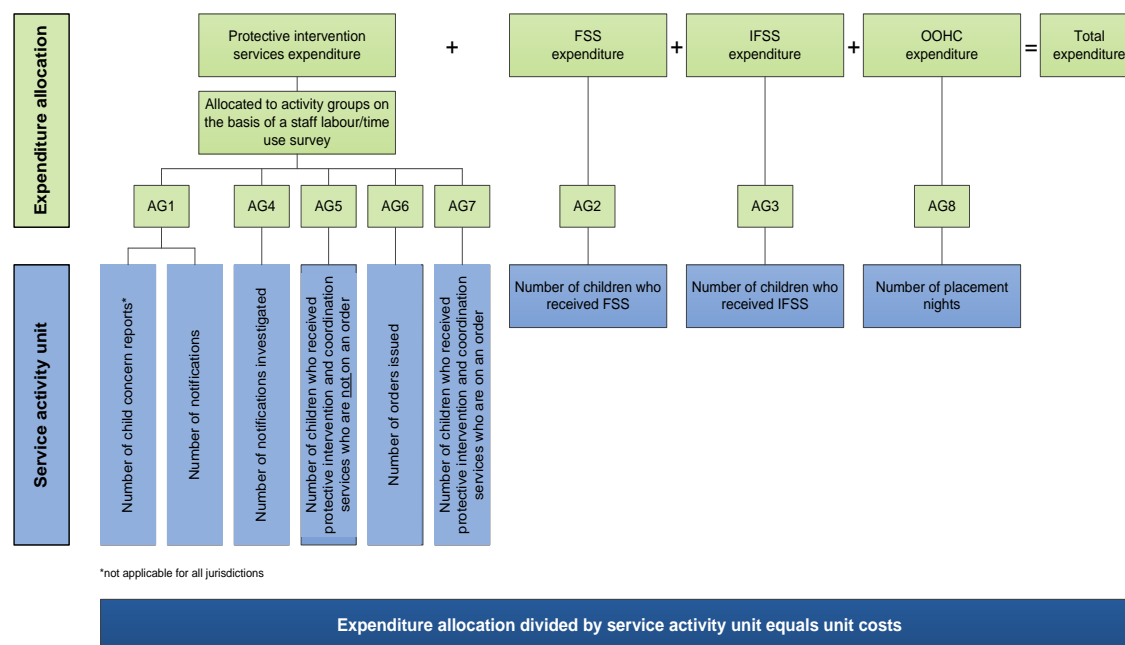
Data are not yet available for reporting against this indicator.

Efficiency

Efficiency indicators for child protection services are calculated using the pathways model, a top-down activity-based costing method. Eight national pathways provide a high-level representation of the services that children and families could receive in any jurisdiction. Each pathway consists of common activity groups, which act as the ‘building blocks’ for each of the pathways. The aggregate cost of each activity group within the pathway will allow the unit cost of an individual pathway to be derived. Figure 16.11 shows how unit costs are calculated in accordance with the pathways model.

The activity groups and detailed definitions are included in section 16.4. Development of national reporting against these activity groups is ongoing and data are experimental.

Figure 16.11 Calculation of unit costs in accordance with the pathways model^a



^a **Activity group 1 (AG1):** Receipt and assessment of initial information about a potential protection and support issue. **Activity group 2 (AG2):** Provision of generic family support services. **Activity group 3 (AG3):** Provision of intensive family support services. **Activity group 4 (AG4):** Secondary information gathering and assessment. **Activity group 5 (AG5):** Provision of short-term protective intervention and coordination services for children not on an order. **Activity group 6 (AG6):** Seeking an order. **Activity group 7 (AG7):** Provision of protective intervention, support and coordination services for children on an order. **Activity group 8 (AG8):** Provision of out-of-home care services.

The activity groups and detailed definitions are included in section 16.4. Development of national reporting against these activity groups is ongoing and data are experimental.

Unit costs for protective intervention services activity groups

‘Unit costs for protective intervention services activity groups’ is reported as an indicator of governments’ objective to provide child protection services in an efficient manner (box 16.12).

Box 16.12 Unit costs for protective intervention services activity groups

‘Unit costs for protective intervention services activity groups’ is defined as total recurrent expenditure on a child protection activity, divided by the relevant units of service activity, resulting in six measures:

- cost per report to child protection (AG1)
- cost per notification (AG1)
- cost per notification investigated (AG4)
- cost per child commencing protective intervention and coordination services who is not on an order (AG5)
- cost per order issued (AG6)
- cost per child commencing protective intervention and coordination services who is on an order (AG7).

Low or decreasing expenditure per child protection activity can suggest more efficient services, but could also indicate lower quality and should be considered together with the results for other indicators in this chapter.

Data for unit costs are experimental and should be considered together with the proportional allocation of total expenditure across all activity groups comprising the pathways method.

Child protection reports are not a separate process from child protection notifications in Victoria and the ACT and this indicator is not applicable for those jurisdictions.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time
- incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data for NSW, Victoria, SA, Tasmania and the NT are not available.

Unit costs for child protection intervention service activities from 2011-12 to 2017-18 varied across jurisdictions where data were available (tables 16A.23–30). In 2017-18, the cost per report to child protection ranged from \$127 to \$276 (this unit cost is not applicable for all jurisdictions); and the cost per notification investigated ranged from \$380 to \$2496. Other unit costs are reported in tables 16A.23–30.

Unit cost for support services

‘Unit cost for support services’ is reported as an indicator of governments’ objective to provide child protection services in an efficient manner (box 16.13).

Box 16.13 Unit cost for support services

'Unit cost for support services' is defined as total recurrent expenditure on support services, divided by the number of children receiving support services, resulting in two measures:

- cost per child receiving family support services (AG2)
- cost per child receiving intensive family support services (AG3)

Low or decreasing cost per child receiving support services can suggest more efficient services, but could also indicate lower quality and should be considered together with the results for other indicators in this chapter.


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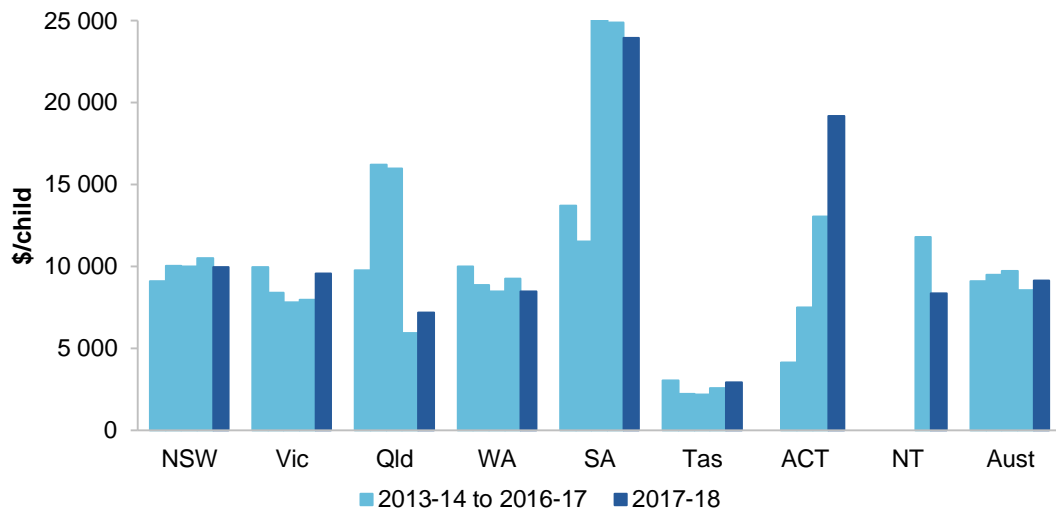
- not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time (see caveats in attachment tables)
- incomplete for the current reporting period for family support services. Only Queensland and WA are able to provide all required 2017-18 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2).
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period for intensive family support services (AG3). All required 2017-18 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Nationally in 2017-18, the cost per child receiving intensive family support services (AG3) was \$9137 (figure 16.12).

Figure 16.12 **Cost per child receiving intensive family support services (AG3) (2017-18 dollars)^{a, b}**

 Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

 Data are complete for the current reporting period.



^a See box 16.13 and tables 16A.23-31 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. ^b Data were not provided by the ACT for 2013-14 and for the NT for 2013-14 to 2015-16.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); State and Territory governments (unpublished); tables 16A.23-31.

Unit cost for out-of-home care

‘Unit cost for out-of-home care’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to provide child protection services in an efficient manner (box 16.14).

Box 16.14 Unit cost for out-of-home care

'Unit cost for out-of-home care' is defined as total real recurrent expenditure on out-of-home care services, divided by the total number of placement nights in out-of-home care (AG8).

Low or decreasing expenditure per placement night can suggest more efficient services, but could also indicate lower quality and should be considered together with the results for other indicators in this chapter.

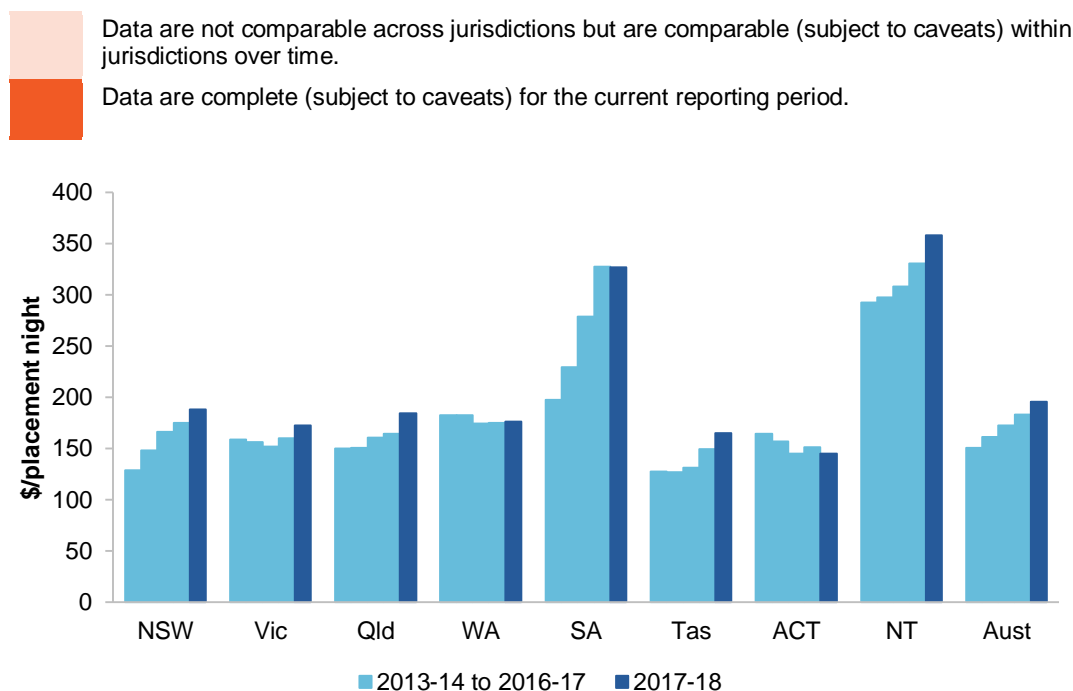
Data for unit costs are experimental and should be considered together with the proportional allocation of total expenditure across all activity groups comprising the pathways method.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Nationally in 2017-18, the unit cost for out-of-home care was \$195.53 (figure 16.13).

Figure 16.13 Cost per placement night in out-of-home care (AG8) (2017-18 dollars)^a



^a See box 16.14 and table 16A.33 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 16A.33.

Cost per placement night in out-of-home care should be considered in conjunction with expenditure on out-of-home care per child (and by placement type). The cost per child in out-of-home care at 30 June 2018 varied across jurisdictions ranging between \$51 646 and \$128 762. In jurisdictions where data were available, costs were considerably higher for residential care (ranging between \$463 549 and \$875 166) compared to non-residential care (ranging between \$34 634 and \$48 985) (table 16A.34).

Outcomes

Outcomes are the impact of services on the status of an individual or group (see chapter 1).

Improved safety — substantiation rate after decision not to substantiate

‘Improved safety’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to protect children and young people who are at risk of abuse and neglect within their families, or whose families do not have the capacity to provide care and protection (box 16.15).

Box 16.15 Improved safety

‘Improved safety’ is defined by two measures:

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

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

Varying thresholds for recording a substantiation across jurisdictions should also be considered when interpreting data for this indicator (see section 16.4).

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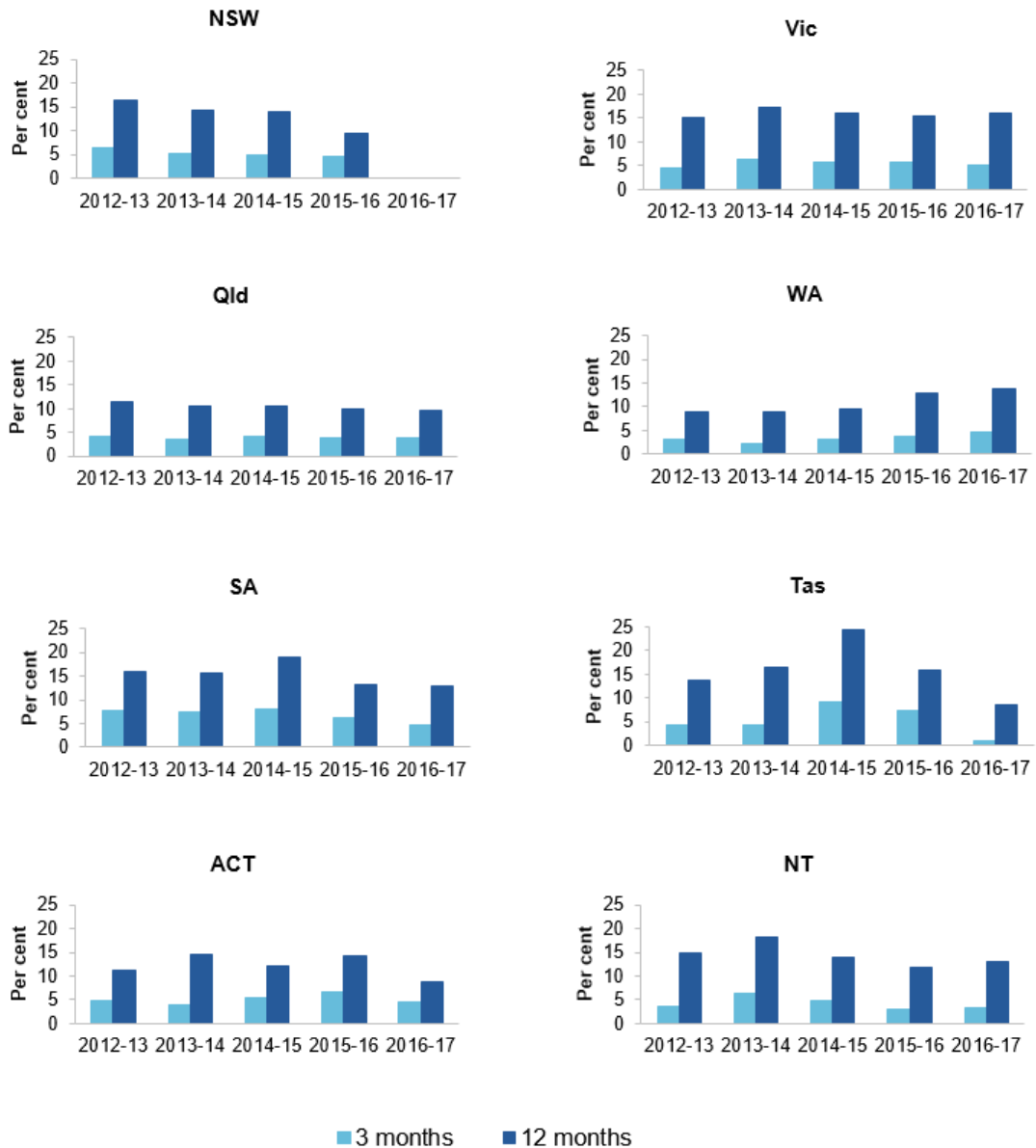
Data reported for these measures are:

- not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time
- incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2016-17 data are not available for NSW.

The proportion of substantiations that occurred within 3 and 12 months of a decision not to substantiate are provided in figure 16.14. In 2016-17, rates for the jurisdictions where data were available were 16 per cent or less in all jurisdictions (table 16A.35).

Figure 16.14 Improved safety — substantiation rate within 3 months and 12 months after a decision not to substantiate^{a, b}

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.
 Data are incomplete for the current reporting period.



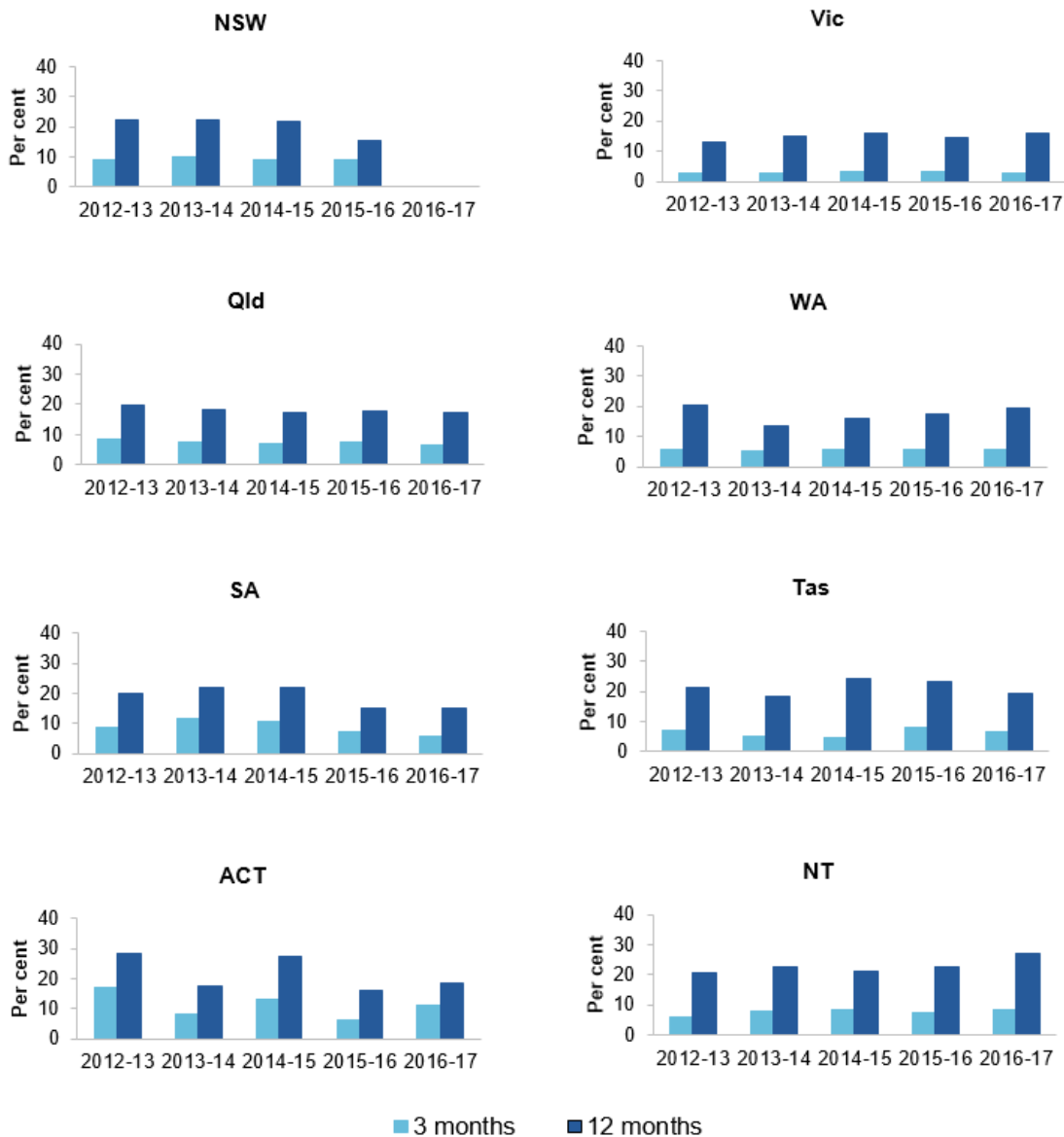
^a See box 16.15 and table 16A.35 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. ^b Data for NSW for 2016-17 were not available.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 16A.35.

The proportion of substantiations that occurred within 3 and 12 months of a prior substantiation are provided in figure 16.15. In 2016-17, rates for the jurisdictions where data were available were under 28 per cent in all jurisdictions (table 16A.36).

Figure 16.15 Improved safety — substantiation rate within 3 months and 12 months of a prior substantiation^{a, b}

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.
 Data are incomplete for the current reporting period.



^a See box 16.15 and table 16A.36 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. ^b Data for NSW for 2016-17 were not available.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 16A.36.

Improved education

‘Improved education’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to support children and young people in the child protection system to reach their potential (box 16.16).

Box 16.16 Improved education

‘Improved education’ is defined as the proportion of children on guardianship and custody orders achieving at or above national minimum standards in reading and numeracy in Year 5.

A high or increasing rate of children on guardianship and custody orders achieving at or above national minimum standards in reading and numeracy, and relative to all children, is desirable.

Factors outside the control of child protection services have an influence on the educational outcomes of children on guardianship and custody orders, and care should be exercised when interpreting results.

When interpreting NAPLAN (National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy) data, it is important to take into account student participation rates (table 16A.37). Children exempted from NAPLAN testing are recorded as not having met the national minimum standards in reading and numeracy. Experimental data indicate that children on guardianship and custody orders are exempted from NAPLAN testing at significantly higher rates than the general student population, which might contribute to poorer reported NAPLAN results for children on orders, compared with the general student population.

Data reported for this measure are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions
- incomplete for the current reporting period. Only Queensland, WA and SA were able to provide data for the 2016 reporting period.

In 2013 (the only year for which data are available for all jurisdictions), the proportions of children in care at or above the national minimum standards for Year 5 reading and numeracy varied across jurisdictions, and were below the proportions for all students (by at least 10 percentage points for the majority of jurisdictions) (table 16A.37).

Improved health and wellbeing of the child

‘Improved health and wellbeing of the child’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to support children and young people in the child protection system to reach their potential (box 16.17).

Box 16.17 Improved health and wellbeing of the child

'Improved health and wellbeing of the child' is currently defined by one measure related to wellbeing: the proportion of children and young people in the child protection system not classified in the 'abnormal' range on the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) scale. See section 16.4 for further information on the SDQ.

A high or increasing percentage of children and young people in the child protection system with improved wellbeing is desirable.

Data are not yet available for reporting against this measure. A measure of improved health of the child is still to be developed.

Exit from out-of-home care to a permanency arrangement

'Exit from out-of-home care to a permanency arrangement' is an indicator of governments' objective to protect children and young people who are at risk of abuse and neglect within their families or whose families do not have the capacity to provide care and protection (box 16.18).

Box 16.18 Exit from out-of-home care to a permanency arrangement

'Exit from out-of-home care to a permanency arrangement' is defined as the number of children and young people who exited out-of-home care to a permanency outcome (reunified with their families, adopted or placed on third party parental responsibility orders), and for whom there was no return to out-of-home care within 12 months, as a proportion of all children who exited out-of-home care to a permanency outcome in the previous reporting period.

High or increasing proportions of children and young people exiting out-of-home care to a permanency outcome for whom there was no return to out-of-home care is desirable.

Data are not yet available for reporting against this indicator.

16.4 Definitions of key terms

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person

Person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as being an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and is accepted as such by the community with which he or she lives.

Activity Group 1 (pathways)

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

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

**Activity Group 2
(pathways)**

Provision of generic family support services

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

**Activity Group 3
(pathways)**

Provision of intensive family support services

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

**Activity Group 4
(pathways)**

Secondary information gathering and assessment

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

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

**Activity Group 5
(pathways)**

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

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

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

**Activity Group 6
(pathways)**

Seeking an order

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

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

**Activity Group 7
(pathways)**

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

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

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

**Activity Group 8
(pathways)**

Provision of out-of-home care services

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

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

Care and protection orders

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

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

Types of care and protection orders:

- Finalised guardianship or custody orders – involve the transfer of legal guardianship to the relevant state or territory department or NGO. These orders involve considerable intervention in a child's life and that of his or her family, and are sought only as a last resort. Guardianship orders convey responsibility for the welfare of a child to a guardian. Guardianship orders do not necessarily grant the right to the daily care and control of a child, or the right to make decisions about the daily care and control of a child, which are granted under custody orders. Custody orders generally refer to orders that place children in the custody of the state or territory, or department responsible for child protection or NGO. These orders usually involve the child protection department being responsible for the daily care and requirements of a child, while his or her parent retains legal guardianship. Custody alone does not bestow any responsibility regarding the long-term welfare of the child.
- Finalised third party parental responsibility orders – transfer all duties, powers, responsibilities and authority parents are entitled to by law, to a nominated person(s) considered appropriate by the court. The nominated person may be an individual such as a relative or an officer of a state or territory department. Third party parental responsibility may be ordered when a parent is unable to care for a child. 'Permanent care orders' are an example of a third party parental responsibility order and involve the transfer of guardianship to a third party carer. It can also be applied to the achievement of a stable arrangement under a long-term guardianship order to 18 years without guardianship being transferred to a third party. These orders are only applicable in some jurisdictions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalised supervisory orders – give the department responsible for child protection some responsibility for a child’s welfare. Under these orders, the department supervises and/or directs the level and type of care that is to be provided to the child. Children under supervisory orders are generally under the responsibility of their parents and the guardianship or custody of the child is unaffected. Finalised supervisory orders are therefore less interventionist than finalised guardianship orders but require the child’s parent or guardian to meet specified conditions, such as medical care of the child. • Interim and temporary orders – generally cover the provision of a limited period of supervision and/or placement of a child. Parental responsibility under these orders may reside with the parents or with the department responsible for child protection. Orders that are not finalised (such as an application to a court for a care and protection order) are also included in this category, unless another finalised order is in place. • Administrative arrangements – agreements with child protection departments that have the same effect as a court order in transferring custody or guardianship. These arrangements can also allow a child to be placed in out-of-home care without going through court.
Child	Children are counted only once, even if they are on more than one care and protection order.
Children in out-of-home care during the year	A person aged 0–17 years (including, at times, unborn children). The total number of children who were in at least one out-of-home care placement at any time during the year. A child who is in more than one placement is counted only once.
Exited out-of-home care	Where a child leaves a government-funded placement for more than 60 days. This does not necessarily mean that a child has returned to the care of his or her family.
Family based care	Home-based care (see ‘Out-of-home care’).
Family support services	Activities associated with the provision of lower level (that is, non-intensive) services to families in need, including identification and assessment of family needs, provision of support and diversionary services, some counselling and active linking and referrals to support networks. These types of services are funded by government but can be delivered by a child protection agency or a non-government organisation. These services are typically delivered via voluntary arrangements (as distinct from court orders) between the relevant agency and family. This suite of services does not typically involve planned follow-up by the applicable child protection agency after initial service referral or delivery.
Guardian	Any person who has the legal and ongoing care and responsibility for the protection of a child.
Intensive family support services	Specialist services that aim to prevent the imminent separation of children from their primary caregivers as a result of child protection concerns and to reunify families where separation has already occurred. These services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are funded or established explicitly to prevent the separation of or to reunify families • provide a range of services as part of an integrated strategy focusing on improving family functioning and skills, rather than providing a single type of service • are intensive in nature, averaging at least four hours of service provision per week for a specified short term period (usually less than six months). Families are generally referred to these services by the statutory child protection agency and will have been identified through the child protection process. Intensive family support services may use some or all of the following strategies: assessment and case planning; parent education and skill development; individual and family counselling; drug and alcohol counselling and domestic and family violence support; anger management; respite and emergency care; practical and financial support; mediation, brokerage and referral services; and training in problem solving.

Investigation	<p>An investigation is the process whereby the relevant department obtains more detailed information about a child who is the subject of a notification and makes an assessment about the risk of abuse or neglect to the child, and his or her protective needs. Not all notifications are investigated in all jurisdictions. For example, if a determination is made that a child and family are better served by family support services rather than a child protection response, children and families might be referred to diversionary and support services. Once it has been decided that an investigation is required, the investigation process is similar across jurisdictions.</p> <p>The department responsible for child protection may obtain further information about the child and his or her family by checking information systems for any previous history, undertaking discussions with agencies and individuals, interviewing/sighting the child and/or interviewing the caregivers/parents. At a minimum, the child is sighted whenever practicable, and the child's circumstances and needs are assessed. Where possible, an investigation determines whether a notification is substantiated or not substantiated.</p>
Investigation finalised	Where an investigation is completed and an outcome of 'substantiated' or 'not substantiated' is recorded by 31 August.
Investigation in process	Where an investigation is commenced but an outcome is not recorded by 31 August.
Length of time in continuous out-of-home care	<p>The length of time a child is in out-of-home care on a continuous basis. Any break of 60 days or more is considered to break the continuity of the placement. Where a child returns home for less than 60 days and then returns to the former placement or to a different placement, this does not affect the length of time in care. Holidays or authorised absences (less than 60 days) in a placement do not break the continuity of placement. A break in a placement does not necessarily mean a child has returned to the care of his or her family.</p>
Notification	<p>Notifications are reports lodged by members of the community with the appropriate statutory child protection department to signify that they have reason to believe that a child is in need of protection. Depending on the circumstances, not all reports received by child protection departments will be recorded as notifications. Most jurisdictions assess incoming reports to determine whether they meet the threshold for recording a notification. Where, for example, a determination is made that the alleged behaviour does not meet the definition of a child in need of protection, a child concern report or equivalent might be recorded instead. If the alleged behaviour does not meet the threshold for recording a notification or a child concern report, the person reporting the matter might be provided with general advice and/or a referral.</p> <p>Jurisdictions count notifications at different points in the response to a report, ranging from the point of initial contact with the source of the report to the end of a screening and decision making process. This means the number of notifications is not strictly comparable across jurisdictions. Notifications are subsequently investigated based on the policies and practices in each jurisdiction.</p> <p>Notification and investigation data are collected early in the child protection process and often before an agency has full knowledge of a child's circumstances. This lack of information and the inherent difficulties in identifying Indigenous status mean that data on the number of notifications and investigations by Indigenous status should be interpreted with care.</p>
Other relative	A grandparent, aunt, uncle or cousin, whether the relationship is half, full, step or through adoption, and can be traced through or to a person whose parents were not married to each other at the time of the child's birth. This category includes members of Aboriginal communities who are accepted by that community as being related to the child.

Out-of-home care	Overnight care, including placement with relatives (other than parents) where the government makes a financial payment. Includes care of children in legal and voluntary placements (that is, children on and not on a legal order) but excludes placements solely funded by disability services, psychiatric services, youth justice facilities and overnight child care services.
Relatives/kin	People who are family or close friends, or are members of a child or young person's community (in accordance with their culture) who are reimbursed (or who have been offered but declined reimbursement) by the State/Territory for the care of a child. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, a kinship carer may be another Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person who is a member of their community, a compatible community or from the same language group.
Protective intervention services	Functions of government that receive and assess allegations of child abuse and neglect, and/or harm to children and young people, provide and refer clients to family support and other relevant services, and intervene to protect children.
Respite care	Respite care is a form of out-of-home care used to provide short-term accommodation for children where the intention is for the child to return to their prior place of residence. Respite placements include: <i>respite from birth family</i> , where a child is placed in out-of-home care on a temporary basis for reasons other than child protection (for example, the child's parents are ill or unable to care for them on a temporary basis; or as a family support mechanism to prevent entry into full time care, as part of the reunification process, as a shared care arrangement); <i>respite from placement</i> , where a child spends regular, short and agreed periods of time with another carer other than their primary carer.
Stability and permanency of placement	<p>Number of placements for children who exited out-of-home care and did not return within 60 days. Placements exclude respite or temporary placements lasting less than 7 days. Placements are counted separately where there is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a change in the placement type — for example, from a home-based to a facility-based placement • within placement type, a change in venue or a change from one home-based placement to a different home-based placement. <p>Each placement should only be counted once. A return to a previous placement is not included as a different placement. A return home is not counted as a placement, although if a child returns home for 60 days or more they are considered to have exited care.</p>
Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaires (SDQ)	The Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) is a brief behavioural screening questionnaire about 3 to 16 year olds. There are several versions to meet the needs of researchers, clinicians and educationalists. All versions ask about 25 attributes divided between five scales 1) emotional symptoms (5 items); conduct problems (5 items); hyperactivity/inattention (5 items); peer relationship problems (5 items); prosocial behaviour (5 items).
Substantiation	<p>A substantiation is the outcome of an investigated notification which has resulted in the conclusion that there is reasonable cause to believe a child has been, is being or is likely to be abused, neglected or otherwise harmed. It does not necessarily require sufficient evidence for a successful prosecution and does not imply that treatment or case management is, or is to be, provided. However, if an investigation results in a substantiation, intervention by child protection services might be needed to protect the child. This intervention can take a number of forms, including one or more of: referral to other services; supervision and support; an application to court; and a placement in out of home care.</p> <p>The legal definitions of abuse and neglect are similar across jurisdictions. However, while the legal definitions for substantiating notifications are similar across jurisdictions, there remain some differences in practice, including different thresholds for recording a substantiation (that is, some jurisdictions substantiate harm or risk of harm to a child, and others substantiate actions by parents or incidents that cause harm). These differences impact on the comparability of these data.</p>

16.5 References

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16A Child protection services — attachment

Information on the comparability and completeness of the data for the performance indicators and measures is in sections 16.2-3.

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 16.4 of the chapter. Unsourced information was obtained from the Australian, State and Territory governments.

Data in this Report are examined by the Child Protection and Youth Justice Working Group, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat.

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

This file is available on the Review web page (www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services).

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2017-18									
Children aged 0-17 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	18 454	5 791	6 886	5 166	3 412	482	878	9 197	50 266
Non-Indigenous	52 937	66 143	12 018	7 075	10 158	1 104	4 159	2 610	156 204
Unknown	20 616	5 592	1 984	2 888	996	4 486	2 220	130	38 912
All children	92 007	77 526	20 888	15 129	14 566	6 072	7 257	11 937	245 382
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	195.4	262.9	75.3	136.1	205.6	43.3	345.4	343.8	166.0
Non-Indigenous	32.2	49.2	11.3	12.5	29.4	10.8	46.1	70.9	30.1
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	53.0	56.7	18.0	25.1	40.3	53.6	78.2	187.8	44.7
Children aged 0-17 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	na	3 166	5 767	3 565	832	111	278	4 003	17 722
Non-Indigenous	na	26 180	10 423	5 054	1 559	236	1 081	1 076	45 609
Unknown	na	178	1 526	7	161	543	1	21	2 437
All children	na	29 524	17 716	8 626	2 552	890	1 360	5 100	65 768
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	na	143.8	63.1	93.9	50.1	10.0	109.4	149.6	85.0
Non-Indigenous	na	19.5	9.8	9.0	4.5	2.3	12.0	29.2	12.9
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	na	21.6	15.3	14.3	7.1	7.8	14.7	80.2	17.5
Children aged 0-17 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	na	2 004	2 182	2 037	510	91	57	1 504	8 385
Non-Indigenous	na	15 216	3 392	2 489	1 048	179	220	237	22 781
Unknown	na	25	310	4	91	432	–	3	865
All children	na	17 245	5 884	4 530	1 649	702	277	1 744	32 031
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	na	91.0	23.9	53.7	30.7	8.2	22.4	56.2	40.2
Non-Indigenous	na	11.3	3.2	4.4	3.0	1.8	2.4	6.4	6.4
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	na	12.6	5.1	7.5	4.6	6.2	3.0	27.4	8.5
Children aged 0-17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2018									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	7 626	2 751	4 224	2 992	1 251	362	278	1 000	20 484
Non-Indigenous	12 672	10 546	5 679	2 548	2 550	598	626	125	35 344
Unknown	33	6	52	2	71	420	–	–	584
All children	20 331	13 303	9 955	5 542	3 872	1 380	904	1 125	56 412
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years at 30 June 2018									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	80.2	123.7	45.8	78.6	75.0	32.3	108.4	37.4	67.2
Non-Indigenous	7.7	7.8	5.3	4.5	7.4	5.9	6.9	3.4	6.8
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	11.6	9.7	8.6	9.2	10.7	12.2	9.7	17.7	10.2
2016-17									
Children aged 0-17 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	18 200	5 450	6 428	5 179	3 184	764	889	8 559	48 653
Non-Indigenous	59 813	62 965	11 972	7 338	9 590	3 752	4 103	2 606	162 139
Unknown	8 413	4 788	1 651	3 041	976	1 633	2 444	57	23 003
All children	86 426	73 203	20 051	15 558	13 750	6 149	7 436	11 222	233 795
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	195.0	251.9	71.5	137.4	194.0	69.7	356.3	320.1	162.7
Non-Indigenous	36.5	47.3	11.3	13.0	27.8	36.6	46.1	69.9	31.4
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	49.9	54.1	17.4	25.9	38.0	54.2	81.3	175.3	42.8

Children aged 0-17 years in finalised investigations

Number of children

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	12 556	2 948	5 531	3 635	765	175	264	3 823	29 697
Non-Indigenous	36 248	23 938	10 363	5 445	1 500	585	859	925	79 863
Unknown	758	132	1 265	4	167	263	4	11	2 604
All children	49 562	27 018	17 159	9 084	2 432	1 023	1 127	4 759	112 164
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	134.5	136.2	61.6	96.4	46.6	16.0	105.8	143.0	99.3
Non-Indigenous	22.1	18.0	9.8	9.7	4.3	5.7	9.7	24.8	15.4
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	28.6	20.0	14.9	15.1	6.7	9.0	12.3	74.3	20.5
Children aged 0-17 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	5 489	1 858	2 034	2 008	469	134	86	1 671	13 749
Non-Indigenous	13 361	13 625	3 446	2 623	947	443	231	239	34 915
Unknown	69	5	287	2	110	178	–	–	651
All children	18 919	15 488	5 767	4 633	1 526	755	317	1 910	49 315
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	58.8	85.9	22.6	53.3	28.6	12.2	34.5	62.5	46.0
Non-Indigenous	8.2	10.2	3.2	4.7	2.7	4.3	2.6	6.4	6.8
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	10.9	11.4	5.0	7.7	4.2	6.7	3.5	29.8	9.0
Children aged 0-17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2017									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	7 571	2 423	4 082	2 764	1 226	352	252	992	19 662
Non-Indigenous	12 882	9 923	5 568	2 373	2 362	944	637	122	34 811
Unknown	na	8	66	1	98	20	–	–	193
All children	20 453	12 354	9 716	5 138	3 686	1 316	889	1 114	54 666
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years at 30 June 2017									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	80.7	111.1	45.0	73.1	74.3	31.9	100.0	37.1	65.3
Non-Indigenous	7.9	7.4	5.2	4.2	6.8	9.2	7.2	3.3	6.7

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Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	11.8	9.1	8.4	8.5	10.2	11.6	9.7	17.4	10.0
2015-16									
Children aged 0-17 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	17 052	5 233	5 828	4 912	3 182	815	816	8 237	46 075
Non-Indigenous	54 687	61 002	12 370	7 468	9 377	5 146	3 475	2 609	156 134
Unknown	7 748	5 428	1 707	2 710	937	2 043	2 700	5	23 278
All children	79 487	71 663	19 905	15 090	13 496	8 004	6 991	10 851	225 487
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	184.4	245.6	65.9	131.3	196.0	75.4	331.9	308.2	155.8
Non-Indigenous	33.8	47.5	11.9	13.4	27.3	50.0	40.8	71.0	30.8
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	46.5	54.9	17.6	25.4	37.5	70.4	79.8	170.9	42.0
Children aged 0-17 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	12 100	2 704	4 878	3 609	868	208	333	3 358	28 058
Non-Indigenous	34 314	22 045	10 272	5 726	1 689	716	971	825	76 558
Unknown	896	98	1 197	21	174	166	179	1	2 732
All children	47 310	24 847	16 347	9 356	2 731	1 090	1 483	4 184	107 348
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	130.9	126.9	55.2	96.5	53.5	19.3	135.4	125.6	94.9
Non-Indigenous	21.2	17.2	9.8	10.3	4.9	7.0	11.4	22.4	15.1
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	27.7	19.0	14.4	15.7	7.6	9.6	16.9	65.9	20.0
Children aged 0-17 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	5 287	1 708	1 924	1 808	582	157	112	1 325	12 903
Non-Indigenous	11 923	12 442	3 444	2 378	971	526	294	249	32 227
Unknown	72	4	253	12	88	112	43	–	584

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All children	17 282	14 154	5 621	4 198	1 641	795	449	1 574	45 714
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	57.2	80.2	21.8	48.3	35.9	14.5	45.6	49.6	43.6
Non-Indigenous	7.4	9.7	3.3	4.3	2.8	5.1	3.5	6.8	6.4
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	10.1	10.8	5.0	7.1	4.6	7.0	5.1	24.8	8.5
Children aged 0-17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2016									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	7 186	1 982	3 990	2 617	1 119	329	222	964	18 409
Non-Indigenous	12 690	8 974	5 552	2 326	2 250	895	595	125	33 407
Unknown	na	6	38	3	79	24	6	–	156
All children	19 876	10 962	9 580	4 946	3 448	1 248	823	1 089	51 972
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years at 30 June 2016									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	77.4	92.3	44.8	69.7	68.6	30.3	89.9	36.1	61.9
Non-Indigenous	7.8	6.9	5.3	4.2	6.5	8.7	6.9	3.4	6.6
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	11.6	8.3	8.4	8.3	9.6	11.0	9.3	17.2	9.6
2014-15									
Children aged 0-17 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	15 913	4 308	5 628	4 254	3 078	753	636	7 365	41 935
Non-Indigenous	50 497	54 165	12 255	5 860	9 879	5 709	2 733	2 417	143 515
Unknown	7 112	4 312	1 605	4 253	884	2 342	2 036	117	22 661
All children	73 522	62 785	19 488	14 367	13 841	8 804	5 405	9 899	208 111
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	173.4	205.1	64.5	114.5	191.5	70.5	261.1	275.7	143.1
Non-Indigenous	31.6	42.9	11.8	10.6	28.8	55.1	32.7	65.6	28.6
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	43.5	48.9	17.4	24.4	38.5	77.0	62.8	155.7	39.2
Children aged 0-17 years in finalised investigations									

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Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	11 058	2 224	4 991	3 128	928	166	205	3 284	25 984
Non-Indigenous	30 846	19 608	10 772	4 540	2 039	737	720	906	70 168
Unknown	819	35	1 233	2 278	182	250	32	13	4 842
All children	42 723	21 867	16 996	9 946	3 149	1 153	957	4 203	100 994
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	120.5	105.9	57.2	84.2	57.7	15.5	84.2	122.9	88.7
Non-Indigenous	19.3	15.5	10.4	8.2	5.9	7.1	8.6	24.6	14.0
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	25.3	17.0	15.1	16.9	8.8	10.1	11.1	66.1	19.0
Children aged 0-17 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	4 691	1 415	2 019	1 315	575	123	98	1 439	11 675
Non-Indigenous	10 299	11 880	3 601	1 591	1 237	537	273	315	29 733
Unknown	32	5	249	476	96	173	15	3	1 049
All children	15 022	13 300	5 869	3 382	1 908	833	386	1 757	42 457
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	51.1	67.4	23.1	35.4	35.8	11.5	40.2	53.9	39.8
Non-Indigenous	6.4	9.4	3.5	2.9	3.6	5.2	3.3	8.5	5.9
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	8.9	10.4	5.2	5.7	5.3	7.3	4.5	27.6	8.0
Children aged 0-17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2015									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6 581	1 721	3 864	2 472	895	262	203	924	16 922
Non-Indigenous	11 915	8 408	5 353	2 323	2 075	910	538	149	31 671
Unknown	na	6	52	13	49	11	6	–	137
All children	18 496	10 135	9 269	4 808	3 019	1 183	747	1 073	48 730
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years at 30 June 2015									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	71.5	81.4	44.0	66.3	55.4	24.4	83.0	34.6	57.5

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Non-Indigenous	7.4	6.6	5.2	4.2	6.0	8.8	6.4	4.1	6.3
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	10.9	7.9	8.2	8.1	8.4	10.4	8.6	16.9	9.2
2013-14									
Children aged 0–17 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	15 205	3 856	5 857	3 724	2 737	718	629	5 871	38 597
Non-Indigenous	49 717	49 870	12 982	4 459	9 174	5 009	2 684	2 036	135 931
Unknown	8 756	2 790	1 390	5 937	745	2 582	2 206	32	24 438
All children	73 678	56 516	20 229	14 120	12 656	8 309	5 519	7 939	198 966
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	166.6	186.3	68.0	100.8	172.1	68.0	261.0	219.9	132.8
Non-Indigenous	31.3	40.0	12.6	8.2	26.9	48.0	32.7	55.3	27.3
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	43.8	44.6	18.2	24.3	35.4	72.4	65.2	125.0	37.8
Children aged 0–17 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	9 887	1 828	5 204	2 535	1 101	147	183	2 325	23 210
Non-Indigenous	25 733	16 360	11 715	3 147	2 643	671	574	592	61 435
Unknown	1 774	8	1 088	4 002	206	345	113	3	7 539
All children	37 394	18 196	18 007	9 684	3 950	1 163	870	2 920	92 184
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	108.3	88.3	60.4	68.6	69.2	13.9	75.9	87.1	79.8
Non-Indigenous	16.2	13.1	11.4	5.8	7.7	6.4	7.0	16.1	12.4
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	22.3	14.4	16.2	16.7	11.1	10.1	10.3	46.0	17.5
Children aged 0–17 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	4 677	1 249	2 200	1 070	691	86	66	1 231	11 270
Non-Indigenous	10 323	10 145	4 234	1 182	1 398	430	275	162	28 149

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Unknown	74	1	251	801	101	196	–	1	1 425
All children	15 074	11 395	6 685	3 053	2 190	712	341	1 394	40 844
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	51.2	60.3	25.5	29.0	43.4	8.1	27.4	46.1	38.8
Non-Indigenous	6.5	8.1	4.1	2.2	4.1	4.1	3.3	4.4	5.7
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9.0	9.0	6.0	5.2	6.1	6.2	4.0	21.9	7.8
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2014									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6 022	1 507	3 659	2 215	812	267	182	840	15 504
Non-Indigenous	11 219	7 718	5 404	2 201	1 940	880	523	149	30 034
Unknown	1	8	68	55	34	41	–	1	208
All children	17 242	9 233	9 131	4 471	2 786	1 188	705	990	45 746
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years at 30 June 2014									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	65.8	72.3	42.2	59.8	50.7	25.1	75.1	31.5	53.1
Non-Indigenous	7.0	6.2	5.2	4.0	5.7	8.4	6.3	4.0	6.0
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	10.2	7.3	8.2	7.7	7.8	10.3	8.3	15.6	8.7
2012-13									
Children aged 0–17 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	13 365	3 561	5 803	3 133	2 829	726	631	4 944	34 992
Non-Indigenous	43 887	46 399	13 845	3 739	9 098	4 824	2 997	1 656	126 445
Unknown	7 218	2 151	1 606	6 101	495	2 456	2 803	17	22 847
All children	64 470	52 111	21 254	12 973	12 422	8 006	6 431	6 617	184 284
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	146.9	174.2	68.1	85.1	179.7	69.4	262.6	185.3	121.2
Non-Indigenous	28.0	37.8	13.7	7.0	26.7	46.0	37.1	45.8	25.8
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	38.9	41.8	19.4	22.9	34.9	69.5	77.4	105.3	35.5

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children aged 0–17 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	8 345	1 642	5 189	2 149	990	204	210	2 221	20 950
Non-Indigenous	22 272	14 924	12 642	2 647	2 151	939	820	564	56 959
Unknown	1 192	na	1 280	4 201	98	413	362	–	7 546
All children	31 809	16 566	19 111	8 997	3 239	1 556	1 392	2 785	85 455
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	91.7	80.3	60.9	58.4	62.9	19.5	87.4	83.2	72.6
Non-Indigenous	14.2	12.2	12.5	5.0	6.3	9.0	10.2	15.6	11.6
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	19.2	13.3	17.4	15.9	9.1	13.5	16.7	44.3	16.5
Children aged 0–17 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	4 934	1 048	2 184	929	581	143	84	1 053	10 956
Non-Indigenous	11 216	8 957	4 666	983	1 200	554	309	150	28 035
Unknown	86	4	299	928	55	221	101	–	1 694
All children	16 236	10 009	7 149	2 840	1 836	918	494	1 203	40 685
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	54.2	51.3	25.6	25.2	36.9	13.7	35.0	39.5	38.0
Non-Indigenous	7.2	7.3	4.6	1.9	3.5	5.3	3.8	4.1	5.7
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9.8	8.0	6.5	5.0	5.2	8.0	5.9	19.1	7.8
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2013									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	5 594	1 262	3 547	1 933	803	276	169	683	14 267
Non-Indigenous	10 776	6 333	5 602	1 939	1 957	951	481	132	28 171
Unknown	3	8	62	53	38	26	24	–	214
All children	16 373	7 603	9 211	3 925	2 798	1 253	674	815	42 652
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years at 30 June 2013									

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	61.4	61.4	41.4	52.4	50.8	26.3	70.5	25.6	49.3
Non-Indigenous	6.8	5.1	5.5	3.6	5.7	9.1	6.0	3.6	5.7
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9.8	6.1	8.3	6.8	7.9	10.9	8.1	12.9	8.2
2011-12									
Children aged 0–17 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	12 536	3 294	5 820	3 010	2 763	751	586	4 219	32 979
Non-Indigenous	42 505	41 858	14 367	3 829	9 015	4 820	2 718	1 458	120 570
Unknown	6 267	1 560	1 722	5 015	411	2 181	2 732	65	19 953
All children	61 308	46 712	21 909	11 854	12 189	7 752	6 036	5 742	173 502
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	138.3	163.2	69.2	82.1	177.2	72.4	242.8	158.2	115.0
Non-Indigenous	27.3	34.6	14.4	7.4	26.6	45.5	34.5	40.8	24.9
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	37.3	38.0	20.3	21.5	34.4	66.7	74.4	92.0	33.9
Children aged 0–17 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	7 807	1 407	5 232	2 168	886	194	229	2 514	20 437
Non-Indigenous	22 266	12 712	12 989	2 883	2 155	966	757	661	55 389
Unknown	1 037	–	1 421	3 390	104	302	318	3	6 575
All children	31 110	14 119	19 642	8 441	3 145	1 462	1 304	3 178	82 401
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	86.1	69.7	62.2	59.1	56.8	18.7	94.9	94.3	71.3
Non-Indigenous	14.3	10.5	13.0	5.6	6.4	9.1	9.6	18.5	11.5
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	18.9	11.5	18.2	15.3	8.9	12.6	16.1	50.9	16.1
Children aged 0–17 years in substantiations									
Number of children									

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	4 247	963	2 002	763	530	136	113	1 304	10 058
Non-Indigenous	10 387	7 778	4 670	944	1 219	645	331	209	26 183
Unknown	33	–	302	876	61	158	110	–	1 540
All children	14 667	8 741	6 974	2 583	1 810	939	554	1 513	37 781
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	46.9	47.7	23.8	20.8	34.0	13.1	46.8	48.9	35.1
Non-Indigenous	6.7	6.4	4.7	1.8	3.6	6.1	4.2	5.9	5.4
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	8.9	7.1	6.5	4.7	5.1	8.1	6.8	24.3	7.4
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2012									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	5 299	1 150	3 374	1 650	744	241	164	646	13 268
Non-Indigenous	10 661	6 100	5 446	1 813	1 901	933	543	134	27 531
Unknown	21	12	43	29	35	11	12	–	163
All children	15 981	7 262	8 863	3 492	2 680	1 185	719	780	40 962
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years at 30 June 2012									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	58.3	56.5	39.8	44.9	47.5	23.1	68.0	24.2	46.1
Non-Indigenous	6.8	5.0	5.4	3.5	5.6	8.8	6.8	3.7	5.7
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9.7	5.9	8.2	6.3	7.6	10.2	8.8	12.4	8.0
2010-11									
Children aged 0–17 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	11 796	2 716	4 953	2 372	2 695	696	521	3 498	29 247
Non-Indigenous	44 098	38 004	13 066	3 048	10 875	4 738	2 814	1 259	117 902
Unknown	5 238	739	1 334	4 314	426	2 053	2 433	81	16 618
All children	61 132	41 459	19 353	9 734	13 996	7 487	5 768	4 838	163 767
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	130.7	136.5	59.6	64.9	174.8	67.5	214.8	130.8	102.7

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Non-Indigenous	28.5	31.7	13.3	6.1	32.2	44.4	36.2	35.4	24.6
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	37.3	34.0	18.2	18.1	39.7	64.0	72.0	77.7	32.3
Children aged 0–17 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	7 777	1 170	3 890	1 430	821	240	223	2 256	17 807
Non-Indigenous	25 268	10 934	10 584	1 934	2 503	1 217	665	661	53 766
Unknown	1 093	5	790	2 379	95	407	181	29	4 979
All children	34 138	12 109	15 264	5 743	3 419	1 864	1 069	2 946	76 552
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	86.2	58.8	46.8	39.1	53.2	23.3	92.0	84.3	62.6
Non-Indigenous	16.3	9.1	10.8	3.9	7.4	11.4	8.6	18.6	11.2
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	20.8	9.9	14.3	10.7	9.7	15.9	13.3	47.3	15.1
Children aged 0–17 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3 303	768	1 731	539	452	146	106	1 186	8 231
Non-Indigenous	8 194	6 557	4 032	695	1 334	771	329	232	22 144
Unknown	39	2	178	636	45	215	30	7	1 152
All children	11 536	7 327	5 941	1 870	1 831	1 132	465	1 425	31 527
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	36.6	38.6	20.8	14.7	29.3	14.2	43.7	44.3	28.9
Non-Indigenous	5.3	5.5	4.1	1.4	4.0	7.2	4.2	6.5	4.6
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	7.0	6.0	5.6	3.5	5.2	9.7	5.8	22.9	6.2
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2011									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	4 900	1 060	3 181	1 496	658	234	176	575	12 280
Non-Indigenous	10 435	5 665	5 247	1 663	1 904	936	535	146	26 531
Unknown	4	10	28	118	58	16	12	1	247

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All children	15 339	6 735	8 456	3 277	2 620	1 186	723	722	39 058
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years at 30 June 2011									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	54.2	52.9	38.1	40.9	42.4	22.7	72.8	21.6	43.0
Non-Indigenous	6.7	4.7	5.3	3.3	5.6	8.8	6.9	4.1	5.5
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9.3	5.5	7.9	6.0	7.4	10.1	9.0	11.6	7.7
2009-10									
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	15 399	2 404	4 832	3 551	2 665	402	533	3 348	33 134
Non-Indigenous	63 797	34 715	13 182	4 972	9 546	1 238	2 896	1 371	131 717
Unknown	9 400	642	1 622	2 010	1 362	5 337	2 090	–	22 463
All children	88 596	37 761	19 636	10 533	13 573	6 977	5 519	4 719	187 314
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	171.8	122.7	59.0	97.6	175.5	39.4	218.8	124.4	117.4
Non-Indigenous	41.4	29.2	13.5	10.1	28.3	11.5	37.5	38.6	27.7
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	54.4	31.2	18.6	19.9	38.5	59.4	69.3	75.5	37.2
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	11 314	1 064	3 830	1 289	944	165	180	1 700	20 486
Non-Indigenous	37 895	10 404	10 976	2 055	2 215	693	763	430	65 431
Unknown	1 627	14	828	360	233	552	135	–	3 749
All children	50 836	11 482	15 634	3 704	3 392	1 410	1 078	2 130	89 666
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	126.2	54.3	46.8	35.4	62.2	16.2	73.9	63.2	72.6
Non-Indigenous	24.6	8.7	11.3	4.2	6.6	6.5	9.9	12.1	13.8
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	31.2	9.5	14.8	7.0	9.6	12.0	13.5	34.1	17.8

Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations

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Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3 707	710	1 780	642	379	130	118	868	8 334
Non-Indigenous	9 408	5 690	4 227	818	1 029	614	380	169	22 335
Unknown	21	3	211	97	99	136	52	7	626
All children	13 136	6 403	6 218	1 557	1 507	880	550	1 044	31 295
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	41.4	36.2	21.7	17.6	25.0	12.7	48.5	32.2	29.5
Non-Indigenous	6.1	4.8	4.3	1.7	3.1	5.7	4.9	4.8	4.7
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	8.1	5.3	5.9	2.9	4.3	7.5	6.9	16.7	6.2
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2010									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	4 555	948	2 969	1 525	631	157	159	507	11 451
Non-Indigenous	10 132	5 549	5 118	1 906	1 877	955	492	186	26 215
Unknown	2	18	3	1	35	–	2	3	64
All children	14 689	6 515	8 090	3 432	2 543	1 112	653	696	37 730
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years at 30 June 2010									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	50.6	48.0	36.0	41.7	41.2	15.3	65.4	18.9	40.4
Non-Indigenous	6.6	4.7	5.2	3.8	5.6	8.9	6.3	5.2	5.5
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9.0	5.4	7.6	6.4	7.2	9.5	8.2	11.1	7.5

2008-09

Children aged 0–16 years in notifications

Number of children

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	17 206	2 264	4 650	2 999	2 767	445	407	2 874	33 612
Non-Indigenous	93 133	31 299	16 105	5 792	11 923	6 682	4 546	1 371	170 851
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	110 339	33 563	20 755	8 791	14 690	7 127	4 953	4 245	204 463

Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	203.5	123.5	60.7	87.2	195.0	46.6	176.7	112.1	126.6
Non-Indigenous	64.6	28.2	17.8	12.7	37.8	66.0	63.5	41.3	38.5
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	72.3	29.8	21.1	17.9	44.6	64.4	67.0	72.2	43.5
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	12 227	1 017	3 555	1 177	1 154	152	181	1 295	20 758
Non-Indigenous	49 868	8 767	12 922	2 239	3 118	1 635	1 071	486	80 106
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	62 095	9 784	16 477	3 416	4 272	1 787	1 252	1 781	100 864
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	144.6	55.5	46.4	34.2	81.3	15.9	78.6	50.5	78.2
Non-Indigenous	34.6	7.9	14.3	4.9	9.9	16.2	15.0	14.7	18.1
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	40.7	8.7	16.8	6.9	13.0	16.1	16.9	30.3	21.5
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3 749	684	1 747	545	598	98	97	617	8 135
Non-Indigenous	10 208	5 445	4 849	909	1 303	976	508	145	24 343
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	13 957	6 129	6 596	1 454	1 901	1 074	605	762	32 478
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	44.3	37.3	22.8	15.9	42.1	10.3	42.1	24.1	30.6
Non-Indigenous	7.1	4.9	5.4	2.0	4.1	9.6	7.1	4.4	5.5
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9.1	5.4	6.7	3.0	5.8	9.7	8.2	13.0	6.9
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2009									
Number of children									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3 979	825	2 720	1 465	573	151	130	428	10 271

Table 16A.1 **Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and on care and protection orders, per 1000 children in the target population, and by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Non-Indigenous	9 512	5 275	5 222	1 872	1 788	840	480	149	25 138
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	13 491	6 100	7 942	3 337	2 361	991	610	577	35 409
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years at 30 June 2009									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	46.8	44.7	35.1	42.4	40.0	15.6	56.6	16.7	38.4
Non-Indigenous	6.6	4.7	5.7	4.1	5.7	8.3	6.7	4.5	5.7
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	8.8	5.4	8.0	6.7	7.2	8.9	8.2	9.8	7.5

- (a) For 2017-18, data on the number of finalised investigation and substantiations are not available. Rates per 1000 children aged 0-17 years in the population exclude children in NSW.
- (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 reliable.
- (c) Prior to 2009-10, rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including children whose ages were not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year. For 2009-10 onwards, rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations are calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years in each category (including children whose ages were not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0-17 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000.
- (d) Rates of non-Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including children whose ages were not stated) who were on a care and protection order as at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 years at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including children whose ages were not stated) who were on a care and protection order as at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (Cat. No. 3238.0).
- (e) Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous category. For 2009-10 onwards, the number of children with unknown Indigenous status is reported separately. Rates are not able to be calculated for children of unknown Indigenous status as corresponding population data are not available.
- (f) NSW: See table 16A.4 for detailed footnotes. NSW has implemented a new client management system in 2017-18 and has provided limited data. With the new system, NSW is making efforts to improve quality and completeness of data so as to have a more comprehensive set of data for the 2020 Report. For 2017-18, data for 'Investigations' and 'Dealt with by other means' are not comparable to data published previously. 'Investigations' counts changed to only include field assessments. All office based assessments are now included in the category 'Dealt with by other means'.

Table 16A.1 **Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and on care and protection orders, per 1000 children in the target population, and by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

	<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>
(g) Queensland: In Queensland, all notifications require a full investigation to ensure the safety and well-being of children. 2014-15: From 2014-15 Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. 2015-16: From January 2015, amendments to the Child Protection Act 1999 commenced, with the consolidation of mandatory reporting requirements and new provisions enabling the referral of families to support services. 2016-17: From 1 July 2017, early childhood education and care professionals commenced mandatory reporting responsibilities.									
(h) SA: Includes in 'notifications' only those reports which have met the criteria for a reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect.									
(i) Tasmania: Due to changes in the way in which notifications have been defined in Tasmania, the number of notifications reported for 2015-16 onwards is not comparable with data for earlier years. Tasmania has moved from a caller to an agency defined approach to the counting of notifications so that reporting is now more consistent with the majority of jurisdictions. In Tasmania, Indigenous status is no longer being cross-checked with data from other databases. As a result, the proportion of clients with an 'unknown' Indigenous status is larger than in previous years. Therefore data from 2017-18 are not comparable with data for previous years and any comparisons should be made with extreme caution. The proportions of notifications, finalised investigations and substantiations for children of unknown Indigenous status impact the reliability of these data.									
(j) ACT: Includes in 'notifications' all intakes that meet the definition of a child concern report or a child protection report, as defined in the <i>Children and Young People Act 2008</i> .									

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2017-18; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.2

Table 16A.2 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2017-18									
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6 766	1 975	3 832	2 452	1 216	333	260	953	17 787
Non-Indigenous	10 618	5 979	5 225	1 994	2 413	561	566	114	27 470
Unknown	3	–	50	2	66	378	–	–	499
All children	17 387	7 954	9 107	4 448	3 695	1 272	826	1 067	45 756
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	71.2	88.8	41.5	64.4	72.9	29.7	101.4	35.6	58.3
Non-Indigenous	6.4	4.4	4.9	3.5	7.0	5.5	6.2	3.1	5.3
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	10.0	5.8	7.8	7.4	10.2	11.2	8.8	16.8	8.3
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	7 589	2 561	4 681	2 845	1 373	358	277	1 160	20 844
Non-Indigenous	12 192	8 708	6 381	2 429	2 702	633	666	159	33 870
Unknown	14	2	95	2	76	428	1	1	619
All children	19 795	11 271	11 157	5 276	4 151	1 419	944	1 320	55 333
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	79.8	115.2	50.7	74.7	82.3	31.9	108.0	43.3	68.4
Non-Indigenous	7.4	6.5	6.0	4.3	7.8	6.2	7.3	4.3	6.5
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	11.3	8.2	9.6	8.7	11.5	12.5	10.1	20.8	10.0
2016-17									
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6 824	2 091	3 782	2 321	1 150	321	227	948	17 664
Non-Indigenous	11 055	8 212	5 093	1 911	2 246	865	576	111	30 069
Unknown	–	9	66	–	88	19	–	–	182
All children	17 879	10 312	8 941	4 232	3 484	1 205	803	1 059	47 915
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									

TABLE 16A.2

Table 16A.2 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	72.8	95.9	41.7	61.4	69.7	29.1	90.1	35.4	58.7
Non-Indigenous	6.8	6.2	4.8	3.4	6.5	8.4	6.5	3.0	5.8
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	10.3	7.6	7.8	7.0	9.6	10.6	8.8	16.5	8.8

Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year

Number of children in care

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	7 758	2 573	4 589	2 751	1 329	361	257	1 176	20 794
Non-Indigenous	12 823	10 418	6 270	2 360	2 516	967	682	150	36 186
Unknown	–	10	99	1	106	25	–	–	241
All children	20 581	13 001	10 958	5 112	3 951	1 353	939	1 326	57 221

Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	83.1	118.9	51.1	73.0	81.0	33.0	103.0	44.0	69.5
Non-Indigenous	7.8	7.8	5.9	4.2	7.3	9.4	7.7	4.0	7.0
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	11.9	9.6	9.5	8.5	10.9	11.9	10.3	20.7	10.5

2015-16

Children in out-of-home care at 30 June

Number of children in care

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6 652	1 876	3 619	2 212	1 073	297	197	920	16 846
Non-Indigenous	11 147	7 821	5 010	1 887	2 095	830	546	112	29 448
Unknown	1	8	41	1	75	23	5	–	154
All children	17 800	9 705	8 670	4 100	3 243	1 150	748	1 032	46 448

Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	71.6	87.4	40.6	58.9	65.7	27.3	79.8	34.4	56.7
Non-Indigenous	6.9	6.0	4.8	3.4	6.1	8.1	6.4	3.1	5.8
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	10.4	7.4	7.6	6.9	9.0	10.1	8.5	16.3	8.6

Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year

Number of children in care

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	7 482	2 307	4 419	2 603	1 190	327	223	1 135	19 686
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Table 16A.2 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Non-Indigenous	12 833	10 158	6 194	2 362	2 387	948	643	164	35 689
Unknown	1	8	96	2	94	25	13	–	239
All children	20 316	12 473	10 709	4 967	3 671	1 300	879	1 299	55 614
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	80.9	108.3	50.0	69.6	73.3	30.3	90.7	42.5	66.6
Non-Indigenous	7.9	7.9	5.9	4.2	6.9	9.2	7.5	4.5	7.0
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	11.9	9.6	9.5	8.4	10.2	11.4	10.0	20.5	10.4
2014-15									
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6 210	1 511	3 512	2 062	844	241	183	892	15 455
Non-Indigenous	10 631	7 049	4 879	1 890	1 949	812	482	125	27 817
Unknown	2	7	57	2	45	8	6	–	127
All children	16 843	8 567	8 448	3 954	2 838	1 061	671	1 017	43 399
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	67.4	71.5	40.0	55.3	52.3	22.5	74.8	33.4	52.5
Non-Indigenous	6.6	5.6	4.7	3.4	5.7	7.8	5.7	3.4	5.5
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9.9	6.6	7.5	6.7	7.9	9.3	7.8	16.0	8.2
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	7 756	1 888	4 183	2 402	990	277	208	1 067	18 771
Non-Indigenous	13 662	9 120	5 977	2 312	2 229	959	613	184	35 056
Unknown	8	9	96	11	54	9	10	–	197
All children	21 426	11 017	8 400	4 725	3 273	1 245	831	1 233	52 150
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	84.5	89.9	48.0	64.7	61.6	25.9	85.4	39.9	64.1
Non-Indigenous	8.6	7.2	5.8	4.2	6.5	9.3	7.3	5.0	7.0
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	12.7	8.6	7.5	8.0	9.1	10.9	9.7	19.4	9.8

2013-14

TABLE 16A.2

Table 16A.2 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6 520	1 308	3 336	1 882	787	232	152	774	14 991
Non-Indigenous	11 667	6 393	4 783	1 800	1 811	786	454	133	27 827
Unknown	5	9	66	41	33	36	–	1	191
All children	18 192	7 710	8 185	3 723	2 631	1 054	606	908	43 009
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	71.3	62.7	38.5	50.8	49.2	21.8	62.7	29.0	51.4
Non-Indigenous	7.3	5.1	4.6	3.3	5.3	7.5	5.5	3.6	5.6
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	10.8	6.1	7.3	6.4	7.3	9.2	7.1	14.3	8.1
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	7 333	1 650	4 055	2 203	932	281	182	937	17 573
Non-Indigenous	13 177	8 380	6 079	2 205	2 115	940	576	177	33 649
Unknown	10	11	105	77	42	52	18	3	318
All children	20 520	10 041	8 438	4 485	3 089	1 273	776	1 134	49 756
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	80.3	79.7	47.1	59.6	58.6	26.6	75.5	35.1	60.5
Non-Indigenous	8.3	6.7	5.9	4.0	6.2	9.0	7.0	4.8	6.8
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	12.2	7.9	7.6	7.7	8.6	11.1	9.2	17.9	9.5

2012-13

Children in out-of-home care at 30 June

Number of children in care

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6 203	922	3 195	1 800	788	243	140	623	13 914
Non-Indigenous	11 214	5 412	4 884	1 781	1 835	803	400	125	26 454
Unknown	5	65	57	55	34	21	19	–	256
All children	17 422	6 399	8 136	3 636	2 657	1 067	559	748	40 624

Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population

TABLE 16A.2

Table 16A.2 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	68.1	44.9	37.3	48.8	49.8	23.1	58.4	23.3	48.1
Non-Indigenous	7.1	4.4	4.8	3.3	5.4	7.7	5.0	3.4	5.4
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	10.5	5.1	7.4	6.3	7.5	9.2	6.7	11.8	7.8

Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year

Number of children in care

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6 991	1 240	3 985	2 152	898	282	187	862	16 597
Non-Indigenous	13 060	7 608	6 293	2 234	2 156	981	539	186	33 057
Unknown	18	109	84	112	41	35	44	–	443
All children	20 069	8 957	8 706	4 498	3 095	1 298	770	1 048	48 441

Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	76.9	60.7	46.8	58.5	57.0	27.0	77.8	32.3	57.5
Non-Indigenous	8.3	6.2	6.2	4.2	6.3	9.4	6.7	5.1	6.7
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	12.1	7.2	7.9	7.9	8.7	11.3	9.3	16.7	9.3

2011-12

Children in out-of-home care at 30 June

Number of children in care

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	5 991	1 028	3 041	1 614	706	212	134	573	13 299
Non-Indigenous	11 177	5 106	4 919	1 760	1 828	789	421	127	26 127
Unknown	24	73	39	26	14	8	11	–	195
All children	17 192	6 207	7 999	3 400	2 548	1 009	566	700	39 621

Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	66.0	50.5	35.9	44.0	45.1	20.3	55.6	21.5	46.2
Non-Indigenous	7.2	4.2	4.9	3.4	5.4	7.5	5.3	3.5	5.4
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	10.4	5.0	7.4	6.1	7.2	8.7	6.9	11.2	7.7

Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year

Number of children in care

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6 876	1 424	3 796	1 972	803	244	182	838	16 135
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Table 16A.2 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Non-Indigenous	13 102	7 369	6 205	2 203	2 146	983	576	192	32 776
Unknown	40	310	78	85	37	22	39	1	612
All children	20 018	9 103	8 560	4 260	2 986	1 249	797	1 031	48 004
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	75.9	70.5	45.1	53.8	51.5	23.5	75.4	31.4	56.3
Non-Indigenous	8.4	6.1	6.2	4.3	6.3	9.3	7.3	5.4	6.8
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	12.2	7.4	7.9	7.7	8.4	10.7	9.8	16.5	9.4
2010-11									
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	5 737	877	2 850	1 448	630	196	119	501	12 358
Non-Indigenous	10 994	4 701	4 722	1 527	1 690	754	409	132	24 929
Unknown	9	100	30	145	48	16	12	1	361
All children	16 740	5 678	7 602	3 120	2 368	966	540	634	37 648
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	63.4	43.8	34.1	39.6	40.6	19.0	49.2	18.8	43.3
Non-Indigenous	7.1	3.9	4.8	3.0	5.0	7.1	5.2	3.7	5.2
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	10.2	4.6	7.1	5.8	6.7	8.3	6.7	10.2	7.4
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6 620	1 251	3 651	1 702	747	233	175	702	15 081
Non-Indigenous	12 945	6 923	6 092	1 908	2 012	905	553	192	31 530
Unknown	25	299	57	229	63	29	51	3	756
All children	19 590	8 473	8 265	3 839	2 822	1 167	779	897	45 832
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	73.4	62.9	44.0	46.5	48.4	22.6	72.2	26.2	53.0
Non-Indigenous	8.4	5.8	6.2	3.8	6.0	8.5	7.1	5.4	6.6
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	12.0	7.0	7.8	7.1	8.0	10.0	9.7	14.4	9.0

2009-10

Table 16A.2 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	5 465	816	2 686	1 242	589	138	125	407	11 468
Non-Indigenous	10 699	4 553	4 655	1 494	1 576	755	405	142	24 279
Unknown	11	100	9	1	23	–	2	2	148
All children	16 175	5 469	7 350	2 737	2 188	893	532	551	35 895
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	60.7	41.3	32.5	34.0	38.4	13.4	51.4	15.2	40.4
Non-Indigenous	6.9	3.8	4.8	3.0	4.7	7.0	5.2	4.0	5.1
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9.9	4.5	6.9	5.1	6.2	7.6	6.7	8.8	7.1
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6 337	1 204	3 490	1 557	719	153	169	608	14 237
Non-Indigenous	12 601	6 836	6 032	1 976	1 959	968	564	212	31 148
Unknown	29	284	43	4	33	–	32	–	425
All children	18 967	8 324	8 130	3 537	2 711	1 121	765	820	44 375
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	70.7	61.4	42.6	42.8	47.3	15.0	69.4	22.6	50.4
Non-Indigenous	8.2	5.7	6.2	4.0	5.8	9.0	7.3	6.0	6.6
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	11.6	6.9	7.7	6.7	7.7	9.5	9.6	13.1	8.8

2008-09

Children in out-of-home care at 30 June

Number of children in care

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	4 991	734	2 481	1 197	521	130	100	358	10 512
Non-Indigenous	10 220	4 549	4 612	1 485	1 495	678	394	124	23 557
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	15 211	5 283	7 093	2 682	2 016	808	494	482	34 069

Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population

Table 16A.2 Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	55.9	37.7	30.6	33.0	34.6	12.9	41.0	13.3	37.5
Non-Indigenous	6.7	3.8	4.8	3.0	4.4	6.3	5.1	3.5	5.0
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	9.4	4.4	6.8	5.1	5.7	6.9	6.2	7.8	6.8
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	5 798	1 073	3 136	1 491	656	152	175	543	13 024
Non-Indigenous	12 200	6 753	6 391	1 965	1 863	859	717	204	30 952
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	17 998	7 826	8 005	3 456	2 519	1 011	892	747	42 454
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	65.3	55.6	39.0	41.3	43.9	15.2	71.6	20.1	46.7
Non-Indigenous	8.0	5.7	6.7	4.0	5.5	8.0	9.4	5.8	6.6
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	11.1	6.5	7.7	6.6	7.2	8.6	11.3	12.0	8.5

- (a) For 2016-17, robust estimates of the non-Indigenous population aged 0–17 at 30 December 2016 are not available. Therefore, rates for 2016-17 are calculated on the estimated population aged 0–17 at 30 June 2017 as published in Table 16A.38.
- (b) Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous status category. For 2009-10 onwards, the number of children with unknown Indigenous status category is reported separately. Rates are not able to be calculated for children of unknown Indigenous status as corresponding population data are not available.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.
- (d) Rates for non-Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 years at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 years at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (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.

Table 16A.2 Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
(f) NSW: For 2017-18 NSW data for out-of-home care excludes children on immigration orders. NSW data for 2014-15 onwards is not comparable to data published previously. NSW Safe Home for Life (SHFL) legislative reforms, effective 29 October 2014, transitioned eligible children/young people to the independent care of their guardian. These children/young people exited and are no longer counted in out-of-home care.									
(g) Victoria: The foster care category includes children on permanent care orders where carers are in receipt of foster care payment and children in individually tailored home-based arrangements. From 2017-18 excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.									
(h) Queensland: From 2014-15 Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. From 2015-16, data regarding all children aged 0-17 in at least one out-of-home care placement were derived by the AIHW based on the unit record (child-level) files supplied by Queensland. Data are not comparable to previous years, as results were derived by Queensland.									
(i) Tasmania: Tasmania is not able to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer meaning Tasmania's data are slightly lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmanian data also exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. In Tasmania, Indigenous status is no longer being cross-checked with data from other databases. As a result, the proportion of clients with an 'unknown' Indigenous status is larger than in previous years. Therefore data from 2017-18 are not comparable with data for previous years and any comparisons should be made with extreme caution.									
(j) ACT: Out-of-home care data includes some children 18 years and over whose carers receive a full carer payment. This is generally to facilitate completion of schooling without change to the placement.									
(k) NT: Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children reported to be in out-of-home care in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted.									

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2017-18; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.3

Table 16A.3 **Children admitted to and discharged from out-of-home-care by Indigenous status (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<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>
2017-18									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Children admitted to care	817	879	942	564	235	51	52	238	3 778
Children discharged from care	887	626	917	433	175	24	22	222	3 306
Non-Indigenous									
Children admitted to care	1 327	3 297	1 357	558	419	57	98	49	7 162
Children discharged from care	1 674	2 951	1 196	444	304	76	104	48	6 797
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Children admitted to care	13	–	70	2	36	115	1	1	238
Children discharged from care	11	2	45	–	10	53	1	1	123
All children									
Children admitted to care	2 157	4 176	2 369	1 124	690	223	151	288	11 178
Children discharged from care	2 572	3 579	2 158	877	489	153	127	271	10 226

- (a) This table includes all children admitted to out-of-home care for the first time in the period, as well as those children returning to care who had exited care 60 days or more previously. Children admitted to out-of-home care more than once during the year were only counted at the first admission. The data for children exiting care include those who left care and had not returned in less than 60 days. If a child has more than one discharge from care, the child is only counted for one discharge for the year. Data may include children who were discharged on their 18th birthday.
- (b) NSW: For 2017-18 NSW data for out-of-home care excludes children on immigration orders and children/young people who are on independent care of their guardian.
- (c) Victoria: Data excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.
- (d) Queensland: Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere.
- (e) WA data exclude children on third-party parental responsibility orders and includes children placed in boarding schools.
- (f) Tasmanian data exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. In Tasmania, Indigenous status is no longer being cross-checked with data from other databases. As a result, the proportion of clients with an 'unknown' Indigenous status is larger than in previous years. Therefore data from 2017-18 are not comparable with data for previous years and any comparisons should be made with extreme caution.
- (g) Out-of-home care data for the ACT includes some young people 18 years and over whose carers receive a full carer payment. This is generally to facilitate completion of schooling without change to the placement.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2017-18 data; AIHW *Child Protection Australia* for 2012-13 to 2016-17.

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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>
2017-18									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	na	2 134	2 392	2 296	601	96	102	1 824
Not substantiated	no.	na	1 512	4 262	1 872	663	26	348	3 379
Total finalised	no.	na	3 646	6 654	4 168	1 264	122	450	5 203
Investigations in process	no.	na	104	949	620	246	30	16	1 075
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	na	–	420	410	70	13	58	2 654
Total investigations	no.	17 483	3 750	8 023	5 198	1 580	165	524	8 932
Dealt with by other means	no.	24 566	5 888	..	1 425	4 825	500	1 726	10 798
Total notifications	no.	42 049	9 638	8 023	6 623	6 405	665	2 250	19 730
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	na	22.1	29.8	34.7	9.4	14.4	4.5	9.2
Not substantiated	%	na	15.7	53.1	28.3	10.4	3.9	15.5	17.1
Total finalised	%	na	37.8	82.9	62.9	19.7	18.3	20.0	26.4
Investigations in process	%	na	1.1	11.8	9.4	3.8	4.5	0.7	5.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	na	–	5.2	6.2	1.1	2.0	2.6	13.5
Total investigations	%	41.6	38.9	100.0	78.5	24.7	24.8	23.3	45.3
Dealt with by other means	%	58.4	61.1	..	21.5	75.3	75.2	76.7	54.7
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	na	16 174	3 680	2 714	1 181	207	331	283
Not substantiated	no.	na	12 862	7 926	2 950	1 049	63	1 293	1 067
Total finalised	no.	na	29 036	11 606	5 664	2 230	270	1 624	1 350
Investigations in process	no.	na	882	1 476	619	413	35	37	121
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	na	–	443	247	49	11	122	436
Total investigations	no.	33 166	29 918	13 525	6 530	2 692	316	1 783	1 907
Dealt with by other means	no.	65 294	69 418	..	1 991	13 549	1 194	7 676	2 949

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total notifications	no.	98 460	99 336	13 525	8 521	16 241	1 510	9 459	4 856
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	na	16.3	27.2	31.9	7.3	13.7	3.5	5.8
Not substantiated	%	na	12.9	58.6	34.6	6.5	4.2	13.7	22.0
Total finalised	%	na	29.2	85.8	66.5	13.7	17.9	17.2	27.8
Investigations in process	%	na	0.9	10.9	7.3	2.5	2.3	0.4	2.5
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	na	–	3.3	2.9	0.3	0.7	1.3	9.0
Total investigations	%	33.7	30.1	100.0	76.6	16.6	20.9	18.8	39.3
Dealt with by other means	%	66.3	69.9	..	23.4	83.4	79.1	81.2	60.7
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	na	25	319	4	94	464	–	3
Not substantiated	no.	na	154	1 287	3	95	128	1	19
Total finalised	no.	na	179	1 606	7	189	592	1	22
Investigations in process	no.	na	36	317	278	27	144	–	7
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	na	–	176	141	6	63	–	9
Total investigations	no.	6 264	215	2 099	426	222	799	1	38
Dealt with by other means	no.	20 663	6 411	..	2 598	1 041	4 950	3 097	119
Total notifications	no.	26 927	6 626	2 099	3 024	1 263	5 749	3 098	157
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	na	0.4	15.2	0.1	7.4	8.1	–	1.9
Not substantiated	%	na	2.3	61.3	0.1	7.5	2.2	–	12.1
Total finalised	%	na	2.7	76.5	0.2	15.0	10.3	–	14.0
Investigations in process	%	na	0.5	15.1	9.2	2.1	2.5	–	4.5
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	na	–	8.4	4.7	0.5	1.1	–	5.7
Total investigations	%	23.3	3.2	100.0	14.1	17.6	13.9	–	24.2
Dealt with by other means	%	76.7	96.8	..	85.9	82.4	86.1	100.0	75.8
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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>
All children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	na	18 333	6 391	5 014	1 876	767	433	2 110
Not substantiated	no.	na	14 528	13 475	4 825	1 807	217	1 642	4 465
Total finalised	no.	na	32 861	19 866	9 839	3 683	984	2 075	6 575
Investigations in process	no.	na	1 022	2 742	1 517	686	209	53	1 203
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	na	–	1 039	798	125	87	180	3 099
Total investigations	no.	56 913	33 883	23 647	12 154	4 494	1 280	2 308	10 877
Dealt with by other means	no.	110 523	81 717	..	6 014	19 415	6 644	12 499	13 866
Total notifications	no.	167 436	115 600	23 647	18 168	23 909	7 924	14 807	24 743
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	na	15.9	27.0	27.6	7.8	9.7	2.9	8.5
Not substantiated	%	na	12.6	57.0	26.6	7.6	2.7	11.1	18.0
Total finalised	%	na	28.4	84.0	54.2	15.4	12.4	14.0	26.6
Investigations in process	%	na	0.9	11.6	8.3	2.9	2.6	0.4	4.9
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	na	–	4.4	4.4	0.5	1.1	1.2	12.5
Total investigations	%	34.0	29.3	100.0	66.9	18.8	16.2	15.6	44.0
Dealt with by other means	%	66.0	70.7	..	33.1	81.2	83.8	84.4	56.0
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2016-17									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	11 496	1 983	2 244	2 228	515	139	174	1 957
Not substantiated	no.	15 883	1 455	4 080	1 986	505	42	322	2 969
Total finalised	no.	27 379	3 438	6 324	4 214	1 020	181	496	4 926
Investigations in process	no.	127	159	703	493	222	29	111	434
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	488	–	413	407	100	31	75	2 360
Total investigations	no.	27 994	3 597	7 440	5 114	1 342	241	682	7 720
Dealt with by other means	no.	13 276	5 715	..	1 614	4 135	819	1 736	9 966

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total notifications	no.	41 270	9 312	7 440	6 728	5 477	1 060	2 418	17 686
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	27.9	21.3	30.2	33.1	9.4	13.1	7.2	11.1
Not substantiated	%	38.5	15.6	54.8	29.5	9.2	4.0	13.3	16.8
Total finalised	%	66.3	36.9	85.0	62.6	18.6	17.1	20.5	27.9
Investigations in process	%	0.3	1.7	9.4	7.3	4.1	2.7	4.6	2.5
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	1.2	–	5.6	6.0	1.8	2.9	3.1	13.3
Total investigations	%	67.8	38.6	100.0	76.0	24.5	22.7	28.2	43.7
Dealt with by other means	%	32.2	61.4	..	24.0	75.5	77.3	71.8	56.3
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	23 414	14 463	3 689	2 835	1 030	474	379	252
Not substantiated	no.	39 749	12 004	7 871	3 262	1 066	149	1 101	832
Total finalised	no.	63 163	26 467	11 560	6 097	2 096	623	1 480	1 084
Investigations in process	no.	194	950	1 395	423	341	86	608	56
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	629	–	511	371	60	87	144	373
Total investigations	no.	63 986	27 417	13 466	6 891	2 497	796	2 232	1 513
Dealt with by other means	no.	43 811	68 600	..	2 224	12 331	4 100	7 763	3 045
Total notifications	no.	107 797	96 017	13 466	9 115	14 828	4 896	9 995	4 558
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	21.7	15.1	27.4	31.1	6.9	9.7	3.8	5.5
Not substantiated	%	36.9	12.5	58.5	35.8	7.2	3.0	11.0	18.3
Total finalised	%	58.6	27.6	85.8	66.9	14.1	12.7	14.8	23.8
Investigations in process	%	0.2	1.0	10.4	4.6	2.3	1.8	6.1	1.2
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.6	–	3.8	4.1	0.4	1.8	1.4	8.2
Total investigations	%	59.4	28.6	100.0	75.6	16.8	16.3	22.3	33.2
Dealt with by other means	%	40.6	71.4	..	24.4	83.2	83.7	77.7	66.8
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	95	5	289	2	116	189	–	–
Not substantiated	no.	769	128	1 046	2	90	90	5	11
Total finalised	no.	864	133	1 335	4	206	279	5	11
Investigations in process	no.	5	29	267	317	36	29	2	1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	193	–	146	207	13	45	1	–
Total investigations	no.	1 062	162	1 748	528	255	353	8	12
Dealt with by other means	no.	8 832	5 470	..	2 688	986	1 741	3 495	56
Total notifications	no.	9 894	5 632	1 748	3 216	1 241	2 094	3 503	68
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	1.0	0.1	16.5	0.1	9.3	9.0	–	–
Not substantiated	%	7.8	2.3	59.8	0.1	7.3	4.3	0.1	16.2
Total finalised	%	8.7	2.4	76.4	0.1	16.6	13.3	0.1	16.2
Investigations in process	%	0.1	0.5	15.3	9.9	2.9	1.4	0.1	1.5
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	2.0	–	8.4	6.4	1.0	2.1	–	–
Total investigations	%	10.7	2.9	100.0	16.4	20.5	16.9	0.2	17.6
Dealt with by other means	%	89.3	97.1	..	83.6	79.5	83.1	99.8	82.4
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	35 005	16 451	6 222	5 065	1 661	802	553	2 209
Not substantiated	no.	56 401	13 587	12 997	5 250	1 661	281	1 428	3 812
Total finalised	no.	91 406	30 038	19 219	10 315	3 322	1 083	1 981	6 021
Investigations in process	no.	326	1 138	2 365	1 233	599	144	721	491
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	1 310	–	1 070	985	173	163	220	2 733
Total investigations	no.	93 042	31 176	22 654	12 533	4 094	1 390	2 922	9 245
Dealt with by other means	no.	65 919	79 785	..	6 526	17 452	6 660	12 994	13 067
Total notifications	no.	158 961	110 961	22 654	19 059	21 546	8 050	15 916	22 312
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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	%	22.0	14.8	27.5	26.6	7.7	10.0	3.5	9.9
Not substantiated	%	35.5	12.2	57.4	27.5	7.7	3.5	9.0	17.1
Total finalised	%	57.5	27.1	84.8	54.1	15.4	13.5	12.4	27.0
Investigations in process	%	0.2	1.0	10.4	6.5	2.8	1.8	4.5	2.2
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.8	–	4.7	5.2	0.8	2.0	1.4	12.2
Total investigations	%	58.5	28.1	100.0	65.8	19.0	17.3	18.4	41.4
Dealt with by other means	%	41.5	71.9	..	34.2	81.0	82.7	81.6	58.6
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

Substantiated	no.	10 068	1 820	2 100	2 003	643	173	156	1 533
Not substantiated	no.	14 449	1 239	3 500	2 161	646	54	379	2 756
Total finalised	no.	24 517	3 059	5 600	4 164	1 289	227	535	4 289
Investigations in process	no.	175	112	762	424	247	28	121	292
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	412	–	431	284	122	13	57	1 900
Total investigations	no.	25 104	3 171	6 793	4 872	1 658	268	713	6 481
Dealt with by other means	no.	11 171	5 551	..	1 316	4 030	1 045	1 640	9 531
Total notifications	no.	36 275	8 722	6 793	6 188	5 688	1 313	2 353	16 012

Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

Substantiated	%	27.8	20.9	30.9	32.4	11.3	13.2	6.6	9.6
Not substantiated	%	39.8	14.2	51.5	34.9	11.4	4.1	16.1	17.2
Total finalised	%	67.6	35.1	82.4	67.3	22.7	17.3	22.7	26.8
Investigations in process	%	0.5	1.3	11.2	6.9	4.3	2.1	5.1	1.8
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	1.1	–	6.3	4.6	2.1	1.0	2.4	11.9
Total investigations	%	69.2	36.4	100.0	78.7	29.1	20.4	30.3	40.5
Dealt with by other means	%	30.8	63.6	..	21.3	70.9	79.6	69.7	59.5
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Non-Indigenous children

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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>
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	20 110	13 064	3 740	2 567	1 119	580	409	264
Not substantiated	no.	36 892	11 066	7 729	3 857	1 343	224	990	716
Total finalised	no.	57 002	24 130	11 469	6 424	2 462	804	1 399	980
Investigations in process	no.	271	994	1 762	480	376	131	272	71
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	675	–	745	287	85	53	159	329
Total investigations	no.	57 948	25 124	13 976	7 191	2 923	988	1 830	1 380
Dealt with by other means	no.	36 776	67 047	..	1 811	11 637	6 477	6 414	3 068
Total notifications	no.	94 724	92 171	13 976	9 002	14 560	7 465	8 244	4 448
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	21.2	14.2	26.8	28.5	7.7	7.8	5.0	5.9
Not substantiated	%	38.9	12.0	55.3	42.8	9.2	3.0	12.0	16.1
Total finalised	%	60.2	26.2	82.1	71.4	16.9	10.8	17.0	22.0
Investigations in process	%	0.3	1.1	12.6	5.3	2.6	1.8	3.3	1.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.7	–	5.3	3.2	0.6	0.7	1.9	7.4
Total investigations	%	61.2	27.3	100.0	79.9	20.1	13.2	22.2	31.0
Dealt with by other means	%	38.8	72.7	..	20.1	79.9	86.8	77.8	69.0
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	88	4	264	12	95	115	62	–
Not substantiated	no.	917	95	999	10	114	61	168	1
Total finalised	no.	1 005	99	1 263	22	209	176	230	1
Investigations in process	no.	18	32	306	345	59	57	55	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	177	–	243	225	10	20	15	–
Total investigations	no.	1 200	131	1 812	592	278	253	300	1
Dealt with by other means	no.	7 800	6 038	..	2 249	898	2 483	3 962	4
Total notifications	no.	9 000	6 169	1 812	2 841	1 176	2 736	4 262	5
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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	%	1.0	0.1	14.6	0.4	8.1	4.2	1.5	–
Not substantiated	%	10.2	1.5	55.1	0.4	9.7	2.2	3.9	20.0
Total finalised	%	11.2	1.6	69.7	0.8	17.8	6.4	5.4	20.0
Investigations in process	%	0.2	0.5	16.9	12.1	5.0	2.1	1.3	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	2.0	–	13.4	7.9	0.9	0.7	0.4	–
Total investigations	%	13.3	2.1	100.0	20.8	23.6	9.2	7.0	20.0
Dealt with by other means	%	86.7	97.9	..	79.2	76.4	90.8	93.0	80.0
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	30 266	14 888	6 104	4 582	1 857	868	627	1 797
Not substantiated	no.	52 258	12 400	12 228	6 028	2 103	339	1 537	3 473
Total finalised	no.	82 524	27 288	18 332	10 610	3 960	1 207	2 164	5 270
Investigations in process	no.	464	1 138	2 830	1 249	682	216	448	363
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	1 264	–	1 419	796	217	86	231	2 229
Total investigations	no.	84 252	28 426	22 581	12 655	4 859	1 509	2 843	7 862
Dealt with by other means	no.	55 747	78 636	..	5 376	16 565	10 005	12 016	12 603
Total notifications	no.	139 999	107 062	22 581	18 031	21 424	11 514	14 859	20 465
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	21.6	13.9	27.0	25.4	8.7	7.5	4.2	8.8
Not substantiated	%	37.3	11.6	54.2	33.4	9.8	2.9	10.3	17.0
Total finalised	%	58.9	25.5	81.2	58.8	18.5	10.5	14.6	25.8
Investigations in process	%	0.3	1.1	12.5	6.9	3.2	1.9	3.0	1.8
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.9	–	6.3	4.4	1.0	0.7	1.6	10.9
Total investigations	%	60.2	26.6	100.0	70.2	22.7	13.1	19.1	38.4
Dealt with by other means	%	39.8	73.4	..	29.8	77.3	86.9	80.9	61.6
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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>
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	8 875	1 488	2 232	1 418	730	133	141	1 652
Not substantiated	no.	13 093	1 003	3 570	2 165	754	47	171	2 433
Total finalised	no.	21 968	2 491	5 802	3 583	1 484	180	312	4 085
Investigations in process	no.	179	146	580	457	200	37	10	469
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	447	–	287	410	111	10	35	1 167
Total investigations	no.	22 594	2 637	6 669	4 450	1 795	227	357	5 721
Dealt with by other means	no.	10 140	4 390	..	741	3 891	1 080	1 336	7 355
Total notifications	no.	32 734	7 027	6 669	5 191	5 686	1 307	1 693	13 076
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	27.1	21.2	33.5	27.3	12.8	10.2	8.3	12.6
Not substantiated	%	40.0	14.3	53.5	41.7	13.3	3.6	10.1	18.6
Total finalised	%	67.1	35.4	87.0	69.0	26.1	13.8	18.4	31.2
Investigations in process	%	0.5	2.1	8.7	8.8	3.5	2.8	0.6	3.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	1.4	–	4.3	7.9	2.0	0.8	2.1	8.9
Total investigations	%	69.0	37.5	100.0	85.7	31.6	17.4	21.1	43.8
Dealt with by other means	%	31.0	62.5	..	14.3	68.4	82.6	78.9	56.2
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	17 510	12 622	3 944	1 717	1 495	590	438	337
Not substantiated	no.	33 424	8 822	8 191	3 416	1 513	257	666	710
Total finalised	no.	50 934	21 444	12 135	5 133	3 008	847	1 104	1 047
Investigations in process	no.	236	899	1 333	438	323	104	41	103
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	578	–	522	375	112	76	60	184
Total investigations	no.	51 748	22 343	13 990	5 946	3 443	1 027	1 205	1 334
Dealt with by other means	no.	33 490	57 369	..	1 089	11 736	7 951	4 779	2 484
Total notifications	no.	85 238	79 712	13 990	7 035	15 179	8 978	5 984	3 818
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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	%	20.5	15.8	28.2	24.4	9.8	6.6	7.3	8.8
Not substantiated	%	39.2	11.1	58.5	48.6	10.0	2.9	11.1	18.6
Total finalised	%	59.8	26.9	86.7	73.0	19.8	9.4	18.4	27.4
Investigations in process	%	0.3	1.1	9.5	6.2	2.1	1.2	0.7	2.7
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.7	–	3.7	5.3	0.7	0.8	1.0	4.8
Total investigations	%	60.7	28.0	100.0	84.5	22.7	11.4	20.1	34.9
Dealt with by other means	%	39.3	72.0	..	15.5	77.3	88.6	79.9	65.1
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	39	5	259	488	110	181	16	3
Not substantiated	no.	861	31	1 038	1 870	137	95	19	10
Total finalised	no.	900	36	1 297	2 358	247	276	35	13
Investigations in process	no.	5	85	259	321	16	26	11	4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	158	–	135	339	19	39	11	10
Total investigations	no.	1 063	121	1 691	3 018	282	341	57	27
Dealt with by other means	no.	7 111	4 726	..	1 584	893	2 934	2 899	105
Total notifications	no.	8 174	4 847	1 691	4 602	1 175	3 275	2 956	132
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	0.5	0.1	15.3	10.6	9.4	5.5	0.5	2.3
Not substantiated	%	10.5	0.6	61.4	40.6	11.7	2.9	0.6	7.6
Total finalised	%	11.0	0.7	76.7	51.2	21.0	8.4	1.2	9.8
Investigations in process	%	0.1	1.8	15.3	7.0	1.4	0.8	0.4	3.0
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	1.9	–	8.0	7.4	1.6	1.2	0.4	7.6
Total investigations	%	13.0	2.5	100.0	65.6	24.0	10.4	1.9	20.5
Dealt with by other means	%	87.0	97.5	..	34.4	76.0	89.6	98.1	79.5
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

All children

Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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	no.	26 424	14 115	6 435	3 623	2 335	904	595	1 992
Not substantiated	no.	47 378	9 856	12 799	7 451	2 404	399	856	3 153
Total finalised	no.	73 802	23 971	19 234	11 074	4 739	1 303	1 451	5 145
Investigations in process	no.	420	1 130	2 172	1 216	539	167	62	576
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	1 183	–	944	1 124	242	125	106	1 361
Total investigations	no.	75 405	25 101	22 350	13 414	5 520	1 595	1 619	7 082
Dealt with by other means	no.	50 741	66 485	..	3 414	16 520	11 965	9 014	9 944
Total notifications	no.	126 146	91 586	22 350	16 828	22 040	13 560	10 633	17 026
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	20.9	15.4	28.8	21.5	10.6	6.7	5.6	11.7
Not substantiated	%	37.6	10.8	57.3	44.3	10.9	2.9	8.1	18.5
Total finalised	%	58.5	26.2	86.1	65.8	21.5	9.6	13.6	30.2
Investigations in process	%	0.3	1.2	9.7	7.2	2.4	1.2	0.6	3.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.9	–	4.2	6.7	1.1	0.9	1.0	8.0
Total investigations	%	59.8	27.4	100.0	79.7	25.0	11.8	15.2	41.6
Dealt with by other means	%	40.2	72.6	..	20.3	75.0	88.2	84.8	58.4
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

Substantiated	no.	8 771	1 329	2 441	1 159	883	94	79	1 450
Not substantiated	no.	10 673	738	3 674	1 792	854	64	183	1 418
Total finalised	no.	19 444	2 067	6 115	2 951	1 737	158	262	2 868
Investigations in process	no.	147	111	567	467	139	5	12	647
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	437	–	296	273	127	16	14	538
Total investigations	no.	20 028	2 178	6 978	3 691	2 003	179	288	4 053
Dealt with by other means	no.	11 226	4 100	..	995	2 857	1 098	1 251	5 828
Total notifications	no.	31 254	6 278	6 978	4 686	4 860	1 277	1 539	9 881

Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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	%	28.1	21.2	35.0	24.7	18.2	7.4	5.1	14.7
Not substantiated	%	34.1	11.8	52.7	38.2	17.6	5.0	11.9	14.4
Total finalised	%	62.2	32.9	87.6	63.0	35.7	12.4	17.0	29.0
Investigations in process	%	0.5	1.8	8.1	10.0	2.9	0.4	0.8	6.5
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	1.4	–	4.2	5.8	2.6	1.3	0.9	5.4
Total investigations	%	64.1	34.7	100.0	78.8	41.2	14.0	18.7	41.0
Dealt with by other means	%	35.9	65.3	..	21.2	58.8	86.0	81.3	59.0
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	17 344	10 622	4 707	1 287	1 737	470	370	183
Not substantiated	no.	25 625	7 304	8 566	2 305	2 120	271	416	491
Total finalised	no.	42 969	17 926	13 273	3 592	3 857	741	786	674
Investigations in process	no.	221	1 086	1 071	431	224	54	43	99
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	541	–	485	240	153	46	68	79
Total investigations	no.	43 731	19 012	14 829	4 263	4 234	841	897	852
Dealt with by other means	no.	40 521	53 729	..	1 162	9 557	6 976	4 866	2 179
Total notifications	no.	84 252	72 741	14 829	5 425	13 791	7 817	5 763	3 031
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	20.6	14.6	31.7	23.7	12.6	6.0	6.4	6.0
Not substantiated	%	30.4	10.0	57.8	42.5	15.4	3.5	7.2	16.2
Total finalised	%	51.0	24.6	89.5	66.2	28.0	9.5	13.6	22.2
Investigations in process	%	0.3	1.5	7.2	7.9	1.6	0.7	0.7	3.3
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.6	–	3.3	4.4	1.1	0.6	1.2	2.6
Total investigations	%	51.9	26.1	100.0	78.6	30.7	10.8	15.6	28.1
Dealt with by other means	%	48.1	73.9	..	21.4	69.3	89.2	84.4	71.9
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status

Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

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

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Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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>
Substantiated	%	20.8	14.6	31.8	19.4	14.0	6.0	4.2	12.6
Not substantiated	%	30.3	9.8	56.4	45.2	15.9	3.9	6.8	14.8
Total finalised	%	51.1	24.4	88.2	64.7	29.9	9.9	11.1	27.4
Investigations in process	%	0.3	1.5	7.9	7.6	1.9	0.6	0.5	5.8
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.9	–	3.9	5.0	1.5	0.9	1.1	4.8
Total investigations	%	52.3	25.9	100.0	77.3	33.4	11.4	12.7	37.9
Dealt with by other means	%	47.7	74.1	..	22.7	66.6	88.6	87.3	62.1
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

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

Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

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

Non-Indigenous children

Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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	no.	17 812	9 304	5 283	917	1 439	635	416	167
Not substantiated	no.	17 535	6 733	9 294	1 934	1 585	458	737	459
Total finalised	no.	35 347	16 037	14 577	2 851	3 024	1 093	1 153	626
Investigations in process	no.	970	945	1 072	253	224	52	29	41
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	191	na	451	185	162	105	171	47
Total investigations	no.	36 508	16 982	16 100	3 289	3 410	1 250	1 353	714
Dealt with by other means	no.	33 931	48 362	..	1 176	10 035	6 358	5 710	1 640
Total notifications	no.	70 439	65 344	16 100	4 465	13 445	7 608	7 063	2 354
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	25.3	14.2	32.8	20.5	10.7	8.3	5.9	7.1
Not substantiated	%	24.9	10.3	57.7	43.3	11.8	6.0	10.4	19.5
Total finalised	%	50.2	24.5	90.5	63.9	22.5	14.4	16.3	26.6
Investigations in process	%	1.4	1.4	6.7	5.7	1.7	0.7	0.4	1.7
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.3	na	2.8	4.1	1.2	1.4	2.4	2.0
Total investigations	%	51.8	26.0	100.0	73.7	25.4	16.4	19.2	30.3
Dealt with by other means	%	48.2	74.0	..	26.3	74.6	83.6	80.8	69.7
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	117	4	308	1 116	64	240	157	–
Not substantiated	no.	1 195	9	1 035	3 138	69	215	313	–
Total finalised	no.	1 312	13	1 343	4 254	133	455	470	–
Investigations in process	no.	138	29	215	395	8	16	24	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	44	na	136	300	9	43	72	–
Total investigations	no.	1 494	42	1 694	4 949	150	514	566	–
Dealt with by other means	no.	7 063	2 284	..	1 963	480	2 981	4 194	18
Total notifications	no.	8 557	2 326	1 694	6 912	630	3 495	4 760	18
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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>
Substantiated	%	1.4	0.2	18.2	16.1	10.2	6.9	3.3	–
Not substantiated	%	14.0	0.4	61.1	45.4	11.0	6.2	6.6	–
Total finalised	%	15.3	0.6	79.3	61.5	21.1	13.0	9.9	–
Investigations in process	%	1.6	1.2	12.7	5.7	1.3	0.5	0.5	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.5	na	8.0	4.3	1.4	1.2	1.5	–
Total investigations	%	17.5	1.8	100.0	71.6	23.8	14.7	11.9	–
Dealt with by other means	%	82.5	98.2	..	28.4	76.2	85.3	88.1	100.0
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

All children

Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

Substantiated	no.	26 860	10 447	8 069	2 926	2 221	1 035	720	1 356
Not substantiated	no.	25 649	7 474	13 977	6 483	2 431	743	1 215	1 701
Total finalised	no.	52 509	17 921	22 046	9 409	4 652	1 778	1 935	3 057
Investigations in process	no.	1 394	1 052	1 846	917	373	73	86	434
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	333	na	871	692	308	168	302	311
Total investigations	no.	54 236	18 973	24 763	11 018	5 333	2 019	2 323	3 802
Dealt with by other means	no.	50 581	54 299	..	4 187	13 787	10 292	11 226	6 165
Total notifications	no.	104 817	73 272	24 763	15 205	19 120	12 311	13 549	9 967

Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

Substantiated	%	25.6	14.3	32.6	19.2	11.6	8.4	5.3	13.6
Not substantiated	%	24.5	10.2	56.4	42.6	12.7	6.0	9.0	17.1
Total finalised	%	50.1	24.5	89.0	61.9	24.3	14.4	14.3	30.7
Investigations in process	%	1.3	1.4	7.5	6.0	2.0	0.6	0.6	4.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.3	na	3.5	4.6	1.6	1.4	2.2	3.1
Total investigations	%	51.7	25.9	100.0	72.5	27.9	16.4	17.1	38.1
Dealt with by other means	%	48.3	74.1	..	27.5	72.1	83.6	82.9	61.9
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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	no.	7 088	997	2 248	861	638	144	177	1 472
Not substantiated	no.	6 773	510	3 746	1 441	598	49	219	1 311
Total finalised	no.	13 861	1 507	5 994	2 302	1 236	193	396	2 783
Investigations in process	no.	540	111	524	262	227	9	1	118
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	103	–	227	167	159	23	18	273
Total investigations	no.	14 504	1 618	6 745	2 731	1 622	225	415	3 174
Dealt with by other means	no.	9 063	3 287	..	909	3 307	969	1 229	2 756
Total notifications	no.	23 567	4 905	6 745	3 640	4 929	1 194	1 644	5 930
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	30.1	20.3	33.3	23.7	12.9	12.1	10.8	24.8
Not substantiated	%	28.7	10.4	55.5	39.6	12.1	4.1	13.3	22.1
Total finalised	%	58.8	30.7	88.9	63.2	25.1	16.2	24.1	46.9
Investigations in process	%	2.3	2.3	7.8	7.2	4.6	0.8	0.1	2.0
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.4	–	3.4	4.6	3.2	1.9	1.1	4.6
Total investigations	%	61.5	33.0	100.0	75.0	32.9	18.8	25.2	53.5
Dealt with by other means	%	38.5	67.0	..	25.0	67.1	81.2	74.8	46.5
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	16 052	8 078	5 121	1 143	1 430	713	539	233
Not substantiated	no.	18 555	5 485	9 426	1 953	1 440	301	710	491
Total finalised	no.	34 607	13 563	14 547	3 096	2 870	1 014	1 249	724
Investigations in process	no.	1 613	889	1 210	267	231	58	28	41
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	301	–	525	178	192	85	48	64
Total investigations	no.	36 521	14 452	16 282	3 541	3 293	1 157	1 325	829
Dealt with by other means	no.	32 013	42 781	..	1 019	10 294	6 475	5 121	1 143
Total notifications	no.	68 534	57 233	16 282	4 560	13 587	7 632	6 446	1 972
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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>
Substantiated	%	23.4	14.1	31.5	25.1	10.5	9.3	8.4	11.8
Not substantiated	%	27.1	9.6	57.9	42.8	10.6	3.9	11.0	24.9
Total finalised	%	50.5	23.7	89.3	67.9	21.1	13.3	19.4	36.7
Investigations in process	%	2.4	1.6	7.4	5.9	1.7	0.8	0.4	2.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.4	–	3.2	3.9	1.4	1.1	0.7	3.2
Total investigations	%	53.3	25.3	100.0	77.7	24.2	15.2	20.6	42.0
Dealt with by other means	%	46.7	74.7	..	22.3	75.8	84.8	79.4	58.0
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	35	–	312	755	71	168	145	–
Not substantiated	no.	1 061	–	1 170	2 627	63	125	277	3
Total finalised	no.	1 096	–	1 482	3 382	134	293	422	3
Investigations in process	no.	191	2	195	376	18	25	22	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	40	–	119	232	15	28	19	–
Total investigations	no.	1 327	2	1 796	3 990	167	346	463	3
Dealt with by other means	no.	5 855	1 690	..	1 555	373	2 664	3 866	65
Total notifications	no.	7 182	1 692	1 796	5 545	540	3 010	4 329	68
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	0.5	–	17.4	13.6	13.1	5.6	3.3	–
Not substantiated	%	14.8	–	65.1	47.4	11.7	4.2	6.4	4.4
Total finalised	%	15.3	–	82.5	61.0	24.8	9.7	9.7	4.4
Investigations in process	%	2.7	0.1	10.9	6.8	3.3	0.8	0.5	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.6	–	6.6	4.2	2.8	0.9	0.4	–
Total investigations	%	18.5	0.1	100.0	72.0	30.9	11.5	10.7	4.4
Dealt with by other means	%	81.5	99.9	..	28.0	69.1	88.5	89.3	95.6
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

All children

Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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	no.	23 175	9 075	7 681	2 759	2 139	1 025	861	1 705
Not substantiated	no.	26 389	5 995	14 342	6 021	2 101	475	1 206	1 805
Total finalised	no.	49 564	15 070	22 023	8 780	4 240	1 500	2 067	3 510
Investigations in process	no.	2 344	1 002	1 929	905	476	92	51	159
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	444	..	871	577	366	136	85	337
Total investigations	no.	52 352	16 072	24 823	10 262	5 082	1 728	2 203	4 006
Dealt with by other means	no.	46 931	47 758	..	3 483	13 974	10 108	10 216	3 964
Total notifications	no.	99 283	63 830	24 823	13 745	19 056	11 836	12 419	7 970
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	23.3	14.2	30.9	20.1	11.2	8.7	6.9	21.4
Not substantiated	%	26.6	9.4	57.8	43.8	11.0	4.0	9.7	22.6
Total finalised	%	49.9	23.6	88.7	63.9	22.3	12.7	16.6	44.0
Investigations in process	%	2.4	1.6	7.8	6.6	2.5	0.8	0.4	2.0
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.4	..	3.5	4.2	1.9	1.1	0.7	4.2
Total investigations	%	52.7	25.2	100.0	74.7	26.7	14.6	17.7	50.3
Dealt with by other means	%	47.3	74.8	..	25.3	73.3	85.4	82.3	49.7
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

Substantiated	no.	5 843	829	1 972	560	567	165	152	1 363
Not substantiated	no.	7 865	487	2 531	951	631	89	165	1 101
Total finalised	no.	13 708	1 316	4 503	1 511	1 198	254	317	2 464
Investigations in process	no.	472	135	1 143	241	496	20	7	248
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	3 178	..	112	92	na	33	48	361
Total investigations	no.	17 358	1 451	5 758	1 844	1 694	307	372	3 073
Dealt with by other means	no.	5 114	2 583	..	..	2 842	755	1 122	1 667
Total notifications	no.	22 472	4 034	5 758	1 844	4 536	1 062	1 494	4 740

Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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	%	26.0	20.6	34.2	30.4	12.5	15.5	10.2	28.8
Not substantiated	%	35.0	12.1	44.0	51.6	13.9	8.4	11.0	23.2
Total finalised	%	61.0	32.6	78.2	81.9	26.4	23.9	21.2	52.0
Investigations in process	%	2.1	3.3	19.9	13.1	10.9	1.9	0.5	5.2
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	14.1	..	1.9	5.0	na	3.1	3.2	7.6
Total investigations	%	77.2	36.0	100.0	100.0	37.3	28.9	24.9	64.8
Dealt with by other means	%	22.8	64.0	..	..	62.7	71.1	75.1	35.2
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	12 707	6 811	4 444	705	1 603	833	448	270
Not substantiated	no.	25 064	4 844	7 245	1 282	1 667	421	503	413
Total finalised	no.	37 771	11 655	11 689	1 987	3 270	1 254	951	683
Investigations in process	no.	1 861	826	2 492	257	701	95	20	93
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	11 534	..	317	114	na	131	103	112
Total investigations	no.	51 166	12 481	14 498	2 358	3 971	1 480	1 074	888
Dealt with by other means	no.	19 110	38 415	..	..	12 103	5 467	5 279	813
Total notifications	no.	70 276	50 896	14 498	2 358	16 074	6 947	6 353	1 701
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	18.1	13.4	30.7	29.9	10.0	12.0	7.1	15.9
Not substantiated	%	35.7	9.5	50.0	54.4	10.4	6.1	7.9	24.3
Total finalised	%	53.7	22.9	80.6	84.3	20.3	18.1	15.0	40.2
Investigations in process	%	2.6	1.6	17.2	10.9	4.4	1.4	0.3	5.5
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	16.4	..	2.2	4.8	na	1.9	1.6	6.6
Total investigations	%	72.8	24.5	100.0	100.0	24.7	21.3	16.9	52.2
Dealt with by other means	%	27.2	75.5	..	..	75.3	78.7	83.1	47.8
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status

Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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	no.	46	3	182	642	50	227	36	8
Not substantiated	no.	1 131	5	653	1 721	76	171	160	7
Total finalised	no.	1 177	8	835	2 363	126	398	196	15
Investigations in process	no.	206	1	448	313	24	43	11	3
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	1 482	..	116	137	–	50	19	15
Total investigations	no.	2 865	9	1 399	2 813	150	491	226	33
Dealt with by other means	no.	3 232	779	..	..	385	2 189	3 639	59
Total notifications	no.	6 097	788	1 399	2 813	535	2 680	3 865	92
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	0.8	0.4	13.0	22.8	9.3	8.5	0.9	8.7
Not substantiated	%	18.6	0.6	46.7	61.2	14.2	6.4	4.1	7.6
Total finalised	%	19.3	1.0	59.7	84.0	23.6	14.9	5.1	16.3
Investigations in process	%	3.4	0.1	32.0	11.1	4.5	1.6	0.3	3.3
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	24.3	..	8.3	4.9	–	1.9	0.5	16.3
Total investigations	%	47.0	1.1	100.0	100.0	28.0	18.3	5.8	35.9
Dealt with by other means	%	53.0	98.9	..	..	72.0	81.7	94.2	64.1
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	18 596	7 643	6 598	1 907	2 220	1 225	636	1 641
Not substantiated	no.	34 060	5 336	10 429	3 954	2 374	681	828	1 521
Total finalised	no.	52 656	12 979	17 027	5 861	4 594	1 906	1 464	3 162
Investigations in process	no.	2 539	962	4 083	811	na	158	38	344
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	16 194	–	545	343	na	214	170	488
Total investigations	no.	71 389	13 941	21 655	7 015	5 815	2 278	1 672	3 994
Dealt with by other means	no.	27 456	41 777	..	3 961	15 330	8 411	10 040	2 539
Total notifications	no.	98 845	55 718	21 655	10 976	21 145	10 689	11 712	6 533
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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	%	18.8	13.7	30.5	17.4	10.5	11.5	5.4	25.1
Not substantiated	%	34.5	9.6	48.2	36.0	11.2	6.4	7.1	23.3
Total finalised	%	53.3	23.3	78.6	53.4	21.7	17.8	12.5	48.4
Investigations in process	%	2.6	1.7	18.9	7.4	na	1.5	0.3	5.3
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	16.4	–	2.5	3.1	na	2.0	1.5	7.5
Total investigations	%	72.2	25.0	100.0	63.9	27.5	21.3	14.3	61.1
Dealt with by other means	%	27.8	75.0	..	36.1	72.5	78.7	85.7	38.9
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

2009-10

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

Substantiated	no.	7 828	750	2 058	704	552	148	173	1 045
Not substantiated	no.	14 534	442	2 281	755	789	43	129	841
Total finalised	no.	22 362	1 192	4 339	1 459	1 341	191	302	1 886
Investigations in process	no.	698	138	1 008	111	52	8	–	675
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	3 528	..	159	52	na	9	55	311
Total investigations	no.	26 588	1 330	5 506	1 622	1 393	208	357	2 872
Dealt with by other means	no.	6 152	2 038	..	2 612	3 089	410	1 144	1 815
Total notifications	no.	32 740	3 368	5 506	4 234	4 482	618	1 501	4 687

Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

Substantiated	%	23.9	22.3	37.4	16.6	12.3	23.9	11.5	22.3
Not substantiated	%	44.4	13.1	41.4	17.8	17.6	7.0	8.6	17.9
Total finalised	%	68.3	35.4	78.8	34.5	29.9	30.9	20.1	40.2
Investigations in process	%	2.1	4.1	18.3	2.6	1.2	1.3	–	14.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	10.8	..	2.9	1.2	na	1.5	3.7	6.6
Total investigations	%	81.2	39.5	100.0	38.3	31.1	33.7	23.8	61.3
Dealt with by other means	%	18.8	60.5	..	61.7	68.9	66.3	76.2	38.7
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Non-Indigenous children

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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>
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	18 396	5 850	4 643	850	1 142	614	511	191
Not substantiated	no.	45 553	5 183	7 499	1 360	1 671	94	567	254
Total finalised	no.	63 949	11 033	12 142	2 210	2 813	708	1 078	445
Investigations in process	no.	2 671	1 433	2 159	167	200	22	4	256
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	12 850	..	387	83	na	10	134	66
Total investigations	no.	79 470	12 466	14 688	2 460	3 013	740	1 216	767
Dealt with by other means	no.	33 177	31 861	..	3 273	11 030	788	4 964	1 025
Total notifications	no.	112 647	44 327	14 688	5 733	14 043	1 528	6 180	1 792
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	16.3	13.2	31.6	14.8	8.1	40.2	8.3	10.7
Not substantiated	%	40.4	11.7	51.1	23.7	11.9	6.2	9.2	14.2
Total finalised	%	56.8	24.9	82.7	38.5	20.0	46.3	17.4	24.8
Investigations in process	%	2.4	3.2	14.7	2.9	1.4	1.4	0.1	14.3
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	11.4	..	2.6	1.4	na	0.7	2.2	3.7
Total investigations	%	70.5	28.1	100.0	42.9	21.5	48.4	19.7	42.8
Dealt with by other means	%	29.5	71.9	..	57.1	78.5	51.6	80.3	57.2
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	26 248	6 603	6 922	1 652	1 815	963	741	1 243
Not substantiated	no.	61 853	5 636	10 429	2 387	2 627	642	811	1 117
Total finalised	no.	88 101	12 239	17 351	4 039	4 442	1 605	1 552	2 360
Investigations in process	no.	3 747	1 577	3 860	322	na	140	4	941
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	18 257	–	674	155	na	88	224	380
Total investigations	no.	110 105	13 816	21 885	4 516	4 705	1 833	1 780	3 681
Dealt with by other means	no.	46 360	34 553	..	7 644	15 593	8 062	9 000	2 904
Total notifications	no.	156 465	48 369	21 885	12 160	20 298	9 895	10 780	6 585
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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	%	16.8	13.7	31.6	13.6	8.9	9.7	6.9	18.9
Not substantiated	%	39.5	11.7	47.7	19.6	12.9	6.5	7.5	17.0
Total finalised	%	56.3	25.3	79.3	33.2	21.9	16.2	14.4	35.8
Investigations in process	%	2.4	3.3	17.6	2.6	na	1.4	–	14.3
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	11.7	–	3.1	1.3	na	0.9	2.1	5.8
Total investigations	%	70.4	28.6	100.0	37.1	23.2	18.5	16.5	55.9
Dealt with by other means	%	29.6	71.4	..	62.9	76.8	81.5	83.5	44.1
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

2008-09

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

Substantiated	no.	9 663	720	1 979	574	816	108	146	694
Not substantiated	no.	18 140	389	2 203	719	956	60	134	533
Total finalised	no.	27 803	1 109	4 182	1 293	1 772	168	280	1 227
Investigations in process	no.	1 148	150	1 142	111	11	27	–	428
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	5 532	–	151	55	na	4	38	367
Total investigations	no.	34 483	1 259	5 475	1 459	1 783	199	318	2 022
Dealt with by other means	no.	7 482	1 861	..	2 112	3 212	497	721	2 161
Total notifications	no.	41 965	3 120	5 475	3 571	4 995	696	1 039	4 183

Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

Substantiated	%	23.0	23.1	36.1	16.1	16.3	15.5	14.1	16.6
Not substantiated	%	43.2	12.5	40.2	20.1	19.1	8.6	12.9	12.7
Total finalised	%	66.3	35.5	76.4	36.2	35.5	24.1	26.9	29.3
Investigations in process	%	2.7	4.8	20.9	3.1	0.2	3.9	–	10.2
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	13.2	–	2.8	1.5	na	0.6	3.7	8.8
Total investigations	%	82.2	40.4	100.0	40.9	35.7	28.6	30.6	48.3
Dealt with by other means	%	17.8	59.6	..	59.1	64.3	71.4	69.4	51.7
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Non-Indigenous children

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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>
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	24 415	5 624	5 336	949	1 603	1 080	750	164
Not substantiated	no.	66 292	3 567	8 937	1 475	2 511	807	747	294
Total finalised	no.	90 707	9 191	14 273	2 424	4 114	1 887	1 497	458
Investigations in process	no.	4 170	767	3 118	182	23	201	–	228
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	21 899	–	542	97	na	168	170	111
Total investigations	no.	116 776	9 958	17 933	2 703	4 137	2 256	1 667	797
Dealt with by other means	no.	54 945	29 773	..	3 885	14 089	7 393	6 889	1 209
Total notifications	no.	171 721	39 731	17 933	6 588	18 226	9 649	8 556	2 006
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	14.2	14.2	29.8	14.4	8.8	11.2	8.8	8.2
Not substantiated	%	38.6	9.0	49.8	22.4	13.8	8.4	8.7	14.7
Total finalised	%	52.8	23.1	79.6	36.8	22.6	19.6	17.5	22.8
Investigations in process	%	2.4	1.9	17.4	2.8	0.1	2.1	–	11.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	12.8	–	3.0	1.5	na	1.7	2.0	5.5
Total investigations	%	68.0	25.1	100.0	41.0	22.7	23.4	19.5	39.7
Dealt with by other means	%	32.0	74.9	..	59.0	77.3	76.6	80.5	60.3
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	34 078	6 344	7 315	1 523	2 419	1 188	896	858
Not substantiated	no.	84 432	3 956	11 140	2 194	3 467	867	881	827
Total finalised	no.	118 510	10 300	18 455	3 717	5 886	2 055	1 777	1 685
Investigations in process	no.	5 318	917	4 260	293	na	228	–	656
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	27 431	–	693	152	na	172	208	478
Total investigations	no.	151 259	11 217	23 408	4 162	5 920	2 455	1 985	2 819
Dealt with by other means	no.	62 427	31 634	..	5 997	17 301	7 890	7 610	3 370
Total notifications	no.	213 686	42 851	23 408	10 159	23 221	10 345	9 595	6 189
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									

Table 16A.4 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<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	%	15.9	14.8	31.3	15.0	10.4	11.5	9.3	13.9
Not substantiated	%	39.5	9.2	47.6	21.6	14.9	8.4	9.2	13.4
Total finalised	%	55.5	24.0	78.8	36.6	25.3	19.9	18.5	27.2
Investigations in process	%	2.5	2.1	18.2	2.9	na	2.2	–	10.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	12.8	–	3.0	1.5	na	1.7	2.2	7.7
Total investigations	%	70.8	26.2	100.0	41.0	25.5	23.7	20.7	45.5
Dealt with by other means	%	29.2	73.8	..	59.0	74.5	76.3	79.3	54.5
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous status category. For 2009-10 onwards, the number of children with unknown Indigenous status category is reported separately. Rates are not able to be calculated for children of unknown Indigenous status as corresponding population data are not available.
- (b) If a child is the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, each of these is counted.
- (c) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised.
- (d) The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting the child where practicable.
- (e) 'Investigation closed – no outcome possible' includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (f) 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice.
- (g) NSW: NSW has implemented a new client management system in 2017-18 and has provided limited data. With the new system, NSW is making efforts to improve quality and completeness of data so as to have a more comprehensive set of data for the 2020 Report. For 2017-18, data for 'Investigations' and 'Dealt with by other means' are not comparable to data published previously. 'Investigations' counts changed to only include field assessments. All office based assessments are now included in the category 'Dealt with by other means'. NSW data for 2014-15 and 2015-16 may not be fully comparable to data published previously. Data for NSW relating to 'Notifications investigated', 'Notifications resolved without investigations' and 'Notifications dealt with by other means' from 2011-12 onwards are not comparable to previous years. The counting rules changed for 2011-12 data to better account for practice changes. NSW had a differential investigation response whereby an investigation can be undertaken over two stages (stage 1 - information gathering; stage 2 - assessment), and therefore NSW figures are not comparable with those of other jurisdictions.
- (h) Victoria: If a case is open following the first notification, no further notifications concerning the child are recorded.

Table 16A.4 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)

	<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)	<p>Queensland: In Queensland, all notifications require a full investigation to ensure the safety and well-being of children. The category 'investigation closed – no outcome possible' is considered to be a finalised investigation in Queensland, as it includes investigations that were either unable to be commenced, or commenced but not able to be completed, despite all reasonable steps undertaken by the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women to identify and/or locate the child and family. 2011-12: Additional staff focused on investigations and assessments. 2014-15: From 2014-15 Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. In early 2015, Queensland commenced a new strength-based framework for practice that involves greater engagement with complex families during the investigation and assessment process. 2015-16: From January 2015, amendments to the Child Protection Act 1999 commenced, with the consolidation of mandatory reporting requirements and new provisions enabling the referral of families to support services. 2016-17: Additional staff focused on investigations and assessments. From 1 July 2017, early childhood education and care professionals commenced mandatory reporting responsibilities.</p>								
(j)	<p>WA: The definition of emotional abuse in Western Australia has been broadened to include children witnessing family and domestic violence from 2015-16.</p>								
(k)	<p>SA: During 2009-10, SA implemented new service and reporting arrangements. Therefore, data for 2009-10 onwards are not fully comparable to previous years' data.</p>								
(l)	<p>Tasmania: Due to changes in the way notifications have been defined in Tasmania, the number of notifications reported for 2015-16 onwards is not comparable with data for earlier years. Tasmania has moved from a caller to an agency defined approach to counting notifications so that reporting is now more consistent with the majority of jurisdictions. In Tasmania, Indigenous status is no longer being cross-checked with data from other databases. As a result, the proportion of clients with an 'unknown' Indigenous status is larger than in previous years. Therefore data from 2017-18 are not comparable with data for previous years and any comparisons should be made with extreme caution. The proportions of notifications, finalised investigations and substantiations for children of unknown Indigenous status impact the reliability of these data.</p>								
(m)	<p>ACT: Includes in 'notifications' all intakes that meet the definition of a child concern report or a child protection report, as defined in the <i>Children and Young People Act 2008</i>.</p>								
(n)	<p>NT: In 2015-16 the number of notifications involving children of unknown Indigenous status totals include one client for whom Indigenous status was not recorded (no client record). 2014-15: As a result of administrative changes, multiple open investigations concerning the same child are now consolidated into a single open investigation, with one resulting substantiation from each finalised investigation (either substantiated or not substantiated). Prior to 2014-15, each open investigation would result in a separate substantiation outcome. The decrease in the substantiation rate (table 16A.10) since 2014-15 can be partially attributed to this administrative change.</p>								

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

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2017-18; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.5

Table 16A.5 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, by Indigenous status (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2017-18								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	661	655	549	388	182	50	41	168
Had prior admissions to orders	121	355	165	200	26	34	4	52
Total children admitted	782	1 010	714	588	208	84	45	220
Children discharged from orders	1 006	739	717	390	185	52	24	219
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 140	3 153	840	428	389	37	76	38
Had prior admissions to orders	275	1 092	319	174	51	42	18	11
Total children admitted	1 415	4 245	1 159	602	440	79	94	49
Children discharged from orders	2 198	3 608	1 167	426	319	109	111	47
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	34	–	49	1	36	109	1	1
Had prior admissions to orders	–	–	2	–	2	49	–	–
Total children admitted	34	–	51	1	38	158	1	1
Children discharged from orders	19	1	26	–	14	82	1	1
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 835	3 808	1 438	817	607	196	118	207
Had prior admissions to orders	396	1 447	486	374	79	125	22	63
Total children admitted	2 231	5 255	1 924	1 191	686	321	140	270
Children discharged from orders	3 223	4 348	1 910	816	518	243	136	267
2016-17								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	900	644	569	361	212	51	50	207
Had prior admissions to orders	124	270	190	253	21	25	4	61
Total children admitted	1 024	914	759	614	233	76	54	268
Children discharged from orders	724	733	789	490	156	71	29	252
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 644	2 916	829	349	405	114	121	32
Had prior admissions to orders	154	1 001	297	206	38	86	13	11
Total children admitted	1 798	3 917	1 126	555	443	200	134	43
Children discharged from orders	1 510	3 620	1 241	515	352	146	98	46
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Children admitted to orders								

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Table 16A.5 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, by Indigenous status (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Admitted for the first time	–	1	44	–	65	22	–	–
Had prior admissions to orders	–	–	1	–	5	–	–	–
Total children admitted	–	1	45	–	70	22	–	–
Children discharged from orders	–	–	13	2	24	8	–	–
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 544	3 561	1 442	710	682	187	171	239
Had prior admissions to orders	278	1 271	488	459	64	111	17	72
Total children admitted	2 822	4 832	1 930	1 169	746	298	188	311
Children discharged from orders	2 234	4 353	2 043	1 007	532	225	127	298
2015-16								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 061	536	525	402	298	58	39	183
Had prior admissions to orders	167	367	199	212	30	20	2	53
Total children admitted	1 228	903	724	614	328	78	41	236
Children discharged from orders	619	836	681	487	142	48	21	210
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 110	2 931	906	346	466	110	110	38
Had prior admissions to orders	216	1 378	243	169	31	76	17	10
Total children admitted	2 326	4 309	1 149	515	497	186	127	48
Children discharged from orders	1 416	4 170	1 084	540	354	178	84	61
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	–	1	37	–	61	19	12	–
Had prior admissions to orders	–	–	–	–	3	1	–	–
Total children admitted	–	1	37	–	64	20	12	–
Children discharged from orders	–	–	22	1	24	5	6	–
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	3 171	3 468	1 468	748	825	187	161	221
Had prior admissions to orders	383	1 745	442	381	64	97	19	63
Total children admitted	3 554	5 213	1 910	1 129	889	284	180	284
Children discharged from orders	2 035	5 006	1 787	1 028	520	231	111	271
2014-15								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	980	530	541	383	163	27	37	203
Had prior admissions to orders	227	254	203	248	23	19	9	62

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total children admitted	1 207	784	744	631	186	46	46	265
Children discharged from orders	590	691	627	399	137	52	25	187
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 741	2 894	825	364	419	140	109	47
Had prior admissions to orders	281	1 066	232	177	38	69	15	10
Total children admitted	2 022	3 960	1 057	541	457	209	124	57
Children discharged from orders	1 367	3 753	1 199	464	333	243	106	55
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	–	1	39	9	32	12	6	–
Had prior admissions to orders	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–
Total children admitted	–	1	40	9	33	12	6	–
Children discharged from orders	–	–	15	9	13	3	–	–
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 721	3 425	1 405	756	614	179	152	250
Had prior admissions to orders	508	1 320	436	425	62	88	24	72
Total children admitted	3 229	4 745	1 841	1 181	676	267	176	322
Children discharged from orders	1 957	4 444	1 841	872	483	298	131	242
2013-14								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	844	436	514	353	109	28	30	227
Had prior admissions to orders	192	223	1 079	77	21	27	3	81
Total children admitted	1 036	659	1 593	430	130	55	33	308
Children discharged from orders	621	632	678	372	140	84	27	178
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 693	2 618	822	373	268	115	90	48
Had prior admissions to orders	264	931	1 332	61	35	71	14	11
Total children admitted	1 957	3 549	2 154	434	303	186	104	59
Children discharged from orders	1 428	3 517	1 393	383	335	271	79	42
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2	2	40	41	19	40	4	3
Had prior admissions to orders	–	–	21	3	5	1	–	–
Total children admitted	2	2	61	44	24	41	4	3
Children discharged from orders	3	5	20	15	19	26	5	2
All children								

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Table 16A.5 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, by Indigenous status (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 539	3 056	1 376	767	396	183	124	278
Had prior admissions to orders	456	1 154	2 432	141	61	99	17	92
Total children admitted	2 995	4 210	3 808	908	457	282	141	370
Children discharged from orders	2 052	4 154	2 091	770	494	381	111	222
2012-13								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	701	365	586	583	139	46	36	214
Had prior admissions to orders	168	185	1 208	263	21	35	5	56
Total children admitted	869	550	1 794	846	160	81	41	270
Children discharged from orders	527	543	742	101	125	83	38	245
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 622	2 244	980	542	298	159	51	48
Had prior admissions to orders	260	1 052	1 536	276	35	108	20	14
Total children admitted	1 882	3 296	2 516	818	333	267	71	62
Children discharged from orders	1 530	3 354	1 260	243	359	274	134	63
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	5	1	35	73	20	32	18	–
Had prior admissions to orders	–	–	23	–	–	1	1	–
Total children admitted	5	1	58	73	20	33	19	–
Children discharged from orders	3	1	16	9	16	18	6	–
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 328	2 610	1 601	1 198	457	237	105	262
Had prior admissions to orders	428	1 237	2 767	539	56	144	26	70
Total children admitted	2 756	3 847	4 368	1 737	513	381	131	332
Children discharged from orders	2 060	3 898	2 018	353	465	375	178	354
2011-12								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	740	284	574	514	143	39	32	250
Had prior admissions to orders	218	150	1 110	243	121	74	12	82
Total children admitted	958	434	1 684	757	264	113	44	332
Children discharged from orders	620	446	974	155	93	67	35	265
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 732	1 920	1 010	593	355	204	105	60

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Had prior admissions to orders	325	764	1 543	222	283	298	16	6
Total children admitted	2 057	2 684	2 553	815	638	502	121	66
Children discharged from orders	1 615	2 570	1 609	202	324	271	93	83
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2	–	34	47	24	18	18	–
Had prior admissions to orders	–	–	11	–	10	5	–	–
Total children admitted	2	–	45	47	34	23	18	–
Children discharged from orders	3	1	20	4	3	18	6	1
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 474	2 204	1 618	1 154	522	261	155	310
Had prior admissions to orders	543	914	2 664	465	414	377	28	88
Total children admitted	3 017	3 118	4 282	1 619	936	638	183	398
Children discharged from orders	2 238	3 017	2 603	361	420	356	134	349
2010-11								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	735	284	644	406	105	32	40	220
Had prior admissions to orders	186	236	1 127	134	135	92	8	64
Total children admitted	921	520	1 771	540	240	124	48	284
Children discharged from orders	562	296	771	158	113	35	30	217
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 731	1 433	1 008	431	346	146	107	38
Had prior admissions to orders	351	1 196	1 549	121	324	278	36	15
Total children admitted	2 082	2 629	2 557	552	670	424	143	53
Children discharged from orders	1 523	1 365	1 409	235	377	178	92	70
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	3	2	22	144	43	21	14	2
Had prior admissions to orders	–	–	3	2	13	1	2	–
Total children admitted	3	2	25	146	56	22	16	2
Children discharged from orders	1	1	5	4	22	8	6	2
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 469	1 719	1 674	981	494	199	161	260
Had prior admissions to orders	537	1 432	2 679	257	472	371	46	79
Total children admitted	3 006	3 151	4 353	1 238	966	570	207	339
Children discharged from orders	2 086	1 662	2 185	397	512	221	128	289

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Table 16A.5 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, by Indigenous status (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2009-10								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	859	257	609	327	141	16	40	235
Had prior admissions to orders	212	243	1 063	247	138	48	54	63
Total children admitted	1 071	500	1 672	574	279	64	94	298
Children discharged from orders	539	237	739	214	106	17	26	230
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 923	1 431	956	452	428	246	117	72
Had prior admissions to orders	383	1 125	1 674	336	350	312	116	22
Total children admitted	2 306	2 556	2 630	788	778	558	233	94
Children discharged from orders	1 460	1 425	1 606	411	378	171	129	58
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 786	1 688	1 579	781	600	262	161	311
Had prior admissions to orders	595	1 369	2 739	583	495	360	170	85
Total children admitted	3 381	3 057	4 318	1 364	1 095	622	331	396
Children discharged from orders	2 003	1 663	2 363	627	495	188	160	292
2008-09								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	850	258	677	307	166	23	41	179
Had prior admissions to orders	280	175	1 040	276	136	64	40	75
Total children admitted	1 130	433	1 717	583	302	87	81	254
Children discharged from orders	533	252	682	172	155	29	39	220
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 252	1 659	1 291	401	454	266	147	78
Had prior admissions to orders	445	1 149	1 639	371	331	274	153	12
Total children admitted	2 697	2 808	2 930	772	785	540	300	90
Children discharged from orders	1 581	1 525	1 586	375	384	245	136	113
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	3 102	1 917	1 968	708	620	289	188	257
Had prior admissions to orders	725	1 324	2 679	647	467	338	193	87
Total children admitted	3 827	3 241	4 647	1 355	1 087	627	381	344
Children discharged from orders	2 114	1 777	2 268	547	539	274	175	333

Table 16A.5 Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, by Indigenous status (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
(a) Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous status category. For 2009-10 onwards, the number of children with unknown Indigenous status category is reported separately. Rates are not able to be calculated for children of unknown Indigenous status as corresponding population data are not available.								
(b) NSW: Data do not include children on finalised supervisory orders.								
(c) Queensland: From 2014-15 Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data for this measure are not comparable to previous years and will not match Queensland figures published elsewhere.								
(d) WA admissions and discharges data for 2013-14 onwards are not comparable to previous years due to a change in methodology in 2013-14.								
(e) Tasmania: Data may not be comparable year to year due to issues with the recording of order status. In Tasmania, Indigenous status is no longer being cross-checked with data from other databases. As a result, the proportion of clients with an 'unknown' Indigenous status is larger than in previous years. Therefore data from 2017-18 are not comparable with data for previous years and any comparisons should be made with extreme caution.								
– Nil or rounded to zero.								

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2017-18; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.6

Table 16A.6 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, at 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2017-18								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Care and protection order	6 145	1 806	3 714	2 304	1 165	327	259	953
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	50	–	–	–
Not on an order	621	169	118	148	1	6	1	–
Total Indigenous children	6 766	1 975	3 832	2 452	1 216	333	260	953
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	9 784	5 249	5 015	1 908	2 393	547	561	114
Another type of order	–	–	–	3	20	–	1	–
Not on an order	834	730	210	83	–	14	4	–
Total non-Indigenous children	10 618	5 979	5 225	1 994	2 413	561	566	114
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Care and protection order	2	–	44	1	65	363	–	–
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–
Not on an order	1	–	6	1	–	15	–	–
Total all children	3	–	50	2	66	378	–	–
All children								
Care and protection order	15 931	7 055	8 773	4 213	3 623	1 237	820	1 067
Another type of order	–	–	–	3	71	–	1	–
Not on an order	1 456	899	334	232	1	35	5	–
Total all children	17 387	7 954	9 107	4 448	3 695	1 272	826	1 067
2016-17								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Care and protection order	6 378	1 937	3 644	2 157	1 110	306	225	947
Another type of order	–	–	–	1	38	–	–	–
Not on an order	446	154	138	163	2	15	2	1
Total Indigenous children	6 824	2 091	3 782	2 321	1 150	321	227	948
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	10 595	7 452	4 933	1 808	2 232	841	570	111
Another type of order	–	–	–	3	6	–	3	–
Not on an order	460	760	160	100	8	24	3	–
Total non-Indigenous children	11 055	8 212	5 093	1 911	2 246	865	576	111
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Care and protection order	–	7	57	–	88	18	–	–
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	–	2	9	–	–	1	–	–
Total all children	–	9	66	–	88	19	–	–
All children								
Care and protection order	16 973	9 396	8 634	3 965	3 430	1 165	795	1 058

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Table 16A.6 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, at 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Another type of order	–	–	–	4	44	–	3	–
Not on an order	906	916	307	263	10	40	5	1
Total all children	17 879	10 312	8 941	4 232	3 484	1 205	803	1 059
2015-16								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Care and protection order	6 047	1 582	3 516	2 068	1 029	289	196	920
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	41	–	–	–
Not on an order	605	294	103	144	3	8	1	–
Total Indigenous children	6 652	1 876	3 619	2 212	1 073	297	197	920
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	10 492	6 594	4 907	1 774	2 087	799	535	112
Another type of order	–	–	–	2	5	–	3	–
Not on an order	655	1 227	103	111	3	31	8	–
Total non-Indigenous children	11 147	7 821	5 010	1 887	2 095	830	546	112
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Care and protection order	–	6	32	–	75	23	5	–
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	1	2	9	1	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1	8	41	1	75	23	5	–
All children								
Care and protection order	16 539	8 182	8 455	3 842	3 191	1 111	736	1 032
Another type of order	–	–	–	2	46	–	3	–
Not on an order	1 261	1 523	215	256	6	39	9	–
Total all children	17 800	9 705	8 670	4 100	3 243	1 150	748	1 032
2014-15								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Care and protection order	5 533	1 307	3 452	1 945	804	234	179	892
Another type of order	–	–	–	1	40	–	–	–
Not on an order	677	204	60	116	–	7	4	–
Total Indigenous children	6 210	1 511	3 512	2 062	844	241	183	892
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	9 837	6 034	4 758	1 791	1 933	793	475	124
Another type of order	–	–	–	3	16	–	2	–
Not on an order	794	1 015	121	96	–	19	5	1
Total non-Indigenous children	10 631	7 049	4 879	1 890	1 949	812	482	125
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Care and protection order	–	5	46	2	45	6	6	–
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	2	2	11	–	–	2	–	–

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Table 16A.6 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, at 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total all children	2	7	57	2	45	8	6	-
All children								
Care and protection order	15 370	7 346	8 256	3 738	2 782	1 033	660	1 016
Another type of order	-	-	-	4	56	-	2	-
Not on an order	1 473	1 221	192	212	-	28	9	1
Total all children	16 843	8 567	8 448	3 954	2 838	1 061	671	1 017
2013-14								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Care and protection order	5 764	1 133	3 241	1 739	742	230	151	774
Another type of order	-	-	-	2	44	-	-	-
Not on an order	756	175	95	141	1	2	1	-
Total Indigenous children	6 520	1 308	3 336	1 882	787	232	152	774
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	10 770	5 507	4 692	1 723	1 786	773	442	133
Another type of order	-	-	-	4	25	-	6	-
Not on an order	897	886	91	73	-	13	6	-
Total non-Indigenous children	11 667	6 393	4 783	1 800	1 811	786	454	133
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Care and protection order	1	7	56	40	33	35	-	1
Another type of order	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not on an order	4	2	10	1	-	1	-	-
Total all children	5	9	66	41	33	36	-	1
All children								
Care and protection order	16 535	6 647	7 989	3 502	2 561	1 038	593	908
Another type of order	-	-	-	6	69	-	6	-
Not on an order	1 657	1 063	196	215	1	16	7	-
Total all children	18 192	7 710	8 185	3 723	2 631	1 054	606	908
2012-13								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Care and protection order	5 332	707	3 102	1 796	729	236	140	623
Another type of order	-	na	-	-	51	-	-	-
Not on an order	871	215	93	4	8	7	-	-
Total Indigenous children	6 203	922	3 195	1 800	788	243	140	623
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	10 224	4 085	4 737	1 766	1 795	779	389	125
Another type of order	-	na	-	-	38	-	5	-
Not on an order	990	1 327	147	15	2	24	6	-
Total non-Indigenous children	11 214	5 412	4 884	1 781	1 835	803	400	125
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								

TABLE 16A.6

Table 16A.6 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, at 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Care and protection order	3	40	49	51	33	21	18	–
Another type of order	–	na	–	–	1	–	1	–
Not on an order	2	25	8	4	–	–	–	–
Total all children	5	65	57	55	34	21	19	–
All children								
Care and protection order	15 559	4 832	7 888	3 613	2 557	1 036	547	748
Another type of order	–	na	–	–	90	–	6	–
Not on an order	1 863	1 567	248	23	10	31	6	–
Total all children	17 422	6 399	8 136	3 636	2 657	1 067	559	748
2011-12								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Care and protection order	5 018	829	2 915	1 612	642	203	133	573
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	56	–	–	–
Not on an order	973	199	126	2	8	9	1	–
Total Indigenous children	5 991	1 028	3 041	1 614	706	212	134	573
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	10 032	4 066	4 730	1 735	1 788	768	413	127
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	22	–	1	–
Not on an order	1 145	1 040	189	25	18	21	7	–
Total non-Indigenous children	11 177	5 106	4 919	1 760	1 828	789	421	127
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Care and protection order	21	58	32	24	11	7	10	–
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	3	–	–	–
Not on an order	3	15	7	2	–	1	1	–
Total all children	24	73	39	26	14	8	11	–
All children								
Care and protection order	15 071	4 953	7 677	3 371	2 441	978	556	700
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	81	–	1	–
Not on an order	2 121	1 254	322	29	26	31	9	–
Total all children	17 192	6 207	7 999	3 400	2 548	1 009	566	700
2010-11								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Care and protection order	4 616	685	2 753	1 430	558	191	119	501
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	8	–	–	–
Not on an order	1 121	192	97	18	64	5	–	–
Total Indigenous children	5 737	877	2 850	1 448	630	196	119	501
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	9 689	3 822	4 480	1 509	1 653	739	404	132
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	19	–	3	–

TABLE 16A.6

Table 16A.6 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, at 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Not on an order	1 305	879	242	18	18	15	2	–
Total non-Indigenous children	10 994	4 701	4 722	1 527	1 690	754	409	132
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Care and protection order	4	79	24	138	48	11	12	1
Another type of order	–	–	–	..	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	5	21	6	7	–	5	–	–
Total all children	9	100	30	145	48	16	12	1
All children								
Care and protection order	14 309	4 586	7 257	3 077	2 259	941	535	634
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	27	–	3	–
Not on an order	2 431	1 092	345	43	82	25	2	–
Total all children	16 740	5 678	7 602	3 120	2 368	966	540	634
2009-10								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Care and protection order	4 269	660	2 564	1 229	530	138	122	407
Another type of order	..	–	–	..	12	–	3	–
Not on an order	1 196	156	122	13	47	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	5 465	816	2 686	1 242	589	138	125	407
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	9 325	3 753	4 381	1 474	1 527	754	394	142
Another type of order	..	–	–	..	24	–	1	–
Not on an order	1 374	800	274	20	25	1	10	–
Total non-Indigenous children	10 699	4 553	4 655	1 494	1 576	755	405	142
All children								
Care and protection order	13 596	4 488	6 948	2 704	2 079	892	518	551
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	36	–	4	–
Not on an order	2 579	981	402	33	73	1	10	–
Total all children	16 175	5 469	7 350	2 737	2 188	893	532	551
2008-09								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Care and protection order	3 694	578	2 330	1 184	462	130	99	358
Another type of order	..	–	–	–	13	–	–	–
Not on an order	1 297	156	151	13	46	–	1	–
Total Indigenous children	4 991	734	2 481	1 197	521	130	100	358
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	8 651	3 610	4 318	1 460	1 441	675	384	124
Another type of order	..	–	–	–	32	1	5	–
Not on an order	1 569	939	294	25	22	2	5	–
Total non-Indigenous children	10 220	4 549	4 612	1 485	1 495	678	394	124

Table 16A.6 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, at 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Care and protection order	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Another type of order	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not on an order	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total all children	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children								
Care and protection order	12 345	4 188	6 648	2 644	1 903	805	483	482
Another type of order	..	–	–	–	45	1	5	–
Not on an order	2 866	1 095	445	38	68	2	6	–
Total all children	15 211	5 283	7 093	2 682	2 016	808	494	482

- (a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; and those on interim or temporary orders. 'On another type of order' includes offence orders or other orders that are not care and protection orders.
- (b) Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous status category. For 2009-10 onwards, the number of children with unknown Indigenous status category is reported separately. Rates are not able to be calculated for children of unknown Indigenous status as corresponding population data are not available.
- (c) NSW: For 2017-18 NSW data for out-of-home care excludes children on immigration orders. NSW data for 2014-15 onwards is not comparable to data published previously. NSW Safe Home for Life (SHFL) legislative reforms, effective 29 October 2014, transitioned eligible children/young people to the independent care of their guardian. These children/young people exited and are no longer counted in out-of-home care.
- (d) Victoria: From 2017-18 excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.
- (e) Queensland: From 2014-15, Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere.
- (f) Tasmania: Tasmania is not able to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer meaning Tasmania's data are slightly lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmanian data also exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. In Tasmania, Indigenous status is no longer being cross-checked with data from other databases. As a result, the proportion of clients with an 'unknown' Indigenous status is larger than in previous years. Therefore data from 2017-18 are not comparable with data for previous years and any comparisons should be made with extreme caution.
- (g) ACT: Out-of-home care data includes some children 18 years and over whose carers receive a full carer payment. This is generally to facilitate completion of schooling without change to the placement.

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

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2017-18; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.7

Table 16A.7 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services (2017-18 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>
Total real expenditure											
Protective intervention services											
NSW	\$'000	313 770	415 387	399 473	333 942	387 306	412 297	397 022	429 851	422 247	540 619
Vic	\$'000	171 893	178 295	188 072	198 728	197 185	197 691	206 444	231 737	244 382	296 637
Qld	\$'000	267 265	267 662	328 416	330 355	327 902	312 566	325 559	280 450	284 412	286 984
WA	\$'000	61 454	71 100	74 434	121 451	152 750	154 815	159 392	160 802	179 871	193 592
SA	\$'000	43 200	44 054	44 627	54 494	55 236	51 000	48 194	29 018	33 529	44 121
Tas	\$'000	22 858	23 182	21 803	24 599	22 474	21 946	19 941	16 710	19 464	23 150
ACT	\$'000	13 086	12 538	11 354	12 776	12 704	12 260	14 331	15 301	13 054	13 602
NT	\$'000	18 378	21 902	34 465	44 490	68 471	36 919	36 632	32 159	27 062	24 675
Australia	\$'000	911 904	1 034 119	1 102 644	1 120 834	1 224 028	1 199 494	1 207 516	1 196 028	1 224 021	1 423 379
Out-of-home care services											
NSW	\$'000	665 601	743 359	779 267	804 754	816 666	836 424	921 535	1 049 834	1 145 828	1 201 499
Vic	\$'000	317 563	338 620	367 216	379 332	396 591	421 075	458 992	502 108	571 671	646 050
Qld	\$'000	372 265	386 696	410 964	427 260	438 794	439 217	461 267	505 945	529 743	607 861
WA	\$'000	186 605	200 793	228 468	209 736	226 731	236 617	254 566	256 423	265 172	277 539
SA	\$'000	120 446	134 280	147 663	152 741	166 520	188 297	227 943	310 509	403 327	425 016
Tas	\$'000	31 034	37 982	43 536	42 812	45 248	49 488	48 371	53 312	64 150	74 335
ACT	\$'000	24 371	24 322	31 016	28 964	32 480	34 931	35 504	37 396	42 876	42 660
NT	\$'000	41 943	46 593	53 171	60 603	81 452	86 577	103 646	113 892	125 888	137 389
Australia	\$'000	1 759 828	1 912 646	2 061 301	2 106 203	2 204 481	2 292 626	2 511 823	2 829 419	3 148 656	3 412 349
Intensive family support services											
NSW	\$'000	166 672	164 419	182 109	247 344	157 973	157 190	171 869	178 591	183 600	176 413
Vic	\$'000	65 007	66 547	67 319	68 011	77 078	82 979	87 313	97 180	115 862	137 363
Qld	\$'000	72 125	70 747	33 483	35 752	43 014	42 924	70 931	66 798	75 076	97 466
WA	\$'000	4 683	7 878	7 958	29 636	9 089	9 327	10 233	10 212	10 391	11 065

TABLE 16A.7

Table 16A.7 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services (2017-18 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>
SA	\$'000	9 996	9 979	9 941	10 033	11 709	14 706	13 407	29 759	31 832	34 435
Tas	\$'000	2 736	4 837	5 165	6 238	7 691	8 179	8 428	6 959	7 182	8 073
ACT	\$'000	1 780	1 766	1 572	1 487	1 023	859	976	2 756	5 047	5 693
NT	\$'000	864	577	571	570	585	na	na	107	4 844	4 879
Australia	\$'000	323 864	326 751	308 117	399 071	308 163	316 162	363 157	392 362	433 834	475 387
Family support services											
NSW	\$'000	na	na	na	153 864	131 072	119 329	112 801	116 408	118 495	114 423
Vic	\$'000	na	na	na	101 558	112 659	118 366	128 000	146 888	166 661	212 765
Qld	\$'000	na	na	na	61 862	60 678	60 681	32 240	55 068	74 248	77 657
WA	\$'000	na	na	na	39 275	42 489	42 661	39 410	42 239	21 605	12 632
SA	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	11 295	11 664	28 309	45 050	51 040
Tas	\$'000	na	na	na	6 014	5 143	5 547	5 505	6 051	6 476	6 629
ACT	\$'000	na	na	na	3 020	2 966	2 497	2 685	2 585	2 852	2 991
NT	\$'000	na	na	na	2 046	37 610	45 773	42 997	42 201	46 860	45 869
Australia	\$'000	na	na	na	367 640	392 618	406 149	375 301	439 749	482 248	524 006
Protective intervention services and out-of-home care services											
NSW	\$'000	979 371	1 158 746	1 178 740	1 138 696	1 203 971	1 248 721	1 318 556	1 479 685	1 568 076	1 742 118
Vic	\$'000	489 455	516 915	555 288	578 060	593 776	618 766	665 435	733 845	816 053	942 687
Qld	\$'000	639 530	654 357	739 380	757 615	766 696	751 783	786 825	786 395	814 154	894 845
WA	\$'000	248 059	271 892	302 902	331 187	379 481	391 430	413 958	417 225	445 042	471 130
SA	\$'000	163 646	178 335	192 290	207 235	221 756	239 297	276 138	339 528	436 856	469 137
Tas	\$'000	53 892	61 164	65 339	67 411	67 722	71 435	68 312	70 022	83 615	97 485
ACT	\$'000	37 457	36 860	42 369	41 740	45 184	47 191	49 835	52 696	55 931	56 262
NT	\$'000	60 322	68 495	87 636	105 093	149 922	123 496	140 278	146 051	152 950	162 063
Australia	\$'000	2 671 732	2 946 764	3 163 945	3 227 037	3 428 510	3 492 120	3 719 337	4 025 447	4 372 677	4 835 727
Protective intervention services, out-of-home care and intensive family support services											

TABLE 16A.7

Table 16A.7 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services (2017-18 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>
NSW	\$'000	1 146 043	1 323 166	1 360 849	1 386 040	1 361 945	1 405 911	1 490 425	1 658 276	1 751 676	1 918 531
Vic	\$'000	554 463	583 462	622 607	646 071	670 854	701 746	752 749	831 024	931 916	1 080 050
Qld	\$'000	711 655	725 104	772 863	793 367	809 710	794 707	857 756	853 194	889 229	992 311
WA	\$'000	252 742	279 771	310 860	360 823	388 571	400 757	424 190	427 437	455 433	482 196
SA	\$'000	173 642	188 314	202 231	217 269	233 465	254 003	289 545	369 287	468 688	503 572
Tas	\$'000	56 629	66 001	70 504	73 649	75 413	79 614	76 738	76 983	90 796	105 558
ACT	\$'000	39 236	38 626	43 941	43 227	46 208	48 049	50 811	55 452	60 978	61 955
NT	\$'000	61 186	69 072	88 207	105 662	150 507	123 496	140 278	146 158	157 794	166 942
Australia	\$'000	2 995 596	3 273 515	3 472 062	3 626 108	3 736 673	3 808 283	4 082 492	4 417 811	4 806 511	5 311 115
Protective intervention services, out-of-home care, intensive family support services and family support services											
NSW	\$'000	na	na	na	1 539 904	1 493 017	1 525 240	1 603 226	1 774 684	1 870 172	2 032 954
Vic	\$'000	na	na	na	747 629	783 513	820 112	880 749	977 912	1 098 577	1 292 815
Qld	\$'000	na	na	na	855 229	870 389	855 387	889 996	908 261	963 478	1 069 968
WA	\$'000	na	na	na	400 098	431 061	443 419	463 600	469 676	477 038	494 828
SA	\$'000	na	na	na	217 269	233 465	265 298	301 209	397 596	513 739	554 612
Tas	\$'000	na	na	na	79 663	80 556	85 159	82 246	83 034	97 272	112 187
ACT	\$'000	na	na	na	46 247	49 174	50 547	53 495	58 037	63 830	64 946
NT	\$'000	na	na	na	107 709	188 117	169 269	183 275	188 360	204 654	212 811
Australia	\$'000	na	na	na	3 993 748	4 129 292	4 214 431	4 457 796	4 857 559	5 288 760	5 835 121
Real expenditure per child											
Protective intervention services											
NSW	\$	193.83	254.88	243.88	202.94	233.80	245.37	235.06	251.43	242.82	308.44
Vic	\$	143.60	147.47	154.38	161.67	158.01	156.08	160.76	177.62	178.62	213.24
Qld	\$	256.78	253.47	308.13	305.65	298.79	280.97	289.94	247.81	248.40	247.90
WA	\$	117.70	134.01	138.14	220.18	269.11	266.19	270.66	270.35	304.48	325.21
SA	\$	123.19	125.09	126.48	153.96	155.20	142.70	134.16	80.53	91.63	120.52

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>
Tas	\$	194.39	197.35	186.49	211.69	195.03	191.09	174.47	147.00	173.03	206.25
ACT	\$	165.83	157.36	141.63	157.49	152.84	144.90	166.62	174.61	143.97	146.41
NT	\$	296.20	350.55	553.46	713.19	1 089.14	581.23	576.35	506.50	430.74	393.93
Australia	\$	182.82	205.30	217.35	218.88	236.00	227.98	227.49	222.89	223.58	257.36
Out-of-home care services											
NSW	\$	411.18	456.12	475.75	489.06	492.99	497.77	545.61	614.08	658.92	685.48
Vic	\$	265.29	280.07	301.44	308.59	317.81	332.45	357.43	384.84	417.85	464.41
Qld	\$	357.67	366.19	385.58	395.31	399.83	394.82	410.80	447.06	462.67	525.08
WA	\$	357.40	378.46	424.02	380.24	399.45	406.85	432.28	431.12	448.88	466.23
SA	\$	343.48	381.29	418.49	431.55	467.87	526.87	634.51	861.74	1 102.21	1 160.97
Tas	\$	263.91	323.36	372.38	368.43	392.67	430.92	423.21	469.00	570.29	662.29
ACT	\$	308.85	305.26	386.90	357.05	390.78	412.85	412.79	426.75	472.85	459.17
NT	\$	675.98	745.75	853.85	971.50	1 295.62	1 363.01	1 630.70	1 793.81	2 003.76	2 193.38
Australia	\$	352.82	379.71	406.32	411.30	425.03	435.75	473.21	527.29	575.13	616.98
Intensive family support services											
NSW	\$	102.96	100.89	111.18	150.31	95.36	93.55	101.76	104.46	105.58	100.65
Vic	\$	54.31	55.04	55.26	55.33	61.77	65.51	67.99	74.48	84.69	98.74
Qld	\$	69.30	67.00	31.41	33.08	39.19	38.59	63.17	59.02	65.57	84.19
WA	\$	8.97	14.85	14.77	53.73	16.01	16.04	17.38	17.17	17.59	18.59
SA	\$	28.51	28.34	28.17	28.35	32.90	41.15	37.32	82.59	86.99	94.06
Tas	\$	23.27	41.18	44.17	53.69	66.75	71.22	73.74	61.22	63.84	71.93
ACT	\$	22.55	22.16	19.61	18.32	12.31	10.15	11.35	31.45	55.66	61.28
NT	\$	13.92	9.24	9.16	9.13	9.30	na	na	1.69	77.10	77.89
Australia	\$	64.93	64.87	60.74	77.93	59.41	60.09	68.42	73.12	79.24	85.95
Family support services											
NSW	\$	na	na	na	93.51	79.12	71.01	66.79	68.09	68.14	65.28

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Table 16A.7 State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services (2017-18 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)

	Unit	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Vic	\$	na	na	na	82.62	90.28	93.45	99.68	112.58	121.82	152.95
Qld	\$	na	na	na	57.24	55.29	54.55	28.71	48.66	64.85	67.08
WA	\$	na	na	na	71.20	74.86	73.35	66.92	71.02	36.57	21.22
SA	\$	na	na	na	na	na	31.61	32.47	78.57	123.11	139.42
Tas	\$	na	na	na	51.75	44.63	48.30	48.16	53.23	57.57	59.06
ACT	\$	na	na	na	37.23	35.68	29.52	31.21	29.50	31.45	32.20
NT	\$	na	na	na	32.80	598.25	720.62	676.48	664.67	745.87	732.29
Australia	\$	na	na	na	71.79	75.70	77.20	70.70	81.95	88.09	94.75
Protective intervention services and out-of-home care services											
NSW	\$	605.01	711.00	719.63	692.00	726.79	743.14	780.67	865.51	901.74	993.92
Vic	\$	408.89	427.53	455.82	470.25	475.82	488.53	518.19	562.46	596.47	677.65
Qld	\$	614.45	619.65	693.71	700.96	698.62	675.80	700.74	694.88	711.07	772.99
WA	\$	475.10	512.46	562.16	600.42	668.57	673.04	702.94	701.47	753.36	791.43
SA	\$	466.67	506.38	544.97	585.51	623.07	669.58	768.67	942.27	1 193.84	1 281.49
Tas	\$	458.30	520.71	558.87	580.12	587.71	622.02	597.68	616.00	743.32	868.54
ACT	\$	474.68	462.62	528.53	514.53	543.62	557.75	579.42	601.35	616.81	605.58
NT	\$	972.18	1 096.30	1 407.31	1 684.69	2 384.75	1 944.24	2 207.06	2 300.31	2 434.51	2 587.30
Australia	\$	535.64	585.01	623.68	630.18	661.03	663.74	700.70	750.19	798.71	874.34
Protective intervention services, out-of-home care and intensive family support services											
NSW	\$	707.97	811.89	830.81	842.31	822.15	836.68	882.43	969.97	1 007.33	1 094.57
Vic	\$	463.20	482.57	511.08	525.58	537.59	554.04	586.18	636.94	681.16	776.40
Qld	\$	683.75	686.65	725.12	734.04	737.82	714.38	763.91	753.90	776.64	857.18
WA	\$	484.07	527.31	576.93	654.15	684.58	689.08	720.31	718.64	770.95	810.02
SA	\$	495.18	534.72	573.15	613.86	655.97	710.72	805.99	1 024.86	1 280.83	1 375.55
Tas	\$	481.57	561.89	603.04	633.80	654.45	693.24	671.41	677.23	807.16	940.47
ACT	\$	497.23	484.78	548.14	532.86	555.94	567.90	590.77	632.80	672.47	666.85

TABLE 16A.7

Table 16A.7 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services (2017-18 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>
NT	\$	986.10	1 105.54	1 416.47	1 693.82	2 394.05	1 944.24	2 207.06	2 302.00	2 511.61	2 665.19
Australia	\$	600.57	649.87	684.41	708.11	720.44	723.83	769.12	823.31	877.95	960.30
Protective intervention services, out-of-home care, intensive family support services and family support services											
NSW	\$	na	na	na	935.82	901.27	907.70	949.22	1 038.06	1 075.47	1 159.85
Vic	\$	na	na	na	608.20	627.87	647.49	685.86	749.53	802.97	929.34
Qld	\$	na	na	na	791.28	793.11	768.93	792.62	802.56	841.49	924.26
WA	\$	na	na	na	725.36	759.44	762.43	787.23	789.65	807.53	831.24
SA	\$	na	na	na	613.86	655.97	742.33	838.46	1 103.43	1 403.95	1 514.97
Tas	\$	na	na	na	685.56	699.08	741.53	719.60	730.46	864.74	999.53
ACT	\$	na	na	na	570.09	591.62	597.41	621.98	662.29	703.92	699.05
NT	\$	na	na	na	1 726.63	2 992.30	2 664.86	2 883.54	2 966.67	3 257.47	3 397.47
Australia	\$	na	na	na	779.90	796.14	801.02	839.83	905.26	966.04	1 055.04

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2017-18 = 100). See chapter 2 for details.
- (b) Population data used to derive rates are from the 2016 Census preliminary estimates.
- (c) Refer to table 16A.8 for information on the comparability of expenditure data.
- (d) Numbers may not sum due to rounding.
- (e) Expenditure on family support services was introduced in the 2013 Report.
- (f) Expenditure per child relates to children aged 0-17 years in the population.
- (g) NSW: NSW has implemented a new client management system in 2017-18. NSW data for 2017-18 are not fully comparable to data published previously. Data for 2017-18 for protective intervention services reflects increased funding from Keep Them Safe (KTS) - NSW plan to reform child protection in NSW. Funding has been redistributed to other agencies following Tune reform initiatives. NSW has adopted a revised expense distribution methodology for family support services and intensive family support services, resulting in a decrease of expenses. NSW data from 2015-16 onwards exclude payments for children and young people on Guardianship Orders. NSW data for 2014-15 include payments to children and young people on Guardianship Orders. The movement in expenditure for intensive family support services between 2011-12 and 2012-13 is mainly due to the movement and reclassification of previously identified early intervention services (Brighter Futures) to statutory child protection activities (Strengthening Families) and overhead re-allocations due to the change in mix across all programs.

Table 16A.7 State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services (2017-18 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>
(h)	Victoria: The reduction in out-of-home care salary expenses in 2010-11 is due to the conversion of internally delivered residential care services in the North West Metropolitan region to externally managed services. Child protection services, IFSS, FSS and OOHC data from 2012-13 onwards are not comparable to data for earlier years as the methodology used for attributing internal costs changed following a major restructure of the department in 2012-13. Data for 2013-14 have been restated to include Long Service Leave under 'salary expenses' rather than 'other non salary expenses'.										
(i)	Queensland: In 2016-17, Queensland revised its cost allocation methodology to include interagency costs where applicable, exclude costs for services that do not match the national definition of activity groups, and recognise true cost and revenue. This methodology was applied from 2015-16 financial data onwards. Queensland's financial data for indirect costs in 2017-18 have been variably impacted across activity groups by machinery-of-government changes.										
(j)	WA: Due to a change in methodology, expenditure in 2011-12 is not comparable to prior years. Expenditure on protective intervention services, family support and intensive family support from 2012-13 onwards is not comparable to prior years due to the reclassification of some services from intensive family support to other activities to better align with unit counting rules. The reduction in family support expenditure in 2016-17 and 2017-18 is due to a decline in Royalties for Regions funding and a district structure review resulting in the creation of intensive family support teams, with a corresponding move of expenditure from family support to protective intervention services, as the intensive family support category only includes services provided by the non-government sector.										
(k)	SA: Expenditure data were recast from 2008-09 due to the inclusion of expenditure previously incorrectly omitted. The significant increase in out-of-home care expenditure in 2009-10 was the result of growth in the alternative care system. Family Support Services data were not available for 2011-12 and 2012-13 so the totals for SA and Australia are understated. The 2013-14 and 2014-15 expenditure data were re-cast as a result of an internal review being conducted for 2015-16 expenditure data, which resulted in the realignment of costs allocation in accordance with the counting rules. To ensure consistency when comparing prior years, the methodology has been applied to the 2013-14 and 2014-15 years. Data prior to 2013-14 were calculated using a different methodology and therefore data from 2013-14 onwards are not comparable to previous years.										
(l)	Tasmania: In Tasmania in 2014-15 the calculation methodology for allocation of umbrella costs was altered and the total departmental overhead allocated to Children and Youth Services has reduced following significant internal restructuring of the Department. This has led to a decrease in the reported umbrella costs. From 2012-13 to 2014 15, the allocation of Targeted Youth Support Services (TYSS) was included as being relevant to the IFSS program. However the inclusion of TYSS in future reporting is to be reviewed. Payroll tax was ceased in October 2012. The increase in OOHC expenditure for 2017-18 relates to both an increase in the number of children in residential care as well as an increase in the cost per child for payments made under Special Care Packages.										
(m)	ACT: Expenditure data for intensive family support services for 2017-18 includes some expenditure on non-intensive family support services. Data will be revised for the next edition of this Report. Data for the ACT from 2015-16 onwards are not comparable with previous years due to the integration of Child Protection and Youth Justice to a single case management system in July 2015 and the subsequent changes to expenditure reporting for 2015-16.										

Table 16A.7 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services (2017-18 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>
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(n) NT: In years prior to 2013-14, a grant program with Catholic Care NT was reported in the IFSS category. In 2013-14 the agreement was modified to be more general so expenditure was relocated to the FSS category. More recently there has been a new process that attributes costs directly to IFSS. The decrease in child protection expenditure and increases in OOHC and family support expenditure relate to a methodology change in how the agency measures its associated costs to each category. Predominantly, the changes relate to the separation of case work between child protection activities and OOHC case management. In the past case workers have been allocated to child protection. There was also an element of child protection expenditure which was reallocated to family support services through the methodology review.

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); ABS (unpublished) Australian demographic statistics 31 March; ABS (unpublished) Australian population projections; table 2A.49.

Table 16A.8 **Comparability of government recurrent expenditure — items included, 2017-18**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Superannuation								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Method	Accrual	Accrual	Accrual	Accrual	Accrual	Funding	Actual	Accrual
Workers compensation								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Payroll tax								
Included	✓	✓	na	✓	✓	×	na	✓
Termination and long service leave								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Method	Actual	Accrual	Accrual	Actual	Accruing	Actual	Accruing	Other
Sick leave								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Method	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Other
Depreciation								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓
Rent								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Utilities								
Included	✓	✓, but not shown separately	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓
Umbrella department costs								
Included	na	✓	✓	na	✓	✓	✓	✓
Method	na	Dept formula	Dept formula	na	Actual	Dept formula	FTE / budget	Dept formula

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

TABLE 16A.9

Table 16A.9 **Disproportionality ratios for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>Notifications</i>	<i>Commencing IFSS</i>	<i>Investigations</i>	<i>Substantiations</i>	<i>Care and Protection Orders</i>	<i>Out-of-home care</i>
NSW						
2017-18	3.69	5.92	na	na	6.90	7.15
2016-17	3.91	5.96	4.70	5.38	6.86	7.04
2015-16	3.97	5.76	4.73	5.66	6.68	6.90
2014-15	3.98	5.91	4.76	5.75	6.55	6.79
2013-14	3.80	5.78	4.87	5.71	6.43	6.60
2012-13	3.78	5.96	4.78	5.53	6.22	6.51
2011-12	3.71	5.55	4.56	5.26	6.02	6.34
2010-11	3.50	5.19	4.14	5.20	5.80	6.22
Vic						
2017-18	4.63	5.32	6.65	7.21	12.83	15.32
2016-17	4.66	3.59	6.83	7.51	12.27	12.59
2015-16	4.47	3.89	6.66	7.39	11.07	11.87
2014-15	4.20	3.78	6.22	6.51	10.38	10.75
2013-14	4.17	3.58	6.15	6.71	9.99	10.36
2012-13	4.17	3.10	6.05	6.39	10.13	8.80
2011-12	4.29	3.29	6.07	6.71	9.64	10.06
2010-11	4.01	na	5.92	6.42	9.64	9.41

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	<i>Notifications</i>	<i>Commencing IFSS</i>	<i>Investigations</i>	<i>Substantiations</i>	<i>Care and Protection Orders</i>	<i>Out-of-home care</i>
Qld						
2017-18	4.17	4.64	4.12	4.69	5.37	5.30
2016-17	4.11	3.84	4.13	4.52	5.39	5.38
2015-16	3.75	4.96	3.82	4.38	5.33	5.32
2014-15	3.72	4.39	3.78	4.43	5.37	5.34
2013-14	3.74	4.00	3.73	4.25	5.17	5.25
2012-13	3.52	4.02	3.50	3.94	4.96	5.06
2011-12	3.41	4.33	3.42	3.69	4.89	4.88
2010-11	3.28	3.41	3.27	3.74	4.83	4.80
WA						
2017-18	5.42	5.16	6.56	7.14	8.57	8.74
2016-17	5.31	5.00	6.38	6.91	8.58	8.72
2015-16	5.17	5.33	6.13	6.85	8.41	8.57
2014-15	4.69	4.37	4.99	6.16	8.15	8.27
2013-14	4.15	5.21	4.12	5.52	7.80	7.98
2012-13	3.73	7.80	3.68	5.05	7.60	7.70
2011-12	3.82	5.20	3.86	4.44	7.11	7.20
2010-11	3.59	4.61	3.67	4.25	6.73	6.87

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	<i>Notifications</i>	<i>Commencing IFSS</i>	<i>Investigations</i>	<i>Substantiations</i>	<i>Care and Protection Orders</i>	<i>Out-of-home care</i>
SA						
2017-18	5.11	7.68	7.11	6.74	7.04	7.15
2016-17	5.11	9.88	6.93	6.78	7.33	7.24
2015-16	5.23	9.16	7.05	7.87	7.20	7.30
2014-15	4.97	7.79	6.59	6.74	6.63	6.63
2013-14	4.86	na	6.26	7.09	6.55	6.70
2012-13	5.15	na	6.91	7.15	6.49	6.68
2011-12	5.14	na	6.39	6.65	6.30	6.28
2010-11	4.41	na	5.49	5.65	5.75	6.05
Tas						
2017-18	0.81	na	1.27	1.32	2.67	2.65
2016-17	1.29	na	1.77	1.84	2.77	2.74
2015-16	1.07	na	2.01	2.08	2.77	2.70
2014-15	0.92	na	1.54	1.58	2.37	2.42
2013-14	0.94	na	1.37	1.31	2.44	2.38
2012-13	1.00	na	1.44	1.72	2.43	2.50
2011-12	1.09	na	1.49	1.62	2.28	2.34
2010-11	1.05	na	1.46	1.46	2.24	2.30

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	<i>Notifications</i>	<i>Commencing IFSS</i>	<i>Investigations</i>	<i>Substantiations</i>	<i>Care and Protection Orders</i>	<i>Out-of-home care</i>
ACT						
2017-18	4.42	9.83	7.46	7.51	11.22	11.46
2016-17	4.38	9.57	8.59	9.95	10.39	10.26
2015-16	4.16	10.97	8.00	8.89	9.61	9.39
2014-15	4.16	13.26	7.56	8.97	9.60	9.65
2013-14	4.00	10.31	7.38	6.79	9.06	8.80
2012-13	3.39	9.81	5.22	5.88	8.67	8.68
2011-12	3.26	na	5.90	6.86	7.67	8.04
2010-11	2.99	3.05	6.90	7.54	8.05	7.33
NT						
2017-18	1.83	1.86	1.86	2.05	2.11	2.12
2016-17	1.83	1.92	1.92	2.10	2.13	2.14
2015-16	1.80	na	1.91	2.00	2.10	2.12
2014-15	1.77	na	1.86	1.95	2.05	2.08
2013-14	1.76	1.68	1.89	2.10	2.02	2.03
2012-13	1.76	1.42	1.88	2.06	1.97	1.98
2011-12	1.72	1.02	1.85	2.02	1.94	1.92
2010-11	1.68	1.92	1.78	1.94	1.85	1.85

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period. Investigation and substantiations data for NSW are not available. Intensive family support service data for Tasmania are not available.

- (a) Disproportionality ratios for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are calculated by dividing the proportion of children in the child protection system who are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander by the proportion of children in the target population who are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. This is a different calculation to rates and rate ratios published elsewhere. Data for the calculation of disproportionality ratios were sourced from 16A.1, 16A.2; 16A.32 and 16A.38. See these tables for detailed footnotes.
- (b) Disproportionality ratios are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time, but are not comparable across jurisdictions.

Table 16A.9 **Disproportionality ratios for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>Notifications</i>	<i>Commencing IFSS</i>	<i>Investigations</i>	<i>Substantiations</i>	<i>Care and Protection Orders</i>	<i>Out-of-home care</i>
(c)	Data on the number of notifications and investigations by Indigenous status should be interpreted with care. These data are collected very early in the child protection process and often before the agency has full knowledge of the child's family circumstances. As a result of this lack of full knowledge and the other inherent difficulties in identifying Indigenous status, these data are not considered reliable.					
(d)	Identification of Indigenous status may lead to data quality issues for this indicator, in particular underidentification of Indigenous status is likely to result in disproportionality ratios understating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's representation in the child protection system. The disproportionality ratios should be considered in conjunction with data on the proportion of children for whom Indigenous status is not stated, which varies across states and territories (refer to tables 16A.1–2; 16A.32 and 16A.38).					
(e)	NSW: NSW has implemented a new client management system in 2017-18 and has provided limited data. With the new system NSW is making efforts to improve quality and completeness of data to have a comprehensive set of data for the 2020 Report.					
(f)	Victoria: From 2017-18 out-of-home care excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.					
(g)	Queensland: Refer to Queensland's footnotes in relevant tables regarding source data used to calculate disproportionality ratios.					
(h)	Tasmania: Due to changes in the way notifications have been defined in Tasmania, the number of notifications reported for 2015-16 onwards is not comparable with data for earlier years. Tasmania has moved from a caller to an agency defined approach to counting notifications so that reporting is now more consistent with the majority of jurisdictions. In Tasmania, Indigenous status is no longer being cross-checked with data from other databases. As a result, the proportion of clients with an 'unknown' Indigenous status is larger than in previous years. Therefore data from 2017-18 are not comparable with data for previous years and any comparisons should be made with extreme caution.					

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13; ABS (unpublished) Australian demographic statistics 31 March; ABS (unpublished) Australian population projections.

TABLE 16A.10

Table 16A.10 **Response time to commence investigation (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>
2017-18										
Number of investigations commenced										
Up to 7 days	no.	na	25 588	6 100	9 426	3 615	155	1 074	8 643	54 601
8 to 14 days	no.	na	5 674	2 580	731	343	99	485	1 293	11 205
15 to 21 days	no.	na	1 760	1 874	473	181	70	207	238	4 803
22 to 28 days	no.	na	476	1 523	359	98	63	145	103	2 767
29 days or more	no.	na	250	11 092	1 468	272	834	679	288	14 883
Total	no.	na	33 748	23 169	12 457	4 509	1 221	2 590	10 565	88 259
Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation										
Up to 7 days	%	na	75.8	26.3	75.7	80.2	12.7	41.5	81.8	61.9
8 to 14 days	%	na	16.8	11.1	5.9	7.6	8.1	18.7	12.2	12.7
15 to 21 days	%	na	5.2	8.1	3.8	4.0	5.7	8.0	2.3	5.4
22 to 28 days	%	na	1.4	6.6	2.9	2.2	5.2	5.6	1.0	3.1
29 days or more	%	na	0.7	47.9	11.8	6.0	68.3	26.2	2.7	16.9
Total	%	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2016-17										
Number of investigations commenced										
Up to 7 days	no.	55 531	24 694	5 711	8 841	3 006	189	936	8 248	107 156
8 to 14 days	no.	10 670	4 995	2 249	984	334	121	380	771	20 504
15 to 21 days	no.	4 652	1 118	1 771	595	181	119	207	57	8 700
22 to 28 days	no.	2 675	194	1 400	424	99	61	203	18	5 074
29 days or more	no.	13 103	99	11 355	1 670	503	934	667	113	28 444
Total	no.	86 631	31 100	22 486	12 514	4 123	1 424	2 393	9 207	169 878
Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation										
Up to 7 days	%	64.1	79.4	25.4	70.6	72.9	13.3	39.1	89.6	63.1
8 to 14 days	%	12.3	16.1	10.0	7.9	8.1	8.5	15.9	8.4	12.1
15 to 21 days	%	5.4	3.6	7.9	4.8	4.4	8.4	8.7	0.6	5.1
22 to 28 days	%	3.1	0.6	6.2	3.4	2.4	4.3	8.5	0.2	3.0
29 days or more	%	15.1	0.3	50.5	13.3	12.2	65.6	27.9	1.2	16.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2015-16										
Number of investigations commenced										
Up to 7 days	no.	49 321	21 486	5 792	9 046	3 710	196	1 755	6 809	98 115
8 to 14 days	no.	9 881	4 451	2 018	930	398	127	534	844	19 183
15 to 21 days	no.	4 632	1 507	1 736	512	222	155	229	103	9 096
22 to 28 days	no.	2 840	561	1 447	371	127	114	75	35	5 570
29 days or more	no.	12 033	522	9 643	2 072	397	846	118	165	25 796
Total	no.	78 707	28 527	20 636	12 931	4 854	1 438	2 711	7 956	157 760
Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation										
Up to 7 days	%	62.7	75.3	28.1	70.0	76.4	13.6	64.7	85.6	62.2
8 to 14 days	%	12.6	15.6	9.8	7.2	8.2	8.8	19.7	10.6	12.2
15 to 21 days	%	5.9	5.3	8.4	4.0	4.6	10.8	8.4	1.3	5.8
22 to 28 days	%	3.6	2.0	7.0	2.9	2.6	7.9	2.8	0.4	3.5

TABLE 16A.10

Table 16A.10 **Response time to commence investigation (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>
29 days or more	%	15.3	1.8	46.7	16.0	8.2	58.8	4.4	2.1	16.4
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2014-15										
Number of investigations commenced										
Up to 7 days	no.	44 044	19 040	5 946	9 210	4 097	604	1 145	5 491	89 577
8 to 14 days	no.	8 883	3 777	2 507	1 004	664	224	296	566	17 921
15 to 21 days	no.	4 124	1 340	2 075	610	315	191	90	208	8 953
22 to 28 days	no.	2 417	482	1 476	447	124	137	29	144	5 256
29 days or more	no.	11 597	435	8 535	2 289	321	371	24	713	24 285
Total	no.	71 065	25 074	20 539	13 560	5 521	1 527	1 584	7 122	145 992
Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation										
Up to 7 days	%	62.0	75.9	28.9	67.9	74.2	39.6	72.3	77.1	61.4
8 to 14 days	%	12.5	15.1	12.2	7.4	12.0	14.7	18.7	7.9	12.3
15 to 21 days	%	5.8	5.3	10.1	4.5	5.7	12.5	5.7	2.9	6.1
22 to 28 days	%	3.4	1.9	7.2	3.3	2.2	9.0	1.8	2.0	3.6
29 days or more	%	16.3	1.7	41.6	16.9	5.8	24.3	1.5	10.0	16.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2013-14										
Number of investigations commenced										
Up to 7 days	no.	36 311	16 203	7 178	7 680	4 874	655	964	3 751	77 616
8 to 14 days	no.	7 438	3 243	2 503	1 249	883	194	239	391	16 140
15 to 21 days	no.	3 639	1 014	1 983	824	286	142	83	142	8 113
22 to 28 days	no.	2 502	410	1 656	566	164	118	42	54	5 512
29 days or more	no.	11 171	340	8 682	3 049	361	380	23	267	24 273
Total	no.	61 061	21 210	22 002	13 370	6 568	1 489	1 351	4 605	131 656
Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation										
Up to 7 days	%	59.5	76.4	32.6	57.4	74.2	44.0	71.4	81.5	59.0
8 to 14 days	%	12.2	15.3	11.4	9.3	13.4	13.0	17.7	8.5	12.3
15 to 21 days	%	6.0	4.8	9.0	6.2	4.4	9.5	6.1	3.1	6.2
22 to 28 days	%	4.1	1.9	7.5	4.2	2.5	7.9	3.1	1.2	4.2
29 days or more	%	18.3	1.6	39.5	22.8	5.5	25.5	1.7	5.8	18.4
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2012-13										
Number of investigations commenced										
Up to 7 days	no.	28 967	14 862	7 363	5 396	4 058	1 004	2 034	3 513	67 197
8 to 14 days	no.	5 815	2 152	2 437	1 185	559	300	164	168	12 780
15 to 21 days	no.	2 990	896	2 006	771	236	248	57	47	7 251
22 to 28 days	no.	1 949	456	1 731	565	176	97	32	23	5 029
29 days or more	no.	10 255	635	9 818	3 184	261	298	33	49	24 533
Total	no.	49 976	19 001	23 355	11 101	5 290	1 947	2 320	3 800	116 790
Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation										

TABLE 16A.10

Table 16A.10 Response time to commence investigation (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>
Up to 7 days	%	58.0	78.2	31.5	48.6	76.7	51.6	87.7	92.4	57.5
8 to 14 days	%	11.6	11.3	10.4	10.7	10.6	15.4	7.1	4.4	10.9
15 to 21 days	%	6.0	4.7	8.6	6.9	4.5	12.7	2.5	1.2	6.2
22 to 28 days	%	3.9	2.4	7.4	5.1	3.3	5.0	1.4	0.6	4.3
29 days or more	%	20.5	3.3	42.0	28.7	4.9	15.3	1.4	1.3	21.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

2011-12

Number of investigations commenced

Up to 7 days	no.	26 326	12 320	6 679	5 157	4 054	1 260	2 041	3 339	61 176
8 to 14 days	no.	6 388	1 768	1 822	932	482	272	101	279	12 044
15 to 21 days	no.	3 596	873	1 550	573	217	219	28	101	7 157
22 to 28 days	no.	2 446	454	1 353	491	95	145	21	67	5 072
29 days or more	no.	10 856	570	13 340	2 954	272	370	31	417	28 810
Total	no.	49 612	15 985	24 744	10 107	5 120	2 266	2 222	4 203	114 259

Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation

Up to 7 days	%	53.1	77.1	27.0	51.0	79.2	55.6	91.9	79.4	53.5
8 to 14 days	%	12.9	11.1	7.4	9.2	9.4	12.0	4.5	6.6	10.5
15 to 21 days	%	7.2	5.5	6.3	5.7	4.2	9.7	1.3	2.4	6.3
22 to 28 days	%	4.9	2.8	5.5	4.9	1.9	6.4	0.9	1.6	4.4
29 days or more	%	21.9	3.6	53.9	29.2	5.3	16.3	1.4	9.9	25.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

2010-11

Number of investigations commenced

Up to 7 days	no.	na	11 050	6 405	5 914	4 423	1 236	1 555	2 565	33 148
8 to 14 days	no.	na	1 566	1 639	808	558	270	80	455	5 376
15 to 21 days	no.	na	590	1 283	441	252	218	11	211	3 006
22 to 28 days	no.	na	331	1 008	327	169	143	14	120	2 112
29 days or more	no.	na	434	9 561	1 701	407	363	24	1 058	13 548
Total	no.	na	13 971	19 896	9 191	5 809	2 230	1 684	4 409	57 190

Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation

Up to 7 days	%	na	79.1	32.2	64.3	76.1	55.4	92.3	58.2	58.0
8 to 14 days	%	na	11.2	8.2	8.8	9.6	12.1	4.8	10.3	9.4
15 to 21 days	%	na	4.2	6.4	4.8	4.3	9.8	0.7	4.8	5.3
22 to 28 days	%	na	2.4	5.1	3.6	2.9	6.4	0.8	2.7	3.7
29 days or more	%	na	3.1	48.1	18.5	7.0	16.3	1.4	24.0	23.7
Total	%	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

2009-10

Number of investigations commenced

Up to 7 days	no.	na	11 022	6 617	3 098	3 102	825	1 582	1 811	28 057
8 to 14 days	no.	na	1 499	1 587	326	653	219	132	393	4 809
15 to 21 days	no.	na	479	1 250	217	338	166	57	181	2 688

Table 16A.10 **Response time to commence investigation (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>
22 to 28 days	no.	na	313	1 154	122	215	134	11	154	2 103
29 days or more	no.	na	456	9 309	704	470	342	12	890	12 183
Total	no.	na	13 769	19 917	4 467	4 778	1 686	1 794	3 429	49 840
Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation										
Up to 7 days	%	na	80.0	33.2	69.4	64.9	48.9	88.2	52.8	56.3
8 to 14 days	%	na	10.9	8.0	7.3	13.7	13.0	7.4	11.5	9.6
15 to 21 days	%	na	3.5	6.3	4.9	7.1	9.8	3.2	5.3	5.4
22 to 28 days	%	na	2.3	5.8	2.7	4.5	7.9	0.6	4.5	4.2
29 days or more	%	na	3.3	46.7	15.8	9.8	20.3	0.7	26.0	24.4
Total	%	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within some jurisdictions over time.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are not available for NSW.

- (a) Caution should be used when interpreting results as jurisdictions count notifications at different points in response to a child protection report, and have different policies and protocols governing the type of response to a notification.
- (b) NSW: NSW has implemented a new client management system in 2017-18 and has provided limited data. With the new system NSW is making efforts to improve quality and completeness of data to have a comprehensive set of data for the 2020 Report. Data were not available prior to 2011-12.
- (c) Queensland: In Queensland, all notifications require a full investigation to ensure the safety and well-being of children. Queensland practice is that an investigation is not considered commenced until the child is sighted or, in the case of an unborn child, the pregnant woman is interviewed. Prior to sighting the child (or interviewing the pregnant woman), child safety officers begin actively working on the case through reviewing the child protection history of the child and family and determining who will be involved in the investigation process. This may include making contact with other agencies such as police, schools and hospitals. From 2014-15, Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere.
- (d) Tasmania: There are issues with the recording of the date commenced for the measure 'response times to commence investigations'. In the current system, the 'date investigation commenced' defaults to the date referred for investigation. Data quality for 2015-16 has been improved using the date the investigation was allocated to a worker, when the commencement date preceded the allocation date, which means data from 2015-16 are not comparable to data for earlier years.

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2017-18; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.11

Table 16A.11 Response time to complete investigation (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>
2017-18										
Number of investigations completed										
28 days or less	no.	na	12 840	2 840	2 341	508	204	140	2 763	21 636
29 to 62 days	no.	na	10 862	6 467	3 089	967	246	897	2 068	24 596
63 to 90 days	no.	na	4 689	4 317	1 826	658	175	461	980	13 106
More than 90 days	no.	na	5 488	8 507	4 106	1 877	571	780	1 331	22 660
Total	no.	na	33 879	22 131	11 362	4 010	1 196	2 278	7 142	81 998
Proportion of investigations finalised, by time taken to complete investigation										
28 days or less	%	na	37.9	12.8	20.6	12.7	17.1	6.1	38.7	26.4
29 to 62 days	%	na	32.1	29.2	27.2	24.1	20.6	39.4	29.0	30.0
63 to 90 days	%	na	13.8	19.5	16.1	16.4	14.6	20.2	13.7	16.0
More than 90 days	%	na	16.2	38.4	36.1	46.8	47.7	34.2	18.6	27.6
Total	%	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2016-17										
Number of investigations completed										
28 days or less	no.	45 864	11 347	2 502	1 929	600	225	167	2 564	65 198
29 to 62 days	no.	21 434	9 725	6 059	3 055	898	235	653	1 681	43 740
63 to 90 days	no.	10 870	4 587	3 974	1 876	628	187	485	585	23 192
More than 90 days	no.	10 841	5 275	9 029	4 445	1 896	674	1 162	1 317	34 639
Total	no.	89 009	30 934	21 564	11 305	4 022	1 321	2 467	6 147	166 769
Proportion of investigations finalised, by time taken to complete investigation										
28 days or less	%	51.5	36.7	11.6	17.1	14.9	17.0	6.8	41.7	39.1
29 to 62 days	%	24.1	31.4	28.1	27.0	22.3	17.8	26.5	27.3	26.2
63 to 90 days	%	12.2	14.8	18.4	16.6	15.6	14.2	19.7	9.5	13.9
More than 90 days	%	12.2	17.1	41.9	39.3	47.1	51.0	47.1	21.4	20.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2015-16										
Number of investigations completed										
28 days or less	no.	44 485	9 004	3 073	2 205	891	263	322	2 575	62 818
29 to 62 days	no.	18 883	8 531	6 265	2 824	1 118	358	1 168	1 658	40 805
63 to 90 days	no.	8 647	4 587	3 698	2 035	707	233	363	582	20 852
More than 90 days	no.	9 629	5 882	6 102	5 089	1 853	488	176	835	30 054
Total	no.	81 644	28 004	19 138	12 153	4 569	1 342	2 029	5 650	154 529
Proportion of investigations finalised, by time taken to complete investigation										
28 days or less	%	54.5	32.2	16.1	18.1	19.5	19.6	15.9	45.6	40.7
29 to 62 days	%	23.1	30.5	32.7	23.2	24.5	26.7	57.6	29.3	26.4
63 to 90 days	%	10.6	16.4	19.3	16.7	15.5	17.4	17.9	10.3	13.5
More than 90 days	%	11.8	21.0	31.9	41.9	40.6	36.4	8.7	14.8	19.4
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2014-15										
Number of investigations completed										
28 days or less	no.	36 994	8 363	4 342	2 597	1 217	459	310	2 000	56 282
29 to 62 days	no.	15 852	7 366	7 394	3 206	1 555	472	804	1 286	37 935

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
63 to 90 days	no.	8 512	3 784	3 674	2 045	785	217	213	573	19 803
More than 90 days	no.	14 756	5 543	4 965	4 703	1 466	214	70	1 477	33 194
Total	no.	76 114	25 056	20 375	12 551	5 023	1 362	1 397	5 336	147 214
Proportion of investigations finalised, by time taken to complete investigation										
28 days or less	%	48.6	33.4	21.3	20.7	24.2	33.7	22.2	37.5	38.2
29 to 62 days	%	20.8	29.4	36.3	25.5	31.0	34.7	57.6	24.1	25.8
63 to 90 days	%	11.2	15.1	18.0	16.3	15.6	15.9	15.2	10.7	13.5
More than 90 days	%	19.4	22.1	24.4	37.5	29.2	15.7	5.0	27.7	22.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2013-14										
Number of investigations completed										
28 days or less	no.	38 479	7 011	5 714	3 126	1 862	396	259	1 372	58 219
29 to 62 days	no.	11 753	6 229	7 705	3 086	1 939	432	595	1 002	32 741
63 to 90 days	no.	5 932	3 143	3 665	1 826	829	224	247	389	16 255
More than 90 days	no.	5 021	4 477	4 504	3 300	1 253	303	230	939	20 027
Total	no.	61 185	20 860	21 588	11 338	5 883	1 355	1 331	3 702	127 242
Proportion of investigations finalised, by time taken to complete investigation										
28 days or less	%	62.9	33.6	26.5	27.6	31.7	29.2	19.5	37.1	45.8
29 to 62 days	%	19.2	29.9	35.7	27.2	33.0	31.9	44.7	27.1	25.7
63 to 90 days	%	9.7	15.1	17.0	16.1	14.1	16.5	18.6	10.5	12.8
More than 90 days	%	8.2	21.5	20.9	29.1	21.3	22.4	17.3	25.4	15.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2012-13										
Number of investigations completed										
28 days or less	no.	21 601	5 756	6 170	3 017	1 624	861	633	2 046	41 708
29 to 62 days	no.	7 943	5 407	7 737	2 723	1 310	518	978	692	27 308
63 to 90 days	no.	5 346	2 845	3 998	1 687	651	190	347	230	15 294
More than 90 days	no.	14 538	4 391	4 988	3 620	1 575	207	287	590	30 196
Total	no.	49 428	18 399	22 893	11 047	5 160	1 776	2 245	3 558	114 506
Proportion of investigations finalised, by time taken to complete investigation										
28 days or less	%	43.7	31.3	27.0	27.3	31.5	48.5	28.2	57.5	36.4
29 to 62 days	%	16.1	29.4	33.8	24.6	25.4	29.2	43.6	19.4	23.8
63 to 90 days	%	10.8	15.5	17.5	15.3	12.6	10.7	15.5	6.5	13.4
More than 90 days	%	29.4	23.9	21.8	32.8	30.5	11.7	12.8	16.6	26.4
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2011-12										
Number of investigations completed										
28 days or less	no.	23 442	4 679	4 984	2 942	1 848	767	1 180	2 437	42 279
29 to 62 days	no.	6 733	4 097	6 852	2 230	1 161	550	643	867	23 133
63 to 90 days	no.	4 704	2 475	3 954	1 413	578	204	147	351	13 826
More than 90 days	no.	15 510	4 187	9 144	3 335	865	186	62	602	33 891

TABLE 16A.11

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total	no.	50 389	15 438	24 934	9 920	4 452	1 707	2 032	4 257	113 129
Proportion of investigations finalised, by time taken to complete investigation										
28 days or less	%	46.5	30.3	20.0	29.7	41.5	44.9	58.1	57.2	37.4
29 to 62 days	%	13.4	26.5	27.5	22.5	26.1	32.2	31.6	20.4	20.4
63 to 90 days	%	9.3	16.0	15.9	14.2	13.0	12.0	7.2	8.2	12.2
More than 90 days	%	30.8	27.1	36.7	33.6	19.4	10.9	3.1	14.1	30.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2010-11										
Number of investigations completed										
28 days or less	no.	na	4 304	4 832	2 529	1 717	624	1 178	2 578	17 762
29 to 62 days	no.	na	3 647	5 321	1 652	1 315	665	457	766	13 823
63 to 90 days	no.	na	2 278	2 668	1 140	643	349	34	330	7 442
More than 90 days	no.	na	4 615	7 541	3 263	960	449	18	928	17 774
Total	no.	na	14 844	20 362	8 584	4 635	2 087	1 687	4 602	56 801
Proportion of investigations finalised, by time taken to complete investigation										
28 days or less	%	na	29.0	23.7	29.5	37.0	29.9	69.8	56.0	31.3
29 to 62 days	%	na	24.6	26.1	19.2	28.4	31.9	27.1	16.6	24.3
63 to 90 days	%	na	15.3	13.1	13.3	13.9	16.7	2.0	7.2	13.1
More than 90 days	%	na	31.1	37.0	38.0	20.7	21.5	1.1	20.2	31.3
Total	%	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2009-10										
Number of investigations completed										
28 days or less	no.	na	3 797	4 768	1 470	2 777	450	1 081	1 996	16 339
29 to 62 days	no.	na	3 070	5 372	1 083	1 149	620	476	434	12 204
63 to 90 days	no.	na	1 738	2 563	732	377	343	36	188	5 977
More than 90 days	no.	na	4 129	7 882	1 328	436	435	13	475	14 698
Total	no.	na	12 734	20 585	4 613	4 739	1 848	1 606	3 093	49 218
Proportion of investigations finalised, by time taken to complete investigation										
28 days or less	%	na	29.8	23.2	31.9	58.6	24.4	67.3	64.5	33.2
29 to 62 days	%	na	24.1	26.1	23.5	24.2	33.5	29.6	14.0	24.8
63 to 90 days	%	na	13.6	12.5	15.9	8.0	18.6	2.2	6.1	12.1
More than 90 days	%	na	32.4	38.3	28.8	9.2	23.5	0.8	15.4	29.9
Total	%	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within some jurisdictions over time.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are not available for NSW.

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

Table 16A.11 **Response time to complete investigation (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
(b)	NSW:	NSW has implemented a new client management system in 2017-18 and has provided limited data. With the new system NSW is making efforts to improve quality and completeness of data to have a comprehensive set of data for the 2020 Report. Data were not available prior to 2011-12.								
(c)	Queensland:	In Queensland, all notifications require a full investigation to ensure the safety and well-being of children. In 2011-12, additional staff focused on investigations and assessments. From 2014-15 Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. In early 2015, Queensland commenced a new strength-based framework for practice that involves greater engagement with complex families during the investigation and assessment process. From January 2015, amendments to the <i>Child Protection Act 1999</i> commenced, with the consolidation of mandatory reporting requirements and new provisions enabling the referral of families to support services. In 2016-17, additional staff focused on investigations and assessments. From 1 July 2017, early childhood education and care professionals commenced mandatory reporting responsibilities.								
(d)	NT:	Prior to 2013-14 data have included investigations closed as 'no possible outcome'. Data from 2013-14 are not comparable to prior years data. Data from 2013-14 onwards have been derived from AIHW Child Protection NMDS which does not include investigations which relate to a notification received prior to 1 July 2012.								

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2017-18; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.12

Table 16A.12 Finalised investigations substantiated (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>
2017-18										
Total finalised investigations	no.	na	32 861	19 866	9 839	3 683	984	2 075	6 575	75 883
Total substantiations	no.	na	18 333	6 391	5 014	1 876	767	433	2 110	34 924
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	na	55.8	32.2	51.0	50.9	77.9	20.9	32.1	46.0
2016-17										
Total finalised investigations	no.	91 406	30 038	19 219	10 315	3 322	1 083	1 981	6 021	163 385
Total substantiations	no.	35 005	16 451	6 222	5 065	1 661	802	553	2 209	67 968
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	38.3	54.8	32.4	49.1	50.0	74.1	27.9	36.7	41.6
2015-16										
Total finalised investigations	no.	82 524	27 288	18 332	10 610	3 960	1 207	2 164	5 270	151 355
Total substantiations	no.	30 266	14 888	6 104	4 582	1 857	868	627	1 797	60 989
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	36.7	54.6	33.3	43.2	46.9	71.9	29.0	34.1	40.3
2014-15										
Total finalised investigations	no.	73 802	23 971	19 234	11 074	4 739	1 303	1 451	5 145	140 719
Total substantiations	no.	26 424	14 115	6 435	3 623	2 335	904	595	1 992	56 423
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	35.8	58.9	33.5	32.7	49.3	69.4	41.0	38.7	40.1
2013-14										
Total finalised investigations	no.	64 383	20 001	20 516	10 862	5 857	1 278	1 172	3 545	127 614
Total substantiations	no.	26 215	11 952	7 406	3 267	2 737	778	449	1 634	54 438
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	40.7	59.8	36.1	30.1	46.7	60.9	38.3	46.1	42.7
2012-13										
Total finalised investigations	no.	52 509	17 921	22 046	9 409	4 652	1 778	1 935	3 057	113 307
Total substantiations	no.	26 860	10 447	8 069	2 926	2 221	1 035	720	1 356	53 634
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	51.2	58.3	36.6	31.1	47.7	58.2	37.2	44.4	47.3
2011-12										
Total finalised investigations	no.	49 564	15 070	22 023	8 780	4 240	1 500	2 067	3 510	106 754

TABLE 16A.12

Table 16A.12 Finalised investigations substantiated (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>
Total substantiations	no.	23 175	9 075	7 681	2 759	2 139	1 025	861	1 705	48 420
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	46.8	60.2	34.9	31.4	50.4	68.3	41.7	48.6	45.4
2010-11										
Total finalised investigations	no.	52 656	12 979	17 027	5 861	4 594	1 906	1 464	3 162	99 649
Total substantiations	no.	18 596	7 643	6 598	1 907	2 220	1 225	636	1 641	40 466
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	35.3	58.9	38.8	32.5	48.3	64.3	43.4	51.9	40.6
2009-10										
Total finalised investigations	no.	88 101	12 239	17 351	4 039	4 442	1 605	1 552	2 360	131 689
Total substantiations	no.	26 248	6 603	6 922	1 652	1 815	963	741	1 243	46 187
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	29.8	54.0	39.9	40.9	40.9	60.0	47.7	52.7	35.1
2008-09										
Total finalised investigations	no.	118 510	10 300	18 455	3 717	5 886	2 055	1 777	1 685	162 385
Total substantiations	no.	34 078	6 344	7 315	1 523	2 419	1 188	896	858	54 621
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	28.8	61.6	39.6	41.0	41.1	57.8	50.4	50.9	33.6

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within some jurisdictions over time.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are not available for NSW.

- (a) See table 16A.4 for detailed footnotes.
- (b) NSW has implemented a new client management system in 2017-18 and has provided limited data. With the new system, NSW is making efforts to improve quality and completeness of data so as to have a more comprehensive set of data for the 2020 Report.
- (c) Queensland: From 2014-15 Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2017-18; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.13

Table 16A.13 **Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<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>
2017-18									
Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a notification, which was substantiated									
Number of children	no.	478	na	158	89	227	14	6	78
Children aged 0-17 years in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	19 795	11 271	11 157	5 276	4 151	1 419	944	1 320
Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of notification, which was substantiated, as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	2.4	na	1.4	1.7	5.5	1.0	0.6	5.9
2016-17									
Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a notification, which was substantiated									
Number of children	no.	785	na	165	88	156	9	7	77
Children aged 0-17 years in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	20 581	13 001	10 958	5 112	3 951	1 353	939	1 326
Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of notification, which was substantiated, as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	3.8	na	1.5	1.7	3.9	0.7	0.7	5.8
2015-16									
Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a notification, which was substantiated									
Number of children	no.	na	na	163	82	139	7	23	72
Children aged 0-17 years in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	20 316	12 473	10 709	4 967	3 671	1 300	879	1 299
Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of notification, which was substantiated, as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	na	na	1.5	1.7	3.8	0.5	2.6	5.5
2014-15									
Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a notification, which was substantiated									
Number of children	no.	na	na	144	87	122	8	11	108
Children aged 0-17 years in at least one care placement during the year									

TABLE 16A.13

Table 16A.13 **Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<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>
Number of children	no.	21 426	11 017	8 400	4 725	3 273	1 245	831	1 233
Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of notification, which was substantiated, as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	na	na	1.7	1.8	3.7	0.6	1.3	8.8
2013-14									
Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a notification, which was substantiated									
Number of children	no.	na	na	137	59	21	5	29	19
Children aged 0-17 years in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	20 520	10 041	8 438	4 485	3 089	1 273	776	1 134
Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of notification, which was substantiated, as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	na	na	1.6	1.3	0.7	0.4	3.7	1.7
2012-13									
Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a notification, which was substantiated									
Number of children	no.	na	na	237	41	8	5	8	12
Children aged 0-17 years in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	20 069	8 957	8 706	4 498	3 095	1 298	770	1 048
Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of notification, which was substantiated, as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	na	na	2.7	0.9	0.3	0.4	1.0	1.1
2011-12									
Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a notification, which was substantiated									
Number of children	no.	1 200	na	316	80	na	26	16	20
Children aged 0-17 years in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	20 018	9 103	8 560	4 260	2 986	1 249	797	1 031
Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of notification, which was substantiated, as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	6.0	na	3.7	1.9	na	2.1	2.0	1.9

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within some jurisdictions over time.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are not available for Victoria.

Table 16A.13 Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
(a)	Data were introduced in the 2013 Report for the 2011-12 reporting period.								
(b)	NSW: NSW implemented a new client information system in 2017-18 and data for 2017-18 may be undercounted. Data for 2016-17 are not comparable to data published previously. Data for this measure for the period 2012-13 to 2015-16 were not available. In 2011-12, NSW data were not comparable to data supplied by other jurisdictions because NSW data encompassed a more inclusive set of substantiated issues, for example, children who absconded from out-of-home care (OOHC) placements and reported incidents of self-harm. In addition, NSW has a significantly lower threshold for investigating notifications relating to children in care compared with children in the general population.								
(c)	Victoria: Data were not available for Victoria, as the Victorian Child Protection Service does not record the required data for children who are in OOHC.								
(d)	Queensland: Data may not be comparable with other jurisdictions or over time due to different policy or changes in data collection as follows. From 2013-14, data regarding substantiations for children in out-of-home care are recorded in accordance with Queensland's policy 'Responding to concerns about the standards of care'. This data includes only children subject to the custody or guardianship of the Chief Executive and placed in out-of-home care under the authority of the Child Protection Act 1999 section 82(1), and who had a harm report substantiation (recorded when the child has experienced harm or is likely to experience future harm). This data can include substantiations of harm to children who were not in out-of-home care during the reporting period, but who experienced harm in out-of-home care during previous years. This data counts substantiations for notifications received during the reporting period.								
(e)	SA: The increase in numbers from 2013-14 to 2014-15 is due to a change in the reporting database which captures a broader range of children subject to a care concern. Updated data has been supplied for 2014-15 onwards following a review of counting rules and application of data captured in SA's data warehouse.								
(f)	Tasmania: Tasmania is not able to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer meaning Tasmania's data are slightly lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmanian data also exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs.								
(g)	NT: Data are not comparable with other jurisdictions or across the time series due to changes in legislation, policy and recording in the 2014-15 financial year. The 2014-15 data does not reflect substantiated abuse but substantiated 'harm' or 'risk of harm' related to incidents that occurred prior to a child's entry into care as well as incidents when a child is in care. On 1 January 2014 the Care and Protection of Children Act was amended to give the Department of Children and Families the power to investigate allegations that a child in out-of-home care was harmed or at risk of harm. Prior to this date the Department had no power to investigate these concerns. Aligned to the new legislation the threshold for recording concerns was changed and the new policy definition of 'harm' now includes "any safety or wellbeing concern about a child in care" and does not have exclusions relating to the alleged causes, perpetrators, location where the harm occurred or form of care the child is in. A new process for recording concerns for the safety and wellbeing of children in care was instigated at the same time as the changes in legislation and policy, this has resulted in greater consistency and accuracy in data. This alongside increased expectation for external providers to make reports to the Department, the introduction of a Charter of Rights for Children in Care, and formalisation of Standards of Care within the out of home care sector has resulted in an increase in the number of concerns reported and responded to.								
	na Not available.								

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

TABLE 16A.14

Table 16A.14 **Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person responsible was living in the household providing out-of-home care (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<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>
2017-18									
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	287	128	na	5	153	na	4	na
Children aged 0-17 years in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	19 795	11 271	11 157	5 276	4 151	1 419	944	1 320
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	1.4	1.1	na	0.1	3.7	na	0.4	na
2016-17									
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	521	130	na	10	109	na	4	na
Children aged 0-17 years in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	20 581	13 001	10 958	5 112	3 951	1 353	939	1 326
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	2.5	1.0	na	0.2	2.8	na	0.4	na
2015-16									
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	95	163	na	5	107	na	12	na
Children aged 0-17 years in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	20 316	12 473	10 709	4 967	3 671	1 300	879	1 299
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	0.5	1.3	na	0.1	2.9	na	1.4	na
2014-15									
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	147	69	na	7	95	na	10	na
Children aged 0-17 years in at least one care placement during the year									

TABLE 16A.14

Table 16A.14 **Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person responsible was living in the household providing out-of-home care (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<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>
Number of children	no.	21 426	11 017	8 400	4 725	3 273	1 245	831	1 233
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	0.7	0.6	na	0.1	2.9	na	1.2	na
2013-14									
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	68	109	na	9	13	na	20	na
Children aged 0-17 years in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	20 520	10 041	8 438	4 485	3 089	1 273	776	1 134
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	0.3	1.1	na	0.2	0.4	na	2.6	na
2012-13									
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	24	89	na	9	5	na	4	na
Children aged 0-17 years in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	20 069	8 957	8 706	4 498	3 095	1 298	770	1 048
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	0.1	1.0	na	0.2	0.2	na	0.5	na
2011-12									
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	58	90	na	14	10	na	8	na
Children aged 0-17 years in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	20 018	9 103	8 560	4 260	2 986	1 249	797	1 031
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	0.3	1.0	na	0.3	0.3	na	1.0	na

2010-11

TABLE 16A.14

Table 16A.14 **Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person responsible was living in the household providing out-of-home care (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	93	78	na	4	9	na	9	na
Children aged 0-17 years in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	19 590	8 473	8 265	3 839	2 822	1 167	779	897
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	0.5	0.9	na	0.1	0.3	na	1.2	na
2009-10									
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	na	41	na	7	9	na	15	na
Children aged 0-17 years in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	18 967	8 324	8 130	3 537	2 711	1 121	765	820
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	na	0.5	na	0.2	0.3	na	2.0	na
2008-09									
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	na	na	na	4	4	na	1	na
Children aged 0-17 years in at least one care placement during the year									
Number of children	no.	17 998	7 826	8 005	3 456	2 519	1 011	892	747
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation as a proportion of all children in care									
Proportion	%	na	na	na	0.1	0.2	na	0.1	na

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within some jurisdictions over time.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are not available for Queensland, Tasmania and the NT.

Table 16A.14 Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person responsible was living in the household providing out-of-home care (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
(a)	NSW: NSW implemented a new client information system in 2017-18 and data for 2017-18 may be undercounted. Changes in the NSW client information system have enabled a new counting method that better reflects the scope of the national counting rules, counting the number of children in substantiations of notifications (Risk of significant harm reports). Data prior to 2016-17 for NSW were narrower than the scope of the national counting rule and not comparable across jurisdictions. NSW data comprised victims of sustained allegations of reportable conduct and did not include substantiations of harm that did not meet the threshold for reportable conduct.								
(b)	Victoria: Victoria's scope for counting substantiations is narrower than the scope of the national counting rules due to Victoria's regulatory and operational frameworks. Substantiated quality of care concerns encompass completed investigations where quality of care concerns are substantiated and action is taken in response. Data up to and including 2011-12 are not comparable to data for 2012-13 due to the implementation of a new quality of care database which improved data capture and reporting. Previously published data for 2012-13 have been revised and differ from those in the 2014 Report. From 2017-18 excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.								
(c)	Queensland: Data are not available because, according to Queensland's policy 'Responding to concerns about the standards of care', a carer or staff member of a care service may be held responsible even if they did not directly harm the child, if it is found that their action or inaction contributed to the harm or failed to protect the child.								
(d)	WA: Data do not include substantiations relating to relatives of foster carers or other children in the household.								
(e)	SA: Updated data have been supplied for 2014–15 onwards following a review of counting rules and application of data captured in SA's data warehouse.								
(f)	Tasmania: Data for this measure are not available as the Tasmanian data system does not identify whether the person responsible was living in the household or visiting.								
(g)	NT: Data for this measure are not available as the NT data system does not specifically identify the relationship between the person believed responsible and the OOHC household.								

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

TABLE 16A.15

Table 16A.15 Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements, by the length of time in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2017-18									
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care									
1 placement	213	643	213	91	41	11	15	20	1 247
2 placements	41	156	70	28	14	–	4	5	318
3 placements	12	37	17	7	3	–	1	4	81
4–5 placements	7	6	6	1	1	–	–	1	22
6–10 placements	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
11 or more placements	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	274	842	306	127	59	11	20	30	1 669
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care									
1 placement	152	228	68	67	29	4	9	14	571
2 placement	74	87	39	32	24	4	7	9	276
3 placement	21	37	31	16	8	2	1	1	117
4–5 placement	11	24	13	11	2	–	–	3	64
6–10 placements	2	3	1	1	1	–	–	–	8
11 or more placements	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	260	379	152	127	64	10	17	27	1 036
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care									
1 placement	101	303	77	60	23	14	10	9	597
2 placement	70	136	96	34	25	7	2	19	389
3 placement	37	57	50	21	18	6	3	12	204
4–5 placement	25	43	55	13	18	–	3	3	160
6–10 placements	4	13	13	2	5	–	–	3	40
11 or more placements	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Unknown	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Total children	237	554	291	130	89	27	18	46	1 392
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care									
1 placement	113	211	60	58	8	9	5	4	468
2 placement	131	122	81	51	6	5	–	10	406
3 placement	71	64	70	32	9	5	1	8	260
4–5 placement	61	49	81	29	14	4	3	10	251
6–10 placements	39	35	62	11	18	3	–	13	181
11 or more placements	1	1	1	–	5	–	–	7	15
Unknown	–	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
Total children	416	486	355	181	60	26	9	52	1 585
5 years or more in out-of-home care									
1 placement	210	72	54	40	30	14	13	2	435

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2 placement	212	62	67	42	13	8	8	5	417
3 placement	143	31	59	22	10	9	6	9	289
4–5 placement	182	40	78	45	23	17	2	12	399
6–10 placements	146	38	132	30	42	11	2	14	415
11 or more placements	43	11	54	6	40	1	1	11	167
Unknown	–	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	6
Total children	936	260	444	185	158	60	32	53	2 128
All children									
1 placement	789	1 457	472	316	131	52	52	49	3 318
2 placements	528	563	353	187	82	24	21	48	1 806
3 placements	284	226	227	98	48	22	12	34	951
4–5 placements	286	162	233	99	58	21	8	29	896
6–10 placements	191	89	208	44	66	14	2	30	644
11 or more placements	45	12	55	6	45	1	1	18	183
Unknown	–	12	–	–	–	–	–	–	12
Total children	2 123	2 521	1 548	750	430	134	96	208	7 810
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	480	1 114	390	218	108	19	35	48	2 412
3 or more placements	54	107	68	36	15	2	2	9	293
Total children	534	1 221	458	254	123	21	37	57	2 705
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
	89.9	91.2	85.2	85.8	87.8	90.5	94.6	84.2	89.2
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	837	906	435	285	105	57	38	49	2 712
3 or more placements	752	394	655	211	202	56	21	102	2 393
Total children	1 589	1 300	1 090	496	307	113	59	151	5 105
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
	52.7	69.7	39.9	57.5	34.2	50.4	64.4	32.5	53.1

2016-17 summary

Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements

1–2 placements	486	999	382	200	132	36	36	39	2 310
3 or more placements	48	131	61	29	26	4	3	20	322
Total children	534	1 130	443	229	158	40	39	59	2 632

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	91.0	88.4	86.2	87.3	83.5	90.0	92.3	66.1	87.8
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	752	483	406	326	105	54	37	47	2 210
3 or more placements	688	444	656	211	151	43	24	87	2 304
Total children	1 440	927	1 062	537	256	97	61	134	4 514
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	52.2	52.1	38.2	60.7	41.0	55.7	60.7	35.1	49.0
2015-16 summary									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	583	1 054	391	195	123	22	23	56	2 447
3 or more placements	41	127	85	47	30	2	7	12	351
Total children	624	1 181	476	242	153	24	30	68	2 798
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	93.4	89.2	82.1	80.6	80.4	91.7	76.7	82.4	87.5
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	629	452	392	278	101	48	27	45	1 972
3 or more placements	628	434	670	262	120	60	11	102	2 287
Total children	1 257	886	1 062	540	221	108	38	147	4 259
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	50.0	51.0	36.9	51.5	45.7	44.4	71.1	30.6	46.3
2014-15 summary									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	506	888	357	193	108	36	46	63	2 197
3 or more placements	59	102	67	41	15	2	2	18	306
Total children	565	990	424	234	123	38	48	81	2 503
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	89.6	89.7	84.2	82.5	87.8	94.7	95.8	77.8	87.8
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	2 412	378	383	248	74	74	26	30	3 625
3 or more placements	903	443	548	184	179	57	15	58	2 387

Table 16A.15 Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements, by the length of time in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total children	3 315	821	931	432	253	131	41	88	6 012
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	72.8	46.0	41.1	57.4	29.2	56.5	63.4	34.1	60.3
2013-14 summary									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	428	656	345	na	87	64	37	53	1 670
3 or more placements	49	176	45	na	22	7	12	7	318
Total children	477	832	390	na	109	71	49	60	1 988
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	89.7	78.8	88.5	na	79.8	90.1	75.5	88.3	84.0
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	623	369	432	na	97	54	27	23	1 625
3 or more placements	585	393	560	na	168	60	25	46	1 837
Total children	1 208	762	992	na	265	114	52	69	3 462
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	51.6	48.4	43.5	na	36.6	47.4	51.9	33.3	46.9
2012-13 summary									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	463	931	398	na	134	49	35	96	2 106
3 or more placements	51	159	58	na	27	12	6	12	325
Total children	514	1 090	456	na	161	61	41	108	2 431
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	90.1	85.4	87.3	na	83.2	80.3	85.4	88.9	86.6
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	572	512	366	na	95	65	43	38	1 691
3 or more placements	501	na	604	na	119	63	29	49	1 365
Total children	1 073	na	970	na	214	128	72	87	3 056
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	53.3	na	37.7	na	44.4	51	59.7	43.7	55.3
2011-12 summary									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
1–2 placements	477	645	314	na	65	68	43	112	1 724
3 or more placements	53	85	70	na	19	4	10	23	264
Total children	530	730	384	na	84	72	53	135	1 988
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	90.0	88.4	81.8	na	77.4	94.4	81.1	83.0	86.7
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	567	386	326	na	91	59	34	32	1 495
3 or more placements	509	330	527	na	114	56	37	47	1 620
Total children	1 076	716	853	na	205	115	71	79	3 115
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	52.7	53.9	38.2	na	44.4	51	47.9	40.5	48.0
2010-11 summary									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	472	477	473	na	78	52	47	97	1 696
3 or more placements	74	154	53	na	20	20	10	12	343
Total children	546	631	526	na	98	72	57	109	2 039
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	86.4	75.6	89.9	na	79.6	72.2	82.5	89.0	83.2
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	545	340	430	na	86	29	28	31	1 489
3 or more placements	436	372	532	na	103	58	31	39	1 571
Total children	981	712	962	na	189	87	59	70	3 060
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	55.6	47.8	44.7	na	45.5	33	47.5	44.3	48.7
2009-10 summary									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	495	502	523	77	91	75	39	82	1 884
3 or more placements	70	141	90	25	36	18	5	12	397
Total children	565	643	613	102	127	93	44	94	2 281
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	87.6	78.1	85.3	75.5	71.7	80.6	88.6	87.2	82.6

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	496	359	433	187	60	33	21	26	1 615
3 or more placements	416	367	476	188	128	60	24	33	1 692
Total children	912	726	909	375	188	93	45	59	3 307
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
1–2 placements, per cent	54.4	49.4	47.6	49.9	31.9	35	46.7	44.1	48.8
2008-09 summary									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	576	416	619	93	49	68	68	na	1 889
3 or more placements	61	152	90	21	25	11	8	na	368
Total children	637	568	709	114	74	79	76	na	2 257
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
1–2 placements, per cent	90.4	73.2	87.3	81.6	66.2	86.1	89.5	na	83.7
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	536	239	412	133	76	20	22	na	1 438
3 or more placements	412	265	437	159	119	49	12	na	1 453
Total children	948	504	849	292	195	69	34	na	2 891
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
1–2 placements, per cent	56.5	47.4	48.5	45.5	39.0	29	64.7	na	49.7

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within some jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (a) For number of different placements, only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as separate placements. From 2014-15, the counting rules for this indicator were modified to clarify that all placements lasting less than seven days should be excluded from the count of number of placements.
- (b) Includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.
- (c) NSW: For 2017-18 NSW data for out-of-home care excludes children on immigration orders. NSW data for 2014-15 onwards is not comparable to data published previously. NSW Safe Home for Life (SHFL) legislative reforms, effective 29 October 2014, transitioned eligible children/young people to the independent care of their guardian. These children/young people exited and are no longer counted in out-of-home care.
- (d) Victoria: From 2017-18 excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
(e) Queensland: From 2014-15, Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere.									
(f) WA: Data for 2010-11 to 2013-14 were not available as these data could not be extracted from the client system.									
(g) Tasmania: Tasmania is not able to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer meaning Tasmania's data are slightly lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmanian data also exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. From 2011-12 to 2013-14 respite placements were excluded, so results for 'proportion of children in 1-2 placements' for these years should not be compared with prior years. For 2014-15 onwards, respite placements are not explicitly excluded. However all placements lasting less than 7 days are excluded, as stated in footnote (a).									
(h) ACT: Out-of-home care data includes some children 18 years and over whose carers receive a full carer payment. This is generally to facilitate completion of schooling without change to the placement.									

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2017-18; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.16

Table 16A.16 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (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>
2017-18								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Respite	100	3	12	–	30	13	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	84	83	78	59	26	10	2	11
1 to less than 6 months	254	259	263	189	95	18	19	94
6 months to less than 1 year	311	255	267	208	69	18	25	67
1 to less than 2 years	732	342	492	336	145	31	43	130
2 to less than 5 years	2 150	649	893	760	366	95	78	507
5 years or more	3 135	384	1 827	900	485	148	93	144
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	6 666	1 972	3 820	2 452	1 186	320	260	953
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	6 766	1 975	3 832	2 452	1 216	333	260	953
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	135	4	9	–	67	11	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	122	258	97	49	20	8	5	1
1 to less than 6 months	465	1 019	395	178	181	16	28	9
6 months to less than 1 year	508	855	417	194	151	23	39	18
1 to less than 2 years	1 066	1 174	662	280	285	47	58	19
2 to less than 5 years	3 311	1 751	1 184	511	612	95	197	51
5 years or more	5 011	918	2 461	782	1 097	361	239	16
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	10 483	5 975	5 216	1 994	2 346	550	566	114
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	10 618	5 979	5 225	1 994	2 413	561	566	114
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Respite	–	–	–	–	1	15	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	1	–	4	–	1	8	–	–
1 to less than 6 months	2	–	21	2	21	40	–	–
6 months to less than 1 year	–	–	9	–	10	48	–	–
1 to less than 2 years	–	–	7	–	15	55	–	–
2 to less than 5 years	–	–	9	–	16	131	–	–
5 years or more	–	–	–	–	2	81	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	3	–	50	2	65	363	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total	3	–	50	2	66	378	–	–
All children								
Respite	235	7	21	–	98	39	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	207	341	179	108	47	26	7	12
1 to less than 6 months	721	1 278	679	369	297	74	47	103
6 months to less than 1 year	819	1 110	693	402	230	89	64	85
1 to less than 2 years	1 798	1 516	1 161	616	445	133	101	149
2 to less than 5 years	5 461	2 400	2 086	1 271	994	321	275	558
5 years or more	8 146	1 302	4 288	1 682	1 584	590	332	160
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	17 152	7 947	9 086	4 448	3 597	1 233	826	1 067
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	17 387	7 954	9 107	4 448	3 695	1 272	826	1 067
2016-17								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Respite	6	3	31	–	25	19	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	83	59	97	25	14	5	9	20
1 to less than 6 months	332	245	293	215	56	17	12	69
6 months to less than 1 year	478	234	291	188	106	13	29	78
1 to less than 2 years	924	379	478	346	243	51	28	128
2 to less than 5 years	1 877	564	917	780	251	76	65	524
5 years or more	3 124	607	1 675	767	455	140	84	129
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	6 818	2 088	3 751	2 321	1 125	302	227	948
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	6 824	2 091	3 782	2 321	1 150	321	227	948
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	14	10	25	–	53	26	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	133	244	83	36	34	8	11	1
1 to less than 6 months	572	847	372	184	131	51	35	6
6 months to less than 1 year	665	890	393	174	172	42	41	19
1 to less than 2 years	1 584	1 388	654	252	280	118	78	12
2 to less than 5 years	2 906	2 254	1 140	550	513	204	165	48
5 years or more	5 181	2 579	2 426	715	1 063	416	246	25
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	11 041	8 202	5 068	1 911	2 193	839	576	111

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	11 055	8 212	5 093	1 911	2 246	865	576	111
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Respite	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	–	–	7	–	10	1	–	–
1 to less than 6 months	–	1	23	–	25	6	–	–
6 months to less than 1 year	–	–	13	–	15	9	–	–
1 to less than 2 years	–	–	13	–	19	1	–	–
2 to less than 5 years	–	3	8	–	16	2	–	–
5 years or more	–	5	2	–	2	–	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	–	9	66	–	87	19	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	–	9	66	–	88	19	–	–
All children								
Respite	20	13	56	–	79	45	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	216	303	187	61	58	14	20	21
1 to less than 6 months	904	1 093	688	399	212	74	47	75
6 months to less than 1 year	1 143	1 124	697	362	293	64	70	97
1 to less than 2 years	2 508	1 767	1 145	598	542	170	106	140
2 to less than 5 years	4 783	2 821	2 065	1 330	780	282	230	572
5 years or more	8 305	3 191	4 103	1 482	1 520	556	330	154
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	17 859	10 299	8 885	4 232	3 405	1 160	803	1 059
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	17 879	10 312	8 941	4 232	3 484	1 205	803	1 059
2015-16								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Respite	10	–	26	–	2	4	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	97	71	90	64	19	3	7	17
1 to less than 6 months	493	242	246	215	141	20	17	69
6 months to less than 1 year	519	245	301	166	121	30	9	84
1 to less than 2 years	899	321	423	344	130	41	33	152
2 to less than 5 years	1 597	474	969	724	214	77	61	465
5 years or more	3 037	523	1 564	699	446	122	70	133
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total non-respite	6 642	1 876	3 593	2 212	1 071	293	197	920
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	6 652	1 876	3 619	2 212	1 073	297	197	920
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	7	7	22	–	–	16	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	158	243	80	32	30	12	8	5
1 to less than 6 months	876	1 035	346	167	153	57	35	13
6 months to less than 1 year	908	890	442	154	158	61	54	7
1 to less than 2 years	1 309	1 207	588	283	270	96	83	14
2 to less than 5 years	2 764	2 042	1 232	603	452	205	141	52
5 years or more	5 125	2 397	2 300	648	1 032	383	225	21
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	11 140	7 814	4 988	1 887	2 095	814	546	112
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	11 147	7 821	5 010	1 887	2 095	830	546	112
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Respite	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	–	–	5	–	12	1	–	–
1 to less than 6 months	–	1	17	1	19	3	5	–
6 months to less than 1 year	1	–	6	na	13	13	–	–
1 to less than 2 years	–	1	5	–	14	6	–	–
2 to less than 5 years	–	2	6	–	14	–	–	–
5 years or more	–	4	1	–	3	–	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1	8	40	1	75	23	5	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	1	8	41	1	75	23	5	–
All children								
Respite	17	7	49	–	2	20	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	255	314	175	96	61	16	15	22
1 to less than 6 months	1 369	1 278	609	383	313	80	57	82
6 months to less than 1 year	1 428	1 135	749	320	292	104	63	91
1 to less than 2 years	2 208	1 529	1 016	627	414	143	116	166
2 to less than 5 years	4 361	2 518	2 207	1 327	680	282	202	517
5 years or more	8 162	2 924	3 865	1 347	1 481	505	295	154
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total non-respite	17 783	9 698	8 621	4 100	3 241	1 130	748	1 032
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	17 800	9 705	8 670	4 100	3 243	1 150	748	1 032
2014-15								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Respite	15	1	22	–	1	5	1	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	102	44	70	49	9	1	9	18
1 to less than 6 months	524	186	259	182	71	18	19	90
6 months to less than 1 year	483	195	258	203	63	14	15	76
1 to less than 2 years	689	229	453	365	70	19	19	205
2 to less than 5 years	1 511	393	1 002	653	231	69	49	386
5 years or more	2 886	463	1 448	610	399	115	71	117
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	na	–	–	–
Total non-respite	6 195	1 510	3 490	2 062	843	236	182	892
Not stated/unknown	–	na	na	na	–	–	–	–
Total	6 210	1 511	3 512	2 062	844	241	183	892
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	24	4	21	–	2	13	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	158	221	47	29	23	7	14	2
1 to less than 6 months	782	877	331	194	174	42	44	9
6 months to less than 1 year	766	834	383	156	149	62	29	14
1 to less than 2 years	1 237	1 089	570	288	164	84	65	21
2 to less than 5 years	2 616	1 749	1 287	599	498	239	112	53
5 years or more	5 048	2 275	2 240	624	939	365	218	26
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	10 607	7 045	4 858	1 890	1 947	799	482	125
Not stated/unknown	–	na	na	na	–	–	–	–
Total	10 631	7 049	4 879	1 890	1 949	812	482	125
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Respite	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	–	–	4	–	1	3	5	–
1 to less than 6 months	1	1	25	–	14	5	1	–
6 months to less than 1 year	1	–	9	2	8	–	–	–
1 to less than 2 years	–	–	9	–	4	–	–	–
2 to less than 5 years	–	2	7	–	15	–	–	–
5 years or more	–	4	3	–	3	–	–	–

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	2	7	57	2	45	8	6	–
Not stated/unknown	–	na	na	na	–	–	–	–
Total	2	7	57	2	45	8	6	–
All children								
Respite	39	5	43	–	3	18	1	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	260	265	121	78	33	11	28	20
1 to less than 6 months	1 307	1 064	615	376	259	65	64	99
6 months to less than 1 year	1 250	1 029	650	361	220	76	44	90
1 to less than 2 years	1 926	1 318	1 032	653	238	103	84	226
2 to less than 5 years	4 127	2 144	2 296	1 252	744	308	161	439
5 years or more	7 934	2 742	3 691	1 234	1 341	480	289	143
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	16 804	8 562	8 405	3 954	2 835	1 043	670	1 017
Not stated/unknown	–	na	na	na	–	–	–	–
Total all children	16 843	8 567	8 448	3 954	2 838	1 061	671	1 017
2013-14								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Respite	19	3	na	–	–	1	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	91	35	94	44	5	1	3	18
1 to less than 6 months	368	143	260	206	49	10	8	108
6 months to less than 1 year	473	157	245	175	35	13	13	107
1 to less than 2 years	654	189	496	329	108	29	22	131
2 to less than 5 years	1 948	397	918	516	226	76	44	330
5 years or more	2 967	384	1 323	612	364	102	62	80
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	6 501	1 305	3 336	1 882	787	231	152	774
Not stated/unknown	–	na	na	na	–	–	–	–
Total	6 520	1 308	3 336	1 882	787	232	152	774
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	27	3	na	–	–	16	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	151	227	76	32	32	5	14	11
1 to less than 6 months	745	743	338	189	100	35	40	12
6 months to less than 1 year	780	666	357	139	85	51	30	6
1 to less than 2 years	1 232	983	607	263	190	103	44	17
2 to less than 5 years	3 234	1 651	1 322	542	530	242	124	63

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
5 years or more	5 498	2 120	2 083	635	874	334	202	24
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	11 640	6 390	4 783	1 800	1 811	770	454	133
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	na	–	–	–	–
Total	11 667	6 393	4 783	1 800	1 811	786	454	133
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Respite	1	–	na	–	1	–	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	–	–	8	–	3	2	–	1
1 to less than 6 months	2	–	18	27	7	14	–	–
6 months to less than 1 year	1	–	12	5	2	11	–	–
1 to less than 2 years	–	–	15	7	9	9	–	–
2 to less than 5 years	1	3	10	2	7	–	–	–
5 years or more	–	6	3	–	4	–	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	4	9	66	41	32	36	–	1
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	na	–	–	–	–
Total	5	9	66	41	33	36	–	1
All children								
Respite	47	6	na	–	1	17	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	242	262	178	76	40	8	17	30
1 to less than 6 months	1 115	886	616	422	156	59	48	120
6 months to less than 1 year	1 254	823	614	319	122	75	43	113
1 to less than 2 years	1 886	1 172	1 118	599	307	141	66	148
2 to less than 5 years	5 183	2 051	2 250	1 060	763	318	168	393
5 years or more	8 465	2 510	3 409	1 247	1 242	436	264	104
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	18 145	7 704	8 185	3 723	2 630	1 037	606	908
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	na	–	–	–	–
Total all children	18 192	7 710	8 185	3 723	2 631	1 054	606	908
2012-13								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Respite	8	1	na	–	–	7	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	70	21	85	36	10	1	–	10
1 to less than 6 months	361	112	296	202	73	28	17	52
6 months to less than 1 year	397	98	274	164	58	16	11	97
1 to less than 2 years	695	170	433	258	91	33	32	94

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2 to less than 5 years	2 068	283	989	512	247	85	43	223
5 years or more	2 604	237	1 118	628	309	73	37	147
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	6 195	921	3 195	1 800	788	236	140	623
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	na	–	–	na	–
Total	6 203	922	3 195	1 800	788	243	140	623
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	18	6	na	–	–	21	1	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	136	177	75	30	6	17	4	1
1 to less than 6 months	652	678	383	111	124	77	22	7
6 months to less than 1 year	694	618	381	175	116	42	23	12
1 to less than 2 years	1 260	868	747	329	221	105	49	16
2 to less than 5 years	3 568	1 373	1 255	479	565	236	129	38
5 years or more	4 886	1 692	2 043	657	803	305	172	51
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	na	–
Total non-respite	11 196	5 406	4 884	1 781	1 835	782	399	125
Not stated/unknown	–	6	–	na	–	–	–	–
Total	11 214	5 412	4 884	1 781	1 835	803	400	125
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Respite	–	–	na	–	–	1	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	1	1	3	11	1	2	–	–
1 to less than 6 months	2	12	23	24	8	11	11	–
6 months to less than 1 year	1	2	7	16	7	5	3	–
1 to less than 2 years	1	10	14	3	13	2	2	–
2 to less than 5 years	–	11	10	1	2	–	3	–
5 years or more	–	29	–	–	3	–	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	5	65	57	55	34	20	19	–
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	na	–	–	–	–
Total	5	65	57	55	34	21	19	–
All children								
Respite	26	7	na	–	–	29	1	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	207	199	163	77	23	20	4	11
1 to less than 6 months	1 015	802	702	337	208	116	50	59
6 months to less than 1 year	1 092	718	662	355	179	63	37	109
1 to less than 2 years	1 956	1 048	1 194	590	322	140	83	110

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2 to less than 5 years	5 636	1 667	2 254	992	813	321	175	261
5 years or more	7 490	1 929	3 161	1 285	1 112	378	209	198
Not stated/unknown	–	6	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	17 396	6 369	8 136	3 636	2 657	1 038	558	748
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	na	–	–	–	na
Total all children	17 422	6 369	8 136	3 636	2 657	1 067	559	748
2011-12								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Respite	11	–	na	–	2	–	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	47	24	85	19	2	1	3	22
1 to less than 6 months	376	133	246	156	48	21	13	66
6 months to less than 1 year	444	135	297	140	40	15	18	68
1 to less than 2 years	731	161	473	279	78	32	14	114
2 to less than 5 years	2 160	307	971	481	58	77	45	183
5 years or more	2 222	268	969	539	478	66	41	120
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	5 980	1 028	3 041	1 614	704	212	134	573
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	5 991	1 028	3 041	1 614	706	212	134	573
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	34	16	na	–	2	3	1	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	163	148	102	43	7	11	7	4
1 to less than 6 months	764	655	469	178	103	49	23	12
6 months to less than 1 year	712	598	435	169	94	94	46	8
1 to less than 2 years	1 284	691	669	257	224	117	58	11
2 to less than 5 years	3 930	1 296	1 355	480	165	244	148	46
5 years or more	4 290	1 702	1 889	633	1 233	271	138	46
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	11 143	5 090	4 919	1 760	1 826	786	420	127
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	11 177	5 106	4 919	1 760	1 828	789	421	127
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Respite	–	4	na	–	–	–	1	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	–	4	4	13	–	1	–	–
1 to less than 6 months	5	22	16	10	6	3	5	–
6 months to less than 1 year	1	7	8	2	3	–	2	–

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1 to less than 2 years	1	8	5	1	5	2	2	–
2 to less than 5 years	15	14	4	–	–	1	1	–
5 years or more	2	14	2	–	–	1	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	24	69	39	26	14	8	10	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	24	73	39	26	14	8	11	–
All children								
Respite	45	20	na	–	4	3	2	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	210	176	191	75	9	13	10	26
1 to less than 6 months	1 145	810	731	344	157	73	41	78
6 months to less than 1 year	1 157	740	740	311	137	109	66	76
1 to less than 2 years	2 016	860	1 147	537	307	151	74	125
2 to less than 5 years	6 105	1 617	2 330	961	223	322	194	229
5 years or more	6 514	1 984	2 860	1 172	1 711	338	179	166
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	17 147	6 187	7 999	3 400	2 544	1 006	564	700
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	17 192	6 207	7 999	3 400	2 548	1 009	566	700
2010-11								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Respite	12	–	na	–	1	–	2	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	77	18	52	22	–	2	3	19
1 to less than 6 months	383	87	292	125	45	18	13	80
6 months to less than 1 year	429	113	278	122	36	17	10	68
1 to less than 2 years	884	169	449	185	55	38	17	115
2 to less than 5 years	2 038	252	922	539	70	64	43	127
5 years or more	1 914	238	857	455	423	57	31	92
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	5 725	877	2 850	1 448	629	196	117	501
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	5 737	877	2 850	1 448	630	196	119	501
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	29	1	na	–	6	–	1	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	128	154	108	11	5	15	10	4
1 to less than 6 months	826	542	405	101	88	67	37	14

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6 months to less than 1 year	690	423	402	122	91	75	27	10
1 to less than 2 years	1 433	762	688	203	170	127	61	28
2 to less than 5 years	4 043	1 161	1 395	489	179	243	153	42
5 years or more	3 845	1 658	1 724	601	1 151	227	120	34
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	10 965	4 700	4 722	1 527	1 684	754	408	132
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	10 994	4 701	4 722	1 527	1 690	754	409	132
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
Respite	–	2	na	–	–	–	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	–	14	2	9	1	4	2	1
1 to less than 6 months	1	23	11	65	8	9	3	–
6 months to less than 1 year	–	13	10	55	4	1	5	–
1 to less than 2 years	1	13	2	16	14	1	–	–
2 to less than 5 years	4	19	2	–	2	1	–	–
5 years or more	3	16	3	–	19	–	2	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	9	98	30	145	48	16	12	1
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	9	100	30	145	48	16	12	1
All children								
Respite	41	3	na	–	7	–	3	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	205	186	162	42	6	21	15	24
1 to less than 6 months	1 210	652	708	291	141	94	53	94
6 months to less than 1 year	1 119	549	690	299	131	93	42	78
1 to less than 2 years	2 318	944	1 139	404	239	166	78	143
2 to less than 5 years	6 085	1 432	2 319	1 028	251	308	196	169
5 years or more	5 762	1 912	2 584	1 056	1 593	284	153	126
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	16 699	5 675	7 602	3 120	2 361	966	537	634
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	16 740	5 678	7 602	3 120	2 368	966	540	634
2009-10								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
Respite	22	1	na	na	1	na	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	72	23	86	26	1	5	9	20

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Table 16A.16 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (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>
1 to less than 6 months	451	113	238	87	48	10	11	64
6 months to less than 1 year	524	106	287	121	33	10	10	62
1 to less than 2 years	957	144	530	183	102	38	31	68
2 to less than 5 years	1 778	225	799	478	57	46	30	106
5 years or more	1 661	201	746	347	347	29	34	87
Not stated/unknown	–	3	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	5 443	815	2 686	1 242	588	138	125	407
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	5 465	816	2 686	1 242	589	138	125	407
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	33	4	na	na	1	na	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	169	110	96	42	4	17	6	12
1 to less than 6 months	777	531	370	100	88	98	41	17
6 months to less than 1 year	894	481	458	142	91	91	42	21
1 to less than 2 years	1 758	684	704	179	195	131	75	22
2 to less than 5 years	3 464	1 161	1 454	489	169	221	131	33
5 years or more	3 604	1 556	1 573	542	1 028	197	110	37
Not stated/unknown	–	26	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	10 666	4 549	4 655	1 494	1 575	755	405	142
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	10 699	4 553	4 655	1 494	1 576	755	405	142
All children								
Respite	55	5	na	na	2	na	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	241	136	184	68	5	22	15	32
1 to less than 6 months	1 231	670	611	187	142	108	52	81
6 months to less than 1 year	1 419	602	747	263	127	101	52	83
1 to less than 2 years	2 716	846	1 236	362	299	169	106	91
2 to less than 5 years	5 247	1 403	2 253	967	227	267	162	140
5 years or more	5 266	1 774	2 319	890	1 386	226	145	124
Not stated/unknown	–	33	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	16 120	5 464	7 350	2 737	2 186	893	532	551
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	16 175	5 469	7 350	2 737	2 188	893	532	551

2008-09

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Respite	21	–	na	na	3	na	–	–
Non-respite								

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Less than 1 month	96	17	89	21	2	4	2	17
1 to less than 6 months	471	84	292	101	45	15	20	53
6 months to less than 1 year	610	109	306	118	52	22	10	56
1 to less than 2 years	814	133	443	210	60	16	16	56
2 to less than 5 years	1 469	208	772	424	46	50	19	99
5 years or more	1 510	183	579	323	313	23	33	77
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	4 970	734	2 481	1 197	518	130	100	358
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	4 991	734	2 481	1 197	521	130	100	358
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	46	5	na	na	2	na	1	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	183	137	123	38	3	11	6	9
1 to less than 6 months	938	459	411	138	111	89	37	17
6 months to less than 1 year	1 079	521	486	113	114	92	57	14
1 to less than 2 years	1 733	684	830	234	181	99	69	24
2 to less than 5 years	2 838	1 237	1 369	448	167	216	122	33
5 years or more	3 403	1 506	1 393	514	917	171	102	27
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	10 174	4 544	4 612	1 485	1 493	678	393	124
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	10 220	4 549	4 612	1 485	1 495	678	394	124
All children								
Respite	67	5	na	na	5	na	1	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	279	154	212	59	5	15	8	26
1 to less than 6 months	1 409	543	703	239	156	104	57	70
6 months to less than 1 year	1 689	630	792	231	166	114	67	70
1 to less than 2 years	2 547	817	1 273	444	241	115	85	80
2 to less than 5 years	4 307	1 445	2 141	872	213	266	141	132
5 years or more	4 913	1 689	1 972	837	1 230	194	135	104
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	15 144	5 278	7 093	2 682	2 011	808	493	482
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	15 211	5 283	7 093	2 682	2 016	808	494	482

Table 16A.16 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
(a)	The length of time a child has been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. Any break of 60 days or more is considered to break the continuity of the placement, however holidays or authorised absences of less than 60 days in a placement do not break the continuity of placement. If a child returns home for less than 60 days and then returns to to the former placement or to a different placement, this does not affect the length of time in care.							
(b)	Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous status category. For 2009-10 onwards, the number of children with unknown Indigenous status category is reported separately.							
(c)	NSW: For 2017-18 NSW data for out-of-home care excludes children on immigration orders. NSW data for 2014-15 onwards is not comparable to data published previously. NSW Safe Home for Life (SHFL) legislative reforms, effective 29 October 2014, transitioned eligible children/young people to the independent care of their guardian. These children/young people exited and are no longer counted in out-of-home care.							
(e)	Victoria: From 2017-18 excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.							
(f)	Queensland: From 2014-15 Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere.							
(g)	Tasmania: Tasmania is not able to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer meaning Tasmania's data are slightly lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmanian data also exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. Tasmania was unable to distinguish between respite and non-respite care prior to 2010-11. Both types of placement are included if they satisfy the general definition of out-of-home care. In Tasmania, Indigenous status is no longer being cross-checked with data from other databases. As a result, the proportion of clients with an 'unknown' Indigenous status is larger than in previous years. Therefore data from 2017-18 are not comparable with data for previous years and any comparisons should be made with extreme caution.							
(h)	ACT: Out-of-home care data includes some children 18 years and over whose carers receive a full carer payment. This is generally to facilitate completion of schooling without change to the placement.							
(i)	NT: A change in the counting algorithm for 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate distribution in the length of time in OOHC compared with 2007-08. In addition, improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in OOHC. The number of children in OOHC reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted. Data from 2013-14 onwards have been derived from the AIHW Child Protection National Minimum Data Set (CP NMDS) and are not comparable with prior years data.							

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2017-18; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.17

Table 16A.17 **Children who exited out-of-home care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2017-18								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
1 to less than 6 months	93	199	184	58	21	4	6	19
6 months to less than 1 year	105	90	81	73	24	2	5	24
1 to less than 2 years	94	114	129	64	31	4	2	68
2 to less than 5 years	165	79	150	104	31	6	–	52
5 years or more	346	44	170	91	45	8	4	15
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	803	526	714	390	152	24	17	178
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	197	803	238	74	36	2	14	6
6 months to less than 1 year	166	337	88	59	39	3	13	4
1 to less than 2 years	169	497	161	66	60	5	17	12
2 to less than 5 years	323	494	206	92	29	9	10	6
5 years or more	720	258	275	94	117	52	31	3
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	1 575	2 389	968	385	281	71	85	31
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
1 to less than 6 months	6	–	17	–	4	11	–	–
6 months to less than 1 year	1	–	4	–	2	5	–	–
1 to less than 2 years	1	–	1	–	2	18	–	–
2 to less than 5 years	–	–	–	–	–	12	–	–
5 years or more	–	2	–	–	1	1	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	8	2	22	–	9	47	–	–
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	296	1 002	439	132	61	17	20	25
6 months to less than 1 year	272	427	173	132	65	10	18	28
1 to less than 2 years	264	611	291	130	93	27	19	80
2 to less than 5 years	488	573	356	196	60	27	10	58
5 years or more	1 066	304	445	185	163	61	35	18
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 386	2 917	1 704	775	442	142	102	209
2016-17								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
1 to less than 6 months	132	166	151	86	32	4	4	19
6 months to less than 1 year	115	87	77	44	27	4	6	20
1 to less than 2 years	117	75	131	66	29	14	6	70
2 to less than 5 years	143	50	153	101	19	5	1	40
5 years or more	413	54	154	81	40	12	10	12
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total	920	432	666	378	147	39	27	161
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	246	711	215	53	61	19	18	6
6 months to less than 1 year	226	338	100	59	28	11	12	3
1 to less than 2 years	182	371	187	85	58	9	20	12
2 to less than 5 years	296	262	193	110	21	25	7	6
5 years or more	730	227	255	103	93	32	23	1
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	1 680	1 909	950	410	261	96	80	28
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
1 to less than 6 months	–	–	10	–	10	4	–	–
6 months to less than 1 year	–	–	5	–	3	–	–	–
1 to less than 2 years	–	–	2	–	1	–	–	–
2 to less than 5 years	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–
5 years or more	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	–	–	17	–	15	5	–	–
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	378	877	376	139	103	27	22	25
6 months to less than 1 year	341	425	182	103	58	15	18	23
1 to less than 2 years	299	446	320	151	88	23	26	82
2 to less than 5 years	439	312	346	211	40	31	8	46
5 years or more	1 143	281	409	184	134	44	33	13
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 600	2 341	1 633	788	423	140	107	189
2015-16								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
1 to less than 6 months	169	145	176	54	24	3	3	31
6 months to less than 1 year	111	65	106	49	11	2	6	14
1 to less than 2 years	87	58	125	81	13	1	3	57
2 to less than 5 years	105	47	146	109	16	5	2	48
5 years or more	376	49	151	88	38	17	5	18
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	848	364	704	381	102	28	19	168
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	310	770	208	88	73	16	17	8
6 months to less than 1 year	244	370	88	70	37	7	13	4
1 to less than 2 years	188	352	186	64	53	15	12	16
2 to less than 5 years	243	283	199	120	28	28	13	5
5 years or more	632	222	260	93	81	43	15	3
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total	1 617	1 997	941	435	272	109	70	36
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
1 to less than 6 months	–	1	14	–	7	–	1	–
6 months to less than 1 year	–	–	3	–	3	–	–	–
1 to less than 2 years	–	–	4	–	1	–	–	–
2 to less than 5 years	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
5 years or more	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	–	1	21	–	11	–	1	–
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	479	916	398	142	104	19	21	39
6 months to less than 1 year	355	435	197	119	51	9	19	18
1 to less than 2 years	275	410	315	145	67	16	15	73
2 to less than 5 years	348	330	345	229	44	33	15	53
5 years or more	1 008	271	411	181	119	60	20	21
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 465	2 362	1 666	816	385	137	90	204
2014-15								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
1 to less than 6 months	118	105	154	60	27	6	5	34
6 months to less than 1 year	137	54	67	55	17	1	5	17
1 to less than 2 years	190	60	99	62	19	9	1	33
2 to less than 5 years	392	44	117	77	30	4	4	29
5 years or more	687	33	133	56	35	10	2	6
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	1 524	296	570	310	128	30	17	119
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	256	642	205	68	59	21	33	14
6 months to less than 1 year	244	284	115	60	20	11	16	1
1 to less than 2 years	328	282	169	69	45	32	10	7
2 to less than 5 years	709	288	213	112	45	33	13	13
5 years or more	1 366	228	204	72	95	43	23	2
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	2 903	1 724	906	381	264	140	95	37
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
1 to less than 6 months	–	–	10	1	5	–	–	–
6 months to less than 1 year	–	–	5	3	–	–	–	–
1 to less than 2 years	–	–	1	–	2	–	–	–
2 to less than 5 years	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
5 years or more	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Table 16A.17 **Children who exited out-of-home care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total	–	1	16	4	7	–	–	–
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	374	747	369	129	91	27	38	48
6 months to less than 1 year	381	338	187	118	37	12	21	18
1 to less than 2 years	518	342	269	131	66	41	11	40
2 to less than 5 years	1 101	332	330	189	75	37	17	42
5 years or more	2 053	262	337	128	130	53	25	8
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	4 427	2 021	1 492	695	399	170	112	156
2013-14								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
1 to less than 6 months	147	108	137	57	34	10	8	35
6 months to less than 1 year	84	44	45	40	18	9	2	22
1 to less than 2 years	74	30	120	47	29	12	7	26
2 to less than 5 years	149	44	133	76	17	12	6	22
5 years or more	345	40	95	82	34	7	3	7
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	799	266	530	302	132	50	26	112
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	195	587	228	69	43	32	38	10
6 months to less than 1 year	153	242	93	50	27	18	13	2
1 to less than 2 years	174	240	188	61	55	18	16	9
2 to less than 5 years	263	264	229	81	61	33	9	3
5 years or more	544	223	233	95	88	32	15	1
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	1 329	1 556	971	356	274	133	91	25
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
1 to less than 6 months	–	1	10	5	1	4	2	–
6 months to less than 1 year	–	–	5	7	1	3	1	–
1 to less than 2 years	–	–	2	–	3	–	–	–
2 to less than 5 years	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–
5 years or more	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	–	2	19	12	5	7	3	–
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	342	696	375	131	78	46	48	45
6 months to less than 1 year	237	286	143	97	46	30	16	24
1 to less than 2 years	248	270	310	108	87	30	23	35
2 to less than 5 years	412	308	364	157	78	45	15	25
5 years or more	889	264	328	177	122	39	18	8
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Table 16A.17 **Children who exited out-of-home care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total all children	2 128	1 824	1 520	670	411	190	120	137
2012-13								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
1 to less than 6 months	122	93	140	35	28	3	5	73
6 months to less than 1 year	109	57	77	12	20	4	2	17
1 to less than 2 years	100	47	126	32	17	7	4	23
2 to less than 5 years	199	39	119	41	19	10	9	39
5 years or more	248	25	85	101	17	6	3	7
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	80	–	–	–	–
Total	778	261	547	301	101	30	23	159
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	285	714	266	54	70	37	26	17
6 months to less than 1 year	223	348	100	37	44	15	9	1
1 to less than 2 years	234	305	186	57	57	39	23	3
2 to less than 5 years	331	282	241	45	40	41	19	10
5 years or more	546	244	211	147	68	27	13	5
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	110	–	–	–	–
Total	1 619	1 893	1 004	450	279	159	90	36
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
1 to less than 6 months	4	1	4	44	1	1	1	–
6 months to less than 1 year	–	3	4	8	1	1	1	–
1 to less than 2 years	–	5	2	3	2	–	1	–
2 to less than 5 years	1	3	2	1	–	–	–	–
5 years or more	1	6	1	–	–	1	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	6	18	13	56	4	3	3	–
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	411	808	410	133	99	41	32	90
6 months to less than 1 year	332	408	181	57	65	20	12	18
1 to less than 2 years	334	357	314	92	76	46	28	26
2 to less than 5 years	531	324	362	87	59	51	28	49
5 years or more	795	275	297	248	85	34	16	12
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	190	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 403	2 172	1 564	807	384	192	116	195
2011-12								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
1 to less than 6 months	109	99	117	17	26	4	12	89
6 months to less than 1 year	104	29	59	16	8	4	2	26
1 to less than 2 years	127	49	105	21	22	8	4	21
2 to less than 5 years	203	48	146	95	7	9	9	33

TABLE 16A.17

Table 16A.17 **Children who exited out-of-home care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
5 years or more	266	32	68	53	16	3	–	10
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	809	257	495	202	79	28	27	179
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	282	567	202	49	68	32	28	13
6 months to less than 1 year	253	232	97	40	38	33	10	6
1 to less than 2 years	220	220	155	36	58	34	15	9
2 to less than 5 years	372	245	226	113	49	36	23	3
5 years or more	535	239	162	46	58	25	20	3
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	1 662	1 503	842	284	271	160	96	34
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
1 to less than 6 months	4	28	8	13	5	1	1	1
6 months to less than 1 year	3	10	3	3	1	1	1	–
1 to less than 2 years	–	3	1	5	4	1	–	–
2 to less than 5 years	–	4	1	–	1	1	–	–
5 years or more	1	2	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	8	47	13	21	11	4	2	1
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	395	694	327	79	99	37	41	103
6 months to less than 1 year	360	271	159	59	47	38	13	32
1 to less than 2 years	347	272	261	62	84	43	19	30
2 to less than 5 years	575	297	373	208	57	46	32	36
5 years or more	802	273	230	99	74	28	20	13
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 479	1 807	1 350	507	361	192	125	214
2010-11								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
1 to less than 6 months	109	74	188	23	26	13	17	65
6 months to less than 1 year	101	53	65	29	17	5	6	20
1 to less than 2 years	175	55	123	15	20	10	8	23
2 to less than 5 years	234	34	129	81	16	5	7	15
5 years or more	189	25	70	55	15	3	5	13
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	808	241	575	203	94	36	43	136
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	319	518	292	42	71	34	26	19
6 months to less than 1 year	259	220	106	25	52	24	7	5
1 to less than 2 years	217	245	205	50	70	28	14	5

TABLE 16A.17

Table 16A.17 **Children who exited out-of-home care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2 to less than 5 years	337	242	293	110	33	20	14	7
5 years or more	445	212	155	76	48	25	18	6
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	1 577	1 437	1 051	303	274	131	79	42
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status								
1 to less than 6 months	1	23	1	19	3	2	1	–
6 months to less than 1 year	2	11	–	7	–	–	1	–
1 to less than 2 years	2	11	1	–	5	–	–	–
2 to less than 5 years	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
5 years or more	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	5	51	2	26	8	2	2	1
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	429	615	481	84	100	49	44	84
6 months to less than 1 year	362	284	171	61	69	29	14	25
1 to less than 2 years	394	311	329	65	95	38	22	28
2 to less than 5 years	571	277	422	191	49	25	21	23
5 years or more	634	242	225	131	63	28	23	19
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 390	1 729	1 628	532	376	169	124	179
2009-10								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
1 to less than 6 months	151	102	200	23	39	2	5	52
6 months to less than 1 year	128	45	92	5	16	1	6	10
1 to less than 2 years	162	58	118	28	23	9	1	20
2 to less than 5 years	186	47	106	84	13	4	1	13
5 years or more	189	18	81	38	12	2	2	13
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	816	270	597	178	103	18	15	108
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	346	472	309	63	84	60	23	26
6 months to less than 1 year	248	211	135	33	64	32	11	6
1 to less than 2 years	276	281	224	55	51	39	8	3
2 to less than 5 years	306	288	239	136	45	16	12	9
5 years or more	360	130	148	61	55	23	21	1
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	1 536	1 382	1 055	348	299	170	75	45
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	501	608	514	86	125	62	28	78
6 months to less than 1 year	377	262	228	38	81	33	18	16

Table 16A.17 **Children who exited out-of-home care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
1 to less than 2 years	440	349	342	83	74	48	9	23
2 to less than 5 years	492	338	345	220	58	20	14	22
5 years or more	549	148	229	99	67	25	23	14
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 359	1 705	1 658	526	405	188	92	153
2008-09								
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander								
1 to less than 6 months	173	67	173	20	36	4	21	na
6 months to less than 1 year	106	35	81	10	11	2	4	na
1 to less than 2 years	154	34	98	30	35	6	–	na
2 to less than 5 years	143	39	93	46	14	6	2	na
5 years or more	163	12	55	37	11	2	1	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total	739	187	500	143	107	20	28	na
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	382	418	431	57	77	58	39	na
6 months to less than 1 year	234	213	188	46	34	16	12	na
1 to less than 2 years	303	196	248	47	41	19	8	na
2 to less than 5 years	248	228	252	94	65	21	11	na
5 years or more	341	93	131	57	50	16	12	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total	1 508	1 148	1 250	301	267	130	82	na
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	555	485	604	77	113	62	60	na
6 months to less than 1 year	340	248	269	56	45	18	16	na
1 to less than 2 years	457	230	346	77	76	25	8	na
2 to less than 5 years	391	267	345	140	79	27	13	na
5 years or more	504	105	186	94	61	18	13	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total all children	2 247	1 335	1 750	444	374	150	110	na

(a) Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous status category. For 2009-10 onwards, the number of children with unknown Indigenous status category is reported separately.

(b) Exits from out-of-home care are defined as occasions when children leave care and do not return within 60 days. Placement breaks which do not exceed 7 days are not counted as exits.

(c) NSW: For 2017-18 NSW data for out-of-home care excludes children on immigration orders. NSW data for 2014-15 onwards is not comparable to data published previously. NSW Safe Home for Life (SHFL) legislative reforms, effective 29 October 2014, transitioned eligible children/young people to the independent care of their guardian. These children/young people exited and are no longer counted in out-of-home care.

(d) Victoria: From 2017-18 excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.

Table 16A.17 **Children who exited out-of-home care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in out-of-home care (number) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
(e) Queensland: From 2014-15 Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere.								
(f) Tasmania: Tasmania is not able to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer meaning Tasmania's data are slightly lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmanian data also exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. In Tasmania, Indigenous status is no longer being cross-checked with data from other databases. As a result, the proportion of clients with an 'unknown' Indigenous status is larger than in previous years. Therefore data from 2017-18 are not comparable with data for previous years and any comparisons should be made with extreme caution.								
(g) ACT: Out-of-home care data includes some children 18 years and over whose carers receive a full carer payment. This is generally to facilitate completion of schooling without change to the placement.								

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2017-18; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.18

Table 16A.18 **Children in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement, by Indigenous status, by age, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<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>
2017-18										
Number of children in a home-based placement, under 12 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	4 418	1 390	2 492	1 750	746	209	192	595	11 792
Non-Indigenous	no.	6 586	3 900	3 194	1 311	1 428	300	378	46	17 143
Unknown	no.	3	–	47	2	62	310	–	–	424
All children	no.	11 007	5 290	5 733	3 063	2 236	819	570	641	29 359
Proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	98.8	99.4	96.5	94.8	90.1	95.9	98.5	92.5	96.8
Non-Indigenous	%	99.2	99.2	97.3	97.0	90.4	98.4	98.2	93.9	97.8
Unknown	%	100.0	..	100.0	100.0	96.9	98.1	..	..	98.1
All children	%	99.0	99.3	97.0	95.7	90.5	97.6	98.3	92.6	97.4
Number of children in a home-based placement, aged 12–17 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	2 078	482	987	506	282	104	57	230	4 726
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 575	1 708	1 569	534	628	228	158	50	8 450
Unknown	no.	–	–	1	–	1	45	–	–	47
All children	no.	5 653	2 190	2 557	1 040	911	377	215	280	13 223
Proportion of all children aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	90.6	83.7	79.0	83.5	72.7	90.4	87.7	74.2	84.4
Non-Indigenous	%	89.8	83.4	80.8	83.0	75.3	89.1	87.3	76.9	84.9
Unknown	%	..	..	33.3	..	50.0	72.6	..	..	64.4
All children	%	90.1	83.4	80.1	83.3	74.4	87.1	87.4	74.7	84.7
Number of children in a home-based placement, all ages										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	6 496	1 872	3 479	2 256	1 028	313	249	825	16 518
Non-Indigenous	no.	10 161	5 608	4 763	1 845	2 056	528	536	96	25 593
Unknown	no.	3	–	48	2	63	355	–	–	471
All children	no.	16 660	7 480	8 290	4 103	3 147	1 196	785	921	42 582
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	96.0	94.8	90.8	92.0	84.5	94.0	95.8	86.6	92.9
Non-Indigenous	%	95.7	93.8	91.2	92.5	85.2	94.1	94.7	84.2	93.2
Unknown	%	100.0	..	96.0	100.0	95.5	93.9	93.3
All children	%	95.8	94.0	91.0	92.2	85.2	94.0	95.0	86.3	93.1

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2016-17										
Number of children in a home-based placement, under 12 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	4 609	1 461	2 519	1 661	688	202	169	602	11 911
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 005	5 204	3 146	1 294	1 300	558	384	43	18 934
Unknown	no.	–	4	62	–	74	17	–	–	157
All children	no.	11 614	6 669	5 727	2 955	2 062	777	553	645	31 002
Proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	98.5	99.3	97.1	93.6	85.4	94.8	98.3	94.4	96.5
Non-Indigenous	%	98.6	99.3	97.9	97.1	89.2	98.2	97.5	95.6	97.8
Unknown	%	..	100.0	100.0	..	85.1	100.0	..	..	92.4
All children	%	98.6	99.3	97.6	95.1	87.7	97.4	97.7	94.4	97.3
Number of children in a home-based placement, aged 12–17 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	1 950	542	941	445	242	92	50	198	4 460
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 502	2 604	1 564	470	591	257	155	53	9 196
Unknown	no.	na	5	4	–	1	1	–	–	11
All children	no.	5 452	3 151	2 509	915	834	350	205	251	13 667
Proportion of all children aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	90.9	87.6	79.2	81.5	70.3	85.2	90.9	63.9	83.9
Non-Indigenous	%	88.6	87.7	83.1	81.2	75.0	86.5	85.2	80.3	85.8
Unknown	%	na	100.0	100.0	..	100.0	50.0	..	..	91.7
All children	%	89.4	87.7	81.6	81.3	73.6	86.0	86.5	66.8	85.2
Number of children in a home-based placement, all ages										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	6 559	2 003	3 460	2 106	930	294	219	800	16 371
Non-Indigenous	no.	10 507	7 808	4 710	1 764	1 891	815	539	96	28 130
Unknown	no.	–	9	66	–	75	18	–	–	168
All children	no.	17 066	9 820	8 236	3 870	2 896	1 127	758	896	44 669
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	96.1	95.8	91.5	90.7	80.9	91.6	96.5	84.4	92.7
Non-Indigenous	%	95.0	95.1	92.5	92.3	84.2	94.2	93.6	86.5	93.6
Unknown	%	..	100.0	100.0	..	85.2	94.7	92.3
All children	%	95.5	95.2	92.1	91.4	83.1	93.5	94.4	84.6	93.2

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2015-16										
Number of children in a home-based placement, under 12 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	4 584	1 351	2 468	1 595	643	191	145	565	11 542
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 240	4 971	3 170	1 273	1 263	552	373	49	18 891
Unknown	no.	1	2	41	1	66	20	5	–	136
All children	no.	11 825	6 324	5 679	2 869	1 972	763	523	614	30 569
Proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	99.1	99.0	96.7	92.5	84.5	93.6	97.3	92.5	96.3
Non-Indigenous	%	99.1	99.3	98.3	97.4	90.5	97.4	96.1	96.1	98.2
Unknown	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	90.4	95.2	100.0	..	94.4
All children	%	99.1	99.2	97.6	94.6	88.4	96.3	96.5	92.7	97.4
Number of children in a home-based placement, aged 12–17 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	1 848	435	864	387	229	81	42	198	4 084
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 429	2 457	1 501	483	528	223	138	49	8 808
Unknown	no.	–	6	–	–	1	2	–	–	9
All children	no.	5 277	2 898	2 365	870	758	306	180	247	12 901
Proportion of all children aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	91.1	85.1	80.9	79.5	73.4	87.1	87.5	64.1	84.1
Non-Indigenous	%	89.3	87.3	84.1	83.3	75.5	84.8	87.3	80.3	86.3
Unknown	%	..	100.0	..	..	50.0	100.0	..	..	90.0
All children	%	89.9	86.9	82.9	81.5	74.8	85.5	87.4	66.8	85.6
Number of children in a home-based placement, all ages										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	6 432	1 786	3 332	1 982	872	272	187	763	15 626
Non-Indigenous	no.	10 669	7 428	4 671	1 756	1 791	775	511	98	27 699
Unknown	no.	–	8	41	1	67	22	5	–	144
All children	no.	17 102	9 222	8 044	3 739	2 730	1 069	703	861	43 470
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	96.7	95.2	92.1	89.6	81.3	91.6	94.9	82.9	92.8
Non-Indigenous	%	95.7	95.0	93.2	93.1	85.5	93.4	93.6	87.5	94.1
Unknown	%	..	100.0	100.0	100.0	89.3	95.7	100.0	..	93.5
All children	%	96.1	95.0	92.8	91.2	84.2	93.0	94.0	83.4	93.6

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2014-15										
Number of children in a home-based placement, under 12 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	4 217	1 083	2 419	1 498	509	158	141	560	10 585
Non-Indigenous	no.	6 854	4 482	3 092	1 275	1 179	513	326	61	17 782
Unknown	no.	–	5	48	2	40	5	6	–	106
All children	no.	11 071	5 570	5 559	2 775	1 728	676	473	621	28 473
Proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	99.3	98.8	96.1	91.2	85.1	96.3	100.0	92.7	96.1
Non-Indigenous	%	99.4	99.2	98.8	96.9	89.7	95.5	97.0	95.3	98.2
Unknown	%	..	100.0	96.0	100.0	90.9	83.3	100.0	..	93.8
All children	%	99.4	99.1	97.6	93.7	88.3	95.6	97.9	93.0	97.4
Number of children in a home-based placement, aged 12–17 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	1 796	351	788	337	195	63	36	176	3 742
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 334	2 158	1 436	479	496	232	125	40	8 300
Unknown	no.	–	2	4	–	–	2	–	–	8
All children	no.	5 130	2 511	2 228	816	691	297	161	216	12 050
Proportion of all children aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	91.4	84.6	79.3	80.4	79.3	81.8	85.7	61.1	84.2
Non-Indigenous	%	89.2	85.2	82.1	83.4	78.1	84.4	85.6	65.6	85.5
Unknown	%	..	100.0	57.1	..	..	100.0	..	..	57.1
All children	%	90.0	85.1	81.0	82.2	78.3	83.9	85.6	61.9	85.1
Number of children in a home-based placement, all ages										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	6 013	1 434	3 207	1 835	704	221	177	736	14 327
Non-Indigenous	no.	10 188	6 640	4 528	1 754	1 675	745	451	101	26 082
Unknown	no.	–	7	52	2	40	7	6	–	114
All children	no.	16 201	8 081	7 787	3 591	2 419	973	634	837	40 523
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	96.8	94.9	91.3	89.0	83.4	91.7	96.7	82.5	92.7
Non-Indigenous	%	95.8	94.2	92.8	92.8	85.9	91.7	93.6	80.8	93.8
Unknown	%	..	100.0	91.2	100.0	88.9	87.5	100.0	..	89.8
All children	%	96.2	94.3	92.2	90.8	85.2	91.7	94.5	82.3	93.4

TABLE 16A.18

Table 16A.18 **Children in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement, by Indigenous status, by age, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2013-14										
Number of children in a home-based placement, under 12 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	4 460	917	2 348	1 372	496	156	116	506	10 371
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 543	3 919	3 079	1 218	1 113	478	297	62	17 709
Unknown	no.	2	6	57	38	28	35	–	–	166
All children	no.	12 005	4 842	5 484	2 628	1 637	669	413	568	28 246
Proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	99.7	96.9	96.3	91.1	89.2	96.3	99.1	92.8	96.5
Non-Indigenous	%	99.5	98.4	98.8	96.4	92.2	95.4	98.7	88.6	98.2
Unknown	%	100.0	100.0	98.3	95.0	96.6	97.2	..	..	97.1
All children	%	99.6	98.1	97.7	93.6	91.4	95.7	98.8	92.4	97.6
Number of children in a home-based placement, aged 12–17 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	1 894	297	706	306	171	57	28	143	3 602
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 695	2 003	1 332	435	466	232	126	38	8 327
Unknown	no.	na	3	7	1	2	–	–	1	14
All children	no.	5 589	2 303	2 045	742	639	289	154	182	11 943
Proportion of all children aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	92.5	82.0	78.6	81.4	74.0	81.4	80.0	62.4	84.8
Non-Indigenous	%	90.5	83.1	79.9	81.0	77.2	81.4	82.4	60.3	85.0
Unknown	%	na	100.0	87.5	100.0	50.0	..	..	100.0	70.0
All children	%	91.1	83.0	79.5	81.2	76.2	81.4	81.9	62.1	84.9
Number of children in a home-based placement, all ages										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	6 354	1 214	3 054	1 678	667	213	144	649	13 973
Non-Indigenous	no.	11 238	5 922	4 411	1 653	1 579	710	423	100	26 036
Unknown	no.	2	9	64	39	30	35	–	1	180
All children	no.	17 594	7 145	7 529	3 370	2 276	958	567	750	40 189
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	97.5	92.8	91.5	89.2	84.8	91.8	94.7	83.9	93.2
Non-Indigenous	%	96.3	92.6	92.2	91.8	87.2	90.3	93.2	75.2	93.6
Unknown	%	40.0	100.0	97.0	95.1	90.9	97.2	..	100.0	94.2
All children	%	96.7	92.7	92.0	90.5	86.5	90.9	93.6	82.6	93.4

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Table 16A.18 **Children in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement, by Indigenous status, by age, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2012-13										
Number of children in a home-based placement, under 12 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	4 265	626	2 333	1 481	525	169	103	397	9 899
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 262	3 163	3 155	1 550	1 134	499	255	63	17 081
Unknown	no.	3	31	49	53	22	20	14	–	192
All children	no.	11 530	3 820	5 537	3 084	1 681	688	372	460	27 172
Proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	99.5	97.8	97.5	82.3	91.5	96.0	98.1	93.0	95.1
Non-Indigenous	%	99.5	98.7	98.6	87.0	92.6	95.8	99.2	96.9	97.3
Unknown	%	100.0	93.9	100.0	96.4	73.3	100.0	82.4	..	92.8
All children	%	99.5	98.5	98.1	84.8	92.0	96.0	98.2	93.5	96.5
Number of children in a home-based placement, aged 12–17 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	1 781	228	644	–	159	56	28	135	3 031
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 509	1 819	1 332	–	455	239	120	37	7 511
Unknown	no.	na	28	5	–	3	–	1	–	37
All children	no.	5 291	2 075	1 981	–	617	295	149	172	10 580
Proportion of all children aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	93.0	80.9	80.4	..	74.3	83.6	80.0	68.9	86.4
Non-Indigenous	%	89.5	82.4	79.1	..	74.5	84.8	83.9	61.7	84.3
Unknown	%	na	87.5	62.5	..	75.0	..	50.0	..	69.4
All children	%	90.7	82.3	79.5	..	74.4	84.3	82.8	67.2	84.9
Number of children in a home-based placement, all ages										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	6 046	854	2 977	1 481	684	225	131	532	12 930
Non-Indigenous	no.	10 771	4 982	4 487	1 550	1 589	738	375	100	24 592
Unknown	no.	–	59	54	53	25	20	15	–	226
All children	no.	16 821	5 895	7 518	3 084	2 298	983	521	632	37 752
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	97.5	92.6	93.2	82.3	86.8	92.6	93.6	85.4	92.9
Non-Indigenous	%	96.0	92.1	91.9	87.0	86.6	91.9	93.8	80.0	93.0
Unknown	%	..	90.8	94.7	96.4	73.5	95.2	78.9	..	88.3
All children	%	96.6	92.1	92.4	84.8	86.5	92.1	93.2	84.5	92.9

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Table 16A.18 **Children in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement, by Indigenous status, by age, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2011-12										
Number of children in a home-based placement, under 12 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	4 125	704	2 225	1 082	450	157	97	367	9 207
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 265	2 963	3 199	1 098	1 148	514	278	64	16 529
Unknown	no.	18	51	30	17	13	4	7	–	140
All children	no.	11 408	3 718	5 454	2 197	1 611	675	382	431	25 876
Proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	99.7	97.1	96.4	90.4	88.1	98.1	100.0	90.0	96.5
Non-Indigenous	%	99.4	98.1	98.2	95.7	92.1	97.7	98.9	91.4	98.1
Unknown	%	94.7	100.0	96.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	..	98.6
All children	%	99.5	98.0	97.4	93.1	91.0	97.8	99.2	90.2	97.5
Number of children in a home-based placement, aged 12–17 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	1 722	236	576	230	148	44	28	115	3 099
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 479	1 720	1 311	424	436	214	120	44	7 748
Unknown	no.	3	14	5	–	1	2	2	–	27
All children	no.	5 204	1 970	1 892	654	585	260	150	159	10 874
Proportion of all children aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	92.9	77.9	78.6	55.2	75.9	84.6	75.7	69.7	82.5
Non-Indigenous	%	89.9	82.4	79.0	69.2	74.9	81.4	85.7	77.2	83.6
Unknown	%	60.0	63.6	62.5	..	100.0	50.0	50.0	..	50.9
All children	%	90.8	81.7	78.8	62.9	75.2	81.5	82.9	71.6	83.1
Number of children in a home-based placement, all ages										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	5 847	940	2 801	1 312	598	201	125	482	12 306
Non-Indigenous	no.	10 744	4 683	4 510	1 522	1 584	728	398	108	24 277
Unknown	no.	21	65	35	17	14	6	9	–	167
All children	no.	16 612	5 688	7 346	2 851	2 196	935	532	590	36 750
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	97.6	91.4	92.1	81.3	84.7	94.8	93.3	84.1	92.5
Non-Indigenous	%	96.1	91.7	91.7	86.5	86.7	92.3	94.5	85.0	92.9
Unknown	%	87.5	89.0	89.7	65.4	100.0	75.0	81.8	..	85.6
All children	%	96.6	91.6	91.8	83.9	86.2	92.7	94.0	84.3	92.8

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2010-11										
Number of children in a home-based placement, under 12 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 934	589	2 101	982	413	147	81	332	8 579
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 173	2 622	3 094	918	1 012	507	276	71	15 673
Unknown	no.	4	58	22	116	40	12	9	–	261
All children	no.	11 111	3 269	5 217	2 016	1 465	666	366	403	24 513
Proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	99.8	97.8	96.6	88.2	89.2	94.8	97.6	89.2	96.3
Non-Indigenous	%	99.6	97.5	98.7	94.7	91.3	97.1	98.2	95.9	98.1
Unknown	%	100.0	100.0	95.7	90.6	87.0	100.0	100.0	..	93.2
All children	%	99.7	97.6	97.8	91.2	90.6	96.7	98.1	90.4	97.4
Number of children in a home-based placement, aged 12–17 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	1 680	229	504	299	124	34	25	88	2 983
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 438	1 626	1 259	455	431	191	100	39	7 539
Unknown	no.	1	26	3	15	1	1	3	1	51
All children	no.	5 119	1 881	1 766	769	556	226	128	128	10 573
Proportion of all children aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	93.5	83.3	74.8	89.3	74.3	82.9	69.4	68.2	86.4
Non-Indigenous	%	90.6	80.8	79.3	81.5	74.1	82.3	78.1	67.2	84.2
Unknown	%	20.0	61.9	42.9	88.2	50.0	25.0	100.0	100.0	63.0
All children	%	91.5	80.7	77.9	84.5	74.0	81.6	76.6	68.1	84.7
Number of children in a home-based placement, all ages										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	5 614	818	2 605	1 281	537	181	106	420	11 562
Non-Indigenous	no.	10 611	4 248	4 353	1 373	1 443	698	376	110	23 212
Unknown	no.	5	84	25	131	41	13	12	1	312
All children	no.	16 230	5 150	6 983	2 785	2 021	892	494	531	35 086
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	97.9	93.3	91.4	88.5	85.2	92.3	89.1	83.8	93.6
Non-Indigenous	%	96.5	90.4	92.2	89.9	85.4	92.6	91.9	83.3	93.1
Unknown	%	55.6	84.0	83.3	90.3	85.4	81.3	100.0	100.0	86.4
All children	%	97.0	90.7	91.9	89.3	85.3	92.3	91.5	83.8	93.2

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2009-10										
Number of children in a home-based placement, under 12 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 763	553	1 978	930	384	109	85	273	8 075
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 037	2 590	3 032	964	918	510	259	82	15 392
Unknown	no.	4	66	8	1	17	–	1	2	99
All children	no.	10 804	3 209	5 018	1 895	1 319	619	345	357	23 566
Proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	99.8	99.5	96.9	93.0	90.6	99.1	97.7	91.3	97.4
Non-Indigenous	%	99.6	97.8	98.5	96.7	89.3	95.9	99.2	96.5	98.1
Unknown	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	85.0	..	100.0	100.0	97.1
All children	%	99.7	98.1	97.9	94.8	89.6	96.4	98.9	92.5	97.9
Number of children in a home-based placement, aged 12–17 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	1 586	219	497	209	130	23	29	79	2 772
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 328	1 544	1 267	398	412	182	110	43	7 284
Unknown	no.	3	19	1	–	3	–	1	–	27
All children	no.	4 917	1 782	1 765	607	545	205	140	122	10 083
Proportion of all children aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	93.7	84.2	77.1	86.4	78.8	82.1	76.3	73.1	87.2
Non-Indigenous	%	91.5	81.0	80.4	80.1	75.2	81.6	76.4	75.4	84.8
Unknown	%	42.9	55.9	100.0	..	100.0	..	100.0	..	58.7
All children	%	92.1	81.0	79.4	82.1	76.1	81.7	76.5	73.9	85.4
Number of children in a home-based placement, all ages										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	5 349	772	2 475	1 139	514	132	114	352	10 847
Non-Indigenous	no.	10 365	4 134	4 299	1 362	1 330	692	369	125	22 676
Unknown	no.	7	85	9	1	20	–	2	2	126
All children	no.	15 721	4 991	6 783	2 502	1 864	824	485	479	33 649
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	97.9	94.6	92.1	91.7	87.3	95.7	91.2	86.5	94.6
Non-Indigenous	%	96.9	90.8	92.4	91.2	84.4	91.7	91.1	88.0	93.4
Unknown	%	63.6	85.0	100.0	100.0	87.0	..	100.0	100.0	85.1
All children	%	97.2	91.3	92.3	91.4	85.2	92.3	91.2	86.9	93.7

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2008-09										
Number of children in a home-based placement, under 12 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 424	467	1 862	907	343	97	60	250	7 410
Non-Indigenous	no.	6 749	2 575	3 048	994	892	463	242	66	15 029
Unknown	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	no.	10 173	3 042	4 910	1 901	1 235	560	302	316	22 439
Proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	99.8	96.5	97.9	91.4	91.7	95.1	95.2	94.0	97.3
Non-Indigenous	%	99.7	97.5	98.5	97.0	91.5	96.3	100.0	91.7	98.3
Unknown	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	%	99.8	97.4	98.3	94.2	91.5	96.1	99.0	93.5	97.9
Number of children in a home-based placement, aged 12–17 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	1 463	192	484	186	121	20	24	60	2 550
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 145	1 534	1 255	385	391	158	114	40	7 022
Unknown	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	no.	4 608	1 726	1 739	571	512	178	138	100	9 572
Proportion of all children aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	93.8	76.8	83.6	90.7	82.3	71.4	64.9	65.2	88.0
Non-Indigenous	%	91.1	80.4	82.7	83.7	75.2	80.2	75.0	76.9	85.0
Unknown	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	%	91.9	79.9	82.9	85.9	76.8	79.1	73.0	69.4	85.8
Number of children in a home-based placement, all ages										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	4 887	659	2 346	1 093	464	117	84	310	9 960
Non-Indigenous	no.	9 894	4 109	4 303	1 379	1 283	621	356	106	22 051
Unknown	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	no.	14 781	4 768	6 649	2 472	1 747	738	440	416	32 011
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	97.9	89.8	94.6	91.3	89.1	90.0	84.0	86.6	94.7
Non-Indigenous	%	96.8	90.3	93.3	92.9	85.8	91.6	90.4	85.5	93.6
Unknown	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	%	97.2	90.3	93.7	92.2	86.7	91.3	89.1	86.3	94.0

Table 16A.18 Children in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement, by Indigenous status, by age, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)

	<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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Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required data for 30 June 2018 are available.

- (a) The denominator for this indicator includes all placement types, including where the placement type is unknown.
- (b) Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous status category. For 2009-10 onwards, a separate unknown Indigenous status category is reported.
- (c) NSW: For 2017-18 NSW data for out-of-home care excludes children on immigration orders. NSW data for 2014-15 onwards is not comparable to data published previously. NSW Safe Home for Life (SHFL) legislative reforms, effective 29 October 2014, transitioned eligible children/young people to the independent care of their guardian. These children/young people exited and are no longer counted in out-of-home care.
- (d) Victoria: From 2017-18 excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.
- (e) Queensland: From 2014-15, Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere.
- (f) Tasmania: Tasmania is not able to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer meaning Tasmania's data are slightly lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmanian data also exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. In Tasmania, Indigenous status is no longer being cross-checked with data from other databases. As a result, the proportion of clients with an 'unknown' Indigenous status is larger than in previous years. Therefore data from 2017-18 are not comparable with data for previous years and any comparisons should be made with extreme caution. Data quality issues arising from inconsistent recording of placement types means numbers of children reported as being in residential, non-residential and other types of placements, should be interpreted with caution.
- (g) ACT: Out-of-home care data includes some children 18 years and over whose carers receive a full carer payment. This is generally to facilitate completion of schooling without change to the placement.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2017-18; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2017-18									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Residential care	170	94	353	85	172	20	11	101	1 006
Family group homes	14	–	..	84	–	–	–	1	99
Home based care									
Foster care	2 641	399	1 822	996	379	160	76	464	6 937
Relative/kinship care	3 855	1 414	1 657	1 260	621	88	145	46	9 086
Other home based care	–	59	..	–	28	65	28	315	495
Total home based	6 496	1 872	3 479	2 256	1 028	313	249	825	16 518
Independent living (incl. private board)	38	7	..	–	16	–	–	–	61
Other (incl. unknown)	48	2	..	27	–	–	–	26	103
Total Indigenous children	6 766	1 975	3 832	2 452	1 216	333	260	953	17 787
Non-Indigenous									
Residential care	355	327	462	60	326	30	29	17	1 606
Family group homes	12	–	..	78	–	–	–	–	90
Home based care									
Foster care	4 925	1 219	2 336	928	935	224	204	44	10 815
Relative/kinship care	5 236	4 079	2 427	917	966	165	272	9	14 071
Other home based care	–	310	..	–	155	139	60	43	707
Total home based	10 161	5 608	4 763	1 845	2 056	528	536	96	25 593
Independent living (incl. private board)	49	42	..	–	31	3	–	–	125
Other (incl. unknown)	41	2	..	11	–	–	1	1	56
Total non-Indigenous children	10 618	5 979	5 225	1 994	2 413	561	566	114	27 470
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Residential care	–	–	2	–	3	21	–	–	26

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Family group homes	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Home based care									
Foster care	1	–	25	1	34	199	–	–	260
Relative/kinship care	2	–	23	1	28	130	–	–	184
Other home based care	–	–	..	–	1	26	–	–	27
Total home based	3	–	48	2	63	355	–	–	471
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	..	–	–	1	–	–	1
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	–	–	1	–	–	1
Total children	3	–	50	2	66	378	–	–	499
All children									
Residential care	525	421	817	145	501	71	40	118	2 638
Family group homes	26	–	..	162	–	–	–	1	189
Home based care									
Foster care	7 567	1 618	4 183	1 925	1 348	583	280	508	18 012
Relative/kinship care	9 093	5 493	4 107	2 178	1 615	383	417	55	23 341
Other home based care	–	369	..	–	184	230	88	358	1 229
Total home based	16 660	7 480	8 290	4 103	3 147	1 196	785	921	42 582
Independent living (incl. private board)	87	49	..	–	47	4	–	–	187
Other (incl. unknown)	89	4	..	38	–	1	1	27	160
Total children	17 387	7 954	9 107	4 448	3 695	1 272	826	1 067	45 756
2016-17									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Residential care	175	82	322	84	207	18	8	106	1 002
Family group homes	9	–	..	106	–	6	–	–	121
Home based care									

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Foster care	2 738	379	1 832	903	346	164	75	431	6 868
Relative/kinship care	3 821	1 219	1 628	1 203	574	77	120	49	8 691
Other home based care	–	405	..	–	10	53	24	320	812
Total home based	6 559	2 003	3 460	2 106	930	294	219	800	16 371
Independent living (incl. private board)	27	5	..	–	13	1	–	1	47
Other (incl. unknown)	54	1	..	25	–	2	–	41	123
Total Indigenous children	6 824	2 091	3 782	2 321	1 150	321	227	948	17 664
Non-Indigenous									
Residential care	424	359	383	64	330	42	34	14	1 650
Family group homes	14	–	..	70	–	4	–	na	88
Home based care									
Foster care	5 141	1 190	2 379	907	884	385	207	45	11 138
Relative/kinship care	5 366	3 907	2 331	857	893	255	264	7	13 880
Other home based care	–	2 711	..	–	114	175	68	44	3 112
Total home based	10 507	7 808	4 710	1 764	1 891	815	539	96	28 130
Independent living (incl. private board)	49	42	..	–	25	4	–	–	120
Other (incl. unknown)	61	3	..	13	–	–	3	1	81
Total non-Indigenous children	11 055	8 212	5 093	1 911	2 246	865	576	111	30 069
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Residential care	–	–	–	–	13	1	–	–	14
Family group homes	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Home based care									
Foster care	–	–	41	–	39	12	–	–	92
Relative/kinship care	–	1	25	–	36	6	–	–	68
Other home based care	–	8	..	–	–	–	–	–	8

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total home based	–	9	66	–	75	18	–	–	168
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	–	9	66	–	88	19	–	–	182
All children									
Residential care	599	441	705	148	550	61	42	120	2 666
Family group homes	23	–	..	176	–	10	–	–	209
Home based care									
Foster care	7 879	1 569	4 252	1 810	1 269	561	282	476	18 098
Relative/kinship care	9 187	5 127	3 984	2 060	1 503	338	384	56	22 639
Other home based care	–	3 124	..	–	124	228	92	364	3 932
Total home based	17 066	9 820	8 236	3 870	2 896	1 127	758	896	44 669
Independent living (incl. private board)	76	47	..	–	38	5	–	1	167
Other (incl. unknown)	115	4	..	38	–	2	3	42	204
Total children	17 879	10 312	8 941	4 232	3 484	1 205	803	1 059	47 915
2015-16									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Residential care	180	84	287	106	192	6	10	103	968
Family group homes	1	–	..	99	–	7	–	1	108
Home based care									
Foster care	2 655	394	1 790	814	313	131	58	431	6 586
Relative/kinship care	3 777	1 126	1 542	1 164	559	78	105	47	8 398
Other home based care	–	266	..	4	–	63	24	285	642
Total home based	6 432	1 786	3 332	1 982	872	272	187	763	15 626
Independent living (incl. private board)	28	4	..	–	9	1	–	–	42

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Other (incl. unknown)	11	2	..	25	–	11	–	53	102
Total Indigenous children	6 652	1 876	3 619	2 212	1 073	297	197	920	16 846
Non-Indigenous									
Residential care	431	354	339	59	279	28	32	12	1 534
Family group homes	8	–	..	63	–	6	–	–	77
Home based care									
Foster care	5 380	1 145	2 382	903	917	328	204	55	11 314
Relative/kinship care	5 289	4 344	2 289	849	874	248	240	4	14 137
Other home based care	–	1 939	..	4	–	199	67	39	2 248
Total home based	10 669	7 428	4 671	1 756	1 791	775	511	98	27 699
Independent living (incl. private board)	37	39	..	–	25	1	–	–	102
Other (incl. unknown)	2	–	..	9	–	20	3	2	36
Total non-Indigenous children	11 147	7 821	5 010	1 887	2 095	830	546	112	29 448
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Residential care	–	–	–	–	8	–	–	–	8
Family group homes	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Home based care									
Foster care	1	–	33	1	31	14	2	–	82
Relative/kinship care	–	2	8	–	36	8	3	–	57
Other home based care	–	6	..	–	–	–	–	–	6
Total home based	–	8	41	1	67	22	5	–	144
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	–	–	1	–	–	1
Total children	1	8	41	1	75	23	5	–	154

All children

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Residential care	611	438	626	165	479	34	42	115	2 510
Family group homes	9	–	..	162	–	13	–	1	185
Home based care									
Foster care	8 036	1 539	4 205	1 718	1 261	473	264	486	17 982
Relative/kinship care	9 066	5 472	3 839	2 013	1 469	334	348	51	22 592
Other home based care	–	2 211	..	8	–	262	91	324	2 896
Total home based	17 102	9 222	8 044	3 739	2 730	1 069	703	861	43 470
Independent living (incl. private board)	65	43	..	–	34	2	–	–	144
Other (incl. unknown)	13	2	..	34	–	32	3	55	139
Total children	17 800	9 705	8 670	4 100	3 243	1 150	748	1 032	46 448
2014-15									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Residential care	164	73	305	96	136	6	6	90	876
Family group homes	2	–	..	131	–	8	–	2	143
Home based care									
Foster care	2 574	358	1 739	715	261	94	67	427	6 235
Relative/kinship care	3 439	884	1 468	1 120	443	63	100	29	7 546
Other home based care	–	192	..	–	–	64	10	280	546
Total home based	6 013	1 434	3 207	1 835	704	221	177	736	14 327
Independent living (incl. private board)	26	4	..	–	4	1	–	1	36
Other (incl. unknown)	5	–	..	–	–	5	–	63	73
Total Indigenous children	6 210	1 511	3 512	2 062	844	241	183	892	15 455
Non-Indigenous									
Residential care	384	365	351	75	263	29	29	10	1 506
Family group homes	11	–	..	61	–	20	–	3	95

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Home based care									
Foster care	5 353	1 119	2 393	916	876	334	174	51	11 216
Relative/kinship care	4 835	3 822	2 135	838	799	234	254	4	12 921
Other home based care	–	1 699	..	–	–	177	23	46	1 945
Total home based	10 188	6 640	4 528	1 754	1 675	745	451	101	26 082
Independent living (incl. private board)	46	44	..	–	11	2	–	–	103
Other (incl. unknown)	2	–	..	–	–	16	2	11	31
Total non-Indigenous children	10 631	7 049	4 879	1 890	1 949	812	482	125	27 817
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Residential care	2	–	5	–	5	–	–	–	12
Family group homes	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Home based care									
Foster care	–	–	33	2	21	5	4	–	65
Relative/kinship care	–	1	19	–	19	2	2	–	43
Other home based care	–	6	..	–	–	–	–	–	6
Total home based	–	7	52	2	40	7	6	–	114
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	–	–	1	–	–	1
Total children	2	7	57	2	45	8	6	–	127
All children									
Residential care	550	438	661	171	404	35	35	100	2 394
Family group homes	13	–	..	192	–	28	–	5	238
Home based care									
Foster care	7 927	1 477	4 165	1 633	1 158	433	245	478	17 516
Relative/kinship care	8 274	4 707	3 622	1 958	1 261	299	356	33	20 510

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Other home based care	–	1 897	..	–	–	241	33	326	2 497
Total home based	16 201	8 081	7 787	3 591	2 419	973	634	837	40 523
Independent living (incl. private board)	72	48	..	–	15	3	–	1	139
Other (incl. unknown)	7	–	..	–	–	22	2	74	105
Total children	16 843	8 567	8 448	3 954	2 838	1 061	671	1 017	43 399
2013-14									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Residential care	139	90	282	84	114	11	7	75	802
Family group homes	3	–	..	120	–	8	–	6	137
Home based care									
Foster care	2 348	325	1 780	635	245	91	59	420	5 903
Relative/kinship care	4 006	709	1 274	1 043	422	65	81	17	7 617
Other home based care	–	180	..	–	–	57	4	212	453
Total home based	6 354	1 214	3 054	1 678	667	213	144	649	13 973
Independent living (incl. private board)	18	4	..	–	6	–	–	4	32
Other (incl. unknown)	6	–	..	–	–	–	1	40	47
Total Indigenous children	6 520	1 308	3 336	1 882	787	232	152	774	14 991
Non-Indigenous									
Residential care	365	425	372	84	217	37	31	15	1 546
Family group homes	11	–	..	63	–	20	–	3	97
Home based care									
Foster care	5 200	1 804	2 406	899	853	289	154	52	11 657
Relative/kinship care	6 038	3 164	2 005	754	726	225	237	–	13 149
Other home based care	–	954	..	–	–	196	32	48	1 230
Total home based	11 238	5 922	4 411	1 653	1 579	710	423	100	26 036

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Independent living (incl. private board)	48	45	..	–	15	1	–	1	110
Other (incl. unknown)	5	1	..	–	–	18	–	14	38
Total non-Indigenous children	11 667	6 393	4 783	1 800	1 811	786	454	133	27 827
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Residential care	3	–	2	–	3	–	–	–	8
Family group homes	–	–	..	2	–	1	–	–	3
Home based care									
Foster care	2	3	37	15	16	21	–	–	94
Relative/kinship care	–	4	27	24	14	12	–	–	81
Other home based care	–	2	..	–	–	2	–	1	5
Total home based	2	9	64	39	30	35	–	1	180
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	5	9	66	41	33	36	–	1	191
All children									
Residential care	507	515	656	168	334	48	38	90	2 356
Family group homes	14	–	..	185	–	29	–	9	237
Home based care									
Foster care	7 550	2 132	4 223	1 549	1 114	401	213	472	17 654
Relative/kinship care	10 044	3 877	3 306	1 821	1 162	302	318	17	20 847
Other home based care	–	1 136	..	–	–	255	36	261	1 688
Total home based	17 594	7 145	7 529	3 370	2 276	958	567	750	40 189
Independent living (incl. private board)	66	49	..	–	21	1	–	5	142
Other (incl. unknown)	11	1	..	–	–	18	1	54	85
Total children	18 192	7 710	8 185	3 723	2 631	1 054	606	908	43 009

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2012-13									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Residential care	126	64	218	76	100	5	9	59	657
Family group homes	5	–	..	117	–	8	–	7	137
Home based care									
Foster care	2 146	239	1 812	593	250	105	49	354	5 548
Relative/kinship care	3 900	512	1 165	888	434	65	78	37	7 079
Other home based care	–	103	..	–	–	55	4	141	303
Total home based	6 046	854	2 977	1 481	684	225	131	532	12 930
Independent living (incl. private board)	20	3	..	7	4	3	–	–	37
Other (incl. unknown)	6	1	..	119	–	2	–	25	153
Total Indigenous children	6 203	922	3 195	1 800	788	243	140	623	13 914
Non-Indigenous									
Residential care	353	409	397	74	221	34	25	14	1 527
Family group homes	14	–	..	73	–	14	–	1	102
Home based care									
Foster care	4 941	1 760	2 649	857	838	329	154	52	11 580
Relative/kinship care	5 830	2 677	1 838	693	745	229	203	3	12 218
Other home based care	–	545	..	–	6	180	18	45	794
Total home based	10 771	4 982	4 487	1 550	1 589	738	375	100	24 592
Independent living (incl. private board)	73	20	..	13	25	2	–	3	136
Other (incl. unknown)	3	1	..	71	–	15	–	7	97
Total non-Indigenous children	11 214	5 412	4 884	1 781	1 835	803	400	125	26 454
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Residential care	1	6	3	–	9	–	4	–	23

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Family group homes	–	–	..	1	–	–	–	–	1
Home based care									
Foster care	4	26	31	17	14	11	5	–	108
Relative/kinship care	–	1	23	36	11	9	10	–	90
Other home based care	–	32	..	–	–	–	–	–	32
Total home based	–	59	54	53	25	20	15	–	226
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	na	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	na	..	1	–	–	–	–	1
Total children	5	65	57	55	34	21	19	–	256
All children									
Residential care	480	479	618	150	330	39	38	73	2 207
Family group homes	19	–	..	191	–	22	–	8	240
Home based care									
Foster care	7 091	2 025	4 492	1 467	1 102	445	208	406	17 236
Relative/kinship care	9 730	3 190	3 026	1 617	1 190	303	291	40	19 387
Other home based care	–	680	..	–	6	235	22	186	1 129
Total home based	16 821	5 895	7 518	3 084	2 298	983	521	632	37 752
Independent living (incl. private board)	93	23	..	20	29	5	–	3	173
Other (incl. unknown)	9	2	..	191	–	18	–	32	252
Total children	17 422	6 399	8 136	3 636	2 657	1 067	559	748	40 624
2011-12									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Residential care	121	87	240	76	78	4	8	..	614
Family group homes	2	–	..	92	–	4	–	46	144
Home based care									

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Foster care	2 039	299	1 760	496	213	109	49	229	5 194
Relative/kinship care	3 808	513	1 041	816	385	71	74	135	6 843
Other home based care	–	128	..	–	–	21	2	118	269
Total home based	5 847	940	2 801	1 312	598	201	125	482	12 306
Independent living (incl. private board)	17	1	..	5	6	2	1	–	32
Other (incl. unknown)	4	–	..	129	24	1	–	45	203
Total Indigenous children	5 991	1 028	3 041	1 614	706	212	134	573	13 299
Non-Indigenous									
Residential care	331	383	409	73	168	26	23	..	1 413
Family group homes	28	–	..	78	–	13	–	9	128
Home based care									
Foster care	4 967	1 824	2 790	883	870	434	166	36	11 970
Relative/kinship care	5 777	2 313	1 720	639	709	233	213	28	11 632
Other home based care	–	546	..	–	5	61	19	44	675
Total home based	10 744	4 683	4 510	1 522	1 584	728	398	108	24 277
Independent living (incl. private board)	71	37	..	8	20	6	–	1	143
Other (incl. unknown)	3	3	..	79	56	16	–	9	166
Total non-Indigenous children	11 177	5 106	4 919	1 760	1 828	789	421	127	26 127
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Residential care	3	8	4	1	–	2	2	..	20
Family group homes	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Home based care									
Foster care	20	43	29	7	4	4	3	–	110
Relative/kinship care	1	6	6	10	10	2	5	–	40
Other home based care	–	16	..	–	–	–	1	–	17

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total home based	21	65	35	17	14	6	9	–	167
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	8	–	–	–	–	8
Total children	24	73	39	26	14	8	11	–	195
All children									
Residential care	455	478	653	150	246	32	33	..	2 047
Family group homes	30	–	..	170	–	17	–	55	272
Home based care									
Foster care	7 026	2 166	4 579	1 386	1 087	547	218	265	17 274
Relative/kinship care	9 586	2 832	2 767	1 465	1 104	306	292	163	18 515
Other home based care	–	690	..	–	5	82	22	162	961
Total home based	16 612	5 688	7 346	2 851	2 196	935	532	590	36 750
Independent living (incl. private board)	88	38	..	13	26	8	1	1	175
Other (incl. unknown)	7	3	..	216	80	17	–	54	377
Total children	17 192	6 207	7 999	3 400	2 548	1 009	566	700	39 621
2010-11									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Residential care	93	59	245	101	70	6	13	11	598
Family group homes	2	–	..	60	–	9	–	33	104
Home based care									
Foster care	1 931	270	1 680	436	201	96	42	221	4 877
Relative/kinship care	3 683	447	925	788	336	67	63	79	6 388
Other home based care	–	101	..	57	–	18	1	120	297
Total home based	5 614	818	2 605	1 281	537	181	106	420	11 562
Independent living (incl. private board)	24	–	..	6	5	–	–	3	38

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Other (incl. unknown)	4	–	..	–	18	–	–	34	56
Total Indigenous children	5 737	877	2 850	1 448	630	196	119	501	12 358
Non-Indigenous									
Residential care	295	421	369	58	175	19	32	1	1 370
Family group homes	28	–	..	80	–	15	–	11	134
Home based care									
Foster care	4 920	1 772	2 830	807	812	405	161	39	11 746
Relative/kinship care	5 691	1 929	1 523	529	627	254	207	27	10 787
Other home based care	–	547	..	37	4	39	8	44	679
Total home based	10 611	4 248	4 353	1 373	1 443	698	376	110	23 212
Independent living (incl. private board)	57	31	..	16	21	2	–	1	128
Other (incl. unknown)	3	1	..	–	51	20	1	9	85
Total non-Indigenous children	10 994	4 701	4 722	1 527	1 690	754	409	132	24 929
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Residential care	4	16	5	4	5	1	–	–	35
Family group homes	–	–	..	10	–	1	–	–	11
Home based care									
Foster care	5	54	18	73	19	10	2	1	182
Relative/kinship care	–	7	7	52	22	3	10	–	101
Other home based care	–	23	..	6	–	–	–	–	29
Total home based	5	84	25	131	41	13	12	1	312
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	..	–	–	1	–	–	1
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	–	2	–	–	–	2
Total children	9	100	30	145	48	16	12	1	361

All children

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Residential care	392	496	619	163	250	26	45	12	2 003
Family group homes	30	–	..	150	–	25	–	44	249
Home based care									
Foster care	6 856	2 096	4 528	1 316	1 032	511	205	261	16 805
Relative/kinship care	9 374	2 383	2 455	1 369	985	324	280	106	17 276
Other home based care	–	671	..	100	4	57	9	164	1 005
Total home based	16 230	5 150	6 983	2 785	2 021	892	494	531	35 086
Independent living (incl. private board)	81	31	..	22	26	3	–	4	167
Other (incl. unknown)	7	1	..	–	71	20	1	43	143
	16 740	5 678	7 602	3 120	2 368	966	540	634	37 648
2009-10									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Residential care	90	42	211	62	56	4	11	5	481
Family group homes	..	–	..	37	–	1	..	20	58
Home based care									
Foster care	1 867	278	1 605	406	213	79	52	200	4 700
Relative/kinship care	3 482	423	870	733	301	40	62	88	5 999
Other home based care	–	71	..	–	–	13	–	64	148
Total home based	5 349	772	2 475	1 139	514	132	114	352	10 847
Independent living (incl. private board)	25	2	..	4	2	–	–	3	36
Other (incl. unknown)	1	–	..	–	17	1	–	27	46
Total Indigenous children	5 465	816	2 686	1 242	589	138	125	407	11 468
Non-Indigenous									
Residential care	284	397	356	82	157	19	36	1	1 332
Family group homes	..	–	..	27	–	18	..	4	49

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Home based care									
Foster care	4 846	1 904	2 781	860	787	375	166	51	11 770
Relative/kinship care	5 519	1 751	1 518	502	539	246	203	36	10 314
Other home based care	–	479	..	–	4	71	–	38	592
Total home based	10 365	4 134	4 299	1 362	1 330	692	369	125	22 676
Independent living (incl. private board)	50	21	..	22	26	–	–	1	120
Other (incl. unknown)	–	1	..	1	63	26	–	11	102
Total non-Indigenous children	10 699	4 553	4 655	1 494	1 576	755	405	142	24 279
All children									
Residential care	378	454	567	144	216	23	47	6	1 835
Family group homes	..	–	..	64	–	19	..	24	107
Home based care									
Foster care	6 720	2 234	4 393	1 267	1 013	454	219	251	16 551
Relative/kinship care	9 001	2 185	2 390	1 235	847	286	266	126	16 336
Other home based care	–	572	..	–	4	84	–	102	762
Total home based	15 721	4 991	6 783	2 502	1 864	824	485	479	33 649
Independent living (incl. private board)	75	23	..	26	28	–	–	4	156
Other (incl. unknown)	1	1	..	1	80	27	–	38	148
Total children	16 175	5 469	7 350	2 737	2 188	893	532	551	35 895
2008-09									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander									
Residential care	76	73	135	42	33	5	16	9	389
Family group homes	57	–	8	–	11	76
Home based care									
Foster care	1 584	278	1 491	400	199	75	38	231	4 296

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Relative/kinship care	3 303	343	855	693	265	33	46	79	5 617
Other home based care	–	38	..	–	–	9	–	–	47
Total home based	4 887	659	2 346	1 093	464	117	84	310	9 960
Independent living (incl. private board)	27	2	..	2	4	–	–	3	38
Other (incl. unknown)	1	–	..	3	20	–	–	25	49
Total Indigenous children	4 991	734	2 481	1 197	521	130	100	358	10 512
Non-Indigenous									
Residential care	266	405	309	56	140	26	37	–	1 239
Family group homes	..	..	..	34	–	21	–	1	56
Home based care									
Foster care	4 577	2 112	2 779	885	778	363	175	78	11 747
Relative/kinship care	5 317	1 620	1 524	494	502	196	181	28	9 862
Other home based care	–	377	..	–	3	62	–	–	442
Total home based	9 894	4 109	4 303	1 379	1 283	621	356	106	22 051
Independent living (incl. private board)	60	35	..	15	16	1	–	–	127
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	..	1	56	9	1	17	84
Total non-Indigenous children	10 220	4 549	4 612	1 485	1 495	678	394	124	23 557
All children									
Residential care	342	478	444	98	173	31	53	9	1 628
Family group homes	..	..	..	91	–	29	–	12	132
Home based care									
Foster care	6 161	2 390	4 270	1 285	977	438	213	309	16 043
Relative/kinship care	8 620	1 963	2 379	1 187	767	229	227	107	15 479
Other home based care	–	415	..	–	3	71	–	–	489
Total home based	14 781	4 768	6 649	2 472	1 747	738	440	416	32 011

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Independent living (incl. private board)	87	37	..	17	20	1	–	3	165
Other (incl. unknown)	1	–	..	4	76	9	1	42	133
Total children	15 211	5 283	7 093	2 682	2 016	808	494	482	34 069

- (a) Family group homes are included as part of residential care. However, in this table they have been disaggregated.
- (b) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.
- (c) Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous status category. For 2009-10 onwards, the number of children with unknown Indigenous status category is reported separately.
- (d) NSW: For 2017-18 NSW data for out-of-home care excludes children on immigration orders. NSW data for 2014-15 onwards is not comparable to data published previously. NSW Safe Home for Life (SHFL) legislative reforms, effective 29 October 2014, transitioned eligible children/young people to the independent care of their guardian. These children/young people exited and are no longer counted in out-of-home care.
- (e) Victoria: From 2017-18 excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.
- (f) Queensland: From 2014-15 Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere.
- (g) WA: From 2014-15, independent living and other supported placements are not reported as they were reclassified as unfunded placements. From 2015-16, children placed in boarding schools have been included.
- (h) SA: From 2016–17, 'Other home-based care' includes children on third-party parental responsibility orders; 'Other' includes children temporarily accommodated in commercial properties such as private rental houses or units (prior to 2016–17, these were included in residential care).
- (i) Tasmania: Tasmania is not able to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer meaning Tasmania's data are slightly lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmanian data also exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. Children under third-party guardianship orders have been included under 'Other home based care' living arrangements since 2010-11. Changes were made to the classification of some placement types in 2016-17 which has led to a decrease in the number of children in other home-based care and an increase in children in foster care and kinship care. In Tasmania, Indigenous status is no longer being cross-checked with data from other databases. As a result, the proportion of clients with an 'unknown' Indigenous status is larger than in previous years. Therefore data from 2017-18 are not comparable with data for previous years and any comparisons should be made with extreme caution. Data quality issues arising from inconsistent recording of placement types means numbers of children reported as being in residential, non-residential and other types of placements, should be interpreted with caution.

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
(j)	ACT: Out-of-home care data includes some children 18 years and over whose carers receive a full carer payment. This is generally to facilitate completion of schooling without change to the placement. Children on third-party parental responsibility orders have been classified as other home-based care, of these 50 children in 2016, 53 children in 2017 and 50 children in 2018 were placed with relative/kin. Prior to 2015–16 'Other home-based care' included only children on third party orders where the carer was originally a foster carer and all placements with kin were counted in the Relative/kinship count.								
(k)	NT: Data from 2013-14 onwards have been derived from the AIHW Child Protection National Minimum Data Set (CPNMDS) and are not comparable with data for 2012-13 and earlier years. Prior year data include unfunded kinship care places in the count of relative/kinship care. In the NT's client information system, the majority of children in a relative/kinship placement are captured in the foster care placement type. In 2016-17 approximately 50 percent of children in the 'foster care' category are placed in a relative/kinship household.								
	na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.								

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2017-18; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.20

Table 16A.20 **Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i)**

	<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>
2017-18										
Number of children at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 855	1 414	1 657	1 260	633	121	158	46	9 144
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 236	4 079	2 427	917	1 023	226	309	9	14 226
Unknown	no.	2	–	23	1	28	147	–	–	201
All children	no.	9 093	5 493	4 107	2 178	1 684	494	467	55	23 571
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	57.0	71.6	43.2	51.4	52.1	36.3	60.8	4.8	51.4
Non-Indigenous	%	49.3	68.2	46.4	46.0	42.4	40.3	54.6	7.9	51.8
Unknown	%	66.7	–	46.0	50.0	42.4	38.9	–	–	40.3
All children	%	52.3	69.1	45.1	49.0	45.6	38.8	56.5	5.2	51.5
2016-17										
Number of children at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 821	1 329	1 628	1 203	582	106	132	49	8 850
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 366	4 648	2 331	857	945	334	305	7	14 793
Unknown	no.	–	1	25	–	36	6	–	–	68
All children	no.	9 187	5 978	3 984	2 060	1 563	446	437	56	23 711
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	56.0	63.6	43.0	51.8	50.6	33.0	58.1	5.2	50.1
Non-Indigenous	%	48.5	56.6	45.8	44.8	42.1	38.6	53.0	6.3	49.2
Unknown	%	–	11.1	37.9	–	40.9	31.6	–	–	37.4
All children	%	51.4	58.0	44.6	48.7	44.9	37.0	54.4	5.3	49.5
2015-16										
Number of children at 30 June										

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 777	1 126	1 542	1 164	559	78	117	47	8 410
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 289	4 344	2 289	849	874	248	278	4	14 175
Unknown	no.	–	2	8	–	36	8	3	–	57
All children	no.	9 066	5 472	3 839	2 013	1 469	334	398	51	22 642
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	56.8	60.0	42.6	52.6	52.1	26.3	59.4	5.1	49.9
Non-Indigenous	%	47.4	55.5	45.7	45.0	41.7	29.9	50.9	3.6	48.1
Unknown	%	–	25.0	19.5	–	48.0	34.8	60.0	–	37.0
All children	%	50.9	56.4	44.3	49.1	45.3	29.0	53.2	4.9	48.7
2014-15										
Number of children at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 439	884	1 468	1 120	443	63	100	29	7 546
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 835	3 822	2 135	838	799	234	254	4	12 921
Unknown	no.	–	1	19	–	19	2	2	–	43
All children	no.	8 274	4 707	3 622	1 958	1 261	299	356	33	20 510
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	55.4	58.5	41.8	54.3	52.5	26.1	54.6	3.3	48.8
Non-Indigenous	%	45.5	54.2	43.8	44.3	41.0	28.8	52.7	3.2	46.5
Unknown	%	–	14.3	33.3	–	42.2	25.0	33.3	–	33.9
All children	%	49.1	54.9	42.9	49.5	44.4	28.2	53.1	3.2	47.3
2013-14										
Number of children at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	4 006	709	1 274	1 043	422	65	81	17	7 617
Non-Indigenous	no.	6 038	3 164	2 005	754	726	225	237	–	13 149

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Unknown	no.	–	4	27	24	14	12	–	–	81
All children	no.	10 044	3 877	3 306	1 821	1 162	302	318	17	20 847
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	61.4	54.2	38.2	55.4	53.6	28.0	53.3	2.2	50.8
Non-Indigenous	%	51.8	49.5	41.9	41.9	40.1	28.6	52.2	–	47.3
Unknown	%	–	44.4	40.9	58.5	42.4	33.3	–	–	42.4
All children	%	55.2	50.3	40.4	48.9	44.2	28.7	52.5	1.9	48.5
2012-13										
Number of children at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 900	512	1 165	888	434	65	78	37	7 079
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 830	2 677	1 838	693	745	229	203	3	12 218
Unknown	no.	–	1	23	36	11	9	10	–	90
All children	no.	9 730	3 190	3 026	1 617	1 190	303	291	40	19 387
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	62.9	55.5	36.5	49.3	55.1	26.7	55.7	5.9	50.9
Non-Indigenous	%	52.0	49.5	37.6	38.9	40.6	28.5	50.8	2.4	46.2
Unknown	%	–	1.5	40.4	65.5	32.4	42.9	52.6	–	35.2
All children	%	55.8	49.9	37.2	44.5	44.8	28.4	52.1	5.3	47.7
2011-12										
Number of children at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 808	513	1 041	816	385	71	74	135	6 843
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 777	2 313	1 720	639	709	233	213	28	11 632
Unknown	no.	1	6	6	10	10	2	5	–	40
All children	no.	9 586	2 832	2 767	1 465	1 104	306	292	163	18 515

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Table 16A.20 **Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	63.6	49.9	34.2	50.6	54.5	33.5	55.2	23.6	51.5
Non-Indigenous	%	51.7	45.3	35.0	36.3	38.8	29.5	50.6	22.0	44.5
Unknown	%	4.2	8.2	15.4	38.5	71.4	25.0	45.5	–	20.5
All children	%	55.8	45.6	34.6	43.1	43.3	30.3	51.6	23.3	46.7
2010-11										
Number of children at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 683	447	925	788	336	67	63	79	6 388
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 691	1 929	1 523	528	627	254	207	27	10 786
Unknown	no.	–	7	7	52	22	3	10	–	101
All children	no.	9 374	2 383	2 455	1 368	985	324	280	106	17 275
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	64.2	51.0	32.5	54.4	53.3	34.2	52.9	15.8	51.7
Non-Indigenous	%	51.8	41.0	32.3	34.6	37.1	33.7	50.6	20.5	43.3
Unknown	%	–	7.0	23.3	35.9	45.8	18.8	83.3	–	28.0
All children	%	56.0	42.0	32.3	43.8	41.6	33.5	51.9	16.7	45.9
2009-10										
Number of children at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 482	423	870	733	301	40	62	88	5 999
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 519	1 751	1 518	502	539	246	203	36	10 314
Unknown	no.	–	11	2	–	7	–	1	2	23
All children	no.	9 001	2 185	2 390	1 235	847	286	266	126	16 336
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	63.7	51.8	32.4	59.0	51.1	29.0	49.6	21.6	52.3

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Non-Indigenous	%	51.6	38.5	32.6	33.6	34.2	32.6	50.1	25.4	42.5
Unknown	%	–	11.0	22.2	–	30.4	–	50.0	100.0	15.5
All children	%	55.6	40.0	32.5	45.1	38.7	32.0	50.0	22.9	45.5
2008-09										
Number of children at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 303	343	855	693	265	33	46	79	5 617
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 317	1 620	1 524	494	502	196	181	28	9 862
Unknown	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	–
All children	no.	8 620	1 963	2 379	1 187	767	229	227	107	15 479
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	66.2	46.7	34.5	57.9	50.9	25.4	46.0	22.1	53.4
Non-Indigenous	%	52.0	35.6	33.0	33.3	33.6	28.9	45.9	22.6	41.9
Unknown	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	%	56.7	37.2	33.5	44.3	38.0	28.3	46.0	22.2	45.4

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.

Data are complete for the current reporting period. All required data for 30 June 2018 are available for all jurisdictions.

- (a) For 2016-17, the denominator was expanded to include children in third-party parental care arrangements, where the child was formerly placed with the same carer in a relative/kinship placement. Children under third-party parental care arrangements are a subset counted under 'Other' home based care within Table 16A.18. For this reason, the 'Relative/kin care' population from 16A.18 (Vic, SA, Tas, and ACT specifically) will not match the denominator from Table 16A.19 as it includes third-party parental care arrangements.
- (b) Prior to 2009-10, children of unknown Indigenous status were reported in the non-Indigenous status category. For 2009-10 onwards, the number of children with unknown Indigenous status category is reported separately.
- (c) The scope for OOHC was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.

Table 16A.20 **Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i)**

	<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>
(d)	NSW: For 2017-18 NSW data for out-of-home care excludes children on immigration orders. NSW data for 2014-15 onwards is not comparable to data published previously. NSW Safe Home for Life (SHFL) legislative reforms, effective 29 October 2014, transitioned eligible children/young people to the independent care of their guardian. These children/young people exited and are no longer counted in out-of-home care.									
(e)	Victoria: From 2017-18 excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.									
(f)	Queensland: From 2014-15, Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere.									
(g)	Tasmania: Tasmania is not able to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer meaning Tasmania's data are slightly lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmanian data also exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. Prior to 30 June 2017, children under third-party guardianship orders placed with relatives/kin were not counted as being placed with relatives/kin. As such data for 2017 are not comparable to data for earlier years. In Tasmania, Indigenous status is no longer being cross-checked with data from other databases. As a result, the proportion of clients with an 'unknown' Indigenous status is larger than in previous years. Therefore data from 2017-18 are not comparable with data for previous years and any comparisons should be made with extreme caution.									
(h)	ACT: Data in this table includes the 50 children on third party responsibility orders placed with relatives/kin in 2017-18, the 53 children in 2016-17 and 50 children in 2015-16 as noted in table 16A.19. Out-of-home care data includes some children 18 years and over whose carers receive a full carer payment. This is generally to facilitate completion of schooling without change to the placement.									
(i)	NT: due to a stringent assessment process in the NT, kinship carers are registered as foster carers. Due to system limitations, data reported for the NT for this measure do not provide a realistic view of children placed with relatives/kin (refer to table 16A.23). Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out-of-home care. The number of children in out-of-home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted. Due to realignment of placement types to ensure better data integrity, data for the financial year 2012-13 may not be comparable with data provided for previous financial years.									

na Not available. - Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2017-18; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.21

Table 16A.21 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

	<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>
2017-18										
Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	2 400	734	947	950	393	29	103	259	5 815
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	1 455	535	710	310	240	92	55	–	3 397
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	3 855	1 269	1 657	1 260	633	121	158	259	9 212
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	1 109	58	466	199	99	21	4	56	2 012
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	3	16	44	15	48	–	–	–	126
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 112	74	510	214	147	21	4	56	2 138
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	4 967	1 343	2 167	1 474	780	142	162	315	11 350
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	1 532	311	1 357	824	296	171	87	632	5 210
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	181	48	308	154	124	20	11	–	846
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 713	359	1 665	978	420	191	98	632	6 056
Independent living/unknown	no.	86	273	–	–	16	–	–	3	378
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	6 766	1 975	3 832	2 452	1 216	333	260	950	17 784
As a proportion of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	35.9	43.1	24.7	38.7	32.8	8.7	39.6	27.3	33.4

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	21.8	31.4	18.5	12.6	20.0	27.6	21.2	–	19.5
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	57.7	74.6	43.2	51.4	52.8	36.3	60.8	27.3	52.9
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	16.6	3.4	12.2	8.1	8.3	6.3	1.5	5.9	11.6
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	–	0.9	1.1	0.6	4.0	–	–	–	0.7
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	16.6	4.3	13.3	8.7	12.3	6.3	1.5	5.9	12.3
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	74.4	78.9	56.6	60.1	65.0	42.6	62.3	33.3	65.2
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	22.9	18.3	35.4	33.6	24.7	51.4	33.5	66.7	29.9
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	2.7	2.8	8.0	6.3	10.3	6.0	4.2	–	4.9
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	25.6	21.1	43.4	39.9	35.0	57.4	37.7	66.7	34.8
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

2016-17

Number of Indigenous children at 30 June

Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	2 735	757	899	924	369	30	84	259	6 057
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	1 086	494	729	279	213	76	48	–	2 925
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	3 821	1 251	1 628	1 203	582	106	132	259	8 982
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	1 552	65	482	177	82	26	2	44	2 430
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	81	10	44	17	47	–	–	–	199

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 633	75	526	194	129	26	2	44	2 629
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	5 454	1 326	2 154	1 397	711	132	134	303	11 611
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	1 195	332	1 350	751	266	164	81	636	4 775
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	94	45	278	173	160	24	8	–	782
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 289	377	1 628	924	426	188	89	636	5 557
Independent living/unknown	no.	81	388	–	–	13	1	1	3	487
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	6 824	2 091	3 782	2 321	1 150	321	224	942	17 655

As a proportion of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June

Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	40.6	44.5	23.8	39.8	32.5	9.4	37.7	27.6	35.3
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	16.1	29.0	19.3	12.0	18.7	23.8	21.5	–	17.0
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	56.7	73.5	43.0	51.8	51.2	33.1	59.2	27.6	52.3
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	23.0	3.8	12.7	7.6	7.2	8.1	0.9	4.7	14.2
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	1.2	0.6	1.2	0.7	4.1	–	–	–	1.2
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	24.2	4.4	13.9	8.4	11.3	8.1	0.9	4.7	15.3

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	80.9	77.9	57.0	60.2	62.5	41.3	60.1	32.3	67.6
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	17.7	19.5	35.7	32.4	23.4	51.3	36.3	67.7	27.8
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.4	2.6	7.4	7.5	14.1	7.5	3.6	–	4.6
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	19.1	22.1	43.0	39.8	37.5	58.8	39.9	67.7	32.4
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2015-16										
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	2 743	615	873	925	359	15	68	269	5 867
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	1 034	406	669	239	200	63	49	–	2 660
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	3 777	1 021	1 542	1 164	559	78	117	269	8 527
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	1 501	58	458	199	85	35	2	55	2 393
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	79	14	47	21	25	–	–	–	186
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 580	72	505	220	110	35	2	55	2 579
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	5 357	1 093	2 047	1 384	669	113	119	324	11 106
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	1 155	318	1 333	644	228	170	68	570	4 486

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	101	51	239	184	167	13	10	–	765
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 256	369	1 572	828	395	183	78	570	5 251
Independent living/unknown	no.	39	414	–	–	9	1	–	13	476
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	6 652	1 876	3 619	2 212	1 073	297	197	907	16 833
As a proportion of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	41.5	42.1	24.1	41.8	33.7	5.1	34.5	30.1	35.9
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	15.6	27.8	18.5	10.8	18.8	21.3	24.9	–	16.3
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	57.1	69.8	42.6	52.6	52.5	26.4	59.4	30.1	52.1
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	22.7	4.0	12.7	9.0	8.0	11.8	1.0	6.2	14.6
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	1.2	1.0	1.3	0.9	2.3	–	–	–	1.1
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	23.9	4.9	14.0	9.9	10.3	11.8	1.0	6.2	15.8
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	81.0	74.8	56.6	62.6	62.9	38.2	60.4	36.2	67.9
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	17.5	21.8	36.8	29.1	21.4	57.4	34.5	63.8	27.4
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.5	3.5	6.6	8.3	15.7	4.4	5.1	–	4.7
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	19.0	25.2	43.4	37.4	37.1	61.8	39.6	63.8	32.1

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2014-15										
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	2 533	482	879	900	293	12	65	248	5 412
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	906	301	589	219	150	51	35	–	2 251
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	3 439	783	1 468	1 119	443	63	100	248	7 663
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	1 387	61	473	188	91	28	2	54	2 284
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	68	12	44	20	25	2	–	–	171
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 455	73	517	208	116	30	2	54	2 455
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	4 894	856	1 985	1 327	559	93	102	302	10 118
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	1 189	298	1 266	526	170	135	73	566	4 223
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	96	39	261	207	111	12	6	–	732
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 285	337	1 527	733	281	147	79	566	4 955
Independent living/unknown	no.	31	318	–	–	4	1	2	3	359
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	6 210	1 511	3 512	2 060	844	241	183	871	15 432

As a proportion of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	41.0	40.4	25.0	43.7	34.9	5.0	35.9	28.6	35.9
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	14.7	25.2	16.8	10.6	17.9	21.3	19.3	–	14.9
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	55.7	65.6	41.8	54.3	52.7	26.3	55.2	28.6	50.8
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	22.4	5.1	13.5	9.1	10.8	11.7	1.1	6.2	15.2
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.0	3.0	0.8	–	–	1.1
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	23.5	6.1	14.7	10.1	13.8	12.5	1.1	6.2	16.3
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	79.2	71.8	56.5	64.4	66.5	38.8	56.4	34.8	67.1
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	19.2	25.0	36.0	25.5	20.2	56.3	40.3	65.2	28.0
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.6	3.3	7.4	10.0	13.2	5.0	3.3	–	4.9
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	20.8	28.2	43.5	35.6	33.5	61.3	43.6	65.2	32.9
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2013-14										
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	2 994	371	775	821	274	13	38	262	5 548
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	1 012	245	499	222	148	52	43	–	2 221
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	4 006	616	1 274	1 043	422	65	81	262	7 769

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	1 224	54	523	181	88	27	3	70	2 170
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	58	11	42	16	15	2	–	–	144
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 282	65	565	197	103	29	3	70	2 314
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	5 288	681	1 839	1 240	525	94	84	332	10 083
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	1 127	301	1 257	454	157	125	61	447	3 929
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	81	36	240	188	99	13	7	–	664
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 208	337	1 497	642	256	138	68	447	4 593
Independent living/unknown	no.	24	290	–	–	6	–	–	8	328
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	6 520	1 308	3 336	1 882	787	232	152	787	15 004
As a proportion of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	46.1	36.4	23.2	43.6	35.1	5.6	25.0	33.6	37.8
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	15.6	24.1	15.0	11.8	19.0	22.4	28.3	–	15.1
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	61.7	60.5	38.2	55.4	54.0	28.0	53.3	33.6	52.9
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	18.8	5.3	15.7	9.6	11.3	11.6	2.0	9.0	14.8
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	0.9	1.1	1.3	0.9	1.9	0.9	–	–	1.0

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	19.7	6.4	16.9	10.5	13.2	12.5	2.0	9.0	15.8
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	81.4	66.9	55.1	65.9	67.2	40.5	55.3	42.6	68.7
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	17.3	29.6	37.7	24.1	20.1	53.9	40.1	57.4	26.8
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.2	3.5	7.2	10.0	12.7	5.6	4.6	–	4.5
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	18.6	33.1	44.9	34.1	32.8	59.5	44.7	57.4	31.3
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2012-13										
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	2 927	327	729	698	286	14	64	189	5 234
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	973	174	436	187	149	51	14	–	1 984
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	3 900	501	1 165	885	435	65	78	189	7 218
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	1 112	48	569	199	91	31	5	83	2 138
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	32	11	39	20	–	–	1	–	103
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 144	59	608	219	91	31	6	83	2 241

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	5 044	560	1 773	1 104	526	96	84	272	9 459
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	1 039	319	1 243	397	159	134	48	348	3 687
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	94	40	179	173	99	10	8	–	603
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 133	359	1 422	570	258	144	56	348	4 290
Independent living/unknown	no.	26	3	–	126	4	3	–	3	165
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	6 203	922	3 195	1 800	788	243	140	623	13 914
As a proportion of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	47.4	35.6	22.8	41.7	36.5	5.8	45.7	30.5	38.1
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	15.8	18.9	13.6	11.2	19.0	21.3	10.0	–	14.4
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	63.1	54.5	36.5	52.9	55.5	27.1	55.7	30.5	52.5
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	18.0	5.2	17.8	11.9	11.6	12.9	3.6	13.4	15.6
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	0.5	1.2	1.2	1.2	–	–	0.7	–	0.7
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	18.5	6.4	19.0	13.1	11.6	12.9	4.3	13.4	16.3
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	81.7	60.9	55.5	65.9	67.1	40.0	60.0	43.9	68.8
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	16.8	34.7	38.9	23.7	20.3	55.8	34.3	56.1	26.8
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.5	4.4	5.6	10.3	12.6	4.2	5.7	–	4.4
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	18.3	39.1	44.5	34.1	32.9	60.0	40.0	56.1	31.2
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2011-12										
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	2 922	275	659	670	275	24	64	158	5 047
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	886	238	382	193	110	47	10	–	1 866
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	3 808	513	1 041	863	385	71	74	158	6 913
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	1 028	54	541	199	111	24	11	59	2 027
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	37	11	52	32	7	1	2	–	142
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 065	65	593	231	118	25	13	59	2 169
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	4 873	578	1 634	1 094	503	96	87	217	9 082
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	1 013	373	1 219	328	102	111	40	352	3 538
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	84	76	188	156	71	3	6	–	584

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 097	449	1 407	484	173	114	46	352	4 122
Independent living/unknown	no.	21	1	–	36	30	2	1	4	95
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	5 991	1 028	3 041	1 614	706	212	134	573	13 299
As a proportion of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	48.9	26.8	21.7	42.5	40.7	11.4	48.1	27.8	38.2
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	14.8	23.2	12.6	12.2	16.3	22.4	7.5	–	14.1
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	63.8	50.0	34.2	54.7	57.0	33.8	55.6	27.8	52.4
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	17.2	5.3	17.8	12.6	16.4	11.4	8.3	10.4	15.4
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	0.6	1.1	1.7	2.0	1.0	0.5	1.5	–	1.1
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	17.8	6.3	19.5	14.6	17.5	11.9	9.8	10.4	16.4
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	81.6	56.3	53.7	69.3	74.4	45.7	65.4	38.1	68.8
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	17.0	36.3	40.1	20.8	15.1	52.9	30.1	61.9	26.8
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.4	7.4	6.2	9.9	10.5	1.4	4.5	–	4.4
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	18.4	43.7	46.3	30.7	25.6	54.3	34.6	61.9	31.2
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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2010-11										
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	2 887	216	605	654	247	26	54	114	4 803
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	796	231	320	171	89	41	9	–	1 657
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	3 683	447	925	825	336	67	63	114	6 460
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	994	47	510	182	107	17	11	52	1 920
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	30	10	60	22	11	–	2	–	135
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 024	57	570	204	118	17	13	52	2 055
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	4 707	504	1 495	1 029	454	84	76	166	8 515
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	937	324	1 170	277	94	106	32	330	3 270
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	68	49	185	140	59	6	11	–	518
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 005	373	1 355	417	153	112	43	330	3 788
Independent living/unknown	no.	25	–	–	2	23	–	–	5	55
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	5 737	877	2 850	1 448	630	196	119	501	12 358
As a proportion of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	50.5	24.6	21.2	45.2	40.7	13.3	45.4	23.0	39.0

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Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	13.9	26.3	11.2	11.8	14.7	20.9	7.6	–	13.5
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	64.5	51.0	32.5	57.1	55.4	34.2	52.9	23.0	52.5
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	17.4	5.4	17.9	12.6	17.6	8.7	9.2	10.5	15.6
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	0.5	1.1	2.1	1.5	1.8	–	1.7	–	1.1
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	17.9	6.5	20.0	14.1	19.4	8.7	10.9	10.5	16.7
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	82.4	57.5	52.5	71.2	74.8	42.9	63.9	33.5	69.2
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	16.4	36.9	41.1	19.2	15.5	54.1	26.9	66.5	26.6
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.2	5.6	6.5	9.7	9.7	3.1	9.2	–	4.2
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	17.6	42.5	47.5	28.8	25.2	57.1	36.1	66.5	30.8
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2009-10										
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	2 802	209	571	633	224	15	55	124	4 633
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	680	214	299	110	77	25	7	–	1 412
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	3 482	423	870	743	301	40	62	124	6 045
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	949	47	538	161	115	4	9	58	1 881
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	38	5	37	22	16	–	2	–	120

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Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	987	52	575	183	131	4	11	58	2 001
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	4 469	475	1 445	926	432	44	73	182	8 046
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	918	302	1 067	235	98	90	43	224	2 977
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	52	37	174	77	40	4	9	–	393
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	970	339	1 241	312	138	94	52	224	3 370
Independent living/unknown	no.	26	2	–	4	19	–	–	1	52
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	5 465	816	2 686	1 242	589	138	125	407	11 468
As a proportion of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	51.5	25.7	21.3	51.1	39.3	10.9	44.0	30.5	40.6
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	12.5	26.3	11.1	8.9	13.5	18.1	5.6	–	12.4
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	64.0	52.0	32.4	60.0	52.8	29.0	49.6	30.5	53.0
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	17.4	5.8	20.0	13.0	20.2	2.9	7.2	14.3	16.5
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	0.7	0.6	1.4	1.8	2.8	–	1.6	–	1.1
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	18.1	6.4	21.4	14.8	23.0	2.9	8.8	14.3	17.5

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Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	82.2	58.4	53.8	74.8	75.8	31.9	58.4	44.8	70.5
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	16.9	37.1	39.7	19.0	17.2	65.2	34.4	55.2	26.1
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.0	4.5	6.5	6.2	7.0	2.9	7.2	–	3.4
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	17.8	41.6	46.2	25.2	24.2	68.1	41.6	55.2	29.5
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2008-09										
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	2 759	181	590	607	204	13	40	116	4 510
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	544	162	265	96	61	20	6	–	1 154
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	3 303	343	855	703	265	33	46	116	5 664
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	843	75	566	169	112	3	9	52	1 829
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	23	13	24	26	18	–	3	–	107
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	866	88	590	195	130	3	12	52	1 936
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	4 169	431	1 445	898	395	36	58	168	7 600
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	741	233	925	221	87	89	29	186	2 511

TABLE 16A.21

Table 16A.21 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

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

Table 16A.21 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

	<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>
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.

Data are complete for the current reporting period.

- (a) From 2015, reference to the 'Aboriginal child placement principle' has been amended to the 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child placement principle' in accordance with the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children third three-year action plan, 2015–18.
- (b) The denominator for calculating the proportion of children excludes Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.
- (d) Residential care includes family group homes.
- (e) NSW: For 2017-18 NSW data for out-of-home care excludes children on immigration orders. NSW data for 2014-15 onwards is not comparable to data published previously. NSW Safe Home for Life (SHFL) legislative reforms, effective 29 October 2014, transitioned eligible children/young people to the independent care of their guardian. These children/young people exited and are no longer counted in out-of-home care.
- (f) Victoria: From 2017-18 excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.
- (g) Queensland: From 2014-15, Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere.
- (h) SA: During 2012-13, SA changed databases, which resulted in a data recording issue leading to an undercount of children placed in compliance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle. Due to these data issues, 2012-13 child protection data for this indicator for this indicator are likely to be incorrect and cannot be reliably compared with data for previous years.
- (i) Tasmania: Tasmania is not able to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer meaning Tasmania's data are slightly lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmanian data also exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. The proportion of caregivers of unknown Indigenous status impacts the reliability of these data. In Tasmania, Indigenous status is no longer being cross-checked with data from other databases. As a result, the proportion of clients with an 'unknown' Indigenous status is larger than in previous years. Therefore data from 2017-18 are not comparable with data for previous years and any comparisons should be made with extreme caution.
- (j) ACT: Out-of-home care data includes some children 18 years and over whose carers receive a full carer payment. This is generally to facilitate completion of schooling without change to the placement.

Table 16A.21 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

	<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>
(k)	NT: Children placed with family members have been included in the 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin' category. Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in OOHC. The number of children in OOHC reported in 2007-08 was likely to be under counted. Due to realignment of placement types to ensure better data integrity, data for 2012-13 may not be comparable with data for previous years. In 2013-14 and 2014-15 data for this indicator were provided by the NT in aggregate form. As such there are small differences in totals for this indicator when compared with other OOHC tables. From 2014-15 onwards, data for this indicator are sourced from the National Minimum Dataset.									

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2017-18; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.22

Table 16A.22 **Children with documented case plans, by Indigenous status, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2017-18										
Number of children aged 0–17 years with a current documented case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	na	1 429	3 440	1 819	605	138	177	666	8 274
Non-Indigenous	no.	na	3 930	4 347	1 520	1 204	208	425	99	11 733
Unknown	no.	na	–	33	1	–	199	–	–	233
All children	no.	na	5 359	7 820	3 340	1 809	545	602	765	20 240
Number of children aged 0–17 years required to have a current documented case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	na	1 480	3 563	2 364	1 130	257	241	968	10 003
Non-Indigenous	no.	na	4 018	4 527	1 908	2 258	402	535	124	13 772
Unknown	no.	na	–	45	1	–	330	–	–	376
All children	no.	na	5 498	8 135	4 273	3 388	989	776	1 092	24 151
Proportion										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	na	96.6	96.5	76.9	53.5	53.7	73.4	68.8	82.7
Non-Indigenous	%	na	97.8	96.0	79.7	53.3	51.7	79.4	79.8	85.2
Unknown	%	na	na	73.3	100.0	na	60.3	na	na	62.0
All children	%	na	97.5	96.1	78.2	53.4	55.1	77.6	70.1	83.8
2016-17										
Number of children aged 0–17 years with a current documented case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	4 782	1 092	3 306	1 676	na	181	148	594	11 779
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 964	3 422	4 169	1 413	na	427	382	80	17 857
Unknown	no.	–	na	46	–	na	15	–	–	61
All children	no.	12 746	4 514	7 521	3 089	na	623	530	674	29 697
Number of children aged 0–17 years required to have a current documented case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	5 721	1 318	3 417	2 194	na	287	208	947	14 092
Non-Indigenous	no.	9 168	3 975	4 350	1 809	na	729	517	116	20 664
Unknown	no.	–	na	55	–	na	19	–	–	74
All children	no.	14 889	5 293	7 822	4 003	na	1 035	725	1 063	34 830
Proportion										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	83.6	82.9	96.8	76.4	na	63.1	71.2	62.7	83.6
Non-Indigenous	%	86.9	86.1	95.8	78.1	na	58.6	73.9	69.0	86.4
Unknown	%	na	na	83.6	na	na	78.9	na	na	82.4
All children	%	85.6	85.3	96.2	77.2	na	60.2	73.1	63.4	85.3
2015-16										
Number of children aged 0–17 years with a current documented case plan										

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Table 16A.22 **Children with documented case plans, by Indigenous status, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	4 535	858	3 230	1 692	na	138	136	na	10 589
Non-Indigenous	no.	8 023	2 687	4 111	1 577	na	390	346	na	17 134
Unknown	no.	–	1	29	–	na	20	3	na	53
All children	no.	12 558	3 546	7 370	3 269	na	548	485	na	27 776
Number of children aged 0–17 years required to have a current documented case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	5 462	982	3 312	2 067	na	264	182	na	12 269
Non-Indigenous	no.	9 340	3 223	4 285	1 816	na	703	491	na	19 858
Unknown	no.	–	1	35	–	na	23	3	na	62
All children	no.	14 802	4 206	7 632	3 883	na	990	676	na	32 189
Proportion										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	83.0	87.4	97.5	81.9	na	52.3	74.7	na	86.3
Non-Indigenous	%	85.9	83.4	95.9	86.8	na	55.5	70.5	na	86.3
Unknown	%	na	100.0	82.9	na	na	87.0	100.0	na	85.5
All children	%	84.8	84.3	96.6	84.2	na	55.4	71.7	na	86.3
2014-15										
Number of children aged 0–17 years with a current documented case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 810	797	3 131	1 618	na	137	151	na	9 644
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 081	2 826	4 032	1 523	na	499	392	na	16 353
Unknown	no.	–	–	41	–	na	4	–	na	45
All children	no.	10 891	3 623	7 204	3 141	na	640	543	na	26 042
Number of children aged 0–17 years required to have a current documented case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	4 948	800	3 234	2 002	na	218	167	na	11 369
Non-Indigenous	no.	8 682	2 851	4 139	1 819	na	716	452	na	18 659
Unknown	no.	–	–	44	–	na	4	–	na	48
All children	no.	13 630	3 651	7 417	3 821	na	938	619	na	30 076
Proportion										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	77.0	99.6	96.8	80.8	na	62.8	90.4	na	84.8
Non-Indigenous	%	81.6	99.1	97.4	83.7	na	69.7	86.7	na	87.6
Unknown	%	na	na	93.2	na	na	100.0	na	na	93.8
All children	%	79.9	99.2	97.1	82.2	na	68.2	87.7	na	86.6
2013-14										
Number of children aged 0–17 years with a current documented case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	2 950	706	3 001	1 489	na	157	130	na	8 433
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 886	2 589	4 089	1 525	na	513	338	na	14 940

TABLE 16A.22

Table 16A.22 **Children with documented case plans, by Indigenous status, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Unknown	no.	–	3	51	20	na	16	–	na	90
All children	no.	8 836	3 298	7 141	3 034	na	686	468	na	23 463
Number of children aged 0–17 years required to have a current documented case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	4 507	713	3 078	1 799	na	227	152	na	10 476
Non-Indigenous	no.	8 269	2 626	4 224	1 739	na	705	420	na	17 983
Unknown	no.	1	3	53	22	na	32	–	na	111
All children	no.	12 777	3 342	7 355	3 560	na	964	572	na	28 570
Proportion										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	65.5	99.0	97.5	82.8	na	69.2	85.5	na	80.5
Non-Indigenous	%	71.2	98.6	96.8	87.7	na	72.8	80.5	na	83.1
Unknown	%	–	100.0	96.2	90.9	na	50.0	..	na	81.1
All children	%	69.2	98.7	97.1	85.2	na	71.2	81.8	na	82.1
2012-13										
Number of children aged 0–17 years with a current documented case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	2 305	na	2 916	1 434	na	162	104	na	6 921
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 784	na	4 321	1 450	na	536	293	na	11 384
Unknown	no.	1	na	48	4	na	7	7	na	67
All children	no.	7 090	na	7 285	2 888	na	705	404	na	18 372
Number of children aged 0–17 years required to have a current documented case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	4 181	na	3 007	1 644	na	246	138	na	9 216
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 869	na	4 454	1 684	na	762	383	na	15 152
Unknown	no.	3	na	52	18	na	20	18	na	111
All children	no.	12 053	na	7 513	3 346	na	1 028	539	na	24 479
Proportion										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	55.1	na	97.0	87.2	na	65.9	75.4	na	75.1
Non-Indigenous	%	60.8	na	97.0	86.1	na	70.3	76.5	na	75.1
Unknown	%	33.3	na	92.3	22.2	na	35.0	38.9	na	60.4
All children	%	58.8	na	97.0	86.3	na	68.6	75.0	na	75.1
2011-12										
Number of children aged 0–17 years with a current documented case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	na	na	2 865	1 203	na	92	115	na	4 275
Non-Indigenous	no.	na	na	4 326	1 379	na	341	374	na	6 420
Unknown	no.	na	na	29	2	na	2	4	na	37
All children	no.	na	na	7 220	2 584	na	435	493	na	10 732
Number of children aged 0–17 years required to have a current documented case plan										

Table 16A.22 **Children with documented case plans, by Indigenous status, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	na	na	2 928	1 508	na	193	136	na	4 765
Non-Indigenous	no.	na	na	4 478	1 606	na	703	429	na	7 216
Unknown	no.	na	na	32	4	na	4	10	na	50
All children	no.	na	na	7 438	3 118	na	900	575	na	12 031
Proportion										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	na	na	97.8	79.8	na	47.7	84.6	na	89.7
Non-Indigenous	%	na	na	96.6	85.9	na	48.5	87.2	na	89.0
Unknown	%	na	na	90.6	50.0	na	50.0	40.0	na	74.0
All children	%	na	na	97.1	82.9	na	48.3	85.7	na	89.2

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period.

- (a) A current documented case plan is one that has been approved and/or reviewed in the previous 12 months.
- (b) Data are not comparable across jurisdictions as policies and legislation varies regarding timeframes within which children are required to have case plans prepared.
- (c) NSW: NSW has implemented a new client management system in 2017-18 and data are not available. With the new system NSW is making efforts to improve quality and completeness of data to have a more comprehensive set of data for 2020 Report. Data were not available prior to 2011-12.
- (d) Queensland: From 2014-15, Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere.
- (e) Tasmania: 'Children with a documented case plan' does not include those with a populated case plan if the plan has not been approved or if the review date was overdue. In Tasmania, Indigenous status is no longer being cross-checked with data from other databases. As a result, the proportion of clients with an 'unknown' Indigenous status is larger than in previous years. Therefore data from 2017-18 are not comparable with data for previous years and any comparisons should be made with extreme caution.
- (f) ACT: Data for the ACT prior to 2015-16 are not comparable to following years due to a continuing period of reform including the integration of child protection and youth justice and a new service delivery model for out of home care.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2017-18; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.23

Table 16A.23 Activity group unit costs (2017-18 dollars) - New South Wales (a), (b)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
<i>Activity group 1: Receipt and assessment of initial information about a potential protection and support issues</i>						
AG1: Cost per report to child protection	\$	255	243	218	204	262
AG1: Cost per notification	\$	537	516	433	375	456
AG1: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.4	4.1	3.4	3.2	3.8
<i>Activity group 2: Provision of generic family support services</i>						
AG2: Cost per child receiving family support services	\$	na	na	na	na	na
AG2: Proportion of total expenditure	%	7.8	7.0	6.6	6.3	5.6
<i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i>						
AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services	\$	9 109	10 036	9 991	10 518	9 967
AG3: Proportion of total expenditure	%	10.3	10.7	10.1	9.8	8.7
<i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i>						
AG4: Cost per notification investigated	\$	1 163	978	974	866	1 813
AG4: Proportion of total expenditure	%	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.3	5.1
<i>Activity group 5: Provision of short-term protective intervention and coordination services for children not on an order</i>						
AG5: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is not on an order	\$	4 684	4 592	4 132	3 466	4 063
AG5: Proportion of total expenditure	%	5.9	5.4	5.5	5.1	6.0
<i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i>						
AG6: Cost per order issued	\$	18 690	8 859	10 772	11 165	na
AG6: Proportion of total expenditure	%	6.4	5.9	5.9	5.5	6.5
<i>Activity group 7: Provision of protective intervention, support and coordination services for children on an order</i>						
AG7: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is on an order	\$	25 405	22 834	23 538	29 266	na
AG7: Proportion of total expenditure	%	5.3	4.8	4.8	4.5	5.3
<i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care services</i>						
AG8: Cost per placement night	\$	129	148	166	175	188

Table 16A.23 **Activity group unit costs (2017-18 dollars) - New South Wales (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>
AG8: Proportion of total expenditure	%	54.8	57.5	59.2	61.3	59.1

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time for: unit costs of protective interventions service activity groups; unit costs for support services; and unit costs for out-of-home care.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for protective intervention services activity groups. All required 2017-18 data for NSW, Victoria, SA, Tasmania and the NT are not available.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for family support services and intensive family support services. Only Queensland and WA are able to provide all required 2017-18 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost for out-of-home care services (AG8) and intensive family support services (AG2).

(a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2017-18 = 100). See Chapter 2 for details.

(b) NSW has adopted a revised expense distribution methodology for family support services, resulting in a decrease of expenses.

na Not available.

Source: NSW Government (unpublished); table 2A.50.

TABLE 16A.24

Table 16A.24 Activity group unit costs (2017-18 dollars) - Victoria (a), (b)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
<i>Activity group 1: Receipt and assessment of initial information about a potential protection and support issues</i>						
AG1: Cost per report to child protection	\$
AG1: Cost per notification	\$	323	302	290	295	344
AG1: Proportion of total expenditure	%	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.1
<i>Activity group 2: Provision of generic family support services</i>						
AG2: Cost per child receiving family support services	\$	na	na	na	na	na
AG2: Proportion of total expenditure	%	14.4	14.5	15.0	15.2	16.5
<i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i>						
AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services	\$	9 960	8 387	7 814	7 959	9 568
AG3: Proportion of total expenditure	%	10.1	9.9	9.9	10.5	10.6
<i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i>						
AG4: Cost per notification investigated	\$	1 702	1 504	1 491	1 434	1 601
AG4: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.2
<i>Activity group 5: Provision of short-term protective intervention and coordination services for children not on an order</i>						
AG5: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is not on an order	\$	na	na	na	na	na
AG5: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.9
<i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i>						
AG6: Cost per order issued	\$	2 641	2 396	2 505	3 030	3 481
AG6: Proportion of total expenditure	%	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.2	5.3
<i>Activity group 7: Provision of protective intervention, support and coordination services for children on an order</i>						
AG7: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is on an order	\$	na	na	na	na	na
AG7: Proportion of total expenditure	%	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.2	6.4
<i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care services</i>						
AG8: Cost per placement night	\$	159	156	152	160	172

Table 16A.24 **Activity group unit costs (2017-18 dollars) - Victoria (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>
AG8: Proportion of total expenditure	%	51.3	52.1	51.3	52.0	50.0

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time for: unit costs of protective interventions service activity groups; unit costs for support services; and unit costs for out-of-home care.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for protective intervention services activity groups. All required 2017-18 data for NSW, Victoria, SA, Tasmania and the NT are not available.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for family support services and intensive family support services. Only Queensland and WA are able to provide all required 2017-18 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost for out-of-home care services (AG8) and intensive family support services (AG2).

(a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2017-18 = 100). See Chapter 2 for details.

(b) Data for Victoria include the number of placement nights for children in out-of-home care and third party parental responsibility orders.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: Victorian Government (unpublished); table 2A.50.

TABLE 16A.25

Table 16A.25 Activity group unit costs (2017-18 dollars) - Queensland (a), (b), (c), (d)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
<i>Activity group 1: Receipt and assessment of initial information about a potential protection and support issues</i>						
AG1: Cost per report to child protection	\$	187	275	248	227	206
AG1: Cost per notification	\$	1 042	1 322	1 090	1 083	1 037
AG1: Proportion of total expenditure	%	2.8	3.3	2.7	2.5	2.3
<i>Activity group 2: Provision of generic family support services</i>						
AG2: Cost per child receiving family support services	\$	na	na	na	2 549	2 104
AG2: Proportion of total expenditure	%	7.1	3.6	6.1	7.7	7.3
<i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i>						
AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services	\$	9 751	16 231	15 961	5 939	7 169
AG3: Proportion of total expenditure	%	5.0	8.0	7.4	7.8	9.1
<i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i>						
AG4: Cost per notification investigated	\$	2 431	2 253	1 690	1 693	1 725
AG4: Proportion of total expenditure	%	6.6	5.7	4.2	4.0	3.8
<i>Activity group 5: Provision of short-term protective intervention and coordination services for children not on an order</i>						
AG5: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is not on an order	\$	na	na	28 579	27 249	27 921
AG5: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.3	4.2	6.1	7.0	5.9
<i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i>						
AG6: Cost per order issued	\$	6 538	7 899	6 784	8 490	8 176
AG6: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.5	4.7	4.0	4.9	4.3
<i>Activity group 7: Provision of protective intervention, support and coordination services for children on an order</i>						
AG7: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is on an order	\$	17 098	17 992	13 114	11 033	11 281
AG7: Proportion of total expenditure	%	18.3	18.7	13.8	11.1	10.5
<i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care services</i>						
AG8: Cost per placement night	\$	150	151	160	164	184
AG8: Proportion of total expenditure	%	51.3	51.8	55.7	55.0	56.8

Table 16A.25 Activity group unit costs (2017-18 dollars) - Queensland (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>
<p>Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time for: unit costs of protective interventions service activity groups; unit costs for support services; and unit costs for out-of-home care.</p> <p>Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for protective intervention services activity groups. All required 2017-18 data for NSW, Victoria, SA, Tasmania and the NT are not available.</p> <p>Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for family support services and intensive family support services. Only Queensland and WA are able to provide all required 2017-18 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2).</p> <p>Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost for out-of-home care services (AG8) and intensive family support services (AG2).</p>						
(a)	Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2017-18 = 100). See Chapter 2 for details.					
(b)	In 2016-17, Queensland revised its cost allocation methodology to include interagency costs where applicable, exclude costs for services that do not match the national definition of activity groups, and recognise true cost and revenue. This methodology was applied from 2015-16 financial data onwards. Queensland's financial data for indirect costs in 2017-18 have been variably impacted across activity groups by machinery-of-government changes.					
(c)	From 2016-17, data for the number of children receiving services include those supported by Queensland's Intensive Family Support services. It also includes a portion of children supported by Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Wellbeing Services. This portion comprises children referred from the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women (except statutory clients), and an estimated 50 per cent of children referred from other sources. Data in previous years are not comparable as it comprised children supported by Queensland's former Family Intervention Services.					
(d)	Queensland's unit data for AG 1 (notifications) and AGs 4, 6, 7 and 8 from 2014-15 onwards were derived by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare from Queensland's Child Protection Minimum Data Set. These data were extracted in accordance with nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data in previous years were derived by Queensland using aggregate data. As a result of differences between national and state based counting rules, unit costs in RoGS may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere.					
	na Not available.					

Source: Queensland Government (unpublished); table 2A.50.

TABLE 16A.26

Table 16A.26 Activity group unit costs (2017-18 dollars) - Western Australia (a)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
<i>Activity group 1: Receipt and assessment of initial information about a potential protection and support issues</i>						
AG1: Cost per report to child protection	\$	224	247	205	234	276
AG1: Cost per notification	\$	1 233	1 432	1 189	1 050	1 173
AG1: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.7	5.2	4.6	4.2	4.3
<i>Activity group 2: Provision of generic family support services</i>						
AG2: Cost per child receiving family support services	\$	na	7 331	6 273	2 293	1 585
AG2: Proportion of total expenditure	%	9.6	8.5	9.0	4.5	2.6
<i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i>						
AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services	\$	9 986	8 852	8 468	9 236	8 492
AG3: Proportion of total expenditure	%	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
<i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i>						
AG4: Cost per notification investigated	\$	1 929	2 275	2 538	2 280	2 484
AG4: Proportion of total expenditure	%	5.7	6.6	6.8	6.0	6.1
<i>Activity group 5: Provision of short-term protective intervention and coordination services for children not on an order</i>						
AG5: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is not on an order	\$	8 246	6 722	6 429	6 964	7 590
AG5: Proportion of total expenditure	%	9.3	6.9	6.4	7.1	7.5
<i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i>						
AG6: Cost per order issued	\$	9 284	7 224	8 062	11 763	11 654
AG6: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.3	3.1	3.3	4.8	5.0
<i>Activity group 7: Provision of protective intervention, support and coordination services for children on an order</i>						
AG7: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is on an order	\$	9 208	10 454	10 608	12 444	12 854
AG7: Proportion of total expenditure	%	11.0	12.5	13.2	15.7	16.3
<i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care services</i>						
AG8: Cost per placement night	\$	182	182	174	175	176

Table 16A.26 **Activity group unit costs (2017-18 dollars) - Western Australia (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>
AG8: Proportion of total expenditure	%	53.4	54.9	54.6	55.6	56.1

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time for: unit costs of protective interventions service activity groups; unit costs for support services; and unit costs for out-of-home care.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for protective intervention services activity groups. All required 2017-18 data for NSW, Victoria, SA, Tasmania and the NT are not available.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for family support services and intensive family support services. Only Queensland and WA are able to provide all required 2017-18 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost for out-of-home care services (AG8) and intensive family support services (AG2).

(a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2017-18 = 100). See Chapter 2 for details.

na Not available.

Source: WA Government (unpublished); table 2A.50.

TABLE 16A.27

Table 16A.27 Activity group unit costs (2017-18 dollars) - South Australia (a), (b)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
<i>Activity group 1: Receipt and assessment of initial information about a potential protection and support issues</i>						
AG1: Cost per report to child protection	\$	285	225	219	105	127
AG1: Cost per notification	\$	644	540	558	259	342
AG1: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.8	4.0	3.0	1.1	1.5
<i>Activity group 2: Provision of generic family support services</i>						
AG2: Cost per child receiving family support services	\$	na	na	na	na	na
AG2: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.3	3.9	7.1	8.8	9.2
<i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i>						
AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services	\$	13 705	11 538	26 266	24 889	23 946
AG3: Proportion of total expenditure	%	5.5	4.5	7.5	6.2	6.2
<i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i>						
AG4: Cost per notification investigated	\$	1 308	1 464	996	2 782	1 466
AG4: Proportion of total expenditure	%	3.2	2.7	1.2	2.2	1.2
<i>Activity group 5: Provision of short-term protective intervention and coordination services for children not on an order</i>						
AG5: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is not on an order	\$	na	na	na	na	na
AG5: Proportion of total expenditure	%	0.2	0.2	0.5	1.1	1.2
<i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i>						
AG6: Cost per order issued	\$	1 741	1 244	1 173	1 466	3 336
AG6: Proportion of total expenditure	%	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.7	3.3
<i>Activity group 7: Provision of protective intervention, support and coordination services for children on an order</i>						
AG7: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is on an order	\$	39 275	34 718	4 099	2 676	4 844
AG7: Proportion of total expenditure	%	9.2	7.7	0.9	0.5	0.8
<i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care services</i>						
AG8: Cost per placement night	\$	198	229	278	328	327

Table 16A.27 **Activity group unit costs (2017-18 dollars) - South Australia (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>
AG8: Proportion of total expenditure	%	71.0	75.7	78.1	78.5	76.6

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time for: unit costs of protective interventions service activity groups; unit costs for support services; and unit costs for out-of-home care.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for protective intervention services activity groups. All required 2017-18 data for NSW, Victoria, SA, Tasmania and the NT are not available.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for family support services and intensive family support services. Only Queensland and WA are able to provide all required 2017-18 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost for out-of-home care services (AG8) and intensive family support services (AG2).

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2017-18 = 100). See Chapter 2 for details.
- (b) Intensive family support services activity data is compiled from aggregate data provided by Community Sector Organisations and is not provided by all CSOs, and the data provided is not validated. Data on the unit cost of IFSS should therefore be interpreted with extreme caution.

na Not available.

Source: SA Government (unpublished); table 2A.50.

TABLE 16A.28

Table 16A.28 Activity group unit costs (2017-18 dollars) - Tasmania (a), (b)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
<i>Activity group 1: Receipt and assessment of initial information about a potential protection and support issues</i>						
AG1: Cost per report to child protection	\$	na	na	na	na	na
AG1: Cost per notification	\$	375	324	343	683	688
AG1: Proportion of total expenditure	%	5.7	5.3	4.8	5.7	4.9
<i>Activity group 2: Provision of generic family support services</i>						
AG2: Cost per child receiving family support services	\$	na	na	na	na	na
AG2: Proportion of total expenditure	%	6.5	6.7	7.3	6.7	5.9
<i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i>						
AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services	\$	3 055	2 237	2 175	2 572	2 932
AG3: Proportion of total expenditure	%	9.6	10.2	8.4	7.4	7.2
<i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i>						
AG4: Cost per notification investigated	\$	2 178	1 816	1 604	1 988	2 496
AG4: Proportion of total expenditure	%	3.8	3.5	2.9	2.8	2.8
<i>Activity group 5: Provision of short-term protective intervention and coordination services for children not on an order</i>						
AG5: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is not on an order	\$	5 645	5 785	2 675	3 293	6 008
AG5: Proportion of total expenditure	%	2.2	2.1	0.9	1.0	1.6
<i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i>						
AG6: Cost per order issued	\$	5 730	5 114	3 893	4 498	5 541
AG6: Proportion of total expenditure	%	6.3	5.9	4.7	4.2	4.7
<i>Activity group 7: Provision of protective intervention, support and coordination services for children on an order</i>						
AG7: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is on an order	\$	4 641	4 412	4 034	4 151	4 823
AG7: Proportion of total expenditure	%	7.9	7.4	6.9	6.3	6.6
<i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care services</i>						
AG8: Cost per placement night	\$	127	127	131	149	165

Table 16A.28 **Activity group unit costs (2017-18 dollars) - Tasmania (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>
AG8: Proportion of total expenditure	%	58.1	58.8	64.2	65.9	66.3

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time for: unit costs of protective interventions service activity groups; unit costs for support services; and unit costs for out-of-home care.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for protective intervention services activity groups. All required 2017-18 data for NSW, Victoria, SA, Tasmania and the NT are not available.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for family support services and intensive family support services. Only Queensland and WA are able to provide all required 2017-18 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost for out-of-home care services (AG8) and intensive family support services (AG2).

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2017-18 = 100). See Chapter 2 for details.
- (b) The increase in out-of-home care expenditure for 2017-18 relates to both an increase in the number of children in residential care as well as an increase in the cost per child for payments made under Special Care Packages. Due to changes in the way notifications have been defined in Tasmania, the number of notifications reported for 2015-16 onwards is not comparable with data for earlier years. Tasmania has moved from a caller to an agency defined approach to counting notifications so that reporting is now more consistent with the majority of jurisdictions.

na Not available.

Source: Tasmanian Government (unpublished); table 2A.50.

TABLE 16A.29

Table 16A.29 Activity group unit costs (2017-18 dollars) - Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
<i>Activity group 1: Receipt and assessment of initial information about a potential protection and support issues</i>						
AG1: Cost per report to child protection	\$
AG1: Cost per notification	\$	286	363	193	154	189
AG1: Proportion of total expenditure	%	6.0	7.2	4.9	3.8	4.3
<i>Activity group 2: Provision of generic family support services</i>						
AG2: Cost per child receiving family support services	\$	na	na	na	na	na
AG2: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.9	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.6
<i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i>						
AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services	\$	na	4 119	7 508	13 042	19 168
AG3: Proportion of total expenditure	%	1.7	1.8	4.7	7.9	8.8
<i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i>						
AG4: Cost per notification investigated	\$	1 530	1 622	1 477	1 226	2 325
AG4: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.1	4.9	7.2	5.6	8.3
<i>Activity group 5: Provision of short-term protective intervention and coordination services for children not on an order</i>						
AG5: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is not on an order	\$	605	889	1 312	1 548	4 567
AG5: Proportion of total expenditure	%	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.3
<i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i>						
AG6: Cost per order issued	\$	2 557	2 797	2 545	2 283	2 419
AG6: Proportion of total expenditure	%	2.3	2.5	2.8	2.2	2.0
<i>Activity group 7: Provision of protective intervention, support and coordination services for children on an order</i>						
AG7: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is on an order	\$	7 884	7 779	7 478	5 850	3 568
AG7: Proportion of total expenditure	%	11.6	11.8	10.8	8.4	5.1
<i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care services</i>						
AG8: Cost per placement night	\$	164	157	145	151	145

Table 16A.29 **Activity group unit costs (2017-18 dollars) - Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>
AG8: Proportion of total expenditure	%	69.1	66.4	64.4	67.2	65.7

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time for: unit costs of protective interventions service activity groups; unit costs for support services; and unit costs for out-of-home care.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for protective intervention services activity groups. All required 2017-18 data for NSW, Victoria, SA, Tasmania and the NT are not available.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for family support services and intensive family support services. Only Queensland and WA are able to provide all required 2017-18 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost for out-of-home care services (AG8) and intensive family support services (AG2).

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2017-18 = 100). See Chapter 2 for details.
- (b) Expenditure data for intensive family support services for 2017-18 includes some expenditure on non-intensive family support services. Data will be revised for the next edition of this Report.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: ACT Government (unpublished); table 2A.50.

TABLE 16A.30

Table 16A.30 Activity group unit costs (2017-18 dollars) - Northern Territory (a)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
<i>Activity group 1: Receipt and assessment of initial information about a potential protection and support issues</i>						
AG1: Cost per report to child protection	\$	574	464	350	276	236
AG1: Cost per notification	\$	705	532	388	300	246
AG1: Proportion of total expenditure	%	5.4	4.9	4.2	3.3	2.9
<i>Activity group 2: Provision of generic family support services</i>						
AG2: Cost per child receiving family support services	\$	na	na	na	na	na
AG2: Proportion of total expenditure	%	27.0	23.5	22.4	22.9	21.6
<i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i>						
AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services	\$	na	na	na	11 786	8 340
AG3: Proportion of total expenditure	%	na	na	0.1	2.4	2.3
<i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i>						
AG4: Cost per notification investigated	\$	1 261	867	686	491	380
AG4: Proportion of total expenditure	%	3.7	3.4	2.9	2.2	1.9
<i>Activity group 5: Provision of short-term protective intervention and coordination services for children not on an order</i>						
AG5: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is not on an order	\$	na	na	na	na	na
AG5: Proportion of total expenditure	%	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
<i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i>						
AG6: Cost per order issued	\$	1 323	1 416	1 312	987	1 009
AG6: Proportion of total expenditure	%	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.2	1.1
<i>Activity group 7: Provision of protective intervention, support and coordination services for children on an order</i>						
AG7: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is on an order	\$	17 892	na	14 246	10 766	10 523
AG7: Proportion of total expenditure	%	10.5	9.6	8.2	6.3	5.6
<i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care services</i>						
AG8: Cost per placement night	\$	292	297	308	330	358

Table 16A.30 **Activity group unit costs (2017-18 dollars) - Northern Territory (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>
AG8: Proportion of total expenditure	%	51.1	56.6	60.5	61.5	64.6

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time for: unit costs of protective interventions service activity groups; unit costs for support services; and unit costs for out-of-home care.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for protective intervention services activity groups. All required 2017-18 data for NSW, Victoria, SA, Tasmania and the NT are not available.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for family support services and intensive family support services. Only Queensland and WA are able to provide all required 2017-18 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost for out-of-home care services (AG8) and intensive family support services (AG2).

(a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2017-18 = 100). See Chapter 2 for details.

na Not available.

Source: NT Government (unpublished); table 2A.50.

TABLE 16A.31

Table 16A.31 **Intensive family support services: total real recurrent expenditure, number of children aged 0-17 years commencing and receiving intensive family support services and real recurrent expenditure per child (2017-18 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust	
Real recurrent expenditure on intensive family support services										
2017-18	\$'000	176 413	137 363	97 466	11 065	34 435	8 073	5 693	4 879	475 387
2016-17	\$'000	183 600	115 862	75 076	10 391	31 832	7 182	5 047	4 844	433 834
2015-16	\$'000	178 591	97 180	66 798	10 212	29 759	6 959	2 756	107	392 362
2014-15	\$'000	171 869	87 313	70 931	10 233	13 407	8 428	976	na	363 157
2013-14	\$'000	157 190	82 979	42 924	9 327	14 706	8 179	859	na	316 162
2012-13	\$'000	157 973	77 078	43 014	9 089	11 709	7 691	1 023	585	308 163
2011-12	\$'000	247 344	68 011	35 752	29 636	10 033	6 238	1 487	570	399 071
2010-11	\$'000	182 109	67 319	33 483	7 958	9 941	5 165	1 572	571	308 117
2009-10	\$'000	164 419	66 547	70 747	7 878	9 979	4 837	1 766	577	326 751
2008-09	\$'000	166 672	65 007	72 125	4 683	9 996	2 736	1 780	864	323 864
Number of children aged 0-17 years commencing intensive family support services										
2017-18	no.	10 500	10 876	7 647	672	889	1 654	297	585	33 120
2016-17	no.	10 181	10 890	7 115	779	906	1 751	387	411	32 420
2015-16	no.	10 218	9 384	4 031	923	700	1 806	367	na	27 429
2014-15	no.	9 602	7 615	4 141	856	605	1 634	237	na	24 690
2013-14	no.	8 771	5 318	4 063	934	703	1 661	303	na	21 753
2012-13	no.	8 526	5 941	3 714	838	912	1 831	201	153	22 116
2011-12	no.	8 872	5 818	3 334	1 013	584	na	na	121	19 742
2010-11	no.	6 584	na	2 966	1 032	522	na	206	74	11 384
2009-10	no.	6 665	4 976	2 945	482	311	na	na	53	15 432
2008-09	no.	6 311	5 067	2 199	489	159	768	478	73	15 544

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Table 16A.31 **Intensive family support services: total real recurrent expenditure, number of children aged 0-17 years commencing and receiving intensive family support services and real recurrent expenditure per child (2017-18 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust	
Real recurrent expenditure per child <u>commencing</u> intensive family support services										
2017-18	\$	16 801	12 630	12 746	16 466	38 735	4 881	19 168	8 340	14 353
2016-17	\$	18 034	10 639	10 552	13 339	35 135	4 101	13 042	11 786	13 261
2015-16	\$	17 478	10 356	16 571	11 064	42 513	3 853	7 508	na	14 015
2014-15	\$	17 899	11 466	17 129	11 954	22 161	5 158	4 119	na	14 223
2013-14	\$	17 922	15 603	10 564	9 986	20 919	4 924	2 834	na	13 880
2012-13	\$	18 528	12 974	11 582	10 847	12 839	4 201	5 092	3 821	13 084
2011-12	\$	27 879	11 690	10 723	29 256	17 181	na	na	4 707	18 376
2010-11	\$	27 659	na	11 289	7 711	19 044	na	7 630	7 711	18 608
2009-10	\$	24 669	13 374	24 023	16 345	32 087	na	na	10 888	17 904
2008-09	\$	26 410	12 830	32 799	9 577	62 870	3 563	3 723	11 834	17 293
Number of children aged 0-17 years <u>receiving</u> intensive family support services										
2017-18	no.	17 700	14 356	13 596	1 303	1 438	2 753	297	585	52 028
2016-17	no.	17 456	14 557	12 642	1 125	1 279	2 792	387	411	50 649
2015-16	no.	17 875	12 437	4 185	1 206	1 133	3 200	367	na	40 403
2014-15	no.	17 125	10 410	4 370	1 156	1 162	3 767	237	na	38 227
2013-14	no.	17 257	8 331	4 402	934	1 073	2 677	na	150	34 824
2012-13	no.	16 836	8 150	4 032	838	912	3 039	201	153	34 161
2011-12	no.	16 149	7 470	3 334	1 013	584	na	na	121	28 671
2010-11	no.	14 170	na	3 150	1 032	522	na	451	74	19 399
2009-10	no.	14 489	7 457	2 945	498	311	na	na	53	25 753
2008-09	no.	12 126	5 602	2 199	489	159	833	478	90	21 976
Real recurrent expenditure per child <u>receiving</u> intensive family support services										

TABLE 16A.31

Table 16A.31 **Intensive family support services: total real recurrent expenditure, number of children aged 0-17 years commencing and receiving intensive family support services and real recurrent expenditure per child (2017-18 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
2017-18	\$	9 967	9 568	7 169	8 492	23 946	2 932	19 168	8 340	9 137
2016-17	\$	10 518	7 959	5 939	9 236	24 889	2 572	13 042	11 786	8 488
2015-16	\$	9 991	7 814	15 961	8 468	26 266	2 175	7 508	na	9 514
2014-15	\$	10 036	8 387	16 231	8 852	11 538	2 237	4 119	na	9 187
2013-14	\$	9 109	9 960	9 751	9 986	13 705	3 055	na	na	8 684
2012-13	\$	9 383	9 457	10 668	10 847	12 839	2 531	5 092	3 821	8 471
2011-12	\$	15 316	9 105	10 723	29 256	17 181	na	na	4 707	12 653
2010-11	\$	12 852	na	10 629	7 711	19 044	na	3 485	7 711	10 920
2009-10	\$	11 348	8 924	24 023	15 820	32 087	na	na	10 888	10 728
2008-09	\$	13 745	11 604	32 799	9 577	62 870	3 285	3 723	9 598	12 232

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete for the current reporting period.

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2017-18 = 100). See Chapter 2 for details.
- (b) The service must average at least 4 hours of service provision per week for a specified short-term period (usually less than six months).
- (c) The Australian figure for total real expenditure represents the sum of figures for those jurisdictions able to provide data. The Australian figure for real expenditure per child represents the sum of expenditure for those jurisdictions able to provide data divided by the number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services. In previous reports, data were divided by the sum of the residential population for the target group.
- (d) NSW: The movement in expenditure for intensive family support services between 2011-12 and 2012-13 is mainly due to the movement and reclassification of previously identified early intervention services (Brighter Futures) to statutory child protection activities (Strengthening Families) and overhead re-allocations due to the change in mix across all the programs. Data on IFSS for 2017-18 are estimates only. NSW has adopted a revised expense distribution methodology for family support services, resulting in a decrease of expenses.

Table 16A.31 **Intensive family support services: total real recurrent expenditure, number of children aged 0-17 years commencing and receiving intensive family support services and real recurrent expenditure per child (2017-18 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
(e) Queensland: From 2016-17, data for the number of children commencing and receiving services include those supported by Queensland's Intensive Family Support services. It also includes a portion of children supported by Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Wellbeing Services. This portion comprises children referred from the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women (except statutory clients), and an estimated 50 per cent of children referred from other sources. Data in previous years are not comparable as it comprised children supported by Queensland's former Family Intervention Services. In 2016-17, Queensland revised its cost allocation methodology to include interagency costs where applicable, exclude costs for services that do not match the national definition of activity groups, and recognise true cost and revenue. This methodology was applied from 2015-16 financial data onwards. Queensland's financial data for indirect costs in 2017-18 have been variably impacted across activity groups by machinery-of-government changes.									
(f) WA: Due to a new method of expenditure reporting, expenditure data for 2011-12 are not comparable to expenditure data for previous years. IFSS data for 2012-13 and 2013-14 are not comparable to data for earlier years as in 2013-14, some services previously considered to be IFSS were re-allocated to child protection services and FSS to be consistent with unit counting rules. 2012-13 data have been revised to be consistent with 2013-14. For 2016-17, the number of children includes 10 young people aged 18 or over.									
(g) SA: Intensive family support services activity data is compiled from aggregate data provided by Community Sector Organisations (CSOs) and is not provided by all CSOs, and the data provided is not validated. Data on the unit cost of IFSS should therefore be interpreted with extreme caution.									
(h) Tasmania: Intensive family support services activity data were not available for Tasmania for the period 2009-10 to 2011-12. Tasmanian data are compiled from aggregate data provided by Community Sector Organisations (CSOs). It should be noted that as information is not provided by all in-scope CSOs and the data provided are not validated. Tasmanian data should therefore be interpreted with extreme caution.									
(i) ACT: Expenditure data for intensive family support services for 2017-18 includes some expenditure on non-intensive family support services. Data will be revised for the next edition of this Report. IFSS data were not available for 2009-10 due to a change in data systems during the counting period. The data system was undergoing subsequent refinements so 2010-11 data should be treated with caution.									
(j) NT: Financial data for children commencing IFSS were not separately available for 2013-14 and have been included in data for children commencing family support services. IFSS expenditure for 2015-16 were for scoping works conducted during 2015-16 for an IFSS program to commence in 2016-17.									

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 2A.50.

TABLE 16A.32

Table 16A.32 **Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<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>
Number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support service by Indigenous status									
2017-18									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 379	933	2 801	218	313	na	80	457
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 105	9 917	4 076	435	576	na	217	93
Unknown	no.	16	26	771	17	–	1 654	–	35
All children	no.	10 500	10 876	7 647	670	889	1 654	297	585
2016-17									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 274	625	2 130	241	406	na	101	330
Non-Indigenous	no.	6 891	10 265	4 055	528	500	na	286	79
Unknown	no.	16	–	930	–	–	1 751	–	2
All children	no.	10 181	10 890	7 115	769	906	1 751	387	411
2015-16									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 186	596	1 563	307	289	na	113	na
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 015	8 788	2 388	606	411	na	241	na
Unknown	no.	17	–	80	3	–	1 806	13	na
All children	no.	10 218	9 384	4 031	916	700	1 806	367	na
2014-15									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 085	471	1 411	236	211	na	89	na
Non-Indigenous	no.	6 476	7 144	2 672	605	394	na	148	na
Unknown	no.	41	–	58	15	na	1 634	–	na
All children	no.	9 602	7 615	4 141	856	605	1 634	237	na
2013-14									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	2 755	311	1 258	309	na	na	89	106
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 707	5 007	2 778	596	na	na	178	4
Unknown	no.	309	–	27	29	703	1 661	36	40
All children	no.	8 771	5 318	4 063	934	703	1 661	303	150
2012-13									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	2 791	302	1 160	424	na	na	57	92
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 706	5 639	2 514	403	na	na	144	61
Unknown	no.	29	–	40	11	912	1 831	–	–

Table 16A.32 **Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<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>
All children	no.	8 526	5 941	3 714	838	912	1 831	201	153
2011-12									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	2 711	314	1 124	350	na	na	na	53
Non-Indigenous	no.	6 146	5 468	2 128	663	na	na	na	68
Unknown	no.	15	36	82	–	584	na	na	–
All children	no.	8 872	5 818	3 334	1 013	584	na	na	121
2010-11									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	1 882	na	789	323	na	na	19	61
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 664	na	1 988	709	na	na	169	13
Unknown	no.	38	na	189	–	522	na	18	–
All children	no.	6 584	na	2 966	1 032	522	na	206	74
2009-10									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	1 812	362	1 012	166	34	na	na	37
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 836	2 483	1 720	316	na	na	na	16
Unknown	no.	17	2 131	213	–	277	na	na	–
All children	no.	6 665	4 976	2 945	482	311	na	na	53
2008-09									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	1 623	338	715	208	na	53	122	57
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 688	4 729	1 484	281	na	715	357	16
Unknown	no.	na	–	na	na	159	na	–	na
All children	no.	6 311	5 067	2 199	489	159	768	478	73

- (a) The service must average at least 4 hours of service provision per week for a specified short-term period (usually less than six months).
- (b) NSW: NSW has implemented a new client management system in 2017-18 and has provided limited data. With the new system NSW is making efforts to improve quality and completeness of data to have a comprehensive set of data for 2020 Report. Data on IFSS for 2017-18 are estimates only. Data for 2011-12 and 2013-14 include children and young people supported through the Strengthening Families program, which is within the statutory child protection spectrum. In 2013-14, limited data were available for some services.
- (c) Queensland: From 2016-17, data for the number of children commencing services include those supported by Queensland's Intensive Family Support services. It also includes a portion of children supported by Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Wellbeing Services. This portion comprises children referred from the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women (except statutory clients), and an estimated 50 per cent of children referred from other sources. Data in previous years are not comparable as it comprised children supported by Queensland's former Family Intervention Services.

Table 16A.32 **Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<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>
(d)	SA: Intensive family support services activity data is compiled from aggregate data provided by Community Sector Organisations (CSOs) and is not provided by all CSOs, and the data provided is not validated. Data on the unit cost of IFSS should therefore be interpreted with extreme caution.								
(e)	Tasmania: Intensive family support services activity data were not available for Tasmania for the period 2009-10 to 2011-12. Tasmanian data are compiled from aggregate data provided by Community Sector Organisations (CSOs). It should be noted that information is not provided by all in-scope CSOs and the data provided are not validated. Tasmanian data should therefore be interpreted with extreme caution.								
(f)	ACT: IFSS data were not available for 2009-10 due to a change in data systems during the counting period. The data system was undergoing subsequent refinements so 2010-11 data should be treated with caution.								
(g)	NT: The sex of children commencing IFSS was not available. In 2014-15 and 2015-16 the NT did not fund services that met the definition of Prevention or Reunification services. In 2016-17, the NT commenced funding services under the IFSS schema.								

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

TABLE 16A.33

Table 16A.33 **Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night (2017-18 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2017-18										
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services	\$'000	1 201 499	646 050	607 861	277 539	425 016	74 335	42 660	137 389	3 412 349
Placement nights in out-of-home care	no.	6 391 664	3 754 789	3 297 535	1 576 727	1 301 382	451 621	294 573	383 939	17 452 230
Real expenditure per placement night	\$	187.98	172.06	184.34	176.02	326.59	164.60	144.82	357.84	195.53
2016-17										
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services	\$'000	1 145 828	571 671	529 743	265 172	403 327	64 150	42 876	125 888	3 148 656
Placement nights in out-of-home care	no.	6 558 904	3 574 575	3 222 315	1 517 420	1 231 283	430 596	283 809	381 212	17 200 114
Real expenditure per placement night	\$	174.70	159.93	164.40	174.75	327.57	148.98	151.07	330.23	183.06
2015-16										
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services	\$'000	1 049 834	502 108	505 945	256 423	310 509	53 312	37 396	113 892	2 829 419
Placement nights in out-of-home care	no.	6 327 190	3 305 649	3 155 986	1 471 795	1 115 293	406 749	258 734	369 687	16 411 083
Real expenditure per placement night	\$	165.92	151.89	160.31	174.22	278.41	131.07	144.53	308.08	172.41
2014-15										
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services	\$'000	921 535	458 992	461 267	254 566	227 943	48 371	35 504	103 646	2 511 823
Placement nights in out-of-home care	no.	6 221 785	2 941 900	3 061 135	1 398 735	995 224	381 598	226 637	348 871	15 575 885
Real expenditure per placement night	\$	148.11	156.02	150.68	182.00	229.04	126.76	156.65	297.09	161.26
2013-14										
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services	\$'000	836 424	421 075	439 217	236 617	188 297	49 488	34 931	86 577	2 292 626
Placement nights in out-of-home care	no.	6 502 547	2 653 082	2 932 765	1 299 316	953 048	388 732	212 364	296 133	15 237 987
Real expenditure per placement night	\$	128.63	158.71	149.76	182.11	197.57	127.31	164.49	292.36	150.45
2012-13										
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services	\$'000	816 666	396 591	438 794	226 731	166 520	45 248	32 480	81 452	2 204 481
Placement nights in out-of-home care	no.	6 315 949	2 513 013	2 910 866	1 162 356	978 247	377 485	204 986	271 287	14 734 189
Real expenditure per placement night	\$	129.30	157.81	150.74	195.06	170.22	119.87	158.45	300.24	149.62

TABLE 16A.33

Table 16A.33 **Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night (2017-18 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2011-12										
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services	\$'000	804 754	379 332	427 260	209 736	152 741	42 812	28 964	60 603	2 106 203
Placement nights in out-of-home care	no.	6 207 556	2 348 467	2 815 204	1 160 765	908 557	367 627	203 514	248 347	14 260 037
Real expenditure per placement night	\$	129.64	161.52	151.77	180.69	168.11	116.46	142.32	244.03	147.70
2010-11										
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services	\$'000	779 267	367 216	410 964	228 468	147 663	43 536	31 016	53 171	2 061 301
Placement nights in out-of-home care	no.	6 002 992	2 233 489	2 686 330	1 114 464	850 851	336 899	192 343	215 501	13 632 869
Real expenditure per placement night	\$	129.81	164.41	152.98	205.00	173.55	129.23	161.25	246.73	151.20
2009-10										
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services	\$'000	743 359	338 620	386 696	200 793	134 280	37 982	24 322	46 593	1 912 646
Placement nights in out-of-home care	no.	5 729 577	2 171 951	2 596 794	978 429	788 849	309 884	183 877	184 421	12 943 782
Real expenditure per placement night	\$	129.74	155.91	148.91	205.22	170.22	122.57	132.27	252.65	147.77
2008-09										
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services	\$'000	665 601	317 563	372 265	186 605	120 446	31 034	24 371	41 943	1 759 828
Placement nights in out-of-home care	no.	5 276 201	2 129 886	2 498 867	957 936	713 419	269 361	170 087	162 012	12 177 769
Real expenditure per placement night	\$	126.15	149.10	148.97	194.80	168.83	115.21	143.29	258.89	144.51

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2017-18 = 100). See Chapter 2 for details.
- (b) Where jurisdictions could only provide total expenditure on out-of-home and not the total number of placement nights in out-of-home care, their total expenditure data are excluded from the national average.

Table 16A.33 **Out-of-home care expenditure per placement night (2017-18 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
(c)	NSW: For 2017-18 NSW data for out-of-home care excludes children on immigration orders. Data for 2014-15 'real recurrent expenditure on OOHC services' for 2014-15 includes payments to children and young people on Guardianship Orders. Data for 2014-15 'placement nights in out-of-home care' excludes data relating to children and young people on Guardianship Orders. NSW data for 2014-15 onwards for 'placement nights in out-of-home care' and 'real expenditure per placement night' are not comparable to data for previous years' data. NSW Safe Home for Life (SHFL) legislative reforms, effective 29 October 2014, transitioned eligible children/young people to the independent care of their guardian. These children/young people exited and are no longer counted in out-of-home care.									
(d)	Victoria: Data include the number of placement nights for children in out-of-home care and third party parental responsibility orders.									
(e)	Queensland: From 2014-15 Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data for this measure are not comparable to previous years and will not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. In 2016-17, Queensland revised its cost allocation methodology to include interagency costs where applicable, exclude costs for services that do not match the national definition of activity groups, and recognise true cost and revenue. This methodology was applied from 2015-16 financial data onwards. Queensland's financial data for indirect costs in 2017-18 have been variably impacted across activity groups by machinery-of-government changes.									
(f)	Tasmania: Tasmania is not able to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer meaning Tasmania's data are slightly lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmanian data also exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. The increase in OOHC expenditure for 2017-18 relates to both an increase in the number of children in residential care as well as an increase in the cost per child for payments made under Special Care Packages.									
(g)	ACT: Out-of-home care data includes some children 18 years and over whose carers receive a full carer payment. This is generally to facilitate completion of schooling without change to the placement.									
(h)	NT: See notes to table 16A.1, whereby OOHC data have been revised since the 2014 Report.									

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished); table 2A.50.

TABLE 16A.34

Table 16A.34 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on out-of-home care services (2017-18 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

	<i>Unit</i>	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Real expenditure											
Residential out-of-home care services											
NSW	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	\$'000	152 760	166 342	174 541	184 798	194 841	211 733	229 000	235 437	250 070	280 428
Qld	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
WA	\$'000	65 312	72 285	96 761	100 225	113 965	112 629	109 138	107 457	121 244	126 899
SA	\$'000	51 981	57 746	61 522	68 264	79 729	102 572	138 999	185 622	262 658	270 860
Tas	\$'000	6 971	8 615	6 527	10 414	10 302	13 514	13 795	14 870	26 179	32 912
ACT	\$'000	11 425	10 798	12 804	11 609	10 810	10 528	11 625	9 333	2 694	na
NT	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Non-residential out-of-home care services											
NSW	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	\$'000	164 802	172 278	192 675	194 534	201 750	209 342	229 992	266 671	321 601	365 622
Qld	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
WA	\$'000	121 293	128 508	131 707	109 510	112 766	123 987	145 428	148 966	143 926	150 640
SA	\$'000	68 465	76 534	86 141	84 477	86 790	85 726	88 944	124 887	140 669	154 156
Tas	\$'000	24 063	29 367	37 009	32 398	34 946	35 974	34 575	38 442	37 972	41 422
ACT	\$'000	12 946	13 524	18 211	17 355	21 670	24 403	23 879	28 063	40 182	na
NT	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All out-of-home care services											
NSW	\$'000	665 601	743 359	779 267	804 754	816 666	836 424	921 535	1 049 834	1 145 828	1 201 499
Vic	\$'000	317 563	338 620	367 216	379 332	396 591	421 075	458 992	502 108	571 671	646 050
Qld	\$'000	372 265	386 696	410 964	427 260	438 794	439 217	461 267	505 945	529 743	607 861
WA	\$'000	186 605	200 793	228 468	209 736	226 731	236 617	254 566	256 423	265 172	277 539
SA	\$'000	120 446	134 280	147 663	152 741	166 520	188 297	227 943	310 509	403 327	425 016

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Table 16A.34 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on out-of-home care services (2017-18 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

	<i>Unit</i>	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Tas	\$'000	31 034	37 982	43 536	42 812	45 248	49 488	48 371	53 312	64 150	74 335
ACT	\$'000	24 371	24 322	31 016	28 964	32 480	34 931	35 504	37 396	42 876	42 660
NT	\$'000	41 943	46 593	53 171	60 603	81 452	86 577	103 646	113 892	125 888	137 389
Real expenditure per child in out-of-home care at 30 June											
Residential out-of-home care services											
NSW	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	\$	319 582	366 392	351 896	386 607	406 767	411 132	522 831	537 527	567 051	666 100
Qld	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
WA	\$	666 449	501 980	593 625	668 170	759 766	670 413	638 231	651 254	819 218	875 166
SA	\$	300 467	267 344	246 087	277 497	241 605	307 101	344 057	387 521	477 560	540 639
Tas	\$	224 876	374 549	251 048	325 445	264 165	281 545	394 150	437 365	429 157	463 549
ACT	\$	215 572	229 753	284 538	351 803	284 485	277 046	332 132	222 208	64 143	na
NT	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Non-residential out-of-home care services											
NSW	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	\$	34 564	34 518	37 413	34 201	34 224	29 299	28 461	28 917	32 750	48 880
Qld	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
WA	\$	47 325	50 081	44 875	36 250	34 432	34 877	38 443	38 187	35 573	35 320
SA	\$	39 190	41 059	42 623	38 468	37 768	37 665	36 769	45 746	48 574	48 985
Tas	\$	31 373	34 837	40 359	34 032	34 772	36 448	34 540	35 528	33 396	34 634
ACT	\$	29 422	27 884	36 865	32 622	41 593	43 039	37 664	39 919	53 011	na
NT	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All out-of-home care services											
NSW	\$	43 758	45 957	46 551	46 810	46 876	45 978	54 713	58 979	64 088	69 103
Vic	\$	60 110	61 916	64 673	61 114	61 977	54 614	53 577	51 737	55 437	81 223

Table 16A.34 State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on out-of-home care services (2017-18 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>
Qld	\$	52 483	52 612	54 060	53 414	53 932	53 661	54 601	58 356	59 249	66 747
WA	\$	69 577	73 362	73 227	61 687	62 357	63 555	64 382	62 542	62 659	62 396
SA	\$	59 745	61 371	62 358	59 945	62 672	71 569	80 318	95 748	115 765	115 025
Tas	\$	38 408	42 533	45 068	42 430	42 407	46 953	45 590	46 358	53 237	58 439
ACT	\$	49 334	45 718	57 436	51 174	58 104	57 642	52 912	49 994	53 395	51 646
NT	\$	87 019	84 561	83 866	86 576	108 892	95 349	101 913	110 361	118 875	128 762

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2017-18 = 100). See Chapter 2 for details.
- (b) Refer to table 16A.7 for information on the comparability of expenditure data.
- (c) Numbers may not sum due to rounding.
- (d) Non-residential out-of-home care services includes family group homes, except for Victoria.
- (e) These data need to be interpreted with care because they do not represent and cannot be interpreted as unit cost measures. Expenditure per child in care at 30 June overstates the cost per child because significantly more children are in care during a year than at a point in time. In addition, these data do not reflect the length of time that a child spends in care.
- (f) Data relating to annual real expenditure per child in out-of-home care should be interpreted with caution due to the effect of different proportions of children in residential out-of-home care across jurisdictions.
- (g) NSW: NSW data for 2014-15 includes payments to children and young people on Guardianship Orders. NSW data from 2015-16 onwards excludes payments for children and young people on Guardianship Orders.
- (h) Victoria: OOHC data for 2012-13 and 2013-14 are not comparable to data for earlier years as following a major restructure of the department in 2012-13, the methodology used for attributing internal costs changed.
- (i) Queensland: From 2014-15 Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data for this measure are not comparable to previous years and will not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. In 2016-17, Queensland revised its cost allocation methodology to include interagency costs where applicable, exclude costs for services that do not match the national definition of activity groups, and recognise true cost and revenue. This methodology was applied from 2015-16 financial data onwards. Queensland's financial data for indirect costs in 2017-18 have been variably impacted across activity groups by machinery-of-government changes.

Table 16A.34 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on out-of-home care services (2017-18 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

<i>Unit</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>	<i>2011-12</i>	<i>2012-13</i>	<i>2013-14</i>	<i>2014-15</i>	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>
(j) Tasmania: Tasmania is not able to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer meaning Tasmania's data are slightly lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmanian data also exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. The allocation of expenditure between residential and non-residential out-of-home care services for 2015-16 has been revised since publication of the Report on Government Services 2017. However, the total out-of-home care expenditure for 2015-16 remains the same. The increase in OOHHC expenditure for 2017-18 relates to both an increase in the number of children in residential care as well as an increase in the cost per child for payments made under Special Care Packages.										
(k) ACT: Data for the ACT from 2015-16 onwards are not comparable with previous years due to the integration of Child Protection and Youth Justice to a single case management system in July 2015 and the subsequent changes to expenditure reporting for 2015-16. Out-of-home care data includes some children 18 years and over whose carers receive a full carer payment. This is generally to facilitate completion of schooling without change to the placement.										
na Not available.										

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 2A.50.

Table 16A.35 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<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>
2016-17									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	na	690	551	246	70	3	52	108
Proportion of children	%	na	5.2	3.9	4.6	4.6	0.9	4.6	3.4
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	na	2 125	1 382	737	195	29	98	417
Proportion of children	%	na	16.0	9.7	13.8	12.8	8.6	8.7	13.0
2015-16									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 525	686	471	244	112	24	74	94
Proportion of children	%	4.5	5.6	3.8	3.8	6.2	7.2	6.8	3.0
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 251	1 869	1 256	817	239	53	156	373
Proportion of children	%	9.5	15.4	10.1	12.8	13.3	15.9	14.3	11.8
2014-15									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 516	544	559	245	156	39	35	137
Proportion of children	%	4.9	5.5	4.1	3.1	8.0	9.3	5.3	4.8
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	4 346	1 557	1 437	771	372	103	79	399
Proportion of children	%	14.0	15.9	10.6	9.7	19.0	24.5	12.0	14.0
2013-14									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 390	514	506	171	182	21	27	96
Proportion of children	%	5.3	6.4	3.7	2.4	7.4	4.1	4.0	6.4
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 716	1 384	1 461	632	383	84	98	275
Proportion of children	%	14.1	17.2	10.6	8.8	15.5	16.6	14.5	18.2
2012-13									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 227	321	606	198	155	30	51	52
Proportion of children	%	6.5	4.4	4.2	3.1	7.7	4.2	4.9	3.7
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 115	1 099	1 681	567	322	97	117	210
Proportion of children	%	16.5	15.1	11.6	9.0	15.9	13.7	11.2	14.8
2011-12									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 245	115	569	102	103	22	52	92
Proportion of children	%	6.3	2.3	3.4	1.7	5.2	4.1	6.5	4.3

Table 16A.35 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<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>
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 223	628	1 638	463	277	58	141	272
Proportion of children	%	16.4	12.5	9.8	7.7	14.1	10.8	17.6	12.8
2010-11									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 059	94	426	49	112	52	49	101
Proportion of children	%	4.1	2.0	3.2	1.2	5.8	7.4	7.1	4.3
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 263	594	1 264	295	255	123	115	367
Proportion of children	%	12.7	12.8	9.6	7.0	13.1	17.4	16.7	15.5
2009-10									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 647	116	417	21	85	45	69	80
Proportion of children	%	3.8	2.1	3.2	0.5	3.4	6.5	10.5	5.2
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	4 607	589	1 136	75	295	126	160	229
Proportion of children	%	10.7	10.4	8.7	1.8	12.0	18.3	24.2	15.0
2008-09									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 866	72	497	54	133	65	75	32
Proportion of children	%	3.4	1.7	3.0	2.1	4.6	7.2	10.6	2.2
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	5 458	359	1 466	186	396	159	140	196
Proportion of children	%	10.0	8.4	8.9	7.3	13.7	17.7	19.8	13.3
2007-08									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 606	60	507	58	126	39	23	20
Proportion of children	%	3.4	1.5	3.4	2.3	4.9	4.1	3.6	2.0
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	4 783	319	1 338	153	369	129	208	84
Proportion of children	%	10.2	7.8	9.0	6.2	14.3	13.4	32.3	8.4

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2016-17 data are not available for NSW.

- (a) Jurisdictions provide the denominator for this indicator (denominator is all children who were the subject of an investigation and a decision not to substantiate). From 2014-15 the AIHW derives the denominator from the CP NMDS for all jurisdictions except NSW. Previously, the denominator was derived by the AIHW for two jurisdictions in 2012-13 and all jurisdictions except NSW and Qld in 2013-14. Data in this Report may therefore differ from previous Reports.

Table 16A.35 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
(b)	Proportions are calculated on the basis of all children who were the subject of an investigation and a decision not to substantiate in a given year.								
(c)	NSW: NSW has implemented a new client management system in 2017-18 and has provided limited data. With the new system NSW is making efforts to improve quality and completeness of data to have a more comprehensive set of data for 2020 Report. Prior to 2017-18, NSW data are not comparable across jurisdictions. NSW had a differential investigation response whereby an investigation can be undertaken over two stages (stage 1 - information gathering; stage 2 – assessment).								
(d)	Queensland: From 2014-15 Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere.								
(e)	NT: Data from 2012-13 to 2014-15 were derived from the AIHW NMDS, which did not include investigations which relate to notifications received prior to 1 July 2012.								

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2016-17 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.36

Table 16A.36 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<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>
2016-17									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	na	432	425	289	107	60	41	161
Proportion of children	%	na	2.7	6.4	5.8	6.0	6.8	11.2	8.5
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	na	2 540	1 159	967	274	173	67	517
Proportion of children	%	na	16.1	17.5	19.5	15.3	19.6	18.4	27.3
2015-16									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 598	431	460	257	134	73	29	124
Proportion of children	%	9.1	3.0	7.4	5.5	7.1	8.1	6.1	7.7
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	2 706	2 074	1 112	817	288	212	78	364
Proportion of children	%	15.4	14.3	17.8	17.3	15.2	23.5	16.3	22.6
2014-15									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 369	419	463	195	209	40	48	150
Proportion of children	%	9.1	3.0	7.1	5.4	10.6	4.8	12.9	8.4
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 281	2 178	1 120	572	437	203	102	376
Proportion of children	%	21.9	15.8	17.1	15.9	22.1	24.2	27.4	21.0
2013-14									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 501	308	546	158	248	40	30	104
Proportion of children	%	10.2	2.7	7.4	5.1	11.6	5.1	8.2	8.2
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 278	1 770	1 353	427	467	144	64	286
Proportion of children	%	22.3	15.2	18.2	13.8	21.9	18.5	17.4	22.4
2012-13									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 443	266	676	162	180	65	83	70
Proportion of children	%	8.8	2.6	8.6	5.9	8.5	7.2	16.8	6.2
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 618	1 358	1 562	370	429	194	140	231
Proportion of children	%	22.2	13.2	19.8	13.4	20.2	21.6	28.4	20.5
2011-12									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 010	90	687	94	165	58	91	102
Proportion of children	%	7.3	1.2	8.4	3.1	8.3	5.5	16.5	6.4

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Table 16A.36 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<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>
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	2 895	823	1 678	376	367	188	186	291
Proportion of children	%	20.9	10.6	20.4	12.4	18.4	17.7	33.8	18.4
2010-11									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	952	83	660	34	212	98	56	119
Proportion of children	%	8.2	1.2	8.8	1.5	12.0	7.7	11.8	7.6
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	2 297	675	1 420	186	405	235	151	322
Proportion of children	%	19.7	10.1	19.0	8.1	22.9	18.6	31.9	20.5
2009-10									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 150	49	617	26	108	80	67	100
Proportion of children	%	8.8	0.7	8.0	1.1	6.5	8.1	11.9	8.9
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	2 534	508	1 371	71	263	198	142	239
Proportion of children	%	19.5	7.4	17.7	3.1	15.8	20.1	25.1	21.2
2008-09									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 440	61	681	51	172	94	104	54
Proportion of children	%	10.2	0.9	7.0	2.7	9.0	8.2	17.0	6.0
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 134	455	1 642	145	402	245	214	166
Proportion of children	%	22.1	6.8	16.9	7.6	21.0	21.3	35.0	18.3
2007-08									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 236	49	689	51	171	51	71	36
Proportion of children	%	9.8	0.7	6.6	2.7	9.3	3.6	13.0	5.1
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	2 742	446	1 653	158	391	166	157	87
Proportion of children	%	21.6	6.6	15.7	8.4	21.4	11.8	28.8	12.3

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period.

(a) Jurisdictions provide the denominator for this indicator (denominator is all children who were the subject of an investigation). From 2014-15 the AIHW derives the denominator from the CP NMDS for all jurisdictions except NSW. Previously, the denominator was derived by the AIHW for two jurisdictions in 2012-13 and all jurisdictions except NSW and Qld in 2013-14. Data in this Report may therefore differ from previous Reports.

(b) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Table 16A.36 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<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>
(c) NSW:	NSW has implemented a new client management system in 2017-18 and has provided limited data. With the new system NSW is making efforts to improve quality and completeness of data to have a more comprehensive set of data for 2020 Report. Prior to 2017-18, NSW data are not comparable across jurisdictions. NSW had a differential investigation response whereby an investigation can be undertaken over two stages (stage 1 - information gathering; stage 2 – assessment).								
(d) Queensland:	From 2014-15 Queensland supplied unit record (child-level) files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System according to nationally determined definitions and technical specifications. Data are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere.								
(e) NT:	Data from 2012-13 to 2014-15 were derived from the AIHW NMDS, which did not include investigations which relate to notifications received prior to 1 July 2012.								

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2016-17 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

Table 16A.37 **Proportion of children on guardianship/custody orders achieving the national reading and numeracy benchmarks, Year 5 level (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Reading</i>		<i>Numeracy</i>	
	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>
2016				
Proportion at or above the minimum standard				
NSW	na	93.5	na	94.7
Vic	na	94.6	na	95.3
Qld	70.3	93.4	72.8	94.7
WA	68.5	91.4	77.4	93.4
SA	69.8	91.5	66.9	92.8
Tas	na	90.8	na	94.0
ACT	na	95.4	na	96.3
NT	na	64.4	na	73.5
NAPLAN participation				
NSW	na	97.2	na	96.9
Vic	na	95.3	na	95.0
Qld	86.7	93.3	85.5	92.9
WA	79.4	95.8	77.4	95.2
SA	83.8	93.9	82.5	93.5
Tas	na	95.4	na	94.5
ACT	na	94.2	na	93.9
NT	na	89.6	na	88.6
2015				
Proportion at or above the minimum standard				
NSW	na	93.8	na	95.4
Vic	na	94.3	na	95.8
Qld	75.5	93.8	76.7	95.5
WA	na	91.9	na	94.3
SA	64.9	91.7	75.0	94.0
Tas	na	92.1	na	94.9
ACT	na	95.2	na	96.5
NT	na	67.7	na	72.7
NAPLAN participation				
NSW	na	97.4	na	97.0
Vic	na	95.2	na	95.1
Qld	88.1	93.8	89.0	93.3
WA	na	95.8	na	95.4
SA	88.8	93.8	86.4	93.2
Tas	na	95.7	na	95.1
ACT	na	94.8	na	94.3
NT	na	86.8	na	85.9

Table 16A.37 **Proportion of children on guardianship/custody orders achieving the national reading and numeracy benchmarks, Year 5 level (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Reading</i>		<i>Numeracy</i>	
	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>
2014				
Proportion at or above the minimum standard				
NSW	na	93.7	na	94.3
Vic	na	94.2	na	94.7
Qld	71.6	92.8	69.1	93.1
WA	na	91.2	na	92.2
SA	59.0	91.6	59.2	91.8
Tas	na	91.3	na	92.6
ACT	na	95.6	na	95.9
NT	na	66.4	na	68.2
NAPLAN participation				
NSW	na	97.5	na	97.3
Vic	na	95.2	na	94.9
Qld	88.8	94.0	89.3	93.5
WA	na	95.8	na	95.4
SA	89.7	94.1	88.0	93.7
Tas	na	95.6	na	95.2
ACT	na	93.7	na	93.2
NT	na	89.6	na	88.4
2013				
Proportion at or above the minimum standard				
NSW	86.0	96.8	74.9	93.9
Vic	79.2	96.5	71.5	94.4
Qld	78.0	96.2	64.5	93.6
WA	80.1	96.0	64.8	92.7
SA	78.9	95.7	62.9	92.0
Tas	79.2	95.5	70.2	92.4
ACT	88.2	97.0	88.9	95.0
NT	66.7	73.7	41.7	69.7
NAPLAN participation				
NSW	95.4	97.6	95.6	97.2
Vic	91.1	95.2	89.3	94.8
Qld	85.4	94.9	86.5	94.5
WA	93.1	95.5	93.6	95.0
SA	85.7	94.0	87.2	93.8
Tas	96.0	96.4	94.0	95.7
ACT	94.4	94.7	100.0	94.6
NT	92.3	87.3	92.3	85.5

Table 16A.37 Proportion of children on guardianship/custody orders achieving the national reading and numeracy benchmarks, Year 5 level (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

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

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period.

- (a) Australian national minimum standards for reading and numeracy have been developed as part of the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).
- (b) The availability of NAPLAN data for government and non-government school students varied across jurisdictions. Qld includes government and non-government schools. For 2013 data: NSW, Vic and ACT includes government, Catholic and Independent schools; WA and Tas includes government schools only; NT includes government and Christian schools. This should be considered when interpreting the results, along with other contextual factors.
- (c) For the national minimum standards (NMS) achievement rates, the denominator includes assessed students (those present or exempt from testing), and the numerator includes assessed students who achieved at or above the NMS (exempt students are deemed to be below the NMS).
- (d) Data include children in care at the time of NAPLAN testing. Children 'in care' are defined those aged 0–17 years whose care arrangements have been ordered through the Children's Court, where parental responsibility for the child or young person has been transferred to the Minister/Chief Executive. Please note that the titles of the relevant 'Children's Courts' may vary across states/territories.
- (e) Queensland: Results for Queensland are for those children subject to a child protection order granting custody or guardianship to the Chief Executive for a minimum of two years at the time of the test.

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished); AIHW (unpublished) derived from AIHW linked child protection and NAPLAN data set.

Table 16A.38

Population aged 0-17 years, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Population for financial year data, December										
Children aged 0–17 years										
2017-18										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	94.4	22.0	91.5	38.0	16.6	11.1	2.5	26.8	302.9
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 642.0	1 344.1	1 066.3	564.4	345.3	102.3	90.2	36.8	5 191.3
All children	'000	1 736.4	1 366.1	1 157.8	602.3	361.9	113.4	92.8	63.6	5 494.2
2016-17										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	93.3	21.6	89.8	37.7	16.4	11.0	2.5	26.7	299.1
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 637.3	1 332.5	1 062.0	563.3	345.5	102.5	89.0	37.3	5 169.3
All children	'000	1 730.6	1 354.1	1 151.8	601.0	361.9	113.5	91.5	64.0	5 468.4
2015-16										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	92.5	21.3	88.4	37.4	16.2	10.8	2.5	26.7	295.8
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 617.1	1 283.4	1 043.3	557.4	344.1	102.9	85.2	36.8	5 070.1
All children	'000	1 709.6	1 304.7	1 131.7	594.8	360.3	113.7	87.6	63.5	5 365.9
2014-15										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	91.8	21.0	87.2	37.2	16.1	10.7	2.4	26.7	293.1
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 597.2	1 263.2	1 035.6	551.7	343.2	103.6	83.6	36.8	5 015.0
All children	'000	1 689.0	1 284.2	1 122.8	588.9	359.2	114.3	86.0	63.6	5 308.0
2013-14										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	91.3	20.7	86.2	37.0	15.9	10.6	2.4	26.7	290.7
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 589.1	1 245.9	1 026.3	544.6	341.5	104.3	82.2	36.8	4 970.6
All children	'000	1 680.3	1 266.6	1 112.4	581.6	357.4	114.8	84.6	63.5	5 261.3
2012-13										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	91.0	20.4	85.2	36.8	15.7	10.5	2.4	26.7	288.7

Table 16A.38

Population aged 0-17 years, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 565.6	1 227.4	1 012.3	530.8	340.2	104.8	80.7	36.2	4 898.0
All children	'000	1 656.6	1 247.9	1 097.4	567.6	355.9	115.2	83.1	62.9	5 186.6
2011-12										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	90.6	20.2	84.1	36.7	15.6	10.4	2.4	26.7	286.7
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 554.9	1 209.1	996.7	514.9	338.3	105.8	78.7	35.7	4 834.1
All children	'000	1 645.5	1 229.3	1 080.8	551.6	353.9	116.2	81.1	62.4	5 120.8
2010-11										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	90.2	19.9	83.1	36.6	15.4	10.3	2.4	26.8	284.7
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 547.8	1 198.3	982.8	502.3	337.4	106.6	77.7	35.5	4 788.4
All children	'000	1 638.0	1 218.2	1 065.8	538.8	352.8	116.9	80.2	62.3	5 073.0
2009-10										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	89.6	19.6	81.9	36.4	15.2	10.2	2.4	26.9	282.2
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 540.1	1 189.5	974.2	494.2	337.0	107.3	77.2	35.6	4 754.9
All children	'000	1 629.7	1 209.1	1 056.0	530.6	352.2	117.5	79.7	62.5	5 037.2
2008-09										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	88.8	19.3	80.4	36.1	15.0	10.0	2.4	27.0	279.0
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 530.0	1 177.7	960.4	486.0	335.7	107.6	76.5	35.0	4 708.9
All children	'000	1 618.8	1 197.0	1 040.8	522.1	350.7	117.6	78.9	62.0	4 987.9
Children aged 0–16 years										
2008-09										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	84.5	18.3	76.7	34.4	14.2	9.5	2.3	25.6	265.6
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 441.6	1 108.2	904.7	457.4	315.3	101.2	71.6	33.2	4 433.1
All children	'000	1 526.1	1 126.6	981.3	491.8	329.5	110.7	73.9	58.8	4 698.7

Population for calendar year data, March

Children aged 0–17 years

Table 16A.38

Population aged 0-17 years, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
2017-18										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	95.1	22.2	92.3	38.1	16.7	11.2	2.6	26.8	304.9
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 651.9	1 349.3	1 070.0	565.8	345.7	102.2	90.8	36.7	5 212.4
All children	'000	1 747.0	1 371.6	1 162.3	603.8	362.4	113.4	93.4	63.4	5 517.2
2016-17										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	93.8	21.8	90.7	37.8	16.5	11.0	2.5	26.7	300.9
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 637.3	1 332.5	1 062.0	563.3	345.5	102.5	89.0	37.3	5 169.3
All children	'000	1 731.1	1 354.3	1 152.6	601.1	362.0	113.5	91.5	64.0	5 470.2
2015-16										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	92.9	21.5	89.0	37.6	16.3	10.9	2.5	26.7	297.3
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 620.9	1 296.2	1 045.2	559.3	343.6	102.8	85.6	36.7	5 090.4
All children	'000	1 713.8	1 317.7	1 134.2	596.9	359.9	113.7	88.1	63.4	5 387.7
2014-15										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	92.1	21.1	87.8	37.3	16.1	10.7	2.4	26.7	294.3
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 602.7	1 267.3	1 038.6	553.5	343.8	103.5	84.1	36.8	5 030.3
All children	'000	1 694.8	1 288.5	1 126.4	590.8	359.9	114.2	86.6	63.5	5 324.6
2013-14										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	91.5	20.9	86.7	37.0	16.0	10.6	2.4	26.7	291.8
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 593.1	1 252.0	1 030.0	547.2	342.3	104.2	82.6	36.8	4 988.4
All children	'000	1 684.6	1 272.9	1 116.7	584.3	358.3	114.8	85.0	63.5	5 280.2
2012-13										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	91.1	20.5	85.7	36.9	15.8	10.5	2.4	26.7	289.6
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 575.0	1 234.1	1 018.4	536.5	340.6	104.9	80.7	36.7	4 926.8

Table 16A.38

Population aged 0-17 years, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
All children	'000	1 666.1	1 254.6	1 104.1	573.3	356.4	115.4	83.1	63.4	5 216.3
2011-12										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	90.8	20.3	84.7	36.7	15.7	10.4	2.4	26.7	287.8
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 561.7	1 215.7	1 001.9	520.2	339.2	105.7	79.4	36.0	4 859.8
All children	'000	1 652.5	1 236.1	1 086.6	556.9	354.9	116.1	81.8	62.7	5 147.6
2010-11										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	90.4	20.0	83.6	36.6	15.5	10.3	2.4	26.7	285.6
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 550.3	1 201.1	985.9	505.4	337.5	106.5	77.9	35.6	4 800.2
All children	'000	1 640.7	1 221.1	1 069.5	542.0	353.0	116.9	80.3	62.3	5 085.8
2009-10										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	90.0	19.7	82.6	36.5	15.3	10.3	2.4	26.9	283.8
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 543.1	1 192.4	977.1	496.7	337.3	107.2	77.5	35.7	4 767.1
All children	'000	1 633.1	1 212.2	1 059.6	533.2	352.7	117.5	79.9	62.6	5 050.8
2008-09										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	89.2	19.5	81.2	36.2	15.1	10.1	2.4	27.0	280.7
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 532.3	1 181.6	965.3	489.3	336.2	107.5	76.7	35.2	4 724.1
All children	'000	1 621.5	1 201.1	1 046.5	525.5	351.3	117.7	79.1	62.1	5 004.7
Children aged 0–16 years										
2008-09										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	84.9	18.5	77.4	34.5	14.3	9.7	2.3	25.6	267.2
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 444.1	1 112.0	909.2	460.6	315.6	101.2	71.8	33.3	4 447.8
All children	'000	1 529.0	1 130.5	986.6	495.1	329.9	110.8	74.1	58.9	4 715.0

Table 16A.38

Population aged 0-17 years, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
(a)	Prior to 2009-10, the rates of children subject to notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated for children aged 0–16 years, while the rates of children on care and protection orders and in out-of-home care were calculated for children aged 0–17 years. From 2009-10 onwards, all child protection data are reported for the age range 0–17 years and therefore, only 0–17 year old population data are collected.									
(b)	Prior to 2012-13, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous population data were supplied by AIHW derived from ABS data sources. For 2012-13 onwards, population data were sourced directly from the ABS.									
(c)	Population data used to derive rates are revised to the ABS' final 2011 Census rebased estimates and projections. Population data for all children for all years are estimates. Population data for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians up to and including 2011 are estimates and for 2012 onwards are projections. See chapter 2 for details. December population data for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0-17 are derived based on the average of two June ERPs. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rates for 2008-09 onwards were calculated using June data from 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (Cat. no. 3238.0). December population estimates for non-Indigenous children age 0-17 are derived based on the difference between December population estimates for all children aged 0-17 based on the 2011 Census and population estimates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0-17.									

Source: ABS (2014) *Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 2011 to 2026*, Cat. no. 3238.0, Canberra. ABS (unpublished) *Australian Demographic Statistics, 31 December*; ABS (unpublished) Australian population projections.

Table 16A.39 **Population aged 0-17 years (a), (b), (c)**

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Population for financial year data, December										
Children aged 0–17 years										
2017-18	'000	1 752.8	1 391.1	1 157.6	595.3	366.1	112.2	92.9	62.6	5 530.7
2016-17	'000	1 738.9	1 368.1	1 145.0	590.7	365.9	112.5	90.7	62.8	5 474.7
2015-16	'000	1 709.6	1 304.7	1 131.7	594.8	360.3	113.7	87.6	63.5	5 365.9
2014-15	'000	1 689.0	1 284.2	1 122.8	588.9	359.2	114.3	86.0	63.6	5 308.0
2013-14	'000	1 680.3	1 266.6	1 112.4	581.6	357.4	114.8	84.6	63.5	5 261.3
2012-13	'000	1 656.6	1 247.9	1 097.4	567.6	355.9	115.2	83.1	62.9	5 186.6
2011-12	'000	1 645.5	1 229.3	1 080.8	551.6	353.9	116.2	81.1	62.4	5 120.8
2010-11	'000	1 638.0	1 218.2	1 065.8	538.8	352.8	116.9	80.2	62.3	5 073.0
2009-10	'000	1 629.7	1 209.1	1 056.0	530.6	352.2	117.5	79.7	62.5	5 037.2
2008-09	'000	1 618.8	1 197.0	1 040.8	522.1	350.7	117.6	78.9	62.0	4 987.9
Children aged 0–16 years										
2008-09	'000	1 526.1	1 126.6	981.3	981.3	329.5	491.8	73.9	329.5	4 698.7
Population for calendar year data, March										
Children aged 0–17 years										
2017-18	'000	1 757.8	1 397.7	1 162.8	596.9	366.7	112.3	93.4	62.6	5 550.2
2016-17	'000	1 744.5	1 375.5	1 148.7	592.5	366.4	112.4	91.3	62.9	5 494.3
2015-16	'000	1 713.8	1 317.7	1 134.2	596.9	359.9	113.7	88.1	63.4	5 387.7
2014-15	'000	1 694.8	1 288.5	1 126.4	590.8	359.9	114.2	86.6	63.5	5 324.6
2013-14	'000	1 684.6	1 272.9	1 116.7	584.3	358.3	114.8	85.0	63.5	5 280.2
2012-13	'000	1 666.1	1 254.6	1 104.1	573.3	356.4	115.4	83.1	63.4	5 216.3
2011-12	'000	1 652.5	1 236.1	1 086.6	556.9	354.9	116.1	81.8	62.7	5 147.6
2010-11	'000	1 640.7	1 221.1	1 069.5	542.0	353.0	116.9	80.3	62.3	5 085.8
2009-10	'000	1 633.1	1 212.2	1 059.6	533.2	352.7	117.5	79.9	62.6	5 050.8
2008-09	'000	1 621.5	1 201.1	1 046.5	525.5	351.3	117.7	79.1	62.1	5 004.7

Table 16A.39 **Population aged 0-17 years (a), (b), (c)**

Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust	
Children aged 0–16 years										
2008-09	'000	1 529.0	1 130.5	986.6	986.6	329.9	495.1	74.1	329.9	4 715.0

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

(b) Population data used to derived rates for all children for all years are estimates. Estimates of population used to derive rates from 2008-09 to 2015-16 are based on 2011 Census and are final. Estimates of population used to derive rates from 2016-17 to 2017-18 are based on the 2016 Census and are preliminary.

(c) Australian total includes other territories, comprising Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

Source: ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) (2017) *Australian Demographic Statistics, June 2017*, Cat. no. 3101.0, Canberra.