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This section 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.

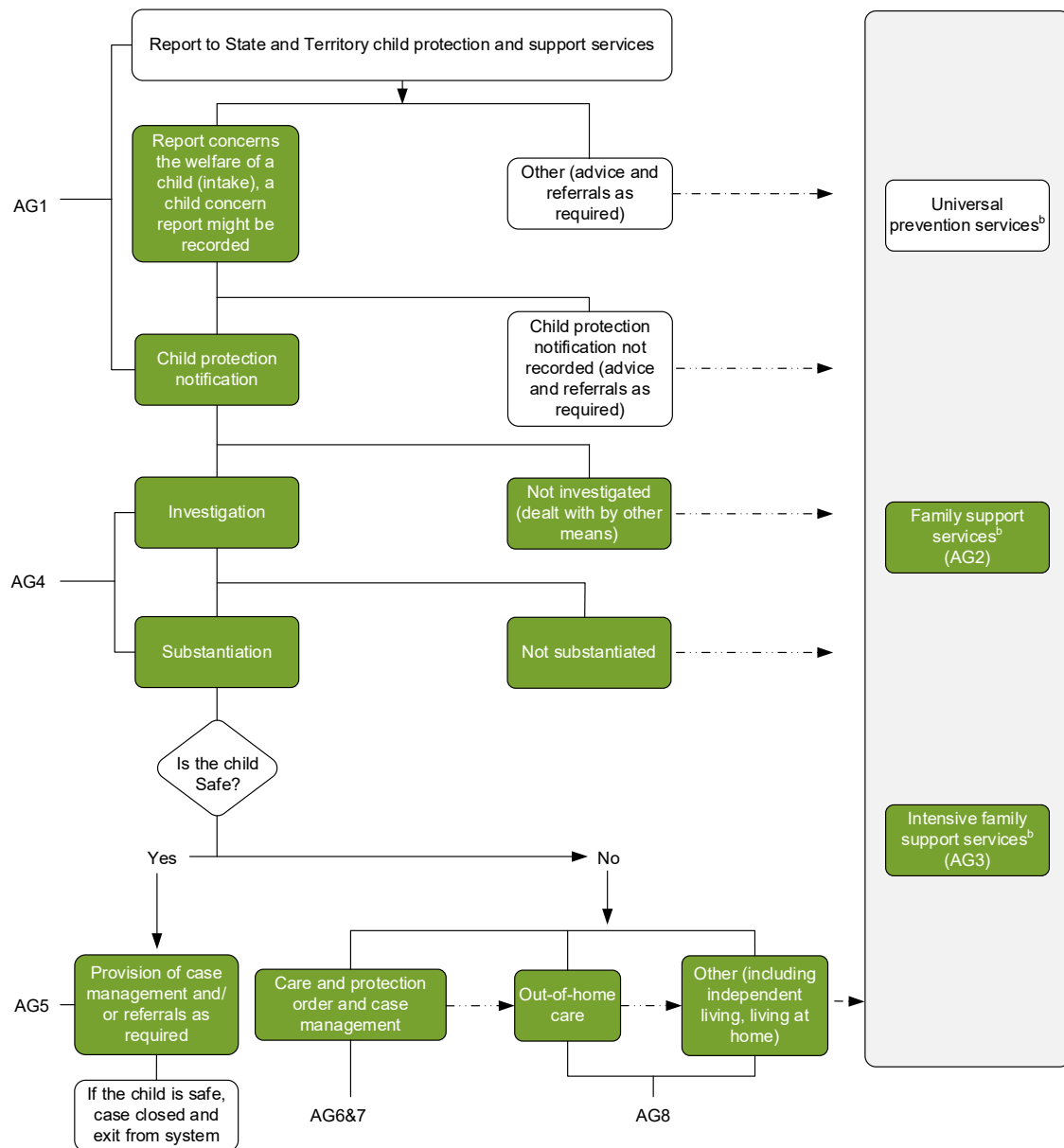
16.1 Profile of child protection services

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, e}



^a Dashed lines indicate that clients may or may not receive these services, depending on need, service availability, and client willingness to participate in voluntary services. ^b Support services include family preservation and reunification services provided by government and other agencies. Children and families move in and out of these services, and might also receive protective intervention services while receiving support services. ^c Green shading indicates data are reported. ^d Services differ across jurisdictions. ^e AG = Activity Group. See sub-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Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).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 section 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 sub-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 2018-19 (also reported as a rate per 1000 children in the population) (tables 16A.1–3):

- 269 193 children were the subject of *notifications*; 48.1 notifications per 1000 children
- 98 835 children were the subject of a *finalised investigation*; 17.7 finalised investigations per 1000 children
- 47 516 children were the subject of a *substantiation*; 8.5 substantiations per 1000 children
- 59 073 children were on *care and protection orders* at 30 June 2019; 10.6 children on care and protection orders per 1000 children
- 44 906 children were in *out-of-home care* and a further 8299 children in *other supported placements* at 30 June 2019; 8.0 and 1.5 per 1000 children respectively.
 - There were 54 989 children in out-of-home care at least once during 2018-19; with 12 223 children admitted to, and 10 733 discharged from, out-of-home care during

this period. Box 16.1 has information about the change in the definition of out-of-home care used in this Report.

Box 16.1 Change in the scope of out-of-home care

National reporting on out-of-home care has been subject to substantial data comparability issues due to variations across jurisdictions in the legislation that determines policies and practices in the out-of-home care system, in particular, relating to children on third-party parental responsibility orders.

Following extensive jurisdictional consultation, Children and Families Secretaries agreed in 2019 to a narrower definition of out-of-home care to better enable comparability in national reporting (noting that some comparability issues may still exist in relation to differences in jurisdictional practice). The revised scope is consistent with permanency reforms that consider children on third-party parental responsibility orders as having transitioned from out-of-home care into a permanent and stable arrangement. This definition has been adopted in this Report and the AIHW's Child Protection Australia report.

Out-of-home care for national reporting is defined as overnight care for children aged less than 18 years who were unable to live with their families due to child safety concerns. This includes:

- placements approved by the Department responsible for child protection for which there is both ongoing case management and financial payment (including where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer)
- legal (court ordered) and voluntary placements and placements made for the purposes of providing respite for parents or carers.

Data for 2018-19 will be reported for children in out-of-home care under the new definition (see sub-section 16.3 and data tables). Other living arrangements that were previously included in the scope of out-of-home care will be excluded from the count of children in out-of-home care and reported as 'other supported placements'. Supplementary data on the number of children in care, that is, out-of-home care or other supported placements, which aligns with living arrangements that were included in the previous national reporting for out-of-home care, will also be reported (where available) in data tables for this year.

Reporting against this scope will result in some jurisdictions reporting fewer children in out-of-home care in 2018-19 compared to previous years. The most significant difference relates to the exclusion of children in third-party parental responsibility arrangements, noting that some jurisdictions have already excluded these children from national reporting on out-of-home care (Victoria from 2017-18, NSW from 2014-15, and WA for all years).

Children can be the subject of more than one notification, investigation and substantiation in a year (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). Almost all children in out-of-home care (ranging from 87–100 per cent across jurisdictions) are on care and protection orders (table 16A.6).

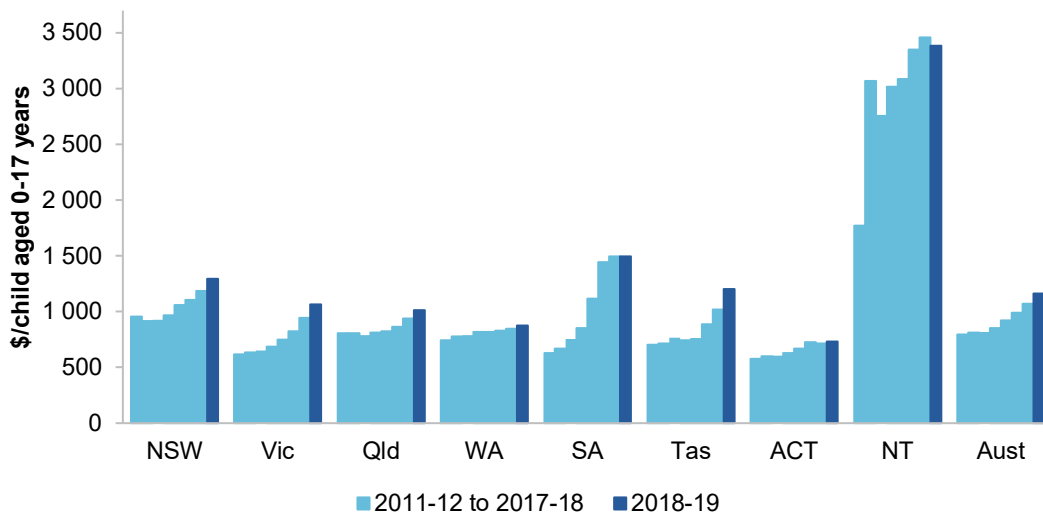
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are overrepresented in the child protection system (tables 16A.1–3). For further details see the performance indicator 'Disproportionality' in sub-section 16.3.

Funding

Total recurrent expenditure on family support services, intensive family support services, protective intervention services, and care services (out-of-home care and other supported placements) was \$6.5 billion nationally in 2018-19 (a real increase of 9.5 per cent from 2017-18) of which care services accounted for more than half (59.3 per cent, or \$3.8 billion) (table 16A.7).

In 2018-19, real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services per child aged 0–17 years in the population was \$1160 nationally (figure 16.2).

Figure 16.2 **Total real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services, per child (2018-19 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 16.2).

Box 16.2 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.

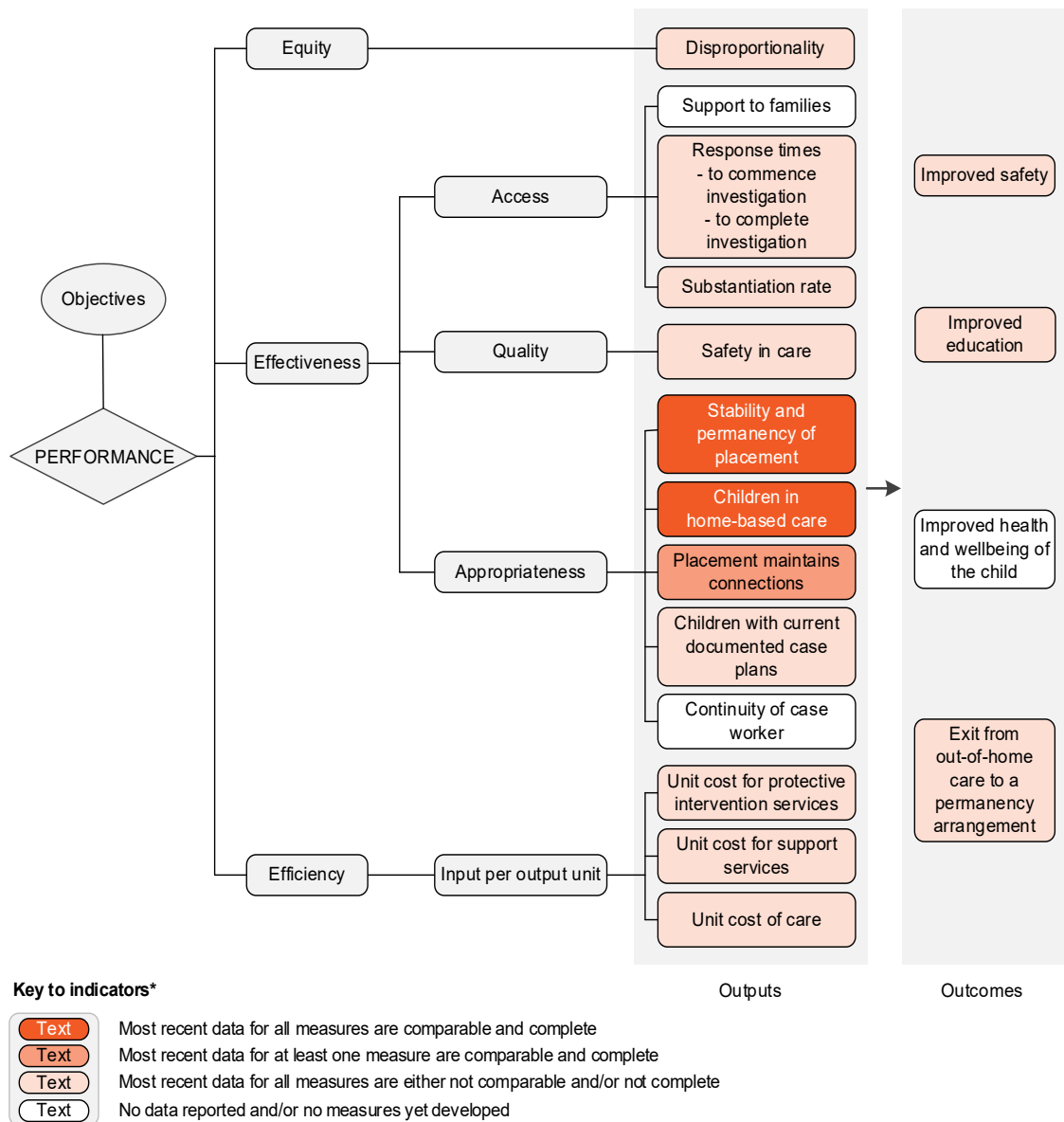
Governments aim for child protection services to meet these objectives in an equitable and efficient manner.

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 2020 Report. For data that are not directly comparable, text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary. Section 1 discusses data comparability, data completeness and information on data quality from a Report-wide perspective. Sub-section 16.1 and the Report's statistical context section (section 2) contain data that may assist in interpreting the performance indicators presented in this section. Sections 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





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 section and data 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 section and data 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 section 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 16.3).

Box 16.3 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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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 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are over-represented in child protection services. Some of this over-representation may be a result of a government's child protection policies and practices resulting 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.

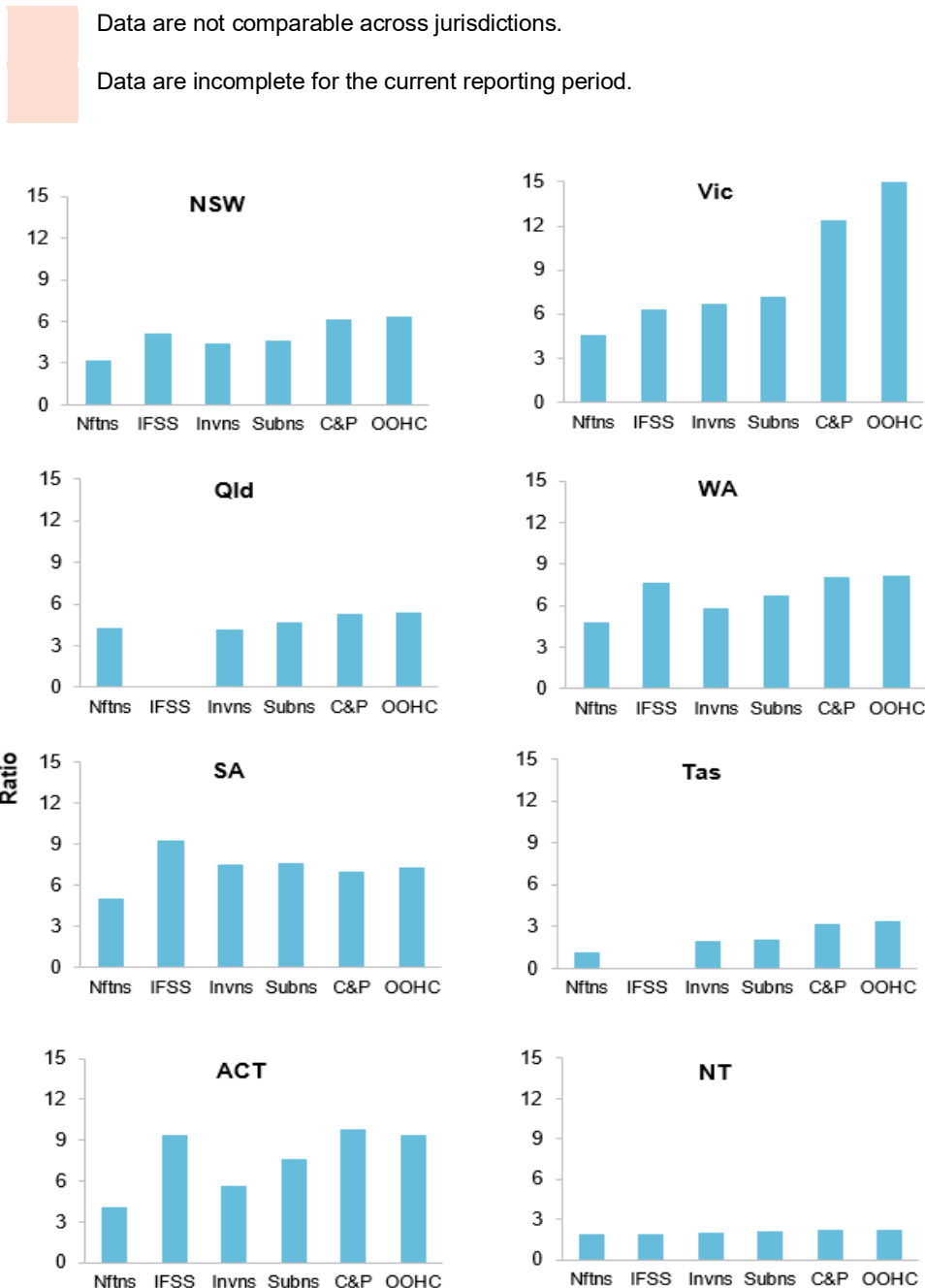
Identification of Indigenous status may lead to data quality issues for this indicator, in particular underidentification of Indigenous status is likely to result in disproportionality ratios understating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's representation in the child protection system. 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.39).

Data reported for this indicator are:

- not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time (see caveats in data tables)
- incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2018-19 data for intensive family support services are not available for Queensland and Tasmania.

The 2018-19 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, by service type, 2018-19^{a, b}



Nfns: 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 IFSS data by Indigenous status are not available for Queensland or Tasmania. ^b See box 16.3 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 16.4).

Box 16.4 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 16.5).

Box 16.5 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 (see caveats in data tables)
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2018-19 data are available for all jurisdictions.

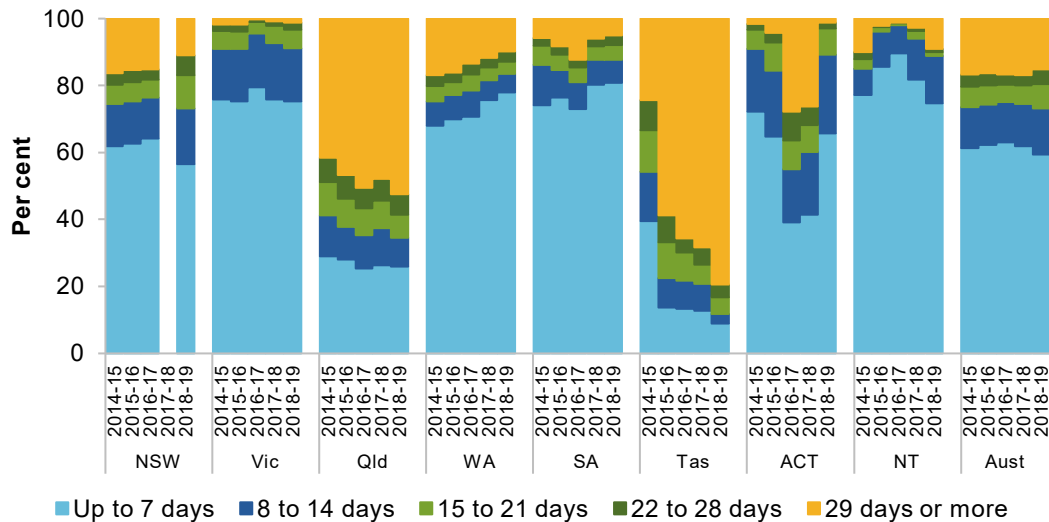
Response times to commence and complete investigations varied across jurisdictions in 2018-19. Nationally, 59.5 per cent of investigations were commenced within seven days of notification (figure 16.5(a)) and 18.1 per cent of investigations were completed in 28 days or fewer — more than one in three investigations (38.3 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^{a, b}**

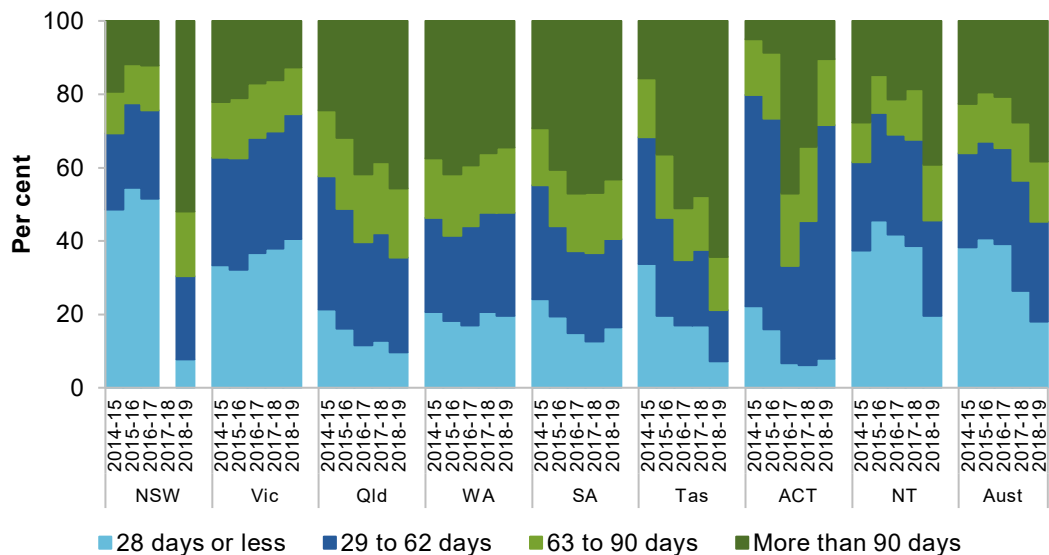
 Data are not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

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

(a) Response time to commence investigations



(b) Response time to complete investigations



^a See box 16.5 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 16.6).

Box 16.6 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.

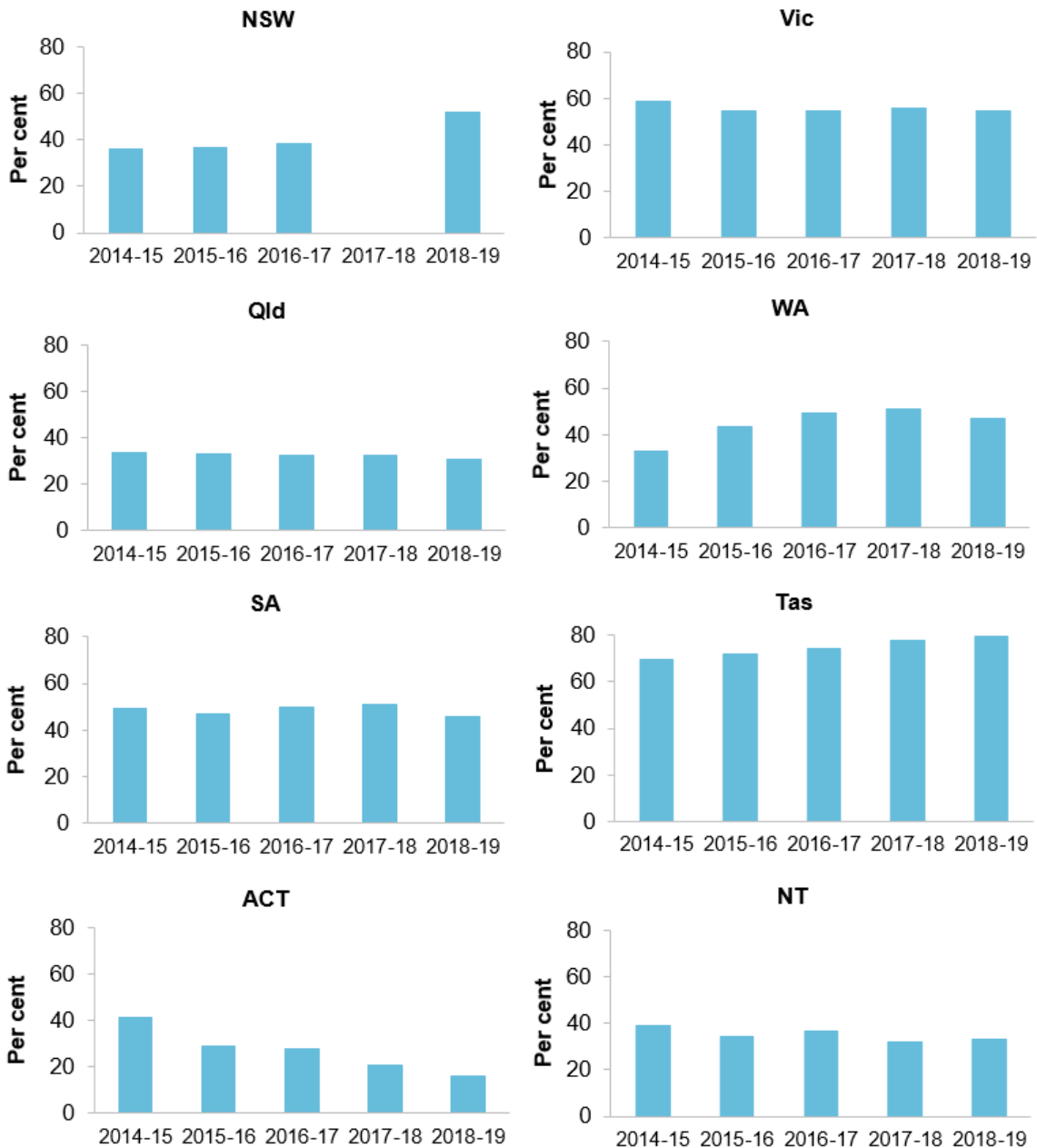
Data reported for this indicator are:

- not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within some jurisdictions over time (see caveats in data tables)
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2018-19 data are available for all jurisdictions.

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).

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



^a See box 16.6 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 care

‘Safety in 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 16.7).

Box 16.7 **Safety in care**

‘Safety in care’ covers children in out-of-home care and children in other supported placements, and is defined by two measures:

- the proportion of children in 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 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 or other supported placements (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 or other supported placements.

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, 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 2018-19 data are not available for Victoria (who did not provide data for the first measure), and Queensland and the NT (who did not provide data for the second measure).

The proportion of children in care who were the subject of a substantiation of abuse or neglect was less than 7 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 16.8).

Box 16.8 **Stability and permanency of placement**

‘Stability and permanency of placement’ is defined as the proportion of children on an order exiting out-of-home care 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 exiting out-of-home care 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 out-of-home 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.

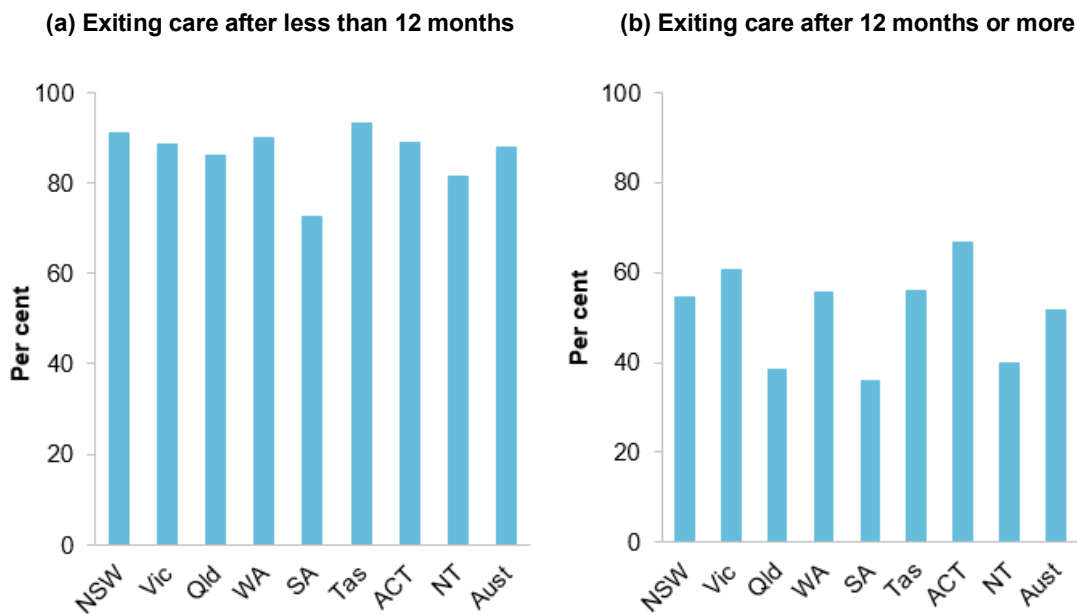
Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time from 2018-19 onwards (data prior to 2018-19 were comparable within jurisdictions over time but not across jurisdictions)
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2018-19 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Nationally in 2018-19, 87.9 per cent of children on a care and protection order who exited out-of-home 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 51.8 per cent (figure 16.7(b)). 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 out-of-home care who had one or two placements, 2018-19^a

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



^a See box 16.8 and table 16A.15 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

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 16.9).

Box 16.9 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 from 2018-19 onwards (data prior to 2018-19 were comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time but not across jurisdictions)
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required data for 30 June 2019 are available.

Nationally at 30 June 2019, 92.3 per cent of children in out-of-home care were in home-based care — 97.3 per cent for children aged less than 12 years, and 82.7 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 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 16.10).

Box 16.10 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.

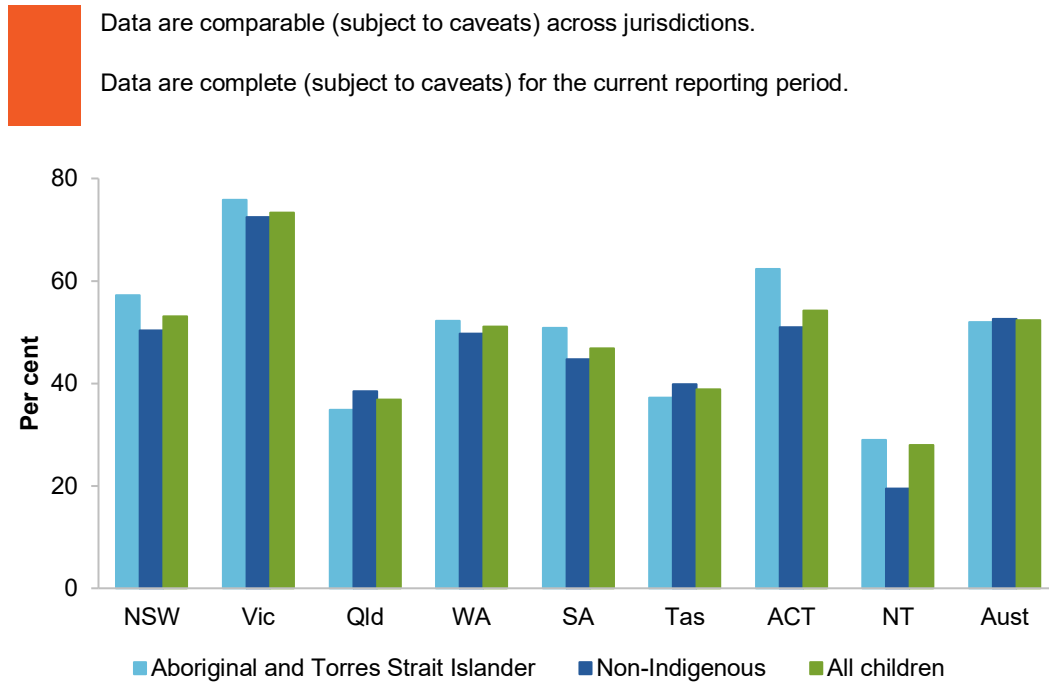
Data for the measures 'local placement' and 'placement with sibling' are under development and are not available for this report.

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 from 2018-19 onwards (data prior to 2018-19 were comparable within jurisdictions over time but not across jurisdictions)
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required data for 30 June 2019 are available for all jurisdictions.

Nationally at 30 June 2019, the proportion of children in out-of-home care who were placed with relatives or kin was 52.3 per cent, with the proportion similar for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (52.0 per cent) and non-Indigenous children (52.6 per cent) (figure 16.8).

Figure 16.8 **Proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, at 30 June 2019^a**



^a See box 16.10 and table 16A.20 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

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

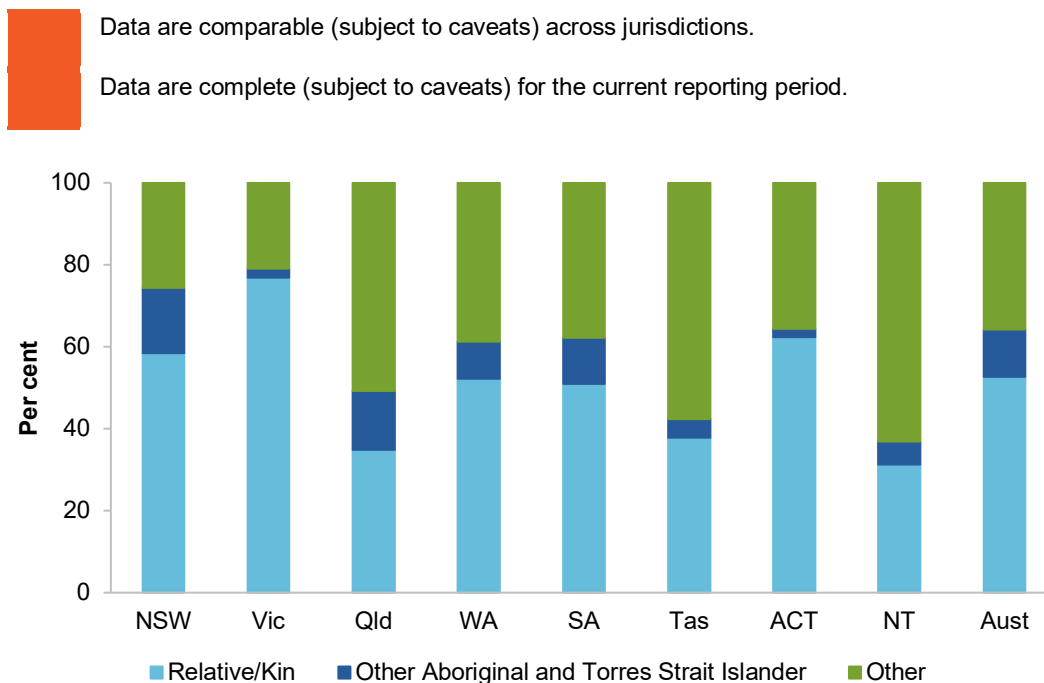
The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child placement principle comprises five domains; prevention, partnership, placement, participation and connection (SNAICC 2013; DSS 2015). The placement domain specifies the following priorities:

- 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 2019, 52.6 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 the NSW and Victorian figures). A further 11.0 per cent were placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers and 0.7 per cent placed in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care. Proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 16.9).

Figure 16.9 Placement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care, by relationship with caregiver, at 30 June 2019^{a, b, c}



^a See box 16.10 and table 16A.21 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. ^b 'Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander' includes other Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care. ^c 'Other' includes children not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander residential care.

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 16.11).

Box 16.11 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.

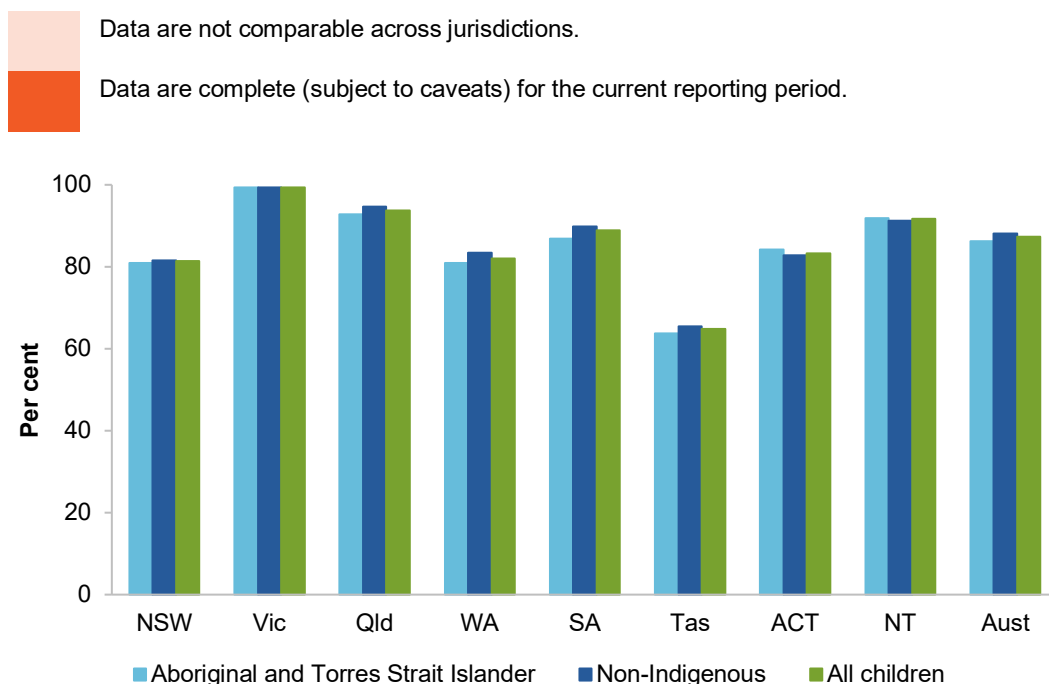
The indicator does not assess the quality of case plans, nor the extent to which identified needs and actions are put into place. These factors should be taken into account when considering the results reported for this indicator.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time
- complete for the current reporting period. All required data for 30 June 2019 are available for all jurisdictions.

Nationally, 87.3 per cent of children required to have a current documented and approved case plan, had such a plan at 30 June 2019 (figure 16.10).

Figure 16.10 Proportion of children with current documented and approved case plans, at 30 June 2019^a



^a See box 16.11 and table 16A.22 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

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 16.12).

Box 16.12 **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.

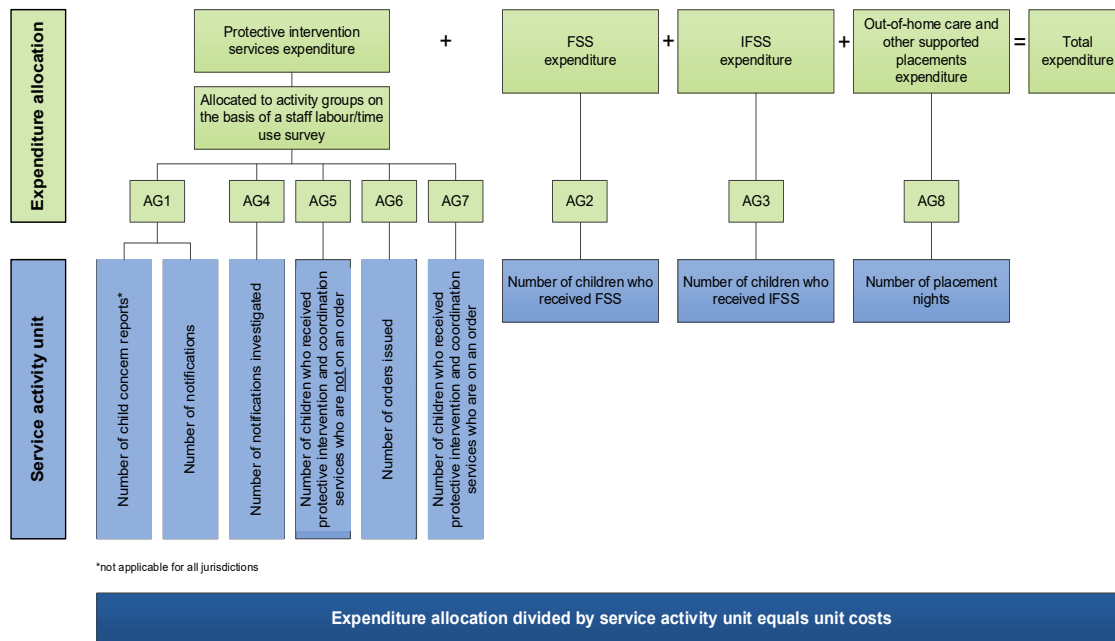
Data are not yet available for reporting against this indicator.

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 sub-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 and other supported placements.

The activity groups and detailed definitions are included in sub-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 16.13).

Box 16.13 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 section.

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 2018-19 data for NSW, Victoria, SA, Tasmania and the NT are not available.

Unit costs for child protection intervention service activities from 2013-14 to 2018-19 varied across jurisdictions where data were available (tables 16A.23–30). In 2018-19, the cost per report to child protection ranged from \$181 to \$293 (this unit cost is not applicable for all jurisdictions); and the cost per notification investigated ranged from \$858 to \$3800. 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 16.14).

Box 16.14 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 section.

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 (see caveats in data tables)
- incomplete for the current reporting period for family support services. Only WA is able to provide all required 2018-19 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2).
- incomplete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period for intensive family support services (AG3). All required 2018-19 data for Queensland are not available.

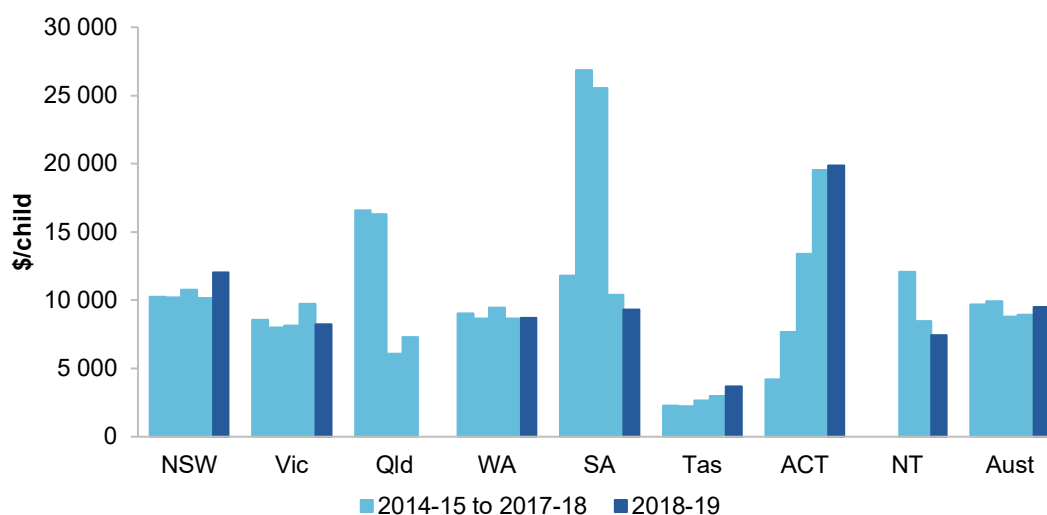
Nationally (excluding Queensland), the cost per child receiving intensive family support services was \$9499 in 2018-19 (figure 16.12). Data from 2009-10 are in table 16A.31.

Unit cost of care

'Unit cost of care' is an indicator of governments' objective to provide child protection services in an efficient manner (box 16.15).

Figure 16.12 Cost per child receiving intensive family support services (AG3) (2018-19 dollars)^{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 16.14 and tables 16A.23-31 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. ^b Data were not provided by Queensland for 2018-19 and the NT for 2014-15 to 2015-16.

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

Box 16.15 Unit cost of care

'Unit cost of care' covers children in out-of-home care and children in other supported placements, and is defined as total real recurrent expenditure on out-of-home care services and other supported placements, divided by the total number of placement nights (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 section.

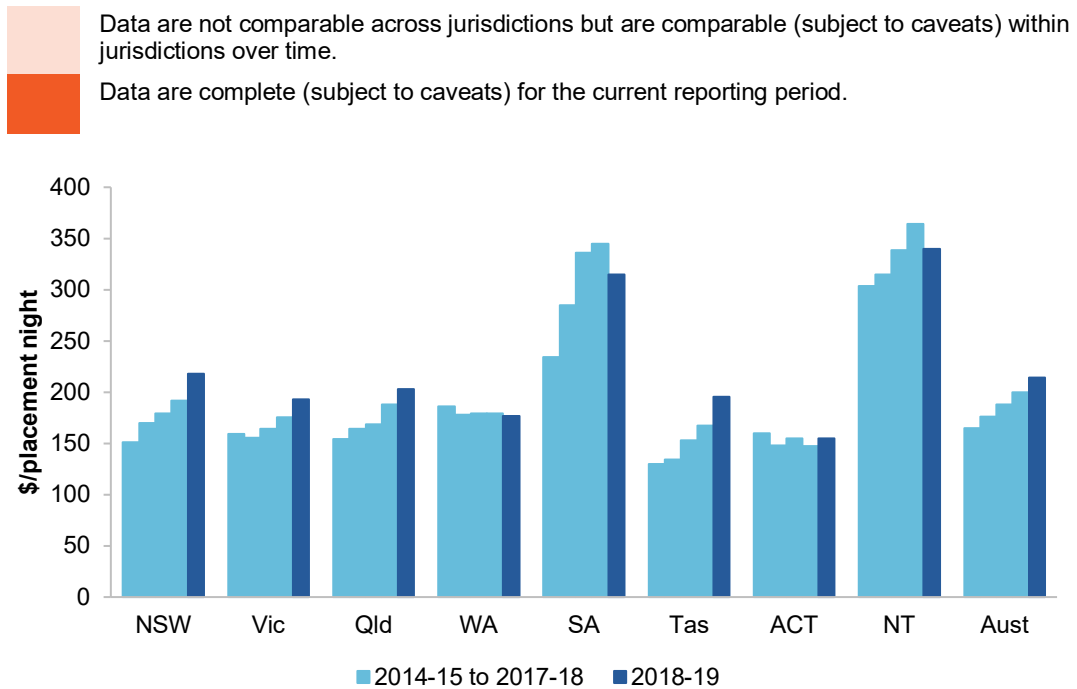
Data for unit costs are experimental and should be considered together with the proportional allocation of total expenditure across all activity groups comprising the pathways method.

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 2018-19 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Nationally in 2018-19, the unit cost of care was \$214.24 (figure 16.13). Data from 2009-10 are in table 16A.33.

Figure 16.13 Cost per placement night in care (AG8) (2018-19 dollars)^a



^a See box 16.15 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 care services should be considered in conjunction with expenditure on care services per child (and by placement type). The annual cost per child in care at 30 June 2019 varied across jurisdictions ranging between \$57 066 and \$126 701. In jurisdictions where data were available, annual costs were considerably higher for residential care (ranging between \$470 023 and \$772 051) compared to non-residential care (ranging between \$35 629 and \$51 275) (table 16A.34).

Outcomes

Outcomes are the impact of services on the status of an individual or group (see section 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 16.16).

Box 16.16 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 that 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 sub-section 16.4).

Data reported for these measures are:

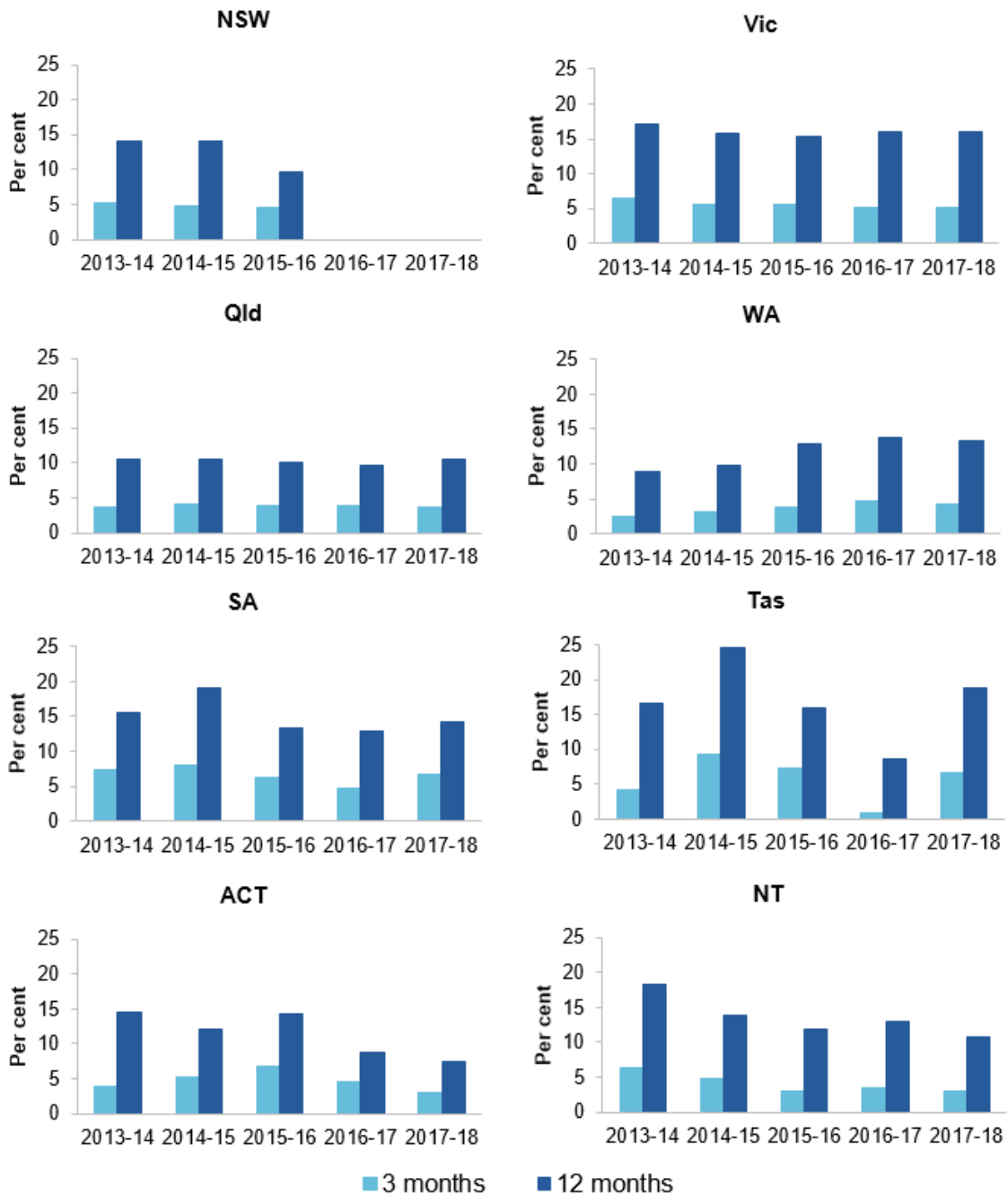
- not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time
- incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are not available for NSW.

The proportion of substantiations that occurred within 3 and 12 months of a *decision not to substantiate* are provided in figure 16.14. In 2017-18, rates for the jurisdictions where data were available were under 19 per cent in all jurisdictions (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 2017-18, rates for the jurisdictions where data were available were under 27 per cent in all jurisdictions (table 16A.36).

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.

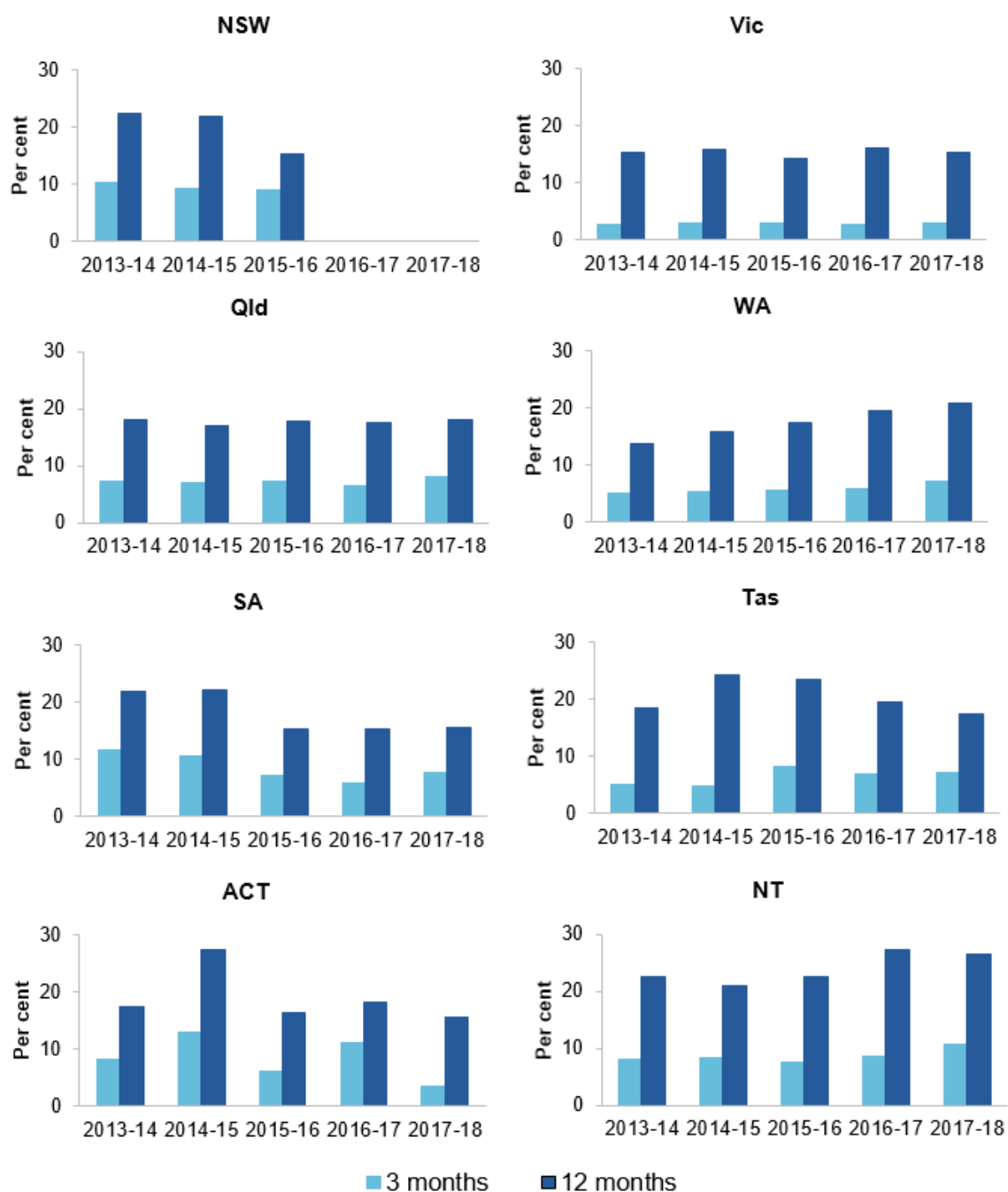


^a See box 16.16 and table 16A.35 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. ^b Data for NSW for 2017-18 and 2016-17 were not available.

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

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 16.16 and table 16A.36 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. ^b Data for NSW for 2017-18 and 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 16.17).

Box 16.17 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 2017 reporting period.

Over the period from 2013 (the only year for which data are available for all jurisdictions) to 2017, the proportions of children in care at or above the national minimum standards for Year 5 reading and numeracy varied across jurisdictions. The proportions were below the proportions for all students by at least 10 percentage points for the majority of jurisdictions for which data were available (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 16.18).

Box 16.18 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 subsection 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 16.19).

Box 16.19 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.

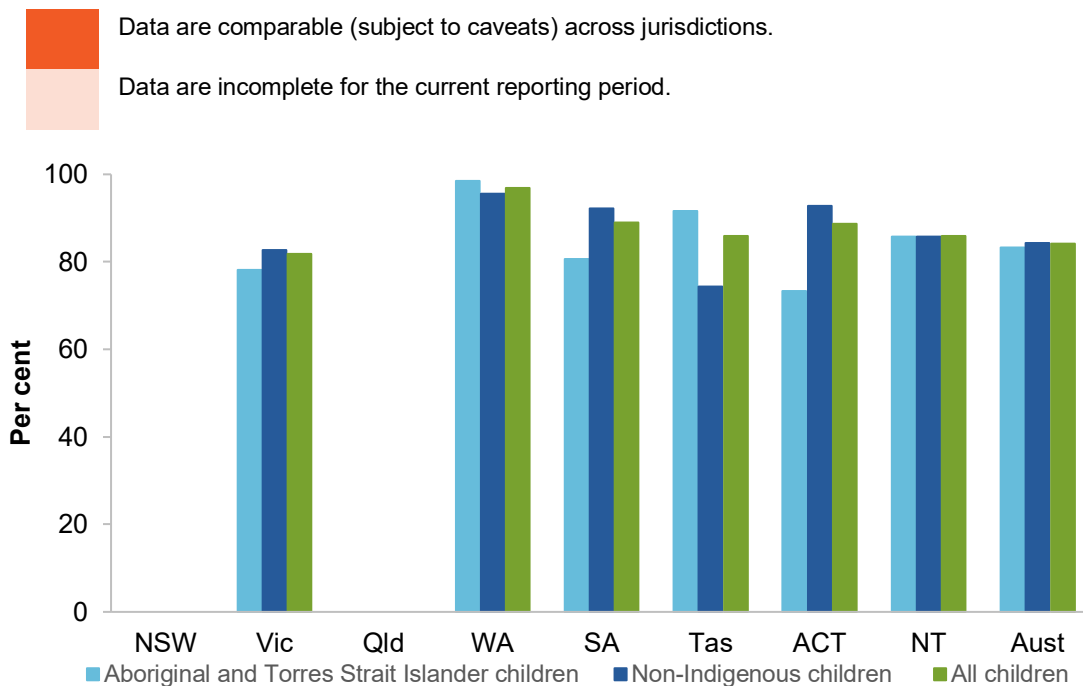
High or increasing proportions of children and young people exiting out-of-home care to a permanency outcome for whom there was no return to out-of-home care is desirable.

Data reported for this measure are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time from 2018-19 onwards (data prior to 2018-19 were not comparable across jurisdictions)
- incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are not available for NSW and Queensland.

Nationally (excluding NSW and Queensland), 84.1 per cent of children who left out-of-home care to a permanency arrangement in 2017-18 did not return to out-of-home care in the following 12 months (figure 16.16). This compares to 85.5 per cent in 2016-17 (table 16A.38).

Figure 16.16 **Proportion of children exiting out-of-home care to a permanency arrangement who did not return within 12 months, 2017-18^{a, b}**



^a See box 16.19 and table 16A.38 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. ^b Data are not available for NSW and Queensland for 2017-18.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 16A.38.

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 care services

Activities that are typically associated with provision of out-of-home care and other supported placements 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 that 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.

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| | <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. A person aged 0–17 years (including, at times, unborn children). |
| Children in out-of-home care during the year | The total number of children who were in at least one out-of-home care placement at any time during the year. A child who is in more than one placement is counted only once. |
| 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. |

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| 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 | 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. |
| 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. |

Other supported placements

Governments may provide financial support for children and young people in these living arrangements and will usually have arranged these placements.

- Children on third party parental responsibility orders
- Children on immigration orders (where funding is provided by the Commonwealth and children do not come through the child protection system)
- Ongoing placements for children aged 18 years or older
- Pre-adoptive placements (mostly used for intercountry adoptions)
- Children who enter and exit a funded out-of-home care placement on the same day
- Placements solely funded by disability services, psychiatric services, specialist homelessness services, juvenile justice facilities, or overnight child care services
- Children who are in placements without the approval of the Department (noting that if the placement is subsequently approved and the other criteria for case management and financial payment are met, the placement would be considered as out-of-home care).

Out-of-home care

Overnight care for children aged less than 18 years who were unable to live with their families due to child safety concerns. This includes placements approved by the Department responsible for child protection for which there is ongoing case management and financial payment (including where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer). This includes legal (court ordered) and voluntary placements, and placements made for the purposes of providing respite for parents or carers.

Other living arrangements that were previously included in the scope of out-of-home care will be reported separately as 'other supported placements'.

Permanency arrangement

Permanency arrangements include:

- Reunification: Where the Department/agency has transferred full parental guardianship/custody of the child back to the birth parent, family or former guardian within the reporting period. Only Department/agency-approved reunifications are included. This includes children who self-reunified, with subsequent endorsement by the Department/agency. A reunification or supervisory order may be granted or there may be no order in effect.
- Finalised third-party parental responsibility order: Order transferring all duties, powers, responsibilities and authority to which parents are entitled by law to a nominated person(s) whom the court considers appropriate. The nominated person may be an individual such as a relative or an officer of the state or territory department. Third-party parental responsibility may be ordered in the event that a parent is unable to care for a child, with parental responsibility then transferred to a relative, or other nominated person. 'Long-term' generally refers to where the order confers guardianship/parental responsibility until the child turns 18 years of age.
- Adoption order: An adoption order, made by a competent authority under adoption legislation, by which the adoptive parent(s) become the legal parent(s) of the child. The way in which an adoption is finalised depends on the procedures of the state or territory departments responsible for adoption in each jurisdiction. This includes both known-carer adoptions and local adoptions.

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.

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| Relatives/kin | <p>People who are family or close friends, or are members of a child or young person's community (in accordance with their culture) who are reimbursed (or who have been offered but declined reimbursement) by the State/Territory for the care of a child. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, a kinship carer may be another Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person who is a member of their community, a compatible community or from the same language group.</p> |
| Respite care | <p>Respite care is a form of out-of-home care 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.</p> |
| 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) | <p>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).</p> |
| Substantiation | <p>A substantiation is the outcome of an investigated notification that 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> |

Third-party parental responsibility orders

An order transferring all duties, powers, responsibilities, and authority to which parents are entitled by law to a nominated person(s) whom the court considers appropriate. The nominated person may be an individual, such as a relative, or an officer of the state or territory department responsible for child protection. Third-party parental responsibility may be ordered in the event that a parent is unable to care for a child, with parental responsibility then transferred to a relative, or other nominated person.

Finalised third-party parental responsibility orders can be a long-term order or a short-term order.

Third-party parental responsibility orders vary across jurisdictions. Despite this:

- in most instances, third-party parental responsibility orders transfer guardianship away from the state and to a known carer
- in nearly all cases, third-party parental carers are offered the same carer payments as long-term guardians
- there is generally no ongoing case management for children on third-party parental responsibility orders, except in Queensland, SA and the ACT, and for children subject to long-term orders granting guardianship to other suitable persons only.

This is in contrast to long-term guardianship or custody orders to the state, which feature ongoing case management.

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|--|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 2018-19 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0-17 years in notifications | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 21 268 | 6 429 | 7 794 | 5 622 | 4 084 | 452 | 944 | 8 810 | 55 403 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 53 963 | 70 830 | 12 691 | 8 495 | 12 108 | 953 | 4 502 | 2 533 | 166 075 |
| Unknown | no. | 30 541 | 5 810 | 2 261 | 3 291 | 774 | 2 638 | 2 296 | 104 | 47 715 |
| All children | no. | 105 772 | 83 069 | 22 746 | 17 408 | 16 966 | 4 043 | 7 742 | 11 447 | 269 193 |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 190.3 | 266.9 | 81.0 | 138.9 | 231.2 | 39.1 | 327.4 | 338.4 | 167.5 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 32.4 | 51.0 | 11.8 | 15.2 | 34.6 | 9.4 | 49.1 | 70.0 | 31.5 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 59.6 | 58.8 | 19.4 | 29.0 | 46.2 | 36.0 | 81.8 | 184.0 | 48.1 |
| Children aged 0-17 years in finalised investigations | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 8 076 | 3 696 | 6 434 | 3 741 | 1 002 | 141 | 236 | 2 720 | 26 046 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 15 567 | 29 045 | 10 989 | 5 903 | 1 720 | 235 | 1 162 | 600 | 65 221 |
| Unknown | no. | 5 432 | – | 1 685 | 2 | 84 | 344 | – | 21 | 7 568 |
| All children | no. | 29 075 | 32 741 | 19 108 | 9 646 | 2 806 | 720 | 1 398 | 3 341 | 98 835 |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 72.3 | 153.4 | 66.9 | 92.5 | 56.7 | 12.2 | 81.9 | 104.5 | 78.8 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 9.4 | 20.9 | 10.2 | 10.6 | 4.9 | 2.3 | 12.7 | 16.6 | 12.4 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |

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|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| All children | rate | 16.4 | 23.2 | 16.3 | 16.1 | 7.6 | 6.4 | 14.8 | 53.7 | 17.7 |
| Children aged 0-17 years in substantiations | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 4 047 | 2 289 | 2 315 | 2 111 | 635 | 121 | 57 | 1 005 | 12 580 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 7 680 | 16 594 | 3 464 | 2 606 | 1 072 | 196 | 191 | 157 | 31 960 |
| Unknown | no. | 2 404 | – | 268 | – | 38 | 261 | – | 5 | 2 976 |
| All children | no. | 14 131 | 18 883 | 6 047 | 4 717 | 1 745 | 578 | 248 | 1 167 | 47 516 |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 36.2 | 95.0 | 24.1 | 52.2 | 36.0 | 10.5 | 19.8 | 38.6 | 38.0 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 4.6 | 12.0 | 3.2 | 4.7 | 3.1 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 4.3 | 6.1 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 8.0 | 13.4 | 5.2 | 7.9 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 2.6 | 18.8 | 8.5 |
| Children aged 0-17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2019 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 8 048 | 3 042 | 4 521 | 3 184 | 1 410 | 466 | 267 | 993 | 21 931 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 12 677 | 11 274 | 5 979 | 2 689 | 2 744 | 957 | 623 | 117 | 37 060 |
| Unknown | no. | 15 | – | 12 | 2 | 24 | 29 | – | – | 82 |
| All children | no. | 20 740 | 14 316 | 10 512 | 5 875 | 4 178 | 1 452 | 890 | 1 110 | 59 073 |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years at 30 June 2019 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 71.7 | 125.5 | 46.8 | 78.4 | 79.3 | 40.2 | 91.9 | 38.3 | 66.1 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 7.6 | 8.1 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 7.8 | 9.5 | 6.8 | 3.2 | 7.0 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |

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|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| All children | rate | 11.7 | 10.1 | 8.9 | 9.8 | 11.3 | 12.9 | 9.4 | 17.9 | 10.6 |
| 2017-18 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0-17 years in notifications | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 18 454 | 5 791 | 6 886 | 5 166 | 3 412 | 589 | 878 | 9 197 | 50 373 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 52 937 | 66 143 | 12 018 | 7 075 | 10 158 | 1 354 | 4 159 | 2 610 | 156 454 |
| Unknown | no. | 20 616 | 5 592 | 1 984 | 2 888 | 996 | 4 129 | 2 220 | 130 | 38 555 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 166.6 | 243.2 | 72.2 | 128.5 | 195.1 | 50.9 | 308.0 | 350.8 | 153.4 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 32.4 | 48.3 | 11.3 | 12.7 | 29.1 | 13.4 | 46.2 | 71.6 | 30.1 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 52.7 | 55.7 | 18.0 | 25.4 | 39.8 | 54.1 | 78.2 | 190.4 | 44.4 |
| Children aged 0-17 years in finalised investigations | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | na | 3 166 | 5 767 | 3 565 | 832 | 152 | 278 | 4 003 | 17 763 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | na | 26 180 | 10 423 | 5 054 | 1 559 | 342 | 1 081 | 1 076 | 45 715 |
| Unknown | no. | na | 178 | 1 526 | 7 | 161 | 396 | 1 | 21 | 2 290 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | na | 132.9 | 60.5 | 88.7 | 47.6 | 13.1 | 97.5 | 152.7 | 81.7 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | na | 19.1 | 9.8 | 9.1 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 12.0 | 29.5 | 12.8 |

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|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | na | 21.2 | 15.3 | 14.5 | 7.0 | 7.9 | 14.7 | 81.4 | 17.4 |
| Children aged 0-17 years in substantiations | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | na | 2 004 | 2 182 | 2 037 | 510 | 131 | 57 | 1 504 | 8 425 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | na | 15 216 | 3 392 | 2 489 | 1 048 | 278 | 220 | 237 | 22 880 |
| Unknown | no. | na | 25 | 310 | 4 | 91 | 293 | – | 3 | 726 |
| All children | no. | na | 17 245 | 5 884 | 4 530 | 1 649 | 702 | 277 | 1 744 | 32 031 |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | na | 84.1 | 22.9 | 50.7 | 29.2 | 11.3 | 20.0 | 57.4 | 25.7 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | na | 11.1 | 3.2 | 4.5 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 6.5 | 4.4 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | na | 12.4 | 5.1 | 7.6 | 4.5 | 6.3 | 3.0 | 27.8 | 5.8 |
| Children aged 0-17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2018 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 7 626 | 2 751 | 4 224 | 2 992 | 1 251 | 423 | 278 | 1 000 | 20 545 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 12 672 | 10 546 | 5 679 | 2 548 | 2 550 | 905 | 626 | 125 | 35 651 |
| Unknown | no. | 33 | 6 | 52 | 2 | 71 | 52 | – | – | 216 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 68.5 | 114.9 | 44.1 | 74.2 | 71.3 | 36.6 | 97.2 | 38.3 | 62.4 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 7.7 | 7.7 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 7.3 | 9.0 | 6.9 | 3.4 | 6.8 |

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|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 11.5 | 9.5 | 8.5 | 9.3 | 10.6 | 12.3 | 9.6 | 17.9 | 10.1 |
| 2016-17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0-17 years in notifications | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 18 200 | 5 450 | 6 428 | 5 179 | 3 184 | 764 | 889 | 8 559 | 48 653 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 59 813 | 62 965 | 11 972 | 7 338 | 9 590 | 3 752 | 4 103 | 2 606 | 162 139 |
| Unknown | no. | 8 413 | 4 788 | 1 651 | 3 041 | 976 | 1 633 | 2 444 | 57 | 23 003 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 165.6 | 231.1 | 68.1 | 129.7 | 183.5 | 66.1 | 312.7 | 325.1 | 149.3 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 36.8 | 46.9 | 11.4 | 13.3 | 27.5 | 37.1 | 46.9 | 71.8 | 31.6 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 49.9 | 53.6 | 17.5 | 26.3 | 37.6 | 54.5 | 82.4 | 179.1 | 42.8 |
| Children aged 0-17 years in finalised investigations | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 12 556 | 2 948 | 5 531 | 3 635 | 765 | 175 | 264 | 3 823 | 29 697 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 36 248 | 23 938 | 10 363 | 5 445 | 1 500 | 585 | 859 | 925 | 79 863 |
| Unknown | no. | 758 | 132 | 1 265 | 4 | 167 | 263 | 4 | 11 | 2 604 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 114.3 | 125.0 | 58.6 | 91.0 | 44.1 | 15.1 | 92.9 | 145.2 | 91.1 |

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 22.3 | 17.8 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 4.3 | 5.8 | 9.8 | 25.5 | 15.5 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 28.6 | 19.8 | 15.0 | 15.4 | 6.7 | 9.1 | 12.5 | 76.0 | 20.5 |
| Children aged 0-17 years in substantiations | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 5 489 | 1 858 | 2 034 | 2 008 | 469 | 134 | 86 | 1 671 | 13 749 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 13 361 | 13 625 | 3 446 | 2 623 | 947 | 443 | 231 | 239 | 34 915 |
| Unknown | no. | 69 | 5 | 287 | 2 | 110 | 178 | – | – | 651 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 50.0 | 78.8 | 21.6 | 50.3 | 27.0 | 11.6 | 30.2 | 63.5 | 42.2 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 8.2 | 10.2 | 3.3 | 4.8 | 2.7 | 4.4 | 2.6 | 6.6 | 6.8 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 10.9 | 11.3 | 5.0 | 7.8 | 4.2 | 6.7 | 3.5 | 30.5 | 9.0 |
| Children aged 0-17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2017 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 7 571 | 2 423 | 4 082 | 2 764 | 1 226 | 352 | 252 | 992 | 19 662 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 12 882 | 9 923 | 5 568 | 2 373 | 2 362 | 944 | 637 | 122 | 34 811 |
| Unknown | no. | na | 8 | 66 | 1 | 98 | 20 | – | – | 193 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 68.7 | 102.3 | 43.0 | 69.0 | 70.3 | 30.4 | 88.7 | 37.7 | 60.1 |

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 7.9 | 7.3 | 5.3 | 4.3 | 6.8 | 9.3 | 7.2 | 3.3 | 6.7 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 11.8 | 8.9 | 8.4 | 8.7 | 10.1 | 11.7 | 9.7 | 17.7 | 9.9 |
| 2015-16 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0-17 years in notifications | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 17 052 | 5 233 | 5 828 | 4 912 | 3 182 | 815 | 816 | 8 237 | 46 075 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 54 687 | 61 002 | 12 370 | 7 468 | 9 377 | 5 146 | 3 475 | 2 609 | 156 134 |
| Unknown | no. | 7 748 | 5 428 | 1 707 | 2 710 | 937 | 2 043 | 2 700 | 5 | 23 278 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 156.6 | 224.4 | 62.4 | 124.2 | 184.5 | 70.9 | 287.9 | 313.8 | 142.6 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 34.0 | 46.4 | 11.9 | 13.7 | 27.0 | 51.0 | 40.6 | 72.2 | 30.8 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 46.3 | 53.6 | 17.6 | 25.8 | 37.1 | 71.3 | 79.0 | 173.9 | 41.8 |
| Children aged 0-17 years in finalised investigations | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 12 100 | 2 704 | 4 878 | 3 609 | 868 | 208 | 333 | 3 358 | 28 058 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 34 314 | 22 045 | 10 272 | 5 726 | 1 689 | 716 | 971 | 825 | 76 558 |
| Unknown | no. | 896 | 98 | 1 197 | 21 | 174 | 166 | 179 | 1 | 2 732 |
| All children | no. | 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 | | | | | | | | | | |

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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 | rate | 111.1 | 115.9 | 52.2 | 91.3 | 50.3 | 18.1 | 117.5 | 127.9 | 86.9 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 21.3 | 16.8 | 9.9 | 10.5 | 4.9 | 7.1 | 11.3 | 22.8 | 15.1 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 27.6 | 18.6 | 14.5 | 16.0 | 7.5 | 9.7 | 16.8 | 67.0 | 19.9 |
| Children aged 0-17 years in substantiations | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 5 287 | 1 708 | 1 924 | 1 808 | 582 | 157 | 112 | 1 325 | 12 903 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 11 923 | 12 442 | 3 444 | 2 378 | 971 | 526 | 294 | 249 | 32 227 |
| Unknown | no. | 72 | 4 | 253 | 12 | 88 | 112 | 43 | – | 584 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 48.6 | 73.2 | 20.6 | 45.7 | 33.7 | 13.7 | 39.5 | 50.5 | 39.9 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 7.4 | 9.5 | 3.3 | 4.4 | 2.8 | 5.2 | 3.4 | 6.9 | 6.4 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 10.1 | 10.6 | 5.0 | 7.2 | 4.5 | 7.1 | 5.1 | 25.2 | 8.5 |
| Children aged 0-17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2016 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 7 186 | 1 982 | 3 990 | 2 617 | 1 119 | 329 | 222 | 964 | 18 409 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 12 690 | 8 974 | 5 552 | 2 326 | 2 250 | 895 | 595 | 125 | 33 407 |
| Unknown | no. | na | 6 | 38 | 3 | 79 | 24 | 6 | – | 156 |
| All children | no. | 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 | | | | | | | | | | |

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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 | rate | 65.6 | 84.4 | 42.5 | 65.8 | 64.8 | 28.5 | 78.1 | 36.6 | 56.7 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 7.8 | 6.7 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 6.5 | 8.9 | 6.9 | 3.4 | 6.5 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 11.5 | 8.1 | 8.4 | 8.4 | 9.4 | 11.1 | 9.2 | 17.4 | 9.6 |
| 2014-15 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0-17 years in notifications | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 15 913 | 4 308 | 5 628 | 4 254 | 3 078 | 753 | 636 | 7 365 | 41 935 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 50 497 | 54 165 | 12 255 | 5 860 | 9 879 | 5 709 | 2 733 | 2 417 | 143 515 |
| Unknown | no. | 7 112 | 4 312 | 1 605 | 4 253 | 884 | 2 342 | 2 036 | 117 | 22 661 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 147.9 | 187.0 | 60.8 | 109.0 | 179.1 | 66.1 | 225.4 | 283.7 | 131.2 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 31.8 | 42.2 | 11.9 | 10.8 | 28.7 | 56.2 | 32.5 | 66.8 | 28.6 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 43.3 | 48.0 | 17.4 | 24.7 | 38.3 | 77.9 | 62.2 | 159.3 | 39.0 |
| Children aged 0-17 years in finalised investigations | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 11 058 | 2 224 | 4 991 | 3 128 | 928 | 166 | 205 | 3 284 | 25 984 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 30 846 | 19 608 | 10 772 | 4 540 | 2 039 | 737 | 720 | 906 | 70 168 |
| Unknown | no. | 819 | 35 | 1 233 | 2 278 | 182 | 250 | 32 | 13 | 4 842 |
| All children | no. | 42 723 | 21 867 | 16 996 | 9 946 | 3 149 | 1 153 | 957 | 4 203 | 100 994 |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 102.8 | 96.5 | 53.9 | 80.1 | 54.0 | 14.6 | 72.6 | 126.5 | 81.3 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 19.4 | 15.3 | 10.5 | 8.4 | 5.9 | 7.3 | 8.6 | 25.1 | 14.0 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 25.2 | 16.7 | 15.2 | 17.1 | 8.7 | 10.2 | 11.0 | 67.6 | 18.9 |
| Children aged 0-17 years in substantiations | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 4 691 | 1 415 | 2 019 | 1 315 | 575 | 123 | 98 | 1 439 | 11 675 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 10 299 | 11 880 | 3 601 | 1 591 | 1 237 | 537 | 273 | 315 | 29 733 |
| Unknown | no. | 32 | 5 | 249 | 476 | 96 | 173 | 15 | 3 | 1 049 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 43.6 | 61.4 | 21.8 | 33.7 | 33.4 | 10.8 | 34.7 | 55.4 | 36.5 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 6.5 | 9.2 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 3.6 | 5.3 | 3.2 | 8.7 | 5.9 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 8.8 | 10.2 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 7.4 | 4.4 | 28.3 | 8.0 |
| Children aged 0-17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2015 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 6 581 | 1 721 | 3 864 | 2 472 | 895 | 262 | 203 | 924 | 16 922 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 11 915 | 8 408 | 5 353 | 2 323 | 2 075 | 910 | 538 | 149 | 31 671 |
| Unknown | no. | na | 6 | 52 | 13 | 49 | 11 | 6 | – | 137 |
| All children | no. | 18 496 | 10 135 | 9 269 | 4 808 | 3 019 | 1 183 | 747 | 1 073 | 48 730 |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years at 30 June 2015 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 60.8 | 74.3 | 41.5 | 62.9 | 52.0 | 22.9 | 71.9 | 35.4 | 52.6 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 7.5 | 6.5 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 6.0 | 9.0 | 6.3 | 4.1 | 6.3 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 10.8 | 7.7 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 10.5 | 8.5 | 17.2 | 9.1 |
| 2013-14 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0-17 years in notifications | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 15 205 | 3 856 | 5 857 | 3 724 | 2 737 | 718 | 629 | 5 871 | 38 597 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 49 717 | 49 870 | 12 982 | 4 459 | 9 174 | 5 009 | 2 684 | 2 036 | 135 931 |
| Unknown | no. | 8 756 | 2 790 | 1 390 | 5 937 | 745 | 2 582 | 2 206 | 32 | 24 438 |
| All children | no. | 73 678 | 56 516 | 20 229 | 14 120 | 12 656 | 8 309 | 5 519 | 7 939 | 198 966 |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 143.0 | 169.4 | 63.9 | 96.6 | 159.8 | 63.7 | 222.4 | 228.4 | 122.0 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 31.6 | 39.6 | 12.7 | 8.3 | 26.8 | 48.8 | 32.5 | 55.2 | 27.5 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 43.9 | 44.1 | 18.2 | 24.6 | 35.2 | 73.0 | 64.7 | 126.9 | 37.8 |
| Children aged 0-17 years in finalised investigations | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 9 887 | 1 828 | 5 204 | 2 535 | 1 101 | 147 | 183 | 2 325 | 23 210 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 25 733 | 16 360 | 11 715 | 3 147 | 2 643 | 671 | 574 | 592 | 61 435 |
| Unknown | no. | 1 774 | 8 | 1 088 | 4 002 | 206 | 345 | 113 | 3 | 7 539 |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| All children | no. | 37 394 | 18 196 | 18 007 | 9 684 | 3 950 | 1 163 | 870 | 2 920 | 92 184 |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 93.0 | 80.3 | 56.8 | 65.7 | 64.3 | 13.0 | 64.7 | 90.5 | 73.4 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 16.4 | 13.0 | 11.5 | 5.9 | 7.7 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 16.1 | 12.4 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 22.3 | 14.2 | 16.2 | 16.9 | 11.0 | 10.2 | 10.2 | 46.7 | 17.5 |
| Children aged 0-17 years in substantiations | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 4 677 | 1 249 | 2 200 | 1 070 | 691 | 86 | 66 | 1 231 | 11 270 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 10 323 | 10 145 | 4 234 | 1 182 | 1 398 | 430 | 275 | 162 | 28 149 |
| Unknown | no. | 74 | 1 | 251 | 801 | 101 | 196 | — | 1 | 1 425 |
| All children | no. | 15 074 | 11 395 | 6 685 | 3 053 | 2 190 | 712 | 341 | 1 394 | 40 844 |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 44.0 | 54.9 | 24.0 | 27.7 | 40.3 | 7.6 | 23.3 | 47.9 | 35.6 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 6.6 | 8.1 | 4.2 | 2.2 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 4.4 | 5.7 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 9.0 | 8.9 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 4.0 | 22.3 | 7.8 |
| Children aged 0-17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2014 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 6 022 | 1 507 | 3 659 | 2 215 | 812 | 267 | 182 | 840 | 15 504 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 11 219 | 7 718 | 5 404 | 2 201 | 1 940 | 880 | 523 | 149 | 30 034 |
| Unknown | no. | 1 | 8 | 68 | 55 | 34 | 41 | — | 1 | 208 |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 56.3 | 65.8 | 39.7 | 57.2 | 47.3 | 23.6 | 64.6 | 32.6 | 48.8 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 7.1 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 4.1 | 5.6 | 8.6 | 6.3 | 4.1 | 6.0 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 10.2 | 7.1 | 8.2 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 10.5 | 8.2 | 15.9 | 8.6 |
| 2012-13 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0-17 years in notifications | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 13 365 | 3 561 | 5 803 | 3 133 | 2 829 | 726 | 631 | 4 944 | 34 992 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 43 887 | 46 399 | 13 845 | 3 739 | 9 098 | 4 824 | 2 997 | 1 656 | 126 445 |
| Unknown | no. | 7 218 | 2 151 | 1 606 | 6 101 | 495 | 2 456 | 2 803 | 17 | 22 847 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 127.3 | 158.3 | 64.0 | 82.1 | 166.1 | 64.9 | 221.7 | 193.8 | 111.8 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 28.2 | 37.6 | 13.7 | 7.1 | 26.7 | 46.6 | 37.1 | 44.6 | 25.9 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 38.7 | 41.4 | 19.3 | 23.0 | 34.8 | 69.8 | 77.0 | 105.6 | 35.4 |
| Children aged 0-17 years in finalised investigations | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 8 345 | 1 642 | 5 189 | 2 149 | 990 | 204 | 210 | 2 221 | 20 950 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 22 272 | 14 924 | 12 642 | 2 647 | 2 151 | 939 | 820 | 564 | 56 959 |

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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. | 1 192 | na | 1 280 | 4 201 | 98 | 413 | 362 | – | 7 546 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 79.5 | 73.0 | 57.2 | 56.3 | 58.1 | 18.2 | 73.8 | 87.1 | 66.9 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 14.3 | 12.1 | 12.5 | 5.0 | 6.3 | 9.1 | 10.2 | 15.2 | 11.6 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 19.1 | 13.2 | 17.4 | 15.9 | 9.1 | 13.6 | 16.7 | 44.5 | 16.4 |
| Children aged 0-17 years in substantiations | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 4 934 | 1 048 | 2 184 | 929 | 581 | 143 | 84 | 1 053 | 10 956 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 11 216 | 8 957 | 4 666 | 983 | 1 200 | 554 | 309 | 150 | 28 035 |
| Unknown | no. | 86 | 4 | 299 | 928 | 55 | 221 | 101 | – | 1 694 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 47.0 | 46.6 | 24.1 | 24.3 | 34.1 | 12.8 | 29.5 | 41.3 | 35.0 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 7.2 | 7.3 | 4.6 | 1.9 | 3.5 | 5.3 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 5.7 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 9.8 | 8.0 | 6.5 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 8.0 | 5.9 | 19.2 | 7.8 |
| Children aged 0-17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2013 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 5 594 | 1 262 | 3 547 | 1 933 | 803 | 276 | 169 | 683 | 14 267 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 10 776 | 6 333 | 5 602 | 1 939 | 1 957 | 951 | 481 | 132 | 28 171 |

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Unknown | no. | 3 | 8 | 62 | 53 | 38 | 26 | 24 | – | 214 |
| All children | no. | 16 373 | 7 603 | 9 211 | 3 925 | 2 798 | 1 253 | 674 | 815 | 42 652 |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years at 30 June 2013 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 52.9 | 55.8 | 38.9 | 50.4 | 47.0 | 24.6 | 59.6 | 26.7 | 45.3 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 6.9 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 3.6 | 5.7 | 9.2 | 5.9 | 3.6 | 5.7 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 9.8 | 6.0 | 8.3 | 6.9 | 7.8 | 11.0 | 8.0 | 13.0 | 8.1 |
| 2011-12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0-17 years in notifications | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 12 536 | 3 294 | 5 820 | 3 010 | 2 763 | 751 | 586 | 4 219 | 32 979 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 42 505 | 41 858 | 14 367 | 3 829 | 9 015 | 4 820 | 2 718 | 1 458 | 120 570 |
| Unknown | no. | 6 267 | 1 560 | 1 722 | 5 015 | 411 | 2 181 | 2 732 | 65 | 19 953 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 121.1 | 147.9 | 65.0 | 79.5 | 163.5 | 68.1 | 204.3 | 166.6 | 106.6 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 27.5 | 34.5 | 14.5 | 7.5 | 26.7 | 45.9 | 34.5 | 39.5 | 25.0 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 37.2 | 37.8 | 20.3 | 21.5 | 34.4 | 66.8 | 73.9 | 92.3 | 33.8 |
| Children aged 0-17 years in finalised investigations | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 7 807 | 1 407 | 5 232 | 2 168 | 886 | 194 | 229 | 2 514 | 20 437 |

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 22 266 | 12 712 | 12 989 | 2 883 | 2 155 | 966 | 757 | 661 | 55 389 |
| Unknown | no. | 1 037 | – | 1 421 | 3 390 | 104 | 302 | 318 | 3 | 6 575 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 75.4 | 63.2 | 58.4 | 57.3 | 52.4 | 17.6 | 79.8 | 99.3 | 66.1 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 14.4 | 10.5 | 13.1 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 9.2 | 9.6 | 17.9 | 11.5 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 18.9 | 11.4 | 18.2 | 15.3 | 8.9 | 12.6 | 16.0 | 51.1 | 16.1 |
| Children aged 0-17 years in substantiations | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 4 247 | 963 | 2 002 | 763 | 530 | 136 | 113 | 1 304 | 10 058 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 10 387 | 7 778 | 4 670 | 944 | 1 219 | 645 | 331 | 209 | 26 183 |
| Unknown | no. | 33 | – | 302 | 876 | 61 | 158 | 110 | – | 1 540 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 41.0 | 43.2 | 22.4 | 20.2 | 31.4 | 12.3 | 39.4 | 51.5 | 32.5 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 6.7 | 6.4 | 4.7 | 1.8 | 3.6 | 6.1 | 4.2 | 5.7 | 5.4 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 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 | no. | 5 299 | 1 150 | 3 374 | 1 650 | 744 | 241 | 164 | 646 | 13 268 |

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| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 10 661 | 6 100 | 5 446 | 1 813 | 1 901 | 933 | 543 | 134 | 27 531 |
| Unknown | no. | 21 | 12 | 43 | 29 | 35 | 11 | 12 | – | 163 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 50.8 | 51.4 | 37.4 | 43.4 | 43.8 | 21.6 | 57.5 | 25.4 | 42.6 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 6.9 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 3.5 | 5.6 | 9.0 | 6.8 | 3.6 | 5.7 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 9.7 | 5.8 | 8.1 | 6.3 | 7.5 | 10.3 | 8.7 | 12.5 | 7.9 |
| 2010-11 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0-17 years in notifications | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 11 796 | 2 716 | 4 953 | 2 372 | 2 695 | 696 | 521 | 3 498 | 29 247 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 44 098 | 38 004 | 13 066 | 3 048 | 10 875 | 4 738 | 2 814 | 1 259 | 117 902 |
| Unknown | no. | 5 238 | 739 | 1 334 | 4 314 | 426 | 2 053 | 2 433 | 81 | 16 618 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 115.8 | 122.7 | 56.1 | 63.2 | 161.1 | 64.2 | 180.1 | 139.1 | 95.7 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 28.7 | 31.8 | 13.4 | 6.1 | 32.4 | 44.7 | 36.4 | 33.9 | 24.7 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| Children aged 0-17 years in finalised investigations | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 7 777 | 1 170 | 3 890 | 1 430 | 821 | 240 | 223 | 2 256 | 17 807 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 25 268 | 10 934 | 10 584 | 1 934 | 2 503 | 1 217 | 665 | 661 | 53 766 |
| Unknown | no. | 1 093 | 5 | 790 | 2 379 | 95 | 407 | 181 | 29 | 4 979 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 76.3 | 52.8 | 44.0 | 38.1 | 49.1 | 22.1 | 77.1 | 89.7 | 58.3 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 16.4 | 9.1 | 10.8 | 3.9 | 7.4 | 11.5 | 8.6 | 17.8 | 11.3 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 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 | no. | 3 303 | 768 | 1 731 | 539 | 452 | 146 | 106 | 1 186 | 8 231 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 8 194 | 6 557 | 4 032 | 695 | 1 334 | 771 | 329 | 232 | 22 144 |
| Unknown | no. | 39 | 2 | 178 | 636 | 45 | 215 | 30 | 7 | 1 152 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 32.4 | 34.7 | 19.6 | 14.4 | 27.0 | 13.5 | 36.6 | 47.2 | 26.9 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 5.3 | 5.5 | 4.1 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 7.3 | 4.3 | 6.2 | 4.6 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 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 | | | | | | | | | | |

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 4 900 | 1 060 | 3 181 | 1 496 | 658 | 234 | 176 | 575 | 12 280 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 10 435 | 5 665 | 5 247 | 1 663 | 1 904 | 936 | 535 | 146 | 26 531 |
| Unknown | no. | 4 | 10 | 28 | 118 | 58 | 16 | 12 | 1 | 247 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 47.7 | 47.8 | 35.8 | 39.6 | 39.1 | 21.4 | 61.0 | 22.8 | 39.9 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 6.8 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 3.3 | 5.7 | 8.9 | 6.9 | 3.9 | 5.5 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 9.3 | 5.5 | 7.9 | 6.0 | 7.4 | 10.2 | 9.0 | 11.6 | 7.7 |
| 2009-10 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0-17 years in notifications | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 15 399 | 2 404 | 4 832 | 3 551 | 2 665 | 402 | 533 | 3 348 | 33 134 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 63 797 | 34 715 | 13 182 | 4 972 | 9 546 | 1 238 | 2 896 | 1 371 | 131 717 |
| Unknown | no. | 9 400 | 642 | 1 622 | 2 010 | 1 362 | 5 337 | 2 090 | – | 22 463 |
| All children | no. | 88 596 | 37 761 | 19 636 | 10 533 | 13 573 | 6 977 | 5 519 | 4 719 | 187 314 |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 153.8 | 109.0 | 55.6 | 95.6 | 161.6 | 37.8 | 184.4 | 134.1 | 110.0 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 41.7 | 29.2 | 13.6 | 10.1 | 28.4 | 11.6 | 37.7 | 36.5 | 27.8 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 54.4 | 31.2 | 18.6 | 19.9 | 38.5 | 59.4 | 69.3 | 75.5 | 37.2 |
| Children aged 0-17 years in finalised investigations | | | | | | | | | | |

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 11 314 | 1 064 | 3 830 | 1 289 | 944 | 165 | 180 | 1 700 | 20 486 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 37 895 | 10 404 | 10 976 | 2 055 | 2 215 | 693 | 763 | 430 | 65 431 |
| Unknown | no. | 1 627 | 14 | 828 | 360 | 233 | 552 | 135 | – | 3 749 |
| All children | no. | 50 836 | 11 482 | 15 634 | 3 704 | 3 392 | 1 410 | 1 078 | 2 130 | 89 666 |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 113.0 | 48.3 | 44.1 | 34.7 | 57.2 | 15.5 | 62.3 | 68.1 | 68.0 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 24.8 | 8.8 | 11.3 | 4.2 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 9.9 | 11.5 | 13.8 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 31.2 | 9.5 | 14.8 | 7.0 | 9.6 | 12.0 | 13.5 | 34.1 | 17.8 |
| Children aged 0-17 years in substantiations | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 3 707 | 710 | 1 780 | 642 | 379 | 130 | 118 | 868 | 8 334 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 9 408 | 5 690 | 4 227 | 818 | 1 029 | 614 | 380 | 169 | 22 335 |
| Unknown | no. | 21 | 3 | 211 | 97 | 99 | 136 | 52 | 7 | 626 |
| All children | no. | 13 136 | 6 403 | 6 218 | 1 557 | 1 507 | 880 | 550 | 1 044 | 31 295 |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 37.0 | 32.2 | 20.5 | 17.3 | 23.0 | 12.2 | 40.8 | 34.8 | 27.7 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 6.2 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.7 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 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 | | | | | | | | | | |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 4 555 | 948 | 2 969 | 1 525 | 631 | 157 | 159 | 507 | 11 451 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 10 132 | 5 549 | 5 118 | 1 906 | 1 877 | 955 | 492 | 186 | 26 215 |
| Unknown | no. | 2 | 18 | 3 | 1 | 35 | – | 2 | 3 | 64 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 45.1 | 42.9 | 33.9 | 40.8 | 38.0 | 14.6 | 54.8 | 20.2 | 37.7 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 6.6 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 3.8 | 5.6 | 9.0 | 6.4 | 4.9 | 5.5 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 9.0 | 5.4 | 7.6 | 6.4 | 7.2 | 9.5 | 8.2 | 11.1 | 7.5 |

- (a) Notifications are only recorded for children aged 0-17. Investigations and substantiations may relate to young people aged 18 where the notification was made when they were aged 17 or younger.
- (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) 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. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, the population in December was derived by taking the average of June estimates and projections of population.
- (d) Rates of children on care and protection orders 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 30 June, multiplied by 1000, except for the most recent year, where the population at 31 March is used for the total population.
- (e) The population of non-Indigenous children aged 0-17 years is calculated by subtracting the population of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0-17 years from the total population 0-17 years. Rates are not able to be calculated for children of unknown Indigenous status as corresponding population data are not available.

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-----|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| (f) | NSW: NSW implemented a new client management system in 2017-18. Data for 2017-18 onwards 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'. Introduction of a new client system has also had an impact on recording of Indigenous status resulting in a large increase in the number of records missing indigenous status especially for children in notifications and investigations. | | | | | | | | | |
| (g) | Queensland: All notifications require an investigation to ensure the safety and well-being of children. From 2014-15 onwards, Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive data in this table according to national definitions and specifications. Data from 2014-15 onwards are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. From January 2015, amendments to the Child Protection Act 1999 commenced, which consolidated mandatory reporting requirements and allowed certain professionals to refer families to support services. 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 as Tasmania has moved from a caller to an agency defined approach. Due to changes in intake practice implemented during 2018-19, the proportion of contacts progressed to notifications has decreased. 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 was reported as high in 2017-18 publications but has since improved through data remediation. Figures for 2017-18 have been retrospectively updated. 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 2018-19; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.2

Table 16A.2 Children in care, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2018-19 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0-17 in out-of-home care at 30 June 2019 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 6 754 | 2 181 | 3 576 | 2 604 | 1 338 | 379 | 199 | 948 | 17 979 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 10 127 | 6 309 | 4 532 | 2 148 | 2 437 | 706 | 497 | 108 | 26 864 |
| Unknown | no. | 3 | – | 17 | 2 | 22 | 19 | – | – | 63 |
| All children | no. | 16 884 | 8 490 | 8 125 | 4 754 | 3 797 | 1 104 | 696 | 1 056 | 44 906 |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 60.2 | 90.0 | 37.0 | 64.1 | 75.3 | 32.7 | 68.5 | 36.6 | 54.2 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 6.1 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 5.4 | 3.0 | 5.1 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 9.5 | 6.0 | 6.9 | 7.9 | 10.3 | 9.8 | 7.4 | 17.0 | 8.0 |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 7 609 | 2 847 | 4 417 | 3 011 | 1 517 | 425 | 248 | 1 155 | 21 229 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 11 721 | 9 246 | 5 752 | 2 578 | 2 769 | 822 | 594 | 143 | 33 625 |
| Unknown | no. | 12 | – | 53 | 2 | 23 | 44 | – | 1 | 135 |
| All children | no. | 19 342 | 12 093 | 10 222 | 5 591 | 4 309 | 1 291 | 842 | 1 299 | 54 989 |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 67.8 | 117.5 | 45.7 | 74.2 | 85.3 | 36.7 | 85.4 | 44.5 | 64.0 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 7.1 | 6.7 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 7.9 | 8.2 | 6.5 | 4.0 | 6.4 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 10.9 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 9.3 | 11.7 | 11.5 | 8.9 | 21.0 | 9.8 |
| Children aged 0-17 in other supported placements at 30 June 2019 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 1 036 | 383 | 557 | 8 | 25 | 54 | 35 | – | 2 098 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 2 013 | 2 785 | 986 | 7 | 166 | 165 | 75 | – | 6 197 |

TABLE 16A.2

Table 16A.2 Children in care, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Unknown | no. | 1 | – | 1 | – | – | 2 | – | – | 4 |
| All children | no. | 3 050 | 3 168 | 1 544 | 15 | 191 | 221 | 110 | – | 8 299 |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 9.2 | 15.8 | 5.8 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 4.7 | 12.0 | – | 6.3 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 1.2 | 2.0 | 0.9 | – | 0.5 | 1.6 | 0.8 | – | 1.2 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 1.7 | 2.2 | 1.3 | – | 0.5 | 2.0 | 1.2 | – | 1.5 |
| Children aged 0-17 in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 7 790 | 2 564 | 4 133 | 2 612 | 1 363 | 433 | 234 | 948 | 20 077 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 12 140 | 9 094 | 5 518 | 2 155 | 2 603 | 871 | 572 | 108 | 33 061 |
| Unknown | no. | 4 | – | 18 | 2 | 22 | 21 | – | – | 67 |
| All children | no. | 19 934 | 11 658 | 9 669 | 4 769 | 3 988 | 1 325 | 806 | 1 056 | 53 205 |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 69.4 | 105.8 | 42.8 | 64.3 | 76.7 | 37.4 | 80.6 | 36.6 | 60.5 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 7.3 | 6.6 | 5.1 | 3.8 | 7.4 | 8.6 | 6.2 | 3.0 | 6.3 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 11.3 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 10.8 | 11.8 | 8.5 | 17.0 | 9.5 |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care or other supported placement during the year | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 8 702 | 3 194 | 4 967 | 3 019 | 1 533 | 483 | 276 | 1 155 | 23 329 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 13 856 | 11 783 | 6 744 | 2 587 | 2 913 | 976 | 655 | 143 | 39 657 |
| Unknown | no. | 13 | – | 54 | 2 | 23 | 46 | – | 1 | 139 |
| All children | no. | 22 571 | 14 977 | 11 765 | 5 608 | 4 469 | 1 505 | 931 | 1 299 | 63 125 |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 77.9 | 132.6 | 51.6 | 74.6 | 86.8 | 41.7 | 95.7 | 44.4 | 70.5 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 8.3 | 8.5 | 6.3 | 4.6 | 8.3 | 9.7 | 7.1 | 4.0 | 7.5 |

TABLE 16A.2

Table 16A.2 Children in care, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 12.7 | 10.6 | 10.0 | 9.4 | 12.2 | 13.4 | 9.8 | 20.9 | 11.3 |
| 2017-18 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0-17 in out-of-home care at 30 June 2018 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 6 766 | 1 975 | 3 832 | 2 452 | 1 216 | 389 | 260 | 953 | 17 843 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 10 618 | 5 979 | 5 225 | 1 994 | 2 413 | 849 | 566 | 114 | 27 758 |
| Unknown | no. | 3 | – | 50 | 2 | 66 | 34 | – | – | 155 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 60.8 | 82.5 | 40.0 | 60.8 | 69.3 | 33.6 | 90.9 | 36.5 | 54.2 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 6.4 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 3.6 | 6.9 | 8.4 | 6.2 | 3.1 | 5.3 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 9.8 | 5.7 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 10.1 | 11.3 | 8.8 | 17.0 | 8.2 |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 7 589 | 2 561 | 4 681 | 2 845 | 1 373 | 417 | 277 | 1 160 | 20 903 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 12 192 | 8 708 | 6 381 | 2 429 | 2 702 | 940 | 666 | 159 | 34 177 |
| Unknown | no. | 14 | 2 | 95 | 2 | 76 | 62 | 1 | 1 | 253 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 68.5 | 107.5 | 49.1 | 70.8 | 78.5 | 36.1 | 97.2 | 44.2 | 63.7 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 7.5 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 4.4 | 7.7 | 9.3 | 7.4 | 4.4 | 6.6 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 11.3 | 8.1 | 9.6 | 8.9 | 11.3 | 12.6 | 10.2 | 21.1 | 10.0 |
| 2016-17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0-17 in out-of-home care at 30 June 2017 | | | | | | | | | | |

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Table 16A.2 Children in care, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 6 824 | 2 091 | 3 782 | 2 321 | 1 150 | 321 | 227 | 948 | 17 664 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 11 055 | 8 212 | 5 093 | 1 911 | 2 246 | 865 | 576 | 111 | 30 069 |
| Unknown | no. | – | 9 | 66 | – | 88 | 19 | – | – | 182 |
| All children | no. | 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 61.9 | 88.3 | 39.9 | 57.9 | 66.0 | 27.8 | 79.9 | 36.1 | 54.0 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 6.8 | 6.0 | 4.8 | 3.5 | 6.4 | 8.6 | 6.5 | 3.0 | 5.8 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 10.3 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 7.1 | 9.5 | 10.7 | 8.8 | 16.8 | 8.7 |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 7 758 | 2 573 | 4 589 | 2 751 | 1 329 | 361 | 257 | 1 176 | 20 794 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 12 823 | 10 418 | 6 270 | 2 360 | 2 516 | 967 | 682 | 150 | 36 186 |
| Unknown | no. | – | 10 | 99 | 1 | 106 | 25 | – | – | 241 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 70.6 | 109.1 | 48.6 | 68.9 | 76.6 | 31.2 | 90.4 | 44.7 | 63.8 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 7.9 | 7.8 | 6.0 | 4.3 | 7.2 | 9.6 | 7.8 | 4.1 | 7.0 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 11.9 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 8.7 | 10.8 | 12.0 | 10.4 | 21.2 | 10.5 |
| 2015-16 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0-17 in out-of-home care at 30 June 2016 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 6 652 | 1 876 | 3 619 | 2 212 | 1 073 | 297 | 197 | 920 | 16 846 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 11 147 | 7 821 | 5 010 | 1 887 | 2 095 | 830 | 546 | 112 | 29 448 |
| Unknown | no. | 1 | 8 | 41 | 1 | 75 | 23 | 5 | – | 154 |

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Table 16A.2 Children in care, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 60.7 | 79.9 | 38.6 | 55.6 | 62.1 | 25.7 | 69.3 | 34.9 | 51.9 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 6.9 | 5.9 | 4.8 | 3.4 | 6.0 | 8.2 | 6.3 | 3.1 | 5.8 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 10.3 | 7.2 | 7.6 | 7.0 | 8.9 | 10.2 | 8.4 | 16.5 | 8.5 |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 7 482 | 2 307 | 4 419 | 2 603 | 1 190 | 327 | 223 | 1 135 | 19 686 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 12 833 | 10 158 | 6 194 | 2 362 | 2 387 | 948 | 643 | 164 | 35 689 |
| Unknown | no. | 1 | 8 | 96 | 2 | 94 | 25 | 13 | – | 239 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 68.7 | 98.9 | 47.3 | 65.8 | 69.0 | 28.4 | 78.7 | 43.2 | 60.9 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 8.0 | 7.7 | 6.0 | 4.3 | 6.9 | 9.4 | 7.5 | 4.5 | 7.0 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 11.8 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 8.5 | 10.1 | 11.6 | 9.9 | 20.8 | 10.3 |
| 2014-15 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0-17 in out-of-home care at 30 June 2015 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 6 210 | 1 511 | 3 512 | 2 062 | 844 | 241 | 183 | 892 | 15 455 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 10 631 | 7 049 | 4 879 | 1 890 | 1 949 | 812 | 482 | 125 | 27 817 |
| Unknown | no. | 2 | 7 | 57 | 2 | 45 | 8 | 6 | – | 127 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 57.4 | 65.2 | 37.7 | 52.4 | 49.0 | 21.0 | 64.8 | 34.1 | 48.1 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 6.7 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 3.5 | 5.6 | 8.0 | 5.7 | 3.4 | 5.5 |

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Table 16A.2 Children in care, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 9.9 | 6.5 | 7.5 | 6.8 | 7.8 | 9.4 | 7.7 | 16.3 | 8.1 |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 7 756 | 1 888 | 4 183 | 2 402 | 990 | 277 | 208 | 1 067 | 18 771 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 13 662 | 9 120 | 5 977 | 2 312 | 2 229 | 959 | 613 | 184 | 35 056 |
| Unknown | no. | 8 | 9 | 96 | 11 | 54 | 9 | 10 | – | 197 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 72.1 | 81.9 | 45.2 | 61.5 | 57.6 | 24.3 | 73.7 | 41.1 | 58.7 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 8.6 | 7.1 | 5.8 | 4.3 | 6.5 | 9.4 | 7.3 | 5.1 | 7.0 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 12.6 | 8.4 | 7.5 | 8.1 | 9.0 | 11.0 | 9.6 | 19.8 | 9.8 |
| 2013-14 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0-17 in out-of-home care at 30 June 2014 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 6 520 | 1 308 | 3 336 | 1 882 | 787 | 232 | 152 | 774 | 14 991 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 11 667 | 6 393 | 4 783 | 1 800 | 1 811 | 786 | 454 | 133 | 27 827 |
| Unknown | no. | 5 | 9 | 66 | 41 | 33 | 36 | – | 1 | 191 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 60.9 | 57.1 | 36.2 | 48.6 | 45.9 | 20.5 | 53.9 | 30.0 | 47.2 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 7.4 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 3.3 | 5.3 | 7.7 | 5.5 | 3.6 | 5.6 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 10.8 | 6.0 | 7.3 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 9.3 | 7.1 | 14.5 | 8.1 |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |

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Table 16A.2 Children in care, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 7 333 | 1 650 | 4 055 | 2 203 | 932 | 281 | 182 | 937 | 17 573 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 13 177 | 8 380 | 6 079 | 2 205 | 2 115 | 940 | 576 | 177 | 33 649 |
| Unknown | no. | 10 | 11 | 105 | 77 | 42 | 52 | 18 | 3 | 318 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 69.0 | 72.5 | 44.2 | 57.1 | 54.4 | 24.9 | 64.4 | 36.5 | 55.6 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 8.4 | 6.7 | 6.0 | 4.1 | 6.2 | 9.2 | 7.0 | 4.8 | 6.8 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 12.2 | 7.8 | 7.6 | 7.8 | 8.6 | 11.2 | 9.1 | 18.1 | 9.4 |
| 2012-13 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0-17 in out-of-home care at 30 June 2013 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 6 203 | 922 | 3 195 | 1 800 | 788 | 243 | 140 | 623 | 13 914 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 11 214 | 5 412 | 4 884 | 1 781 | 1 835 | 803 | 400 | 125 | 26 454 |
| Unknown | no. | 5 | 65 | 57 | 55 | 34 | 21 | 19 | – | 256 |
| All children | no. | 17 422 | 6 399 | 8 136 | 3 636 | 2 657 | 1 067 | 559 | 748 | 40 624 |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 58.7 | 40.8 | 35.0 | 46.9 | 46.1 | 21.7 | 49.3 | 24.3 | 44.2 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 7.2 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 3.3 | 5.4 | 7.8 | 4.9 | 3.4 | 5.4 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 10.4 | 5.0 | 7.4 | 6.4 | 7.4 | 9.3 | 6.6 | 11.9 | 7.8 |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 6 991 | 1 240 | 3 985 | 2 152 | 898 | 282 | 187 | 862 | 16 597 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 13 060 | 7 608 | 6 293 | 2 234 | 2 156 | 981 | 539 | 186 | 33 057 |
| Unknown | no. | 18 | 109 | 84 | 112 | 41 | 35 | 44 | – | 443 |
| All children | no. | 20 069 | 8 957 | 8 706 | 4 498 | 3 095 | 1 298 | 770 | 1 048 | 48 441 |

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Table 16A.2 Children in care, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | rate | 66.6 | 55.1 | 44.0 | 56.4 | 52.7 | 25.2 | 65.7 | 33.8 | 53.0 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 8.4 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 4.2 | 6.3 | 9.5 | 6.7 | 5.0 | 6.8 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 12.1 | 7.1 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 8.7 | 11.3 | 9.2 | 16.7 | 9.3 |
| 2011-12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0-17 in out-of-home care at 30 June 2012 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 5 991 | 1 028 | 3 041 | 1 614 | 706 | 212 | 134 | 573 | 13 299 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 11 177 | 5 106 | 4 919 | 1 760 | 1 828 | 789 | 421 | 127 | 26 127 |
| Unknown | no. | 24 | 73 | 39 | 26 | 14 | 8 | 11 | – | 195 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 57.4 | 46.0 | 33.7 | 42.5 | 41.6 | 19.0 | 47.0 | 22.5 | 42.7 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 7.2 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 3.4 | 5.4 | 7.6 | 5.3 | 3.4 | 5.4 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 10.4 | 5.0 | 7.3 | 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 6 876 | 1 424 | 3 796 | 1 972 | 803 | 244 | 182 | 838 | 16 135 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 13 102 | 7 369 | 6 205 | 2 203 | 2 146 | 983 | 576 | 192 | 32 776 |
| Unknown | no. | 40 | 310 | 78 | 85 | 37 | 22 | 39 | 1 | 612 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 66.4 | 63.9 | 42.4 | 52.1 | 47.5 | 22.1 | 63.4 | 33.1 | 52.2 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 8.5 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 4.3 | 6.4 | 9.4 | 7.3 | 5.2 | 6.8 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |

TABLE 16A.2

Table 16A.2 Children in care, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| All children | rate | 12.1 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 8.4 | 10.8 | 9.8 | 16.6 | 9.4 |
| 2010-11 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0-17 in out-of-home care at 30 June 2011 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 5 737 | 877 | 2 850 | 1 448 | 630 | 196 | 119 | 501 | 12 358 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 10 994 | 4 701 | 4 722 | 1 527 | 1 690 | 754 | 409 | 132 | 24 929 |
| Unknown | no. | 9 | 100 | 30 | 145 | 48 | 16 | 12 | 1 | 361 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 55.8 | 39.5 | 32.0 | 38.4 | 37.4 | 17.9 | 41.3 | 19.9 | 40.2 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 7.1 | 3.9 | 4.8 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 7.1 | 5.3 | 3.6 | 5.2 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 10.2 | 4.6 | 7.1 | 5.7 | 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 6 620 | 1 251 | 3 651 | 1 702 | 747 | 233 | 175 | 702 | 15 081 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 12 945 | 6 923 | 6 092 | 1 908 | 2 012 | 905 | 553 | 192 | 31 530 |
| Unknown | no. | 25 | 299 | 57 | 229 | 63 | 29 | 51 | 3 | 756 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 65.0 | 56.5 | 41.3 | 45.3 | 44.7 | 21.5 | 60.5 | 27.9 | 49.4 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 8.4 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 3.8 | 6.0 | 8.5 | 7.2 | 5.2 | 6.6 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 12.0 | 7.0 | 7.8 | 7.1 | 8.0 | 10.0 | 9.7 | 14.4 | 9.0 |
| 2009-10 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0-17 in out-of-home care at 30 June 2010 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | |

TABLE 16A.2

Table 16A.2 Children in care, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 5 465 | 816 | 2 686 | 1 242 | 589 | 138 | 125 | 407 | 11 468 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 10 699 | 4 553 | 4 655 | 1 494 | 1 576 | 755 | 405 | 142 | 24 279 |
| Unknown | no. | 11 | 100 | 9 | 1 | 23 | – | 2 | 2 | 148 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 54.1 | 36.9 | 30.6 | 33.2 | 35.4 | 12.8 | 43.1 | 16.2 | 37.8 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 7.0 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 3.0 | 4.7 | 7.1 | 5.3 | 3.8 | 5.1 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 6 337 | 1 204 | 3 490 | 1 557 | 719 | 153 | 169 | 608 | 14 237 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 12 601 | 6 836 | 6 032 | 1 976 | 1 959 | 968 | 564 | 212 | 31 148 |
| Unknown | no. | 29 | 284 | 43 | 4 | 33 | – | 32 | – | 425 |
| All children | no. | 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 | rate | 63.3 | 54.6 | 40.2 | 41.9 | 43.6 | 14.4 | 58.5 | 24.4 | 47.3 |
| Non-Indigenous | rate | 8.2 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 4.0 | 5.8 | 9.1 | 7.3 | 5.7 | 6.6 |
| Unknown | rate | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All children | rate | 11.6 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 6.7 | 7.7 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 13.1 | 8.8 |

(a) From 2018-19 the scope of out-of-home care has changed, see box 16.1 and sub-section 16.4. This means that in some jurisdictions data from 2018-19 are not comparable with data for previous years. For 2018-19, children in other living arrangements that were previously included in the scope of out-of-home care will be excluded from the count of children in out-of-home care and reported as 'other supported placements' in data tables. The scope of out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but declined by the carer.

(b) Rates of children in out-of-home care 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 30 June, multiplied by 1000, except for the most recent year, where the population at 31 March is used for the total population.

Table 16A.2 **Children in care, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-----|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| (c) | Rates of children in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year 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) | The population of non-Indigenous children aged 0-17 years is calculated by subtracting the population of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0-17 years from the total population 0-17 years. Rates are not able to be calculated for children of unknown Indigenous status as corresponding population data are not available. | | | | | | | | | |
| (e) | NSW: Data for children in out-of-home care from 2014-15 excludes children/young people who are in the independent care of their guardian and from 2017-18 also excludes children on immigration orders. | | | | | | | | | |
| (f) | Victoria: The foster care category includes children on permanent care orders where carers are in receipt of foster care payment and children in individually tailored home-based arrangements. From 2017-18 excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders. | | | | | | | | | |
| (g) | Queensland: From 2014-15 onwards, Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive data in this table according to national definitions and specifications. Data from 2014-15 onwards are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. Queensland retains some funding and case management responsibility for children subject to third party parental responsibility orders who are excluded from the revised national definition of out-of-home care. | | | | | | | | | |
| (h) | 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 was reported as high in 2017-18 publications but has since improved through data remediation. Figures for 2017-18 have been retrospectively updated. | | | | | | | | | |
| (i) | 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. | | | | | | | | | |
| (j) | 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 2018-19; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

Table 16A.3 Children admitted to and discharged from out-of-home-care by Indigenous status (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> |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2018-19 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to care | no. | 928 | 924 | 1 208 | 594 | 304 | 96 | 25 | 210 | 4 289 |
| Children discharged from care | no. | 956 | 736 | 941 | 449 | 190 | 48 | 45 | 217 | 3 582 |
| Non-Indigenous | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to care | no. | 1 326 | 3 619 | 1 568 | 615 | 475 | 132 | 94 | 30 | 7 859 |
| Children discharged from care | no. | 1 696 | 3 113 | 1 242 | 446 | 339 | 117 | 90 | 36 | 7 079 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to care | no. | 11 | – | 40 | 1 | 10 | 12 | – | 1 | 75 |
| Children discharged from care | no. | 9 | – | 36 | – | 1 | 25 | – | 1 | 72 |
| All children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to care | no. | 2 265 | 4 543 | 2 816 | 1 210 | 789 | 240 | 119 | 241 | 12 223 |
| Children discharged from care | no. | 2 661 | 3 849 | 2 219 | 895 | 530 | 190 | 135 | 254 | 10 733 |

- (a) 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: Data from 2017-18 excludes children on immigration orders and children/young people who are in the independent care of their guardian.
- (c) Victoria: Data excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.
- (d) Queensland: Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive data in this table according to national definitions and specifications. Data may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. Queensland retains some funding and case management responsibility for children admitted to third party parental responsibility orders who are excluded from the revised national definition of out-of-home care.
- (e) 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.
- (f) 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).

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), (o)**

| | <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> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2018-19 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August | | | | | | | | | |
| Substantiated | no. | 8 407 | 2 467 | 2 520 | 2 311 | 751 | 124 | 69 | 1 029 |
| Not substantiated | no. | 7 589 | 1 843 | 4 763 | 1 899 | 950 | 27 | 283 | 1 894 |
| Total finalised | no. | 15 996 | 4 310 | 7 283 | 4 210 | 1 701 | 151 | 352 | 2 923 |
| Investigations in process | no. | 10 202 | 106 | 1 250 | 912 | 295 | 29 | 1 | 444 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | no. | 1 079 | – | 425 | 395 | 87 | 33 | 59 | 580 |
| Total investigations | no. | 27 277 | 4 416 | 8 958 | 5 517 | 2 083 | 213 | 412 | 3 947 |
| Dealt with by other means | no. | 27 098 | 6 375 | – | 1 480 | 5 920 | 384 | 2 297 | 15 078 |
| Total notifications | no. | 54 375 | 10 791 | 8 958 | 6 997 | 8 003 | 597 | 2 709 | 19 025 |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August | | | | | | | | | |
| Substantiated | % | 15.5 | 22.9 | 28.1 | 33.0 | 9.4 | 20.8 | 2.5 | 5.4 |
| Not substantiated | % | 14.0 | 17.1 | 53.2 | 27.1 | 11.9 | 4.5 | 10.4 | 10.0 |
| Total finalised | % | 29.4 | 39.9 | 81.3 | 60.2 | 21.3 | 25.3 | 13.0 | 15.4 |
| Investigations in process | % | 18.8 | 1.0 | 14.0 | 13.0 | 3.7 | 4.9 | – | 2.3 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | % | 2.0 | – | 4.7 | 5.6 | 1.1 | 5.5 | 2.2 | 3.0 |
| Total investigations | % | 50.2 | 40.9 | 100.0 | 78.8 | 26.0 | 35.7 | 15.2 | 20.7 |
| Dealt with by other means | % | 49.8 | 59.1 | – | 21.2 | 74.0 | 64.3 | 84.8 | 79.3 |
| 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. | 14 639 | 17 711 | 3 685 | 2 789 | 1 236 | 207 | 248 | 158 |
| Not substantiated | no. | 13 345 | 14 863 | 8 354 | 3 819 | 1 417 | 40 | 1 408 | 469 |
| Total finalised | no. | 27 984 | 32 574 | 12 039 | 6 608 | 2 653 | 247 | 1 656 | 627 |
| Investigations in process | no. | 12 111 | 844 | 1 526 | 1 057 | 414 | 65 | 17 | 154 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | no. | 1 534 | – | 469 | 277 | 83 | 54 | 80 | 72 |
| Total investigations | no. | 41 629 | 33 418 | 14 034 | 7 942 | 3 150 | 366 | 1 753 | 853 |
| Dealt with by other means | no. | 67 152 | 71 873 | – | 2 304 | 16 711 | 788 | 9 154 | 3 469 |
| Total notifications | no. | 108 781 | 105 291 | 14 034 | 10 246 | 19 861 | 1 154 | 10 907 | 4 322 |
| 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), (o)**

| | <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 | % | 13.5 | 16.8 | 26.3 | 27.2 | 6.2 | 17.9 | 2.3 | 3.7 |
| Not substantiated | % | 12.3 | 14.1 | 59.5 | 37.3 | 7.1 | 3.5 | 12.9 | 10.9 |
| Total finalised | % | 25.7 | 30.9 | 85.8 | 64.5 | 13.4 | 21.4 | 15.2 | 14.5 |
| Investigations in process | % | 11.1 | 0.8 | 10.9 | 10.3 | 2.1 | 5.6 | 0.2 | 3.6 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | % | 1.4 | – | 3.3 | 2.7 | 0.4 | 4.7 | 0.7 | 1.7 |
| Total investigations | % | 38.3 | 31.7 | 100.0 | 77.5 | 15.9 | 31.7 | 16.1 | 19.7 |
| Dealt with by other means | % | 61.7 | 68.3 | – | 22.5 | 84.1 | 68.3 | 83.9 | 80.3 |
| Total notifications | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August | | | | | | | | | |
| Substantiated | no. | 3 805 | – | 273 | – | 40 | 264 | – | 5 |
| Not substantiated | no. | 4 062 | – | 1 487 | 2 | 61 | 87 | – | 16 |
| Total finalised | no. | 7 867 | – | 1 760 | 2 | 101 | 351 | – | 21 |
| Investigations in process | no. | 2 928 | 23 | 407 | 517 | 11 | 109 | – | 1 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | no. | 693 | – | 192 | 222 | 8 | 143 | – | 9 |
| Total investigations | no. | 11 488 | 23 | 2 359 | 741 | 120 | 603 | – | 31 |
| Dealt with by other means | no. | 33 485 | 6 820 | – | 2 716 | 802 | 2 396 | 3 445 | 104 |
| Total notifications | no. | 44 973 | 6 843 | 2 359 | 3 457 | 922 | 2 999 | 3 445 | 135 |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August | | | | | | | | | |
| Substantiated | % | 8.5 | – | 11.6 | – | 4.3 | 8.8 | – | 3.7 |
| Not substantiated | % | 9.0 | – | 63.0 | 0.1 | 6.6 | 2.9 | – | 11.9 |
| Total finalised | % | 17.5 | – | 74.6 | 0.1 | 11.0 | 11.7 | – | 15.6 |
| Investigations in process | % | 6.5 | 0.3 | 17.3 | 15.0 | 1.2 | 3.6 | – | 0.7 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | % | 1.5 | – | 8.1 | 6.4 | 0.9 | 4.8 | – | 6.7 |
| Total investigations | % | 25.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 21.4 | 13.0 | 20.1 | – | 23.0 |
| Dealt with by other means | % | 74.5 | 99.7 | – | 78.6 | 87.0 | 79.9 | 100.0 | 77.0 |
| 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. | 26 851 | 20 178 | 6 478 | 5 100 | 2 027 | 595 | 317 | 1 192 |

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), (o)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Not substantiated | no. | 24 996 | 16 706 | 14 604 | 5 720 | 2 428 | 154 | 1 691 | 2 379 |
| Total finalised | no. | 51 847 | 36 884 | 21 082 | 10 820 | 4 455 | 749 | 2 008 | 3 571 |
| Investigations in process | no. | 25 241 | 973 | 3 183 | 2 486 | 720 | 203 | 18 | 599 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | no. | 3 306 | – | 1 086 | 894 | 178 | 230 | 139 | 661 |
| Total investigations | no. | 80 394 | 37 857 | 25 351 | 14 200 | 5 353 | 1 182 | 2 165 | 4 831 |
| Dealt with by other means | no. | 127 735 | 85 068 | – | 6 500 | 23 433 | 3 568 | 14 896 | 18 651 |
| Total notifications | no. | 208 129 | 122 925 | 25 351 | 20 700 | 28 786 | 4 750 | 17 061 | 23 482 |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August | | | | | | | | | |
| Substantiated | % | 12.9 | 16.4 | 25.6 | 24.6 | 7.0 | 12.5 | 1.9 | 5.1 |
| Not substantiated | % | 12.0 | 13.6 | 57.6 | 27.6 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 9.9 | 10.1 |
| Total finalised | % | 24.9 | 30.0 | 83.2 | 52.3 | 15.5 | 15.8 | 11.8 | 15.2 |
| Investigations in process | % | 12.1 | 0.8 | 12.6 | 12.0 | 2.5 | 4.3 | 0.1 | 2.6 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | % | 1.6 | – | 4.3 | 4.3 | 0.6 | 4.8 | 0.8 | 2.8 |
| Total investigations | % | 38.6 | 30.8 | 100.0 | 68.6 | 18.6 | 24.9 | 12.7 | 20.6 |
| Dealt with by other means | % | 61.4 | 69.2 | – | 31.4 | 81.4 | 75.1 | 87.3 | 79.4 |
| Total notifications | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 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 | 140 | 102 | 1 824 |
| Not substantiated | no. | na | 1 512 | 4 262 | 1 872 | 663 | 30 | 348 | 3 379 |
| Total finalised | no. | na | 3 646 | 6 654 | 4 168 | 1 264 | 170 | 450 | 5 203 |
| Investigations in process | no. | na | 104 | 949 | 620 | 246 | 48 | 16 | 1 075 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | no. | na | – | 420 | 410 | 70 | 17 | 58 | 2 654 |
| Total investigations | no. | 17 483 | 3 750 | 8 023 | 5 198 | 1 580 | 235 | 524 | 8 932 |
| Dealt with by other means | no. | 24 566 | 5 888 | .. | 1 425 | 4 825 | 601 | 1 726 | 10 798 |
| Total notifications | no. | 42 049 | 9 638 | 8 023 | 6 623 | 6 405 | 836 | 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 | 16.7 | 4.5 | 9.2 |
| Not substantiated | % | na | 15.7 | 53.1 | 28.3 | 10.4 | 3.6 | 15.5 | 17.1 |

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), (o)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total finalised | % | na | 37.8 | 82.9 | 62.9 | 19.7 | 20.3 | 20.0 | 26.4 |
| Investigations in process | % | na | 1.1 | 11.8 | 9.4 | 3.8 | 5.7 | 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 | 28.1 | 23.3 | 45.3 |
| Dealt with by other means | % | 58.4 | 61.1 | .. | 21.5 | 75.3 | 71.9 | 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 | 326 | 331 | 283 |
| Not substantiated | no. | na | 12 862 | 7 926 | 2 950 | 1 049 | 76 | 1 293 | 1 067 |
| Total finalised | no. | na | 29 036 | 11 606 | 5 664 | 2 230 | 402 | 1 624 | 1 350 |
| Investigations in process | no. | na | 882 | 1 476 | 619 | 413 | 56 | 37 | 121 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | no. | na | – | 443 | 247 | 49 | 18 | 122 | 436 |
| Total investigations | no. | 33 166 | 29 918 | 13 525 | 6 530 | 2 692 | 476 | 1 783 | 1 907 |
| Dealt with by other means | no. | 65 294 | 69 418 | .. | 1 991 | 13 549 | 1 419 | 7 676 | 2 949 |
| Total notifications | no. | 98 460 | 99 336 | 13 525 | 8 521 | 16 241 | 1 895 | 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 | 17.2 | 3.5 | 5.8 |
| Not substantiated | % | na | 12.9 | 58.6 | 34.6 | 6.5 | 4.0 | 13.7 | 22.0 |
| Total finalised | % | na | 29.2 | 85.8 | 66.5 | 13.7 | 21.2 | 17.2 | 27.8 |
| Investigations in process | % | na | 0.9 | 10.9 | 7.3 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 0.4 | 2.5 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | % | na | – | 3.3 | 2.9 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 9.0 |
| Total investigations | % | 33.7 | 30.1 | 100.0 | 76.6 | 16.6 | 25.1 | 18.8 | 39.3 |
| Dealt with by other means | % | 66.3 | 69.9 | .. | 23.4 | 83.4 | 74.9 | 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 | 301 | – | 3 |
| Not substantiated | no. | na | 154 | 1 287 | 3 | 95 | 111 | 1 | 19 |
| Total finalised | no. | na | 179 | 1 606 | 7 | 189 | 412 | 1 | 22 |

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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), (o)**

| | <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 in process | no. | na | 36 | 317 | 278 | 27 | 105 | – | 7 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | no. | na | – | 176 | 141 | 6 | 52 | – | 9 |
| Total investigations | no. | 6 264 | 215 | 2 099 | 426 | 222 | 569 | 1 | 38 |
| Dealt with by other means | no. | 20 663 | 6 411 | .. | 2 598 | 1 041 | 4 624 | 3 097 | 119 |
| Total notifications | no. | 26 927 | 6 626 | 2 099 | 3 024 | 1 263 | 5 193 | 3 098 | 157 |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August | | | | | | | | | |
| Substantiated | % | na | 0.4 | 15.2 | 0.1 | 7.4 | 5.8 | – | 1.9 |
| Not substantiated | % | na | 2.3 | 61.3 | 0.1 | 7.5 | 2.1 | – | 12.1 |
| Total finalised | % | na | 2.7 | 76.5 | 0.2 | 15.0 | 7.9 | – | 14.0 |
| Investigations in process | % | na | 0.5 | 15.1 | 9.2 | 2.1 | 2.0 | – | 4.5 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | % | na | – | 8.4 | 4.7 | 0.5 | 1.0 | – | 5.7 |
| Total investigations | % | 23.3 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 14.1 | 17.6 | 11.0 | – | 24.2 |
| Dealt with by other means | % | 76.7 | 96.8 | .. | 85.9 | 82.4 | 89.0 | 100.0 | 75.8 |
| 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. | 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 |

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), (o)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Total investigations | % | 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 |
| 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 |

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), (o)**

| | <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> |
|--|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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 |
| 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 |

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), (o)**

| | <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. | 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 | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2015-16 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |

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), (o)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August | | | | | | | | | |
| Substantiated | % | 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 | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | |

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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), (o)**

| | <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 | 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 | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |

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), (o)**

| | <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 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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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 |

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), (o)**

| | <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 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 | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |

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), (o)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | % | 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

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 |

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|---------------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Investigations in process | no. | 420 | 1 130 | 2 172 | 1 216 | 539 | 167 | 62 | 576 |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|----|-----|

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|--|-----|-------|---|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | no. | 1 183 | – | 944 | 1 124 | 242 | 125 | 106 | 1 361 |
|--|-----|-------|---|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------|

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|-----------------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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 |
|---------------------------|-----|--------|--------|----|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|

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|----------------------------|------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 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 |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|----|-----|

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), (o)**

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

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), (o)**

| | <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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Dealt with by other means | % | 48.1 | 73.9 | .. | 21.4 | 69.3 | 89.2 | 84.4 | 71.9 |
| Total notifications | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August | | | | | | | | | |
| Substantiated | no. | 100 | 1 | 258 | 821 | 117 | 214 | – | 1 |
| Not substantiated | no. | 1 870 | 7 | 870 | 3 498 | 146 | 165 | 124 | 2 |
| Total finalised | no. | 1 970 | 8 | 1 128 | 4 319 | 263 | 379 | 124 | 3 |
| Investigations in process | no. | 8 | 45 | 192 | 379 | 17 | 15 | 1 | – |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | no. | 100 | – | 129 | 335 | 23 | 55 | 34 | 1 |
| Total investigations | no. | 2 078 | 53 | 1 449 | 5 033 | 303 | 449 | 159 | 4 |
| Dealt with by other means | no. | 8 410 | 2 984 | .. | 1 657 | 624 | 3 319 | 3 139 | 34 |
| Total notifications | no. | 10 488 | 3 037 | 1 449 | 6 690 | 927 | 3 768 | 3 298 | 38 |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August | | | | | | | | | |
| Substantiated | % | 1.0 | – | 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 |

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), (o)**

| | <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. | 125 994 | 82 056 | 23 256 | 16 801 | 19 578 | 12 862 | 10 600 | 12 950 |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August | | | | | | | | | |
| Substantiated | % | 20.8 | 14.6 | 31.8 | 19.4 | 14.0 | 6.0 | 4.2 | 12.6 |
| 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 |
| 2012-13 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August | | | | | | | | | |
| Substantiated | no. | 8 931 | 1 139 | 2 478 | 893 | 718 | 160 | 147 | 1 189 |
| Not substantiated | no. | 6 919 | 732 | 3 648 | 1 411 | 777 | 70 | 165 | 1 242 |
| Total finalised | no. | 15 850 | 1 871 | 6 126 | 2 304 | 1 495 | 230 | 312 | 2 431 |
| Investigations in process | no. | 286 | 78 | 559 | 269 | 141 | 5 | 33 | 393 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | no. | 98 | na | 284 | 207 | 137 | 20 | 59 | 264 |
| Total investigations | no. | 16 234 | 1 949 | 6 969 | 2 780 | 1 773 | 255 | 404 | 3 088 |
| Dealt with by other means | no. | 9 587 | 3 653 | .. | 1 048 | 3 272 | 953 | 1 322 | 4 507 |
| Total notifications | no. | 25 821 | 5 602 | 6 969 | 3 828 | 5 045 | 1 208 | 1 726 | 7 595 |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August | | | | | | | | | |
| Substantiated | % | 34.6 | 20.3 | 35.6 | 23.3 | 14.2 | 13.2 | 8.5 | 15.7 |
| Not substantiated | % | 26.8 | 13.1 | 52.3 | 36.9 | 15.4 | 5.8 | 9.6 | 16.4 |
| Total finalised | % | 61.4 | 33.4 | 87.9 | 60.2 | 29.6 | 19.0 | 18.1 | 32.0 |
| Investigations in process | % | 1.1 | 1.4 | 8.0 | 7.0 | 2.8 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 5.2 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | % | 0.4 | na | 4.1 | 5.4 | 2.7 | 1.7 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| Total investigations | % | 62.9 | 34.8 | 100.0 | 72.6 | 35.1 | 21.1 | 23.4 | 40.7 |
| Dealt with by other means | % | 37.1 | 65.2 | .. | 27.4 | 64.9 | 78.9 | 76.6 | 59.3 |
| Total notifications | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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), (o)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Non-Indigenous children | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August | | | | | | | | | |
| Substantiated | no. | 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 | | | | | | | | | |

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), (o)**

| | <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 | % | 1.4 | 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), (o)**

| | <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 | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |

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), (o)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total finalised | % | 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 | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |

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), (o)**

| | <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 in process | no. | 2 344 | 1 002 | 1 929 | 905 | 476 | 92 | 51 | 159 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | no. | 444 | .. | 871 | 577 | 366 | 136 | 85 | 337 |
| Total investigations | no. | 52 352 | 16 072 | 24 823 | 10 262 | 5 082 | 1 728 | 2 203 | 4 006 |
| Dealt with by other means | no. | 46 931 | 47 758 | .. | 3 483 | 13 974 | 10 108 | 10 216 | 3 964 |
| Total notifications | no. | 99 283 | 63 830 | 24 823 | 13 745 | 19 056 | 11 836 | 12 419 | 7 970 |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August | | | | | | | | | |
| Substantiated | % | 23.3 | 14.2 | 30.9 | 20.1 | 11.2 | 8.7 | 6.9 | 21.4 |
| Not substantiated | % | 26.6 | 9.4 | 57.8 | 43.8 | 11.0 | 4.0 | 9.7 | 22.6 |
| Total finalised | % | 49.9 | 23.6 | 88.7 | 63.9 | 22.3 | 12.7 | 16.6 | 44.0 |
| Investigations in process | % | 2.4 | 1.6 | 7.8 | 6.6 | 2.5 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 2.0 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | % | 0.4 | .. | 3.5 | 4.2 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 4.2 |
| Total investigations | % | 52.7 | 25.2 | 100.0 | 74.7 | 26.7 | 14.6 | 17.7 | 50.3 |
| Dealt with by other means | % | 47.3 | 74.8 | .. | 25.3 | 73.3 | 85.4 | 82.3 | 49.7 |
| Total notifications | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 2010-11 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August | | | | | | | | | |
| Substantiated | no. | 5 843 | 829 | 1 972 | 560 | 567 | 165 | 152 | 1 363 |
| Not substantiated | no. | 7 865 | 487 | 2 531 | 951 | 631 | 89 | 165 | 1 101 |
| Total finalised | no. | 13 708 | 1 316 | 4 503 | 1 511 | 1 198 | 254 | 317 | 2 464 |
| Investigations in process | no. | 472 | 135 | 1 143 | 241 | 496 | 20 | 7 | 248 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | no. | 3 178 | .. | 112 | 92 | na | 33 | 48 | 361 |
| Total investigations | no. | 17 358 | 1 451 | 5 758 | 1 844 | 1 694 | 307 | 372 | 3 073 |
| Dealt with by other means | no. | 5 114 | 2 583 | .. | .. | 2 842 | 755 | 1 122 | 1 667 |
| Total notifications | no. | 22 472 | 4 034 | 5 758 | 1 844 | 4 536 | 1 062 | 1 494 | 4 740 |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August | | | | | | | | | |
| Substantiated | % | 26.0 | 20.6 | 34.2 | 30.4 | 12.5 | 15.5 | 10.2 | 28.8 |
| Not substantiated | % | 35.0 | 12.1 | 44.0 | 51.6 | 13.9 | 8.4 | 11.0 | 23.2 |
| 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 |

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), (o)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | % | 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 |
| 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 |

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), (o)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Total investigations | no. | 71 389 | 13 941 | 21 655 | 7 015 | 5 815 | 2 278 | 1 672 | 3 994 |
| Dealt with by other means | no. | 27 456 | 41 777 | .. | 3 961 | 15 330 | 8 411 | 10 040 | 2 539 |
| Total notifications | no. | 98 845 | 55 718 | 21 655 | 10 976 | 21 145 | 10 689 | 11 712 | 6 533 |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August | | | | | | | | | |
| Substantiated | % | 18.8 | 13.7 | 30.5 | 17.4 | 10.5 | 11.5 | 5.4 | 25.1 |
| Not substantiated | % | 34.5 | 9.6 | 48.2 | 36.0 | 11.2 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 23.3 |
| Total finalised | % | 53.3 | 23.3 | 78.6 | 53.4 | 21.7 | 17.8 | 12.5 | 48.4 |
| Investigations in process | % | 2.6 | 1.7 | 18.9 | 7.4 | na | 1.5 | 0.3 | 5.3 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | % | 16.4 | – | 2.5 | 3.1 | na | 2.0 | 1.5 | 7.5 |
| Total investigations | % | 72.2 | 25.0 | 100.0 | 63.9 | 27.5 | 21.3 | 14.3 | 61.1 |
| Dealt with by other means | % | 27.8 | 75.0 | .. | 36.1 | 72.5 | 78.7 | 85.7 | 38.9 |
| Total notifications | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 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 |

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), (o)**

| | <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> |
|---|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Dealt with by other means | % | 18.8 | 60.5 | .. | 61.7 | 68.9 | 66.3 | 76.2 | 38.7 |
| Total notifications | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Non-Indigenous children | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August | | | | | | | | | |
| Substantiated | no. | 18 396 | 5 850 | 4 643 | 850 | 1 142 | 614 | 511 | 191 |
| Not substantiated | no. | 45 553 | 5 183 | 7 499 | 1 360 | 1 671 | 94 | 567 | 254 |
| Total finalised | no. | 63 949 | 11 033 | 12 142 | 2 210 | 2 813 | 708 | 1 078 | 445 |
| Investigations in process | no. | 2 671 | 1 433 | 2 159 | 167 | 200 | 22 | 4 | 256 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | no. | 12 850 | .. | 387 | 83 | na | 10 | 134 | 66 |
| Total investigations | no. | 79 470 | 12 466 | 14 688 | 2 460 | 3 013 | 740 | 1 216 | 767 |
| Dealt with by other means | no. | 33 177 | 31 861 | .. | 3 273 | 11 030 | 788 | 4 964 | 1 025 |
| Total notifications | no. | 112 647 | 44 327 | 14 688 | 5 733 | 14 043 | 1 528 | 6 180 | 1 792 |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August | | | | | | | | | |
| Substantiated | % | 16.3 | 13.2 | 31.6 | 14.8 | 8.1 | 40.2 | 8.3 | 10.7 |
| Not substantiated | % | 40.4 | 11.7 | 51.1 | 23.7 | 11.9 | 6.2 | 9.2 | 14.2 |
| Total finalised | % | 56.8 | 24.9 | 82.7 | 38.5 | 20.0 | 46.3 | 17.4 | 24.8 |
| Investigations in process | % | 2.4 | 3.2 | 14.7 | 2.9 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 14.3 |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible | % | 11.4 | .. | 2.6 | 1.4 | na | 0.7 | 2.2 | 3.7 |
| Total investigations | % | 70.5 | 28.1 | 100.0 | 42.9 | 21.5 | 48.4 | 19.7 | 42.8 |
| Dealt with by other means | % | 29.5 | 71.9 | .. | 57.1 | 78.5 | 51.6 | 80.3 | 57.2 |
| Total notifications | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 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 |

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), (o)**

| | <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. | 156 465 | 48 369 | 21 885 | 12 160 | 20 298 | 9 895 | 10 780 | 6 585 |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August | | | | | | | | | |
| Substantiated | % | 16.8 | 13.7 | 31.6 | 13.6 | 8.9 | 9.7 | 6.9 | 18.9 |
| Not substantiated | % | 39.5 | 11.7 | 47.7 | 19.6 | 12.9 | 6.5 | 7.5 | 17.0 |
| Total finalised | % | 56.3 | 25.3 | 79.3 | 33.2 | 21.9 | 16.2 | 14.4 | 35.8 |
| Investigations in process | % | 2.4 | 3.3 | 17.6 | 2.6 | na | 1.4 | – | 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 |

- (a) Rates are not able to be calculated for children of unknown Indigenous status as corresponding population data are not available.
- (b) Notifications are only recorded for children aged 0-17. Investigations and substantiations may relate to young people aged 18 where the notification was made when they were aged 17 or younger.
- (c) If a child is the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, each of these is counted.
- (d) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised.
- (e) The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting the child where practicable.
- (f) 'Investigation closed — no outcome possible' includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (g) 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice.
- (h) NSW: NSW implemented a new client management system in 2017-18. Data for 2017-18 onwards 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'. Introduction of a new client system has also had an impact on recording of Indigenous status resulting in a large increase in the number of records missing indigenous status especially for children in notifications and investigations. NSW data for 2014-15 and 2015-16 may not be fully comparable to data published previously. 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). NSW data for 2011-12 to 2016-17 relating to 'Notifications investigated', 'Notifications resolved without investigations' and 'Notifications dealt with by other means' are not comparable to previous years. The counting rules changed for 2011-12 data to better account for practice changes.
- (i) 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), (o)

| | <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> |
|-----|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| (j) | Queensland: In Queensland, all notifications require an 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 attempts to identify and/or locate the child and family. From 2014-15 onwards, Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive data in this table according to national definitions and specifications. Data from 2014-15 onwards are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. From January 2015, amendments to the Child Protection Act 1999 commenced, which consolidated mandatory reporting requirements and allowed certain professionals to refer families to support services. From 1 July 2017, early childhood education and care professionals commenced mandatory reporting responsibilities. | | | | | | | | |
| (k) | WA: The definition of emotional abuse in Western Australia has been broadened to include children witnessing family and domestic violence from 2015-16. | | | | | | | | |
| (l) | 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. | | | | | | | | |
| (m) | 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 as Tasmania has moved from a caller to an agency defined approach. Due to changes in intake practice implemented during 2018-19, the proportion of contacts progressed to notifications has decreased. 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 was reported as high in 2017-18 publications but has since improved through data remediation. Figures for 2017-18 have been retrospectively updated. The proportions of notifications, finalised investigations and substantiations for children of unknown Indigenous status impact the reliability of these data. | | | | | | | | |
| (n) | 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> . | | | | | | | | |
| (o) | NT: In 2018-19, policy changes implementing 'One Child, One Case' were introduced to deal with notifications for young people within existing cases or investigations where active intervention was in progress. Consequently, fewer investigations have been commenced. 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.12) since 2014-15 can be partially attributed to this administrative change. | | | | | | | | |

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

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2018-19; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.5

Table 16A.5 **Children aged 0-17 years admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, 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> |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 2018-19 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 699 | 702 | 733 | 432 | 246 | 90 | 18 | 139 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 155 | 327 | 226 | 198 | 46 | 49 | 3 | 61 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 854 | 1 029 | 959 | 630 | 292 | 139 | 21 | 200 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 704 | 812 | 844 | 478 | 177 | 87 | 31 | 201 |
| Non-Indigenous children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 1 050 | 3 291 | 1 040 | 472 | 441 | 147 | 77 | 21 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 299 | 1 186 | 354 | 159 | 42 | 117 | 5 | 7 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 1 349 | 4 477 | 1 394 | 631 | 483 | 264 | 82 | 28 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 1 647 | 3 901 | 1 285 | 502 | 373 | 210 | 97 | 35 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 25 | – | 15 | – | 11 | 33 | – | 1 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | – | – | 3 | – | – | 2 | – | – |
| Total children admitted | no. | 25 | – | 18 | – | 11 | 35 | – | 1 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 29 | – | 21 | – | 1 | 56 | – | 1 |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 1 774 | 3 993 | 1 788 | 904 | 698 | 270 | 95 | 161 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 454 | 1 513 | 583 | 357 | 88 | 168 | 8 | 68 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 2 228 | 5 506 | 2 371 | 1 261 | 786 | 438 | 103 | 229 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 2 380 | 4 713 | 2 150 | 980 | 551 | 353 | 128 | 237 |
| 2017-18 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 661 | 655 | 549 | 388 | 182 | 68 | 41 | 168 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 121 | 355 | 165 | 200 | 26 | 40 | 4 | 52 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 782 | 1 010 | 714 | 588 | 208 | 108 | 45 | 220 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 1 006 | 739 | 717 | 390 | 185 | 59 | 24 | 219 |
| Non-Indigenous children | | | | | | | | | |

TABLE 16A.5

Table 16A.5 **Children aged 0-17 years admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, 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> |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 1 140 | 3 153 | 840 | 428 | 389 | 104 | 76 | 38 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 275 | 1 092 | 319 | 174 | 51 | 74 | 18 | 11 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 1 415 | 4 245 | 1 159 | 602 | 440 | 178 | 94 | 49 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 2 198 | 3 608 | 1 167 | 426 | 319 | 140 | 111 | 47 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 34 | – | 49 | 1 | 36 | 24 | 1 | 1 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | – | – | 2 | – | 2 | 11 | – | – |
| Total children admitted | no. | 34 | – | 51 | 1 | 38 | 35 | 1 | 1 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 19 | 1 | 26 | – | 14 | 44 | 1 | 1 |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 1 835 | 3 808 | 1 438 | 817 | 607 | 196 | 118 | 207 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 396 | 1 447 | 486 | 374 | 79 | 125 | 22 | 63 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 2 231 | 5 255 | 1 924 | 1 191 | 686 | 321 | 140 | 270 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 3 223 | 4 348 | 1 910 | 816 | 518 | 243 | 136 | 267 |
| 2016-17 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 900 | 644 | 569 | 361 | 212 | 51 | 50 | 207 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 124 | 270 | 190 | 253 | 21 | 25 | 4 | 61 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 1 024 | 914 | 759 | 614 | 233 | 76 | 54 | 268 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 724 | 733 | 789 | 490 | 156 | 71 | 29 | 252 |
| Non-Indigenous children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 1 644 | 2 916 | 829 | 349 | 405 | 114 | 121 | 32 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 154 | 1 001 | 297 | 206 | 38 | 86 | 13 | 11 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 1 798 | 3 917 | 1 126 | 555 | 443 | 200 | 134 | 43 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 1 510 | 3 620 | 1 241 | 515 | 352 | 146 | 98 | 46 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | – | 1 | 44 | – | 65 | 22 | – | – |

TABLE 16A.5

Table 16A.5 **Children aged 0-17 years admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, 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> |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | – | – | 1 | – | 5 | – | – | – |
| Total children admitted | no. | – | 1 | 45 | – | 70 | 22 | – | – |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | – | – | 13 | 2 | 24 | 8 | – | – |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 2 544 | 3 561 | 1 442 | 710 | 682 | 187 | 171 | 239 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 278 | 1 271 | 488 | 459 | 64 | 111 | 17 | 72 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 2 822 | 4 832 | 1 930 | 1 169 | 746 | 298 | 188 | 311 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 2 234 | 4 353 | 2 043 | 1 007 | 532 | 225 | 127 | 298 |
| 2015-16 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 1 061 | 536 | 525 | 402 | 298 | 58 | 39 | 183 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 167 | 367 | 199 | 212 | 30 | 20 | 2 | 53 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 1 228 | 903 | 724 | 614 | 328 | 78 | 41 | 236 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 619 | 836 | 681 | 487 | 142 | 48 | 21 | 210 |
| Non-Indigenous children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 2 110 | 2 931 | 906 | 346 | 466 | 110 | 110 | 38 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 216 | 1 378 | 243 | 169 | 31 | 76 | 17 | 10 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 2 326 | 4 309 | 1 149 | 515 | 497 | 186 | 127 | 48 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 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 | no. | – | 1 | 37 | – | 61 | 19 | 12 | – |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | – | – | – | – | 3 | 1 | – | – |
| Total children admitted | no. | – | 1 | 37 | – | 64 | 20 | 12 | – |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | – | – | 22 | 1 | 24 | 5 | 6 | – |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 3 171 | 3 468 | 1 468 | 748 | 825 | 187 | 161 | 221 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 383 | 1 745 | 442 | 381 | 64 | 97 | 19 | 63 |

TABLE 16A.5

Table 16A.5 **Children aged 0-17 years admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, 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> |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total children admitted | no. | 3 554 | 5 213 | 1 910 | 1 129 | 889 | 284 | 180 | 284 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 2 035 | 5 006 | 1 787 | 1 028 | 520 | 231 | 111 | 271 |
| 2014-15 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 980 | 530 | 541 | 383 | 163 | 27 | 37 | 203 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 227 | 254 | 203 | 248 | 23 | 19 | 9 | 62 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 1 207 | 784 | 744 | 631 | 186 | 46 | 46 | 265 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 590 | 691 | 627 | 399 | 137 | 52 | 25 | 187 |
| Non-Indigenous children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 1 741 | 2 894 | 825 | 364 | 419 | 140 | 109 | 47 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 281 | 1 066 | 232 | 177 | 38 | 69 | 15 | 10 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 2 022 | 3 960 | 1 057 | 541 | 457 | 209 | 124 | 57 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 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 | no. | – | 1 | 39 | 9 | 32 | 12 | 6 | – |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | – | – | 1 | – | 1 | – | – | – |
| Total children admitted | no. | – | 1 | 40 | 9 | 33 | 12 | 6 | – |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | – | – | 15 | 9 | 13 | 3 | – | – |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 2 721 | 3 425 | 1 405 | 756 | 614 | 179 | 152 | 250 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 508 | 1 320 | 436 | 425 | 62 | 88 | 24 | 72 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 3 229 | 4 745 | 1 841 | 1 181 | 676 | 267 | 176 | 322 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 1 957 | 4 444 | 1 841 | 872 | 483 | 298 | 131 | 242 |
| 2013-14 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 844 | 436 | 514 | 353 | 109 | 28 | 30 | 227 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 192 | 223 | 1 079 | 77 | 21 | 27 | 3 | 81 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 1 036 | 659 | 1 593 | 430 | 130 | 55 | 33 | 308 |

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Table 16A.5 **Children aged 0-17 years admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, 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> |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 621 | 632 | 678 | 372 | 140 | 84 | 27 | 178 |
| Non-Indigenous children | no. | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 1 693 | 2 618 | 822 | 373 | 268 | 115 | 90 | 48 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 264 | 931 | 1 332 | 61 | 35 | 71 | 14 | 11 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 1 957 | 3 549 | 2 154 | 434 | 303 | 186 | 104 | 59 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 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 | no. | 2 | 2 | 40 | 41 | 19 | 40 | 4 | 3 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | – | – | 21 | 3 | 5 | 1 | – | – |
| Total children admitted | no. | 2 | 2 | 61 | 44 | 24 | 41 | 4 | 3 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 3 | 5 | 20 | 15 | 19 | 26 | 5 | 2 |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 2 539 | 3 056 | 1 376 | 767 | 396 | 183 | 124 | 278 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 456 | 1 154 | 2 432 | 141 | 61 | 99 | 17 | 92 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 2 995 | 4 210 | 3 808 | 908 | 457 | 282 | 141 | 370 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 2 052 | 4 154 | 2 091 | 770 | 494 | 381 | 111 | 222 |
| 2012-13 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 701 | 365 | 586 | 583 | 139 | 46 | 36 | 214 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 168 | 185 | 1 208 | 263 | 21 | 35 | 5 | 56 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 869 | 550 | 1 794 | 846 | 160 | 81 | 41 | 270 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 527 | 543 | 742 | 101 | 125 | 83 | 38 | 245 |
| Non-Indigenous children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 1 622 | 2 244 | 980 | 542 | 298 | 159 | 51 | 48 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 260 | 1 052 | 1 536 | 276 | 35 | 108 | 20 | 14 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 1 882 | 3 296 | 2 516 | 818 | 333 | 267 | 71 | 62 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 1 530 | 3 354 | 1 260 | 243 | 359 | 274 | 134 | 63 |

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Table 16A.5 **Children aged 0-17 years admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, 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> |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 5 | 1 | 35 | 73 | 20 | 32 | 18 | – |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | – | – | 23 | – | – | 1 | 1 | – |
| Total children admitted | no. | 5 | 1 | 58 | 73 | 20 | 33 | 19 | – |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 3 | 1 | 16 | 9 | 16 | 18 | 6 | – |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 2 328 | 2 610 | 1 601 | 1 198 | 457 | 237 | 105 | 262 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 428 | 1 237 | 2 767 | 539 | 56 | 144 | 26 | 70 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 2 756 | 3 847 | 4 368 | 1 737 | 513 | 381 | 131 | 332 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 2 060 | 3 898 | 2 018 | 353 | 465 | 375 | 178 | 354 |
| 2011-12 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 740 | 284 | 574 | 514 | 143 | 39 | 32 | 250 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 218 | 150 | 1 110 | 243 | 121 | 74 | 12 | 82 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 958 | 434 | 1 684 | 757 | 264 | 113 | 44 | 332 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 620 | 446 | 974 | 155 | 93 | 67 | 35 | 265 |
| Non-Indigenous children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 1 732 | 1 920 | 1 010 | 593 | 355 | 204 | 105 | 60 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 325 | 764 | 1 543 | 222 | 283 | 298 | 16 | 6 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 2 057 | 2 684 | 2 553 | 815 | 638 | 502 | 121 | 66 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 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 | no. | 2 | – | 34 | 47 | 24 | 18 | 18 | – |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | – | – | 11 | – | 10 | 5 | – | – |
| Total children admitted | no. | 2 | – | 45 | 47 | 34 | 23 | 18 | – |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 3 | 1 | 20 | 4 | 3 | 18 | 6 | 1 |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |

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Table 16A.5 **Children aged 0-17 years admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, 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> |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 2 474 | 2 204 | 1 618 | 1 154 | 522 | 261 | 155 | 310 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 543 | 914 | 2 664 | 465 | 414 | 377 | 28 | 88 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 3 017 | 3 118 | 4 282 | 1 619 | 936 | 638 | 183 | 398 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 2 238 | 3 017 | 2 603 | 361 | 420 | 356 | 134 | 349 |
| 2010-11 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 735 | 284 | 644 | 406 | 105 | 32 | 40 | 220 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 186 | 236 | 1 127 | 134 | 135 | 92 | 8 | 64 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 921 | 520 | 1 771 | 540 | 240 | 124 | 48 | 284 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 562 | 296 | 771 | 158 | 113 | 35 | 30 | 217 |
| Non-Indigenous children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 1 731 | 1 433 | 1 008 | 431 | 346 | 146 | 107 | 38 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 351 | 1 196 | 1 549 | 121 | 324 | 278 | 36 | 15 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 2 082 | 2 629 | 2 557 | 552 | 670 | 424 | 143 | 53 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 1 523 | 1 365 | 1 409 | 235 | 377 | 178 | 92 | 70 |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 2 469 | 1 719 | 1 674 | 981 | 494 | 199 | 161 | 260 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 537 | 1 432 | 2 679 | 257 | 472 | 371 | 46 | 79 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 3 006 | 3 151 | 4 353 | 1 238 | 966 | 570 | 207 | 339 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 2 086 | 1 662 | 2 185 | 397 | 512 | 221 | 128 | 289 |
| 2009-10 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 859 | 257 | 609 | 327 | 141 | 16 | 40 | 235 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 212 | 243 | 1 063 | 247 | 138 | 48 | 54 | 63 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 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 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 1 923 | 1 431 | 956 | 452 | 428 | 246 | 117 | 72 |

Table 16A.5 Children aged 0-17 years admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, 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> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 383 | 1 125 | 1 674 | 336 | 350 | 312 | 116 | 22 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 2 306 | 2 556 | 2 630 | 788 | 778 | 558 | 233 | 94 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 1 460 | 1 425 | 1 606 | 411 | 378 | 171 | 129 | 58 |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| Children admitted to orders | | | | | | | | | |
| Admitted for the first time | no. | 2 786 | 1 688 | 1 579 | 781 | 600 | 262 | 161 | 311 |
| Had prior admissions to orders | no. | 595 | 1 369 | 2 739 | 583 | 495 | 360 | 170 | 85 |
| Total children admitted | no. | 3 381 | 3 057 | 4 318 | 1 364 | 1 095 | 622 | 331 | 396 |
| Children discharged from orders | no. | 2 003 | 1 663 | 2 363 | 627 | 495 | 188 | 160 | 292 |

- (a) Rates are not able to be calculated for children of unknown Indigenous status as corresponding population data are not available.
- (b) Children admitted to child protection orders are aged 0-17 years. Children discharged from child protection orders include children discharged on their 18th birthday.
- (c) NSW: Data do not include children on finalised supervisory orders.
- (d) Queensland: From 2014-15 onwards, Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive data in this table according to national definitions and specifications. Data from 2014-15 onwards are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere.
- (e) WA admissions and discharges data for 2013-14 onwards are not comparable to previous years due to a change in methodology in 2013-14.
- (f) 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 was reported as high in 2017-18 publications but has since improved through data remediation. Figures for 2017-18 have been retrospectively updated.
- (g) In the NT, an increased focus on early intervention and stronger community focus is believed to have contributed to lower numbers of first admissions.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2018-19; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.6

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 2018-19 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 6 500 | 1 974 | 3 430 | 2 452 | 1 299 | 357 | 198 | 948 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 254 | 207 | 146 | 152 | 39 | 22 | 1 | – |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 6 754 | 2 181 | 3 576 | 2 604 | 1 338 | 379 | 199 | 948 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 9 885 | 5 379 | 4 314 | 2 029 | 2 429 | 683 | 492 | 108 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 242 | 930 | 218 | 119 | 8 | 23 | 5 | – |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 10 127 | 6 309 | 4 532 | 2 148 | 2 437 | 706 | 497 | 108 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 3 | – | 11 | 1 | 22 | 18 | – | – |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Not on an order | no. | – | – | 6 | 1 | – | 1 | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 3 | – | 17 | 2 | 22 | 19 | – | – |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 16 388 | 7 353 | 7 755 | 4 482 | 3 750 | 1 058 | 690 | 1 056 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 496 | 1 137 | 370 | 272 | 47 | 46 | 6 | – |
| Total all children | no. | 16 884 | 8 490 | 8 125 | 4 754 | 3 797 | 1 104 | 696 | 1 056 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care or other supported placements | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | na | 2 357 | 3 988 | 2 460 | 1 324 | 411 | 228 | 948 |
| Another type of order | no. | na | – | – | – | 3 | – | 1 | – |
| Not on an order | no. | na | 207 | 145 | 152 | 36 | 22 | 5 | – |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 7 790 | 2 564 | 4 133 | 2 612 | 1 363 | 433 | 234 | 948 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care or other supported placements | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | na | 8 164 | 5 302 | 2 035 | 2 595 | 848 | 560 | 108 |
| Another type of order | no. | na | – | – | 1 | 1 | – | 3 | – |
| Not on an order | no. | na | 930 | 216 | 119 | 7 | 23 | 9 | – |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 12 140 | 9 094 | 5 518 | 2 155 | 2 603 | 871 | 572 | 108 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care or other supported placements | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | na | – | 12 | 1 | 22 | 20 | – | – |
| Another type of order | no. | na | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Not on an order | no. | na | – | 6 | 1 | – | 1 | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 4 | – | 18 | 2 | 22 | 21 | – | – |
| All children in out-of-home care or other supported placements | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | na | 10 521 | 9 302 | 4 496 | 3 941 | 1 279 | 788 | 1 056 |
| Another type of order | no. | na | – | – | 1 | 4 | – | 4 | – |

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Not on an order | no. | na | 1 137 | 367 | 272 | 43 | 46 | 14 | – |
| Total all children | no. | 19 934 | 11 658 | 9 669 | 4 769 | 3 988 | 1 325 | 806 | 1 056 |
| 2017-18 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 6 145 | 1 806 | 3 714 | 2 304 | 1 165 | 383 | 259 | 953 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | – | 50 | – | – | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 621 | 169 | 118 | 148 | 1 | 6 | 1 | – |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 6 766 | 1 975 | 3 832 | 2 452 | 1 216 | 389 | 260 | 953 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 9 784 | 5 249 | 5 015 | 1 908 | 2 393 | 822 | 561 | 114 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | 3 | 20 | – | 1 | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 834 | 730 | 210 | 83 | – | 27 | 4 | – |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 10 618 | 5 979 | 5 225 | 1 994 | 2 413 | 849 | 566 | 114 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 2 | – | 44 | 1 | 65 | 32 | – | – |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | – | 1 | – | – | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 1 | – | 6 | 1 | – | 2 | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 3 | – | 50 | 2 | 66 | 34 | – | – |
| All children in out of home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 15 931 | 7 055 | 8 773 | 4 213 | 3 623 | 1 237 | 820 | 1 067 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | 3 | 71 | – | 1 | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 1 456 | 899 | 334 | 232 | 1 | 35 | 5 | – |
| Total all children | no. | 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 | no. | 6 378 | 1 937 | 3 644 | 2 157 | 1 110 | 306 | 225 | 947 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | 1 | 38 | – | – | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 446 | 154 | 138 | 163 | 2 | 15 | 2 | 1 |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 6 824 | 2 091 | 3 782 | 2 321 | 1 150 | 321 | 227 | 948 |
| Non-Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 10 595 | 7 452 | 4 933 | 1 808 | 2 232 | 841 | 570 | 111 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | 3 | 6 | – | 3 | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 460 | 760 | 160 | 100 | 8 | 24 | 3 | – |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 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 | no. | – | 7 | 57 | – | 88 | 18 | – | – |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Not on an order | no. | – | 2 | 9 | – | – | 1 | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | – | 9 | 66 | – | 88 | 19 | – | – |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |

TABLE 16A.6

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Care and protection order | no. | 16 973 | 9 396 | 8 634 | 3 965 | 3 430 | 1 165 | 795 | 1 058 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | 4 | 44 | – | 3 | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 906 | 916 | 307 | 263 | 10 | 40 | 5 | 1 |
| Total all children | no. | 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 | no. | 6 047 | 1 582 | 3 516 | 2 068 | 1 029 | 289 | 196 | 920 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | – | 41 | – | – | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 605 | 294 | 103 | 144 | 3 | 8 | 1 | – |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 6 652 | 1 876 | 3 619 | 2 212 | 1 073 | 297 | 197 | 920 |
| Non-Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 10 492 | 6 594 | 4 907 | 1 774 | 2 087 | 799 | 535 | 112 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | 2 | 5 | – | 3 | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 655 | 1 227 | 103 | 111 | 3 | 31 | 8 | – |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 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 | no. | – | 6 | 32 | – | 75 | 23 | 5 | – |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 1 | 2 | 9 | 1 | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 1 | 8 | 41 | 1 | 75 | 23 | 5 | – |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 16 539 | 8 182 | 8 455 | 3 842 | 3 191 | 1 111 | 736 | 1 032 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | 2 | 46 | – | 3 | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 1 261 | 1 523 | 215 | 256 | 6 | 39 | 9 | – |
| Total all children | no. | 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 | no. | 5 533 | 1 307 | 3 452 | 1 945 | 804 | 234 | 179 | 892 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | 1 | 40 | – | – | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 677 | 204 | 60 | 116 | – | 7 | 4 | – |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 6 210 | 1 511 | 3 512 | 2 062 | 844 | 241 | 183 | 892 |
| Non-Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 9 837 | 6 034 | 4 758 | 1 791 | 1 933 | 793 | 475 | 124 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | 3 | 16 | – | 2 | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 794 | 1 015 | 121 | 96 | – | 19 | 5 | 1 |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 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 | no. | – | 5 | 46 | 2 | 45 | 6 | 6 | – |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 2 | 2 | 11 | – | – | 2 | – | – |

TABLE 16A.6

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Total all children | no. | 2 | 7 | 57 | 2 | 45 | 8 | 6 | - |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 15 370 | 7 346 | 8 256 | 3 738 | 2 782 | 1 033 | 660 | 1 016 |
| Another type of order | no. | - | - | - | 4 | 56 | - | 2 | - |
| Not on an order | no. | 1 473 | 1 221 | 192 | 212 | - | 28 | 9 | 1 |
| Total all children | no. | 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 | no. | 5 764 | 1 133 | 3 241 | 1 739 | 742 | 230 | 151 | 774 |
| Another type of order | no. | - | - | - | 2 | 44 | - | - | - |
| Not on an order | no. | 756 | 175 | 95 | 141 | 1 | 2 | 1 | - |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 6 520 | 1 308 | 3 336 | 1 882 | 787 | 232 | 152 | 774 |
| Non-Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 10 770 | 5 507 | 4 692 | 1 723 | 1 786 | 773 | 442 | 133 |
| Another type of order | no. | - | - | - | 4 | 25 | - | 6 | - |
| Not on an order | no. | 897 | 886 | 91 | 73 | - | 13 | 6 | - |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 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 | no. | 1 | 7 | 56 | 40 | 33 | 35 | - | 1 |
| Another type of order | no. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Not on an order | no. | 4 | 2 | 10 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Total all children | no. | 5 | 9 | 66 | 41 | 33 | 36 | - | 1 |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 16 535 | 6 647 | 7 989 | 3 502 | 2 561 | 1 038 | 593 | 908 |
| Another type of order | no. | - | - | - | 6 | 69 | - | 6 | - |
| Not on an order | no. | 1 657 | 1 063 | 196 | 215 | 1 | 16 | 7 | - |
| Total all children | no. | 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 | no. | 5 332 | 707 | 3 102 | 1 796 | 729 | 236 | 140 | 623 |
| Another type of order | no. | - | na | - | - | 51 | - | - | - |
| Not on an order | no. | 871 | 215 | 93 | 4 | 8 | 7 | - | - |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 6 203 | 922 | 3 195 | 1 800 | 788 | 243 | 140 | 623 |
| Non-Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 10 224 | 4 085 | 4 737 | 1 766 | 1 795 | 779 | 389 | 125 |
| Another type of order | no. | - | na | - | - | 38 | - | 5 | - |
| Not on an order | no. | 990 | 1 327 | 147 | 15 | 2 | 24 | 6 | - |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 11 214 | 5 412 | 4 884 | 1 781 | 1 835 | 803 | 400 | 125 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 3 | 40 | 49 | 51 | 33 | 21 | 18 | - |

TABLE 16A.6

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Another type of order | no. | – | na | – | – | 1 | – | 1 | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 2 | 25 | 8 | 4 | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 5 | 65 | 57 | 55 | 34 | 21 | 19 | – |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 15 559 | 4 832 | 7 888 | 3 613 | 2 557 | 1 036 | 547 | 748 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | na | – | – | 90 | – | 6 | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 1 863 | 1 567 | 248 | 23 | 10 | 31 | 6 | – |
| Total all children | no. | 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 | no. | 5 018 | 829 | 2 915 | 1 612 | 642 | 203 | 133 | 573 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | .. | 56 | – | – | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 973 | 199 | 126 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 1 | – |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 5 991 | 1 028 | 3 041 | 1 614 | 706 | 212 | 134 | 573 |
| Non-Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 10 032 | 4 066 | 4 730 | 1 735 | 1 788 | 768 | 413 | 127 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | .. | 22 | – | 1 | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 1 145 | 1 040 | 189 | 25 | 18 | 21 | 7 | – |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 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 | no. | 21 | 58 | 32 | 24 | 11 | 7 | 10 | – |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | .. | 3 | – | – | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 3 | 15 | 7 | 2 | – | 1 | 1 | – |
| Total all children | no. | 24 | 73 | 39 | 26 | 14 | 8 | 11 | – |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 15 071 | 4 953 | 7 677 | 3 371 | 2 441 | 978 | 556 | 700 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | .. | 81 | – | 1 | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 2 121 | 1 254 | 322 | 29 | 26 | 31 | 9 | – |
| Total all children | no. | 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 | no. | 4 616 | 685 | 2 753 | 1 430 | 558 | 191 | 119 | 501 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | .. | 8 | – | – | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 1 121 | 192 | 97 | 18 | 64 | 5 | – | – |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 5 737 | 877 | 2 850 | 1 448 | 630 | 196 | 119 | 501 |
| Non-Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 9 689 | 3 822 | 4 480 | 1 509 | 1 653 | 739 | 404 | 132 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | .. | 19 | – | 3 | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 1 305 | 879 | 242 | 18 | 18 | 15 | 2 | – |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 10 994 | 4 701 | 4 722 | 1 527 | 1 690 | 754 | 409 | 132 |

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 14 309 | 4 586 | 7 257 | 3 077 | 2 259 | 941 | 535 | 634 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | – | 27 | – | 3 | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 2 431 | 1 092 | 345 | 43 | 82 | 25 | 2 | – |
| Total all children | no. | 16 740 | 5 678 | 7 602 | 3 120 | 2 368 | 966 | 540 | 634 |
| 2009-10 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 4 269 | 660 | 2 564 | 1 229 | 530 | 138 | 122 | 407 |
| Another type of order | no. | .. | – | – | .. | 12 | – | 3 | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 1 196 | 156 | 122 | 13 | 47 | – | – | – |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 5 465 | 816 | 2 686 | 1 242 | 589 | 138 | 125 | 407 |
| Non-Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 9 325 | 3 753 | 4 381 | 1 474 | 1 527 | 754 | 394 | 142 |
| Another type of order | no. | .. | – | – | .. | 24 | – | 1 | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 1 374 | 800 | 274 | 20 | 25 | 1 | 10 | – |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 10 699 | 4 553 | 4 655 | 1 494 | 1 576 | 755 | 405 | 142 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 2 | 75 | 3 | 1 | 22 | – | 2 | 2 |
| Another type of order | no. | .. | – | – | .. | – | – | – | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 9 | 25 | 6 | – | 1 | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 11 | 100 | 9 | 1 | 23 | – | 2 | 2 |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| Care and protection order | no. | 13 596 | 4 488 | 6 948 | 2 704 | 2 079 | 892 | 518 | 551 |
| Another type of order | no. | – | – | – | – | 36 | – | 4 | – |
| Not on an order | no. | 2 579 | 981 | 402 | 33 | 73 | 1 | 10 | – |
| Total all children | no. | 16 175 | 5 469 | 7 350 | 2 737 | 2 188 | 893 | 532 | 551 |

- (a) From 2018-19 the scope of out-of-home care has changed, see box 16.1 and sub-section 16.4. This means that in some jurisdictions data from 2018-19 are not comparable with data for previous years. For 2018-19, children in other living arrangements that were previously included in the scope of out-of-home care will be excluded from the count of children in out-of-home care and reported as 'other supported placements' in data tables. The scope of out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but declined by the carer.
- (b) '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.
- (c) Rates of unknown Indigenous status are not able to be calculated for children of unknown Indigenous status as corresponding population data are not available.
- (d) NSW: Data for children in out-of-home care from 2014-15 excludes children/young people who are in the independent care of their guardian and from 2017-18 also excludes children on immigration orders.
- (e) Victoria: From 2017-18 excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| (f) Queensland: From 2014-15 onwards, Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive data in this table according to national definitions and specifications. Data from 2014-15 onwards are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. At 30 June 2019, there were additional children counted in some categories of order type in the revised national definition of out-of-home care. This is due to these children having an active placement and overlapping orders, and an overriding Guardianship Order that closed before 30 June 2019. Queensland retains some funding and case management responsibility for children subject to third party parental responsibility orders who are excluded from the revised national definition of out-of-home care. | | | | | | | | | |
| (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. 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 was reported as high in 2017-18 publications but has since improved through data remediation. Figures for 2017-18 have been retrospectively updated. | | | | | | | | | |
| (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. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2018-19; 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 (2018-19 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

| | <i>Unit</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> | <i>2018-19</i> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Total real expenditure | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Protective intervention services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NSW | \$'000 | 424 738 | 408 562 | 341 305 | 395 734 | 421 567 | 405 835 | 439 722 | 433 175 | 550 529 | 640 484 |
| Vic | \$'000 | 182 309 | 192 352 | 203 110 | 201 477 | 202 136 | 211 026 | 237 058 | 250 707 | 302 074 | 341 526 |
| Qld | \$'000 | 273 687 | 335 889 | 337 639 | 335 038 | 319 594 | 332 786 | 286 890 | 291 772 | 292 244 | 304 814 |
| WA | \$'000 | 72 700 | 76 127 | 124 129 | 156 074 | 158 296 | 162 930 | 164 495 | 184 526 | 197 141 | 199 237 |
| SA | \$'000 | 45 046 | 45 643 | 55 696 | 56 439 | 52 147 | 49 264 | 29 685 | 34 396 | 54 622 | 58 640 |
| Tas | \$'000 | 23 704 | 22 299 | 25 141 | 22 963 | 22 439 | 20 384 | 17 095 | 19 968 | 23 574 | 25 377 |
| ACT | \$'000 | 12 820 | 11 612 | 13 057 | 12 980 | 12 535 | 14 649 | 15 652 | 13 392 | 13 851 | 15 125 |
| NT | \$'000 | 22 395 | 35 249 | 45 471 | 69 961 | 37 749 | 37 446 | 32 897 | 27 762 | 25 127 | 24 644 |
| Australia | \$'000 | 1 057 399 | 1 127 733 | 1 145 549 | 1 250 666 | 1 226 464 | 1 234 321 | 1 223 495 | 1 255 699 | 1 459 162 | 1 609 849 |
| Care services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NSW | \$'000 | 760 094 | 796 998 | 822 499 | 834 439 | 855 230 | 941 992 | 1 073 943 | 1 175 482 | 1 223 522 | 1 352 517 |
| Vic | \$'000 | 346 243 | 375 571 | 387 697 | 405 222 | 430 543 | 469 181 | 513 639 | 586 466 | 657 892 | 785 808 |
| Qld | \$'000 | 395 402 | 420 315 | 436 681 | 448 344 | 449 092 | 471 506 | 517 564 | 543 452 | 619 003 | 694 218 |
| WA | \$'000 | 205 313 | 233 667 | 214 361 | 231 665 | 241 937 | 260 217 | 262 311 | 272 034 | 282 626 | 298 871 |
| SA | \$'000 | 137 303 | 151 023 | 156 109 | 170 144 | 192 531 | 233 003 | 317 640 | 413 765 | 448 963 | 442 333 |
| Tas | \$'000 | 38 837 | 44 527 | 43 756 | 46 233 | 50 600 | 49 445 | 54 537 | 65 811 | 75 698 | 92 293 |
| ACT | \$'000 | 24 870 | 31 721 | 29 603 | 33 187 | 35 716 | 36 292 | 38 254 | 43 986 | 43 442 | 45 995 |
| NT | \$'000 | 47 642 | 54 381 | 61 939 | 83 224 | 88 524 | 105 947 | 116 508 | 129 146 | 139 907 | 133 796 |
| Australia | \$'000 | 1 955 703 | 2 108 202 | 2 152 646 | 2 252 457 | 2 344 172 | 2 567 582 | 2 894 395 | 3 230 143 | 3 491 053 | 3 845 831 |
| Intensive family support services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NSW | \$'000 | 168 121 | 186 253 | 252 798 | 161 411 | 160 724 | 175 684 | 182 692 | 188 352 | 179 647 | 184 040 |
| Vic | \$'000 | 68 045 | 68 851 | 69 510 | 78 755 | 84 845 | 89 252 | 99 411 | 118 861 | 139 881 | 148 469 |
| Qld | \$'000 | 72 340 | 34 245 | 36 540 | 43 950 | 43 889 | 72 505 | 68 332 | 77 019 | 99 253 | 106 891 |
| WA | \$'000 | 8 056 | 8 139 | 30 290 | 9 287 | 9 536 | 10 460 | 10 447 | 10 660 | 11 268 | 11 623 |
| SA | \$'000 | 10 204 | 10 167 | 10 255 | 11 964 | 15 036 | 13 705 | 30 443 | 32 656 | 14 980 | 15 534 |

TABLE 16A.7

Table 16A.7 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services (2018-19 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

| | <i>Unit</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> | <i>2018-19</i> |
|---|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Tas | \$'000 | 4 946 | 5 282 | 6 376 | 7 859 | 8 363 | 8 615 | 7 119 | 7 367 | 8 221 | 10 200 |
| ACT | \$'000 | 1 806 | 1 608 | 1 519 | 1 046 | 878 | 998 | 2 819 | 5 178 | 5 221 | 5 243 |
| NT | \$'000 | 590 | 584 | 582 | 597 | na | na | 110 | 4 969 | 4 968 | 5 469 |
| Australia | \$'000 | 334 107 | 315 127 | 407 871 | 314 869 | 323 271 | 371 219 | 401 372 | 445 062 | 463 438 | 487 468 |
| Family support services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NSW | \$'000 | na | na | 157 257 | 133 925 | 122 012 | 115 305 | 119 081 | 121 562 | 116 520 | 125 348 |
| Vic | \$'000 | na | na | 103 797 | 115 111 | 121 028 | 130 841 | 150 261 | 170 974 | 216 665 | 231 467 |
| Qld | \$'000 | na | na | 63 226 | 61 999 | 62 045 | 32 956 | 56 333 | 76 170 | 79 080 | 84 393 |
| WA | \$'000 | na | na | 40 141 | 43 413 | 43 620 | 40 284 | 43 209 | 22 165 | 12 864 | 16 504 |
| SA | \$'000 | na | na | na | na | 11 549 | 11 923 | 28 959 | 46 216 | 29 578 | 31 994 |
| Tas | \$'000 | na | na | 6 147 | 5 255 | 5 671 | 5 627 | 6 190 | 6 644 | 6 751 | 7 117 |
| ACT | \$'000 | na | na | 3 087 | 3 030 | 2 554 | 2 744 | 2 644 | 2 926 | 3 046 | 3 111 |
| NT | \$'000 | na | na | 2 092 | 38 429 | 46 802 | 43 951 | 43 170 | 48 073 | 46 710 | 46 776 |
| Australia | \$'000 | na | na | na | 401 162 | 415 281 | 383 632 | 449 848 | 494 729 | 511 214 | 546 710 |
| Protective intervention services and care services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NSW | \$'000 | 1 184 832 | 1 205 560 | 1 163 805 | 1 230 173 | 1 276 798 | 1 347 827 | 1 513 665 | 1 608 657 | 1 774 051 | 1 993 001 |
| Vic | \$'000 | 528 552 | 567 923 | 590 807 | 606 699 | 632 679 | 680 207 | 750 697 | 837 173 | 959 966 | 1 127 334 |
| Qld | \$'000 | 669 088 | 756 204 | 774 321 | 783 382 | 768 686 | 804 293 | 804 454 | 835 225 | 911 247 | 999 032 |
| WA | \$'000 | 278 013 | 309 794 | 338 490 | 387 740 | 400 231 | 423 147 | 426 806 | 456 560 | 479 766 | 498 108 |
| SA | \$'000 | 182 350 | 196 666 | 211 805 | 226 582 | 244 678 | 282 267 | 347 325 | 448 161 | 503 585 | 500 973 |
| Tas | \$'000 | 62 541 | 66 826 | 68 897 | 69 196 | 73 039 | 69 829 | 71 632 | 85 778 | 99 272 | 117 670 |
| ACT | \$'000 | 37 690 | 43 333 | 42 660 | 46 168 | 48 252 | 50 941 | 53 907 | 57 378 | 57 293 | 61 121 |
| NT | \$'000 | 70 037 | 89 630 | 107 410 | 153 185 | 126 273 | 143 392 | 149 405 | 156 909 | 165 034 | 158 441 |
| Australia | \$'000 | 3 013 101 | 3 235 935 | 3 298 195 | 3 503 124 | 3 570 635 | 3 801 903 | 4 117 890 | 4 485 842 | 4 950 214 | 5 455 679 |
| Protective intervention services, care services and intensive family support services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NSW | \$'000 | 1 352 953 | 1 391 812 | 1 416 603 | 1 391 584 | 1 437 521 | 1 523 511 | 1 696 357 | 1 797 009 | 1 953 698 | 2 177 041 |
| Vic | \$'000 | 596 597 | 636 774 | 660 318 | 685 454 | 717 524 | 769 459 | 850 109 | 956 034 | 1 099 847 | 1 275 803 |

TABLE 16A.7

Table 16A.7 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services (2018-19 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
|--|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Qld | \$'000 | 741 428 | 790 448 | 810 861 | 827 332 | 812 575 | 876 797 | 872 787 | 912 242 | 1 010 500 | 1 105 923 |
| WA | \$'000 | 286 069 | 317 933 | 368 779 | 397 027 | 409 768 | 433 607 | 437 253 | 467 219 | 491 035 | 509 731 |
| SA | \$'000 | 192 553 | 206 833 | 222 060 | 238 546 | 259 714 | 295 973 | 377 767 | 480 818 | 518 565 | 516 506 |
| Tas | \$'000 | 67 487 | 72 108 | 75 273 | 77 054 | 81 401 | 78 444 | 78 751 | 93 146 | 107 493 | 127 870 |
| ACT | \$'000 | 39 495 | 44 941 | 44 180 | 47 213 | 49 130 | 51 939 | 56 725 | 62 556 | 63 090 | 66 363 |
| NT | \$'000 | 70 627 | 90 214 | 107 992 | 153 782 | 126 273 | 143 392 | 149 515 | 161 878 | 170 002 | 163 910 |
| Australia | \$'000 | 3 347 208 | 3 551 062 | 3 706 066 | 3 817 993 | 3 893 906 | 4 173 121 | 4 519 264 | 4 930 903 | 5 414 229 | 5 943 147 |
| Protective intervention services, care services, intensive family support services and family support services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NSW | \$'000 | na | na | 1 573 860 | 1 525 509 | 1 559 533 | 1 638 816 | 1 815 438 | 1 918 571 | 2 070 218 | 2 302 389 |
| Vic | \$'000 | na | na | 764 115 | 800 565 | 838 551 | 900 300 | 1 000 370 | 1 127 008 | 1 316 512 | 1 507 270 |
| Qld | \$'000 | na | na | 874 087 | 889 331 | 874 620 | 909 753 | 929 119 | 988 413 | 1 089 580 | 1 190 316 |
| WA | \$'000 | na | na | 408 921 | 440 442 | 453 389 | 473 891 | 480 462 | 489 384 | 503 898 | 526 235 |
| SA | \$'000 | na | na | 222 060 | 238 546 | 271 263 | 307 895 | 406 727 | 527 034 | 548 143 | 548 501 |
| Tas | \$'000 | na | na | 81 420 | 82 309 | 87 073 | 84 071 | 84 941 | 99 790 | 114 243 | 134 987 |
| ACT | \$'000 | na | na | 47 267 | 50 244 | 51 683 | 54 683 | 59 369 | 65 482 | 66 136 | 69 474 |
| NT | \$'000 | na | na | 110 084 | 192 211 | 173 075 | 187 343 | 192 685 | 209 950 | 216 712 | 210 685 |
| Australia | \$'000 | na | na | 4 081 813 | 4 219 157 | 4 309 187 | 4 556 753 | 4 969 111 | 5 425 633 | 5 925 443 | 6 489 857 |
| Real expenditure per child aged 0-17 in the population | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Protective intervention services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NSW | \$ | 260.62 | 249.43 | 207.15 | 237.84 | 251.10 | 239.09 | 256.19 | 249.88 | 315.11 | 360.75 |
| Vic | \$ | 150.79 | 157.90 | 164.55 | 160.18 | 157.62 | 161.35 | 177.28 | 183.59 | 216.93 | 241.85 |
| Qld | \$ | 259.17 | 315.14 | 312.44 | 304.90 | 287.62 | 296.81 | 253.92 | 255.10 | 252.34 | 260.11 |
| WA | \$ | 137.03 | 141.29 | 225.46 | 276.35 | 275.73 | 280.56 | 280.82 | 312.47 | 331.22 | 332.44 |
| SA | \$ | 127.91 | 129.36 | 157.07 | 157.98 | 145.21 | 136.14 | 81.50 | 94.11 | 149.16 | 159.66 |
| Tas | \$ | 201.80 | 190.73 | 216.73 | 200.08 | 197.10 | 180.37 | 152.21 | 177.06 | 209.93 | 225.69 |
| ACT | \$ | 160.90 | 144.85 | 159.94 | 155.34 | 146.85 | 168.65 | 176.95 | 148.39 | 149.29 | 159.91 |
| NT | \$ | 358.44 | 566.05 | 730.95 | 1 116.78 | 603.45 | 602.71 | 527.16 | 443.13 | 400.88 | 396.08 |

TABLE 16A.7

Table 16A.7 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services (2018-19 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

| | <i>Unit</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> | <i>2018-19</i> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Australia | \$ | 209.92 | 222.30 | 223.41 | 240.35 | 232.84 | 231.53 | 226.72 | 229.79 | 264.01 | 287.72 |
| Care services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NSW | \$ | 466.39 | 486.57 | 499.21 | 501.51 | 509.40 | 554.95 | 625.70 | 678.07 | 700.32 | 761.80 |
| Vic | \$ | 286.37 | 308.30 | 314.09 | 322.16 | 335.73 | 358.74 | 384.11 | 429.46 | 472.46 | 556.46 |
| Qld | \$ | 374.43 | 394.35 | 404.09 | 408.01 | 404.16 | 420.54 | 458.09 | 475.14 | 534.48 | 592.41 |
| WA | \$ | 386.98 | 433.66 | 389.35 | 410.19 | 421.43 | 448.09 | 447.81 | 460.66 | 474.85 | 498.69 |
| SA | \$ | 389.87 | 428.02 | 440.25 | 476.27 | 536.15 | 643.92 | 872.11 | 1 132.08 | 1 226.00 | 1 204.37 |
| Tas | \$ | 330.63 | 380.85 | 377.21 | 402.84 | 444.46 | 437.52 | 485.57 | 583.54 | 674.10 | 820.81 |
| ACT | \$ | 312.13 | 395.70 | 362.61 | 397.17 | 418.41 | 417.80 | 432.48 | 487.39 | 468.21 | 486.27 |
| NT | \$ | 762.54 | 873.28 | 995.68 | 1 328.50 | 1 415.11 | 1 705.27 | 1 866.96 | 2 061.36 | 2 232.05 | 2 150.34 |
| Australia | \$ | 388.26 | 415.57 | 419.82 | 432.87 | 445.03 | 481.63 | 536.34 | 591.10 | 631.65 | 687.34 |
| Intensive family support services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NSW | \$ | 103.16 | 113.71 | 153.43 | 97.01 | 95.73 | 103.50 | 106.44 | 108.65 | 102.83 | 103.66 |
| Vic | \$ | 56.28 | 56.52 | 56.31 | 62.61 | 66.16 | 68.24 | 74.34 | 87.04 | 100.45 | 105.14 |
| Qld | \$ | 68.50 | 32.13 | 33.81 | 40.00 | 39.50 | 64.67 | 60.48 | 67.34 | 85.70 | 91.22 |
| WA | \$ | 15.18 | 15.10 | 55.02 | 16.44 | 16.61 | 18.01 | 17.83 | 18.05 | 18.93 | 19.39 |
| SA | \$ | 28.97 | 28.82 | 28.92 | 33.49 | 41.87 | 37.87 | 83.58 | 89.35 | 40.91 | 42.29 |
| Tas | \$ | 42.11 | 45.18 | 54.97 | 68.47 | 73.46 | 76.23 | 63.38 | 65.33 | 73.21 | 90.71 |
| ACT | \$ | 22.66 | 20.05 | 18.61 | 12.51 | 10.28 | 11.49 | 31.87 | 57.37 | 56.27 | 55.42 |
| NT | \$ | 9.44 | 9.37 | 9.36 | 9.54 | na | na | 1.76 | 79.32 | 79.27 | 87.90 |
| Australia | \$ | 66.33 | 62.12 | 79.54 | 60.51 | 61.37 | 69.63 | 74.38 | 81.44 | 83.85 | 87.12 |
| Family support services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NSW | \$ | na | na | 95.45 | 80.49 | 72.67 | 67.93 | 69.38 | 70.12 | 66.69 | 70.60 |
| Vic | \$ | na | na | 84.09 | 91.51 | 94.38 | 100.04 | 112.37 | 125.20 | 155.60 | 163.91 |
| Qld | \$ | na | na | 58.51 | 56.42 | 55.84 | 29.39 | 49.86 | 66.60 | 68.28 | 72.02 |
| WA | \$ | na | na | 72.91 | 76.87 | 75.98 | 69.37 | 73.77 | 37.53 | 21.61 | 27.54 |

TABLE 16A.7

Table 16A.7 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services (2018-19 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| SA | \$ | na | na | na | na | 32.16 | 32.95 | 79.51 | 126.45 | 80.77 | 87.11 |
| Tas | \$ | na | na | 52.99 | 45.78 | 49.82 | 49.79 | 55.11 | 58.91 | 60.11 | 63.30 |
| ACT | \$ | na | na | 37.81 | 36.27 | 29.91 | 31.59 | 29.89 | 32.42 | 32.83 | 32.89 |
| NT | \$ | na | na | 33.62 | 613.44 | 748.16 | 707.42 | 691.78 | 767.31 | 745.20 | 751.77 |
| Australia | \$ | na | na | na | 77.09 | 78.84 | 71.96 | 83.36 | 90.53 | 92.50 | 97.71 |
| Protective intervention services and care services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NSW | \$ | 727.01 | 736.00 | 706.36 | 739.35 | 760.49 | 794.04 | 881.90 | 927.95 | 1 015.42 | 1 122.55 |
| Vic | \$ | 437.16 | 466.19 | 478.64 | 482.33 | 493.35 | 520.09 | 561.39 | 613.06 | 689.40 | 798.31 |
| Qld | \$ | 633.60 | 709.49 | 716.53 | 712.91 | 691.78 | 717.35 | 712.01 | 730.24 | 786.82 | 852.53 |
| WA | \$ | 524.00 | 574.95 | 614.81 | 686.54 | 697.16 | 728.65 | 728.64 | 773.13 | 806.07 | 831.14 |
| SA | \$ | 517.78 | 557.37 | 597.32 | 634.25 | 681.36 | 780.06 | 953.61 | 1 226.19 | 1 375.16 | 1 364.03 |
| Tas | \$ | 532.43 | 571.58 | 593.94 | 602.92 | 641.56 | 617.88 | 637.78 | 760.60 | 884.04 | 1 046.50 |
| ACT | \$ | 473.03 | 540.56 | 522.55 | 552.51 | 565.26 | 586.45 | 609.44 | 635.78 | 617.50 | 646.17 |
| NT | \$ | 1 120.98 | 1 439.33 | 1 726.63 | 2 445.29 | 2 018.56 | 2 307.98 | 2 394.12 | 2 504.49 | 2 632.91 | 2 546.42 |
| Australia | \$ | 598.18 | 637.87 | 643.22 | 673.22 | 677.87 | 713.16 | 763.06 | 820.89 | 895.66 | 975.05 |
| Protective intervention services, care services and intensive family support services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NSW | \$ | 830.17 | 849.71 | 859.79 | 836.36 | 856.23 | 897.54 | 988.34 | 1 036.60 | 1 118.25 | 1 226.21 |
| Vic | \$ | 493.44 | 522.71 | 534.96 | 544.95 | 559.52 | 588.34 | 635.73 | 700.10 | 789.85 | 903.44 |
| Qld | \$ | 702.10 | 741.62 | 750.34 | 752.91 | 731.28 | 782.01 | 772.49 | 797.58 | 872.52 | 943.74 |
| WA | \$ | 539.18 | 590.05 | 669.83 | 702.98 | 713.77 | 746.66 | 746.47 | 791.18 | 825.00 | 850.53 |
| SA | \$ | 546.76 | 586.19 | 626.24 | 667.74 | 723.23 | 817.94 | 1 037.20 | 1 315.54 | 1 416.06 | 1 406.32 |
| Tas | \$ | 574.54 | 616.76 | 648.91 | 671.39 | 715.02 | 694.11 | 701.16 | 825.92 | 957.25 | 1 137.22 |
| ACT | \$ | 495.69 | 560.61 | 541.16 | 565.02 | 575.54 | 597.94 | 641.31 | 693.16 | 679.98 | 701.60 |
| NT | \$ | 1 130.43 | 1 448.70 | 1 735.99 | 2 454.82 | 2 018.56 | 2 307.98 | 2 395.88 | 2 583.81 | 2 712.18 | 2 634.31 |
| Australia | \$ | 664.50 | 699.99 | 722.77 | 733.73 | 739.24 | 782.79 | 837.43 | 902.34 | 979.62 | 1 062.18 |
| Protective intervention services, care services, intensive family support services and family support services | | | | | | | | | | | |

TABLE 16A.7

Table 16A.7 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services (2018-19 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
|------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| NSW | \$ | na | na | 955.24 | 916.85 | 928.90 | 965.47 | 1 057.72 | 1 106.72 | 1 184.94 | 1 296.82 |
| Vic | \$ | na | na | 619.05 | 636.46 | 653.89 | 688.38 | 748.10 | 825.30 | 945.45 | 1 067.36 |
| Qld | \$ | na | na | 808.85 | 809.33 | 787.12 | 811.41 | 822.35 | 864.18 | 940.80 | 1 015.76 |
| WA | \$ | na | na | 742.74 | 779.85 | 789.75 | 816.03 | 820.24 | 828.72 | 846.62 | 878.07 |
| SA | \$ | na | na | 626.24 | 667.74 | 755.39 | 850.89 | 1 116.71 | 1 441.99 | 1 496.83 | 1 493.44 |
| Tas | \$ | na | na | 701.90 | 717.18 | 764.84 | 743.90 | 756.28 | 884.83 | 1 017.36 | 1 200.51 |
| ACT | \$ | na | na | 578.97 | 601.29 | 605.46 | 629.53 | 671.20 | 725.58 | 712.82 | 734.48 |
| NT | \$ | na | na | 1 769.61 | 3 068.26 | 2 766.72 | 3 015.39 | 3 087.66 | 3 351.11 | 3 457.38 | 3 386.08 |
| Australia | \$ | na | na | 796.05 | 810.82 | 818.08 | 854.75 | 920.79 | 992.87 | 1 072.12 | 1 159.89 |

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2018-19 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2018-19 = 100). See chapter 2 for details.
- (b) Refer to table 16A.8 for information on the comparability of expenditure data.
- (c) From 2018-19 the scope of out-of-home care has changed, see box 16.1 and sub-section 16.4. Real expenditure per child in care covers children in out-of-home care and children in other supported placements.
- (d) NSW: NSW implemented a new client management system in 2017-18 and has provided limited data. 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.
- (e) 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'.
- (f) 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.

Table 16A.7 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services (2018-19 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)**

| <i>Unit</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> | <i>2018-19</i> |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| (g) 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. | | | | | | | | | | |
| (h) SA: 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. | | | | | | | | | | |
| (i) 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 expenditure on care services for 2017-18 and 2018-19 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. | | | | | | | | | | |
| (j) 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. | | | | | | | | | | |
| (k) 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

Table 16A.8 **Comparability of government recurrent expenditure — items included, 2018-19**

| | <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 | Actual | Accrual | Funding | Actual | Accrual |
| Workers compensation | | | | | | | | |
| Included | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Payroll tax | | | | | | | | |
| Included | ✓ | ✓ | na | ✓ | ✓ | × | na | ✓ |
| Termination and long service leave | | | | | | | | |
| Included | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Method | Actual | Accrual | Accrual | Actual | Accrual | Actual | Accruing | Other |
| Sick leave | | | | | | | | |
| Included | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Method | Actual | Actual | Actual | Actual | Emerging basis | 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 | Dept formula | Dept formula | FTE / budget | Dept formula |

na Not available. ✓ Item included. × Item not included.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

TABLE 16A.9

Table 16A.9 **Disproportionality ratios for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0-17 years (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <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 | | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | ratio | 3.19 | 5.11 | 4.41 | 4.55 | 6.16 | 6.31 |
| 2017-18 | ratio | 3.16 | 5.08 | na | na | 5.92 | 6.18 |
| 2016-17 | ratio | 3.32 | 5.07 | 4.00 | 4.58 | 5.84 | 6.02 |
| 2015-16 | ratio | 3.38 | 4.92 | 4.03 | 4.82 | 5.70 | 5.89 |
| 2014-15 | ratio | 3.41 | 5.07 | 4.08 | 4.93 | 5.61 | 5.81 |
| 2013-14 | ratio | 3.26 | 4.96 | 4.17 | 4.90 | 5.51 | 5.65 |
| 2012-13 | ratio | 3.28 | 5.19 | 4.16 | 4.81 | 5.41 | 5.63 |
| 2011-12 | ratio | 3.25 | 4.86 | 3.99 | 4.61 | 5.28 | 5.53 |
| 2010-11 | ratio | 3.10 | 4.59 | 3.66 | 4.60 | 5.13 | 5.47 |
| 2009-10 | ratio | 2.83 | 4.42 | 3.62 | 4.59 | 5.05 | 5.47 |
| Vic | | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | ratio | 4.54 | 6.28 | 6.62 | 7.11 | 12.46 | 14.96 |
| 2017-18 | ratio | 4.37 | 5.02 | 6.27 | 6.79 | 12.09 | 14.53 |
| 2016-17 | ratio | 4.31 | 3.32 | 6.32 | 6.95 | 11.36 | 11.82 |
| 2015-16 | ratio | 4.19 | 3.64 | 6.24 | 6.92 | 10.37 | 11.15 |
| 2014-15 | ratio | 3.90 | 3.51 | 5.77 | 6.04 | 9.64 | 10.04 |
| 2013-14 | ratio | 3.84 | 3.29 | 5.66 | 6.18 | 9.20 | 9.58 |
| 2012-13 | ratio | 3.82 | 2.84 | 5.54 | 5.86 | 9.28 | 8.08 |
| 2011-12 | ratio | 3.91 | 2.99 | 5.52 | 6.11 | 8.78 | 9.22 |
| 2010-11 | ratio | 3.60 | na | 5.32 | 5.77 | 8.66 | 8.52 |
| 2009-10 | ratio | 3.49 | 3.99 | 5.08 | 6.08 | 7.98 | 8.19 |

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| | <i>Unit</i> | <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 | | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | ratio | 4.17 | na | 4.10 | 4.66 | 5.24 | 5.35 |
| 2017-18 | ratio | 4.00 | 4.45 | 3.95 | 4.50 | 5.15 | 5.12 |
| 2016-17 | ratio | 3.89 | 3.63 | 3.91 | 4.28 | 5.09 | 5.14 |
| 2015-16 | ratio | 3.54 | 4.69 | 3.61 | 4.14 | 5.04 | 5.06 |
| 2014-15 | ratio | 3.50 | 4.13 | 3.56 | 4.16 | 5.05 | 5.03 |
| 2013-14 | ratio | 3.51 | 3.75 | 3.50 | 3.99 | 4.86 | 4.94 |
| 2012-13 | ratio | 3.31 | 3.79 | 3.29 | 3.70 | 4.67 | 4.76 |
| 2011-12 | ratio | 3.21 | 4.07 | 3.21 | 3.46 | 4.59 | 4.60 |
| 2010-11 | ratio | 3.09 | 3.21 | 3.08 | 3.52 | 4.54 | 4.52 |
| 2009-10 | ratio | 2.99 | 4.17 | 2.98 | 3.48 | 4.46 | 4.43 |
| WA | | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | ratio | 4.78 | 7.62 | 5.74 | 6.63 | 8.03 | 8.11 |
| 2017-18 | ratio | 5.06 | 4.82 | 6.12 | 6.66 | 7.99 | 8.18 |
| 2016-17 | ratio | 4.92 | 4.63 | 5.92 | 6.41 | 7.96 | 8.13 |
| 2015-16 | ratio | 4.82 | 4.96 | 5.71 | 6.38 | 7.84 | 7.99 |
| 2014-15 | ratio | 4.40 | 4.10 | 4.68 | 5.78 | 7.65 | 7.75 |
| 2013-14 | ratio | 3.93 | 4.93 | 3.90 | 5.22 | 7.38 | 7.54 |
| 2012-13 | ratio | 3.57 | 7.48 | 3.53 | 4.84 | 7.29 | 7.37 |
| 2011-12 | ratio | 3.69 | 5.02 | 3.73 | 4.30 | 6.87 | 6.98 |
| 2010-11 | ratio | 3.50 | 4.49 | 3.57 | 4.14 | 6.55 | 6.70 |
| 2009-10 | ratio | 4.81 | 4.92 | 4.97 | 5.89 | 6.34 | 6.50 |

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| | <i>Unit</i> | <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 | | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | ratio | 5.01 | 9.21 | 7.43 | 7.57 | 7.02 | 7.30 |
| 2017-18 | ratio | 4.90 | 7.37 | 6.83 | 6.48 | 6.76 | 6.88 |
| 2016-17 | ratio | 4.88 | 9.44 | 6.63 | 6.47 | 7.01 | 6.93 |
| 2015-16 | ratio | 4.98 | 8.72 | 6.71 | 7.49 | 6.85 | 7.00 |
| 2014-15 | ratio | 4.68 | 7.34 | 6.20 | 6.34 | 6.24 | 6.27 |
| 2013-14 | ratio | 4.53 | na | 5.84 | 6.61 | 6.11 | 6.29 |
| 2012-13 | ratio | 4.78 | na | 6.41 | 6.64 | 6.02 | 6.21 |
| 2011-12 | ratio | 4.75 | na | 5.91 | 6.14 | 5.82 | 5.81 |
| 2010-11 | ratio | 4.06 | na | 5.06 | 5.21 | 5.30 | 5.58 |
| 2009-10 | ratio | 4.19 | 2.33 | 5.94 | 5.37 | 5.30 | 5.71 |
| Tas | | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | ratio | 1.09 | na | 1.90 | 2.03 | 3.12 | 3.33 |
| 2017-18 | ratio | 0.94 | na | 1.66 | 1.81 | 2.98 | 2.97 |
| 2016-17 | ratio | 1.21 | na | 1.67 | 1.73 | 2.61 | 2.59 |
| 2015-16 | ratio | 0.99 | na | 1.86 | 1.93 | 2.57 | 2.52 |
| 2014-15 | ratio | 0.85 | na | 1.43 | 1.47 | 2.20 | 2.23 |
| 2013-14 | ratio | 0.87 | na | 1.28 | 1.22 | 2.27 | 2.20 |
| 2012-13 | ratio | 0.93 | na | 1.35 | 1.60 | 2.26 | 2.32 |
| 2011-12 | ratio | 1.02 | na | 1.39 | 1.52 | 2.14 | 2.18 |
| 2010-11 | ratio | 1.00 | na | 1.39 | 1.39 | 2.13 | 2.16 |
| 2009-10 | ratio | 0.64 | na | 1.29 | 1.63 | 1.56 | 1.69 |

TABLE 16A.9

Table 16A.9 **Disproportionality ratios for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0-17 years (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <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 | | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | ratio | 4.00 | 9.32 | 5.54 | 7.54 | 9.84 | 9.32 |
| 2017-18 | ratio | 3.94 | 8.77 | 6.65 | 6.70 | 10.01 | 10.31 |
| 2016-17 | ratio | 3.80 | 8.28 | 7.44 | 8.61 | 9.00 | 9.10 |
| 2015-16 | ratio | 3.64 | 9.61 | 7.01 | 7.79 | 8.42 | 8.28 |
| 2014-15 | ratio | 3.62 | 11.56 | 6.59 | 7.81 | 8.36 | 8.46 |
| 2013-14 | ratio | 3.44 | 8.87 | 6.35 | 5.84 | 7.79 | 7.65 |
| 2012-13 | ratio | 2.88 | 8.33 | 4.43 | 4.99 | 7.36 | 7.44 |
| 2011-12 | ratio | 2.76 | na | 5.00 | 5.80 | 6.49 | 6.85 |
| 2010-11 | ratio | 2.50 | 2.56 | 5.78 | 6.32 | 6.75 | 6.15 |
| 2009-10 | ratio | 2.66 | na | 4.60 | 5.91 | 6.71 | 6.47 |
| NT | | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | ratio | 1.84 | 1.85 | 1.95 | 2.06 | 2.14 | 2.15 |
| 2017-18 | ratio | 1.84 | 1.87 | 1.88 | 2.06 | 2.13 | 2.15 |
| 2016-17 | ratio | 1.81 | 1.91 | 1.91 | 2.08 | 2.12 | 2.14 |
| 2015-16 | ratio | 1.80 | na | 1.91 | 2.00 | 2.10 | 2.12 |
| 2014-15 | ratio | 1.78 | na | 1.87 | 1.96 | 2.06 | 2.09 |
| 2013-14 | ratio | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.94 | 2.15 | 2.07 | 2.06 |
| 2012-13 | ratio | 1.83 | 1.48 | 1.96 | 2.15 | 2.06 | 2.04 |
| 2011-12 | ratio | 1.81 | 1.08 | 1.94 | 2.12 | 2.03 | 2.01 |
| 2010-11 | ratio | 1.79 | 2.04 | 1.90 | 2.06 | 1.97 | 1.95 |
| 2009-10 | ratio | 1.78 | 1.75 | 2.00 | 2.08 | 1.82 | 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. Intensive family support service data for Queensland and Tasmania are not available.

Table 16A.9 Disproportionality ratios for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0-17 years (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i)

| | <i>Unit</i> | <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> |
|-----------------|--|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| (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 aged 0-17 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 for notification, IFSS, investigations, substantiations, and care and protection orders are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time, but are not comparable across jurisdictions. From 2018-19 the scope of out-of-home care has changed, see box 16.1 and sub-section 16.4. This means that in some jurisdictions disproportionality ratios for out-of-home care from 2018-19 are not comparable with data for previous years. | | | | | | |
| (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 implemented a new client management system in 2017-18 and has provided limited data. Introduction of a new client system has also had an impact on recording of Indigenous status resulting in a large increase in the number of records missing indigenous status especially for children in notifications and investigations. | | | | | | |
| (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) | WA: The increase in the disproportionality ratio for IFSS in 2018-19 is due to the contracting of additional services, some of which are specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families. | | | | | | |
| (i) | 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 as Tasmania has moved from a caller to an agency defined approach. Due to changes in intake practice implemented during 2018-19, the proportion of contacts progressed to notifications has decreased. 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 was reported as high in 2017-18 publications but has since improved through data remediation. Figures for 2017-18 have been retrospectively updated. | | | | | | |
| | na Not available. | | | | | | |
| <i>Source</i> : | 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), (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> |
|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 2018-19 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of investigations commenced | | | | | | | | | | |
| Up to 7 days | no. | 35 150 | 28 458 | 6 291 | 11 146 | 4 294 | 112 | 1 413 | 3 527 | 90 391 |
| 8 to 14 days | no. | 10 364 | 5 971 | 2 103 | 788 | 361 | 37 | 507 | 675 | 20 806 |
| 15 to 21 days | no. | 6 185 | 2 054 | 1 673 | 534 | 239 | 61 | 171 | 53 | 10 970 |
| 22 to 28 days | no. | 3 679 | 846 | 1 477 | 425 | 152 | 49 | 37 | 44 | 6 709 |
| 29 days or more | no. | 6 807 | 429 | 12 763 | 1 404 | 262 | 996 | 25 | 425 | 23 111 |
| Total | no. | 62 185 | 37 758 | 24 307 | 14 297 | 5 308 | 1 255 | 2 153 | 4 724 | 151 987 |
| Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation | | | | | | | | | | |
| Up to 7 days | % | 56.5 | 75.4 | 25.9 | 78.0 | 80.9 | 8.9 | 65.6 | 74.7 | 59.5 |
| 8 to 14 days | % | 16.7 | 15.8 | 8.7 | 5.5 | 6.8 | 2.9 | 23.5 | 14.3 | 13.7 |
| 15 to 21 days | % | 9.9 | 5.4 | 6.9 | 3.7 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 7.9 | 1.1 | 7.2 |
| 22 to 28 days | % | 5.9 | 2.2 | 6.1 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.9 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 4.4 |
| 29 days or more | % | 10.9 | 1.1 | 52.5 | 9.8 | 4.9 | 79.4 | 1.2 | 9.0 | 15.2 |
| Total | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 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 |

TABLE 16A.10

Table 16A.10 Response time to commence investigation (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> |
|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 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 |
| 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 |

TABLE 16A.10

Table 16A.10 Response time to commence investigation (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> |
|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 22 to 28 days | % | 4.1 | 1.9 | 7.5 | 4.2 | 2.5 | 7.9 | 3.1 | 1.2 | 4.2 |
| 29 days or more | % | 18.3 | 1.6 | 39.5 | 22.8 | 5.5 | 25.5 | 1.7 | 5.8 | 18.4 |
| Total | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 2012-13 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of investigations commenced | | | | | | | | | | |
| Up to 7 days | no. | 28 967 | 14 862 | 7 363 | 5 396 | 4 058 | 1 004 | 2 034 | 3 513 | 67 197 |
| 8 to 14 days | no. | 5 815 | 2 152 | 2 437 | 1 185 | 559 | 300 | 164 | 168 | 12 780 |
| 15 to 21 days | no. | 2 990 | 896 | 2 006 | 771 | 236 | 248 | 57 | 47 | 7 251 |
| 22 to 28 days | no. | 1 949 | 456 | 1 731 | 565 | 176 | 97 | 32 | 23 | 5 029 |
| 29 days or more | no. | 10 255 | 635 | 9 818 | 3 184 | 261 | 298 | 33 | 49 | 24 533 |
| Total | no. | 49 976 | 19 001 | 23 355 | 11 101 | 5 290 | 1 947 | 2 320 | 3 800 | 116 790 |
| Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation | | | | | | | | | | |
| Up to 7 days | % | 58.0 | 78.2 | 31.5 | 48.6 | 76.7 | 51.6 | 87.7 | 92.4 | 57.5 |
| 8 to 14 days | % | 11.6 | 11.3 | 10.4 | 10.7 | 10.6 | 15.4 | 7.1 | 4.4 | 10.9 |
| 15 to 21 days | % | 6.0 | 4.7 | 8.6 | 6.9 | 4.5 | 12.7 | 2.5 | 1.2 | 6.2 |
| 22 to 28 days | % | 3.9 | 2.4 | 7.4 | 5.1 | 3.3 | 5.0 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 4.3 |
| 29 days or more | % | 20.5 | 3.3 | 42.0 | 28.7 | 4.9 | 15.3 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 21.0 |
| Total | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 2011-12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of investigations commenced | | | | | | | | | | |
| Up to 7 days | no. | 26 326 | 12 320 | 6 679 | 5 157 | 4 054 | 1 260 | 2 041 | 3 339 | 61 176 |
| 8 to 14 days | no. | 6 388 | 1 768 | 1 822 | 932 | 482 | 272 | 101 | 279 | 12 044 |
| 15 to 21 days | no. | 3 596 | 873 | 1 550 | 573 | 217 | 219 | 28 | 101 | 7 157 |
| 22 to 28 days | no. | 2 446 | 454 | 1 353 | 491 | 95 | 145 | 21 | 67 | 5 072 |
| 29 days or more | no. | 10 856 | 570 | 13 340 | 2 954 | 272 | 370 | 31 | 417 | 28 810 |
| Total | no. | 49 612 | 15 985 | 24 744 | 10 107 | 5 120 | 2 266 | 2 222 | 4 203 | 114 259 |
| 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 |

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Table 16A.10 **Response time to commence investigation (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> |
|---|-------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 8 to 14 days | % | na | 11.2 | 8.2 | 8.8 | 9.6 | 12.1 | 4.8 | 10.3 | 9.4 |
| 15 to 21 days | % | na | 4.2 | 6.4 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 9.8 | 0.7 | 4.8 | 5.3 |
| 22 to 28 days | % | na | 2.4 | 5.1 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 6.4 | 0.8 | 2.7 | 3.7 |
| 29 days or more | % | na | 3.1 | 48.1 | 18.5 | 7.0 | 16.3 | 1.4 | 24.0 | 23.7 |
| Total | % | na | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 2009-10 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of investigations commenced | | | | | | | | | | |
| Up to 7 days | no. | na | 11 022 | 6 617 | 3 098 | 3 102 | 825 | 1 582 | 1 811 | 28 057 |
| 8 to 14 days | no. | na | 1 499 | 1 587 | 326 | 653 | 219 | 132 | 393 | 4 809 |
| 15 to 21 days | no. | na | 479 | 1 250 | 217 | 338 | 166 | 57 | 181 | 2 688 |
| 22 to 28 days | no. | na | 313 | 1 154 | 122 | 215 | 134 | 11 | 154 | 2 103 |
| 29 days or more | no. | na | 456 | 9 309 | 704 | 470 | 342 | 12 | 890 | 12 183 |
| Total | no. | na | 13 769 | 19 917 | 4 467 | 4 778 | 1 686 | 1 794 | 3 429 | 49 840 |
| Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation | | | | | | | | | | |
| Up to 7 days | % | na | 80.0 | 33.2 | 69.4 | 64.9 | 48.9 | 88.2 | 52.8 | 56.3 |
| 8 to 14 days | % | na | 10.9 | 8.0 | 7.3 | 13.7 | 13.0 | 7.4 | 11.5 | 9.6 |
| 15 to 21 days | % | na | 3.5 | 6.3 | 4.9 | 7.1 | 9.8 | 3.2 | 5.3 | 5.4 |
| 22 to 28 days | % | na | 2.3 | 5.8 | 2.7 | 4.5 | 7.9 | 0.6 | 4.5 | 4.2 |
| 29 days or more | % | na | 3.3 | 46.7 | 15.8 | 9.8 | 20.3 | 0.7 | 26.0 | 24.4 |
| Total | % | na | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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) 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) Notifications are only recorded for children aged 0-17. Investigations and substantiations may relate to young people aged 18 where the notification was made when they were aged 17 or younger.
- (c) NSW: NSW implemented a new client management system in 2017-18. NSW data from 2018-19 for Investigations 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'. Data were not available prior to 2011-12.
- (d) Queensland: In Queensland, all notifications require an 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 onwards, Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive data in this table according to national definitions and specifications. Data from 2014-15 onwards are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere.
- (e) 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.

Table 16A.10 **Response time to commence investigation (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> |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|

(f) In the NT, the introduction of 'One Child, One Case' has led to subsequent notifications redirected to an open investigation and longer investigation timeframes.

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2018-19; 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), (e)

| | Unit | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Aust |
|---|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2018-19 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations completed | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 days or less | no. | 4 823 | 15 294 | 2 237 | 2 420 | 804 | 70 | 172 | 933 | 26 753 |
| 29 to 62 days | no. | 14 083 | 12 773 | 5 966 | 3 486 | 1 182 | 138 | 1 371 | 1 233 | 40 232 |
| 63 to 90 days | no. | 10 898 | 4 832 | 4 320 | 2 211 | 792 | 142 | 385 | 725 | 24 305 |
| More than 90 days | no. | 32 243 | 4 741 | 10 556 | 4 265 | 2 114 | 630 | 225 | 1 858 | 56 632 |
| Total | no. | 62 047 | 37 640 | 23 079 | 12 382 | 4 892 | 980 | 2 153 | 4 749 | 147 922 |
| Proportion of investigations finalised, by time taken to complete investigation | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 days or less | % | 7.8 | 40.6 | 9.7 | 19.5 | 16.4 | 7.1 | 8.0 | 19.6 | 18.1 |
| 29 to 62 days | % | 22.7 | 33.9 | 25.9 | 28.2 | 24.2 | 14.1 | 63.7 | 26.0 | 27.2 |
| 63 to 90 days | % | 17.6 | 12.8 | 18.7 | 17.9 | 16.2 | 14.5 | 17.9 | 15.3 | 16.4 |
| More than 90 days | % | 52.0 | 12.6 | 45.7 | 34.4 | 43.2 | 64.3 | 10.5 | 39.1 | 38.3 |
| Total | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 2017-18 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |

TABLE 16A.11

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |

TABLE 16A.11

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigations completed | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 days or less | no. | na | 3 797 | 4 768 | 1 470 | 2 777 | 450 | 1 081 | 1 996 | – |
| 29 to 62 days | no. | na | 3 070 | 5 372 | 1 083 | 1 149 | 620 | 476 | 434 | – |
| 63 to 90 days | no. | na | 1 738 | 2 563 | 732 | 377 | 343 | 36 | 188 | – |
| More than 90 days | no. | na | 4 129 | 7 882 | 1 328 | 436 | 435 | 13 | 475 | – |
| Total | no. | na | 12 734 | 20 585 | 4 613 | 4 739 | 1 848 | 1 606 | 3 093 | – |
| 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 | na |
| 29 to 62 days | % | na | 24.1 | 26.1 | 23.5 | 24.2 | 33.5 | 29.6 | 14.0 | na |
| 63 to 90 days | % | na | 13.6 | 12.5 | 15.9 | 8.0 | 18.6 | 2.2 | 6.1 | na |
| More than 90 days | % | na | 32.4 | 38.3 | 28.8 | 9.2 | 23.5 | 0.8 | 15.4 | na |
| Total | % | na | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | na |

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

| <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| 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) 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) Notifications are only recorded for children aged 0-17. Investigations and substantiations may relate to young people aged 18 where the notification was made when they were aged 17 or younger. | | | | | | | | | |
| (c) NSW: NSW implemented a new client management system in 2017-18. NSW data from 2018-19 for Investigations 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'. Data were not available prior to 2011-12. | | | | | | | | | |
| (d) Queensland: In Queensland, all notifications require an investigation to ensure the safety and well-being of children. From 2014-15 onwards, Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive data in this table according to national definitions and specifications. Data from 2014-15 onwards are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. From January 2015, amendments to the Child Protection Act 1999 commenced, which consolidated mandatory reporting requirements and allowed certain professionals to refer families to support services. From 1 July 2017, early childhood education and care professionals commenced mandatory reporting responsibilities. | | | | | | | | | |
| (e) NT: Introduction of 'One Child, One Case' has led to subsequent notifications redirected to an open investigation and longer investigation timeframes. 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. | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Source</i> : State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2018-19; 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), (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> |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2018-19 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finalised investigations | no. | 51 847 | 36 884 | 21 082 | 10 820 | 4 455 | 749 | 2 008 | 3 571 | 131 416 |
| Substantiations | no. | 26 851 | 20 178 | 6 478 | 5 100 | 2 027 | 595 | 317 | 1 192 | 62 738 |
| Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated | % | 51.8 | 54.7 | 30.7 | 47.1 | 45.5 | 79.4 | 15.8 | 33.4 | 47.7 |
| 2017-18 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finalised investigations | no. | na | 32 861 | 19 866 | 9 839 | 3 683 | 984 | 2 075 | 6 575 | 75 883 |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finalised investigations | no. | 91 406 | 30 038 | 19 219 | 10 315 | 3 322 | 1 083 | 1 981 | 6 021 | 163 385 |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finalised investigations | no. | 82 524 | 27 288 | 18 332 | 10 610 | 3 960 | 1 207 | 2 164 | 5 270 | 151 355 |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finalised investigations | no. | 73 802 | 23 971 | 19 234 | 11 074 | 4 739 | 1 303 | 1 451 | 5 145 | 140 719 |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finalised investigations | no. | 64 383 | 20 001 | 20 516 | 10 862 | 5 857 | 1 278 | 1 172 | 3 545 | 127 614 |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finalised investigations | no. | 52 509 | 17 921 | 22 046 | 9 409 | 4 652 | 1 778 | 1 935 | 3 057 | 113 307 |
| Substantiations | no. | 26 860 | 10 447 | 8 069 | 2 926 | 2 221 | 1 035 | 720 | 1 356 | 53 634 |

TABLE 16A.12

Table 16A.12 Finalised investigations substantiated (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> |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finalised investigations | no. | 49 564 | 15 070 | 22 023 | 8 780 | 4 240 | 1 500 | 2 067 | 3 510 | 106 754 |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finalised investigations | no. | 52 656 | 12 979 | 17 027 | 5 861 | 4 594 | 1 906 | 1 464 | 3 162 | 99 649 |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finalised investigations | no. | 88 101 | 12 239 | 17 351 | 4 039 | 4 442 | 1 605 | 1 552 | 2 360 | 131 689 |
| 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 |

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) See table 16A.4 for detailed footnotes.
- (b) Notifications are only recorded for children aged 0-17. Investigations and substantiations may relate to young people aged 18 where the notification was made when they were aged 17 or younger.
- (c) NSW: NSW data from 2018-19 for Investigations substantiated are not comparable to data published previously. Investigations substantiated counts changed to only include Safety and Risk (SARA) field assessments. All office based assessments are now included in the category "Dealt with by other means. 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: In Queensland, all notifications require an 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 attempts to identify and/or locate the child and family. From 2014-15 onwards, Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive data in this table according to national definitions and specifications. Data from 2014-15 onwards are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. From January 2015, amendments to the Child Protection Act 1999 commenced, which consolidated mandatory reporting requirements and allowed certain professionals to refer families to support services. From 1 July 2017, early childhood education and care professionals commenced mandatory reporting responsibilities.

Table 16A.12 **Finalised investigations substantiated (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> |
|-----------------|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| <i>Source</i> : | State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2018-19; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13. | | | | | | | | | |

TABLE 16A.13

Table 16A.13 **Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect (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> |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 2018-19 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children in care who were the subject of a notification that was substantiated | no. | 520 | na | 196 | 88 | 290 | 10 | 11 | 36 |
| Children in at least one care placement during the year | no. | 22 571 | 14 977 | 11 765 | 5 608 | 4 469 | 1 505 | 931 | 1 299 |
| Children in care who were the subject of notification, which was substantiated, as a proportion of all children in care | % | 2.3 | na | 1.7 | 1.6 | 6.5 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 2.8 |
| 2017-18 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of a notification that was substantiated | no. | 478 | na | 158 | 89 | 227 | 14 | 6 | 78 |
| Children in at least one care placement during the year | 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 | % | 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 that was substantiated | no. | 785 | na | 165 | 88 | 156 | 9 | 7 | 77 |
| Children in at least one care placement during the year | 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 | % | 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 that was substantiated | no. | na | na | 163 | 82 | 139 | 7 | 23 | 72 |
| Children in at least one care placement during the year | 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 | % | 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 that was substantiated | no. | na | na | 144 | 87 | 122 | 8 | 11 | 108 |

TABLE 16A.13

Table 16A.13 **Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect (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> |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Children in at least one care placement during the year | 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 | % | 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 that was substantiated | no. | na | na | 137 | 59 | 21 | 5 | 29 | 19 |
| Children in at least one care placement during the year | no. | 20 520 | 10 041 | 8 438 | 4 485 | 3 089 | 1 273 | 776 | 1 134 |
| Children in out-of-home care who were the subject of notification, which was substantiated, as a proportion of all children in care | % | 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 that was substantiated | no. | na | na | 237 | 41 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 12 |
| Children in at least one care placement during the year | 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 | % | 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 that was substantiated | no. | 1 200 | na | 316 | 80 | na | 26 | 16 | 20 |
| Children in at least one care placement during the year | 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 | % | 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 2018-19 data are not available for Victoria.

- (a) From 2018-19 the scope of out-of-home care has changed, see box 16.1 and sub-section 16.4. The 'Safety in care' indicator covers children in out-of-home care and children in other supported placements.
- (b) Notifications are only recorded for children aged 0-17. Investigations and substantiations may relate to young people aged 18 where the notification was made when they were aged 17 or younger.

Table 16A.13 Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect (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> |
|-----|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| (c) | NSW: Data on substantiations relating to safety in care is only available for out-of-home care and does not include substantiations relating to safety in care for children in other supported placements. 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 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. | | | | | | | | |
| (d) | 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. | | | | | | | | |
| (e) | 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. From 2015-16, the number of children in at least one care placement during the year cannot be compared to previous years due to data being derived according to national definitions and specifications. | | | | | | | | |
| (f) | 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. | | | | | | | | |
| (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. | | | | | | | | |
| (h) | 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. | | | | | | | | |

Table 16A.13 **Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect (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> |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

TABLE 16A.14

Table 16A.14 **Children in 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), (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> |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 2018-19 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person responsible was in the household | no. | 434 | 105 | na | – | 175 | 6 | 9 | na |
| Children in at least one care placement during the year | no. | 22 571 | 14 977 | 11 765 | 5 608 | 4 469 | 1 505 | 931 | 1 299 |
| Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person responsible was in the household as a proportion of all children in care | % | 1.9 | 0.7 | na | – | 3.9 | 0.4 | 1.0 | na |
| 2017-18 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person responsible was in the household | no. | 287 | 128 | na | 5 | 153 | na | 4 | na |
| Children in at least one care placement during the year | 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 and the person responsible was in the household as a proportion of all children in care | % | 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 responsible was in the household | no. | 521 | 130 | na | 10 | 109 | na | 4 | na |
| Children in at least one care placement during the year | 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 and the person responsible was in the household as a proportion of all children in care | % | 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 responsible was in the household | no. | 95 | 163 | na | 5 | 107 | na | 12 | na |
| Children in at least one care placement during the year | 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 and the person responsible was in the household as a proportion of all children in care | % | 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 responsible was in the household | no. | 147 | 69 | na | 7 | 95 | na | 10 | na |

TABLE 16A.14

Table 16A.14 **Children in 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), (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> |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Children in at least one care placement during the year | 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 and the person responsible was in the household as a proportion of all children in care | % | 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 responsible was in the household | no. | 68 | 109 | na | 9 | 13 | na | 20 | na |
| Children in at least one care placement during the year | no. | 20 520 | 10 041 | 8 438 | 4 485 | 3 089 | 1 273 | 776 | 1 134 |
| Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person responsible was in the household as a proportion of all children in care | % | 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 responsible was in the household | no. | 24 | 89 | na | 9 | 5 | na | 4 | na |
| Children in at least one care placement during the year | 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 and the person responsible was in the household as a proportion of all children in care | % | 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 responsible was in the household | no. | 58 | 90 | na | 14 | 10 | na | 8 | na |
| Children in at least one care placement during the year | 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 and the person responsible was in the household as a proportion of all children in care | % | 0.3 | 1.0 | na | 0.3 | 0.3 | na | 1.0 | na |
| 2010-11 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person responsible was in the household | no. | 93 | 78 | na | 4 | 9 | na | 9 | na |
| Children in at least one care placement during the year | 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 and the person responsible was in the household as a proportion of all children in care | % | 0.5 | 0.9 | na | 0.1 | 0.3 | na | 1.2 | na |

TABLE 16A.14

Table 16A.14 **Children in 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), (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> |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 2009-10 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person responsible was in the household | no. | na | 41 | na | 7 | 9 | na | 15 | na |
| Children in at least one care placement during the year | 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 and the person responsible was in the household as a proportion of all children in care | % | na | 0.5 | na | 0.2 | 0.3 | na | 2.0 | 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 2018-19 data are not available for Queensland and the NT.

- (a) From 2018-19 the scope of out-of-home care has changed, see box 16.1 and sub-section 16.4. The 'Safety in care' indicator covers children in out-of-home care and children in other supported placements.
- (b) Notifications are only recorded for children aged 0-17. Investigations and substantiations may relate to young people aged 18 where the notification was made when they were aged 17 or younger.
- (c) NSW: Data on substantiations relating to safety in care is only available for out-of-home care and does not include substantiations relating to safety in care for children in other supported placements. 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 for 2018-19 is not comparable to previous years. This data is derived from a combination of three data items: 1) perpetrator relationship to the child, 2) care setting where the child was at the time of the substantiated abuse in care and 3) information on whether the substantiated abuse was due to the carer's actions or failure to protect the child. Data for 2017-18 is based on the information of the perpetrator relationship to the child. Data prior to 2016-17 for NSW were narrower than the scope of the national counting rule and not comparable to other jurisdictions' data. 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.

Table 16A.14 Children in 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), (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> |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| (d) Victoria: For 2018-19, data are for the number of unique children who were the subject of an investigation and substantiation of abuse or neglect in out-of-home care or other supported placements in the Client Incident Management System based on the date of outcome endorsement by DHHS. Previous counting rules for Quality of Care concerns provided a much narrower scope based on the fact that the incident report received date and outcome endorsement date must both fall within the same financial year. The previous counting method was problematic as a number of abuse substantiations would go uncounted as the date of notification and date of outcome endorsement would fall in different financial years and thus never be counted. 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 later years 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. | | | | | | | | | |
| (e) 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. | | | | | | | | | |
| (f) WA: Data do not include substantiations relating to relatives of foster carers or other children in the household. In 2018-19 there were no substantiations where the person recorded as responsible was the approved foster carer. | | | | | | | | | |
| (g) 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. | | | | | | | | | |
| (h) 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 OOHHC household. | | | | | | | | | |
| na Not available. | | | | | | | | | |

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

TABLE 16A.15

Table 16A.15 **Children aged 0-17 years on a care and protection order and exiting care during the year by number of placements, by the length of time in care (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> |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| 2018-19 | | | | | | | | | | |
| On a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 month to less than 6 months in care | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 placement | no. | 216 | 717 | 238 | 80 | 33 | 23 | 9 | 23 | 1 339 |
| 2 placements | no. | 51 | 207 | 86 | 35 | 36 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 436 |
| 3 placements | no. | 10 | 37 | 23 | 5 | 12 | – | – | 1 | 88 |
| 4–5 placements | no. | 3 | 18 | 9 | 2 | 3 | – | – | – | 35 |
| 6–10 placements | no. | – | – | 1 | – | 1 | – | – | – | 2 |
| 11 or more placements | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Unknown number of placements | no. | – | 6 | – | – | – | – | – | – | 6 |
| Total children | no. | 280 | 985 | 357 | 122 | 85 | 33 | 13 | 31 | 1 906 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year in care | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 placement | no. | 163 | 268 | 80 | 58 | 26 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 615 |
| 2 placements | no. | 65 | 96 | 55 | 18 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 258 |
| 3 placements | no. | 20 | 65 | 21 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 135 |
| 4–5 placements | no. | 13 | 31 | 14 | 6 | 12 | – | 2 | 2 | 80 |
| 6–10 placements | no. | 2 | 3 | 6 | – | 1 | – | – | – | 12 |
| 11 or more placements | no. | – | – | – | – | 1 | – | – | – | 1 |
| Unknown number of placements | no. | – | 4 | – | – | – | – | – | – | 4 |
| Total children | no. | 263 | 467 | 176 | 90 | 60 | 12 | 14 | 23 | 1 105 |
| 1 year to less than 2 years in care | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 placement | no. | 114 | 276 | 81 | 46 | 20 | 7 | 13 | 14 | 571 |
| 2 placements | no. | 78 | 139 | 85 | 47 | 30 | 9 | 8 | 12 | 408 |
| 3 placements | no. | 31 | 79 | 50 | 22 | 19 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 225 |
| 4–5 placements | no. | 16 | 50 | 53 | 14 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 154 |
| 6–10 placements | no. | 4 | 29 | 14 | – | 6 | – | 3 | 1 | 57 |

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Table 16A.15 Children aged 0-17 years on a care and protection order and exiting care during the year by number of placements, by the length of time in care (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> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| 11 or more placements | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 1 | 1 |
| Unknown number of placements | no. | – | 1 | – | – | – | – | – | – | 1 |
| Total children | no. | 243 | 574 | 283 | 129 | 90 | 27 | 31 | 40 | 1 417 |
| 2 years to less than 5 years in care | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 placement | no. | 179 | 224 | 102 | 53 | 12 | 19 | 8 | 12 | 609 |
| 2 placements | no. | 159 | 118 | 86 | 62 | 6 | 16 | 8 | 16 | 471 |
| 3 placements | no. | 87 | 68 | 79 | 23 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 285 |
| 4–5 placements | no. | 67 | 78 | 103 | 18 | 18 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 295 |
| 6–10 placements | no. | 39 | 57 | 57 | 13 | 10 | 2 | – | 4 | 182 |
| 11 or more placements | no. | 6 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 6 | – | – | 5 | 31 |
| Unknown number of placements | no. | – | 28 | – | – | – | – | – | – | 28 |
| Total children | no. | 537 | 582 | 431 | 170 | 61 | 45 | 23 | 52 | 1 901 |
| 5 years or more in care | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 placement | no. | 240 | 54 | 27 | 29 | 28 | 11 | 14 | 2 | 405 |
| 2 placements | no. | 211 | 43 | 33 | 55 | 19 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 373 |
| 3 placements | no. | 154 | 26 | 46 | 29 | 11 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 284 |
| 4–5 placements | no. | 203 | 39 | 58 | 58 | 21 | 12 | 1 | 7 | 399 |
| 6–10 placements | no. | 167 | 59 | 137 | 46 | 43 | 11 | 5 | 18 | 486 |
| 11 or more placements | no. | 47 | 26 | 60 | 8 | 46 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 207 |
| Unknown number of placements | no. | – | 3 | – | – | – | – | – | – | 3 |
| Total children | no. | 1 022 | 250 | 361 | 225 | 168 | 51 | 27 | 53 | 2 157 |
| All children in care | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 placement | no. | 912 | 1 539 | 528 | 266 | 119 | 65 | 49 | 61 | 3 539 |
| 2 placements | no. | 564 | 603 | 345 | 217 | 101 | 46 | 29 | 41 | 1 946 |
| 3 placements | no. | 302 | 275 | 219 | 87 | 61 | 26 | 15 | 32 | 1 017 |
| 4–5 placements | no. | 302 | 216 | 237 | 98 | 69 | 15 | 5 | 21 | 963 |

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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> |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 6–10 placements | no. | 212 | 148 | 215 | 59 | 61 | 13 | 8 | 23 | 739 |
| 11 or more placements | no. | 53 | 35 | 64 | 9 | 53 | 3 | 2 | 21 | 240 |
| Unknown number of placements | no. | – | 42 | – | – | – | – | – | – | 42 |
| Total children | no. | 2 345 | 2 858 | 1 608 | 736 | 464 | 168 | 108 | 199 | 8 486 |
| Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care after less than 12 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1–2 placements | no. | 495 | 1 288 | 459 | 191 | 105 | 42 | 24 | 44 | 2 648 |
| 3 or more placements | no. | 48 | 164 | 74 | 21 | 40 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 363 |
| Total children | no. | 543 | 1 452 | 533 | 212 | 145 | 45 | 27 | 54 | 3 011 |
| Proportion of children in 1–2 | % | 91.2 | 88.7 | 86.1 | 90.1 | 72.4 | 93.3 | 88.9 | 81.5 | 87.9 |
| Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care after 12 months or more | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1–2 placements | no. | 981 | 854 | 414 | 292 | 115 | 69 | 54 | 58 | 2 837 |
| 3 or more placements | no. | 821 | 552 | 661 | 232 | 204 | 54 | 27 | 87 | 2 638 |
| Total children | no. | 1 802 | 1 406 | 1 075 | 524 | 319 | 123 | 81 | 145 | 5 475 |
| Proportion of children in 1–2 | % | 54.4 | 60.7 | 38.5 | 55.7 | 36.1 | 56.1 | 66.7 | 40.0 | 51.8 |
| On a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care or other supported placements | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 month to less than 6 months in care | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 placement | no. | na | 718 | 238 | 80 | 33 | 21 | 10 | 23 | na |
| 2 placements | no. | na | 208 | 86 | 35 | 36 | 10 | 4 | 7 | na |
| 3 placements | no. | na | 36 | 23 | 5 | 12 | – | – | 1 | na |
| 4–5 placements | no. | na | 17 | 9 | 2 | 3 | – | – | – | na |
| 6–10 placements | no. | na | – | 1 | – | 1 | – | – | – | na |
| 11 or more placements | no. | na | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | na |
| Unknown number of placements | no. | na | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | na |
| Total children | no. | na | 979 | 357 | 122 | 85 | 31 | 14 | 31 | na |
| 6 months to less than 1 year in care | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 placement | no. | na | 253 | 82 | 58 | 26 | 5 | 5 | 10 | na |

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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> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2 placements | no. | na | 95 | 54 | 18 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 4 | na |
| 3 placements | no. | na | 65 | 21 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 7 | na |
| 4-5 placements | no. | na | 30 | 14 | 6 | 12 | - | 2 | 2 | na |
| 6-10 placements | no. | na | 3 | 5 | - | 1 | - | - | - | na |
| 11 or more placements | no. | na | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | na |
| Unknown number of placements | no. | na | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | na |
| Total children | no. | na | 446 | 176 | 90 | 60 | 12 | 14 | 23 | na |
| 1 year to less than 2 years in care | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 placement | no. | na | 228 | 80 | 47 | 20 | 6 | 13 | 14 | na |
| 2 placements | no. | na | 122 | 81 | 47 | 30 | 8 | 8 | 12 | na |
| 3 placements | no. | na | 75 | 48 | 23 | 19 | 9 | 6 | 8 | na |
| 4-5 placements | no. | na | 48 | 52 | 14 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 4 | na |
| 6-10 placements | no. | na | 29 | 13 | - | 6 | - | 3 | 1 | na |
| 11 or more placements | no. | na | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | na |
| Unknown number of placements | no. | na | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | na |
| Total children | no. | na | 502 | 274 | 131 | 90 | 24 | 31 | 40 | na |
| 2 years to less than 5 years in care | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 placement | no. | na | 82 | 71 | 52 | 7 | 11 | 4 | 12 | na |
| 2 placements | no. | na | 61 | 70 | 62 | 3 | 12 | 3 | 16 | na |
| 3 placements | no. | na | 46 | 71 | 23 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 7 | na |
| 4-5 placements | no. | na | 70 | 96 | 19 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 8 | na |
| 6-10 placements | no. | na | 50 | 54 | 14 | 9 | 2 | - | 4 | na |
| 11 or more placements | no. | na | 8 | 2 | 1 | 6 | - | - | 5 | na |
| Unknown number of placements | no. | na | 17 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | na |
| Total children | no. | na | 334 | 364 | 171 | 49 | 32 | 15 | 52 | na |
| 5 years or more in 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> |
|--|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 1 placement | no. | na | 22 | 63 | 30 | 30 | 14 | 10 | 2 | na |
| 2 placements | no. | na | 24 | 51 | 55 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 2 | na |
| 3 placements | no. | na | 16 | 63 | 29 | 9 | 9 | 2 | 9 | na |
| 4–5 placements | no. | na | 32 | 64 | 57 | 16 | 15 | 1 | 7 | na |
| 6–10 placements | no. | na | 58 | 136 | 45 | 42 | 11 | 4 | 18 | na |
| 11 or more placements | no. | na | 27 | 60 | 8 | 44 | 3 | 2 | 15 | na |
| Unknown number of placements | no. | na | 138 | – | – | – | – | 3 | – | na |
| Total children | no. | na | 317 | 437 | 224 | 152 | 59 | 25 | 53 | na |
| All children in care | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 placement | no. | na | 1 303 | 534 | 267 | 116 | 57 | 42 | 61 | na |
| 2 placements | no. | na | 510 | 342 | 217 | 90 | 41 | 24 | 41 | na |
| 3 placements | no. | na | 238 | 226 | 88 | 58 | 27 | 15 | 32 | na |
| 4–5 placements | no. | na | 197 | 235 | 98 | 62 | 17 | 5 | 21 | na |
| 6–10 placements | no. | na | 140 | 209 | 59 | 59 | 13 | 7 | 23 | na |
| 11 or more placements | no. | na | 35 | 62 | 9 | 51 | 3 | 2 | 21 | na |
| Unknown number of placements | no. | na | 155 | – | – | – | – | 4 | – | na |
| Total children | no. | na | 2 578 | 1 608 | 738 | 436 | 158 | 99 | 199 | na |
| 2017-18 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care after less than 12 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1–2 placements | no. | 480 | 1 114 | 390 | 218 | 108 | 19 | 35 | 48 | 2 412 |
| 3 or more placements | no. | 54 | 107 | 68 | 36 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 293 |
| Total children | no. | 534 | 1 221 | 458 | 254 | 123 | 21 | 37 | 57 | 2 705 |
| Proportion of children in 1–2 placements | % | 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 out-of-home care after 12 months or more | | | | | | | | | | |

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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> |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 1–2 placements | no. | 837 | 906 | 435 | 285 | 105 | 57 | 38 | 49 | 2 712 |
| 3 or more placements | no. | 752 | 394 | 655 | 211 | 202 | 56 | 21 | 102 | 2 393 |
| Total children | no. | 1 589 | 1 300 | 1 090 | 496 | 307 | 113 | 59 | 151 | 5 105 |
| Proportion of children in 1–2 placements | % | 52.7 | 69.7 | 39.9 | 57.5 | 34.2 | 50.4 | 64.4 | 32.5 | 53.1 |
| 2016-17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care after less than 12 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1–2 placements | no. | 486 | 999 | 382 | 200 | 132 | 36 | 36 | 39 | 2 310 |
| 3 or more placements | no. | 48 | 131 | 61 | 29 | 26 | 4 | 3 | 20 | 322 |
| Total children | no. | 534 | 1 130 | 443 | 229 | 158 | 40 | 39 | 59 | 2 632 |
| Proportion of children in 1–2 placements | % | 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 out-of-home care after 12 months or more | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1–2 placements | no. | 752 | 483 | 406 | 326 | 105 | 54 | 37 | 47 | 2 210 |
| 3 or more placements | no. | 688 | 444 | 656 | 211 | 151 | 43 | 24 | 87 | 2 304 |
| Total children | no. | 1 440 | 927 | 1 062 | 537 | 256 | 97 | 61 | 134 | 4 514 |
| Proportion of children in 1–2 placements | % | 52.2 | 52.1 | 38.2 | 60.7 | 41.0 | 55.7 | 60.7 | 35.1 | 49.0 |
| 2015-16 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care after less than 12 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1–2 placements | no. | 583 | 1 054 | 391 | 195 | 123 | 22 | 23 | 56 | 2 447 |
| 3 or more placements | no. | 41 | 127 | 85 | 47 | 30 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 351 |
| Total children | no. | 624 | 1 181 | 476 | 242 | 153 | 24 | 30 | 68 | 2 798 |
| Proportion of children in 1–2 placements | % | 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 out-of-home care after 12 months or more | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1–2 placements | no. | 629 | 452 | 392 | 278 | 101 | 48 | 27 | 45 | 1 972 |
| 3 or more placements | no. | 628 | 434 | 670 | 262 | 120 | 60 | 11 | 102 | 2 287 |
| Total children | no. | 1 257 | 886 | 1 062 | 540 | 221 | 108 | 38 | 147 | 4 259 |
| Proportion of children in 1–2 placements | % | 50.0 | 51.0 | 36.9 | 51.5 | 45.7 | 44.4 | 71.1 | 30.6 | 46.3 |

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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> |
|--|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| 2014-15 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care after less than 12 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1-2 placements | no. | 506 | 888 | 357 | 193 | 108 | 36 | 46 | 63 | 2 197 |
| 3 or more placements | no. | 59 | 102 | 67 | 41 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 306 |
| Total children | no. | 565 | 990 | 424 | 234 | 123 | 38 | 48 | 81 | 2 503 |
| Proportion of children in 1-2 placements | % | 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 out-of-home care after 12 months or more | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1-2 placements | no. | 2 412 | 378 | 383 | 248 | 74 | 74 | 26 | 30 | 3 625 |
| 3 or more placements | no. | 903 | 443 | 548 | 184 | 179 | 57 | 15 | 58 | 2 387 |
| Total children | no. | 3 315 | 821 | 931 | 432 | 253 | 131 | 41 | 88 | 6 012 |
| Proportion of children in 1-2 placements | % | 72.8 | 46.0 | 41.1 | 57.4 | 29.2 | 56.5 | 63.4 | 34.1 | 60.3 |
| 2013-14 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care after less than 12 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1-2 placements | no. | 428 | 656 | 345 | na | 87 | 64 | 37 | 53 | 1 670 |
| 3 or more placements | no. | 49 | 176 | 45 | na | 22 | 7 | 12 | 7 | 318 |
| Total children | no. | 477 | 832 | 390 | na | 109 | 71 | 49 | 60 | 1 988 |
| Proportion of children in 1-2 placements | % | 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 out-of-home care after 12 months or more | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1-2 placements | no. | 623 | 369 | 432 | na | 97 | 54 | 27 | 23 | 1 625 |
| 3 or more placements | no. | 585 | 393 | 560 | na | 168 | 60 | 25 | 46 | 1 837 |
| Total children | no. | 1 208 | 762 | 992 | na | 265 | 114 | 52 | 69 | 3 462 |
| Proportion of children in 1-2 placements | % | 51.6 | 48.4 | 43.5 | na | 36.6 | 47 | 51.9 | 33.3 | 46.9 |
| 2012-13 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care after less than 12 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1-2 placements | no. | 463 | 931 | 398 | na | 134 | 49 | 35 | 96 | 2 106 |
| 3 or more placements | no. | 51 | 159 | 58 | na | 27 | 12 | 6 | 12 | 325 |

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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 | no. | 514 | 1 090 | 456 | na | 161 | 61 | 41 | 108 | 2 431 |
| Proportion of children in 1–2 placements | % | 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 out-of-home care after 12 months or more | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1–2 placements | no. | 572 | 512 | 366 | na | 95 | 65 | 43 | 38 | 1 691 |
| 3 or more placements | no. | 501 | na | 604 | na | 119 | 63 | 29 | 49 | 1 365 |
| Total children | no. | 1 073 | na | 970 | na | 214 | 128 | 72 | 87 | 3 056 |
| Proportion of children in 1–2 placements | % | 53.3 | na | 37.7 | na | 44.4 | 51 | 59.7 | 43.7 | 55.3 |
| 2011-12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care after less than 12 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1–2 placements | no. | 477 | 645 | 314 | na | 65 | 68 | 43 | 112 | 1 724 |
| 3 or more placements | no. | 53 | 85 | 70 | na | 19 | 4 | 10 | 23 | 264 |
| Total children | no. | 530 | 730 | 384 | na | 84 | 72 | 53 | 135 | 1 988 |
| Proportion of children in 1–2 placements | % | 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 out-of-home care after 12 months or more | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1–2 placements | no. | 567 | 386 | 326 | na | 91 | 59 | 34 | 32 | 1 495 |
| 3 or more placements | no. | 509 | 330 | 527 | na | 114 | 56 | 37 | 47 | 1 620 |
| Total children | no. | 1 076 | 716 | 853 | na | 205 | 115 | 71 | 79 | 3 115 |
| Proportion of children in 1–2 placements | % | 52.7 | 53.9 | 38.2 | na | 44.4 | 51 | 47.9 | 40.5 | 48.0 |
| 2010-11 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care after less than 12 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1–2 placements | no. | 472 | 477 | 473 | na | 78 | 52 | 47 | 97 | 1 696 |
| 3 or more placements | no. | 74 | 154 | 53 | na | 20 | 20 | 10 | 12 | 343 |
| Total children | no. | 546 | 631 | 526 | na | 98 | 72 | 57 | 109 | 2 039 |
| Proportion of children in 1–2 placements | % | 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 out-of-home care after 12 months or more | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1–2 placements | no. | 545 | 340 | 430 | na | 86 | 29 | 28 | 31 | 1 489 |

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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> |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| 3 or more placements | no. | 436 | 372 | 532 | na | 103 | 58 | 31 | 39 | 1 571 |
| Total children | no. | 981 | 712 | 962 | na | 189 | 87 | 59 | 70 | 3 060 |
| Proportion of children in 1–2 placements | % | 55.6 | 47.8 | 44.7 | na | 45.5 | 33 | 47.5 | 44.3 | 48.7 |
| 2009-10 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care after less than 12 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1–2 placements | no. | 495 | 502 | 523 | 77 | 91 | 75 | 39 | 82 | 1 884 |
| 3 or more placements | no. | 70 | 141 | 90 | 25 | 36 | 18 | 5 | 12 | 397 |
| Total children | no. | 565 | 643 | 613 | 102 | 127 | 93 | 44 | 94 | 2 281 |
| Proportion of children in 1–2 placements | % | 87.6 | 78.1 | 85.3 | 75.5 | 71.7 | 80.6 | 88.6 | 87.2 | 82.6 |
| Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care after 12 months or more | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1–2 placements | no. | 496 | 359 | 433 | 187 | 60 | 33 | 21 | 26 | 1 615 |
| 3 or more placements | no. | 416 | 367 | 476 | 188 | 128 | 60 | 24 | 33 | 1 692 |
| Total children | no. | 912 | 726 | 909 | 375 | 188 | 93 | 45 | 59 | 3 307 |
| Proportion of children in 1–2 placements | % | 54.4 | 49.4 | 47.6 | 49.9 | 31.9 | 35 | 46.7 | 44.1 | 48.8 |

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time from 2018-19 onwards (data prior to 2018-19 were comparable within jurisdictions over time but not across jurisdictions).

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

- (a) From 2018-19 the scope of out-of-home care has changed, see box 16.1 and sub-section 16.4. This means that in some jurisdictions data from 2018-19 are not comparable with data for previous years as children who are placed on third-party parental responsibility orders during the year will be classified as exiting out-of-home care. For 2018-19, children exiting other living arrangements that were previously included in the scope of out-of-home care will be reported as 'exiting out-of-home care or other supported placements' in the data tables. Children who exited both out-of-home care and other supported placements during the reporting period have only been counted once in the number of children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care or other supported placements.
- (b) 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.

Table 16A.15 Children aged 0-17 years on a care and protection order and exiting care during the year by number of placements, by the length of time in care (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> |
|-----|---|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| (c) | Includes all children exiting out-of-home care who had been in care for one month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting out-of-home care. Children exiting out-of-home care on three or more placements includes children exiting care with an unknown number of placements. Fore 2018-19 the national proportion of children exiting out-of-home care who experienced one or two placements excludes children in the NT. | | | | | | | | | |
| (d) | NSW: Data for children in out-of-home care from 2014-15 excludes children/young people who are in the independent care of their guardian and from 2017-18 also excludes children on immigration orders. | | | | | | | | | |
| (e) | Victoria: From 2017-18 excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders. | | | | | | | | | |
| (f) | Queensland: From 2014-15 onwards, Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive data in this table according to national definitions and specifications. Data from 2014-15 onwards are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. Queensland retains some funding and case management responsibility for children subject to third party parental responsibility orders who are excluded from the revised national definition of out-of-home care. | | | | | | | | | |
| (g) | WA: Data for 2010-11 to 2013-14 were not available as these data could not be extracted from the client system. | | | | | | | | | |
| (h) | 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). | | | | | | | | | |
| (i) | 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 2018-19; 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 care, 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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 2019 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | – | 1 | 23 | – | – | 7 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 94 | 66 | 104 | 49 | 31 | 3 | – | 13 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 357 | 269 | 380 | 199 | 99 | 43 | 11 | 57 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 337 | 279 | 353 | 229 | 129 | 41 | 5 | 75 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 533 | 431 | 444 | 372 | 148 | 48 | 30 | 129 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 2 166 | 696 | 865 | 754 | 425 | 124 | 79 | 271 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 3 267 | 439 | 1 407 | 1 001 | 506 | 113 | 74 | 403 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 6 754 | 2 180 | 3 553 | 2 604 | 1 338 | 372 | 199 | 948 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 6 754 | 2 181 | 3 576 | 2 604 | 1 338 | 379 | 199 | 948 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | – | 3 | 18 | – | – | 12 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 84 | 283 | 86 | 33 | 31 | 6 | 7 | – |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 461 | 1 033 | 508 | 224 | 166 | 42 | 29 | 8 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 548 | 986 | 495 | 224 | 185 | 59 | 27 | 13 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 875 | 1 272 | 700 | 312 | 315 | 98 | 58 | 19 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 3 079 | 1 851 | 1 152 | 558 | 752 | 215 | 169 | 25 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 5 080 | 881 | 1 573 | 797 | 988 | 274 | 207 | 43 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 10 127 | 6 306 | 4 514 | 2 148 | 2 437 | 694 | 497 | 108 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 10 127 | 6 309 | 4 532 | 2 148 | 2 437 | 706 | 497 | 108 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | – | – | – | – | – | 1 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 1 | – | 4 | – | – | 3 | – | – |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 2 | – | 6 | 1 | 8 | 2 | – | – |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | – | – | 6 | – | 2 | 2 | – | – |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | – | – | – | 1 | 6 | 3 | – | – |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | – | – | 1 | – | 5 | 5 | – | – |
| 5 years or more | no. | – | – | – | – | 1 | 3 | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 3 | – | 17 | 2 | 22 | 18 | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |

TABLE 16A.16

Table 16A.16 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous care, 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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Total | no. | 3 | – | 17 | 2 | 22 | 19 | – | – |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | – | 4 | 41 | – | – | 20 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 179 | 349 | 194 | 82 | 62 | 12 | 7 | 13 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 820 | 1 302 | 894 | 424 | 273 | 87 | 40 | 65 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 885 | 1 265 | 854 | 453 | 316 | 102 | 32 | 88 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 1 408 | 1 703 | 1 144 | 685 | 469 | 149 | 88 | 148 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 5 245 | 2 547 | 2 018 | 1 312 | 1 182 | 344 | 248 | 296 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 8 347 | 1 320 | 2 980 | 1 798 | 1 495 | 390 | 281 | 446 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 16 884 | 8 486 | 8 084 | 4 754 | 3 797 | 1 084 | 696 | 1 056 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 16 884 | 8 490 | 8 125 | 4 754 | 3 797 | 1 104 | 696 | 1 056 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care or other supported placements | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | na | 1 | 23 | – | – | 7 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | na | 66 | 105 | 49 | 31 | 3 | – | 13 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | na | 266 | 381 | 202 | 99 | 38 | 12 | 57 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | na | 275 | 354 | 234 | 130 | 41 | 5 | 75 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | na | 431 | 448 | 372 | 147 | 50 | 30 | 129 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | na | 765 | 918 | 766 | 431 | 126 | 100 | 271 |
| 5 years or more | no. | na | 760 | 1 904 | 989 | 525 | 168 | 87 | 403 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | na | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | na | 2 563 | 4 110 | 2 612 | 1 363 | 426 | 234 | 948 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | na | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 7 790 | 2 564 | 4 133 | 2 612 | 1 363 | 433 | 234 | 948 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care or other supported placements | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | na | 3 | 18 | – | – | 12 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | na | 281 | 87 | 33 | 31 | 6 | 7 | – |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | na | 1 029 | 503 | 227 | 167 | 42 | 29 | 8 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | na | 991 | 494 | 223 | 185 | 59 | 27 | 13 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | na | 1 307 | 698 | 314 | 317 | 99 | 58 | 19 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | na | 2 494 | 1 248 | 561 | 766 | 225 | 202 | 25 |
| 5 years or more | no. | na | 2 989 | 2 470 | 797 | 1 137 | 428 | 249 | 43 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | na | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | na | 9 091 | 5 500 | 2 155 | 2 603 | 859 | 572 | 108 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | na | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |

Table 16A.16 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous care, 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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Total | no. | 12 140 | 9 094 | 5 518 | 2 155 | 2 603 | 871 | 572 | 108 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care or other supported placements | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | na | – | – | – | – | 1 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | na | – | 4 | – | – | 3 | – | – |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | na | – | 6 | 1 | 8 | 2 | – | – |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | na | – | 6 | – | 2 | 1 | – | – |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | na | – | – | 1 | 6 | 3 | – | – |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | na | – | 1 | – | 5 | 5 | – | – |
| 5 years or more | no. | na | – | 1 | – | 1 | 6 | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | na | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | na | – | 18 | 2 | 22 | 20 | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | na | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 4 | – | 18 | 2 | 22 | 21 | – | – |
| All children in out-of-home care or other supported placements | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | na | 4 | 41 | – | – | 20 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | na | 347 | 196 | 82 | 62 | 12 | 7 | 13 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | na | 1 295 | 890 | 430 | 274 | 82 | 41 | 65 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | na | 1 266 | 854 | 457 | 317 | 101 | 32 | 88 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | na | 1 738 | 1 146 | 687 | 470 | 152 | 88 | 148 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | na | 3 259 | 2 167 | 1 327 | 1 202 | 356 | 302 | 296 |
| 5 years or more | no. | na | 3 749 | 4 375 | 1 786 | 1 663 | 602 | 336 | 446 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | na | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | na | 11 654 | 9 628 | 4 769 | 3 988 | 1 305 | 806 | 1 056 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | na | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 19 934 | 11 658 | 9 669 | 4 769 | 3 988 | 1 325 | 806 | 1 056 |
| 2018 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 2 | 3 | 12 | – | 30 | 17 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 74 | 83 | 78 | 59 | 26 | 10 | 2 | 11 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 264 | 259 | 263 | 189 | 95 | 25 | 19 | 94 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 313 | 255 | 267 | 208 | 69 | 29 | 25 | 67 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 737 | 342 | 492 | 336 | 145 | 45 | 43 | 130 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 2 195 | 649 | 893 | 760 | 366 | 107 | 78 | 507 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 3 181 | 384 | 1 827 | 900 | 485 | 156 | 93 | 144 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 6 764 | 1 972 | 3 820 | 2 452 | 1 186 | 372 | 260 | 953 |

Table 16A.16 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous care, 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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 6 766 | 1 975 | 3 832 | 2 452 | 1 216 | 389 | 260 | 953 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 5 | 4 | 9 | – | 67 | 22 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 112 | 258 | 97 | 49 | 20 | 15 | 5 | 1 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 473 | 1 019 | 395 | 178 | 181 | 45 | 28 | 9 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 516 | 855 | 417 | 194 | 151 | 59 | 39 | 18 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 1 091 | 1 174 | 662 | 280 | 285 | 82 | 58 | 19 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 3 365 | 1 751 | 1 184 | 511 | 612 | 204 | 197 | 51 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 5 056 | 918 | 2 461 | 782 | 1 097 | 422 | 239 | 16 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 10 613 | 5 975 | 5 216 | 1 994 | 2 346 | 827 | 566 | 114 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 10 618 | 5 979 | 5 225 | 1 994 | 2 413 | 849 | 566 | 114 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | – | – | – | – | 1 | – | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | – | – | 4 | – | 1 | 1 | – | – |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 3 | – | 21 | 2 | 21 | 4 | – | – |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | – | – | 9 | – | 10 | 1 | – | – |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | – | – | 7 | – | 15 | 6 | – | – |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | – | – | 9 | – | 16 | 10 | – | – |
| 5 years or more | no. | – | – | – | – | 2 | 12 | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 3 | – | 50 | 2 | 65 | 34 | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 3 | – | 50 | 2 | 66 | 34 | – | – |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 7 | 7 | 21 | – | 98 | 39 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 186 | 341 | 179 | 108 | 47 | 26 | 7 | 12 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 740 | 1 278 | 679 | 369 | 297 | 74 | 47 | 103 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 829 | 1 110 | 693 | 402 | 230 | 89 | 64 | 85 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 1 828 | 1 516 | 1 161 | 616 | 445 | 133 | 101 | 149 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 5 560 | 2 400 | 2 086 | 1 271 | 994 | 321 | 275 | 558 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 8 237 | 1 302 | 4 288 | 1 682 | 1 584 | 590 | 332 | 160 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 17 380 | 7 947 | 9 086 | 4 448 | 3 597 | 1 233 | 826 | 1 067 |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 17 387 | 7 954 | 9 107 | 4 448 | 3 695 | 1 272 | 826 | 1 067 |
| 2017 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 6 | 3 | 31 | – | 25 | 19 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 83 | 59 | 97 | 25 | 14 | 5 | 9 | 20 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 332 | 245 | 293 | 215 | 56 | 17 | 12 | 69 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 478 | 234 | 291 | 188 | 106 | 13 | 29 | 78 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 924 | 379 | 478 | 346 | 243 | 51 | 28 | 128 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 1 877 | 564 | 917 | 780 | 251 | 76 | 65 | 524 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 3 124 | 607 | 1 675 | 767 | 455 | 140 | 84 | 129 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 6 818 | 2 088 | 3 751 | 2 321 | 1 125 | 302 | 227 | 948 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 6 824 | 2 091 | 3 782 | 2 321 | 1 150 | 321 | 227 | 948 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 14 | 10 | 25 | – | 53 | 26 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 133 | 244 | 83 | 36 | 34 | 8 | 11 | 1 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 572 | 847 | 372 | 184 | 131 | 51 | 35 | 6 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 665 | 890 | 393 | 174 | 172 | 42 | 41 | 19 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 1 584 | 1 388 | 654 | 252 | 280 | 118 | 78 | 12 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 2 906 | 2 254 | 1 140 | 550 | 513 | 204 | 165 | 48 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 5 181 | 2 579 | 2 426 | 715 | 1 063 | 416 | 246 | 25 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 11 041 | 8 202 | 5 068 | 1 911 | 2 193 | 839 | 576 | 111 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 11 055 | 8 212 | 5 093 | 1 911 | 2 246 | 865 | 576 | 111 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | – | – | – | – | 1 | – | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | – | – | 7 | – | 10 | 1 | – | – |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | – | 1 | 23 | – | 25 | 6 | – | – |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | – | – | 13 | – | 15 | 9 | – | – |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | – | – | 13 | – | 19 | 1 | – | – |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | – | 3 | 8 | – | 16 | 2 | – | – |
| 5 years or more | no. | – | 5 | 2 | – | 2 | – | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Total non-respite | no. | – | 9 | 66 | – | 87 | 19 | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | – | 9 | 66 | – | 88 | 19 | – | – |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 20 | 13 | 56 | – | 79 | 45 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 216 | 303 | 187 | 61 | 58 | 14 | 20 | 21 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 904 | 1 093 | 688 | 399 | 212 | 74 | 47 | 75 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 1 143 | 1 124 | 697 | 362 | 293 | 64 | 70 | 97 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 2 508 | 1 767 | 1 145 | 598 | 542 | 170 | 106 | 140 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 4 783 | 2 821 | 2 065 | 1 330 | 780 | 282 | 230 | 572 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 8 305 | 3 191 | 4 103 | 1 482 | 1 520 | 556 | 330 | 154 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 17 859 | 10 299 | 8 885 | 4 232 | 3 405 | 1 160 | 803 | 1 059 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 17 879 | 10 312 | 8 941 | 4 232 | 3 484 | 1 205 | 803 | 1 059 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 10 | – | 26 | – | 2 | 4 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 97 | 71 | 90 | 64 | 19 | 3 | 7 | 17 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 493 | 242 | 246 | 215 | 141 | 20 | 17 | 69 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 519 | 245 | 301 | 166 | 121 | 30 | 9 | 84 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 899 | 321 | 423 | 344 | 130 | 41 | 33 | 152 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 1 597 | 474 | 969 | 724 | 214 | 77 | 61 | 465 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 3 037 | 523 | 1 564 | 699 | 446 | 122 | 70 | 133 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 6 642 | 1 876 | 3 593 | 2 212 | 1 071 | 293 | 197 | 920 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 6 652 | 1 876 | 3 619 | 2 212 | 1 073 | 297 | 197 | 920 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 7 | 7 | 22 | – | – | 16 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 158 | 243 | 80 | 32 | 30 | 12 | 8 | 5 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 876 | 1 035 | 346 | 167 | 153 | 57 | 35 | 13 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 908 | 890 | 442 | 154 | 158 | 61 | 54 | 7 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 1 309 | 1 207 | 588 | 283 | 270 | 96 | 83 | 14 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 2 764 | 2 042 | 1 232 | 603 | 452 | 205 | 141 | 52 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 5 125 | 2 397 | 2 300 | 648 | 1 032 | 383 | 225 | 21 |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 11 140 | 7 814 | 4 988 | 1 887 | 2 095 | 814 | 546 | 112 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 11 147 | 7 821 | 5 010 | 1 887 | 2 095 | 830 | 546 | 112 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | – | – | 1 | – | – | – | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | – | – | 5 | – | 12 | 1 | – | – |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | – | 1 | 17 | 1 | 19 | 3 | 5 | – |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 1 | – | 6 | na | 13 | 13 | – | – |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | – | 1 | 5 | – | 14 | 6 | – | – |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | – | 2 | 6 | – | 14 | – | – | – |
| 5 years or more | no. | – | 4 | 1 | – | 3 | – | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 1 | 8 | 40 | 1 | 75 | 23 | 5 | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 1 | 8 | 41 | 1 | 75 | 23 | 5 | – |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 17 | 7 | 49 | – | 2 | 20 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 255 | 314 | 175 | 96 | 61 | 16 | 15 | 22 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 1 369 | 1 278 | 609 | 383 | 313 | 80 | 57 | 82 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 1 428 | 1 135 | 749 | 320 | 292 | 104 | 63 | 91 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 2 208 | 1 529 | 1 016 | 627 | 414 | 143 | 116 | 166 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 4 361 | 2 518 | 2 207 | 1 327 | 680 | 282 | 202 | 517 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 8 162 | 2 924 | 3 865 | 1 347 | 1 481 | 505 | 295 | 154 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 17 783 | 9 698 | 8 621 | 4 100 | 3 241 | 1 130 | 748 | 1 032 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 17 800 | 9 705 | 8 670 | 4 100 | 3 243 | 1 150 | 748 | 1 032 |

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| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|
| Respite | no. | 15 | 1 | 22 | – | 1 | 5 | 1 | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 102 | 44 | 70 | 49 | 9 | 1 | 9 | 18 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 524 | 186 | 259 | 182 | 71 | 18 | 19 | 90 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 483 | 195 | 258 | 203 | 63 | 14 | 15 | 76 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 689 | 229 | 453 | 365 | 70 | 19 | 19 | 205 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 1 511 | 393 | 1 002 | 653 | 231 | 69 | 49 | 386 |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 5 years or more | no. | 2 886 | 463 | 1 448 | 610 | 399 | 115 | 71 | 117 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | na | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 6 195 | 1 510 | 3 490 | 2 062 | 843 | 236 | 182 | 892 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | na | na | na | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 6 210 | 1 511 | 3 512 | 2 062 | 844 | 241 | 183 | 892 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 24 | 4 | 21 | – | 2 | 13 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 158 | 221 | 47 | 29 | 23 | 7 | 14 | 2 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 782 | 877 | 331 | 194 | 174 | 42 | 44 | 9 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 766 | 834 | 383 | 156 | 149 | 62 | 29 | 14 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 1 237 | 1 089 | 570 | 288 | 164 | 84 | 65 | 21 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 2 616 | 1 749 | 1 287 | 599 | 498 | 239 | 112 | 53 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 5 048 | 2 275 | 2 240 | 624 | 939 | 365 | 218 | 26 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 10 607 | 7 045 | 4 858 | 1 890 | 1 947 | 799 | 482 | 125 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | na | na | na | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 10 631 | 7 049 | 4 879 | 1 890 | 1 949 | 812 | 482 | 125 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | – | – | na | – | – | – | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | – | – | 4 | – | 1 | 3 | 5 | – |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 1 | 1 | 25 | – | 14 | 5 | 1 | – |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 1 | – | 9 | 2 | 8 | – | – | – |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | – | – | 9 | – | 4 | – | – | – |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | – | 2 | 7 | – | 15 | – | – | – |
| 5 years or more | no. | – | 4 | 3 | – | 3 | – | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 2 | 7 | 57 | 2 | 45 | 8 | 6 | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | na | na | na | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 2 | 7 | 57 | 2 | 45 | 8 | 6 | – |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 39 | 5 | 43 | – | 3 | 18 | 1 | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 260 | 265 | 121 | 78 | 33 | 11 | 28 | 20 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 1 307 | 1 064 | 615 | 376 | 259 | 65 | 64 | 99 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 1 250 | 1 029 | 650 | 361 | 220 | 76 | 44 | 90 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 1 926 | 1 318 | 1 032 | 653 | 238 | 103 | 84 | 226 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 4 127 | 2 144 | 2 296 | 1 252 | 744 | 308 | 161 | 439 |

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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> |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 5 years or more | no. | 7 934 | 2 742 | 3 691 | 1 234 | 1 341 | 480 | 289 | 143 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | na | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 16 804 | 8 562 | 8 405 | 3 954 | 2 835 | 1 043 | 670 | 1 017 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | na | na | na | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 16 843 | 8 567 | 8 448 | 3 954 | 2 838 | 1 061 | 671 | 1 017 |

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| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Respite | no. | 19 | 3 | na | – | – | 1 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 91 | 35 | 94 | 44 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 18 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 368 | 143 | 260 | 206 | 49 | 10 | 8 | 108 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 473 | 157 | 245 | 175 | 35 | 13 | 13 | 107 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 654 | 189 | 496 | 329 | 108 | 29 | 22 | 131 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 1 948 | 397 | 918 | 516 | 226 | 76 | 44 | 330 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 2 967 | 384 | 1 323 | 612 | 364 | 102 | 62 | 80 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 6 501 | 1 305 | 3 336 | 1 882 | 787 | 231 | 152 | 774 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | na | na | na | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 6 520 | 1 308 | 3 336 | 1 882 | 787 | 232 | 152 | 774 |

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| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Respite | no. | 27 | 3 | na | – | – | 16 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 151 | 227 | 76 | 32 | 32 | 5 | 14 | 11 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 745 | 743 | 338 | 189 | 100 | 35 | 40 | 12 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 780 | 666 | 357 | 139 | 85 | 51 | 30 | 6 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 1 232 | 983 | 607 | 263 | 190 | 103 | 44 | 17 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 3 234 | 1 651 | 1 322 | 542 | 530 | 242 | 124 | 63 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 5 498 | 2 120 | 2 083 | 635 | 874 | 334 | 202 | 24 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 11 640 | 6 390 | 4 783 | 1 800 | 1 811 | 770 | 454 | 133 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | na | – | na | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 11 667 | 6 393 | 4 783 | 1 800 | 1 811 | 786 | 454 | 133 |

Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|---|---|----|----|---|----|---|---|
| Respite | no. | 1 | – | na | – | 1 | – | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | – | – | 8 | – | 3 | 2 | – | 1 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 2 | – | 18 | 27 | 7 | 14 | – | – |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 1 | – | 12 | 5 | 2 | 11 | – | – |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | – | – | 15 | 7 | 9 | 9 | – | – |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 1 | 3 | 10 | 2 | 7 | – | – | – |
| 5 years or more | no. | – | 6 | 3 | – | 4 | – | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 4 | 9 | 66 | 41 | 32 | 36 | – | 1 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | na | – | na | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 5 | 9 | 66 | 41 | 33 | 36 | – | 1 |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 47 | 6 | na | – | 1 | 17 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 242 | 262 | 178 | 76 | 40 | 8 | 17 | 30 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 1 115 | 886 | 616 | 422 | 156 | 59 | 48 | 120 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 1 254 | 823 | 614 | 319 | 122 | 75 | 43 | 113 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 1 886 | 1 172 | 1 118 | 599 | 307 | 141 | 66 | 148 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 5 183 | 2 051 | 2 250 | 1 060 | 763 | 318 | 168 | 393 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 8 465 | 2 510 | 3 409 | 1 247 | 1 242 | 436 | 264 | 104 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | na | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 18 145 | 7 704 | 8 185 | 3 723 | 2 630 | 1 037 | 606 | 908 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | na | – | na | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 18 192 | 7 710 | 8 185 | 3 723 | 2 631 | 1 054 | 606 | 908 |
| 2013 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 8 | 1 | na | – | – | 7 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 70 | 21 | 85 | 36 | 10 | 1 | – | 10 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 361 | 112 | 296 | 202 | 73 | 28 | 17 | 52 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 397 | 98 | 274 | 164 | 58 | 16 | 11 | 97 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 695 | 170 | 433 | 258 | 91 | 33 | 32 | 94 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 2 068 | 283 | 989 | 512 | 247 | 85 | 43 | 223 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 2 604 | 237 | 1 118 | 628 | 309 | 73 | 37 | 147 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 6 195 | 921 | 3 195 | 1 800 | 788 | 236 | 140 | 623 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | na | – | na | – | – | na | – |
| Total | no. | 6 203 | 922 | 3 195 | 1 800 | 788 | 243 | 140 | 623 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 18 | 6 | na | – | – | 21 | 1 | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 136 | 177 | 75 | 30 | 6 | 17 | 4 | 1 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 652 | 678 | 383 | 111 | 124 | 77 | 22 | 7 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 694 | 618 | 381 | 175 | 116 | 42 | 23 | 12 |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 1 260 | 868 | 747 | 329 | 221 | 105 | 49 | 16 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 3 568 | 1 373 | 1 255 | 479 | 565 | 236 | 129 | 38 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 4 886 | 1 692 | 2 043 | 657 | 803 | 305 | 172 | 51 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | na | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 11 196 | 5 406 | 4 884 | 1 781 | 1 835 | 782 | 399 | 125 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | 6 | – | na | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 11 214 | 5 412 | 4 884 | 1 781 | 1 835 | 803 | 400 | 125 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | – | – | na | – | – | 1 | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 1 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 2 | – | – |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 2 | 12 | 23 | 24 | 8 | 11 | 11 | – |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 1 | 2 | 7 | 16 | 7 | 5 | 3 | – |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 1 | 10 | 14 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 2 | – |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | – | 11 | 10 | 1 | 2 | – | 3 | – |
| 5 years or more | no. | – | 29 | – | – | 3 | – | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 5 | 65 | 57 | 55 | 34 | 20 | 19 | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | na | – | na | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 5 | 65 | 57 | 55 | 34 | 21 | 19 | – |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 26 | 7 | na | – | – | 29 | 1 | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 207 | 199 | 163 | 77 | 23 | 20 | 4 | 11 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 1 015 | 802 | 702 | 337 | 208 | 116 | 50 | 59 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 1 092 | 718 | 662 | 355 | 179 | 63 | 37 | 109 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 1 956 | 1 048 | 1 194 | 590 | 322 | 140 | 83 | 110 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 5 636 | 1 667 | 2 254 | 992 | 813 | 321 | 175 | 261 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 7 490 | 1 929 | 3 161 | 1 285 | 1 112 | 378 | 209 | 198 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | 6 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 17 396 | 6 369 | 8 136 | 3 636 | 2 657 | 1 038 | 558 | 748 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | na | – | – | – | na |
| Total all children | no. | 17 422 | 6 369 | 8 136 | 3 636 | 2 657 | 1 067 | 559 | 748 |

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| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|
| Respite | no. | 11 | – | na | – | 2 | – | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 47 | 24 | 85 | 19 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 22 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 376 | 133 | 246 | 156 | 48 | 21 | 13 | 66 |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 444 | 135 | 297 | 140 | 40 | 15 | 18 | 68 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 731 | 161 | 473 | 279 | 78 | 32 | 14 | 114 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 2 160 | 307 | 971 | 481 | 58 | 77 | 45 | 183 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 2 222 | 268 | 969 | 539 | 478 | 66 | 41 | 120 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 5 980 | 1 028 | 3 041 | 1 614 | 704 | 212 | 134 | 573 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 5 991 | 1 028 | 3 041 | 1 614 | 706 | 212 | 134 | 573 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 34 | 16 | na | – | 2 | 3 | 1 | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 163 | 148 | 102 | 43 | 7 | 11 | 7 | 4 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 764 | 655 | 469 | 178 | 103 | 49 | 23 | 12 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 712 | 598 | 435 | 169 | 94 | 94 | 46 | 8 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 1 284 | 691 | 669 | 257 | 224 | 117 | 58 | 11 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 3 930 | 1 296 | 1 355 | 480 | 165 | 244 | 148 | 46 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 4 290 | 1 702 | 1 889 | 633 | 1 233 | 271 | 138 | 46 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 11 143 | 5 090 | 4 919 | 1 760 | 1 826 | 786 | 420 | 127 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 11 177 | 5 106 | 4 919 | 1 760 | 1 828 | 789 | 421 | 127 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | – | 4 | na | – | – | – | 1 | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | – | 4 | 4 | 13 | – | 1 | – | – |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 5 | 22 | 16 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 5 | – |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 1 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 3 | – | 2 | – |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 1 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 | – |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 15 | 14 | 4 | – | – | 1 | 1 | – |
| 5 years or more | no. | 2 | 14 | 2 | – | – | 1 | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 24 | 69 | 39 | 26 | 14 | 8 | 10 | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 24 | 73 | 39 | 26 | 14 | 8 | 11 | – |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 45 | 20 | na | – | 4 | 3 | 2 | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 210 | 176 | 191 | 75 | 9 | 13 | 10 | 26 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 1 145 | 810 | 731 | 344 | 157 | 73 | 41 | 78 |

Table 16A.16 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous care, 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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 1 157 | 740 | 740 | 311 | 137 | 109 | 66 | 76 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 2 016 | 860 | 1 147 | 537 | 307 | 151 | 74 | 125 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 6 105 | 1 617 | 2 330 | 961 | 223 | 322 | 194 | 229 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 6 514 | 1 984 | 2 860 | 1 172 | 1 711 | 338 | 179 | 166 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 17 147 | 6 187 | 7 999 | 3 400 | 2 544 | 1 006 | 564 | 700 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 17 192 | 6 207 | 7 999 | 3 400 | 2 548 | 1 009 | 566 | 700 |
| 2011 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 12 | – | na | – | 1 | – | 2 | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 77 | 18 | 52 | 22 | – | 2 | 3 | 19 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 383 | 87 | 292 | 125 | 45 | 18 | 13 | 80 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 429 | 113 | 278 | 122 | 36 | 17 | 10 | 68 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 884 | 169 | 449 | 185 | 55 | 38 | 17 | 115 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 2 038 | 252 | 922 | 539 | 70 | 64 | 43 | 127 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 1 914 | 238 | 857 | 455 | 423 | 57 | 31 | 92 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 5 725 | 877 | 2 850 | 1 448 | 629 | 196 | 117 | 501 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 5 737 | 877 | 2 850 | 1 448 | 630 | 196 | 119 | 501 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 29 | 1 | na | – | 6 | – | 1 | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 128 | 154 | 108 | 11 | 5 | 15 | 10 | 4 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 826 | 542 | 405 | 101 | 88 | 67 | 37 | 14 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 690 | 423 | 402 | 122 | 91 | 75 | 27 | 10 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 1 433 | 762 | 688 | 203 | 170 | 127 | 61 | 28 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 4 043 | 1 161 | 1 395 | 489 | 179 | 243 | 153 | 42 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 3 845 | 1 658 | 1 724 | 601 | 1 151 | 227 | 120 | 34 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 10 965 | 4 700 | 4 722 | 1 527 | 1 684 | 754 | 408 | 132 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 10 994 | 4 701 | 4 722 | 1 527 | 1 690 | 754 | 409 | 132 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | – | 2 | na | – | – | – | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | – | 14 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 |

TABLE 16A.16

Table 16A.16 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous care, 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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 1 | 23 | 11 | 65 | 8 | 9 | 3 | – |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | – | 13 | 10 | 55 | 4 | 1 | 5 | – |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 1 | 13 | 2 | 16 | 14 | 1 | – | – |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 4 | 19 | 2 | – | 2 | 1 | – | – |
| 5 years or more | no. | 3 | 16 | 3 | – | 19 | – | 2 | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 9 | 98 | 30 | 145 | 48 | 16 | 12 | 1 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 9 | 100 | 30 | 145 | 48 | 16 | 12 | 1 |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 41 | 3 | na | – | 7 | – | 3 | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 205 | 186 | 162 | 42 | 6 | 21 | 15 | 24 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 1 210 | 652 | 708 | 291 | 141 | 94 | 53 | 94 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 1 119 | 549 | 690 | 299 | 131 | 93 | 42 | 78 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 2 318 | 944 | 1 139 | 404 | 239 | 166 | 78 | 143 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 6 085 | 1 432 | 2 319 | 1 028 | 251 | 308 | 196 | 169 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 5 762 | 1 912 | 2 584 | 1 056 | 1 593 | 284 | 153 | 126 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 16 699 | 5 675 | 7 602 | 3 120 | 2 361 | 966 | 537 | 634 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 16 740 | 5 678 | 7 602 | 3 120 | 2 368 | 966 | 540 | 634 |
| 2010 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 22 | 1 | na | na | 1 | na | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 72 | 23 | 86 | 26 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 20 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 451 | 113 | 238 | 87 | 48 | 10 | 11 | 64 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 524 | 106 | 287 | 121 | 33 | 10 | 10 | 62 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 957 | 144 | 530 | 183 | 102 | 38 | 31 | 68 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 1 778 | 225 | 799 | 478 | 57 | 46 | 30 | 106 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 1 661 | 201 | 746 | 347 | 347 | 29 | 34 | 87 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | 3 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 5 443 | 815 | 2 686 | 1 242 | 588 | 138 | 125 | 407 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 5 465 | 816 | 2 686 | 1 242 | 589 | 138 | 125 | 407 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 33 | 4 | na | na | 1 | na | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |

Table 16A.16 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous care, 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> |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Less than 1 month | no. | 169 | 110 | 96 | 42 | 4 | 17 | 6 | 12 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 777 | 531 | 370 | 100 | 88 | 98 | 41 | 17 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 894 | 481 | 458 | 142 | 91 | 91 | 42 | 21 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 1 758 | 684 | 704 | 179 | 195 | 131 | 75 | 22 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 3 464 | 1 161 | 1 454 | 489 | 169 | 221 | 131 | 33 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 3 604 | 1 556 | 1 573 | 542 | 1 028 | 197 | 110 | 37 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | 26 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 10 666 | 4 549 | 4 655 | 1 494 | 1 575 | 755 | 405 | 142 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 10 699 | 4 553 | 4 655 | 1 494 | 1 576 | 755 | 405 | 142 |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| Respite | no. | 55 | 5 | na | na | 2 | na | – | – |
| Non-respite | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 month | no. | 241 | 136 | 184 | 68 | 5 | 22 | 15 | 32 |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 1 231 | 670 | 611 | 187 | 142 | 108 | 52 | 81 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 1 419 | 602 | 747 | 263 | 127 | 101 | 52 | 83 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 2 716 | 846 | 1 236 | 362 | 299 | 169 | 106 | 91 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 5 247 | 1 403 | 2 253 | 967 | 227 | 267 | 162 | 140 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 5 266 | 1 774 | 2 319 | 890 | 1 386 | 226 | 145 | 124 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | 33 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total non-respite | no. | 16 120 | 5 464 | 7 350 | 2 737 | 2 186 | 893 | 532 | 551 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 16 175 | 5 469 | 7 350 | 2 737 | 2 188 | 893 | 532 | 551 |

- (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) From 2018-19 the scope of out-of-home care has changed, see box 16.1 and sub-section 16.4. This means that in some jurisdictions data from 2018-19 are not comparable with data for previous years. For 2018-19, children in other living arrangements that were previously included in the scope of out-of-home care will be excluded from the count of children in out-of-home care and reported as 'other supported placements' in data tables. The scope of out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but declined by the carer.
- (c) Children who moved from out-of-home care to other supported placements and back to out-of-home care during the reporting period will have been counted as having a period of care less than one year under the new definition of out-of-home care but a longer period under the old definition reflected in the number of children in out-of-home care or other supported placements. This means there may be more children in out-of-home care under the new definition in some categories of length of time in continuous care than in the same category of out-of-home care or other supported placements.
- (d) NSW: Data for children in out-of-home care from 2014-15 excludes children/young people who are in the independent care of their guardian and from 2017-18 also excludes children on immigration orders.
- (e) Victoria: From 2017-18 excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.

Table 16A.16 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous care, 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> |
|-----|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| (f) | Queensland: From 2014-15 onwards, Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive data in this table according to national definitions and specifications. Data from 2014-15 onwards are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. At 30 June 2019, there were additional children counted in some categories of continuous care in the revised national definition of out-of-home care. This is due to these children having an active placement and overlapping orders, and an overriding Guardianship Order that closed before 30 June 2019. Queensland retains some funding and case management responsibility for children subject to third party parental responsibility orders who are excluded from the revised national definition of out-of-home care. | | | | | | | | |
| (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 was reported as high in 2017-18 publications but has since improved through data remediation. Figures for 2017-18 have been retrospectively updated. | | | | | | | | |
| (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 2018-19; 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 (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> |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 2018-19 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children exiting out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 108 | 219 | 207 | 57 | 33 | 7 | 2 | 25 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 91 | 84 | 85 | 38 | 35 | 2 | 5 | 18 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 107 | 110 | 103 | 62 | 35 | 11 | 12 | 31 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 201 | 118 | 189 | 102 | 29 | 11 | 12 | 52 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 400 | 67 | 150 | 128 | 46 | 9 | 8 | 47 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 907 | 598 | 734 | 387 | 178 | 40 | 39 | 173 |
| Non-Indigenous children exiting out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 173 | 940 | 247 | 73 | 50 | 20 | 11 | 4 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 179 | 425 | 100 | 61 | 28 | 14 | 9 | 4 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 144 | 503 | 181 | 73 | 55 | 15 | 20 | 9 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 387 | 520 | 248 | 71 | 37 | 27 | 11 | 5 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 725 | 218 | 212 | 104 | 125 | 37 | 19 | 8 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 1 608 | 2 606 | 988 | 382 | 295 | 113 | 70 | 30 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status exiting out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 2 | – | 8 | – | – | 7 | – | – |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | – | – | 3 | – | – | – | – | – |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | – | – | 6 | – | – | 1 | – | – |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | – | – | 2 | – | 1 | 9 | – | – |
| 5 years or more | no. | – | – | – | – | – | 7 | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 2 | – | 19 | – | 1 | 24 | – | – |
| All children exiting out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 283 | 1 159 | 462 | 130 | 83 | 34 | 13 | 29 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 270 | 509 | 188 | 99 | 63 | 16 | 14 | 22 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 251 | 613 | 290 | 135 | 90 | 27 | 32 | 40 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 588 | 638 | 439 | 173 | 67 | 47 | 23 | 57 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 1 125 | 285 | 362 | 232 | 171 | 53 | 27 | 55 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 2 517 | 3 204 | 1 741 | 769 | 474 | 177 | 109 | 203 |
| Children exiting out-of-home care or other supported placements | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | no. | na | 562 | 726 | 386 | 170 | 41 | 37 | 173 |
| Non-Indigenous children | no. | na | 2 362 | 992 | 380 | 275 | 102 | 63 | 30 |
| Children of unknown Indigenous status | no. | na | – | 19 | – | 1 | 24 | – | – |
| All children | no. | na | 2 924 | 1 737 | 766 | 446 | 167 | 100 | 203 |
| 2017-18 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | | | | | | | | | |

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 (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> |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 93 | 199 | 184 | 58 | 21 | 6 | 6 | 19 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 105 | 90 | 81 | 73 | 24 | 2 | 5 | 24 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 94 | 114 | 129 | 64 | 31 | 4 | 2 | 68 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 165 | 79 | 150 | 104 | 31 | 9 | – | 52 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 346 | 44 | 170 | 91 | 45 | 7 | 4 | 15 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 803 | 526 | 714 | 390 | 152 | 28 | 17 | 178 |
| Non-Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 197 | 803 | 238 | 74 | 36 | 7 | 14 | 6 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 166 | 337 | 88 | 59 | 39 | 6 | 13 | 4 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 169 | 497 | 161 | 66 | 60 | 12 | 17 | 12 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 323 | 494 | 206 | 92 | 29 | 13 | 10 | 6 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 720 | 258 | 275 | 94 | 117 | 53 | 31 | 3 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 1 575 | 2 389 | 968 | 385 | 281 | 91 | 85 | 31 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 6 | – | 17 | – | 4 | 4 | – | – |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 1 | – | 4 | – | 2 | 2 | – | – |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 1 | – | 1 | – | 2 | 11 | – | – |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | – | – | – | – | – | 5 | – | – |
| 5 years or more | no. | – | 2 | – | – | 1 | 1 | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 8 | 2 | 22 | – | 9 | 23 | – | – |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 296 | 1 002 | 439 | 132 | 61 | 17 | 20 | 25 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 272 | 427 | 173 | 132 | 65 | 10 | 18 | 28 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 264 | 611 | 291 | 130 | 93 | 27 | 19 | 80 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 488 | 573 | 356 | 196 | 60 | 27 | 10 | 58 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 1 066 | 304 | 445 | 185 | 163 | 61 | 35 | 18 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 2 386 | 2 917 | 1 704 | 775 | 442 | 142 | 102 | 209 |
| 2016-17 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 132 | 166 | 151 | 86 | 32 | 4 | 4 | 19 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 115 | 87 | 77 | 44 | 27 | 4 | 6 | 20 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 117 | 75 | 131 | 66 | 29 | 14 | 6 | 70 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 143 | 50 | 153 | 101 | 19 | 5 | 1 | 40 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 413 | 54 | 154 | 81 | 40 | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 920 | 432 | 666 | 378 | 147 | 39 | 27 | 161 |
| Non-Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 246 | 711 | 215 | 53 | 61 | 19 | 18 | 6 |

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 (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> |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 226 | 338 | 100 | 59 | 28 | 11 | 12 | 3 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 182 | 371 | 187 | 85 | 58 | 9 | 20 | 12 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 296 | 262 | 193 | 110 | 21 | 25 | 7 | 6 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 730 | 227 | 255 | 103 | 93 | 32 | 23 | 1 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 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 | no. | – | – | 10 | – | 10 | 4 | – | – |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | – | – | 5 | – | 3 | – | – | – |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | – | – | 2 | – | 1 | – | – | – |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | – | – | – | – | – | 1 | – | – |
| 5 years or more | no. | – | – | – | – | 1 | – | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | – | – | 17 | – | 15 | 5 | – | – |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 378 | 877 | 376 | 139 | 103 | 27 | 22 | 25 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 341 | 425 | 182 | 103 | 58 | 15 | 18 | 23 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 299 | 446 | 320 | 151 | 88 | 23 | 26 | 82 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 439 | 312 | 346 | 211 | 40 | 31 | 8 | 46 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 1 143 | 281 | 409 | 184 | 134 | 44 | 33 | 13 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 2 600 | 2 341 | 1 633 | 788 | 423 | 140 | 107 | 189 |
| 2015-16 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 169 | 145 | 176 | 54 | 24 | 3 | 3 | 31 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 111 | 65 | 106 | 49 | 11 | 2 | 6 | 14 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 87 | 58 | 125 | 81 | 13 | 1 | 3 | 57 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 105 | 47 | 146 | 109 | 16 | 5 | 2 | 48 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 376 | 49 | 151 | 88 | 38 | 17 | 5 | 18 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 848 | 364 | 704 | 381 | 102 | 28 | 19 | 168 |
| Non-Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 310 | 770 | 208 | 88 | 73 | 16 | 17 | 8 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 244 | 370 | 88 | 70 | 37 | 7 | 13 | 4 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 188 | 352 | 186 | 64 | 53 | 15 | 12 | 16 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 243 | 283 | 199 | 120 | 28 | 28 | 13 | 5 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 632 | 222 | 260 | 93 | 81 | 43 | 15 | 3 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 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 | no. | – | 1 | 14 | – | 7 | – | 1 | – |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | – | – | 3 | – | 3 | – | – | – |

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 (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> |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | – | – | 4 | – | 1 | – | – | – |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| 5 years or more | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | – | 1 | 21 | – | 11 | – | 1 | – |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 479 | 916 | 398 | 142 | 104 | 19 | 21 | 39 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 355 | 435 | 197 | 119 | 51 | 9 | 19 | 18 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 275 | 410 | 315 | 145 | 67 | 16 | 15 | 73 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 348 | 330 | 345 | 229 | 44 | 33 | 15 | 53 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 1 008 | 271 | 411 | 181 | 119 | 60 | 20 | 21 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 2 465 | 2 362 | 1 666 | 816 | 385 | 137 | 90 | 204 |
| 2014-15 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 118 | 105 | 154 | 60 | 27 | 6 | 5 | 34 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 137 | 54 | 67 | 55 | 17 | 1 | 5 | 17 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 190 | 60 | 99 | 62 | 19 | 9 | 1 | 33 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 392 | 44 | 117 | 77 | 30 | 4 | 4 | 29 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 687 | 33 | 133 | 56 | 35 | 10 | 2 | 6 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 1 524 | 296 | 570 | 310 | 128 | 30 | 17 | 119 |
| Non-Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 256 | 642 | 205 | 68 | 59 | 21 | 33 | 14 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 244 | 284 | 115 | 60 | 20 | 11 | 16 | 1 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 328 | 282 | 169 | 69 | 45 | 32 | 10 | 7 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 709 | 288 | 213 | 112 | 45 | 33 | 13 | 13 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 1 366 | 228 | 204 | 72 | 95 | 43 | 23 | 2 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 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 | no. | – | – | 10 | 1 | 5 | – | – | – |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | – | – | 5 | 3 | – | – | – | – |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | – | – | 1 | – | 2 | – | – | – |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| 5 years or more | no. | – | 1 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | – | 1 | 16 | 4 | 7 | – | – | – |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 374 | 747 | 369 | 129 | 91 | 27 | 38 | 48 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 381 | 338 | 187 | 118 | 37 | 12 | 21 | 18 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 518 | 342 | 269 | 131 | 66 | 41 | 11 | 40 |

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 (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> |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 1 101 | 332 | 330 | 189 | 75 | 37 | 17 | 42 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 2 053 | 262 | 337 | 128 | 130 | 53 | 25 | 8 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 4 427 | 2 021 | 1 492 | 695 | 399 | 170 | 112 | 156 |
| 2013-14 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 147 | 108 | 137 | 57 | 34 | 10 | 8 | 35 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 84 | 44 | 45 | 40 | 18 | 9 | 2 | 22 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 74 | 30 | 120 | 47 | 29 | 12 | 7 | 26 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 149 | 44 | 133 | 76 | 17 | 12 | 6 | 22 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 345 | 40 | 95 | 82 | 34 | 7 | 3 | 7 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 799 | 266 | 530 | 302 | 132 | 50 | 26 | 112 |
| Non-Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 195 | 587 | 228 | 69 | 43 | 32 | 38 | 10 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 153 | 242 | 93 | 50 | 27 | 18 | 13 | 2 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 174 | 240 | 188 | 61 | 55 | 18 | 16 | 9 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 263 | 264 | 229 | 81 | 61 | 33 | 9 | 3 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 544 | 223 | 233 | 95 | 88 | 32 | 15 | 1 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 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 | no. | – | 1 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 2 | – |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | – | – | 5 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 1 | – |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | – | – | 2 | – | 3 | – | – | – |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | – | – | 2 | – | – | – | – | – |
| 5 years or more | no. | – | 1 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | – | 2 | 19 | 12 | 5 | 7 | 3 | – |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 342 | 696 | 375 | 131 | 78 | 46 | 48 | 45 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 237 | 286 | 143 | 97 | 46 | 30 | 16 | 24 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 248 | 270 | 310 | 108 | 87 | 30 | 23 | 35 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 412 | 308 | 364 | 157 | 78 | 45 | 15 | 25 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 889 | 264 | 328 | 177 | 122 | 39 | 18 | 8 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 2 128 | 1 824 | 1 520 | 670 | 411 | 190 | 120 | 137 |
| 2012-13 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 122 | 93 | 140 | 35 | 28 | 3 | 5 | 73 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 109 | 57 | 77 | 12 | 20 | 4 | 2 | 17 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 100 | 47 | 126 | 32 | 17 | 7 | 4 | 23 |

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 (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> |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 199 | 39 | 119 | 41 | 19 | 10 | 9 | 39 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 248 | 25 | 85 | 101 | 17 | 6 | 3 | 7 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | 80 | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 778 | 261 | 547 | 301 | 101 | 30 | 23 | 159 |
| Non-Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 285 | 714 | 266 | 54 | 70 | 37 | 26 | 17 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 223 | 348 | 100 | 37 | 44 | 15 | 9 | 1 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 234 | 305 | 186 | 57 | 57 | 39 | 23 | 3 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 331 | 282 | 241 | 45 | 40 | 41 | 19 | 10 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 546 | 244 | 211 | 147 | 68 | 27 | 13 | 5 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | 110 | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 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 | no. | 4 | 1 | 4 | 44 | 1 | 1 | 1 | – |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | – | 3 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | – |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | – | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | – | 1 | – |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | – | – | – | – |
| 5 years or more | no. | 1 | 6 | 1 | – | – | 1 | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | na | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 6 | 18 | 13 | 56 | 4 | 3 | 3 | – |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 411 | 808 | 410 | 133 | 99 | 41 | 32 | 90 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 332 | 408 | 181 | 57 | 65 | 20 | 12 | 18 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 334 | 357 | 314 | 92 | 76 | 46 | 28 | 26 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 531 | 324 | 362 | 87 | 59 | 51 | 28 | 49 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 795 | 275 | 297 | 248 | 85 | 34 | 16 | 12 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | 190 | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 2 403 | 2 172 | 1 564 | 807 | 384 | 192 | 116 | 195 |
| 2011-12 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 109 | 99 | 117 | 17 | 26 | 4 | 12 | 89 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 104 | 29 | 59 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 26 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 127 | 49 | 105 | 21 | 22 | 8 | 4 | 21 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 203 | 48 | 146 | 95 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 33 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 266 | 32 | 68 | 53 | 16 | 3 | – | 10 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 809 | 257 | 495 | 202 | 79 | 28 | 27 | 179 |
| Non-Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 282 | 567 | 202 | 49 | 68 | 32 | 28 | 13 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 253 | 232 | 97 | 40 | 38 | 33 | 10 | 6 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 220 | 220 | 155 | 36 | 58 | 34 | 15 | 9 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 372 | 245 | 226 | 113 | 49 | 36 | 23 | 3 |

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 (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> |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 5 years or more | no. | 535 | 239 | 162 | 46 | 58 | 25 | 20 | 3 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 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 | no. | 4 | 28 | 8 | 13 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 3 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | – |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | – | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 1 | – | – |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | – | 4 | 1 | – | 1 | 1 | – | – |
| 5 years or more | no. | 1 | 2 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 8 | 47 | 13 | 21 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 395 | 694 | 327 | 79 | 99 | 37 | 41 | 103 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 360 | 271 | 159 | 59 | 47 | 38 | 13 | 32 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 347 | 272 | 261 | 62 | 84 | 43 | 19 | 30 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 575 | 297 | 373 | 208 | 57 | 46 | 32 | 36 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 802 | 273 | 230 | 99 | 74 | 28 | 20 | 13 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 2 479 | 1 807 | 1 350 | 507 | 361 | 192 | 125 | 214 |
| 2010-11 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 109 | 74 | 188 | 23 | 26 | 13 | 17 | 65 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 101 | 53 | 65 | 29 | 17 | 5 | 6 | 20 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 175 | 55 | 123 | 15 | 20 | 10 | 8 | 23 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 234 | 34 | 129 | 81 | 16 | 5 | 7 | 15 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 189 | 25 | 70 | 55 | 15 | 3 | 5 | 13 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 808 | 241 | 575 | 203 | 94 | 36 | 43 | 136 |
| Non-Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 319 | 518 | 292 | 42 | 71 | 34 | 26 | 19 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 259 | 220 | 106 | 25 | 52 | 24 | 7 | 5 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 217 | 245 | 205 | 50 | 70 | 28 | 14 | 5 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 337 | 242 | 293 | 110 | 33 | 20 | 14 | 7 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 445 | 212 | 155 | 76 | 48 | 25 | 18 | 6 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 1 577 | 1 437 | 1 051 | 303 | 274 | 131 | 79 | 42 |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 429 | 615 | 481 | 84 | 100 | 49 | 44 | 84 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 362 | 284 | 171 | 61 | 69 | 29 | 14 | 25 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 394 | 311 | 329 | 65 | 95 | 38 | 22 | 28 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 571 | 277 | 422 | 191 | 49 | 25 | 21 | 23 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 634 | 242 | 225 | 131 | 63 | 28 | 23 | 19 |

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 (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> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 2 390 | 1 729 | 1 628 | 532 | 376 | 169 | 124 | 179 |
| 2009-10 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 151 | 102 | 200 | 23 | 39 | 2 | 5 | 52 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 128 | 45 | 92 | 5 | 16 | 1 | 6 | 10 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 162 | 58 | 118 | 28 | 23 | 9 | 1 | 20 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 186 | 47 | 106 | 84 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 13 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 189 | 18 | 81 | 38 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 13 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 816 | 270 | 597 | 178 | 103 | 18 | 15 | 108 |
| Non-Indigenous | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 346 | 472 | 309 | 63 | 84 | 60 | 23 | 26 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 248 | 211 | 135 | 33 | 64 | 32 | 11 | 6 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 276 | 281 | 224 | 55 | 51 | 39 | 8 | 3 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 306 | 288 | 239 | 136 | 45 | 16 | 12 | 9 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 360 | 130 | 148 | 61 | 55 | 23 | 21 | 1 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | no. | 1 536 | 1 382 | 1 055 | 348 | 299 | 170 | 75 | 45 |
| All children | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to less than 6 months | no. | 501 | 608 | 514 | 86 | 125 | 62 | 28 | 78 |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | no. | 377 | 262 | 228 | 38 | 81 | 33 | 18 | 16 |
| 1 to less than 2 years | no. | 440 | 349 | 342 | 83 | 74 | 48 | 9 | 23 |
| 2 to less than 5 years | no. | 492 | 338 | 345 | 220 | 58 | 20 | 14 | 22 |
| 5 years or more | no. | 549 | 148 | 229 | 99 | 67 | 25 | 23 | 14 |
| Not stated/unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total all children | no. | 2 359 | 1 705 | 1 658 | 526 | 405 | 188 | 92 | 153 |

- (a) From 2018-19 the scope of out-of-home care has changed, see box 16.1 and sub-section 16.4. This means that in some jurisdictions data from 2018-19 are not comparable with data for previous years as children who are placed on third-party parental responsibility orders during the year will be classified as exiting out-of-home care. For 2018-19, children exiting other living arrangements that were previously included in the scope of out-of-home care will be reported as 'exiting out-of-home care or other supported placements' in the data tables. Children who exited both out-of-home care and other supported placements during the reporting period have only been counted once in the number of children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care or other supported placements.
- (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: Data for children in out-of-home care from 2014-15 excludes children/young people who are in the independent care of their guardian and from 2017-18 also excludes children on immigration orders.
- (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 (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> |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| (e) Queensland: From 2014-15 onwards, Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive data in this table according to national definitions and specifications. Data from 2014-15 onwards are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. Queensland retains some funding and case management responsibility for children subject to third party parental responsibility orders who are excluded from the revised national definition of out-of-home care. | | | | | | | | | |
| (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 was reported as high in 2017-18 publications but has since improved through data remediation. Figures for 2017-18 have been retrospectively updated . | | | | | | | | | |
| (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 2018-19; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.18

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 2019 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children in out-of-home care in a home-based placement, under 12 years | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 4 289 | 1 515 | 2 391 | 1 821 | 822 | 260 | 140 | 600 | 11 838 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 6 035 | 4 133 | 2 858 | 1 417 | 1 478 | 465 | 327 | 44 | 16 757 |
| Unknown | no. | 2 | – | 16 | 2 | 20 | 13 | – | – | 53 |
| All children | no. | 10 326 | 5 648 | 5 265 | 3 240 | 2 320 | 738 | 467 | 644 | 28 648 |
| Proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | % | 98.9 | 98.3 | 96.2 | 94.4 | 90.2 | 97.4 | 98.6 | 95.4 | 96.7 |
| Non-Indigenous | % | 99.0 | 99.3 | 96.7 | 96.8 | 91.6 | 98.9 | 99.1 | 97.8 | 97.8 |
| Unknown | % | 100.0 | na | 100.0 | 100.0 | 95.2 | 100.0 | na | na | 98.1 |
| All children | % | 98.9 | 99.0 | 96.5 | 95.4 | 91.2 | 98.4 | 98.9 | 95.5 | 97.3 |
| Children in out-of-home care in a home-based placement, aged 12–17 years | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 2 146 | 552 | 784 | 556 | 308 | 90 | 50 | 243 | 4 729 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 3 595 | 1 788 | 1 116 | 583 | 601 | 196 | 138 | 50 | 8 067 |
| Unknown | no. | – | – | – | – | 1 | 4 | – | – | 5 |
| All children | no. | 5 741 | 2 340 | 1 900 | 1 139 | 910 | 290 | 188 | 293 | 12 801 |
| 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 | % | 88.8 | 86.3 | 71.9 | 82.5 | 72.1 | 80.4 | 87.7 | 76.2 | 82.4 |
| Non-Indigenous | % | 89.2 | 83.3 | 70.9 | 85.2 | 72.9 | 83.1 | 82.6 | 79.4 | 83.0 |
| Unknown | % | – | na | – | na | 100.0 | 66.7 | na | na | 55.6 |
| All children | % | 89.1 | 84.0 | 71.2 | 83.9 | 72.7 | 81.9 | 83.9 | 76.7 | 82.7 |
| Children in out-of-home care in a home-based placement, aged 0-17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 6 435 | 2 067 | 3 175 | 2 377 | 1 130 | 350 | 190 | 843 | 16 567 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 9 630 | 5 921 | 3 974 | 2 000 | 2 079 | 661 | 465 | 94 | 24 824 |
| Unknown | no. | 2 | – | 16 | 2 | 21 | 17 | – | – | 58 |
| All children | no. | 16 067 | 7 988 | 7 165 | 4 379 | 3 230 | 1 028 | 655 | 937 | 41 449 |

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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> |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Proportion of all children in out-of-home care who are in a home-based placement | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | % | 95.3 | 94.8 | 88.8 | 91.3 | 84.5 | 92.3 | 95.5 | 88.9 | 92.1 |
| Non-Indigenous | % | 95.1 | 93.9 | 87.7 | 93.1 | 85.3 | 93.6 | 93.6 | 87.0 | 92.4 |
| Unknown | % | 66.7 | na | 94.1 | 100.0 | 95.5 | 89.5 | na | na | 92.1 |
| All children | % | 95.2 | 94.1 | 88.2 | 92.1 | 85.1 | 93.1 | 94.1 | 88.7 | 92.3 |
| Children in out-of-home care or other supported placements in a home-based placement, under 12 years | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 4 853 | 1 740 | 2 659 | 1 823 | 836 | 286 | 158 | 600 | 12 955 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 7 163 | 5 705 | 3 317 | 1 421 | 1 569 | 538 | 358 | 44 | 20 115 |
| Unknown | no. | 3 | – | 16 | 2 | 20 | 14 | – | – | 55 |
| All children | no. | 12 019 | 7 445 | 5 992 | 3 246 | 2 425 | 838 | 516 | 644 | 33 125 |
| Proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements who are in a home-based placement | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | % | 99.0 | 98.5 | 96.6 | 94.3 | 90.4 | 97.6 | 98.8 | 95.4 | 97.0 |
| Non-Indigenous | % | 99.1 | 99.5 | 97.1 | 96.8 | 92.1 | 99.1 | 99.2 | 97.8 | 98.1 |
| Unknown | % | 100.0 | na | 100.0 | 100.0 | 95.2 | 100.0 | na | na | 98.2 |
| All children | % | 99.1 | 99.3 | 96.9 | 95.4 | 91.5 | 98.6 | 99.0 | 95.5 | 97.7 |
| Children in out-of-home care or other supported placements in a home-based placement, aged 12–17 years | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 2 618 | 710 | 1 073 | 557 | 319 | 118 | 64 | 243 | 5 702 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 4 480 | 3 001 | 1 643 | 586 | 675 | 288 | 180 | 50 | 10 903 |
| Unknown | no. | – | – | 1 | – | 1 | 5 | – | – | 7 |
| All children | no. | 7 098 | 3 711 | 2 717 | 1 143 | 995 | 411 | 244 | 293 | 16 612 |
| Proportion of all children aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements who are in a home-based placement | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | % | 90.7 | 89.0 | 77.8 | 82.2 | 72.8 | 84.3 | 86.5 | 76.2 | 84.9 |
| Non-Indigenous | % | 91.2 | 89.3 | 78.2 | 85.3 | 75.1 | 87.8 | 85.3 | 79.4 | 86.8 |
| Unknown | % | – | na | 50.0 | na | 100.0 | 71.4 | na | na | 63.6 |
| All children | % | 91.0 | 89.2 | 78.0 | 83.7 | 74.4 | 86.5 | 85.6 | 76.7 | 86.1 |
| Children in out-of-home care or other supported placements in a home-based placement, aged 0-17 | | | | | | | | | | |

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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. | 7 471 | 2 450 | 3 732 | 2 380 | 1 155 | 404 | 222 | 843 | 18 657 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 11 643 | 8 706 | 4 960 | 2 007 | 2 244 | 826 | 538 | 94 | 31 018 |
| Unknown | no. | 3 | – | 17 | 2 | 21 | 19 | – | – | 62 |
| All children | no. | 19 117 | 11 156 | 8 709 | 4 389 | 3 420 | 1 249 | 760 | 937 | 49 737 |
| Proportion of all children in out-of-home care or other supported placements who are in a home-based placement | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | % | 95.9 | 95.6 | 90.3 | 91.1 | 84.7 | 93.3 | 94.9 | 88.9 | 92.9 |
| Non-Indigenous | % | 95.9 | 95.7 | 89.9 | 93.1 | 86.2 | 94.8 | 94.1 | 87.0 | 93.8 |
| Unknown | % | 75.0 | na | 94.4 | 100.0 | 95.5 | 90.5 | na | na | 92.5 |
| All children | % | 95.9 | 95.7 | 90.1 | 92.0 | 85.8 | 94.3 | 94.3 | 88.7 | 93.5 |
| 2018 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children in out-of-home care in a home-based placement, under 12 years | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 4 418 | 1 390 | 2 492 | 1 750 | 746 | 255 | 192 | 595 | 11 838 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 6 586 | 3 900 | 3 194 | 1 311 | 1 428 | 543 | 378 | 46 | 17 386 |
| Unknown | no. | 3 | – | 47 | 2 | 62 | 21 | – | – | 135 |
| 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 | 96.6 | 98.5 | 92.5 | 96.8 |
| Non-Indigenous | % | 99.2 | 99.2 | 97.3 | 97.0 | 90.4 | 98.0 | 98.2 | 93.9 | 97.8 |
| Unknown | % | 100.0 | .. | 100.0 | 100.0 | 96.9 | 100.0 | .. | .. | 98.5 |
| All children | % | 99.0 | 99.3 | 97.0 | 95.7 | 90.5 | 97.6 | 98.3 | 92.6 | 97.4 |
| Children in out-of-home care in a home-based placement, aged 12–17 years | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 2 078 | 482 | 987 | 506 | 282 | 110 | 57 | 230 | 4 732 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 3 575 | 1 708 | 1 569 | 534 | 628 | 260 | 158 | 50 | 8 482 |
| Unknown | no. | na | – | 1 | – | 1 | 7 | – | – | 9 |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |

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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 | % | 90.6 | 83.7 | 79.0 | 83.5 | 72.7 | 88.0 | 87.7 | 74.2 | 84.3 |
| Non-Indigenous | % | 89.8 | 83.4 | 80.8 | 83.0 | 75.3 | 88.1 | 87.3 | 76.9 | 84.9 |
| Unknown | % | na | .. | 33.3 | .. | 50.0 | 53.8 | .. | .. | 50.0 |
| All children | % | 90.1 | 83.4 | 80.1 | 83.3 | 74.4 | 87.1 | 87.4 | 74.7 | 84.7 |
| Children in out-of-home care in a home-based placement, aged 0-17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 6 496 | 1 872 | 3 479 | 2 256 | 1 028 | 365 | 249 | 825 | 16 570 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 10 161 | 5 608 | 4 763 | 1 845 | 2 056 | 803 | 536 | 96 | 25 868 |
| Unknown | no. | 3 | – | 48 | 2 | 63 | 28 | – | – | 144 |
| 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 | 93.8 | 95.8 | 86.6 | 92.9 |
| Non-Indigenous | % | 95.7 | 93.8 | 91.2 | 92.5 | 85.2 | 94.6 | 94.7 | 84.2 | 93.2 |
| Unknown | % | 100.0 | .. | 96.0 | 100.0 | 95.5 | 82.4 | .. | .. | 92.9 |
| All children | % | 95.8 | 94.0 | 91.0 | 92.2 | 85.2 | 94.0 | 95.0 | 86.3 | 93.1 |
| 2017 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children in out-of-home care 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 |
| Children in out-of-home care in a home-based placement, aged 12–17 years | | | | | | | | | | |

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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. | 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. | – | 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 | % | .. | 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 |
| Children in out-of-home care in a home-based placement, aged 0-17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children in out-of-home care 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 | | | | | | | | | | |

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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 | % | 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 |
| Children in out-of-home care 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 |
| Children in out-of-home care in a home-based placement, aged 0-17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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. | 1 | 8 | 41 | 1 | 67 | 22 | 5 | – | 145 |
| 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 | 100.0 | 89.3 | 95.7 | 100.0 | .. | 94.2 |
| 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> |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 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 |
| Children in out-of-home care 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. | na | 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 | % | na | 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 |
| Children in out-of-home care in a home-based placement, aged 0-17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |

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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 | % | 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 |
| 2014 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children in out-of-home care 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 |
| Children in out-of-home care 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 |
| Children in out-of-home care in a home-based placement, aged 0-17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 6 354 | 1 214 | 3 054 | 1 678 | 667 | 213 | 144 | 649 | 13 973 |

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 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 |
| 2013 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children in out-of-home care 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 |
| Children in out-of-home care 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. | 1 | 28 | 5 | – | 3 | – | 1 | – | 38 |
| 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 | na | 74.3 | 83.6 | 80.0 | 68.9 | 86.4 |

TABLE 16A.18

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Non-Indigenous | % | 89.5 | 82.4 | 79.1 | na | 74.5 | 84.8 | 83.9 | 61.7 | 84.3 |
| Unknown | % | 50.0 | 87.5 | 62.5 | .. | 75.0 | .. | 50.0 | .. | 77.6 |
| All children | % | 90.7 | 82.3 | 79.5 | na | 74.4 | 84.3 | 82.8 | 67.2 | 84.9 |
| Children in out-of-home care in a home-based placement, aged 0-17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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. | 4 | 59 | 54 | 53 | 25 | 20 | 15 | – | 230 |
| 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 | % | 80.0 | 90.8 | 94.7 | 96.4 | 73.5 | 95.2 | 78.9 | .. | 89.8 |
| All children | % | 96.6 | 92.1 | 92.4 | 84.8 | 86.5 | 92.1 | 93.2 | 84.5 | 92.9 |
| 2012 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children in out-of-home care 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 |
| Children in out-of-home care 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 |

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| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 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 |
| Children in out-of-home care in a home-based placement, aged 0-17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2011 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children in out-of-home care 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 |

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 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 |
| Children in out-of-home care 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 |
| Children in out-of-home care in a home-based placement, aged 0-17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2010 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children in out-of-home care 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 |

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 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 | na |
| 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 | na | 100.0 | 100.0 | na |
| All children | % | 99.7 | 98.1 | 97.9 | 94.8 | 89.6 | 96.4 | 98.9 | 92.5 | 97.9 |
| Children in out-of-home care 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 | – | na |
| 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 | na | 100.0 | na | 100.0 | na | na |
| All children | % | 92.1 | 81.0 | 79.4 | 82.1 | 76.1 | 81.7 | 76.5 | 73.9 | 85.4 |
| Children in out-of-home care in a home-based placement, aged 0-17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |

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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 | % | 63.6 | 85.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 87.0 | na | 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 |

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time from 2018-19 onwards (data prior to 2018-19 were comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time but not across jurisdictions).

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

- (a) The denominator for this indicator includes all placement types, including where the placement type is unknown.
- (b) From 2018-19 the scope of out-of-home care has changed, see box 16.1 and sub-section 16.4. This means that in some jurisdictions data from 2018-19 are not comparable with data for previous years. For 2018-19, children in other living arrangements that were previously included in the scope of out-of-home care will be excluded from the count of children in out-of-home care and reported as 'other supported placements' in data tables. The scope of out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but declined by the carer.
- (c) NSW: Data for children in out-of-home care from 2014-15 excludes children/young people who are in the independent care of their guardian and from 2017-18 also excludes children on immigration orders.
- (d) Victoria: From 2017-18 excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.
- (e) Queensland: From 2014-15 onwards, Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive data in this table according to national definitions and specifications. Data from 2014-15 onwards are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. Queensland retains some funding and case management responsibility for children subject to third party parental responsibility orders who are excluded from the revised national definition of out-of-home care.
- (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 was reported as high in 2017-18 publications but has since improved through data remediation. Figures for 2017-18 have been retrospectively updated. 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.
- (h) In the NT, the increase in Relative/Kinship and decrease in Foster Care placements in 2018-19 is due to improvements in data extracts that better identifies placement type.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

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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> |
|-----------------|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| <i>Source</i> : | State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2018-19; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13. | | | | | | | | | |

TABLE 16A.19

Table 16A.19 **Children aged 0-17 years in care by Indigenous status and placement type, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| 2019 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 178 | 105 | 401 | 113 | 208 | 26 | 9 | 80 | 1 120 |
| Family group homes | no. | 6 | – | – | 87 | – | – | – | 2 | 95 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 2 568 | 384 | 1 929 | 1 016 | 432 | 206 | 66 | 273 | 6 874 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 3 867 | 1 654 | 1 246 | 1 361 | 681 | 141 | 124 | 274 | 9 348 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 29 | – | – | 17 | 3 | – | 296 | 345 |
| Total home-based | no. | 6 435 | 2 067 | 3 175 | 2 377 | 1 130 | 350 | 190 | 843 | 16 567 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 68 | 7 | – | – | – | 1 | – | 1 | 77 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 67 | 2 | – | 27 | – | 2 | – | 22 | 120 |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 6 754 | 2 181 | 3 576 | 2 604 | 1 338 | 379 | 199 | 948 | 17 979 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 339 | 350 | 558 | 61 | 358 | 43 | 31 | 12 | 1 752 |
| Family group homes | no. | 14 | – | – | 77 | – | – | – | – | 91 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 4 533 | 1 207 | 2 230 | 933 | 978 | 379 | 209 | 35 | 10 504 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 5 097 | 4 570 | 1 744 | 1 067 | 1 090 | 280 | 253 | 21 | 14 122 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 144 | – | – | 11 | 2 | 3 | 38 | 198 |
| Total home-based | no. | 9 630 | 5 921 | 3 974 | 2 000 | 2 079 | 661 | 465 | 94 | 24 824 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 72 | 33 | – | – | – | 1 | – | – | 106 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 72 | 5 | – | 10 | – | 1 | 1 | 2 | 91 |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 10 127 | 6 309 | 4 532 | 2 148 | 2 437 | 706 | 497 | 108 | 26 864 |

TABLE 16A.19

Table 16A.19 **Children aged 0-17 years in care by Indigenous status and placement type, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | – | – | 1 | – | 1 | 2 | – | – | 4 |
| Family group homes | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Home-based care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | – | – | 12 | 1 | 15 | 9 | – | – | 37 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 2 | – | 4 | 1 | 6 | 7 | – | – | 20 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | – | – | – | – | 1 | – | – | 1 |
| Total home-based | no. | 2 | – | 16 | 2 | 21 | 17 | – | – | 58 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 1 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 1 |
| Total children | no. | 3 | – | 17 | 2 | 22 | 19 | – | – | 63 |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 517 | 455 | 960 | 174 | 567 | 71 | 40 | 92 | 2 876 |
| Family group homes | no. | 20 | – | – | 164 | – | – | – | 2 | 186 |
| Home-based care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 7 101 | 1 591 | 4 171 | 1 950 | 1 425 | 594 | 275 | 308 | 17 415 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 8 966 | 6 224 | 2 994 | 2 429 | 1 777 | 428 | 377 | 295 | 23 490 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 173 | – | – | 28 | 6 | 3 | 334 | 544 |
| Total home-based | no. | 16 067 | 7 988 | 7 165 | 4 379 | 3 230 | 1 028 | 655 | 937 | 41 449 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 140 | 40 | – | – | – | 2 | – | 1 | 183 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 140 | 7 | – | 37 | – | 3 | 1 | 24 | 212 |
| Total children | no. | 16 884 | 8 490 | 8 125 | 4 754 | 3 797 | 1 104 | 696 | 1 056 | 44 906 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care or other supported placements | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | na | 105 | 401 | 116 | 208 | 26 | 12 | 80 | na |

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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> |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Family group homes | no. | na | – | – | 87 | – | – | – | 2 | na |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | na | 384 | 1 980 | 1 016 | 432 | 206 | 67 | 273 | na |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | na | 1 654 | 1 752 | 1 364 | 681 | 141 | 125 | 274 | na |
| Other home based care | no. | 1 036 | 412 | – | – | 42 | 57 | 30 | 296 | na |
| Total home-based | no. | 7 471 | 2 450 | 3 732 | 2 380 | 1 155 | 404 | 222 | 843 | na |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | na | 7 | – | – | – | 1 | – | 1 | na |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | na | 2 | – | 29 | – | 2 | – | 22 | na |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 7 790 | 2 564 | 4 133 | 2 612 | 1 363 | 433 | 234 | 948 | 20 077 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care and other supported placements | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | na | 350 | 558 | 61 | 359 | 43 | 33 | 12 | na |
| Family group homes | no. | na | – | – | 77 | – | – | – | – | na |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | na | 1 208 | 2 412 | 934 | 983 | 379 | 210 | 35 | na |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | na | 4 570 | 2 548 | 1 073 | 1 091 | 280 | 257 | 21 | na |
| Other home based care | no. | 2 013 | 2 928 | – | – | 170 | 167 | 71 | 38 | na |
| Total home-based | no. | 11 643 | 8 706 | 4 960 | 2 007 | 2 244 | 826 | 538 | 94 | na |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | na | 33 | – | – | – | 1 | – | – | na |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | na | 5 | – | 10 | – | 1 | 1 | 2 | na |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 12 140 | 9 094 | 5 518 | 2 155 | 2 603 | 871 | 572 | 108 | 33 061 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care and other supported placements | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | na | – | 1 | – | 1 | 2 | – | – | na |
| Family group homes | no. | na | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | na |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Foster care | no. | na | – | 12 | 1 | 15 | 9 | – | – | na |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | na | – | 5 | 1 | 6 | 7 | – | – | na |
| Other home based care | no. | 1 | – | – | – | – | 3 | – | – | na |
| Total home-based | no. | 3 | – | 17 | 2 | 21 | 19 | – | – | na |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | na | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | na |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | na | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | na |
| Total children | no. | 4 | – | 18 | 2 | 22 | 21 | – | – | 67 |
| All children in out-of-home care and other supported placements | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | na | 455 | 960 | 177 | 568 | 71 | 45 | 92 | na |
| Family group homes | no. | na | – | – | 164 | – | – | – | 2 | na |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | na | 1 592 | 4 404 | 1 951 | 1 430 | 594 | 277 | 308 | na |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | na | 6 224 | 4 305 | 2 438 | 1 778 | 428 | 382 | 295 | na |
| Other home based care | no. | 3 050 | 3 340 | – | – | 212 | 227 | 101 | 334 | na |
| Total home-based | no. | 19 117 | 11 156 | 8 709 | 4 389 | 3 420 | 1 249 | 760 | 937 | na |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | na | 40 | – | – | – | 2 | – | 1 | na |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | na | 7 | – | 39 | – | 3 | 1 | 24 | na |
| Total children | no. | 19 934 | 11 658 | 9 669 | 4 769 | 3 988 | 1 325 | 806 | 1 056 | 53 205 |
| 2018 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 170 | 94 | 353 | 85 | 188 | 24 | 11 | 101 | 1 026 |
| Family group homes | no. | 14 | – | .. | 84 | – | – | – | 1 | 99 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 2 641 | 399 | 1 822 | 996 | 379 | 191 | 76 | 464 | 6 968 |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 3 855 | 1 414 | 1 657 | 1 260 | 621 | 105 | 145 | 46 | 9 103 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 59 | .. | – | 28 | 69 | 28 | 315 | 499 |
| Total home-based | no. | 6 496 | 1 872 | 3 479 | 2 256 | 1 028 | 365 | 249 | 825 | 16 570 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 38 | 7 | .. | – | – | – | – | – | 45 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 48 | 2 | .. | 27 | – | – | – | 26 | 103 |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 6 766 | 1 975 | 3 832 | 2 452 | 1 216 | 389 | 260 | 953 | 17 843 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 355 | 327 | 462 | 60 | 357 | 42 | 29 | 17 | 1 649 |
| Family group homes | no. | 12 | – | .. | 78 | – | – | – | – | 90 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 4 925 | 1 219 | 2 336 | 928 | 935 | 383 | 204 | 44 | 10 974 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 5 236 | 4 079 | 2 427 | 917 | 966 | 262 | 272 | 9 | 14 168 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 310 | .. | – | 155 | 158 | 60 | 43 | 726 |
| Total home-based | no. | 10 161 | 5 608 | 4 763 | 1 845 | 2 056 | 803 | 536 | 96 | 25 868 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 49 | 42 | .. | – | – | 3 | – | – | 94 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 41 | 2 | .. | 11 | – | 1 | 1 | 1 | 57 |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 10 618 | 5 979 | 5 225 | 1 994 | 2 413 | 849 | 566 | 114 | 27 758 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | – | – | 2 | – | 3 | 5 | – | – | 10 |
| Family group homes | no. | – | – | .. | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 1 | – | 25 | 1 | 34 | 9 | – | – | 70 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 2 | – | 23 | 1 | 28 | 16 | – | – | 70 |

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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 home based care | no. | – | – | .. | – | 1 | 3 | – | – | 4 |
| Total home-based | no. | 3 | – | 48 | 2 | 63 | 28 | – | – | 144 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | – | – | .. | – | – | 1 | – | – | 1 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | – | – | .. | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total children | no. | 3 | – | 50 | 2 | 66 | 34 | – | – | 155 |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 525 | 421 | 817 | 145 | 548 | 71 | 40 | 118 | 2 685 |
| Family group homes | no. | 26 | – | .. | 162 | – | – | – | 1 | 189 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 7 567 | 1 618 | 4 183 | 1 925 | 1 348 | 583 | 280 | 508 | 18 012 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 9 093 | 5 493 | 4 107 | 2 178 | 1 615 | 383 | 417 | 55 | 23 341 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 369 | .. | – | 184 | 230 | 88 | 358 | 1 229 |
| Total home-based | no. | 16 660 | 7 480 | 8 290 | 4 103 | 3 147 | 1 196 | 785 | 921 | 42 582 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 87 | 49 | .. | – | – | 4 | – | – | 140 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 89 | 4 | .. | 38 | – | 1 | 1 | 27 | 160 |
| Total children | no. | 17 387 | 7 954 | 9 107 | 4 448 | 3 695 | 1 272 | 826 | 1 067 | 45 756 |
| 2017 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 175 | 82 | 322 | 84 | 207 | 18 | 8 | 106 | 1 002 |
| Family group homes | no. | 9 | – | .. | 106 | – | 6 | – | – | 121 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 2 738 | 379 | 1 832 | 903 | 346 | 164 | 75 | 431 | 6 868 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 3 821 | 1 219 | 1 628 | 1 203 | 574 | 77 | 120 | 49 | 8 691 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 405 | .. | – | 10 | 53 | 24 | 320 | 812 |

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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 home-based | no. | 6 559 | 2 003 | 3 460 | 2 106 | 930 | 294 | 219 | 800 | 16 371 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 27 | 5 | .. | – | 13 | 1 | – | 1 | 47 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 54 | 1 | .. | 25 | – | 2 | – | 41 | 123 |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 6 824 | 2 091 | 3 782 | 2 321 | 1 150 | 321 | 227 | 948 | 17 664 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 424 | 359 | 383 | 64 | 330 | 42 | 34 | 14 | 1 650 |
| Family group homes | no. | 14 | – | .. | 70 | – | 4 | – | na | 88 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 5 141 | 1 190 | 2 379 | 907 | 884 | 385 | 207 | 45 | 11 138 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 5 366 | 3 907 | 2 331 | 857 | 893 | 255 | 264 | 7 | 13 880 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 2 711 | .. | – | 114 | 175 | 68 | 44 | 3 112 |
| Total home-based | no. | 10 507 | 7 808 | 4 710 | 1 764 | 1 891 | 815 | 539 | 96 | 28 130 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 49 | 42 | .. | – | 25 | 4 | – | – | 120 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 61 | 3 | .. | 13 | – | – | 3 | 1 | 81 |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 11 055 | 8 212 | 5 093 | 1 911 | 2 246 | 865 | 576 | 111 | 30 069 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | – | – | – | – | 13 | 1 | – | – | 14 |
| Family group homes | no. | – | – | .. | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | – | – | 41 | – | 39 | 12 | – | – | 92 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | – | 1 | 25 | – | 36 | 6 | – | – | 68 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 8 | .. | – | – | – | – | – | 8 |
| Total home-based | no. | – | 9 | 66 | – | 75 | 18 | – | – | 168 |

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|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | – | – | .. | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | – | – | .. | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total children | no. | – | 9 | 66 | – | 88 | 19 | – | – | 182 |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 599 | 441 | 705 | 148 | 550 | 61 | 42 | 120 | 2 666 |
| Family group homes | no. | 23 | – | .. | 176 | – | 10 | – | – | 209 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 7 879 | 1 569 | 4 252 | 1 810 | 1 269 | 561 | 282 | 476 | 18 098 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 9 187 | 5 127 | 3 984 | 2 060 | 1 503 | 338 | 384 | 56 | 22 639 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 3 124 | .. | – | 124 | 228 | 92 | 364 | 3 932 |
| Total home-based | no. | 17 066 | 9 820 | 8 236 | 3 870 | 2 896 | 1 127 | 758 | 896 | 44 669 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 76 | 47 | .. | – | 38 | 5 | – | 1 | 167 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 115 | 4 | .. | 38 | – | 2 | 3 | 42 | 204 |
| Total children | no. | 17 879 | 10 312 | 8 941 | 4 232 | 3 484 | 1 205 | 803 | 1 059 | 47 915 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 180 | 84 | 287 | 106 | 192 | 6 | 10 | 103 | 968 |
| Family group homes | no. | 1 | – | .. | 99 | – | 7 | – | 1 | 108 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 2 655 | 394 | 1 790 | 814 | 313 | 131 | 58 | 431 | 6 586 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 3 777 | 1 126 | 1 542 | 1 164 | 559 | 78 | 105 | 47 | 8 398 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 266 | .. | 4 | – | 63 | 24 | 285 | 642 |
| Total home-based | no. | 6 432 | 1 786 | 3 332 | 1 982 | 872 | 272 | 187 | 763 | 15 626 |

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|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 28 | 4 | .. | – | 9 | 1 | – | – | 42 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 11 | 2 | .. | 25 | – | 11 | – | 53 | 102 |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 6 652 | 1 876 | 3 619 | 2 212 | 1 073 | 297 | 197 | 920 | 16 846 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 431 | 354 | 339 | 59 | 279 | 28 | 32 | 12 | 1 534 |
| Family group homes | no. | 8 | – | .. | 63 | – | 6 | – | – | 77 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 5 380 | 1 145 | 2 382 | 903 | 917 | 328 | 204 | 55 | 11 314 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 5 289 | 4 344 | 2 289 | 849 | 874 | 248 | 240 | 4 | 14 137 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 1 939 | .. | 4 | – | 199 | 67 | 39 | 2 248 |
| Total home-based | no. | 10 669 | 7 428 | 4 671 | 1 756 | 1 791 | 775 | 511 | 98 | 27 699 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 37 | 39 | .. | – | 25 | 1 | – | – | 102 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 2 | – | .. | 9 | – | 20 | 3 | 2 | 36 |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 11 147 | 7 821 | 5 010 | 1 887 | 2 095 | 830 | 546 | 112 | 29 448 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | – | – | – | – | 8 | – | – | – | 8 |
| Family group homes | no. | – | – | .. | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 1 | – | 33 | 1 | 31 | 14 | 2 | – | 82 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | – | 2 | 8 | – | 36 | 8 | 3 | – | 57 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 6 | .. | – | – | – | – | – | 6 |
| Total home-based | no. | 1 | 8 | 41 | 1 | 67 | 22 | 5 | – | 145 |

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|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | – | – | .. | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | – | – | .. | – | – | 1 | – | – | 1 |
| Total children | no. | 1 | 8 | 41 | 1 | 75 | 23 | 5 | – | 154 |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 611 | 438 | 626 | 165 | 479 | 34 | 42 | 115 | 2 510 |
| Family group homes | no. | 9 | – | .. | 162 | – | 13 | – | 1 | 185 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 8 036 | 1 539 | 4 205 | 1 718 | 1 261 | 473 | 264 | 486 | 17 982 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 9 066 | 5 472 | 3 839 | 2 013 | 1 469 | 334 | 348 | 51 | 22 592 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 2 211 | .. | 8 | – | 262 | 91 | 324 | 2 896 |
| Total home-based | no. | 17 102 | 9 222 | 8 044 | 3 739 | 2 730 | 1 069 | 703 | 861 | 43 470 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 65 | 43 | .. | – | 34 | 2 | – | – | 144 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 13 | 2 | .. | 34 | – | 32 | 3 | 55 | 139 |
| Total children | no. | 17 800 | 9 705 | 8 670 | 4 100 | 3 243 | 1 150 | 748 | 1 032 | 46 448 |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 164 | 73 | 305 | 96 | 136 | 6 | 6 | 90 | 876 |
| Family group homes | no. | 2 | – | .. | 131 | – | 8 | – | 2 | 143 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 2 574 | 358 | 1 739 | 715 | 261 | 94 | 67 | 427 | 6 235 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 3 439 | 884 | 1 468 | 1 120 | 443 | 63 | 100 | 29 | 7 546 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 192 | .. | – | – | 64 | 10 | 280 | 546 |
| Total home-based | no. | 6 013 | 1 434 | 3 207 | 1 835 | 704 | 221 | 177 | 736 | 14 327 |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 26 | 4 | .. | – | 4 | 1 | – | 1 | 36 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 5 | – | .. | – | – | 5 | – | 63 | 73 |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 6 210 | 1 511 | 3 512 | 2 062 | 844 | 241 | 183 | 892 | 15 455 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 384 | 365 | 351 | 75 | 263 | 29 | 29 | 10 | 1 506 |
| Family group homes | no. | 11 | – | .. | 61 | – | 20 | – | 3 | 95 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 5 353 | 1 119 | 2 393 | 916 | 876 | 334 | 174 | 51 | 11 216 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 4 835 | 3 822 | 2 135 | 838 | 799 | 234 | 254 | 4 | 12 921 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 1 699 | .. | – | – | 177 | 23 | 46 | 1 945 |
| Total home-based | no. | 10 188 | 6 640 | 4 528 | 1 754 | 1 675 | 745 | 451 | 101 | 26 082 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 46 | 44 | .. | – | 11 | 2 | – | – | 103 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 2 | – | .. | – | – | 16 | 2 | 11 | 31 |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 10 631 | 7 049 | 4 879 | 1 890 | 1 949 | 812 | 482 | 125 | 27 817 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 2 | – | 5 | – | 5 | – | – | – | 12 |
| Family group homes | no. | – | – | .. | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | – | – | 33 | 2 | 21 | 5 | 4 | – | 65 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | – | 1 | 19 | – | 19 | 2 | 2 | – | 43 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 6 | .. | – | – | – | – | – | 6 |
| Total home-based | no. | – | 7 | 52 | 2 | 40 | 7 | 6 | – | 114 |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | – | – | .. | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | – | – | .. | – | – | 1 | – | – | 1 |
| Total children | no. | 2 | 7 | 57 | 2 | 45 | 8 | 6 | – | 127 |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 550 | 438 | 661 | 171 | 404 | 35 | 35 | 100 | 2 394 |
| Family group homes | no. | 13 | – | .. | 192 | – | 28 | – | 5 | 238 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 7 927 | 1 477 | 4 165 | 1 633 | 1 158 | 433 | 245 | 478 | 17 516 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 8 274 | 4 707 | 3 622 | 1 958 | 1 261 | 299 | 356 | 33 | 20 510 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 1 897 | .. | – | – | 241 | 33 | 326 | 2 497 |
| Total home-based | no. | 16 201 | 8 081 | 7 787 | 3 591 | 2 419 | 973 | 634 | 837 | 40 523 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 72 | 48 | .. | – | 15 | 3 | – | 1 | 139 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 7 | – | .. | – | – | 22 | 2 | 74 | 105 |
| Total children | no. | 16 843 | 8 567 | 8 448 | 3 954 | 2 838 | 1 061 | 671 | 1 017 | 43 399 |
| 2014 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 139 | 90 | 282 | 84 | 114 | 11 | 7 | 75 | 802 |
| Family group homes | no. | 3 | – | .. | 120 | – | 8 | – | 6 | 137 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 2 348 | 325 | 1 780 | 635 | 245 | 91 | 59 | 420 | 5 903 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 4 006 | 709 | 1 274 | 1 043 | 422 | 65 | 81 | 17 | 7 617 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 180 | .. | – | – | 57 | 4 | 212 | 453 |
| Total home-based | no. | 6 354 | 1 214 | 3 054 | 1 678 | 667 | 213 | 144 | 649 | 13 973 |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 18 | 4 | .. | – | 6 | – | – | 4 | 32 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 6 | – | .. | – | – | – | 1 | 40 | 47 |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 6 520 | 1 308 | 3 336 | 1 882 | 787 | 232 | 152 | 774 | 14 991 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 365 | 425 | 372 | 84 | 217 | 37 | 31 | 15 | 1 546 |
| Family group homes | no. | 11 | – | .. | 63 | – | 20 | – | 3 | 97 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 5 200 | 1 804 | 2 406 | 899 | 853 | 289 | 154 | 52 | 11 657 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 6 038 | 3 164 | 2 005 | 754 | 726 | 225 | 237 | – | 13 149 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 954 | .. | – | – | 196 | 32 | 48 | 1 230 |
| Total home-based | no. | 11 238 | 5 922 | 4 411 | 1 653 | 1 579 | 710 | 423 | 100 | 26 036 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 48 | 45 | .. | – | 15 | 1 | – | 1 | 110 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 5 | 1 | .. | – | – | 18 | – | 14 | 38 |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 11 667 | 6 393 | 4 783 | 1 800 | 1 811 | 786 | 454 | 133 | 27 827 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 3 | – | 2 | – | 3 | – | – | – | 8 |
| Family group homes | no. | – | – | .. | 2 | – | 1 | – | – | 3 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 2 | 3 | 37 | 15 | 16 | 21 | – | – | 94 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | – | 4 | 27 | 24 | 14 | 12 | – | – | 81 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 2 | .. | – | – | 2 | – | 1 | 5 |
| Total home-based | no. | 2 | 9 | 64 | 39 | 30 | 35 | – | 1 | 180 |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | – | – | .. | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | – | – | .. | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total children | no. | 5 | 9 | 66 | 41 | 33 | 36 | – | 1 | 191 |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 507 | 515 | 656 | 168 | 334 | 48 | 38 | 90 | 2 356 |
| Family group homes | no. | 14 | – | .. | 185 | – | 29 | – | 9 | 237 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 7 550 | 2 132 | 4 223 | 1 549 | 1 114 | 401 | 213 | 472 | 17 654 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 10 044 | 3 877 | 3 306 | 1 821 | 1 162 | 302 | 318 | 17 | 20 847 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 1 136 | .. | – | – | 255 | 36 | 261 | 1 688 |
| Total home-based | no. | 17 594 | 7 145 | 7 529 | 3 370 | 2 276 | 958 | 567 | 750 | 40 189 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 66 | 49 | .. | – | 21 | 1 | – | 5 | 142 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 11 | 1 | .. | – | – | 18 | 1 | 54 | 85 |
| Total children | no. | 18 192 | 7 710 | 8 185 | 3 723 | 2 631 | 1 054 | 606 | 908 | 43 009 |
| 2013 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 126 | 64 | 218 | 76 | 100 | 5 | 9 | 59 | 657 |
| Family group homes | no. | 5 | – | .. | 117 | – | 8 | – | 7 | 137 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 2 146 | 239 | 1 812 | 593 | 250 | 105 | 49 | 354 | 5 548 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 3 900 | 512 | 1 165 | 888 | 434 | 65 | 78 | 37 | 7 079 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 103 | .. | – | – | 55 | 4 | 141 | 303 |
| Total home-based | no. | 6 046 | 854 | 2 977 | 1 481 | 684 | 225 | 131 | 532 | 12 930 |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 20 | 3 | .. | 7 | 4 | 3 | – | – | 37 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 6 | 1 | .. | 119 | – | 2 | – | 25 | 153 |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 6 203 | 922 | 3 195 | 1 800 | 788 | 243 | 140 | 623 | 13 914 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 353 | 409 | 397 | 74 | 221 | 34 | 25 | 14 | 1 527 |
| Family group homes | no. | 14 | – | .. | 73 | – | 14 | – | 1 | 102 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 4 941 | 1 760 | 2 649 | 857 | 838 | 329 | 154 | 52 | 11 580 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 5 830 | 2 677 | 1 838 | 693 | 745 | 229 | 203 | 3 | 12 218 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 545 | .. | – | 6 | 180 | 18 | 45 | 794 |
| Total home-based | no. | 10 771 | 4 982 | 4 487 | 1 550 | 1 589 | 738 | 375 | 100 | 24 592 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 73 | 20 | .. | 13 | 25 | 2 | – | 3 | 136 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 3 | 1 | .. | 71 | – | 15 | – | 7 | 97 |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 11 214 | 5 412 | 4 884 | 1 781 | 1 835 | 803 | 400 | 125 | 26 454 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 1 | 6 | 3 | – | 9 | – | 4 | – | 23 |
| Family group homes | no. | – | – | .. | 1 | – | – | – | – | 1 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 4 | 26 | 31 | 17 | 14 | 11 | 5 | – | 108 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | – | 1 | 23 | 36 | 11 | 9 | 10 | – | 90 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 32 | .. | – | – | – | – | – | 32 |
| Total home-based | no. | 4 | 59 | 54 | 53 | 25 | 20 | 15 | – | 230 |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | – | na | .. | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | – | na | .. | 1 | – | – | – | – | 1 |
| Total children | no. | 5 | 65 | 57 | 55 | 34 | 21 | 19 | – | 256 |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 480 | 479 | 618 | 150 | 330 | 39 | 38 | 73 | 2 207 |
| Family group homes | no. | 19 | – | .. | 191 | – | 22 | – | 8 | 240 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 7 091 | 2 025 | 4 492 | 1 467 | 1 102 | 445 | 208 | 406 | 17 236 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 9 730 | 3 190 | 3 026 | 1 617 | 1 190 | 303 | 291 | 40 | 19 387 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 680 | .. | – | 6 | 235 | 22 | 186 | 1 129 |
| Total home-based | no. | 16 821 | 5 895 | 7 518 | 3 084 | 2 298 | 983 | 521 | 632 | 37 752 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 93 | 23 | .. | 20 | 29 | 5 | – | 3 | 173 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 9 | 2 | .. | 191 | – | 18 | – | 32 | 252 |
| Total children | no. | 17 422 | 6 399 | 8 136 | 3 636 | 2 657 | 1 067 | 559 | 748 | 40 624 |
| 2012 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 121 | 87 | 240 | 76 | 78 | 4 | 8 | .. | 614 |
| Family group homes | no. | 2 | – | .. | 92 | – | 4 | – | 46 | 144 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 2 039 | 299 | 1 760 | 496 | 213 | 109 | 49 | 229 | 5 194 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 3 808 | 513 | 1 041 | 816 | 385 | 71 | 74 | 135 | 6 843 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 128 | .. | – | – | 21 | 2 | 118 | 269 |
| Total home-based | no. | 5 847 | 940 | 2 801 | 1 312 | 598 | 201 | 125 | 482 | 12 306 |

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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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 17 | 1 | .. | 5 | 6 | 2 | 1 | – | 32 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 4 | – | .. | 129 | 24 | 1 | – | 45 | 203 |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 5 991 | 1 028 | 3 041 | 1 614 | 706 | 212 | 134 | 573 | 13 299 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 331 | 383 | 409 | 73 | 168 | 26 | 23 | .. | 1 413 |
| Family group homes | no. | 28 | – | .. | 78 | – | 13 | – | 9 | 128 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 4 967 | 1 824 | 2 790 | 883 | 870 | 434 | 166 | 36 | 11 970 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 5 777 | 2 313 | 1 720 | 639 | 709 | 233 | 213 | 28 | 11 632 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 546 | .. | – | 5 | 61 | 19 | 44 | 675 |
| Total home-based | no. | 10 744 | 4 683 | 4 510 | 1 522 | 1 584 | 728 | 398 | 108 | 24 277 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 71 | 37 | .. | 8 | 20 | 6 | – | 1 | 143 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 3 | 3 | .. | 79 | 56 | 16 | – | 9 | 166 |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 11 177 | 5 106 | 4 919 | 1 760 | 1 828 | 789 | 421 | 127 | 26 127 |
| Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 3 | 8 | 4 | 1 | – | 2 | 2 | .. | 20 |
| Family group homes | no. | – | – | .. | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 20 | 43 | 29 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 3 | – | 110 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 1 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 5 | – | 40 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 16 | .. | – | – | – | 1 | – | 17 |
| Total home-based | no. | 21 | 65 | 35 | 17 | 14 | 6 | 9 | – | 167 |

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|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | – | – | .. | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | – | – | .. | 8 | – | – | – | – | 8 |
| Total children | no. | 24 | 73 | 39 | 26 | 14 | 8 | 11 | – | 195 |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 455 | 478 | 653 | 150 | 246 | 32 | 33 | .. | 2 047 |
| Family group homes | no. | 30 | – | .. | 170 | – | 17 | – | 55 | 272 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 7 026 | 2 166 | 4 579 | 1 386 | 1 087 | 547 | 218 | 265 | 17 274 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 9 586 | 2 832 | 2 767 | 1 465 | 1 104 | 306 | 292 | 163 | 18 515 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 690 | .. | – | 5 | 82 | 22 | 162 | 961 |
| Total home-based | no. | 16 612 | 5 688 | 7 346 | 2 851 | 2 196 | 935 | 532 | 590 | 36 750 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 88 | 38 | .. | 13 | 26 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 175 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 7 | 3 | .. | 216 | 80 | 17 | – | 54 | 377 |
| Total children | no. | 17 192 | 6 207 | 7 999 | 3 400 | 2 548 | 1 009 | 566 | 700 | 39 621 |
| 2011 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 93 | 59 | 245 | 101 | 70 | 6 | 13 | 11 | 598 |
| Family group homes | no. | 2 | – | .. | 60 | – | 9 | – | 33 | 104 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 1 931 | 270 | 1 680 | 436 | 201 | 96 | 42 | 221 | 4 877 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 3 683 | 447 | 925 | 788 | 336 | 67 | 63 | 79 | 6 388 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 101 | .. | 57 | – | 18 | 1 | 120 | 297 |
| Total home-based | no. | 5 614 | 818 | 2 605 | 1 281 | 537 | 181 | 106 | 420 | 11 562 |

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|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 24 | – | .. | 6 | 5 | – | – | 3 | 38 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 4 | – | .. | – | 18 | – | – | 34 | 56 |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 5 737 | 877 | 2 850 | 1 448 | 630 | 196 | 119 | 501 | 12 358 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 295 | 421 | 369 | 58 | 175 | 19 | 32 | 1 | 1 370 |
| Family group homes | no. | 28 | – | .. | 80 | – | 15 | – | 11 | 134 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 4 920 | 1 772 | 2 830 | 807 | 812 | 405 | 161 | 39 | 11 746 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 5 691 | 1 929 | 1 523 | 529 | 627 | 254 | 207 | 27 | 10 787 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 547 | .. | 37 | 4 | 39 | 8 | 44 | 679 |
| Total home-based | no. | 10 611 | 4 248 | 4 353 | 1 373 | 1 443 | 698 | 376 | 110 | 23 212 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 57 | 31 | .. | 16 | 21 | 2 | – | 1 | 128 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 3 | 1 | .. | – | 51 | 20 | 1 | 9 | 85 |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 10 994 | 4 701 | 4 722 | 1 527 | 1 690 | 754 | 409 | 132 | 24 929 |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 392 | 496 | 619 | 163 | 250 | 26 | 45 | 12 | 2 003 |
| Family group homes | no. | 30 | – | .. | 150 | – | 25 | – | 44 | 249 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 6 856 | 2 096 | 4 528 | 1 316 | 1 032 | 511 | 205 | 261 | 16 805 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 9 374 | 2 383 | 2 455 | 1 369 | 985 | 324 | 280 | 106 | 17 276 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 671 | .. | 100 | 4 | 57 | 9 | 164 | 1 005 |
| Total home-based | no. | 16 230 | 5 150 | 6 983 | 2 785 | 2 021 | 892 | 494 | 531 | 35 086 |

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|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 81 | 31 | .. | 22 | 26 | 3 | – | 4 | 167 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 7 | 1 | .. | – | 71 | 20 | 1 | 43 | 143 |
| Total children | no. | 16 740 | 5 678 | 7 602 | 3 120 | 2 368 | 966 | 540 | 634 | 37 648 |
| 2010 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 90 | 42 | 211 | 62 | 56 | 4 | 11 | 5 | 481 |
| Family group homes | no. | .. | – | .. | 37 | – | 1 | .. | 20 | 58 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 1 867 | 278 | 1 605 | 406 | 213 | 79 | 52 | 200 | 4 700 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 3 482 | 423 | 870 | 733 | 301 | 40 | 62 | 88 | 5 999 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 71 | .. | – | – | 13 | – | 64 | 148 |
| Total home-based | no. | 5 349 | 772 | 2 475 | 1 139 | 514 | 132 | 114 | 352 | 10 847 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 25 | 2 | .. | 4 | 2 | – | – | 3 | 36 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 1 | – | .. | – | 17 | 1 | – | 27 | 46 |
| Total Indigenous children | no. | 5 465 | 816 | 2 686 | 1 242 | 589 | 138 | 125 | 407 | 11 468 |
| Non-Indigenous children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 284 | 397 | 356 | 82 | 157 | 19 | 36 | 1 | 1 332 |
| Family group homes | no. | .. | – | .. | 27 | – | 18 | .. | 4 | 49 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 4 846 | 1 904 | 2 781 | 860 | 787 | 375 | 166 | 51 | 11 770 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 5 519 | 1 751 | 1 518 | 502 | 539 | 246 | 203 | 36 | 10 314 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 479 | .. | – | 4 | 71 | – | 38 | 592 |
| Total home-based | no. | 10 365 | 4 134 | 4 299 | 1 362 | 1 330 | 692 | 369 | 125 | 22 676 |

TABLE 16A.19

Table 16A.19 **Children aged 0-17 years in care by Indigenous status and placement type, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 50 | 21 | .. | 22 | 26 | – | – | 1 | 120 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | – | 1 | .. | 1 | 63 | 26 | – | 11 | 102 |
| Total non-Indigenous children | no. | 10 699 | 4 553 | 4 655 | 1 494 | 1 576 | 755 | 405 | 142 | 24 279 |
| All children in out-of-home care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care | no. | 378 | 454 | 567 | 144 | 216 | 23 | 47 | 6 | 1 835 |
| Family group homes | no. | .. | – | .. | 64 | – | 19 | .. | 24 | 107 |
| Home-based care | no. | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster care | no. | 6 720 | 2 234 | 4 393 | 1 267 | 1 013 | 454 | 219 | 251 | 16 551 |
| Relative/kinship care | no. | 9 001 | 2 185 | 2 390 | 1 235 | 847 | 286 | 266 | 126 | 16 336 |
| Other home based care | no. | – | 572 | .. | – | 4 | 84 | – | 102 | 762 |
| Total home-based | no. | 15 721 | 4 991 | 6 783 | 2 502 | 1 864 | 824 | 485 | 479 | 33 649 |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | no. | 75 | 23 | .. | 26 | 28 | – | – | 4 | 156 |
| Other (incl. unknown) | no. | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 80 | 27 | – | 38 | 148 |
| Total children | no. | 16 175 | 5 469 | 7 350 | 2 737 | 2 188 | 893 | 532 | 551 | 35 895 |

- (a) Family group homes are included as part of residential care. However, in this table they have been disaggregated.
- (b) From 2018-19 the scope of out-of-home care has changed, see box 16.1 and sub-section 16.4. This means that in some jurisdictions data from 2018-19 are not comparable with data for previous years. For 2018-19, children in other living arrangements that were previously included in the scope of out-of-home care will be excluded from the count of children in out-of-home care and reported as 'other supported placements' in data tables. The scope of out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but declined by the carer.
- (c) NSW: Data for children in out-of-home care from 2014-15 excludes children/young people who are in the independent care of their guardian and from 2017-18 also excludes children on immigration orders.
- (d) Victoria: From 2017-18 excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.

Table 16A.19 **Children aged 0-17 years in care by Indigenous status and placement type, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-----|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| (e) | Queensland: From 2014-15 onwards, Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive data in this table according to national definitions and specifications. Data from 2014-15 onwards are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. Queensland retains some funding and case management responsibility for children subject to third party parental responsibility orders who are excluded from the revised national definition of out-of-home care. | | | | | | | | | |
| (f) | 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. | | | | | | | | | |
| (g) | 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). From 2017-18 onwards, adjustments to the service delivery model have meant that children against 'independent living' have been realigned to 'residential care', to be consistent with CP NMDS Data Collection Manual. | | | | | | | | | |
| (h) | 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 was reported as high in 2017-18 but has since improved through data remediation. Figures for 2017-18 have been retrospectively updated. | | | | | | | | | |
| (i) | 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. | | | | | | | | | |
| (j) | 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 2018-19; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.20

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 2019 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 3 867 | 1 654 | 1 246 | 1 361 | 681 | 141 | 124 | 274 | 9 348 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 5 097 | 4 570 | 1 744 | 1 067 | 1 090 | 280 | 253 | 21 | 14 122 |
| Unknown | no. | 2 | – | 4 | 1 | 6 | 7 | – | – | 20 |
| All children | no. | 8 966 | 6 224 | 2 994 | 2 429 | 1 777 | 428 | 377 | 295 | 23 490 |
| Proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | % | 57.3 | 75.8 | 34.8 | 52.3 | 50.9 | 37.2 | 62.3 | 28.9 | 52.0 |
| Non-Indigenous | % | 50.3 | 72.4 | 38.5 | 49.7 | 44.7 | 39.7 | 50.9 | 19.4 | 52.6 |
| Unknown | % | 66.7 | – | 23.5 | 50.0 | 27.3 | 36.8 | – | – | 31.7 |
| All children | % | 53.1 | 73.3 | 36.8 | 51.1 | 46.8 | 38.8 | 54.2 | 27.9 | 52.3 |
| Number of children in out-of-home care or other supported placements placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | na | na | 1 752 | 1 364 | 702 | 178 | 135 | 274 | na |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | na | na | 2 548 | 1 073 | 1 149 | 360 | 297 | 21 | na |
| Unknown | no. | na | na | 5 | 1 | 6 | 7 | – | – | na |
| All children | no. | na | na | 4 305 | 2 438 | 1 857 | 545 | 432 | 295 | na |
| Proportion of children in out-of-home care or other supported placements placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | % | na | na | 42.4 | 52.2 | 51.5 | 41.1 | 57.7 | 28.9 | na |
| Non-Indigenous | % | na | na | 46.2 | 49.8 | 44.1 | 41.3 | 51.9 | 19.4 | na |
| Unknown | % | na | na | 27.8 | 50.0 | 27.3 | 33.3 | .. | .. | na |
| All children | % | na | na | 44.5 | 51.1 | 46.6 | 41.1 | 53.6 | 27.9 | na |
| 2018 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 3 855 | 1 414 | 1 657 | 1 260 | 633 | 142 | 158 | 46 | 9 165 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 5 236 | 4 079 | 2 427 | 917 | 1 023 | 336 | 309 | 9 | 14 336 |
| Unknown | no. | 2 | – | 23 | 1 | 28 | 16 | – | – | 70 |
| All children | no. | 9 093 | 5 493 | 4 107 | 2 178 | 1 684 | 494 | 467 | 55 | 23 571 |

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | % | 57.0 | 71.6 | 43.2 | 51.4 | 52.1 | 36.5 | 60.8 | 4.8 | 51.4 |
| Non-Indigenous | % | 49.3 | 68.2 | 46.4 | 46.0 | 42.4 | 39.6 | 54.6 | 7.9 | 51.6 |
| Unknown | % | 66.7 | – | 46.0 | 50.0 | 42.4 | 47.1 | – | – | 45.2 |
| All children | % | 52.3 | 69.1 | 45.1 | 49.0 | 45.6 | 38.8 | 56.5 | 5.2 | 51.5 |
| 2017 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| Proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| Proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |

TABLE 16A.20

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| Proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2014 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 4 006 | 709 | 1 274 | 1 043 | 422 | 65 | 81 | 17 | 7 617 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 6 038 | 3 164 | 2 005 | 754 | 726 | 225 | 237 | – | 13 149 |
| Unknown | no. | – | 4 | 27 | 24 | 14 | 12 | – | – | 81 |
| All children | no. | 10 044 | 3 877 | 3 306 | 1 821 | 1 162 | 302 | 318 | 17 | 20 847 |
| Proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2013 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |

TABLE 16A.20

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| All children | no. | 9 730 | 3 190 | 3 026 | 1 617 | 1 190 | 303 | 291 | 40 | 19 387 |
| Proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2012 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| Proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2011 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| Proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |

TABLE 16A.20

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| All children | % | 56.0 | 42.0 | 32.3 | 43.8 | 41.6 | 33.5 | 51.9 | 16.7 | 45.9 |
| 2010 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| Proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | % | 63.7 | 51.8 | 32.4 | 59.0 | 51.1 | 29.0 | 49.6 | 21.6 | 52.3 |
| Non-Indigenous | % | 51.6 | 38.5 | 32.6 | 33.6 | 34.2 | 32.6 | 50.1 | 25.4 | 42.5 |
| Unknown | % | – | 11.0 | 22.2 | – | 30.4 | na | 50.0 | 100.0 | 15.5 |
| All children | % | 55.6 | 40.0 | 32.5 | 45.1 | 38.7 | 32.0 | 50.0 | 22.9 | 45.5 |

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

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

- (a) From 2018-19 the scope of out-of-home care has changed, see box 16.1 and sub-section 16.4. This means that in some jurisdictions data from 2018-19 are not comparable with data for previous years. For 2018-19, children in other living arrangements that were previously included in the scope of out-of-home care will be excluded from the count of children in out-of-home care and reported as 'other supported placements' in data tables. The scope of out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but declined by the carer.
- (b) 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.
- (c) NSW: Data for children in out-of-home care from 2014-15 excludes children/young people who are in the independent care of their guardian and from 2017-18 also excludes children on immigration orders.
- (d) Victoria: From 2017-18 excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.
- (e) Queensland: From 2014-15 onwards, Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive data in this table according to national definitions and specifications. Data from 2014-15 onwards are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. Queensland retains some funding and case management responsibility for children subject to third party parental responsibility orders who are excluded from the revised national definition of out-of-home care.

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

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|-----|---|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| (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. 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 was reported as high in 2017-18 publications but has since improved through data remediation. Figures for 2017-18 have been retrospectively updated. | | | | | | | | | |
| (g) | 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. | | | | | | | | | |
| (h) | NT: The increase in Relative/Kinship and decrease in Foster Care placements in 2018-19 is due to improvements in data extracts that better identifies placement type. 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 2018-19; 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 care by relationship with 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> |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| 2019 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children <u>in out-of-home care</u> 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. | 2 356 | 891 | 750 | 1 025 | 422 | 32 | 80 | 295 | 5 851 |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin | no. | 1 508 | 777 | 496 | 336 | 259 | 111 | 44 | – | 3 531 |
| Total placed with relatives/kin | no. | 3 864 | 1 668 | 1 246 | 1 361 | 681 | 143 | 124 | 295 | 9 382 |
| Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer | no. | 1 055 | 41 | 474 | 215 | 99 | 17 | 4 | 53 | 1 958 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | no. | – | 7 | 40 | 18 | 53 | – | – | – | 118 |
| Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | no. | 1 055 | 48 | 514 | 233 | 152 | 17 | 4 | 53 | 2 076 |
| Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential | no. | 4 919 | 1 716 | 1 760 | 1 594 | 833 | 160 | 128 | 348 | 11 458 |
| 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. | 1 516 | 355 | 1 456 | 828 | 350 | 192 | 62 | 596 | 5 355 |
| In non-Indigenous residential care | no. | 184 | 98 | 360 | 182 | 155 | 26 | 9 | – | 1 014 |
| Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential | no. | 1 700 | 453 | 1 816 | 1 010 | 505 | 218 | 71 | 596 | 6 369 |
| Independent living/living arrangements unknown | no. | 135 | 12 | – | – | – | 1 | – | 2 | 150 |
| Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care | no. | 6 754 | 2 181 | 3 576 | 2 604 | 1 338 | 379 | 199 | 946 | 17 977 |
| Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children <u>in out-of-home care</u> 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 | % | 35.6 | 41.1 | 21.0 | 39.4 | 31.5 | 8.5 | 40.2 | 31.3 | 32.8 |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin | % | 22.8 | 35.8 | 13.9 | 12.9 | 19.4 | 29.4 | 22.1 | – | 19.8 |

TABLE 16A.21

Table 16A.21 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care by relationship with 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 placed with relatives/kin | % | 58.4 | 76.9 | 34.8 | 52.3 | 50.9 | 37.8 | 62.3 | 31.3 | 52.6 |
| Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer | % | 15.9 | 1.9 | 13.3 | 8.3 | 7.4 | 4.5 | 2.0 | 5.6 | 11.0 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | % | – | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 4.0 | – | – | – | 0.7 |
| Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | % | 15.9 | 2.2 | 14.4 | 8.9 | 11.4 | 4.5 | 2.0 | 5.6 | 11.6 |
| Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential | % | 74.3 | 79.1 | 49.2 | 61.2 | 62.3 | 42.3 | 64.3 | 36.9 | 64.3 |
| Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other non-Indigenous carer | % | 22.9 | 16.4 | 40.7 | 31.8 | 26.2 | 50.8 | 31.2 | 63.1 | 30.0 |
| In non-Indigenous residential care | % | 2.8 | 4.5 | 10.1 | 7.0 | 11.6 | 6.9 | 4.5 | – | 5.7 |
| Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential | % | 25.7 | 20.9 | 50.8 | 38.8 | 37.7 | 57.7 | 35.7 | 63.1 | 35.7 |
| 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 |
| Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children <u>in out-of-home care or other supported placements</u> 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. | na | 1 075 | 1 023 | 1 026 | 433 | 44 | 85 | 295 | na |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin | no. | na | 831 | 729 | 338 | 269 | 134 | 50 | – | na |
| Total placed with relatives/kin | no. | na | 1 906 | 1 752 | 1 364 | 702 | 178 | 135 | 295 | na |
| Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer | no. | na | 53 | 487 | 215 | 99 | 23 | 4 | 53 | na |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | no. | na | 7 | 40 | 18 | 53 | – | – | – | na |
| Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | no. | na | 60 | 527 | 233 | 152 | 23 | 4 | 53 | na |

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Table 16A.21 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care by relationship with 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 children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | no. | na | 1 966 | 2 279 | 1 597 | 854 | 201 | 139 | 348 | na |
| Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | | | | | | | | | | na |
| Other non-Indigenous carer | no. | na | 435 | 1 494 | 830 | 354 | 205 | 83 | 596 | na |
| In non-Indigenous residential care | no. | na | 98 | 360 | 185 | 155 | 26 | 12 | – | na |
| 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. | na | 533 | 1 854 | 1 015 | 509 | 231 | 95 | 596 | na |
| Independent living/living arrangements unknown | no. | na | 65 | – | – | – | 1 | – | 2 | na |
| Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care | no. | 7 790 | 2 564 | 4 133 | 2 612 | 1 363 | 433 | 234 | 946 | 20 075 |
| Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in <u>out-of-home care or other supported placements</u> 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 | % | na | 43.0 | 24.8 | 39.3 | 31.8 | 10.2 | 36.3 | 31.3 | na |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin | % | na | 33.3 | 17.6 | 12.9 | 19.7 | 31.0 | 21.4 | – | na |
| Total placed with relatives/kin | % | na | 76.3 | 42.4 | 52.2 | 51.5 | 41.2 | 57.7 | 31.3 | na |
| Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer | % | na | 2.1 | 11.8 | 8.2 | 7.3 | 5.3 | 1.7 | 5.6 | na |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | % | na | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 3.9 | – | – | – | na |
| Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | % | na | 2.4 | 12.8 | 8.9 | 11.2 | 5.3 | 1.7 | 5.6 | na |
| Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | % | na | 78.7 | 55.1 | 61.1 | 62.7 | 46.5 | 59.4 | 36.9 | na |

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Table 16A.21 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care by relationship with 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> |
|---|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other non-Indigenous carer | % | na | 17.4 | 36.1 | 31.8 | 26.0 | 47.5 | 35.5 | 63.1 | na |
| In non-Indigenous residential care | % | na | 3.9 | 8.7 | 7.1 | 11.4 | 6.0 | 5.1 | – | na |
| Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | % | na | 21.3 | 44.9 | 38.9 | 37.3 | 53.5 | 40.6 | 63.1 | na |
| Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care | % | na | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | na |

2018

Number of 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 | 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 | 140 | 20 | 11 | – | 862 |

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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. | 1 713 | 359 | 1 665 | 978 | 436 | 191 | 98 | 632 | 6 072 |
| Independent living/living arrangements unknown | no. | 86 | 273 | – | – | – | – | – | 3 | 362 |
| 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 |
| Proportion of 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 | 32.3 | 8.7 | 39.6 | 27.3 | 33.4 |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin | % | 21.8 | 31.4 | 18.5 | 12.6 | 19.7 | 27.6 | 21.2 | – | 19.5 |
| Total placed with relatives/kin | % | 57.7 | 74.6 | 43.2 | 51.4 | 52.1 | 36.3 | 60.8 | 27.3 | 52.9 |
| Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer | % | 16.6 | 3.4 | 12.2 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 6.3 | 1.5 | 5.9 | 11.5 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | % | – | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 3.9 | – | – | – | 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 | 12.1 | 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 | 64.1 | 42.6 | 62.3 | 33.3 | 65.1 |
| Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other non-Indigenous carer | % | 22.9 | 18.3 | 35.4 | 33.6 | 24.3 | 51.4 | 33.5 | 66.7 | 29.9 |
| In non-Indigenous residential care | % | 2.7 | 2.8 | 8.0 | 6.3 | 11.5 | 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 | 35.9 | 57.4 | 37.7 | 66.7 | 34.9 |

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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 |
| 2017 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of 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 | 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 |
| 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/living arrangements 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 |

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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> |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Proportion of 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 |
| 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 |

2016

Number of 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 | no. | 2 743 | 615 | 873 | 925 | 359 | 15 | 68 | 269 | 5 867 |
|--|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-------|

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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 | 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 |
| 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/living arrangements 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 |
| Proportion of 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 |

TABLE 16A.21

Table 16A.21 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care by relationship with 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> |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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 |
| 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

Number of 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 | 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 |

TABLE 16A.21

Table 16A.21 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care by relationship with 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 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/living arrangements 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 |
| Proportion of 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 | % | 41.0 | 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 |

TABLE 16A.21

Table 16A.21 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care by relationship with 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> |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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 |

2014

Number of 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 | no. | 2 994 | 371 | 775 | 821 | 274 | 13 | 38 | 262 | 5 548 |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin | no. | 1 012 | 245 | 499 | 222 | 148 | 52 | 43 | – | 2 221 |
| Total placed with relatives/kin | no. | 4 006 | 616 | 1 274 | 1 043 | 422 | 65 | 81 | 262 | 7 769 |
| Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer | no. | 1 224 | 54 | 523 | 181 | 88 | 27 | 3 | 70 | 2 170 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | no. | 58 | 11 | 42 | 16 | 15 | 2 | – | – | 144 |
| Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | no. | 1 282 | 65 | 565 | 197 | 103 | 29 | 3 | 70 | 2 314 |
| Total children placed 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 |

TABLE 16A.21

Table 16A.21 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care by relationship with 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 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/living arrangements 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 |
| Proportion of 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 |
| 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 |

TABLE 16A.21

Table 16A.21 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care by relationship with 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 |
| 2013 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of 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 | no. | 2 927 | 327 | 729 | 698 | 286 | 14 | 64 | 189 | 5 234 |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin | no. | 973 | 174 | 436 | 187 | 149 | 51 | 14 | – | 1 984 |
| Total placed with relatives/kin | no. | 3 900 | 501 | 1 165 | 885 | 435 | 65 | 78 | 189 | 7 218 |
| Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer | no. | 1 112 | 48 | 569 | 199 | 91 | 31 | 5 | 83 | 2 138 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | no. | 32 | 11 | 39 | 20 | – | – | 1 | – | 103 |
| Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | no. | 1 144 | 59 | 608 | 219 | 91 | 31 | 6 | 83 | 2 241 |
| Total children placed 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/living arrangements 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 |

Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June

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Table 16A.21 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care by relationship with 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> |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |

2012

Number of 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 | 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 |

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Table 16A.21 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care by relationship with 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 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 |
| 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/living arrangements 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 |
| Proportion of 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 |

TABLE 16A.21

Table 16A.21 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care by relationship with 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 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 |

2011

Number of 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 | 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 |

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Table 16A.21 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care by relationship with 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 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/living arrangements 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 |
| Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care at 30 June | | | | | | | | | | |
| Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin | % | 50.5 | 24.6 | 21.2 | 45.2 | 40.7 | 13.3 | 45.4 | 23.0 | 39.0 |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin | % | 13.9 | 26.3 | 11.2 | 11.8 | 14.7 | 20.9 | 7.6 | – | 13.5 |
| Total placed with relatives/kin | % | 64.5 | 51.0 | 32.5 | 57.1 | 55.4 | 34.2 | 52.9 | 23.0 | 52.5 |
| Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer | % | 17.4 | 5.4 | 17.9 | 12.6 | 17.6 | 8.7 | 9.2 | 10.5 | 15.6 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | % | 0.5 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 1.8 | – | 1.7 | – | 1.1 |
| Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | % | 17.9 | 6.5 | 20.0 | 14.1 | 19.4 | 8.7 | 10.9 | 10.5 | 16.7 |
| Total children placed 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 |

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Table 16A.21 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care by relationship with 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> |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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 |

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Number of 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 | no. | 2 802 | 209 | 571 | 633 | 224 | 15 | 55 | 124 | 4 633 |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin | no. | 680 | 214 | 299 | 110 | 77 | 25 | 7 | – | 1 412 |
| Total placed with relatives/kin | no. | 3 482 | 423 | 870 | 743 | 301 | 40 | 62 | 124 | 6 045 |
| Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer | no. | 949 | 47 | 538 | 161 | 115 | 4 | 9 | 58 | 1 881 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | no. | 38 | 5 | 37 | 22 | 16 | – | 2 | – | 120 |
| Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care | no. | 987 | 52 | 575 | 183 | 131 | 4 | 11 | 58 | 2 001 |
| Total children placed 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 |

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Table 16A.21 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care by relationship with 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 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/living arrangements 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 |
| Proportion of 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 |
| 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 |

TABLE 16A.21

Table 16A.21 **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care by relationship with 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 (subject to caveats) 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 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.
- (c) From 2018-19 the scope of out-of-home care has changed, see box 16.1 and sub-section 16.4. This means that in some jurisdictions data from 2018-19 are not comparable with data for previous years. For 2018-19, children in other living arrangements that were previously included in the scope of out-of-home care will be excluded from the count of children in out-of-home care and reported as 'other supported placements' in data tables. The scope of out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but declined by the carer.
- (d) Residential care includes family group homes.
- (e) NSW: Data for children in out-of-home care from 2014-15 excludes children/young people who are in the independent care of their guardian and from 2017-18 also excludes children on immigration orders.
- (f) Victoria: From 2017-18 excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.
- (g) Queensland: From 2014-15 onwards, Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive data in this table according to national definitions and specifications. Data from 2014-15 onwards are not comparable to previous years and may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. Queensland retains some funding and case management responsibility for children subject to third party parental responsibility orders who are excluded from the revised national definition of out-of-home care.
- (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. From 2017-18 onwards, adjustments to the service delivery model have meant that children against 'independent living' have been realigned to 'residential care', to be consistent with CP NMDS Data Collection Manual.

Table 16A.21 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care by relationship with 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> |
|-----|---|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| (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 was reported as high in 2017-18 publications but has since improved through data remediation. Figures for 2017-18 have been retrospectively updated. | | | | | | | | | |
| (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: 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 out-of-home care (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 2018-19; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.22

Table 16A.22 **Children aged 0-17 years with documented case plans, by Indigenous status, 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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2019 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0–17 years with a current documented case plan | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 4 687 | 1 660 | 3 567 | 2 043 | 1 124 | 229 | 192 | 886 | 14 388 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 6 847 | 4 115 | 4 591 | 1 695 | 2 170 | 451 | 442 | 105 | 20 416 |
| Indigenous status unknown | no. | 3 | – | 6 | – | 21 | 10 | – | – | 40 |
| All children | no. | 11 537 | 5 775 | 8 164 | 3 738 | 3 315 | 690 | 634 | 991 | 34 844 |
| Children aged 0–17 years required to have a current documented case plan | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 5 791 | 1 670 | 3 842 | 2 524 | 1 293 | 359 | 228 | 965 | 16 672 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 8 392 | 4 144 | 4 851 | 2 032 | 2 417 | 689 | 534 | 115 | 23 174 |
| Unknown | no. | 4 | – | 11 | 1 | 21 | 16 | – | – | 53 |
| All children | no. | 14 187 | 5 814 | 8 704 | 4 557 | 3 731 | 1 064 | 762 | 1 080 | 39 899 |
| Proportion of children aged 0-17 with a documented case plan | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | % | 80.9 | 99.4 | 92.8 | 80.9 | 86.9 | 63.8 | 84.2 | 91.8 | 86.3 |
| Non-Indigenous | % | 81.6 | 99.3 | 94.6 | 83.4 | 89.8 | 65.5 | 82.8 | 91.3 | 88.1 |
| Unknown | % | 75.0 | na | 54.5 | – | 100.0 | 62.5 | na | na | 75.5 |
| All children | % | 81.3 | 99.3 | 93.8 | 82.0 | 88.9 | 64.8 | 83.2 | 91.8 | 87.3 |
| 2018 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 179 | 177 | 666 | 8 315 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | na | 3 930 | 4 347 | 1 520 | 1 204 | 342 | 425 | 99 | 11 867 |
| Indigenous status unknown | no. | na | – | 33 | 1 | – | 24 | – | – | 58 |
| All children | no. | na | 5 359 | 7 820 | 3 340 | 1 809 | 545 | 602 | 765 | 20 240 |
| 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 | 306 | 241 | 968 | 10 052 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | na | 4 018 | 4 527 | 1 908 | 2 258 | 647 | 535 | 124 | 14 017 |
| Unknown | no. | na | – | 45 | 1 | – | 36 | – | – | 82 |

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Table 16A.22 **Children aged 0-17 years with documented case plans, by Indigenous status, 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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| All children | no. | na | 5 498 | 8 135 | 4 273 | 3 388 | 989 | 776 | 1 092 | 24 151 |
| Proportion of children aged 0-17 with a documented case plan | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | % | na | 96.6 | 96.5 | 76.9 | 53.5 | 58.5 | 73.4 | 68.8 | 82.7 |
| Non-Indigenous | % | na | 97.8 | 96.0 | 79.7 | 53.3 | 52.9 | 79.4 | 79.8 | 84.7 |
| Unknown | % | na | na | 73.3 | 100.0 | na | 66.7 | na | na | 70.7 |
| All children | % | na | 97.5 | 96.1 | 78.2 | 53.4 | 55.1 | 77.6 | 70.1 | 83.8 |
| 2017 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| Indigenous status unknown | no. | – | na | 46 | – | na | 15 | – | – | 61 |
| All children | no. | 12 746 | 4 514 | 7 521 | 3 089 | na | 623 | 530 | 674 | 29 697 |
| 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 of children aged 0-17 with a documented case plan | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children aged 0–17 years with a current documented case plan | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |

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Table 16A.22 **Children aged 0-17 years with documented case plans, by Indigenous status, 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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| Indigenous status 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 |
| 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 of children aged 0-17 with a documented case plan | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| Indigenous status unknown | no. | – | – | 41 | – | na | 4 | – | na | 45 |
| All children | no. | 10 891 | 3 623 | 7 204 | 3 141 | na | 640 | 543 | na | 26 042 |
| 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 of children aged 0-17 with a documented case plan | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |

TABLE 16A.22

Table 16A.22 **Children aged 0-17 years with documented case plans, by Indigenous status, 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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| Unknown | % | na | na | 93.2 | na | na | 100.0 | .. | na | 93.8 |
| All children | % | 79.9 | 99.2 | 97.1 | 82.2 | na | 68.2 | 87.7 | na | 86.6 |
| 2014 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| Indigenous status 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 |
| 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 of children aged 0-17 with a documented case plan | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | % | 65.5 | 99.0 | 97.5 | 82.8 | na | 69.2 | 85.5 | na | 80.5 |
| Non-Indigenous | % | 71.2 | 98.6 | 96.8 | 87.7 | na | 72.8 | 80.5 | na | 83.1 |
| Unknown | % | – | 100.0 | 96.2 | 90.9 | na | 50.0 | na | na | 81.1 |
| All children | % | 69.2 | 98.7 | 97.1 | 85.2 | na | 71.2 | 81.8 | na | 82.1 |
| 2013 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| Indigenous status 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 |
| 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 |

TABLE 16A.22

Table 16A.22 **Children aged 0-17 years with documented case plans, by Indigenous status, 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> |
|--|-------------|---------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| 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 of children aged 0-17 with a documented case plan | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2012 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| Indigenous status 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 |
| Children aged 0–17 years required to have a current documented case plan | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | na | na | 2 928 | 1 508 | na | 193 | 136 | na | 4 765 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | na | na | 4 478 | 1 606 | na | 703 | 429 | na | 7 216 |
| Unknown | no. | na | na | 32 | 4 | na | 4 | 10 | na | 50 |
| All children | no. | na | na | 7 438 | 3 118 | na | 900 | 575 | na | 12 031 |
| Proportion of children aged 0-17 with a documented case plan | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

Table 16A.22 **Children aged 0-17 years with documented case plans, by Indigenous status, 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> |
|-----|---|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| (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 implemented a new client management system in 2017-18. Data were not available in 2017-18 and prior to 2011-12. As a result of the new client system while data has been reported for 2018-19, the number of children with documented case plans may be under-reported due to under-reporting from Funded Service Providers. | | | | | | | | | |
| (d) | Queensland: From 2014-15 onwards, Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive data in this table according to national definitions and specifications. Data from 2014-15 onwards 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 was reported as high in 2017-18 publications but has since improved through data remediation. Figures for 2017-18 have been retrospectively updated. | | | | | | | | | |
| (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. | | | | | | | | | |
| (g) | In the NT, improvements in case plan compliance have been driven by increased oversight and improved reporting and forecasting. | | | | | | | | | |
| | na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero. | | | | | | | | | |

Source : State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2018-19; 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 (2018-19 dollars) - New South Wales (a), (b), (c)

| | Unit | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
|---|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <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 | \$ | 261 | 248 | 223 | 210 | 267 | 263 |
| AG1: Cost per notification | \$ | 549 | 528 | 443 | 385 | 464 | 456 |
| AG1: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 4.1 |
| <i>Activity group 2: Provision of generic family support services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG2: Cost per child receiving family support services | \$ | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| AG2: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 7.8 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 5.4 |
| <i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services | \$ | 9 314 | 10 259 | 10 221 | 10 790 | 10 150 | 12 029 |
| AG3: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 10.3 | 10.7 | 10.1 | 9.8 | 8.7 | 8.0 |
| <i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG4: Cost per notification investigated | \$ | 1 190 | 1 000 | 996 | 889 | 1 846 | 1 508 |
| AG4: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 5.3 |
| <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 | \$ | 4 790 | 4 694 | 4 227 | 3 556 | na | na |
| AG5: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 5.9 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 6.2 |
| <i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG6: Cost per order issued | \$ | 19 110 | 9 055 | 11 019 | 11 454 | na | 21 944 |
| AG6: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 6.4 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 6.5 | 6.7 |
| <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 | \$ | 25 976 | 23 341 | 24 079 | 30 023 | na | na |
| AG7: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 5.3 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 5.5 |
| <i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care and other supported placement services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG8: Cost per placement night | \$ | 132 | 151 | 170 | 179 | 191 | 218 |

Table 16A.23 **Activity group unit costs (2018-19 dollars) - New South Wales (a), (b), (c)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2013-14</i> | <i>2014-15</i> | <i>2015-16</i> | <i>2016-17</i> | <i>2017-18</i> | <i>2018-19</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| AG8: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 54.8 | 57.5 | 59.2 | 61.3 | 59.1 | 58.7 |

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 of out-of-home care and other supported placements.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for protective intervention services activity groups. All required 2018-19 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 WA is able to provide all required 2018-19 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2). All required 2018-19 data for Queensland are not available for intensive family support services (AG3).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost of out-of-home care and other supported placements (AG8).

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2018-19 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2018-19 = 100). See Section 2 for details.
- (b) Reports, notifications, family support services, intensive family support services and intervention orders relate to children aged 0-17 years. Investigations and secondary information gathering may relate to young people aged 18 years and over if the notification was received while the child was aged less than 18 years. Expenditure on other supported placements may include expenditure relating to young people aged over 18 years.
- (c) 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.49.

TABLE 16A.24

Table 16A.24 Activity group unit costs (2018-19 dollars) - Victoria (a), (b), (c)

| | Unit | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
|---|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <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 | \$ | 330 | 309 | 297 | 303 | 351 | 373 |
| AG1: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.0 |
| <i>Activity group 2: Provision of generic family support services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG2: Cost per child receiving family support services | \$ | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| AG2: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 14.4 | 14.5 | 15.0 | 15.2 | 16.5 | 15.4 |
| <i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services | \$ | 10 184 | 8 574 | 7 993 | 8 165 | 9 744 | 8 247 |
| AG3: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 10.1 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 10.5 | 10.6 | 9.9 |
| <i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG4: Cost per notification investigated | \$ | 1 741 | 1 538 | 1 526 | 1 471 | 1 631 | 1 650 |
| AG4: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| <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 | \$ | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| AG5: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| <i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG6: Cost per order issued | \$ | 2 700 | 2 449 | 2 563 | 3 108 | 3 545 | 3 711 |
| AG6: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 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 | na |
| AG7: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 6.8 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 6.4 |
| <i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care and other supported placements services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG8: Cost per placement night | \$ | 162 | 159 | 155 | 164 | 175 | 193 |

Table 16A.24 **Activity group unit costs (2018-19 dollars) - Victoria (a), (b), (c)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2013-14</i> | <i>2014-15</i> | <i>2015-16</i> | <i>2016-17</i> | <i>2017-18</i> | <i>2018-19</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| AG8: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 51.3 | 52.1 | 51.3 | 52.0 | 50.0 | 52.1 |

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 of out-of-home care and other supported placements.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for protective intervention services activity groups. All required 2018-19 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 WA is able to provide all required 2018-19 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2). All required 2018-19 data for Queensland are not available for intensive family support services (AG3).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost of out-of-home care and other supported placements (AG8).

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2018-19 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2018-19 = 100). See Section 2 for details.
- (b) Reports, notifications, family support services, intensive family support services and intervention orders relate to children aged 0-17 years. Investigations and secondary information gathering may relate to young people aged 18 years and over if the notification was received while the child was aged less than 18 years. Expenditure on other supported placements may include expenditure relating to young people aged over 18 years.
- (c) 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.49.

TABLE 16A.25

Table 16A.25 **Activity group unit costs (2018-19 dollars) - Queensland (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

| | Unit | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
|---|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <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 | \$ | 191 | 281 | 254 | 233 | 210 | 181 |
| AG1: Cost per notification | \$ | 1 066 | 1 352 | 1 116 | 1 111 | 1 056 | 869 |
| AG1: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 2.8 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 1.9 |
| <i>Activity group 2: Provision of generic family support services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG2: Cost per child receiving family support services | \$ | na | na | na | 2 615 | 2 143 | na |
| AG2: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 7.1 | 3.6 | 6.1 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 7.1 |
| <i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services | \$ | 9 970 | 16 592 | 16 328 | 6 092 | 7 300 | na |
| AG3: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 5.0 | 8.0 | 7.4 | 7.8 | 9.1 | 9.0 |
| <i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG4: Cost per notification investigated | \$ | 2 486 | 2 303 | 1 729 | 1 736 | 1 756 | 1 726 |
| AG4: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 6.6 | 5.7 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| <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 | 29 235 | 27 954 | 28 432 | 24 891 |
| AG5: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 4.3 | 4.2 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 5.9 | 4.4 |
| <i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG6: Cost per order issued | \$ | 6 685 | 8 075 | 6 940 | 8 709 | 8 326 | 8 792 |
| AG6: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.8 |
| <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 | \$ | 17 482 | 18 391 | 13 416 | 11 319 | 11 488 | 12 365 |
| AG7: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 18.3 | 18.7 | 13.8 | 11.1 | 10.5 | 10.9 |
| <i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care and other supported placements services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG8: Cost per placement night | \$ | 153 | 154 | 164 | 169 | 188 | 203 |

Table 16A.25 Activity group unit costs (2018-19 dollars) - Queensland (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

| | Unit | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
|---|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| AG8: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 51.3 | 51.8 | 55.7 | 55.0 | 56.8 | 58.3 |

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 of out-of-home care and other supported placements.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for protective intervention services activity groups. All required 2018-19 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 WA is able to provide all required 2018-19 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2). All required 2018-19 data for Queensland are not available for intensive family support services (AG3).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost of out-of-home care and other supported placements (AG8).

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2018-19 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2018-19 = 100). See Section 2 for details.
- (b) Reports, notifications, family support services, intensive family support services and intervention orders relate to children aged 0-17 years. Investigations and secondary information gathering may relate to young people aged 18 years and over if the notification was received while the child was aged less than 18 years. Expenditure on other supported placements may include expenditure relating to young people aged over 18 years.
- (c) 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.
- (d) In Queensland, any person can refer a family to an Intensive Family Support service, provided the family meet the referral criteria. Data regarding the number of children commencing/receiving services in 2015-16 and earlier relate to children supported by Queensland's former tertiary family intervention services. Data regarding the number of children commencing/receiving services from 2016-17 onwards relate to children supported by Queensland's secondary family support services and is compiled from data provided by non-government service providers. Data regarding the number of children commencing/receiving services in 2016-17 and 2017-18 are from a new information system. Data regarding the number of children commencing/receiving services in 2018-19 are not available due to Queensland working to improve the quality and completeness of child data provided by non-government service providers. Data from previous years should be treated with caution. Future reporting will not be comparable to previous years.
- (e) 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.49.

TABLE 16A.26

Table 16A.26 Activity group unit costs (2018-19 dollars) - Western Australia (a), (b), (c)

| | Unit | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
|---|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <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 | \$ | 229 | 253 | 210 | 240 | 281 | 293 |
| AG1: Cost per notification | \$ | 1 261 | 1 464 | 1 217 | 1 077 | 1 195 | 983 |
| AG1: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 4.7 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 3.9 |
| <i>Activity group 2: Provision of generic family support services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG2: Cost per child receiving family support services | \$ | na | 7 493 | 6 417 | 2 352 | 1 614 | 2 422 |
| AG2: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 9.6 | 8.5 | 9.0 | 4.5 | 2.6 | 3.1 |
| <i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services | \$ | 10 210 | 9 048 | 8 662 | 9 475 | 8 648 | 8 713 |
| AG3: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| <i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG4: Cost per notification investigated | \$ | 1 973 | 2 325 | 2 597 | 2 339 | 2 529 | 2 872 |
| AG4: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 5.7 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 7.8 |
| <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 | \$ | 8 431 | 6 871 | 6 577 | 7 145 | 7 729 | 6 281 |
| AG5: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 9.3 | 6.9 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 6.0 |
| <i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG6: Cost per order issued | \$ | 9 493 | 7 385 | 8 247 | 12 067 | 11 868 | 8 545 |
| AG6: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 4.3 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 3.5 |
| <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 | \$ | 9 415 | 10 686 | 10 852 | 12 766 | 13 090 | 13 062 |
| AG7: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 11.0 | 12.5 | 13.2 | 15.7 | 16.3 | 16.7 |
| <i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care and other supported placements services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG8: Cost per placement night | \$ | 186 | 186 | 178 | 179 | 179 | 177 |

Table 16A.26 **Activity group unit costs (2018-19 dollars) - Western Australia (a), (b), (c)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2013-14</i> | <i>2014-15</i> | <i>2015-16</i> | <i>2016-17</i> | <i>2017-18</i> | <i>2018-19</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| AG8: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 53.4 | 54.9 | 54.6 | 55.6 | 56.1 | 56.8 |

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 of out-of-home care and other supported placements.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for protective intervention services activity groups. All required 2018-19 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 WA is able to provide all required 2018-19 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2). All required 2018-19 data for Queensland are not available for intensive family support services (AG3).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost of out-of-home care and other supported placements (AG8).

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2018-19 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2018-19 = 100). See Section 2 for details.
- (b) Reports, notifications, family support services, intensive family support services and intervention orders relate to children aged 0-17 years. Investigations and secondary information gathering may relate to young people aged 18 years and over if the notification was received while the child was aged less than 18 years. Expenditure on other supported placements may include expenditure relating to young people aged over 18 years.
- (c) In 2018, as part of the Earlier Intervention Family Support Strategy, the Department of Communities contracted services, including the Aboriginal Intensive Support Service and the Intensive Family Support Service. Data for 2018-19 is not comparable to previous years due to the differences between this and previous models.

na Not available.

Source: WA Government (unpublished); table 2A.49.

TABLE 16A.27

Table 16A.27 **Activity group unit costs (2018-19 dollars) - South Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

| | Unit | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
|---|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <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 | \$ | 292 | 230 | 224 | 108 | 210 | 190 |
| AG1: Cost per notification | \$ | 658 | 552 | 571 | 266 | 565 | 516 |
| AG1: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 4.8 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 2.5 | 2.7 |
| <i>Activity group 2: Provision of generic family support services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG2: Cost per child receiving family support services | \$ | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| AG2: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 4.3 | 3.9 | 7.1 | 8.8 | 5.4 | 5.8 |
| <i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services | \$ | 14 013 | 11 794 | 26 869 | 25 533 | 10 417 | 9 330 |
| AG3: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 5.5 | 4.5 | 7.5 | 6.2 | 2.7 | 2.8 |
| <i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG4: Cost per notification investigated | \$ | 1 337 | 1 496 | 1 019 | 2 854 | 2 765 | 2 515 |
| AG4: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 3.2 | 2.7 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.5 |
| <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 | na |
| AG5: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 2.5 | 2.7 |
| <i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG6: Cost per order issued | \$ | 1 780 | 1 272 | 1 200 | 1 504 | 1 768 | 1 268 |
| AG6: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| <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 | \$ | 40 158 | 35 489 | 4 193 | 2 745 | 5 781 | 5 004 |
| AG7: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 9.2 | 7.7 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| <i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care and other supported placements services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG8: Cost per placement night | \$ | 202 | 234 | 285 | 336 | 345 | 315 |

Table 16A.27 **Activity group unit costs (2018-19 dollars) - South Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2013-14</i> | <i>2014-15</i> | <i>2015-16</i> | <i>2016-17</i> | <i>2017-18</i> | <i>2018-19</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| AG8: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 71.0 | 75.7 | 78.1 | 78.5 | 81.9 | 80.6 |

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 of out-of-home care and other supported placements.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for protective intervention services activity groups. All required 2018-19 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 WA is able to provide all required 2018-19 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2). All required 2018-19 data for Queensland are not available for intensive family support services (AG3).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost of out-of-home care and other supported placements (AG8).

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2018-19 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2018-19 = 100). See Section 2 for details.
- (b) Reports, notifications, family support services, intensive family support services and intervention orders relate to children aged 0-17 years. Investigations and secondary information gathering may relate to young people aged 18 years and over if the notification was received while the child was aged less than 18 years. Expenditure on other supported placements may include expenditure relating to young people aged over 18 years.
- (c) Intensive family support services activity data includes data provided by the Community Sector. This information is not complete nor verified and therefore should be interpreted with caution.
- (d) SA has revised the cost allocation methodology from 2017-18 onwards based on the national definitions provided in the ROGS manual for 2019-20. Costs that do not match the national definition of activity groups have been excluded. This has resulted in a shift of expenditure from Intensive Family Support Services and to a lesser extent Family Support Services to Child Protection.
- (e) Due to legislative changes to the Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017, from 22 October 2018, the number of orders has significantly increased compared to the total cost, resulting in a reduction in the cost per order issued. Therefore, data from 2018-19 onwards are not comparable to previous years.

na Not available.

Source: SA Government (unpublished); table 2A.49.

TABLE 16A.28

Table 16A.28 Activity group unit costs (2018-19 dollars) - Tasmania (a), (b), (c)

| | Unit | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
|---|------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <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 | na |
| AG1: Cost per notification | \$ | 384 | 331 | 351 | 701 | 701 | 1 045 |
| AG1: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 5.7 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 3.7 |
| <i>Activity group 2: Provision of generic family support services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG2: Cost per child receiving family support services | \$ | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| AG2: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 6.5 | 6.7 | 7.3 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 5.3 |
| <i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services | \$ | 3 124 | 2 287 | 2 225 | 2 639 | 2 986 | 3 709 |
| AG3: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 9.6 | 10.2 | 8.4 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 7.6 |
| <i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG4: Cost per notification investigated | \$ | 2 227 | 1 856 | 1 641 | 2 039 | 2 542 | 3 800 |
| AG4: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 3.8 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.3 |
| <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 | \$ | 5 772 | 5 913 | 2 736 | 3 379 | 6 118 | 6 007 |
| AG5: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 2.2 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| <i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG6: Cost per order issued | \$ | 5 859 | 5 228 | 3 983 | 4 615 | 5 643 | 4 283 |
| AG6: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 6.3 | 5.9 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 4.1 |
| <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 | \$ | 4 746 | 4 510 | 4 127 | 4 258 | 4 912 | 4 853 |
| AG7: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 7.9 | 7.4 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 6.0 |
| <i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care and other supported placements services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG8: Cost per placement night | \$ | 130 | 130 | 134 | 153 | 168 | 195 |

Table 16A.28 **Activity group unit costs (2018-19 dollars) - Tasmania (a), (b), (c)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2013-14</i> | <i>2014-15</i> | <i>2015-16</i> | <i>2016-17</i> | <i>2017-18</i> | <i>2018-19</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| AG8: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 58.1 | 58.8 | 64.2 | 65.9 | 66.3 | 68.4 |

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 of out-of-home care and other supported placements.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for protective intervention services activity groups. All required 2018-19 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 WA is able to provide all required 2018-19 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2). All required 2018-19 data for Queensland are not available for intensive family support services (AG3).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost of out-of-home care and other supported placements (AG8).

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2018-19 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2018-19 = 100). See Section 2 for details.
- (b) Reports, notifications, family support services, intensive family support services and intervention orders relate to children aged 0-17 years. Investigations and secondary information gathering may relate to young people aged 18 years and over if the notification was received while the child was aged less than 18 years. Expenditure on other supported placements may include expenditure relating to young people aged over 18 years.
- (c) The increase in out-of-home care expenditure for 2017-18 and 2018-19 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 as Tasmania has moved from a caller to an agency defined approach. Due to changes in intake practice implemented during 2018-19, the proportion of contacts progressed to notifications has decreased.

na Not available.

Source: Tasmanian Government (unpublished); table 2A.49.

TABLE 16A.29

Table 16A.29 Activity group unit costs (2018-19 dollars) - Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)

| | Unit | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
|---|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <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 | \$ | 292 | 371 | 197 | 158 | 192 | 182 |
| AG1: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 6.0 | 7.2 | 4.9 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 4.5 |
| <i>Activity group 2: Provision of generic family support services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG2: Cost per child receiving family support services | \$ | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| AG2: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.5 |
| <i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services | \$ | na | 4 210 | 7 681 | 13 379 | 19 519 | 19 858 |
| AG3: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 1.7 | 1.8 | 4.7 | 7.9 | 8.8 | 7.5 |
| <i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG4: Cost per notification investigated | \$ | 1 564 | 1 658 | 1 511 | 1 258 | 2 367 | 2 756 |
| AG4: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 4.1 | 4.9 | 7.2 | 5.6 | 8.3 | 8.6 |
| <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 | \$ | 618 | 909 | 1 342 | 1 588 | 4 651 | 5 164 |
| AG5: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| <i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG6: Cost per order issued | \$ | 2 615 | 2 859 | 2 604 | 2 343 | 2 464 | 3 369 |
| AG6: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.1 |
| <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 | \$ | 8 062 | 7 952 | 7 650 | 6 001 | 3 633 | 4 032 |
| AG7: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 11.6 | 11.8 | 10.8 | 8.4 | 5.1 | 5.3 |
| <i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care and other supported placements services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG8: Cost per placement night | \$ | 168 | 160 | 148 | 155 | 147 | 155 |

Table 16A.29 **Activity group unit costs (2018-19 dollars) - Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)**

| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2013-14</i> | <i>2014-15</i> | <i>2015-16</i> | <i>2016-17</i> | <i>2017-18</i> | <i>2018-19</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| AG8: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 69.1 | 66.4 | 64.4 | 67.2 | 65.7 | 66.2 |

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 of out-of-home care and other supported placements.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for protective intervention services activity groups. All required 2018-19 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 WA is able to provide all required 2018-19 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2). All required 2018-19 data for Queensland are not available for intensive family support services (AG3).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost of out-of-home care and other supported placements (AG8).

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2018-19 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2018-19 = 100). See Section 2 for details.
- (b) Reports, notifications, family support services, intensive family support services and intervention orders relate to children aged 0-17 years. Investigations and secondary information gathering may relate to young people aged 18 years and over if the notification was received while the child was aged less than 18 years. Expenditure on other supported placements may include expenditure relating to young people aged over 18 years.
- (c) 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.49.

TABLE 16A.30

Table 16A.30 Activity group unit costs (2018-19 dollars) - Northern Territory (a), (b)

| | Unit | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
|---|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <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 | \$ | 587 | 474 | 358 | 284 | 240 | 248 |
| AG1: Cost per notification | \$ | 720 | 544 | 397 | 308 | 251 | 260 |
| AG1: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 5.4 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 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 | na |
| AG2: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 27.0 | 23.5 | 22.4 | 22.9 | 21.6 | 22.2 |
| <i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services | \$ | na | na | na | 12 091 | 8 493 | 7 461 |
| AG3: Proportion of total expenditure | % | na | na | 0.1 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.6 |
| <i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG4: Cost per notification investigated | \$ | 1 289 | 887 | 702 | 504 | 387 | 858 |
| AG4: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 3.7 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 2.0 |
| <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 | na |
| AG5: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| <i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG6: Cost per order issued | \$ | 1 353 | 1 447 | 1 342 | 1 013 | 1 027 | 1 163 |
| AG6: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 2.1 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 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 | \$ | 18 294 | na | 14 573 | 11 044 | 10 716 | 10 626 |
| AG7: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 10.5 | 9.6 | 8.2 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 5.6 |
| <i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care and other supported placements services</i> | | | | | | | |
| AG8: Cost per placement night | \$ | 299 | 304 | 315 | 339 | 364 | 340 |

Table 16A.30 **Activity group unit costs (2018-19 dollars) - Northern 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> | <i>2018-19</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| AG8: Proportion of total expenditure | % | 51.1 | 56.6 | 60.5 | 61.5 | 64.6 | 63.5 |

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 of out-of-home care and other supported placements.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for protective intervention services activity groups. All required 2018-19 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 WA is able to provide all required 2018-19 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2). All required 2018-19 data for Queensland are not available for intensive family support services (AG3).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost of out-of-home care and other supported placements (AG8).

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2018-19 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2018-19 = 100). See Section 2 for details.
- (b) Reports, notifications, family support services, intensive family support services and intervention orders relate to children aged 0-17 years. Investigations and secondary information gathering may relate to young people aged 18 years and over if the notification was received while the child was aged less than 18 years. Expenditure on other supported placements may include expenditure relating to young people aged over 18 years.

na Not available.

Source: NT Government (unpublished); table 2A.49.

TABLE 16A.31

Table 16A.31 **Expenditure on intensive family support services, children aged 0-17 years (2018-19 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | \$'000 | 184 040 | 148 469 | 106 891 | 11 623 | 15 534 | 10 200 | 5 243 | 5 469 | 487 468 |
| 2017-18 | \$'000 | 179 647 | 139 881 | 99 253 | 11 268 | 14 980 | 8 221 | 5 221 | 4 968 | 463 438 |
| 2016-17 | \$'000 | 188 352 | 118 861 | 77 019 | 10 660 | 32 656 | 7 367 | 5 178 | 4 969 | 445 062 |
| 2015-16 | \$'000 | 182 692 | 99 411 | 68 332 | 10 447 | 30 443 | 7 119 | 2 819 | 110 | 401 372 |
| 2014-15 | \$'000 | 175 684 | 89 252 | 72 505 | 10 460 | 13 705 | 8 615 | 998 | na | 371 219 |
| 2013-14 | \$'000 | 160 724 | 84 845 | 43 889 | 9 536 | 15 036 | 8 363 | 878 | na | 323 271 |
| 2012-13 | \$'000 | 161 411 | 78 755 | 43 950 | 9 287 | 11 964 | 7 859 | 1 046 | 597 | 314 869 |
| 2011-12 | \$'000 | 252 798 | 69 510 | 36 540 | 30 290 | 10 255 | 6 376 | 1 519 | 582 | 407 871 |
| 2010-11 | \$'000 | 186 253 | 68 851 | 34 245 | 8 139 | 10 167 | 5 282 | 1 608 | 584 | 315 127 |
| 2009-10 | \$'000 | 168 121 | 68 045 | 72 340 | 8 056 | 10 204 | 4 946 | 1 806 | 590 | 334 107 |
| Children aged 0-17 years <u>commencing</u> intensive family support services | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | no. | 10 175 | 13 542 | na | 1 233 | 1 064 | 1 782 | 264 | 737 | 28 797 |
| 2017-18 | no. | 10 500 | 10 876 | 7 647 | 670 | 889 | 1 654 | 297 | 585 | 33 118 |
| 2016-17 | no. | 10 181 | 10 890 | 7 115 | 769 | 906 | 1 751 | 387 | 411 | 32 410 |
| 2015-16 | no. | 10 218 | 9 384 | 4 031 | 916 | 700 | 1 806 | 367 | na | 27 422 |
| 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 | 150 | 21 903 |
| 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 |

TABLE 16A.31

Table 16A.31 **Expenditure on intensive family support services, children aged 0-17 years (2018-19 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 commencing intensive family support services | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | \$ | 18 087 | 10 964 | na | 9 427 | 14 599 | 5 724 | 19 858 | 7 421 | 13 216 |
| 2017-18 | \$ | 17 109 | 12 861 | 12 979 | 16 818 | 16 850 | 4 970 | 17 578 | 8 493 | 13 742 |
| 2016-17 | \$ | 18 500 | 10 915 | 10 825 | 13 862 | 36 044 | 4 208 | 13 379 | 12 091 | 13 265 |
| 2015-16 | \$ | 17 879 | 10 594 | 16 952 | 11 405 | 43 489 | 3 942 | 7 681 | na | 14 018 |
| 2014-15 | \$ | 18 297 | 11 720 | 17 509 | 12 219 | 22 653 | 5 272 | 4 210 | na | 14 223 |
| 2013-14 | \$ | 18 324 | 15 954 | 10 802 | 10 210 | 21 389 | 5 035 | 2 898 | na | 13 880 |
| 2012-13 | \$ | 18 932 | 13 256 | 11 834 | 11 083 | 13 119 | 4 292 | 5 202 | 3 904 | 13 084 |
| 2011-12 | \$ | 28 494 | 11 947 | 10 960 | 29 901 | 17 559 | na | na | 4 811 | 18 376 |
| 2010-11 | \$ | 28 289 | na | 11 546 | 7 886 | 19 477 | na | 7 803 | 7 887 | 18 608 |
| 2009-10 | \$ | 25 224 | 13 675 | 24 564 | 16 713 | 32 810 | na | na | 11 133 | 17 904 |
| Children aged 0-17 years receiving intensive family support services | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | no. | 15 317 | 18 003 | na | 1 334 | 1 665 | 2 750 | 264 | 733 | 40 066 |
| 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 |

TABLE 16A.31

Table 16A.31 **Expenditure on intensive family support services, children aged 0-17 years (2018-19 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 receiving intensive family support services | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | \$ | 12 015 | 8 247 | na | 8 713 | 9 330 | 3 709 | 19 858 | 7 461 | 9 499 |
| 2017-18 | \$ | 10 150 | 9 744 | 7 300 | 8 648 | 10 417 | 2 986 | 17 578 | 8 493 | 8 747 |
| 2016-17 | \$ | 10 790 | 8 165 | 6 092 | 9 475 | 25 533 | 2 639 | 13 379 | 12 091 | 8 488 |
| 2015-16 | \$ | 10 221 | 7 993 | 16 328 | 8 662 | 26 869 | 2 225 | 7 681 | na | 9 514 |
| 2014-15 | \$ | 10 259 | 8 574 | 16 592 | 9 048 | 11 794 | 2 287 | 4 210 | na | 9 187 |
| 2013-14 | \$ | 9 314 | 10 184 | 9 970 | 10 210 | 14 013 | 3 124 | na | na | 8 684 |
| 2012-13 | \$ | 9 587 | 9 663 | 10 900 | 11 083 | 13 119 | 2 586 | 5 202 | 3 904 | 8 471 |
| 2011-12 | \$ | 15 654 | 9 305 | 10 960 | 29 901 | 17 559 | na | na | 4 811 | 12 653 |
| 2010-11 | \$ | 13 144 | na | 10 871 | 7 886 | 19 477 | na | 3 564 | 7 887 | 10 920 |
| 2009-10 | \$ | 11 603 | 9 125 | 24 564 | 16 176 | 32 810 | na | na | 11 133 | 10 728 |
| Children aged 0-17 years receiving intensive family support services per 1000 children in the population | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | no. | 8.6 | 12.7 | na | 2.2 | 4.5 | 24.5 | 2.8 | 11.8 | 7.2 |
| 2017-18 | no. | 10.1 | 10.3 | 11.7 | 2.2 | 3.9 | 24.5 | 3.2 | 9.3 | 9.4 |
| 2016-17 | no. | 10.1 | 10.7 | 11.1 | 1.9 | 3.5 | 24.8 | 4.3 | 6.6 | 9.3 |
| 2015-16 | no. | 10.4 | 9.3 | 3.7 | 2.1 | 3.1 | 28.5 | 4.1 | na | 7.5 |
| 2014-15 | no. | 10.1 | 8.0 | 3.9 | 2.0 | 3.2 | 33.3 | 2.7 | na | 7.2 |
| 2013-14 | no. | 10.3 | 6.5 | 4.0 | 1.6 | 3.0 | 23.5 | na | 2.4 | 6.6 |
| 2012-13 | no. | 10.1 | 6.5 | 3.7 | 1.5 | 2.6 | 26.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 6.6 |
| 2011-12 | no. | 9.8 | 6.1 | 3.1 | 1.8 | 1.6 | na | na | 1.9 | 5.6 |
| 2010-11 | no. | 8.7 | na | 3.0 | 1.9 | 1.5 | na | 5.6 | 1.2 | 3.8 |
| 2009-10 | no. | 8.9 | 6.2 | 2.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 | na | na | 0.8 | 5.1 |

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 2018-19 data for Queensland are not available for expenditure on intensive family support services per child commencing and receiving services.

Table 16A.31 Expenditure on intensive family support services, children aged 0-17 years (2018-19 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)

| | Unit | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Aust |
|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|------|
| (a) | Time series financial data are adjusted to 2018-19 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2018-19 = 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: NSW implemented a new client management system in 2017-18. Data on IFSS for 2017-18 and 2018-19 are estimates only. | | | | | | | | | |
| (e) | Queensland: In Queensland, any person can refer a family to an Intensive Family Support service, provided the family meet the referral criteria. Data regarding the number of children commencing/receiving services in 2015-16 and earlier relate to children supported by Queensland's former tertiary family intervention services. Data regarding the number of children commencing/receiving services from 2016-17 onwards relate to children supported by Queensland's secondary family support services and is compiled from data provided by non-government service providers. Data regarding the number of children commencing/receiving services in 2016-17 and 2017-18 are from a new information system. Data regarding the number of children commencing/receiving services in 2018-19 are not available due to Queensland working to improve the quality and completeness of child data provided by non-government service providers. Data from previous years should be treated with caution. Future reporting will not be comparable to previous years. 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: In 2018, as part of the Earlier Intervention Family Support Strategy, the Department of Communities contracted new services, including the Aboriginal Intensive Support Service and the Intensive Family Support Service. Data for 2018-19 is not comparable to previous years due to the differences between this and previous models. For 2016-17, the number of children includes 10 young people aged 18 or over. 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. Due to a new method of expenditure reporting, expenditure data for 2011-12 are not comparable to expenditure data for previous years. | | | | | | | | | |
| (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, the results should be interpreted with caution. In addition, categorisation of Family Support Services as intensive rather than general may not be consistent with national definitions. | | | | | | | | | |

Table 16A.31 **Expenditure on intensive family support services, children aged 0-17 years (2018-19 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

| | Unit | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Aust |
|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|------|
| (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.49.

TABLE 16A.32

Table 16A.32 **Children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services, by Indigenous status (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> |
|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services | | | | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | 3 265 | 1 450 | na | 634 | 471 | na | 75 | 569 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | 6 900 | 10 986 | na | 595 | 593 | na | 189 | 168 |
| Unknown | no. | 10 | 1 106 | na | 4 | – | 1 782 | – | – |
| All children | no. | 10 175 | 13 542 | na | 1 233 | 1 064 | 1 782 | 264 | 737 |
| 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 |

Table 16A.32 **Children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services, by Indigenous status (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> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| 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 | – | – |
| 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 |

(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 implemented a new client management system in 2017-18. Data on intensive family support services (IFSS) for 2017-18 and 2018-19 are estimates only. Data on IFSS 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.

Table 16A.32 **Children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services, by Indigenous status (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> |
|-----|---|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| (c) | Queensland: In Queensland, any person can refer a family to an Intensive Family Support service, provided the family meet the referral criteria. Data regarding the number of children commencing/receiving services in 2015-16 and earlier relate to children supported by Queensland's former tertiary family intervention services. Data regarding the number of children commencing/receiving services from 2016-17 onwards relate to children supported by Queensland's secondary family support services and is compiled from data provided by non-government service providers. Data regarding the number of children commencing/receiving services in 2016-17 and 2017-18 are from a new information system. Data regarding the number of children commencing/receiving services in 2018-19 are not available due to Queensland working to improve the quality and completeness of child data provided by non-government service providers. Data from previous years should be treated with caution. Future reporting will not be comparable to previous years. | | | | | | | | |
| (d) | WA: Data for 2018-19 are not comparable to prior years due to the contracting of new services in 2018. | | | | | | | | |
| (e) | 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. | | | | | | | | |
| (f) | 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. In addition, categorisation of Family Support Services as intensive rather than general may not be consistent with national definitions. | | | | | | | | |
| (g) | ACT: IFSS data were not available for 2009-10 due to a change in data systems during the counting period. The data system was undergoing subsequent refinements so 2010-11 data should be treated with caution. | | | | | | | | |
| (h) | NT: 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 Expenditure on care service (2018-19 dollars) (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> |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2018-19 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Real expenditure on care services | \$'000 | 1 352 517 | 785 808 | 694 218 | 298 871 | 442 333 | 92 293 | 45 995 | 133 796 | 3 845 831 |
| Placement nights in care services | no. | 6 202 037 | 4 070 372 | 3 422 840 | 1 689 070 | 1 403 672 | 472 361 | 296 693 | 393 875 | 17 950 920 |
| Real expenditure per placement night in care services | \$ | 218.08 | 193.06 | 202.82 | 176.94 | 315.13 | 195.39 | 155.03 | 339.69 | 214.24 |
| 2017-18 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Real expenditure on care services | \$'000 | 1 223 522 | 657 892 | 619 003 | 282 626 | 448 963 | 75 698 | 43 442 | 139 907 | 3 491 053 |
| Placement nights in care services | 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 in care services | \$ | 191.42 | 175.21 | 187.72 | 179.25 | 344.99 | 167.61 | 147.47 | 364.40 | 200.03 |
| 2016-17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Real expenditure on care services | \$'000 | 1 175 482 | 586 466 | 543 452 | 272 034 | 413 765 | 65 811 | 43 986 | 129 146 | 3 230 143 |
| Placement nights in care services | 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 in care services | \$ | 179.22 | 164.07 | 168.65 | 179.27 | 336.04 | 152.84 | 154.98 | 338.78 | 187.80 |
| 2015-16 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Real expenditure on care services | \$'000 | 1 073 943 | 513 639 | 517 564 | 262 311 | 317 640 | 54 537 | 38 254 | 116 508 | 2 894 395 |
| Placement nights in care services | 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 in care services | \$ | 169.73 | 155.38 | 163.99 | 178.23 | 284.80 | 134.08 | 147.85 | 315.15 | 176.37 |
| 2014-15 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Real expenditure on care services | \$'000 | 941 992 | 469 181 | 471 506 | 260 217 | 233 003 | 49 445 | 36 292 | 105 947 | 2 567 582 |
| Placement nights in care services | 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 in care services | \$ | 151.40 | 159.48 | 154.03 | 186.04 | 234.12 | 129.57 | 160.13 | 303.68 | 164.84 |
| 2013-14 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Real expenditure on care services | \$'000 | 855 230 | 430 543 | 449 092 | 241 937 | 192 531 | 50 600 | 35 716 | 88 524 | 2 344 172 |

TABLE 16A.33

Table 16A.33 Expenditure on care service (2018-19 dollars) (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> |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Placement nights in care services | 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 in care services | \$ | 131.52 | 162.28 | 153.13 | 186.20 | 202.02 | 130.17 | 168.18 | 298.93 | 153.84 |
| 2012-13 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Real expenditure on care services | \$'000 | 834 439 | 405 222 | 448 344 | 231 665 | 170 144 | 46 233 | 33 187 | 83 224 | 2 252 457 |
| Placement nights in care services | 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 in care services | \$ | 132.12 | 161.25 | 154.02 | 199.31 | 173.93 | 122.48 | 161.90 | 306.78 | 152.87 |
| 2011-12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Real expenditure on care services | \$'000 | 822 499 | 387 697 | 436 681 | 214 361 | 156 109 | 43 756 | 29 603 | 61 939 | 2 152 646 |
| Placement nights in care services | 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 in care services | \$ | 132.50 | 165.09 | 155.12 | 184.67 | 171.82 | 119.02 | 145.46 | 249.41 | 150.96 |
| 2010-11 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Real expenditure on care services | \$'000 | 796 998 | 375 571 | 420 315 | 233 667 | 151 023 | 44 527 | 31 721 | 54 381 | 2 108 202 |
| Placement nights in care services | 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 in care services | \$ | 132.77 | 168.15 | 156.46 | 209.67 | 177.50 | 132.17 | 164.92 | 252.35 | 154.64 |
| 2009-10 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Real expenditure on care services | \$'000 | 760 094 | 346 243 | 395 402 | 205 313 | 137 303 | 38 837 | 24 870 | 47 642 | 1 955 703 |
| Placement nights in care services | 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 in care services | \$ | 132.66 | 159.42 | 152.27 | 209.84 | 174.06 | 125.33 | 135.25 | 258.33 | 151.09 |

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 2018-19 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2018-19 = 100). See Section 2 for details.

Table 16A.33 Expenditure on care service (2018-19 dollars) (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> |
|-----|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| (b) | From 2018-19 the scope of out-of-home care has changed, see box 16.1 and sub-section 16.4. Real expenditure per placement night in care services is calculated using the number of placement nights for children in out-of-home care and children in other supported placements. | | | | | | | | | |
| (c) | NSW: NSW data for out-of-home care from 2014-15 excludes children/young people who are in the independent care of their guardian and from 2017-18 also excludes children on immigration orders. Data for 2014-15 'real recurrent expenditure on out-of-home care 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 to the independent care of their guardian. These children 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 onwards, Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive data in this table according to national definitions and specifications. Data from 2014-15 onwards are not comparable to previous years and may 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 expenditure on care services for 2017-18 and 2018-19 relates to both an increase in the number of placement nights in residential care as well as an increase in the cost per placement night 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. | | | | | | | | | |

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished); table 2A.49.

TABLE 16A.34

Table 16A.34 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on care services (2018-19 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

| | Unit | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Real expenditure | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NSW | \$'000 | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| Vic | \$'000 | 170 086 | 178 512 | 188 873 | 199 082 | 216 494 | 234 084 | 240 843 | 256 541 | 285 568 | 351 061 |
| Qld | \$'000 | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| WA | \$'000 | 73 912 | 98 962 | 102 436 | 116 445 | 115 162 | 111 560 | 109 925 | 124 382 | 129 225 | 136 653 |
| SA | \$'000 | 59 046 | 62 922 | 69 770 | 81 465 | 104 878 | 142 085 | 189 885 | 269 455 | 282 580 | 266 973 |
| Tas | \$'000 | 8 809 | 6 676 | 10 644 | 10 527 | 13 818 | 14 101 | 15 212 | 26 856 | 33 515 | 41 282 |
| ACT | \$'000 | 11 041 | 13 096 | 11 865 | 11 046 | 10 764 | 11 883 | 9 547 | 2 764 | na | na |
| NT | \$'000 | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| Non-residential care services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NSW | \$'000 | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| Vic | \$'000 | 176 156 | 197 059 | 198 824 | 206 140 | 214 049 | 235 097 | 272 795 | 329 924 | 372 324 | 434 746 |
| Qld | \$'000 | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| WA | \$'000 | 131 400 | 134 704 | 111 925 | 115 220 | 126 775 | 148 656 | 152 387 | 147 651 | 153 401 | 162 218 |
| SA | \$'000 | 78 257 | 88 101 | 86 340 | 88 679 | 87 653 | 90 919 | 127 755 | 144 310 | 166 383 | 175 360 |
| Tas | \$'000 | 30 028 | 37 851 | 33 112 | 35 706 | 36 783 | 35 342 | 39 325 | 38 954 | 42 181 | 51 010 |
| ACT | \$'000 | 13 828 | 18 626 | 17 738 | 22 141 | 24 952 | 24 409 | 28 707 | 41 222 | na | na |
| NT | \$'000 | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All care services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NSW | \$'000 | 760 094 | 796 998 | 822 499 | 834 439 | 855 230 | 941 992 | 1 073 943 | 1 175 482 | 1 223 522 | 1 352 517 |
| Vic | \$'000 | 346 243 | 375 571 | 387 697 | 405 222 | 430 543 | 469 181 | 513 639 | 586 466 | 657 892 | 785 808 |
| Qld | \$'000 | 395 402 | 420 315 | 436 681 | 448 344 | 449 092 | 471 506 | 517 564 | 543 452 | 619 003 | 694 218 |
| WA | \$'000 | 205 313 | 233 667 | 214 361 | 231 665 | 241 937 | 260 217 | 262 311 | 272 034 | 282 626 | 298 871 |
| SA | \$'000 | 137 303 | 151 023 | 156 109 | 170 144 | 192 531 | 233 003 | 317 640 | 413 765 | 448 963 | 442 333 |
| Tas | \$'000 | 38 837 | 44 527 | 43 756 | 46 233 | 50 600 | 49 445 | 54 537 | 65 811 | 75 698 | 92 293 |

TABLE 16A.34

Table 16A.34 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on care services (2018-19 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

| | <i>Unit</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> | <i>2018-19</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| ACT | \$'000 | 24 870 | 31 721 | 29 603 | 33 187 | 35 716 | 36 292 | 38 254 | 43 986 | 43 442 | 45 995 |
| NT | \$'000 | 47 642 | 54 381 | 61 939 | 83 224 | 88 524 | 105 947 | 116 508 | 129 146 | 139 907 | 133 796 |
| Real expenditure per child in care at 30 June | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential care services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NSW | \$ | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| Vic | \$ | 374 640 | 359 903 | 395 132 | 415 619 | 420 376 | 534 437 | 549 871 | 581 727 | 678 309 | 771 563 |
| Qld | \$ | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| WA | \$ | 513 280 | 607 132 | 682 903 | 776 300 | 685 486 | 652 399 | 666 210 | 840 419 | 891 207 | 772 051 |
| SA | \$ | 273 362 | 251 686 | 283 616 | 246 863 | 314 006 | 351 694 | 396 420 | 489 919 | 515 657 | 470 023 |
| Tas | \$ | 382 980 | 256 760 | 332 621 | 269 914 | 287 875 | 402 899 | 447 409 | 440 264 | 472 046 | 581 437 |
| ACT | \$ | 234 925 | 291 013 | 359 560 | 290 676 | 283 275 | 339 505 | 227 311 | 65 803 | na | na |
| NT | \$ | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| Non-residential care services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NSW | \$ | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| Vic | \$ | 35 295 | 38 264 | 34 955 | 34 969 | 29 958 | 29 093 | 29 581 | 33 597 | 49 776 | 38 970 |
| Qld | \$ | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| WA | \$ | 51 208 | 45 896 | 37 049 | 35 182 | 35 661 | 39 296 | 39 063 | 36 493 | 35 967 | 35 629 |
| SA | \$ | 41 983 | 43 593 | 39 317 | 38 590 | 38 512 | 37 585 | 46 797 | 49 831 | 52 870 | 51 275 |
| Tas | \$ | 35 621 | 41 277 | 34 782 | 35 529 | 37 267 | 35 307 | 36 344 | 34 261 | 35 269 | 40 841 |
| ACT | \$ | 28 512 | 37 704 | 33 341 | 42 498 | 44 007 | 38 500 | 40 836 | 54 383 | na | na |
| NT | \$ | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| All care services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NSW | \$ | 46 992 | 47 610 | 47 842 | 47 896 | 47 011 | 55 928 | 60 334 | 65 747 | 70 370 | 67 850 |
| Vic | \$ | 63 310 | 66 145 | 62 461 | 63 326 | 55 842 | 54 766 | 52 925 | 56 872 | 82 712 | 67 405 |
| Qld | \$ | 53 796 | 55 290 | 54 592 | 55 106 | 54 868 | 55 813 | 59 696 | 60 782 | 67 970 | 71 798 |
| WA | \$ | 75 014 | 74 893 | 63 047 | 63 714 | 64 984 | 65 811 | 63 978 | 64 280 | 63 540 | 62 670 |

Table 16A.34 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on care services (2018-19 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

| | <i>Unit</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> | <i>2018-19</i> |
|-----|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| SA | \$ | 62 753 | 63 777 | 61 267 | 64 036 | 73 178 | 82 101 | 97 946 | 118 761 | 121 505 | 110 916 |
| Tas | \$ | 43 491 | 46 094 | 43 366 | 43 330 | 48 007 | 46 602 | 47 423 | 54 615 | 59 511 | 69 655 |
| ACT | \$ | 46 747 | 58 743 | 52 302 | 59 369 | 58 938 | 54 086 | 51 142 | 54 777 | 52 593 | 57 066 |
| NT | \$ | 86 465 | 85 774 | 88 485 | 111 262 | 97 493 | 104 176 | 112 895 | 121 951 | 131 122 | 126 701 |

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2018-19 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2018-19 = 100). See Section 2 for details.
- (b) Refer to table 16A.8 for information on the comparability of expenditure data.
- (c) From 2018-19 the scope of out-of-home care has changed, see box 16.1 and sub-section 16.4. Real expenditure on care services covers children in out-of-home care and children in other supported placements, and includes independent living arrangements and where living arrangements are unknown. Non-residential out-of-home care services includes home based care and family group homes, except for Victoria which does not have family group homes. Real expenditure per child in care is calculated using the number of children in out-of-home care and other supported placements at 30 June.
- (d) 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.
- (e) Data relating to annual real expenditure per child in care should be interpreted with caution due to the effect of different proportions of children in residential care across jurisdictions.
- (f) NSW: NSW data for out-of-home care from 2014-15 excludes children/young people who are in the independent care of their guardian and from 2017-18 also excludes children on immigration orders.
- (g) Victoria: Out-of-home care 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.
- (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 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 care services (2018-19 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

| | <i>Unit</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> | <i>2018-19</i> |
|-----|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| (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 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 expenditure on care services for 2017-18 and 2018-19 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. | | | | | | | | | | |
| (j) | 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.49.

TABLE 16A.35

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> |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 2017-18 | | | | | | | | | |
| Subject of a substantiation within three months | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | no. | na | 736 | 555 | 212 | 98 | 17 | 35 | 117 |
| Proportion of children | % | na | 5.1 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 2.9 | 3.0 |
| Subject of a substantiation within 12 months | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | no. | na | 2 289 | 1 554 | 666 | 213 | 49 | 90 | 427 |
| Proportion of children | % | na | 16.0 | 10.4 | 13.3 | 14.3 | 18.8 | 7.5 | 10.8 |
| 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 |

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

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 2017-18 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.
- (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.

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> |
|-----------------|---|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| (c) NSW: | NSW implemented a new client management system in 2017-18 and was able to provide only limited data for 2017-18. This measure requires two years of data and therefore data for this measure are not available for 2016-17 and 2017-18. 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 onwards, Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive data in this table according to national definitions and specifications. Data from 2014-15 onwards 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 2018-19 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> |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 2017-18 | | | | | | | | | |
| Subject of a resubstantiation within three months | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | no. | na | 519 | 546 | 369 | 137 | 61 | 11 | 209 |
| Proportion of children | % | na | 3.0 | 8.2 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 7.0 | 3.6 | 10.7 |
| Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of children | no. | na | 2 705 | 1 199 | 1 070 | 277 | 152 | 47 | 519 |
| Proportion of children | % | na | 15.4 | 18.0 | 20.7 | 15.5 | 17.5 | 15.5 | 26.5 |
| 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 |

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

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 2017-18 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). 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 implemented a new client management system in 2017-18 and was able to provide only limited data for 2017-18. This measure requires two years of data and therefore data for this measure are not available for 2016-17 and 2017-18. 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 onwards, Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive data in this table according to national definitions and specifications. Data from 2014-15 onwards 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 CPNMDS, 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 2018-19 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.37

Table 16A.37 **Children on guardianship/custody orders achieving national reading and numeracy benchmarks, Year 5 level (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> |
| <i>Unit</i> | | | | | |
| 2017 | | | | | |
| Proportion at or above the national minimum standard | | | | | |
| NSW | % | na | 94.3 | na | 95.8 |
| Vic | % | na | 95.2 | na | 96.0 |
| Qld | % | 79.3 | 94.3 | 81.8 | 95.9 |
| WA | % | 78.9 | 93.0 | 79.5 | 95.0 |
| SA | % | 70.5 | 92.1 | 69.2 | 93.3 |
| Tas | % | na | 92.3 | na | 95.0 |
| ACT | % | na | 95.6 | na | 96.3 |
| NT | % | na | 68.6 | na | 74.5 |
| NAPLAN participation rate | | | | | |
| NSW | % | na | 97.3 | na | 97.0 |
| Vic | % | na | 95.4 | na | 95.1 |
| Qld | % | 82.5 | 93.2 | 82.9 | 92.8 |
| WA | % | 81.4 | 95.9 | 78.7 | 95.5 |
| SA | % | 89.2 | 93.9 | 87.4 | 93.4 |
| Tas | % | na | 94.7 | na | 94.3 |
| ACT | % | na | 94.4 | na | 93.9 |
| NT | % | na | 88.6 | na | 87.0 |
| 2016 | | | | | |
| Proportion at or above the national 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 rate | | | | | |
| 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 |


Table 16A.37 Children on guardianship/custody orders achieving national reading and numeracy benchmarks, Year 5 level (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> |
| <i>Unit</i> | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | |
| Proportion at or above the national 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 rate | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2014 | | | | | |
| Proportion at or above the national 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 rate | | | | | |
| 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 |

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

| Unit | Reading | | Numeracy | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|------|
| | Children on orders | All students | Children on orders | All students | |
| | | | | | |
| 2013 | | | | | |
| Proportion at or above the national 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 rate | | | | | |
| 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 |

 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: Data includes 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 **Children exiting out-of-home care to a permanency arrangement, by Indigenous status (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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children exiting care to a permanency arrangement | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | na | 605 | na | 196 | 62 | 24 | 15 | 77 | 979 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | na | 2 593 | na | 248 | 153 | 35 | 55 | 21 | 3 105 |
| Indigenous status not stated | no. | na | – | na | – | 4 | 19 | 1 | 1 | 25 |
| All children | no. | na | 3 198 | na | 444 | 219 | 78 | 71 | 99 | 4 109 |
| Children exiting out-of-home care to a permanency arrangement who did not return for 12 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | na | 473 | na | 193 | 50 | 22 | 11 | 66 | 815 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | na | 2 144 | na | 237 | 141 | 26 | 51 | 18 | 2 617 |
| Indigenous status not stated | no. | na | – | na | – | 4 | 19 | 1 | 1 | 25 |
| All children | no. | na | 2 617 | na | 430 | 195 | 67 | 63 | 85 | 3 457 |
| Proportion of children exiting out-of-home care who did not return for 12 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | % | na | 78.2 | na | 98.5 | 80.6 | 91.7 | 73.3 | 85.7 | 83.2 |
| Non-Indigenous | % | na | 82.7 | na | 95.6 | 92.2 | 74.3 | 92.7 | 85.7 | 84.3 |
| Indigenous status not stated | % | na | – | na | – | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| All children | % | na | 81.8 | na | 96.8 | 89.0 | 85.9 | 88.7 | 85.9 | 84.1 |
| 2016-17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children exiting care to a permanency arrangement | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | na | 593 | na | 194 | 71 | 30 | 24 | 86 | 998 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | na | 2 389 | na | 242 | 138 | 49 | 60 | 13 | 2 891 |
| Indigenous status not stated | no. | na | – | na | – | 15 | 29 | – | – | 44 |
| All children | no. | na | 2 982 | na | 436 | 224 | 108 | 84 | 99 | 3 933 |
| Children exiting care to a permanency arrangement who did not return for 12 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | no. | na | 483 | na | 185 | 68 | 28 | 23 | 75 | 862 |
| Non-Indigenous | no. | na | 2 001 | na | 230 | 117 | 42 | 57 | 12 | 2 459 |
| Indigenous status not stated | no. | na | – | na | – | 14 | 27 | – | – | 41 |
| All children | no. | na | 2 484 | na | 415 | 199 | 97 | 80 | 87 | 3 362 |

Table 16A.38 **Children exiting out-of-home care to a permanency arrangement, by Indigenous status (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> |
|--|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Proportion of children care who did not return for 12 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | % | na | 81.5 | na | 95.4 | 95.8 | 93.3 | 95.8 | 87.2 | 86.4 |
| Non-Indigenous | % | na | 83.8 | na | 95.0 | 84.8 | 85.7 | 95.0 | 92.3 | 85.1 |
| Indigenous status not stated | % | na | – | na | – | 93.3 | 93.1 | – | – | 93.2 |
| All children | % | na | 83.3 | na | 95.2 | 88.8 | 89.8 | 95.2 | 87.9 | 85.5 |

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

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period. All data were not available for NSW and Queensland.

- (a) Excludes children who were aged 17 years or older at the time of the permanency arrangement.
- (b) Children are considered to have exited out-of-home care if they are absent from out-of-home care for 60 days.
- (c) NSW implemented a new client management system in 2017-18 and was able to provide only limited data for 2017-18. This measure requires two years of data and therefore data for this measure are not available for 2016-17 and 2017-18.
- (d) Queensland: Data are currently not available due to Queensland working towards supplying data regarding children reunified or on an adoption order to enable future reporting. Based on available data, Queensland can report that in 2017-18 there were 103 children aged 0 to 16 who exited care to a finalised third party parental responsibility order, none of whom returned within 12 months. In 2016-17, there were 88 children aged 0 to 16 who exited care to a finalised third party parental responsibility order, none of whom returned within 12 months. Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive this data according to national definitions and specifications. Data may not match Queensland figures published elsewhere. Queensland retains some funding and case management responsibility for children subject to a finalised third party parental responsibility order.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished).

TABLE 16A.39

Table 16A.39 Population aged 0-17 years, by Indigenous status (a), (b)

| | Unit | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Aust |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Population for financial year data, December | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2018 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | '000 | 111.8 | 24.1 | 96.2 | 40.5 | 17.7 | 11.6 | 2.9 | 26.0 | 330.7 |
| Non-Indigenous children | '000 | 1 663.7 | 1 388.1 | 1 075.6 | 558.8 | 349.6 | 100.9 | 91.7 | 36.2 | 5 264.6 |
| All children | '000 | 1 775.4 | 1 412.2 | 1 171.8 | 599.3 | 367.3 | 112.4 | 94.6 | 62.2 | 5 595.3 |
| 2017 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | '000 | 110.8 | 23.8 | 95.4 | 40.2 | 17.5 | 11.6 | 2.9 | 26.2 | 328.3 |
| Non-Indigenous children | '000 | 1 636.3 | 1 368.7 | 1 062.8 | 555.0 | 348.7 | 100.7 | 89.9 | 36.5 | 5 198.6 |
| All children | '000 | 1 747.1 | 1 392.5 | 1 158.1 | 595.2 | 366.2 | 112.3 | 92.8 | 62.7 | 5 526.9 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | '000 | 109.9 | 23.6 | 94.3 | 39.9 | 17.4 | 11.6 | 2.8 | 26.3 | 325.8 |
| Non-Indigenous children | '000 | 1 623.7 | 1 342.0 | 1 049.4 | 550.6 | 348.1 | 101.2 | 87.4 | 36.3 | 5 138.8 |
| All children | '000 | 1 733.6 | 1 365.6 | 1 143.8 | 590.5 | 365.5 | 112.8 | 90.2 | 62.7 | 5 464.6 |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | '000 | 108.9 | 23.3 | 93.4 | 39.5 | 17.2 | 11.5 | 2.8 | 26.3 | 323.0 |
| Non-Indigenous children | '000 | 1 607.5 | 1 313.9 | 1 036.4 | 546.2 | 347.0 | 100.8 | 85.6 | 36.2 | 5 073.6 |
| All children | '000 | 1 716.4 | 1 337.2 | 1 129.8 | 585.8 | 364.2 | 112.3 | 88.5 | 62.4 | 5 396.6 |
| 2014 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | '000 | 107.6 | 23.0 | 92.6 | 39.0 | 17.2 | 11.4 | 2.8 | 26.0 | 319.7 |
| Non-Indigenous children | '000 | 1 589.8 | 1 284.8 | 1 028.6 | 541.7 | 344.7 | 101.6 | 84.0 | 36.2 | 5 011.4 |
| All children | '000 | 1 697.4 | 1 307.9 | 1 121.2 | 580.7 | 361.9 | 113.0 | 86.9 | 62.1 | 5 331.1 |
| 2013 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | '000 | 106.3 | 22.8 | 91.7 | 38.6 | 17.1 | 11.3 | 2.8 | 25.7 | 316.3 |
| Non-Indigenous children | '000 | 1 572.6 | 1 259.6 | 1 019.5 | 535.5 | 342.0 | 102.6 | 82.5 | 36.9 | 4 951.2 |
| All children | '000 | 1 678.9 | 1 282.4 | 1 111.2 | 574.1 | 359.1 | 113.8 | 85.4 | 62.6 | 5 267.4 |

TABLE 16A.39

Table 16A.39

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

| | Unit | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Aust |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2012 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | '000 | 105.0 | 22.5 | 90.7 | 38.2 | 17.0 | 11.2 | 2.8 | 25.5 | 312.9 |
| Non-Indigenous children | '000 | 1 558.8 | 1 235.3 | 1 008.2 | 526.6 | 340.2 | 103.6 | 80.7 | 37.1 | 4 890.6 |
| All children | '000 | 1 663.9 | 1 257.8 | 1 098.9 | 564.8 | 357.2 | 114.8 | 83.6 | 62.6 | 5 203.5 |
| 2011 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | '000 | 103.5 | 22.3 | 89.5 | 37.9 | 16.9 | 11.0 | 2.9 | 25.3 | 309.4 |
| Non-Indigenous children | '000 | 1 544.1 | 1 212.1 | 991.1 | 512.7 | 337.7 | 105.0 | 78.8 | 36.9 | 4 818.2 |
| All children | '000 | 1 647.6 | 1 234.3 | 1 080.7 | 550.6 | 354.6 | 116.0 | 81.6 | 62.2 | 5 127.6 |
| 2010 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | '000 | 101.9 | 22.1 | 88.3 | 37.6 | 16.7 | 10.8 | 2.9 | 25.1 | 305.5 |
| Non-Indigenous children | '000 | 1 536.1 | 1 196.1 | 977.5 | 501.3 | 336.1 | 106.1 | 77.3 | 37.1 | 4 767.5 |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | '000 | 100.2 | 22.0 | 86.9 | 37.2 | 16.5 | 10.6 | 2.9 | 25.0 | 301.2 |
| Non-Indigenous children | '000 | 1 529.6 | 1 187.0 | 969.1 | 493.4 | 335.7 | 106.8 | 76.8 | 37.5 | 4 735.9 |
| 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 |
| Population for data at 30 June | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2019 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | '000 | 112.2 | 24.2 | 96.7 | 40.6 | 17.8 | 11.6 | 2.9 | 25.9 | 331.9 |
| Non-Indigenous children | '000 | 1 659.2 | 1 386.9 | 1 078.0 | 560.8 | 350.3 | 100.9 | 91.8 | 36.0 | 5 264.0 |
| All children | '000 | 1 771.4 | 1 411.2 | 1 174.7 | 601.4 | 368.1 | 112.4 | 94.7 | 62.0 | 5 595.9 |
| 2018 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | '000 | 111.3 | 23.9 | 95.8 | 40.3 | 17.6 | 11.6 | 2.9 | 26.1 | 329.5 |
| Non-Indigenous children | '000 | 1 655.3 | 1 377.2 | 1 070.7 | 557.7 | 349.1 | 100.8 | 90.8 | 36.6 | 5 238.3 |
| All children | '000 | 1 766.6 | 1 401.1 | 1 166.5 | 598.0 | 366.6 | 112.3 | 93.7 | 62.8 | 5 567.7 |

Table 16A.39 Population aged 0-17 years, by Indigenous status (a), (b)

| | Unit | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Aust |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2017 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | '000 | 110.3 | 23.7 | 94.9 | 40.1 | 17.4 | 11.6 | 2.8 | 26.3 | 327.1 |
| Non-Indigenous children | '000 | 1 629.8 | 1 357.8 | 1 058.0 | 553.8 | 348.5 | 101.1 | 88.7 | 36.7 | 5 174.3 |
| All children | '000 | 1 740.0 | 1 381.5 | 1 152.9 | 593.9 | 366.0 | 112.6 | 91.5 | 62.9 | 5 501.4 |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | '000 | 109.5 | 23.5 | 93.8 | 39.8 | 17.3 | 11.5 | 2.8 | 26.4 | 324.6 |
| Non-Indigenous children | '000 | 1 617.7 | 1 330.3 | 1 044.1 | 549.1 | 348.3 | 101.0 | 86.5 | 36.3 | 5 113.4 |
| All children | '000 | 1 727.2 | 1 353.8 | 1 137.9 | 588.9 | 365.6 | 112.5 | 89.4 | 62.7 | 5 438.0 |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | '000 | 108.2 | 23.2 | 93.1 | 39.3 | 17.2 | 11.5 | 2.8 | 26.1 | 321.5 |
| Non-Indigenous children | '000 | 1 597.2 | 1 296.5 | 1 032.4 | 544.7 | 345.8 | 101.2 | 84.8 | 36.2 | 5 038.8 |
| All children | '000 | 1 705.5 | 1 319.7 | 1 125.5 | 584.0 | 363.0 | 112.6 | 87.7 | 62.4 | 5 360.3 |
| 2014 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | '000 | 107.0 | 22.9 | 92.1 | 38.8 | 17.2 | 11.3 | 2.8 | 25.8 | 317.9 |
| Non-Indigenous children | '000 | 1 579.7 | 1 271.0 | 1 024.3 | 539.4 | 343.6 | 102.1 | 83.1 | 36.6 | 4 979.7 |
| All children | '000 | 1 686.7 | 1 293.9 | 1 116.4 | 578.1 | 360.7 | 113.5 | 85.9 | 62.4 | 5 297.6 |
| 2013 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | '000 | 105.7 | 22.6 | 91.2 | 38.4 | 17.1 | 11.2 | 2.8 | 25.6 | 314.6 |
| Non-Indigenous children | '000 | 1 564.9 | 1 246.7 | 1 014.5 | 532.5 | 341.0 | 103.0 | 81.4 | 37.2 | 4 921.2 |
| All children | '000 | 1 670.6 | 1 269.3 | 1 105.7 | 570.9 | 358.1 | 114.3 | 84.3 | 62.8 | 5 235.8 |
| 2012 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | '000 | 104.3 | 22.4 | 90.1 | 38.0 | 17.0 | 11.1 | 2.9 | 25.4 | 311.2 |
| Non-Indigenous children | '000 | 1 551.2 | 1 222.9 | 1 000.7 | 520.5 | 339.2 | 104.2 | 79.7 | 37.1 | 4 855.4 |
| All children | '000 | 1 655.6 | 1 245.2 | 1 090.9 | 558.5 | 356.2 | 115.3 | 82.6 | 62.5 | 5 166.6 |

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

| | Unit | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Aust |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2011 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | '000 | 102.8 | 22.2 | 89.0 | 37.7 | 16.8 | 10.9 | 2.9 | 25.2 | 307.5 |
| Non-Indigenous children | '000 | 1 538.7 | 1 200.7 | 983.6 | 507.0 | 336.2 | 105.6 | 77.5 | 37.1 | 4 786.5 |
| All children | '000 | 1 641.5 | 1 222.8 | 1 072.6 | 544.8 | 353.0 | 116.6 | 80.4 | 62.3 | 5 094.0 |
| 2010 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children | '000 | 101.1 | 22.1 | 87.7 | 37.4 | 16.6 | 10.8 | 2.9 | 25.1 | 303.6 |
| Non-Indigenous children | '000 | 1 534.2 | 1 191.5 | 974.4 | 497.7 | 336.2 | 106.6 | 77.0 | 37.6 | 4 755.1 |
| All children | '000 | 1 635.2 | 1 213.6 | 1 062.1 | 535.1 | 352.8 | 117.4 | 79.9 | 62.6 | 5 058.7 |

(a) Population data for total children aged 0-17 used to derive rates for financial year data are estimates at December for all years. Population data for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0-17 is estimated for December based on the average of estimates in June based on the 2016 Census. Estimates of total children for 2014 to 2016 are final based on the 2016 Census of Population and Housing. Estimates of total children for 2017 and 2018 are preliminary based on the 2016 Census. The non-Indigenous population is calculated by subtracting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population from the total population.

(b) The Australian total includes other territories. Before 1 July 2016, other territories included Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. From 1 July 2016 other territories included Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Norfolk Island.

Source: ABS (2019) table generated on 23 September 2019 from ABS.Stats, Quarterly Population Estimates (ERP), by State/Territory, Sex and Age, Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (2019) table generated on 7 August 2019 from ABS.Stats, Quarterly Population Estimates (ERP), by State/Territory, Sex and Age, Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (2018) table generated on 6 February 2018 from ABS.Stats, Quarterly Population Estimates (ERP), by State/Territory, Sex and Age, Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (2018) table generated on 11 September 2018 from ABS.Stats, Quarterly Population Estimates (ERP), by State/Territory, Sex and Age, Cat. no. 3101.0; ABS (2019) Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 2006 to 2031, Cat. No. 3238.0.