
16 Child protection services

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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 <https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services>.

Impact of COVID-19 on data in this section

COVID-19 may affect data in this Report in a number of ways. This includes in respect of actual performance (that is, the impact of COVID-19 on service delivery in 2020 which is reflected in the data results), and the collection and processing of data (that is, the ability of data providers to undertake data collection and process results for inclusion in the Report).

For the child protection services section, there are no significant changes to the data as a result of COVID-19.

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.

Roles and responsibilities

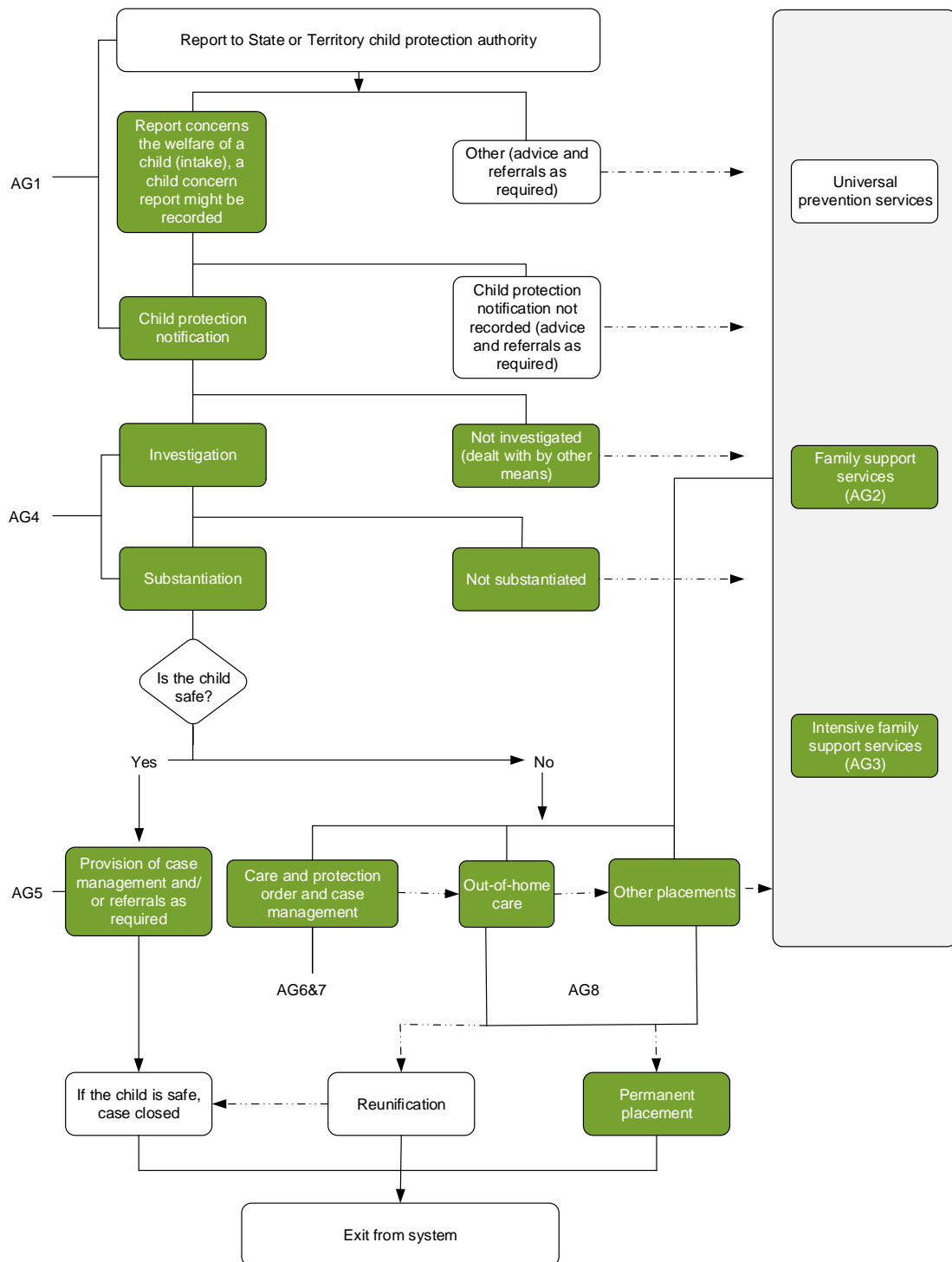
State and Territory governments have responsibility for funding and/or providing child protection services in Australia. Each jurisdiction has its own legislation that determines the policies and practices of its child protection system, and while this legislation varies in detail, its intent is similar 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). Data are included for the first time in this Report on expenditure by the Australian Government on intensive family 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. ^c Green shading indicates data are included in this Report. ^d Services differ across jurisdictions. ^e AG = Activity Group. See sub-section 16.4 for detailed definitions.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Size and scope

Nationally, the following number of children aged 0–17 years received protective intervention services and out-of-home care services during 2019-20 (also reported as a rate per 1000 children in the population) (tables 16A.1–4):

- 275 015 children were the subject of *notifications*; 48.7 notifications per 1000 children
- 103 929 children were the subject of a *finalised investigation*; 18.4 finalised investigations per 1000 children
- 48 886 children were the subject of a *substantiation*; 8.7 substantiations per 1000 children
- 60 903 children were on *care and protection orders* at 30 June 2020; 10.8 children on care and protection orders per 1000 children
- 45 996 children were in *out-of-home care* at 30 June 2020, 8.1 per 1000 children age 0-17 years, with a further 9677 children in *other supported placements*.
 - There were 56 456 children in out-of-home care at least once during 2019-20; with 12 339 children admitted to, and 11 238 discharged from, out-of-home care during this period. Box 16.1 has information about the definition of out-of-home care used in this Report.

Children can be the subject of more than one notification, investigation and substantiation in a year (table 16A.5) 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.6). Almost all children in out-of-home care are on care and protection orders (ranging from 86–100 per cent across jurisdictions as at 30 June 2020) (table 16A.7).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are overrepresented in the child protection system (tables 16A.1–4). For further details see the performance indicator ‘Disproportionality’ in sub-section 16.3.

Box 16.1 Reporting on 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 scope of out-of-home care to better enable comparability in national reporting. The narrower 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.

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.

From 2018-19 data are reported for children in out-of-home care under the new definition. Other living arrangements that were previously included in the scope of out-of-home care are 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, are reported (where available) in data tables until 2018-19.

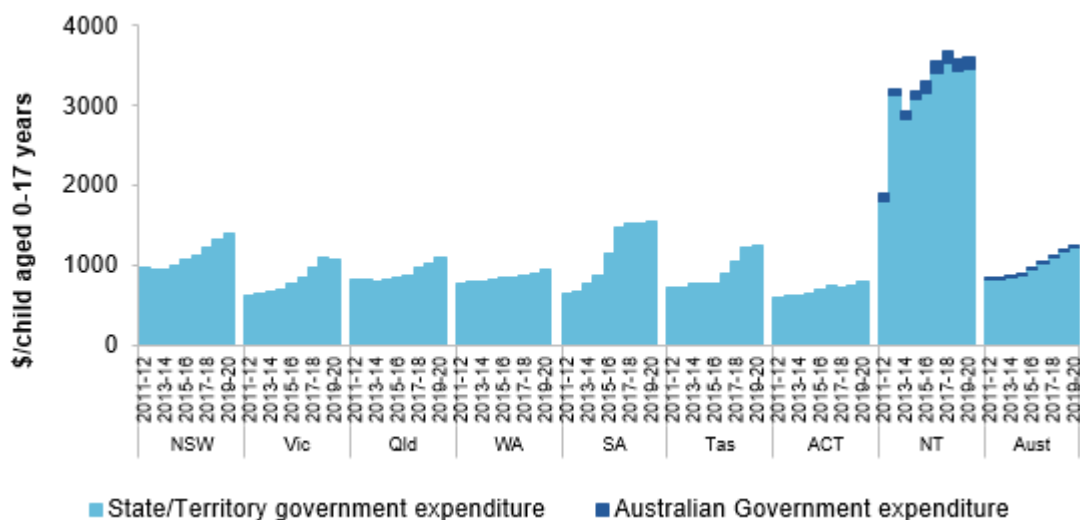
Reporting against this narrower scope will result in some jurisdictions reporting fewer children in out-of-home care from 2018-19 onwards compared to earlier years. The most significant difference relates to the exclusion of children in third-party parental responsibility arrangements, noting that some 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).

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 \$6.9 billion nationally in 2019-20 (a real increase of 4.7 per cent from 2018-19) of which care services accounted for more than half (59.3 per cent, or \$4.1 billion) (table 16A.8).

In 2019-20, real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services per child aged 0–17 years in the population was \$1225 nationally (figure 16.2).

Figure 16.2 Total real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services, per child (2019-20 dollars)^a



^a See table 16A.8 for detailed footnotes and caveats.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); Australian Government (unpublished); table 16A.8.

Differences across jurisdictions in the calculation of child protection expenditure are listed in table 16A.42.

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.

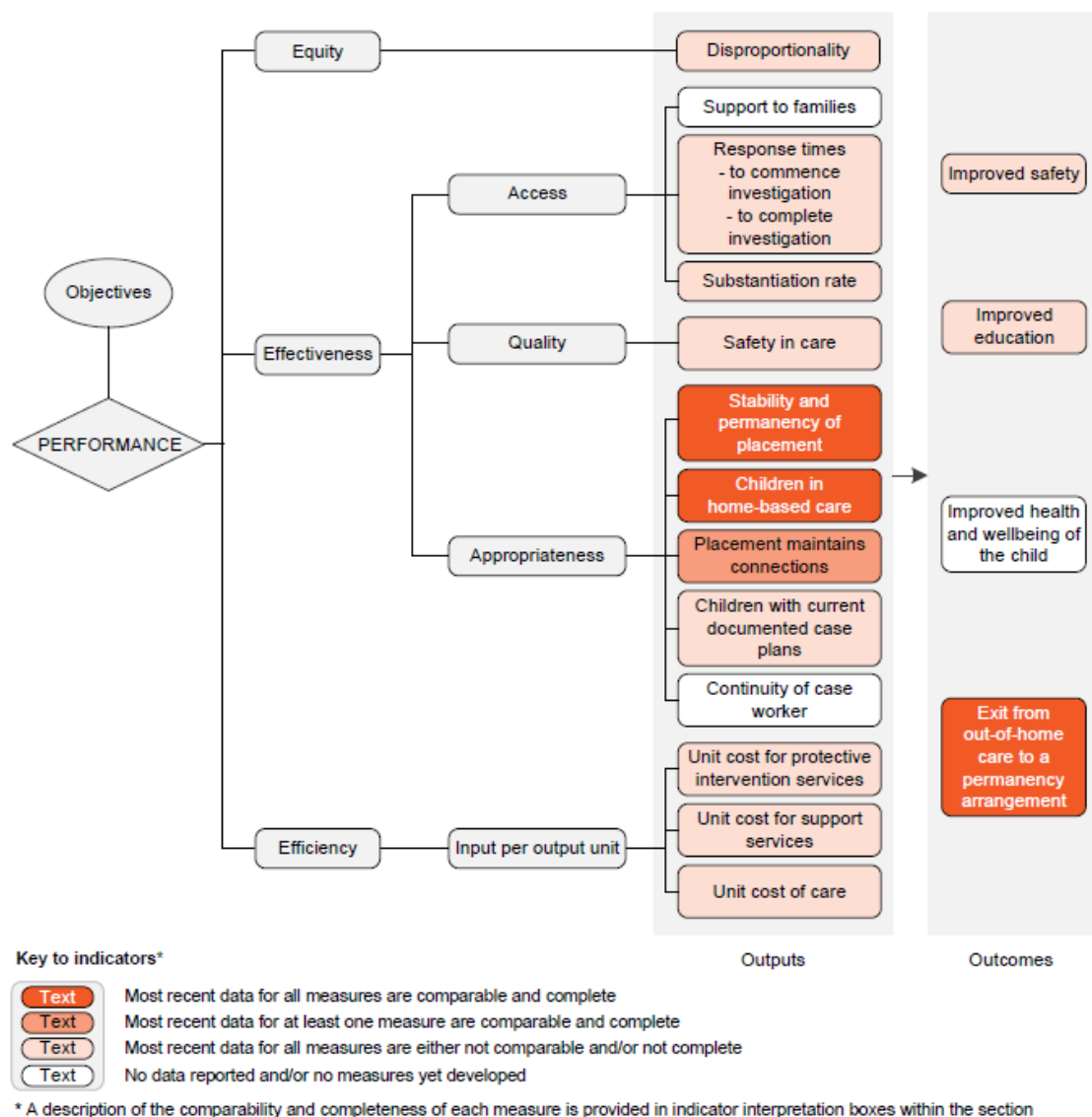
Governments aim for child protection services to meet these objectives in an equitable and efficient manner.

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 2021 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 is 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 is 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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Box 16.3 (continued)

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

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

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

Disproportionality provides an indication of the extent to which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are overrepresented in child protection services. Some of this overrepresentation 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.

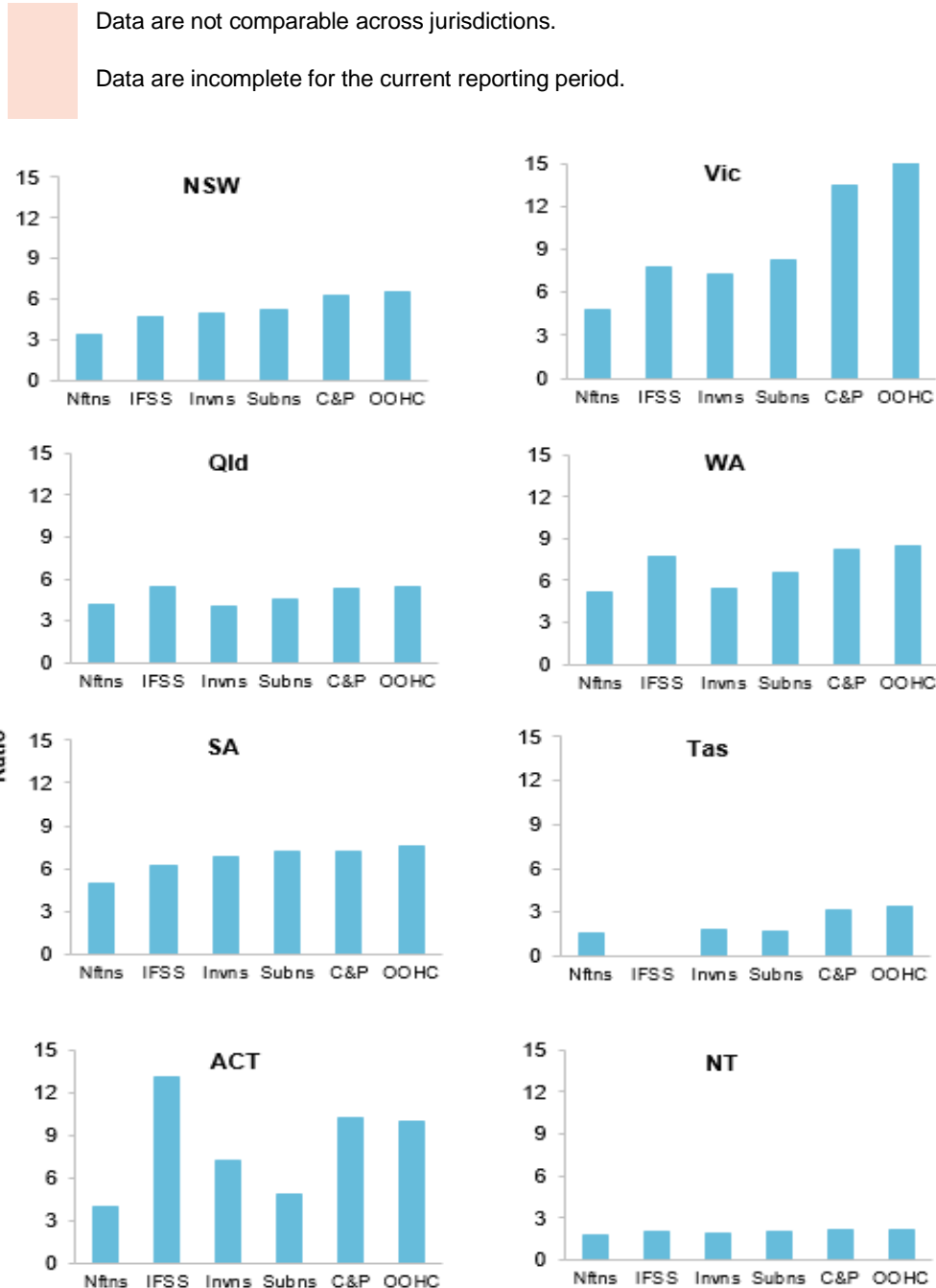
Identification of Indigenous status may lead to data quality issues for this indicator, in particular underidentification of Indigenous status is likely to result in disproportionality ratios understating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's representation in the child protection system. 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 and 16A.34).

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 2019-20 data for intensive family support services are not available for Tasmania.

The 2019-20 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, 2019-20^{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 Tasmania. ^b See box 16.3 and table 16A.9 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 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:

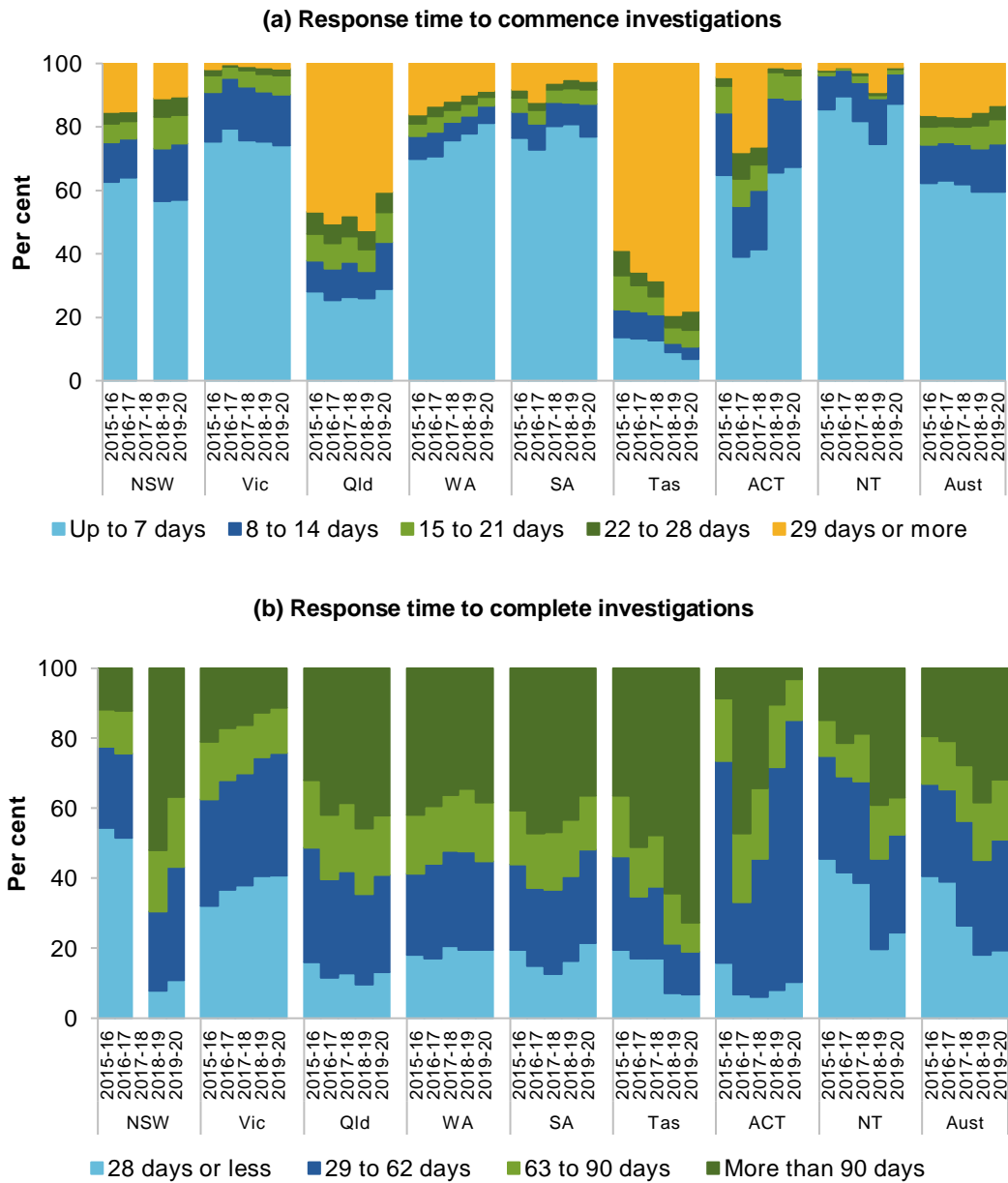
- not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within some jurisdictions over time (see caveats in data tables)
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2019-20 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Response times to commence and complete investigations varied across jurisdictions in 2019-20. Nationally, 59.6 per cent of investigations were commenced within seven days of notification (figure 16.5(a)) and 19.3 per cent of investigations were completed in 28 days or fewer — more than one in three investigations (31.8 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 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.

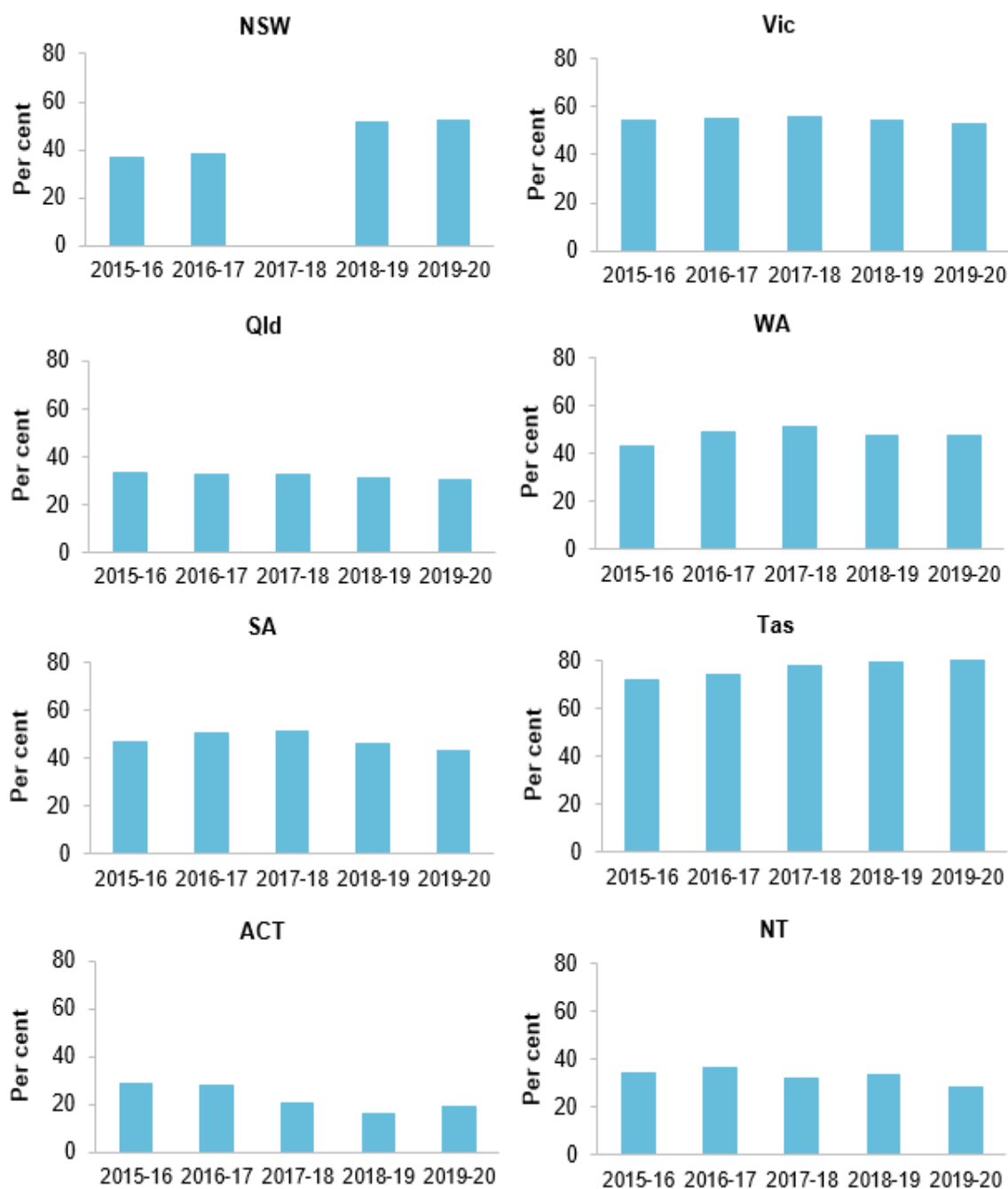
Data reported for this indicator are:

- 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 2019-20 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 2019-20 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).

In 2019-20, the proportion of children in care who were the subject of a substantiation of abuse or neglect was less than 5 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 by two measures:

- 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)
- the proportion of children in out-of-home care for two or more years who have had one or two placements in the last two years.

A high proportion of children exiting out-of-home care, or who have been in out-of-home care for two or more years, who had one or two placements, is desirable. But this 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. And children who have been in out-of-home care for a long period are more likely to have multiple placements as they transition to a permanent care arrangement once it has been determined that they cannot live with their parents.

Data for children exiting out-of-home care 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. In addition, the data for children exiting out-of-home care 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:

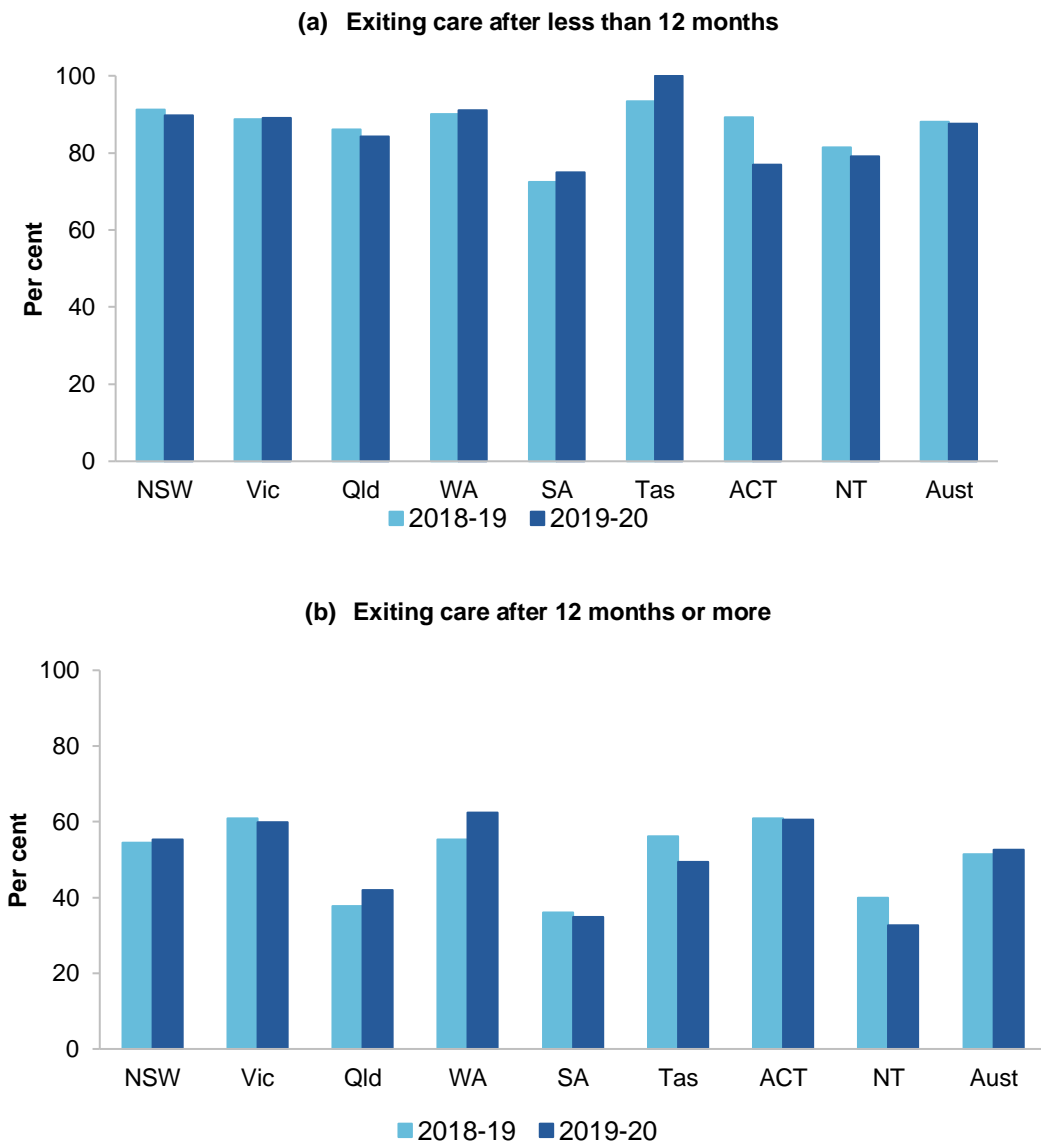
- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time from 2018-19 onwards (data prior to 2018-19 were comparable within jurisdictions over time but not across jurisdictions)
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2019-20 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Nationally in 2019-20, 87.6 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

52.6 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.18 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^a

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

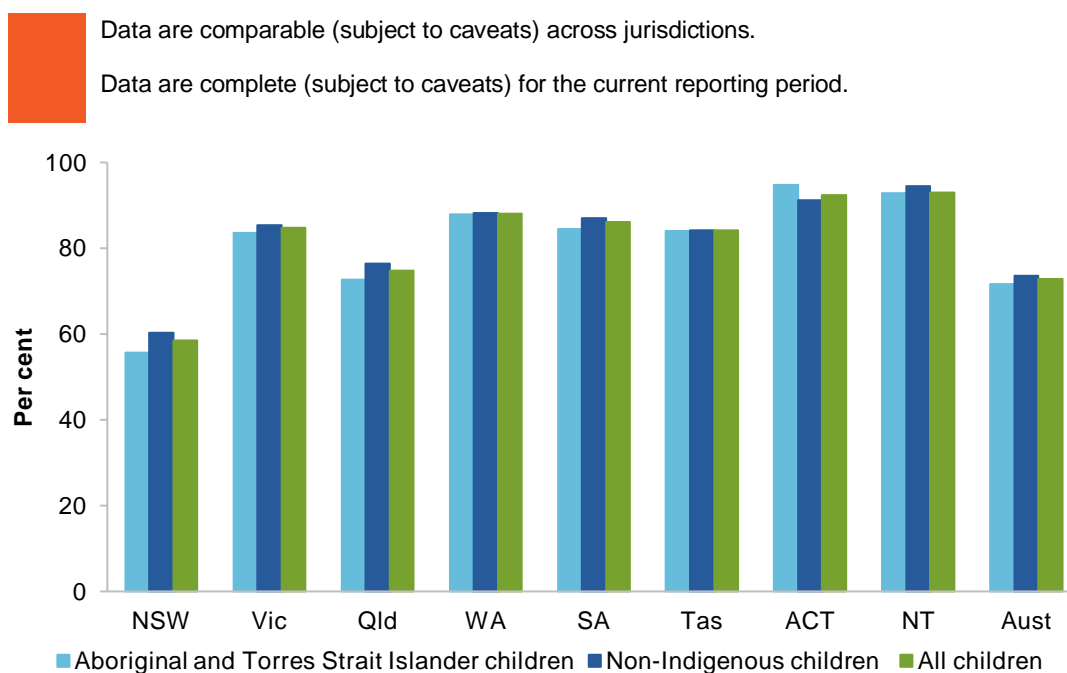


^a See box 16.8 and table 16A.15 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

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

Nationally in 2019-20, 72.8 per cent of children who have been in out-of-home care for two years or more have had one or two placements (figure 16.8).

Figure 16.8 Children in out-of-home care for two or more years who have had one or two placements, 2019-20^a



^a See box 16.8 and table 16A.17 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 16A.17

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 2020 are available.

Nationally at 30 June 2020, 92.1 per cent of children in out-of-home care were in home-based care — 97.2 per cent for children aged less than 12 years, and 82.8 per cent for children aged 12–17 years (table 16A.19). Nationally (excluding Tasmania, for which data were not provided by Indigenous status for 2019-20), proportions were similar for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and non-Indigenous children. To assist with the interpretation of this indicator, table 16A.20 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.

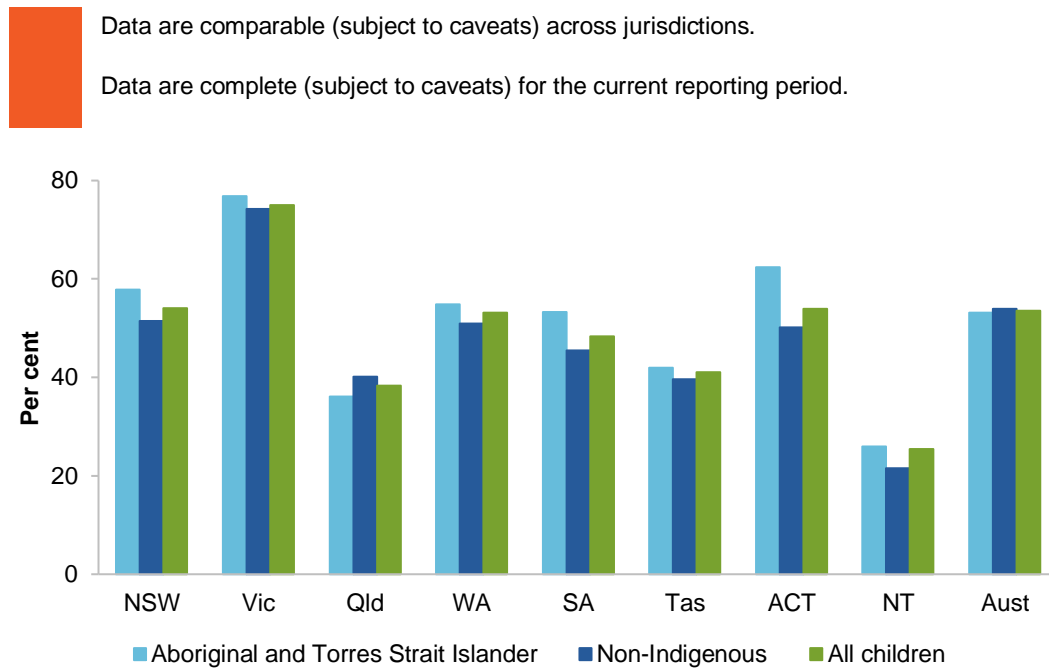
Data for the measures ‘local placement’ and ‘placement with sibling’ are under development and are not available for this Report.

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 2020 are available for all jurisdictions.

Nationally at 30 June 2020, the proportion of children in out-of-home care who were placed with relatives or kin was 53.6 per cent, with the proportion similar for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (53.1 per cent) and non-Indigenous children (53.9 per cent) (figure 16.9).

Figure 16.9 Proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, at 30 June 2020^a



^a See box 16.10 and table 16A.21 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

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

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:

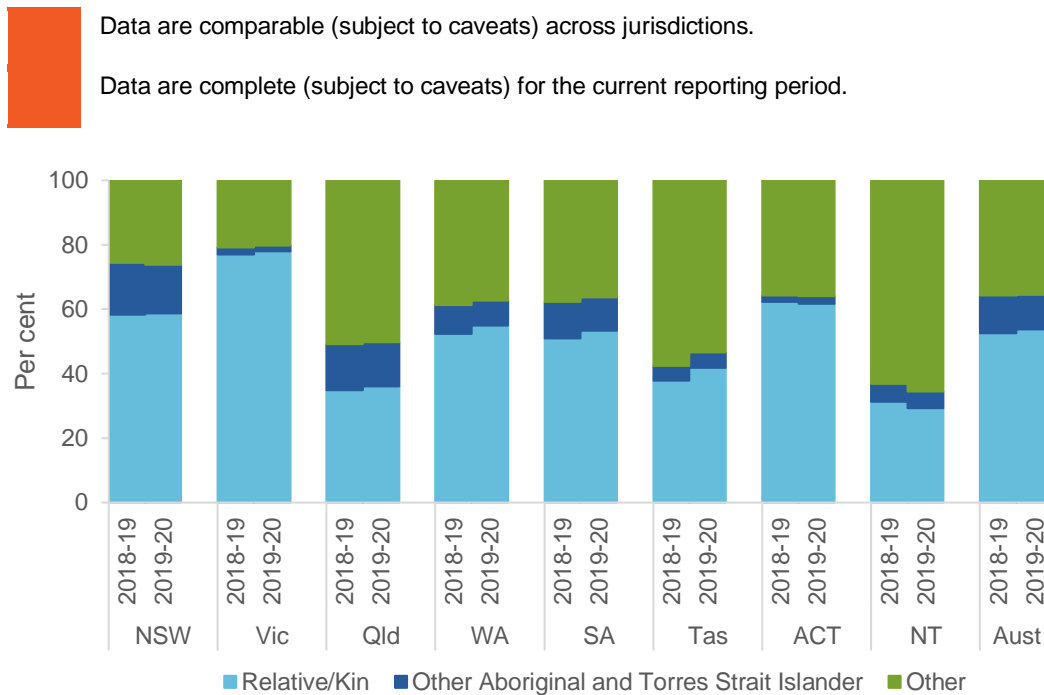
- placement with Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander relatives or extended family members, or other relatives or extended family members
- placement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family-based carers.

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 2020, 53.7 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 data). Proportions varied across jurisdictions (figure 16.10).

Figure 16.10 Placement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care, by relationship with caregiver, at 30 June^{a,b,c}



^a See box 16.10 and table 16A.22 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.22.

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.

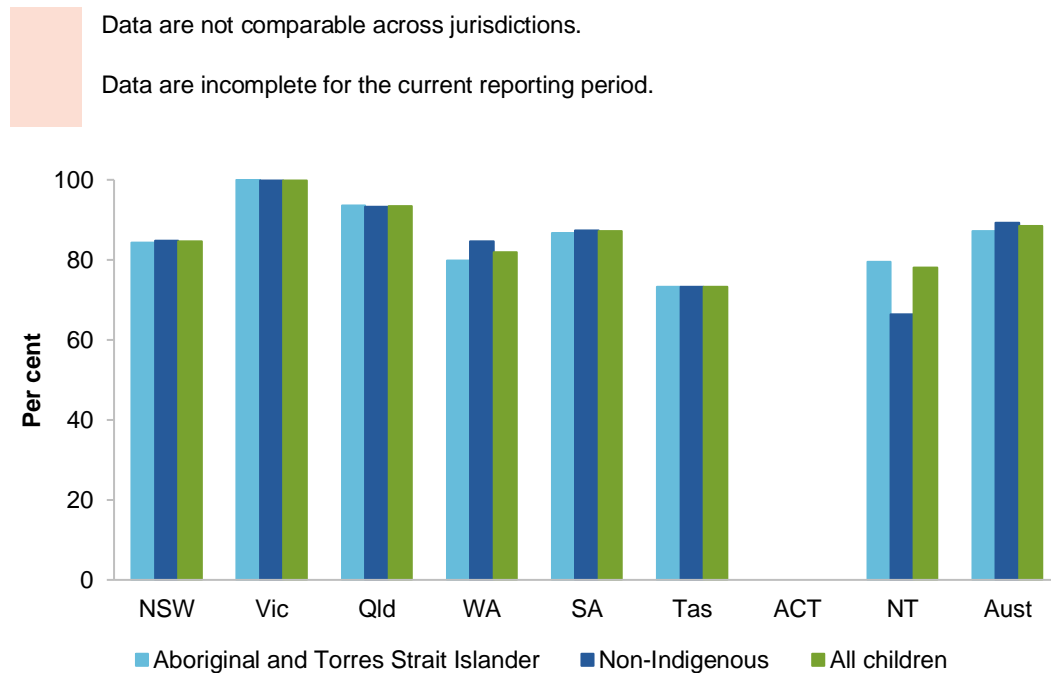
The indicator does not assess the quality of case plans, nor the extent to which identified needs and actions are put into place. These factors should be taken into account when considering the results reported for this indicator.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time
- incomplete for the current reporting period. All required 2019-20 data are not available for the ACT.

Nationally (excluding the ACT), 88.4 per cent of children required to have a current documented and approved case plan, had such a plan at 30 June 2020 (figure 16.11).

Figure 16.11 Proportion of children with current documented and approved case plans, at 30 June 2020^{a,b}



^a See box 16.11 and table 16A.23 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. ^b Data are not available for the ACT.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 16A.23.

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.

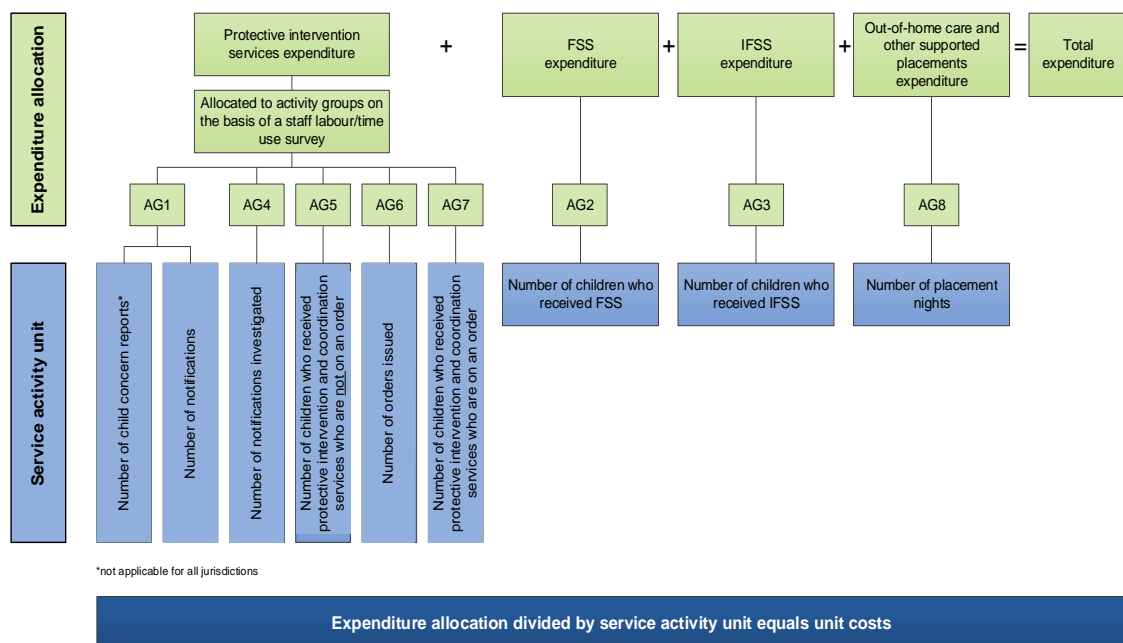
Data are not yet available for reporting against this indicator.

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 16.12 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 16.12 **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.

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 2019-20 data for Victoria, SA, Tasmania and the NT are not available.

Unit costs for child protection intervention service activities from 2013-14 to 2019-20 varied across jurisdictions where data were available (tables 16A.24–31). In 2019-20, the cost per report to child protection ranged from \$204 to \$354 (this unit cost is not applicable for all jurisdictions); and the cost per notification investigated ranged from \$864 to \$6154. Other unit costs are reported in tables 16A.24–31.

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.



For this Report, data are available for the first time for Australian Government expenditure on intensive family support services. This relates to the expenditure on services in the NT and a small amount in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara lands in SA.

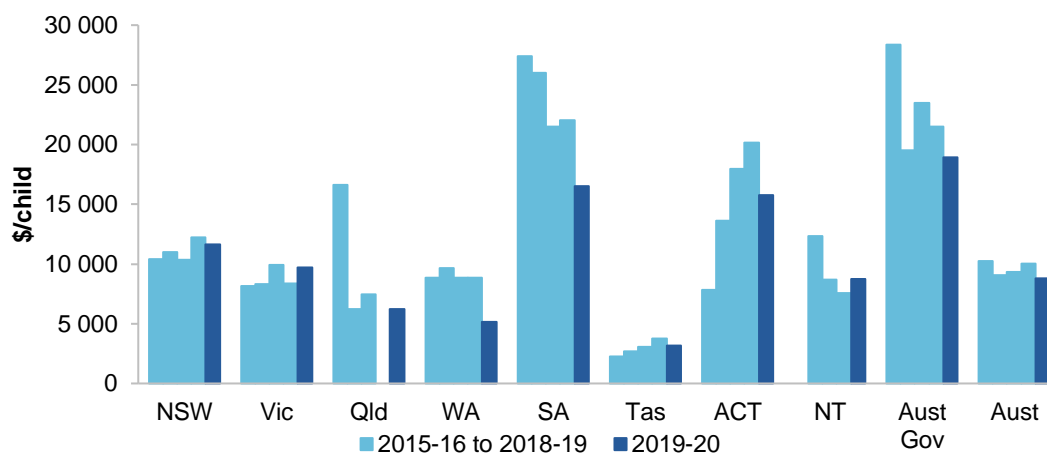
Data reported for this indicator are:

- 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 Queensland and WA are able to provide all required 2019-20 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2)
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period for intensive family support services (AG3). All required data for 2019-20 are available for all jurisdictions.

Nationally, the cost per child receiving intensive family support services was \$8804 in 2019-20 (figure 16.13). Data from 2010-11 to 2019-20 are in table 16A.33.

Figure 16.13 **Cost per child receiving intensive family support services (AG3) (2019-20 dollars)^{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 16.14 and tables 16A.24-33 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. ^b Data were not provided by Queensland for 2018-19 and the NT for 2015-16.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); Australian, State and Territory governments (unpublished); tables 16A.24-33.

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).

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 with the results for other indicators here.

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.

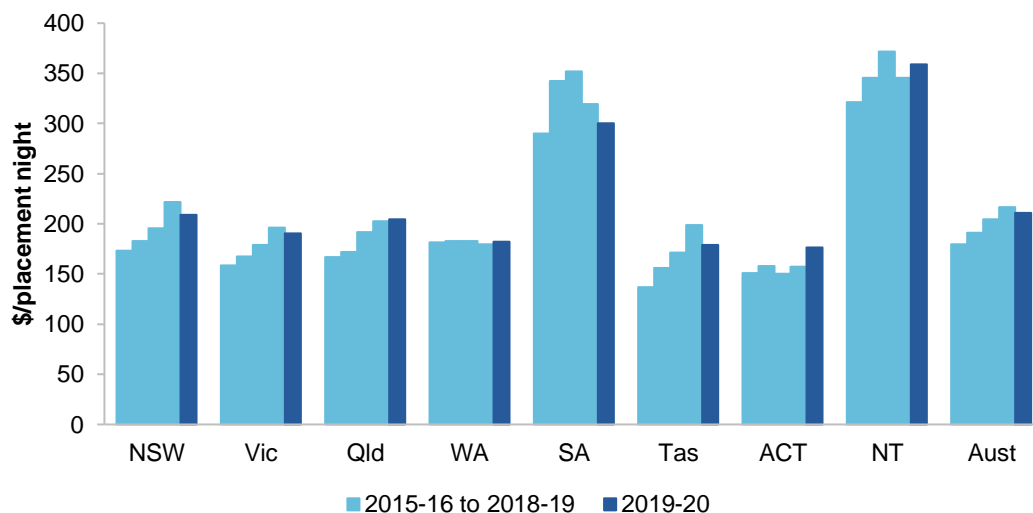
Data reported for this indicator are:

- 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 2019-20 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Nationally in 2019-20, the unit cost of care was \$211 (figure 16.14). Data from 2010-11 to 2019-20 are in table 16A.35.

Figure 16.14 Cost per placement night in care (AG8) (2019-20 dollars)^a

- 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 16.15 and table 16A.35 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 16A.35.

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 2020 varied across jurisdictions ranging between \$56 611 and \$131 273. In jurisdictions where data were available, annual costs were considerably higher for residential care (ranging between \$445 023 and \$847 379) compared to non-residential care (ranging between \$37 837 and \$54 118) (table 16A.36).

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:

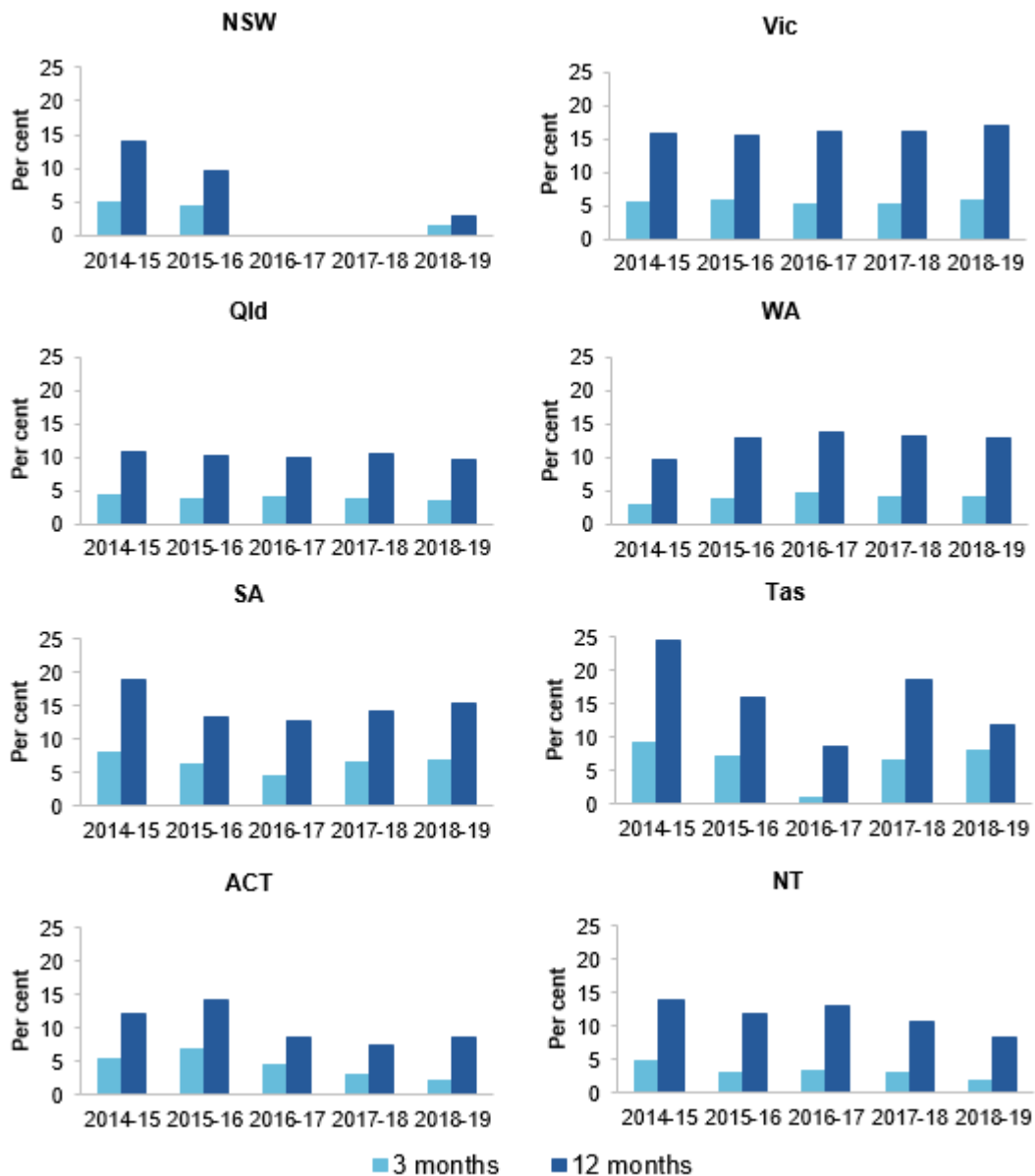
- not comparable across jurisdictions but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2018-19 data are available for all jurisdictions.

The proportion of substantiations that occurred within 3 and 12 months of a *decision not to substantiate* are provided in figure 16.15. In 2018-19, rates for the jurisdictions where data were available were under 18 per cent in all jurisdictions (table 16A.37).

The proportion of substantiations that occurred within 3 and 12 months of a *prior substantiation* are provided in figure 16.16. In 2018-19, rates for the jurisdictions where data were available were under 20 per cent in all jurisdictions (table 16A.38).

Figure 16.15 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 complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

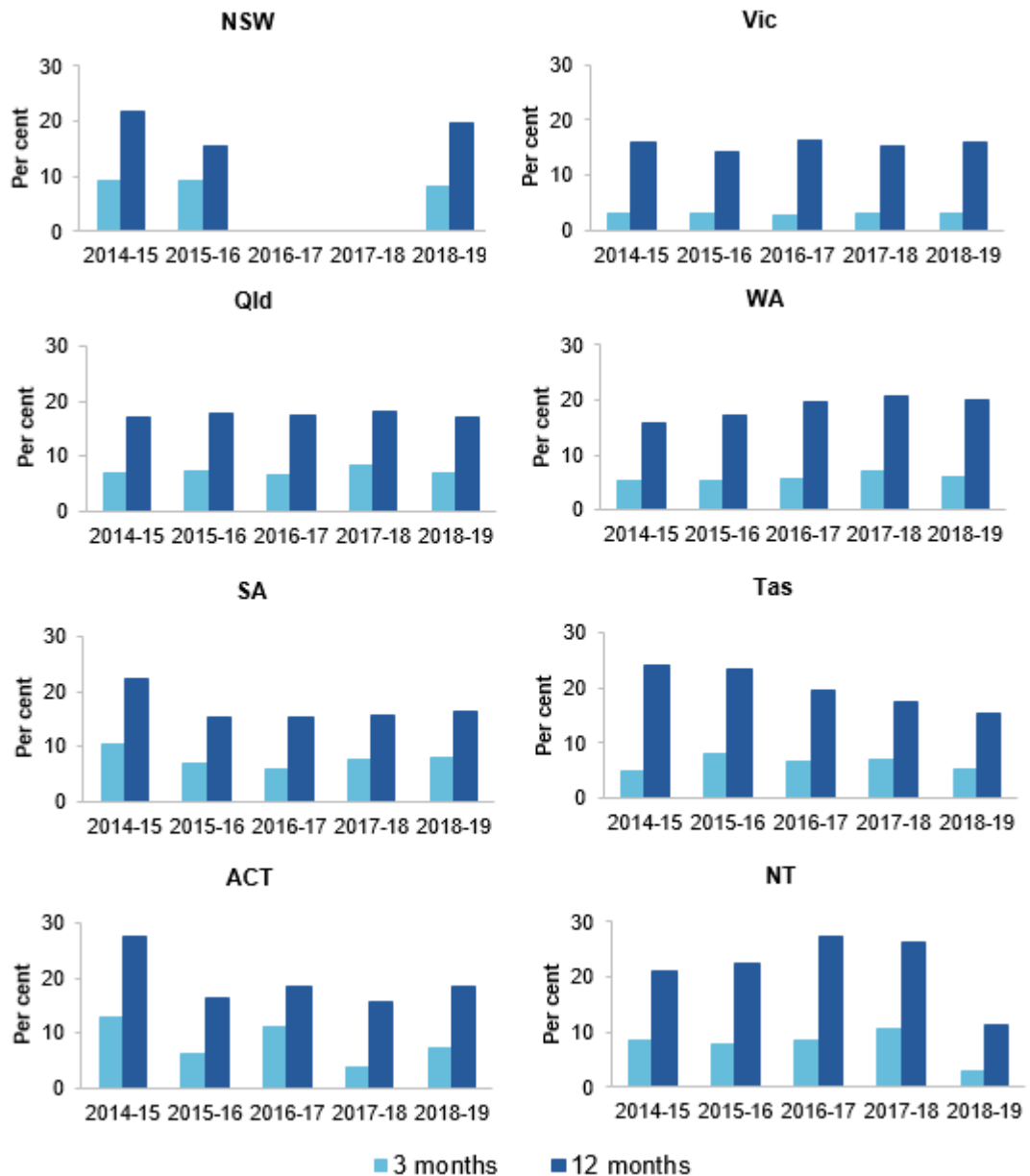


^a See box 16.16 and table 16A.37 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. ^b Data for NSW for 2017-18 and 2016-17 were not available.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 16A.37.

Figure 16.16 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 complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.



^a See box 16.16 and table 16A.38 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.38.

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 WA and SA were able to provide data for the 2019 reporting period.

Over the period from 2013 (the only year for which data are available for all jurisdictions) to 2019, the proportions of children in care at or above the national minimum standards for Year 5 reading and numeracy varied across jurisdictions. In 2019, the proportions were below the proportions for all students by at least 17 percentage points for the jurisdictions for which data were available (table 16A.39).

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 sub-section 16.4 for further information on the SDQ.

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

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

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

‘Exit from out-of-home care to a permanency arrangement’ is an indicator of governments’ objective to protect children and young people who are at risk of abuse and neglect within their families or whose families do not have the capacity to provide care and protection (box 16.19).

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 (reunited 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.

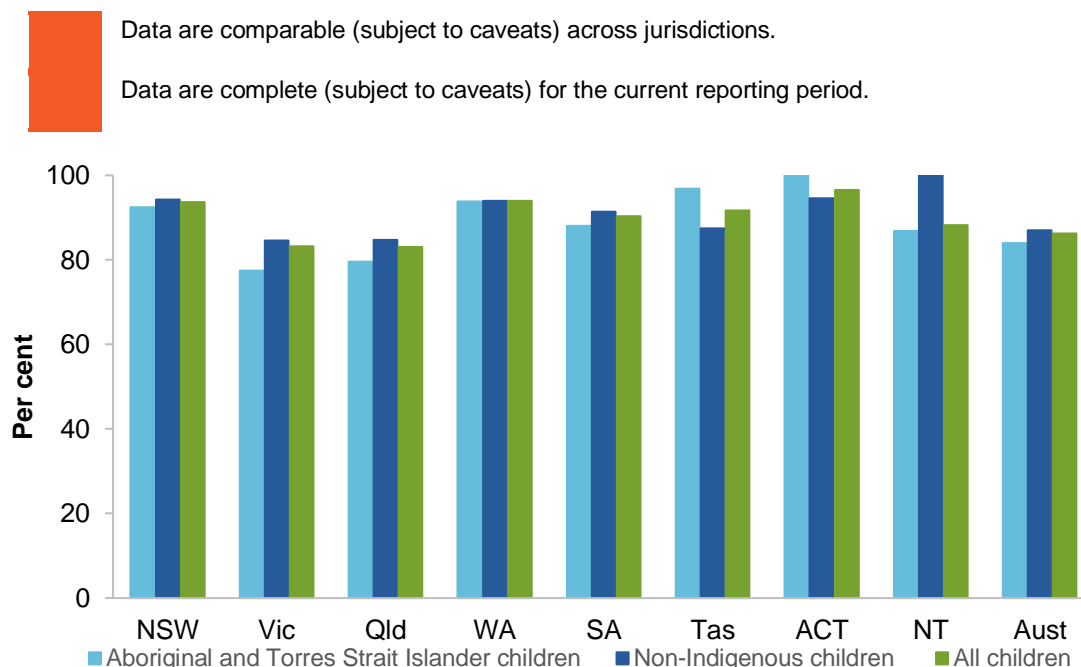
High or increasing proportions of children and young people exiting out-of-home care to a permanency outcome for whom there was no return to out-of-home care is desirable.

Data reported for this measure are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2018-19 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Nationally, 86.2 per cent of children who left out-of-home care to a permanency arrangement in 2018-19 did not return to out-of-home care in the following 12 months (figure 16.17).

Figure 16.17 Proportion of children exiting out-of-home care to a permanency arrangement who did not return within 12 months, 2018-19^a



^a See box 16.19 and table 16A.40 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: AIHW data collection (unpublished); table 16A.40.

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.

<p>Activity Group 3 (pathways) Provision of intensive family support services</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Activity Group 4 (pathways) Secondary information gathering and assessment</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Activity Group 5 (pathways) Provision of short-term protective intervention and coordination services for children not on an order</p>	<p>Activities that are typically associated with provision of short-term protective intervention and coordination services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Activity Group 6 (pathways) Seeking an order</p>	<p>Activities that are typically associated with seeking orders (court orders or voluntary/administrative orders) including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Activity Group 7 (pathways) Provision of protective intervention, support and coordination services for children on an order</p>	<p>Activities that are typically associated with provision of longer-term protective intervention and coordination services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

	<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 group homes	Homes for children provided by a department or community-sector agency which have live-in, non-salaried carers who are reimbursed and/or subsidised for the provision of 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:

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

Families are generally referred to these services by the statutory child protection agency and will have been identified through the child protection process. Intensive family support services may use some or all of the following strategies: assessment and case planning; parent education and skill development; individual and family counselling; drug and alcohol counselling and domestic and family violence support; anger management; respite and emergency care; practical and financial support; mediation, brokerage and referral services; and training in problem solving.

Investigation

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.

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.

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

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

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

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.

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 living arrangements that are not defined as out-of-home care and will usually have arranged these placements. These placements usually include children on third party parental responsibility orders and children on immigration orders (where funding is provided by the Australian Government and children who do not come through the child protection system). They may also include ongoing placements for children aged 18 years or older.

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.

Relatives/kin

People who are family or close friends, or are members of a child or young person's community (in accordance with their culture) who are reimbursed (or who have been offered but declined reimbursement) by the State/Territory for the care of a child. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, a kinship carer may be another Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person who is a member of their community, a compatible community or from the same language group.

Residential care

Where the placement is in a residential building whose purpose is to provide placements for children and where there are paid staff.

Respite care

Respite care is a form of out-of-home care used to provide short-term accommodation for children where the intention is for the child to return to their prior place of residence. Respite placements include: *respite from birth family*, 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); *respite from placement*, where a child spends regular, short and agreed periods of time with another carer other than their primary carer.

Stability and permanency of placement

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:

- 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.

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.

Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaires (SDQ)

The Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) is a brief behavioural screening questionnaire about 2 to 17 year olds. There are several versions to meet the needs of researchers, clinicians and educators. All versions ask about 25 attributes divided between five scales 1) emotional symptoms (5 items); conduct problems (5 items); hyperactivity/inattention (5 items); peer relationship problems (5 items); prosocial behaviour (5 items).

Substantiation

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.

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.

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.

16.5 References

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Impact of COVID-19 on data for the Child protection services section

COVID-19 may affect data in this Report in a number of ways. This includes in respect of actual performance (that is, the impact of COVID-19 on service delivery in 2020, which is reflected in the data results), and the collection and processing of data (that is, the ability of data providers to undertake data collection and process results for inclusion in the Report).

For the Child protection services section, there are no significant changes to the data as a result of COVID-19.

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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>
2019-20										
Children aged 0-17 years in notifications										
Number of children										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	23 937	6 672	7 825	5 259	5 055	266	942	8 887	58 843
Non-Indigenous	no.	62 116	69 999	13 017	7 838	15 607	439	3 974	2 742	175 732
Unknown	no.	26 464	4 884	2 424	2 225	623	932	2 821	67	40 440
All children	no.	112 517	81 555	23 266	15 322	21 285	1 637	7 737	11 696	275 015
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	rate	212.2	273.6	80.5	129.1	282.8	22.9	321.9	343.9	176.5
Non-Indigenous	rate	37.2	49.8	12.0	13.9	44.4	4.3	42.8	77.1	33.1
Unknown	rate	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	rate	63.1	57.0	19.7	25.3	57.6	14.5	80.8	190.5	48.7
Children aged 0-17 years in finalised investigations										
Number of children										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	10 793	3 725	6 744	3 586	1 267	83	298	3 129	29 625
Non-Indigenous	no.	21 454	26 274	11 712	6 211	2 490	135	902	709	69 887
Unknown	no.	2 066	–	1 914	2	48	234	149	4	4 417
All children	no.	34 313	29 999	20 370	9 799	3 805	452	1 349	3 842	103 929
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	rate	95.7	152.7	69.4	88.0	70.9	7.2	101.8	121.1	88.9
Non-Indigenous	rate	12.9	18.7	10.8	11.0	7.1	1.3	9.7	19.9	13.2

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Unknown	rate	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	rate	19.3	21.0	17.2	16.2	10.3	4.0	14.1	62.6	18.4
Children aged 0-17 years in substantiations										
Number of children										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	5 622	2 341	2 415	2 067	778	73	42	985	14 323
Non-Indigenous	no.	10 426	14 373	3 863	2 658	1 419	122	213	165	33 239
Unknown	no.	808	–	259	1	20	211	25	–	1 324
All children	no.	16 856	16 714	6 537	4 726	2 217	406	280	1 150	48 886
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	rate	49.8	96.0	24.8	50.7	43.5	6.3	14.4	38.1	43.0
Non-Indigenous	rate	6.2	10.2	3.6	4.7	4.0	1.2	2.3	4.6	6.3
Unknown	rate	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	rate	9.5	11.7	5.5	7.8	6.0	3.6	2.9	18.7	8.7
Children aged 0-17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June										
Number of children										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	8 191	3 451	5 060	3 345	1 595	476	284	942	23 344
Non-Indigenous	no.	12 151	11 496	6 504	2 713	2 929	953	621	117	37 484
Unknown	no.	17	–	6	1	13	34	4	–	75
All children	no.	20 359	14 947	11 570	6 059	4 537	1 463	909	1 059	60 903
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	rate	72.3	140.6	51.8	81.8	88.7	41.0	96.4	36.6	69.7

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Non-Indigenous	rate	7.3	8.1	6.0	4.8	8.3	9.4	6.7	3.3	7.0
Unknown	rate	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	rate	11.4	10.4	9.7	9.9	12.2	13.0	9.4	17.2	10.8
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										

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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
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										
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

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Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years at 30 June										
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
All children	rate	11.7	10.1	8.9	9.7	11.3	12.9	9.4	17.9	10.5
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

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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.	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	54.1
Non-Indigenous	rate	na	19.1	9.8	9.1	4.5	3.4	12.0	29.5	8.8
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	11.9
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										
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

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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										
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
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										

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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
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

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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.	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										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	rate	68.7	102.3	43.0	69.0	70.3	30.4	88.7	37.7	60.1
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

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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										
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

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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										
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										
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										

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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
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

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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										
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
Rate per 1000 children aged 0-17 years at 30 June										
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

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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
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

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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										
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
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										
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

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Children aged 0-17 years in notifications

Number of children

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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
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										

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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.	4 934	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										
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
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										
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

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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>
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
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

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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	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										
Number of children										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	5 299	1 150	3 374	1 650	744	241	164	646	13 268
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										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	rate	50.8	51.4	37.4	43.4	43.8	21.6	57.5	25.4	42.6

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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	37.3	34.0	18.2	18.1	39.7	64.0	72.0	77.7	32.3
Children aged 0-17 years in finalised investigations										
Number of children										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	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										

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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	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										
Number of children										
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

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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										
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

- (a) Notifications are only recorded for children aged 0-17 years. Investigations and substantiations may relate to young people aged 18 where the notification was made when they were aged 17 years 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.
- (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 from 2017-18.

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>	
(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)	In Tasmania, due to changes in intake business rules and practice implemented during 2018-19, the proportion of contacts progressed to notifications has decreased. Tasmania reported a higher proportion of children with unknown Indigenous status for 2017-18. Data remediation work has since been undertaken to address this issue and data has been re-supplied for revised reporting of this information in subsequent publications. As Tasmania moved from a caller to an agency defined approach for reporting of notifications during 2015-16, numbers reported are not comparable with prior years.										
(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 2019-20; 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)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2019-20										
Children aged 0-17 in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Number of children										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	6 688	2 450	3 951	2 736	1 519	389	213	916	18 862
Non-Indigenous	no.	9 470	6 645	4 967	2 102	2 605	690	482	116	27 077
Unknown	no.	2	–	5	1	12	33	4	–	57
All children	no.	16 160	9 095	8 923	4 839	4 136	1 112	699	1 032	45 996
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	rate	59.0	99.8	40.4	66.9	84.5	33.5	72.3	35.6	56.3
Non-Indigenous	rate	5.7	4.7	4.6	3.7	7.4	6.8	5.2	3.2	5.1
Unknown	rate	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	rate	9.1	6.3	7.5	7.9	11.2	9.9	7.3	16.8	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.	7 659	3 174	4 915	3 187	1 694	447	235	1 121	22 432
Non-Indigenous	no.	11 116	9 554	6 115	2 625	2 993	811	567	146	33 927
Unknown	no.	4	–	21	1	18	45	7	1	97
All children	no.	18 779	12 728	11 051	5 813	4 705	1 303	809	1 268	56 456
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	rate	67.9	130.1	50.6	78.2	94.8	38.5	80.3	43.4	67.3
Non-Indigenous	rate	6.7	6.8	5.6	4.6	8.5	8.0	6.1	4.1	6.4
Unknown	rate	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	rate	10.5	8.9	9.3	9.6	12.7	11.6	8.4	20.7	10.0
2018-19										
Children aged 0-17 in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Number of children										

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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.	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	6.9	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	7.3	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	4 469	1 505	842	1 299	55 363
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	rate	68.1	118.2	45.9	74.4	85.9	36.7	86.0	44.4	64.2
Non-Indigenous	rate	7.0	6.7	5.3	4.6	7.9	8.1	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	12.2	13.4	8.9	20.9	9.9
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

TABLE 16A.2

Table 16A.2 **Children in care, by Indigenous status (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>
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	6.5	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	11.2	8.2	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
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 or other supported placements at 30 June										
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

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Table 16A.2 Children in care, by Indigenous status (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>
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 or other supported 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 or other supported placements at 30 June										
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 or other supported placement during the year										

TABLE 16A.2

Table 16A.2 Children in care, by Indigenous status (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>
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 or other supported placements at 30 June										
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
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 or other supported 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

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Table 16A.2 Children in care, by Indigenous status (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>
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 or other supported placements at 30 June										
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
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 or other supported 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										

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Table 16A.2 Children in care, by Indigenous status (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>
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 or other supported placements at 30 June										
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 or other supported placement during the year										
Number of children										
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

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Table 16A.2 Children in care, by Indigenous status (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>
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 or other supported placements at 30 June										
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 or other supported 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
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 or other supported placements at 30 June

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Table 16A.2 **Children in care, by Indigenous status (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>
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 or other supported 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
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 or other supported placements at 30 June										
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

TABLE 16A.2

Table 16A.2 Children in care, by Indigenous status (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>
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 or other supported 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

(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. Out-of-home care includes 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.

(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.

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
(d)	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)	Tasmanian data exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. 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 may be lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmania reported a higher proportion of children with unknown Indigenous status for 2017-18. Data remediation work has since been undertaken to address this issue and data has been re-supplied for revised reporting of this information in subsequent publications.									
(i)	ACT: Prior to 2019-20 out-of-home care data includes some children 18 years and over whose carers receive a full carer payment, generally to facilitate completion of schooling without change to the placement. From 2019-20 out-of-home care data excludes these young people, resulting in a reduction in the number of children in out-of-home care compared to earlier years. These young people continue to be supported and are included in 'other supported placements'.									

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2019-20; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

Table 16A.3 Children in other supported placements at 30 June, by Indigenous status (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2020										
Children in other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	1 144	416	610	426	32	61	30	–	2 719
Non-Indigenous	no.	2 156	2 910	1 034	407	202	166	77	–	6 952
Unknown	no.	5	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	6
All children	no.	3 305	3 326	1 644	834	234	227	107	–	9 677
2019										
Children in other supported placements at 30 June										
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
Unknown	no.	1	–	1	–	–	2	–	–	4
All children	no.	3 050	3 168	1 544	15	191	221	110	–	8 299

– Nil or rounded to zero.

(a) In WA, the increase in the number of children in other supported placements from 2019 to 2020 is due to the inclusion of children on Special Guardianship Orders from 2019-20.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished).

TABLE 16A.4

Table 16A.4 **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>
2019-20										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander										
Children admitted to care	no.	952	971	1 428	616	345	62	35	178	4 587
Children discharged from care	no.	1 090	783	1 044	499	183	58	24	215	3 896
Non-Indigenous										
Children admitted to care	no.	1 250	3 405	1 715	512	559	106	83	43	7 673
Children discharged from care	no.	1 746	3 098	1 250	548	404	129	88	40	7 303
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Children admitted to care	no.	4	–	19	–	9	39	7	1	79
Children discharged from care	no.	2	–	15	–	6	12	3	1	39
All children										
Children admitted to care	no.	2 206	4 376	3 162	1 128	913	207	125	222	12 339
Children discharged from care	no.	2 838	3 881	2 309	1 047	593	199	115	256	11 238
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	959	453	190	48	51	217	3 610
Non-Indigenous										
Children admitted to care	no.	1 326	3 619	1 569	615	475	132	94	30	7 860
Children discharged from care	no.	1 696	3 113	1 271	449	339	117	101	36	7 122
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	2 817	1 210	789	240	119	241	12 224
Children discharged from care	no.	2 661	3 849	2 266	902	530	190	152	254	10 804

Table 16A.4 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>
(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. Data for 2018-19 have been revised and may differ from that published in previous editions.									
(b)	NSW: 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)	Tasmanian data exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. 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 may be lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmania reported a higher proportion of children with unknown Indigenous status for 2017-18. Data remediation work has since been undertaken to address this issue and data has been re-supplied for revised reporting of this information in subsequent publications.									
(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.5

Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2019-20									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	13 177	2 544	2 609	2 294	971	80	63	1 032
Not substantiated	no.	11 072	1 807	5 138	1 744	1 191	10	360	2 413
Total finalised	no.	24 249	4 351	7 747	4 038	2 162	90	423	3 445
Investigations in process	no.	9 157	59	871	692	203	57	5	386
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	1 691	–	488	409	108	11	11	468
Total investigations	no.	35 097	4 410	9 106	5 139	2 473	158	439	4 299
Dealt with by other means	no.	31 777	6 928	–	1 305	8 461	147	2 332	16 057
Total notifications	no.	66 874	11 338	9 106	6 444	10 934	305	2 771	20 356
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	19.7	22.4	28.7	35.6	8.9	26.2	2.3	5.1
Not substantiated	%	16.6	15.9	56.4	27.1	10.9	3.3	13.0	11.9
Total finalised	%	36.3	38.4	85.1	62.7	19.8	29.5	15.3	16.9
Investigations in process	%	13.7	0.5	9.6	10.7	1.9	18.7	0.2	1.9
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	2.5	–	5.4	6.3	1.0	3.6	0.4	2.3
Total investigations	%	52.5	38.9	100.0	79.7	22.6	51.8	15.8	21.1
Dealt with by other means	%	47.5	61.1	–	20.3	77.4	48.2	84.2	78.9
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.	20 901	15 290	4 137	2 879	1 582	125	259	170
Not substantiated	no.	19 343	14 142	9 046	3 919	2 229	14	974	572
Total finalised	no.	40 244	29 432	13 183	6 798	3 811	139	1 233	742
Investigations in process	no.	11 184	507	1 161	818	449	71	1	108
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	2 473	–	460	373	77	17	40	62
Total investigations	no.	53 901	29 939	14 804	7 989	4 337	227	1 274	912
Dealt with by other means	no.	77 842	74 878	–	1 210	23 506	282	8 277	4 141

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Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total notifications	no.	131 743	104 817	14 804	9 199	27 843	509	9 551	5 053
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	15.9	14.6	27.9	31.3	5.7	24.6	2.7	3.4
Not substantiated	%	14.7	13.5	61.1	42.6	8.0	2.8	10.2	11.3
Total finalised	%	30.5	28.1	89.1	73.9	13.7	27.3	12.9	14.7
Investigations in process	%	8.5	0.5	7.8	8.9	1.6	13.9	0.0	2.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	1.9	–	3.1	4.1	0.3	3.3	0.4	1.2
Total investigations	%	40.9	28.6	100.0	86.8	15.6	44.6	13.3	18.0
Dealt with by other means	%	59.1	71.4	–	13.2	84.4	55.4	86.7	82.0
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.	1 358	–	262	1	20	212	26	–
Not substantiated	no.	1 722	–	1 745	1	37	25	139	4
Total finalised	no.	3 080	–	2 007	2	57	237	165	4
Investigations in process	no.	1 343	7	290	497	3	124	4	4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	320	–	260	338	9	37	4	1
Total investigations	no.	4 743	7	2 557	837	69	398	173	9
Dealt with by other means	no.	33 167	5 577	–	1 483	662	624	4 246	81
Total notifications	no.	37 910	5 584	2 557	2 320	731	1 022	4 419	90
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	3.6	–	10.2	0.0	2.7	20.7	0.6	–
Not substantiated	%	4.5	–	68.2	0.0	5.1	2.4	3.1	4.4
Total finalised	%	8.1	–	78.5	0.1	7.8	23.2	3.7	4.4
Investigations in process	%	3.5	0.1	11.3	21.4	0.4	12.1	0.1	4.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.8	–	10.2	14.6	1.2	3.6	0.1	1.1
Total investigations	%	12.5	0.1	100.0	36.1	9.4	38.9	3.9	10.0
Dealt with by other means	%	87.5	99.9	–	63.9	90.6	61.1	96.1	90.0
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
All children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	35 436	17 834	7 008	5 174	2 573	417	348	1 202
Not substantiated	no.	32 137	15 949	15 929	5 664	3 457	49	1 473	2 989
Total finalised	no.	67 573	33 783	22 937	10 838	6 030	466	1 821	4 191
Investigations in process	no.	21 684	573	2 322	2 007	655	252	10	498
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	4 484	–	1 208	1 120	194	65	55	531
Total investigations	no.	93 741	34 356	26 467	13 965	6 879	783	1 886	5 220
Dealt with by other means	no.	142 786	87 383	–	3 998	32 629	1 053	14 855	20 279
Total notifications	no.	236 527	121 739	26 467	17 963	39 508	1 836	16 741	25 499
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	15.0	14.6	26.5	28.8	6.5	22.7	2.1	4.7
Not substantiated	%	13.6	13.1	60.2	31.5	8.8	2.7	8.8	11.7
Total finalised	%	28.6	27.8	86.7	60.3	15.3	25.4	10.9	16.4
Investigations in process	%	9.2	0.5	8.8	11.2	1.7	13.7	0.1	2.0
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	1.9	–	4.6	6.2	0.5	3.5	0.3	2.1
Total investigations	%	39.6	28.2	100.0	77.7	17.4	42.6	11.3	20.5
Dealt with by other means	%	60.4	71.8	–	22.3	82.6	57.4	88.7	79.5
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

Substantiated	no.	8 407	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

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Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Total notifications	no.	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	0.0	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									
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

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Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	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
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

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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>
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
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

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Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

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

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Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

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

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Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

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

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Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
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	0.0	–
Total investigations	%	10.7	2.9	100.0	16.4	20.5	16.9	0.2	17.6
Dealt with by other means	%	89.3	97.1	..	83.6	79.5	83.1	99.8	82.4
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

All children

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Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

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

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Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

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

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Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

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

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Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

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

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Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	21.6	13.9	27.0	25.4	8.7	7.5	4.2	8.8
Not substantiated	%	37.3	11.6	54.2	33.4	9.8	2.9	10.3	17.0
Total finalised	%	58.9	25.5	81.2	58.8	18.5	10.5	14.6	25.8
Investigations in process	%	0.3	1.1	12.5	6.9	3.2	1.9	3.0	1.8
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.9	–	6.3	4.4	1.0	0.7	1.6	10.9
Total investigations	%	60.2	26.6	100.0	70.2	22.7	13.1	19.1	38.4
Dealt with by other means	%	39.8	73.4	..	29.8	77.3	86.9	80.9	61.6
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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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

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Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	17 510	12 622	3 944	1 717	1 495	590	438	337
Not substantiated	no.	33 424	8 822	8 191	3 416	1 513	257	666	710
Total finalised	no.	50 934	21 444	12 135	5 133	3 008	847	1 104	1 047
Investigations in process	no.	236	899	1 333	438	323	104	41	103
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	578	–	522	375	112	76	60	184
Total investigations	no.	51 748	22 343	13 990	5 946	3 443	1 027	1 205	1 334
Dealt with by other means	no.	33 490	57 369	..	1 089	11 736	7 951	4 779	2 484
Total notifications	no.	85 238	79 712	13 990	7 035	15 179	8 978	5 984	3 818
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
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									

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Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	0.5	0.1	15.3	10.6	9.4	5.5	0.5	2.3
Not substantiated	%	10.5	0.6	61.4	40.6	11.7	2.9	0.6	7.6
Total finalised	%	11.0	0.7	76.7	51.2	21.0	8.4	1.2	9.8
Investigations in process	%	0.1	1.8	15.3	7.0	1.4	0.8	0.4	3.0
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	1.9	–	8.0	7.4	1.6	1.2	0.4	7.6
Total investigations	%	13.0	2.5	100.0	65.6	24.0	10.4	1.9	20.5
Dealt with by other means	%	87.0	97.5	..	34.4	76.0	89.6	98.1	79.5
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	26 424	14 115	6 435	3 623	2 335	904	595	1 992
Not substantiated	no.	47 378	9 856	12 799	7 451	2 404	399	856	3 153
Total finalised	no.	73 802	23 971	19 234	11 074	4 739	1 303	1 451	5 145
Investigations in process	no.	420	1 130	2 172	1 216	539	167	62	576
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	1 183	–	944	1 124	242	125	106	1 361
Total investigations	no.	75 405	25 101	22 350	13 414	5 520	1 595	1 619	7 082
Dealt with by other means	no.	50 741	66 485	..	3 414	16 520	11 965	9 014	9 944
Total notifications	no.	126 146	91 586	22 350	16 828	22 040	13 560	10 633	17 026
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	20.9	15.4	28.8	21.5	10.6	6.7	5.6	11.7
Not substantiated	%	37.6	10.8	57.3	44.3	10.9	2.9	8.1	18.5
Total finalised	%	58.5	26.2	86.1	65.8	21.5	9.6	13.6	30.2
Investigations in process	%	0.3	1.2	9.7	7.2	2.4	1.2	0.6	3.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.9	–	4.2	6.7	1.1	0.9	1.0	8.0
Total investigations	%	59.8	27.4	100.0	79.7	25.0	11.8	15.2	41.6
Dealt with by other means	%	40.2	72.6	..	20.3	75.0	88.2	84.8	58.4
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

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

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Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	20.6	14.6	31.7	23.7	12.6	6.0	6.4	6.0
Not substantiated	%	30.4	10.0	57.8	42.5	15.4	3.5	7.2	16.2
Total finalised	%	51.0	24.6	89.5	66.2	28.0	9.5	13.6	22.2
Investigations in process	%	0.3	1.5	7.2	7.9	1.6	0.7	0.7	3.3
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.6	–	3.3	4.4	1.1	0.6	1.2	2.6
Total investigations	%	51.9	26.1	100.0	78.6	30.7	10.8	15.6	28.1
Dealt with by other means	%	48.1	73.9	..	21.4	69.3	89.2	84.4	71.9
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	100	1	258	821	117	214	–	1
Not substantiated	no.	1 870	7	870	3 498	146	165	124	2
Total finalised	no.	1 970	8	1 128	4 319	263	379	124	3
Investigations in process	no.	8	45	192	379	17	15	1	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	100	–	129	335	23	55	34	1
Total investigations	no.	2 078	53	1 449	5 033	303	449	159	4
Dealt with by other means	no.	8 410	2 984	..	1 657	624	3 319	3 139	34
Total notifications	no.	10 488	3 037	1 449	6 690	927	3 768	3 298	38
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	1.0	0.0	17.8	12.3	12.6	5.7	–	2.6
Not substantiated	%	17.8	0.2	60.0	52.3	15.7	4.4	3.8	5.3
Total finalised	%	18.8	0.3	77.8	64.6	28.4	10.1	3.8	7.9
Investigations in process	%	0.1	1.5	13.3	5.7	1.8	0.4	0.0	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	1.0	–	8.9	5.0	2.5	1.5	1.0	2.6
Total investigations	%	19.8	1.7	100.0	75.2	32.7	11.9	4.8	10.5
Dealt with by other means	%	80.2	98.3	..	24.8	67.3	88.1	95.2	89.5
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

All children

TABLE 16A.5

Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	26 215	11 952	7 406	3 267	2 737	778	449	1 634
Not substantiated	no.	38 168	8 049	13 110	7 595	3 120	500	723	1 911
Total finalised	no.	64 383	20 001	20 516	10 862	5 857	1 278	1 172	3 545
Investigations in process	no.	376	1 242	1 830	1 277	380	74	56	746
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	1 078	–	910	848	303	117	116	618
Total investigations	no.	65 837	21 243	23 256	12 987	6 540	1 469	1 344	4 909
Dealt with by other means	no.	60 157	60 813	..	3 814	13 038	11 393	9 256	8 041
Total notifications	no.	125 994	82 056	23 256	16 801	19 578	12 862	10 600	12 950
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	20.8	14.6	31.8	19.4	14.0	6.0	4.2	12.6
Not substantiated	%	30.3	9.8	56.4	45.2	15.9	3.9	6.8	14.8
Total finalised	%	51.1	24.4	88.2	64.7	29.9	9.9	11.1	27.4
Investigations in process	%	0.3	1.5	7.9	7.6	1.9	0.6	0.5	5.8
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.9	–	3.9	5.0	1.5	0.9	1.1	4.8
Total investigations	%	52.3	25.9	100.0	77.3	33.4	11.4	12.7	37.9
Dealt with by other means	%	47.7	74.1	..	22.7	66.6	88.6	87.3	62.1
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations

Investigations finalised by 31 August

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

TABLE 16A.5

Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	34.6	20.3	35.6	23.3	14.2	13.2	8.5	15.7
Not substantiated	%	26.8	13.1	52.3	36.9	15.4	5.8	9.6	16.4
Total finalised	%	61.4	33.4	87.9	60.2	29.6	19.0	18.1	32.0
Investigations in process	%	1.1	1.4	8.0	7.0	2.8	0.4	1.9	5.2
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.4	na	4.1	5.4	2.7	1.7	3.4	3.5
Total investigations	%	62.9	34.8	100.0	72.6	35.1	21.1	23.4	40.7
Dealt with by other means	%	37.1	65.2	..	27.4	64.9	78.9	76.6	59.3
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	17 812	9 304	5 283	917	1 439	635	416	167
Not substantiated	no.	17 535	6 733	9 294	1 934	1 585	458	737	459
Total finalised	no.	35 347	16 037	14 577	2 851	3 024	1 093	1 153	626
Investigations in process	no.	970	945	1 072	253	224	52	29	41
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	191	na	451	185	162	105	171	47
Total investigations	no.	36 508	16 982	16 100	3 289	3 410	1 250	1 353	714
Dealt with by other means	no.	33 931	48 362	..	1 176	10 035	6 358	5 710	1 640
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									

TABLE 16A.5

Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	117	4	308	1 116	64	240	157	–
Not substantiated	no.	1 195	9	1 035	3 138	69	215	313	–
Total finalised	no.	1 312	13	1 343	4 254	133	455	470	–
Investigations in process	no.	138	29	215	395	8	16	24	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	44	na	136	300	9	43	72	–
Total investigations	no.	1 494	42	1 694	4 949	150	514	566	–
Dealt with by other means	no.	7 063	2 284	..	1 963	480	2 981	4 194	18
Total notifications	no.	8 557	2 326	1 694	6 912	630	3 495	4 760	18
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	1.4	0.2	18.2	16.1	10.2	6.9	3.3	–
Not substantiated	%	14.0	0.4	61.1	45.4	11.0	6.2	6.6	–
Total finalised	%	15.3	0.6	79.3	61.5	21.1	13.0	9.9	–
Investigations in process	%	1.6	1.2	12.7	5.7	1.3	0.5	0.5	–
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.5	na	8.0	4.3	1.4	1.2	1.5	–
Total investigations	%	17.5	1.8	100.0	71.6	23.8	14.7	11.9	–
Dealt with by other means	%	82.5	98.2	..	28.4	76.2	85.3	88.1	100.0
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	26 860	10 447	8 069	2 926	2 221	1 035	720	1 356
Not substantiated	no.	25 649	7 474	13 977	6 483	2 431	743	1 215	1 701
Total finalised	no.	52 509	17 921	22 046	9 409	4 652	1 778	1 935	3 057
Investigations in process	no.	1 394	1 052	1 846	917	373	73	86	434
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

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Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

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

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Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Non-Indigenous children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	16 052	8 078	5 121	1 143	1 430	713	539	233
Not substantiated	no.	18 555	5 485	9 426	1 953	1 440	301	710	491
Total finalised	no.	34 607	13 563	14 547	3 096	2 870	1 014	1 249	724
Investigations in process	no.	1 613	889	1 210	267	231	58	28	41
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	301	–	525	178	192	85	48	64
Total investigations	no.	36 521	14 452	16 282	3 541	3 293	1 157	1 325	829
Dealt with by other means	no.	32 013	42 781	..	1 019	10 294	6 475	5 121	1 143
Total notifications	no.	68 534	57 233	16 282	4 560	13 587	7 632	6 446	1 972
Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	23.4	14.1	31.5	25.1	10.5	9.3	8.4	11.8
Not substantiated	%	27.1	9.6	57.9	42.8	10.6	3.9	11.0	24.9
Total finalised	%	50.5	23.7	89.3	67.9	21.1	13.3	19.4	36.7
Investigations in process	%	2.4	1.6	7.4	5.9	1.7	0.8	0.4	2.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	%	0.4	–	3.2	3.9	1.4	1.1	0.7	3.2
Total investigations	%	53.3	25.3	100.0	77.7	24.2	15.2	20.6	42.0
Dealt with by other means	%	46.7	74.7	..	22.3	75.8	84.8	79.4	58.0
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children									
Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	23 175	9 075	7 681	2 759	2 139	1 025	861	1 705
Not substantiated	no.	26 389	5 995	14 342	6 021	2 101	475	1 206	1 805
Total finalised	no.	49 564	15 070	22 023	8 780	4 240	1 500	2 067	3 510
Investigations in process	no.	2 344	1 002	1 929	905	476	92	51	159
Investigation closed - no outcome possible	no.	444	..	871	577	366	136	85	337
Total investigations	no.	52 352	16 072	24 823	10 262	5 082	1 728	2 203	4 006
Dealt with by other means	no.	46 931	47 758	..	3 483	13 974	10 108	10 216	3 964
Total notifications	no.	99 283	63 830	24 823	13 745	19 056	11 836	12 419	7 970

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Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

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

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Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

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

Table 16A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)**

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

- (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 from 2017-18. 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.5 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
(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)	Tasmania: due to changes in intake business rules and practice implemented during 2018-19, the proportion of contacts progressed to notifications has decreased. Tasmania reported a higher proportion of children with unknown Indigenous status for 2017-18. Data remediation work has since been undertaken to address this issue and data has been re-supplied for revised reporting of this information in subsequent publications. As Tasmania moved from a caller to an agency defined approach for reporting of notifications during 2015-16, numbers reported are not comparable with prior years.								
(m)	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> .								
(n)	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 2019-20; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.6

Table 16A.6 **Children aged 0-17 years admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, 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>
2019-20									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children									
Children admitted to orders									
Admitted for the first time	no.	735	781	920	412	285	49	33	114
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	114	381	291	212	33	47	3	55
Total children admitted	no.	849	1 162	1 211	624	318	96	36	169
Children discharged from orders	no.	896	843	879	502	162	76	27	225
Non-Indigenous children									
Children admitted to orders									
Admitted for the first time	no.	1 016	3 184	1 250	407	496	76	70	33
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	181	1 138	311	161	67	94	24	11
Total children admitted	no.	1 197	4 322	1 561	568	563	170	94	44
Children discharged from orders	no.	1 617	4 046	1 180	558	379	155	100	48
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Children admitted to orders									
Admitted for the first time	no.	5	–	9	–	7	41	8	1
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	–	–	–	–	2	5	–	–
Total children admitted	no.	5	–	9	–	9	46	8	1
Children discharged from orders	no.	8	–	4	1	6	33	4	1
All children									
Children admitted to orders									
Admitted for the first time	no.	1 756	3 965	2 179	819	788	166	111	148
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	295	1 519	602	373	102	146	27	66
Total children admitted	no.	2 051	5 484	2 781	1 192	890	312	138	214
Children discharged from orders	no.	2 521	4 889	2 063	1 061	547	264	131	274
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	320	218	208	46	48	3	61
Total children admitted	no.	854	1 022	951	640	292	138	21	200

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Table 16A.6 **Children aged 0-17 years admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, 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 discharged from orders	no.	704	773	822	470	168	92	31	201
Non-Indigenous children									
Children admitted to orders									
Admitted for the first time	no.	1 050	3 295	1 040	472	442	147	77	21
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	299	1 179	346	165	42	117	4	7
Total children admitted	no.	1 349	4 474	1 386	637	484	264	81	28
Children discharged from orders	no.	1 647	3 696	1 300	494	351	203	91	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	58	–	1
All children									
Children admitted to orders									
Admitted for the first time	no.	1 774	3 997	1 788	904	699	270	95	161
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	454	1 499	567	373	88	167	7	68
Total children admitted	no.	2 228	5 496	2 355	1 277	787	437	102	229
Children discharged from orders	no.	2 380	4 469	2 143	964	520	353	120	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	39	4	52
Total children admitted	no.	782	1 010	714	588	208	107	45	220
Children discharged from orders	no.	1 006	739	718	391	185	59	24	219
Non-Indigenous children									
Children admitted to orders									
Admitted for the first time	no.	1 140	3 153	839	428	389	104	76	38
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	275	1 092	324	174	51	73	18	11
Total children admitted	no.	1 415	4 245	1 163	602	440	177	94	49

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Table 16A.6 **Children aged 0-17 years admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, 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 discharged from orders	no.	2 198	3 608	1 169	427	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	1 437	817	607	196	118	207
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	396	1 447	491	374	79	123	22	63
Total children admitted	no.	2 231	5 255	1 928	1 191	686	319	140	270
Children discharged from orders	no.	3 223	4 348	1 913	818	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	191	253	21	25	4	61
Total children admitted	no.	1 024	914	760	614	233	76	54	268
Children discharged from orders	no.	724	733	793	490	156	71	29	252
Non-Indigenous children									
Children admitted to orders									
Admitted for the first time	no.	1 644	2 916	828	349	405	114	121	32
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	154	1 001	300	206	38	86	13	11
Total children admitted	no.	1 798	3 917	1 128	555	443	200	134	43
Children discharged from orders	no.	1 510	3 620	1 243	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	–	–
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	–	–	1	–	5	–	–	–
Total children admitted	no.	–	1	45	–	70	22	–	–

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Table 16A.6 **Children aged 0-17 years admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, 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 discharged from orders	no.	–	–	13	2	24	8	–	–
All children									
Children admitted to orders									
Admitted for the first time	no.	2 544	3 561	1 441	710	682	187	171	239
Had prior admissions to orders	no.	278	1 271	492	459	64	111	17	72
Total children admitted	no.	2 822	4 832	1 933	1 169	746	298	188	311
Children discharged from orders	no.	2 234	4 353	2 049	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
Total children admitted	no.	3 554	5 213	1 910	1 129	889	284	180	284

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Table 16A.6 **Children aged 0-17 years admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, 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 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

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Table 16A.6 **Children aged 0-17 years admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, 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>
Total children admitted	no.	1 036	659	1 593	430	130	55	33	308
Children discharged from orders	no.	621	632	678	372	140	84	27	178
Non-Indigenous children									
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

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Table 16A.6 **Children aged 0-17 years admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, 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>
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
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
All children									
Children admitted to orders									
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

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Table 16A.6 **Children aged 0-17 years admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, 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>
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

- (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) Data for 2016-17 to 2018-19 have been revised and may differ from that published in previous editions.
- (d) NSW: Data do not include children on finalised supervisory 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.
- (f) WA admissions and discharges data for 2013-14 onwards are not comparable to previous years due to a change in methodology in 2013-14.

Table 16A.6 Children aged 0-17 years admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, 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>
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(g) Tasmania: Data may not be comparable year to year due to issues with the recording of order status. Tasmania reported a higher proportion of children with unknown Indigenous status for 2017-18. Data remediation work has since been undertaken to address this issue and data has been re-supplied for revised reporting of this information in subsequent publications.

(h) 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 2019-20; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.7

Table 16A.7 **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>
2020									
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children									
Care and protection order	no.	6 471	2 223	3 769	2 574	1 482	371	213	916
Another type of order	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	no.	217	227	182	162	37	18	–	–
Total	no.	6 688	2 450	3 951	2 736	1 519	389	213	916
Non-Indigenous children									
Care and protection order	no.	9 214	5 626	4 696	1 974	2 599	656	479	116
Another type of order	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	no.	256	1 019	271	128	6	34	3	–
Total	no.	9 470	6 645	4 967	2 102	2 605	690	482	116
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Care and protection order	no.	1	–	2	–	12	30	4	–
Another type of order	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	no.	1	–	3	1	–	3	–	–
Total	no.	2	–	5	1	12	33	4	–
All children									
Care and protection order	no.	15 686	7 849	8 467	4 548	4 093	1 057	696	1 032
Another type of order	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	no.	474	1 246	456	291	43	55	3	–
Total	no.	16 160	9 095	8 923	4 839	4 136	1 112	699	1 032
2019									
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children									

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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>
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	no.	6 754	2 181	3 576	2 604	1 338	379	199	948
Non-Indigenous children									
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	no.	10 127	6 309	4 532	2 148	2 437	706	497	108
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Care and protection order	no.	3	–	11	1	22	18	–	–
Another type of order	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	no.	–	–	6	1	–	1	–	–
Total	no.	3	–	17	2	22	19	–	–
All children									
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	no.	16 884	8 490	8 125	4 754	3 797	1 104	696	1 056
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children									
Care and protection order	no.	6 500	2 357	3 988	2 460	1 324	411	228	948
Another type of order	no.	1 036	–	–	–	3	–	1	–
Not on an order	no.	254	207	145	152	36	22	5	–
Total	no.	7 790	2 564	4 133	2 612	1 363	433	234	948

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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>
Non-Indigenous children									
Care and protection order	no.	9 885	8 164	5 302	2 035	2 595	848	560	108
Another type of order	no.	2 013	–	–	1	1	–	3	–
Not on an order	no.	242	930	216	119	7	23	9	–
Total	no.	12 140	9 094	5 518	2 155	2 603	871	572	108
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Care and protection order	no.	3	–	12	1	22	20	–	–
Another type of order	no.	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	no.	–	–	6	1	–	1	–	–
Total	no.	4	–	18	2	22	21	–	–
All children									
Care and protection order	no.	16 388	10 521	9 302	4 496	3 941	1 279	788	1 056
Another type of order	no.	3 050	–	–	1	4	–	4	–
Not on an order	no.	496	1 137	367	272	43	46	14	–
Total	no.	19 934	11 658	9 669	4 769	3 988	1 325	806	1 056

2018

Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

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	no.	6 766	1 975	3 832	2 452	1 216	389	260	953

Non-Indigenous children

Care and protection order	no.	9 784	5 249	5 015	1 908	2 393	822	561	114
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Table 16A.7 **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.	–	–	–	3	20	–	1	–
Not on an order	no.	834	730	210	83	–	27	4	–
Total	no.	10 618	5 979	5 225	1 994	2 413	849	566	114
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
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	no.	3	–	50	2	66	34	–	–
All children									
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	no.	17 387	7 954	9 107	4 448	3 695	1 272	826	1 067

2017

Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

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	no.	6 824	2 091	3 782	2 321	1 150	321	227	948

Non-Indigenous children

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	no.	11 055	8 212	5 093	1 911	2 246	865	576	111

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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>
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	no.	–	9	66	–	88	19	–	–
All children									
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	no.	17 879	10 312	8 941	4 232	3 484	1 205	803	1 059
2016									
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children									
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	no.	6 652	1 876	3 619	2 212	1 073	297	197	920
Non-Indigenous children									
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	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.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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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 on an order	no.	1	2	9	1	–	–	–	–
Total	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	no.	17 800	9 705	8 670	4 100	3 243	1 150	748	1 032
2015									
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children									
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	no.	6 210	1 511	3 512	2 062	844	241	183	892
Non-Indigenous children									
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	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	–	–
Total	no.	2	7	57	2	45	8	6	–
All children									

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Table 16A.7 **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.	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	no.	16 843	8 567	8 448	3 954	2 838	1 061	671	1 017
2014									
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children									
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	no.	6 520	1 308	3 336	1 882	787	232	152	774
Non-Indigenous children									
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	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	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	–

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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	no.	18 192	7 710	8 185	3 723	2 631	1 054	606	908
2013									
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children									
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	no.	6 203	922	3 195	1 800	788	243	140	623
Non-Indigenous children									
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	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	–
Another type of order	no.	–	na	–	–	1	–	1	–
Not on an order	no.	2	25	8	4	–	–	–	–
Total	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	no.	17 422	6 399	8 136	3 636	2 657	1 067	559	748
2012									
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June									

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Table 16A.7 **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>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children									
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	no.	5 991	1 028	3 041	1 614	706	212	134	573
Non-Indigenous children									
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	no.	11 177	5 106	4 919	1 760	1 828	789	421	127
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	no.	17 192	6 207	7 999	3 400	2 548	1 009	566	700

2011

Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

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	no.	5 737	877	2 850	1 448	630	196	119	501

Non-Indigenous children

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	–

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Table 16A.7 **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.	1 305	879	242	18	18	15	2	–
Total	no.	10 994	4 701	4 722	1 527	1 690	754	409	132
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status									
Care and protection order	no.	4	79	24	138	48	11	12	1
Another type of order	no.	–	–	–	..	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	no.	5	21	6	7	–	5	–	–
Total	no.	9	100	30	145	48	16	12	1
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	no.	16 740	5 678	7 602	3 120	2 368	966	540	634

- (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. Out-of-home care includes 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.7 **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. 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)	Tasmanian data exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. 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 may be lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmania reported a higher proportion of children with unknown Indigenous status for 2017-18. Data remediation work has since been undertaken to address this issue and data has been re-supplied for revised reporting of this information in subsequent publications.								
(h)	ACT: Prior to 2019-20 out-of-home care data includes some children 18 years and over whose carers receive a full carer payment, generally to facilitate completion of schooling without change to the placement. From 2019-20 out-of-home care data excludes these young people, resulting in a reduction in the number of children in out-of-home care compared to earlier years. These young people continue to be supported and are included in 'other supported placements'.								

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

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2019-20; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.8

Table 16A.8 **Government real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services (2019-20 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l)**

	<i>Unit</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>2019-20</i>
Total real expenditure											
Protective intervention services											
NSW	\$'000	416 137	347 825	403 193	429 852	413 707	448 143	441 400	561 974	650 898	662 891
Vic	\$'000	195 918	206 990	205 274	206 108	215 120	241 598	255 467	308 354	347 080	340 597
Qld	\$'000	342 116	344 089	341 353	325 874	339 241	292 384	297 312	298 320	315 993	341 025
WA	\$'000	77 539	126 500	159 016	161 406	166 091	167 645	188 030	201 239	202 477	221 039
SA	\$'000	46 489	56 760	57 502	53 171	50 220	30 253	35 050	55 758	59 932	65 919
Tas	\$'000	22 713	25 621	23 396	22 880	20 779	17 422	20 347	24 064	25 790	27 699
ACT	\$'000	11 827	13 307	13 225	12 782	14 933	15 952	13 646	14 139	15 371	16 214
NT	\$'000	35 903	46 339	71 279	38 491	38 172	33 527	28 289	25 650	25 045	26 816
Australia	\$'000	1 148 641	1 167 430	1 274 237	1 250 564	1 258 262	1 246 924	1 279 541	1 489 498	1 642 586	1 702 198
Care services											
NSW	\$'000	811 774	838 210	850 165	872 036	960 263	1 094 507	1 197 802	1 248 959	1 374 509	1 489 242
Vic	\$'000	382 534	395 102	412 859	439 003	478 281	523 474	597 601	671 570	798 585	805 339
Qld	\$'000	428 108	445 022	456 794	457 917	480 652	527 474	553 771	631 872	692 419	751 125
WA	\$'000	237 999	218 455	236 031	246 691	265 264	267 334	277 199	288 502	303 731	321 157
SA	\$'000	153 823	159 091	173 350	196 314	237 523	323 722	421 621	458 297	447 973	458 765
Tas	\$'000	45 352	44 592	47 104	51 594	50 404	55 581	67 060	77 271	93 794	86 597
ACT	\$'000	32 309	30 169	33 813	36 418	36 996	38 987	44 821	44 345	46 743	51 163
NT	\$'000	55 389	63 122	84 793	90 263	108 002	118 739	131 599	142 816	135 972	135 474
Australia	\$'000	2 147 288	2 193 764	2 294 909	2 390 237	2 617 384	2 949 820	3 291 475	3 563 632	3 893 726	4 098 862
Intensive family support services											
State and Territory expenditure											
NSW	\$'000	189 706	257 627	164 453	163 882	179 092	186 190	191 928	183 381	187 033	186 921
Vic	\$'000	70 127	70 838	80 239	86 512	90 983	101 315	121 118	142 789	150 883	161 523
Qld	\$'000	34 879	37 238	44 778	44 751	73 912	69 640	78 481	101 316	110 882	118 007

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	<i>Unit</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>2019-20</i>
WA	\$'000	8 290	30 869	9 462	9 724	10 663	10 647	10 862	11 502	11 812	15 775
SA	\$'000	10 356	10 451	12 190	15 332	13 971	31 026	33 276	15 291	17 025	19 650
Tas	\$'000	5 380	6 498	8 007	8 527	8 782	7 255	7 507	8 392	10 366	9 491
ACT	\$'000	1 637	1 548	1 065	895	1 017	2 873	5 276	5 329	5 328	6 194
NT	\$'000	594	593	609	na	na	112	5 064	5 072	5 558	5 574
Australia	\$'000	320 970	415 662	320 804	329 623	378 419	409 058	453 512	473 073	498 886	523 135
Australian Government expenditure											
NT (includes some expenditure in SA)	\$'000	1 046	5 561	5 177	6 596	6 674	9 438	9 016	9 659	8 659	8 344
Family support services											
NSW	\$'000	na	160 261	136 449	124 409	117 542	121 362	123 870	118 943	127 386	136 833
Vic	\$'000	na	105 780	117 280	123 406	133 379	153 138	174 220	221 170	235 231	238 607
Qld	\$'000	na	64 434	63 167	63 264	33 595	57 412	77 616	80 724	85 207	87 894
WA	\$'000	na	40 908	44 232	44 477	41 066	44 036	22 585	13 131	16 772	17 448
SA	\$'000	na	na	na	11 776	12 154	29 514	47 094	30 193	32 489	31 056
Tas	\$'000	na	6 264	5 354	5 783	5 736	6 309	6 770	6 891	7 233	16 445
ACT	\$'000	na	3 146	3 088	2 604	2 797	2 695	2 981	3 109	3 161	3 229
NT	\$'000	na	2 131	39 153	47 722	44 804	43 997	48 985	47 681	47 536	44 992
Australia	\$'000	na	382 924	408 723	423 441	391 073	458 462	504 122	521 842	555 016	576 504
Protective intervention services and care services											
NSW	\$'000	1 227 911	1 186 035	1 253 358	1 301 888	1 373 970	1 542 650	1 639 201	1 810 933	2 025 408	2 152 133
Vic	\$'000	578 452	602 092	618 133	645 111	693 401	765 072	853 069	979 924	1 145 665	1 145 936
Qld	\$'000	770 224	789 111	798 146	783 791	819 893	819 859	851 083	930 192	1 008 412	1 092 150
WA	\$'000	315 538	344 955	395 048	408 096	431 355	434 979	465 229	489 740	506 207	542 196
SA	\$'000	200 312	215 851	230 853	249 486	287 742	353 976	456 671	514 054	507 905	524 684
Tas	\$'000	68 065	70 213	70 500	74 474	71 183	73 003	87 407	101 336	119 583	114 295

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Table 16A.8 **Government real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services (2019-20 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l)**

	<i>Unit</i>	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
ACT	\$'000	44 137	43 475	47 038	49 200	51 929	54 939	58 468	58 484	62 115	67 377
NT	\$'000	91 292	109 462	156 072	128 754	146 174	152 266	159 888	168 465	161 017	162 290
Australia	\$'000	3 295 929	3 361 194	3 569 147	3 640 800	3 875 647	4 196 744	4 571 016	5 053 129	5 536 312	5 801 061
Protective intervention services, care services and intensive family support services											
NSW	\$'000	1 417 616	1 443 662	1 417 812	1 465 770	1 553 061	1 728 840	1 831 130	1 994 315	2 212 440	2 339 054
Vic	\$'000	648 579	672 930	698 373	731 623	784 384	866 387	974 186	1 122 713	1 296 548	1 307 458
Qld	\$'000	805 103	826 349	842 925	828 543	893 805	889 499	929 564	1 031 508	1 119 294	1 210 157
WA	\$'000	323 827	375 824	404 510	417 820	442 017	445 626	476 091	501 242	518 019	557 971
SA	\$'000	210 667	226 301	243 042	264 818	301 713	385 001	489 947	529 346	524 931	544 334
Tas	\$'000	73 445	76 711	78 507	83 001	79 966	80 259	94 915	109 728	129 949	123 786
ACT	\$'000	45 774	45 024	48 103	50 095	52 946	57 812	63 744	63 814	67 442	73 571
NT	\$'000	92 933	115 616	161 858	135 350	152 848	161 816	173 968	183 195	175 234	176 208
Australia	\$'000	3 617 945	3 782 417	3 895 128	3 977 019	4 260 740	4 615 239	5 033 545	5 535 861	6 043 857	6 332 539
Protective intervention services, care services, intensive family support services and family support services											
NSW	\$'000	na	1 603 922	1 554 261	1 590 179	1 670 603	1 850 202	1 955 000	2 113 258	2 339 826	2 475 887
Vic	\$'000	na	778 710	815 653	855 029	917 763	1 019 526	1 148 406	1 343 883	1 531 779	1 546 065
Qld	\$'000	na	890 783	906 092	891 807	927 400	946 911	1 007 180	1 112 232	1 204 502	1 298 051
WA	\$'000	na	416 731	448 742	462 297	483 083	489 662	498 676	514 373	534 792	575 419
SA	\$'000	na	226 301	243 042	276 594	313 867	414 515	537 041	559 539	557 419	575 390
Tas	\$'000	na	82 975	83 860	88 784	85 702	86 567	101 685	116 619	137 182	140 231
ACT	\$'000	na	48 170	51 191	52 699	55 744	60 506	66 725	66 923	70 603	76 800
NT	\$'000	na	117 747	201 011	183 072	197 651	205 813	222 953	230 876	222 770	221 200
Australia	\$'000	na	4 165 340	4 303 851	4 400 460	4 651 813	5 073 701	5 537 667	6 057 703	6 598 873	6 909 042
Real expenditure per child aged 0-17 in the population											
Protective intervention services											
NSW	\$	254.05	211.11	242.32	256.03	243.73	261.10	254.62	321.66	366.62	372.01

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	<i>Unit</i>	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Vic	\$	160.82	167.69	163.20	160.72	164.48	180.67	187.08	221.44	245.78	238.02
Qld	\$	320.98	318.41	310.64	293.27	302.57	258.78	259.94	257.59	269.65	288.20
WA	\$	143.90	229.77	281.56	281.15	286.00	286.20	318.41	338.11	337.85	364.43
SA	\$	131.76	160.07	160.96	148.07	138.79	83.06	95.90	152.26	163.18	178.35
Tas	\$	194.27	220.87	203.85	200.97	183.86	155.12	180.42	214.30	229.36	245.81
ACT	\$	147.54	162.99	158.27	149.73	171.92	180.34	151.21	152.39	162.51	169.35
NT	\$	576.55	744.91	1 137.83	615.31	614.40	537.25	451.54	409.21	402.52	436.83
Australia	\$	226.42	227.68	244.88	237.41	236.02	231.06	234.15	269.50	293.57	301.70
Care services											
NSW	\$	495.59	508.74	510.96	519.41	565.72	637.69	690.95	714.87	774.19	835.76
Vic	\$	314.01	320.09	328.23	342.33	365.70	391.47	437.62	482.29	565.51	562.81
Qld	\$	401.66	411.81	415.70	412.10	428.69	466.86	484.17	545.59	590.88	634.78
WA	\$	441.70	396.79	417.92	429.71	456.78	456.39	469.41	484.72	506.80	529.49
SA	\$	435.95	448.66	485.24	546.68	656.41	888.81	1 153.58	1 251.49	1 219.73	1 241.27
Tas	\$	387.91	384.41	410.43	453.19	446.00	494.87	594.62	688.12	834.16	768.48
ACT	\$	403.04	369.54	404.65	426.63	425.91	440.77	496.64	477.95	494.17	534.39
NT	\$	889.47	1 014.70	1 353.54	1 442.92	1 738.35	1 902.71	2 100.50	2 278.46	2 185.30	2 206.85
Australia	\$	423.27	427.83	441.03	453.78	490.97	546.61	602.33	644.78	695.90	726.48
Intensive family support services											
NSW	\$	115.82	156.36	98.84	97.61	105.51	108.48	110.71	104.96	105.35	104.90
Vic	\$	57.57	57.39	63.79	67.46	69.57	75.77	88.69	102.54	106.85	112.88
Qld	\$	32.72	34.46	40.75	40.27	65.92	61.64	68.62	87.48	94.62	99.73
WA	\$	15.38	56.07	16.75	16.94	18.36	18.18	18.39	19.33	19.71	26.01
SA	\$	29.35	29.47	34.12	42.70	38.61	85.18	91.05	41.76	46.36	53.17
Tas	\$	46.02	56.02	69.76	74.90	77.71	64.60	66.57	74.73	92.19	84.22
ACT	\$	20.42	18.97	12.75	10.49	11.71	32.48	58.46	57.44	56.33	64.69

TABLE 16A.8

Table 16A.8 **Government real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services (2019-20 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l)**

	<i>Unit</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>2019-20</i>
NT	\$	26.35	98.93	92.36	na	na	153.03	224.74	235.01	228.49	226.71
Australia	\$	63.48	82.15	62.65	63.83	72.24	77.55	84.64	87.34	90.71	94.20
Family support services											
NSW	\$	na	97.27	82.01	74.10	69.25	70.71	71.45	68.08	71.75	76.79
Vic	\$	na	85.70	93.24	96.23	101.98	114.52	127.58	158.83	166.58	166.75
Qld	\$	na	59.62	57.48	56.93	29.96	50.81	67.86	69.70	72.71	74.28
WA	\$	na	74.30	78.32	77.47	70.71	75.18	38.25	22.06	27.99	28.77
SA	\$	na	na	na	32.79	33.59	81.03	128.85	82.45	88.46	84.03
Tas	\$	na	54.00	46.65	50.79	50.76	56.17	60.03	61.36	64.32	145.94
ACT	\$	na	38.54	36.95	30.50	32.20	30.46	33.03	33.51	33.42	33.73
NT	\$	na	34.26	625.00	762.86	721.14	705.03	781.88	760.69	763.99	732.91
Australia	\$	na	74.68	78.55	80.39	73.36	84.95	92.25	94.42	99.19	102.18
Protective intervention services and care services											
NSW	\$	749.65	719.85	753.28	775.44	809.45	898.78	945.57	1 036.54	1 140.81	1 207.78
Vic	\$	474.84	487.78	491.42	503.05	530.18	572.14	624.70	703.73	811.29	800.83
Qld	\$	722.65	730.21	726.35	705.38	731.26	725.64	744.11	803.18	860.53	922.99
WA	\$	585.61	626.56	699.48	710.86	742.78	742.59	787.81	822.83	844.65	893.92
SA	\$	567.71	608.73	646.21	694.75	795.19	971.87	1 249.47	1 403.75	1 382.91	1 419.63
Tas	\$	582.18	605.29	614.28	654.17	629.87	649.99	775.04	902.41	1 063.52	1 014.29
ACT	\$	550.58	532.53	562.92	576.37	597.83	621.11	647.86	630.34	656.68	703.74
NT	\$	1 466.02	1 759.61	2 491.37	2 058.23	2 352.74	2 439.97	2 552.04	2 687.65	2 587.82	2 643.68
Australia	\$	649.69	655.51	685.91	691.19	726.99	777.67	836.48	914.28	989.47	1 028.18
Protective intervention services, care services and intensive family support services											
NSW	\$	865.47	876.21	852.12	873.05	914.95	1 007.26	1 056.28	1 141.50	1 246.15	1 312.68
Vic	\$	532.40	545.17	555.22	570.51	599.75	647.91	713.39	806.27	918.13	913.71

TABLE 16A.8

Table 16A.8 **Government real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services (2019-20 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l)**

	<i>Unit</i>	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Qld	\$	755.37	764.67	767.10	745.65	797.18	787.28	812.73	890.66	955.15	1 022.72
WA	\$	600.99	682.63	716.23	727.80	761.15	760.77	806.21	842.15	864.36	919.93
SA	\$	597.06	638.21	680.33	737.44	833.80	1 057.06	1 340.52	1 445.50	1 429.26	1 472.79
Tas	\$	628.20	661.30	684.05	729.07	707.58	714.59	841.61	977.15	1 155.71	1 098.51
ACT	\$	571.00	551.50	575.67	586.85	609.54	653.59	706.32	687.78	713.00	768.43
NT	\$	1 492.37	1 858.53	2 583.73	2 163.66	2 460.16	2 592.99	2 776.78	2 922.66	2 816.31	2 870.39
Australia	\$	713.17	737.66	748.55	755.02	799.23	855.22	921.12	1 001.63	1 080.18	1 122.38
Protective intervention services, care services, intensive family support services and family support services											
NSW	\$	na	973.48	934.13	947.15	984.20	1 077.97	1 127.73	1 209.58	1 317.90	1 389.47
Vic	\$	na	630.87	648.46	666.74	701.73	762.43	840.97	965.10	1 084.71	1 080.46
Qld	\$	na	824.30	824.58	802.58	827.15	838.09	880.59	960.36	1 027.87	1 097.00
WA	\$	na	756.93	794.55	805.27	831.86	835.94	844.45	864.22	892.35	948.69
SA	\$	na	638.21	680.33	770.24	867.39	1 138.09	1 469.37	1 527.95	1 517.72	1 556.82
Tas	\$	na	715.30	730.69	779.87	758.33	770.76	901.64	1 038.51	1 220.03	1 244.45
ACT	\$	na	590.03	612.62	617.36	641.74	684.05	739.35	721.29	746.42	802.16
NT	\$	na	1 892.80	3 208.73	2 926.53	3 181.30	3 298.02	3 558.65	3 683.35	3 580.30	3 603.30
Australia	\$	na	812.34	827.10	835.41	872.59	940.17	1 013.37	1 096.05	1 179.37	1 224.56

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2019-20 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2019-20 = 100). See section 2 for details.
- (b) Refer to table 16A.42 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) Australian Government: Expenditure on IFSS in the NT includes a small amount of expenditure on services for children who live in Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara lands in SA, and this is included in totals for the NT and Australia for expenditure that includes IFSS.

Table 16A.8 **Government real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services (2019-20 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l)**

	<i>Unit</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>2019-20</i>
(e)	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.										
(f)	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'.										
(g)	Queensland: In 2016-17, Queensland revised its cost allocation methodology to include interagency costs where applicable, improve alignment with the national definition of activity groups as per the RoGS financial data manual, and recognise true cost and revenue. This methodology was applied from 2015-16 financial data onwards. In 2017-18, Queensland's financial data for indirect costs have been variably impacted across activity groups by machinery-of-government changes. 2018-19 financial data was revised in 2019-20 to further improve alignment with the national definition of activity groups. In 2019-20, Queensland changed its source to identify children with disability in the child protection system from data supplied by Disability Services Queensland to data in the Integrated Client Management System (ICMS), due to Queensland transitioning to the National Disability Insurance Scheme from 1 July 2019. This change, along with ongoing activities to improve disability data in ICMS, has resulted in more children in Queensland's child protection system being identified as having disability in 2019-20 compared to earlier years. The cost of supporting children with disability is excluded from Queensland's financial data in 2019-20, consistent with the RoGS financial data definitions.										
(h)	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.										

Table 16A.8 **Government real recurrent expenditure on all child protection services (2019-20 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l)**

	<i>Unit</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>2019-20</i>	
(i)	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.											
(j)	Tasmania: The change in costs for Tasmania for 2019-20 have been primarily driven by Family Support Services expenditure arising out of the Family Violence Action Plan. For 2019-20 Special Care Packages (SCP) have decreased in cost due to the introduction of an improved costing model and increased active management efforts for children under SCPs. 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. 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.											
(k)	ACT: Expenditure data for intensive family support services for 2017-18 includes some expenditure on non-intensive family support services. 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.											
(l)	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); DSS (unpublished); table 2A.26; table 16A.39.

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							
2019-20	ratio	3.36	5.02	4.97	5.27	6.34	6.52
2018-19	ratio	3.19	5.10	4.41	4.55	6.13	6.32
2017-18	ratio	3.16	5.08	na	na	5.95	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	5.40	5.63
2011-12	ratio	3.25	4.86	3.99	4.61	5.26	5.53
2010-11	ratio	3.10	4.59	3.66	4.60	5.10	5.47
Vic							
2019-20	ratio	4.80	7.74	7.28	8.22	13.52	15.77
2018-19	ratio	4.54	6.28	6.62	7.11	12.44	15.04
2017-18	ratio	4.37	5.02	6.27	6.79	12.10	14.53
2016-17	ratio	4.31	3.32	6.32	6.95	11.44	11.82
2015-16	ratio	4.19	3.64	6.24	6.92	10.43	11.15
2014-15	ratio	3.90	3.51	5.77	6.04	9.67	10.04
2013-14	ratio	3.84	3.29	5.66	6.18	9.22	9.58
2012-13	ratio	3.82	2.84	5.54	5.86	9.31	8.08
2011-12	ratio	3.91	2.99	5.52	6.11	8.82	9.22
2010-11	ratio	3.60	na	5.32	5.77	8.68	8.52

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>
Qld							
2019-20	ratio	4.09	5.48	4.03	4.50	5.32	5.38
2018-19	ratio	4.17	na	4.10	4.66	5.24	5.36
2017-18	ratio	4.00	4.45	3.95	4.50	5.17	5.12
2016-17	ratio	3.89	3.63	3.91	4.28	5.10	5.14
2015-16	ratio	3.54	4.69	3.61	4.14	5.05	5.06
2014-15	ratio	3.50	4.13	3.56	4.16	5.04	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	4.61	4.60
2010-11	ratio	3.09	3.21	3.08	3.52	4.54	4.52
WA							
2019-20	ratio	5.11	7.66	5.45	6.51	8.23	8.42
2018-19	ratio	4.78	7.62	5.74	6.63	8.05	8.13
2017-18	ratio	5.06	4.82	6.12	6.66	8.01	8.18
2016-17	ratio	4.92	4.63	5.92	6.41	7.97	8.13
2015-16	ratio	4.82	4.96	5.71	6.38	7.83	7.99
2014-15	ratio	4.40	4.10	4.68	5.78	7.64	7.75
2013-14	ratio	3.93	4.93	3.90	5.22	7.39	7.54
2012-13	ratio	3.57	7.48	3.53	4.84	7.33	7.37
2011-12	ratio	3.69	5.02	3.73	4.30	6.95	6.98
2010-11	ratio	3.50	4.49	3.57	4.14	6.59	6.70

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>
SA							
2019-20	ratio	4.91	6.23	6.88	7.26	7.25	7.57
2018-19	ratio	5.01	8.92	7.43	7.57	7.00	7.31
2017-18	ratio	4.90	8.61	6.83	6.48	6.75	6.88
2016-17	ratio	4.88	9.44	6.63	6.47	6.98	6.93
2015-16	ratio	4.98	8.72	6.71	7.49	6.87	7.00
2014-15	ratio	4.68	7.34	6.20	6.34	6.25	6.27
2013-14	ratio	4.53	na	5.84	6.61	6.13	6.29
2012-13	ratio	4.78	na	6.41	6.64	6.01	6.21
2011-12	ratio	4.75	na	5.91	6.14	5.83	5.81
2010-11	ratio	4.06	na	5.06	5.21	5.27	5.58
Tas							
2019-20	ratio	1.58	na	1.78	1.75	3.16	3.40
2018-19	ratio	1.09	na	1.90	2.03	3.12	3.34
2017-18	ratio	0.94	na	1.66	1.81	2.98	2.97
2016-17	ratio	1.21	na	1.67	1.73	2.60	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	2.18	2.23
2013-14	ratio	0.87	na	1.28	1.22	2.25	2.20
2012-13	ratio	0.93	na	1.35	1.60	2.24	2.32
2011-12	ratio	1.02	na	1.39	1.52	2.11	2.18
2010-11	ratio	1.00	na	1.39	1.39	2.10	2.16

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							
2019-20	ratio	3.98	13.24	7.23	4.91	10.20	9.95
2018-19	ratio	4.00	9.32	5.54	7.54	9.80	9.34
2017-18	ratio	3.94	8.77	6.65	6.70	10.07	10.31
2016-17	ratio	3.80	8.28	7.44	8.61	9.13	9.10
2015-16	ratio	3.64	9.61	7.01	7.79	8.48	8.28
2014-15	ratio	3.62	11.56	6.59	7.81	8.43	8.46
2013-14	ratio	3.44	8.87	6.35	5.84	7.87	7.65
2012-13	ratio	2.88	8.33	4.43	4.99	7.45	7.44
2011-12	ratio	2.76	na	5.00	5.80	6.60	6.85
2010-11	ratio	2.50	2.56	5.78	6.32	6.79	6.15
NT							
2019-20	ratio	1.81	2.08	1.93	2.03	2.13	2.12
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	2.13	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	2.05	2.06
2012-13	ratio	1.83	1.48	1.96	2.15	2.05	2.04
2011-12	ratio	1.81	1.08	1.94	2.12	2.04	2.01
2010-11	ratio	1.79	2.04	1.90	2.06	1.97	1.95

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 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 from 2017-18.					
(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 the high proportion of children with an unknown Indigenous status at notification, investigation and substantiation disproportionality ratios are likely to be inaccurate and should be interpreted with extreme caution. Tasmania reported a higher proportion of children with unknown Indigenous status for 2017-18. Data remediation work has since been undertaken to address this issue and data has been re-supplied for revised reporting of this information in subsequent publications.					
	na 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>
<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)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2019-20										
Number of investigations commenced										
Up to 7 days	no.	43 181	25 635	8 063	11 489	5 289	55	1 305	4 524	99 541
8 to 14 days	no.	13 301	5 511	4 145	782	709	31	411	500	25 390
15 to 21 days	no.	6 865	2 092	2 601	383	303	42	147	68	12 501
22 to 28 days	no.	4 416	744	1 794	273	191	48	41	34	7 541
29 days or more	no.	7 883	543	11 315	1 216	383	623	31	59	22 053
Total	no.	75 646	34 525	27 918	14 143	6 875	799	1 935	5 185	167 026
Proportion of investigations commenced, by time taken to commence investigation										
Up to 7 days	%	57.1	74.3	28.9	81.2	76.9	6.9	67.4	87.3	59.6
8 to 14 days	%	17.6	16.0	14.8	5.5	10.3	3.9	21.2	9.6	15.2
15 to 21 days	%	9.1	6.1	9.3	2.7	4.4	5.3	7.6	1.3	7.5
22 to 28 days	%	5.8	2.2	6.4	1.9	2.8	6.0	2.1	0.7	4.5
29 days or more	%	10.4	1.6	40.5	8.6	5.6	78.0	1.6	1.1	13.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
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

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Table 16A.10 Response time to commence investigation (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

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

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

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total	no.	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
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

Table 16A.10 **Response time to commence 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>
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 years. Investigations and substantiations may relate to young people aged 18 where the notification was made when they were aged 17 years 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 wellbeing of children. Prior to sighting the child or interviewing a 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. Investigations that require a 24 hour response commence when a child safety officer has sighted and interviewed the child. From 1 September 2019, the criteria for commencing an investigation for 5 and 10 day responses was expanded to include seeking and receiving new information from an external agency that informs the assessment about the safety of the child or the unborn child's safety after birth (previously these investigations had the same commencement criteria as investigations that require a 24 hour response). Sighting and interviewing children is required for all investigations, maintaining Queensland's high standards. 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) 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 2019-20; 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
2019-20										
Investigations completed										
28 days or less	no.	8 165	14 837	3 420	2 440	1 445	47	199	1 030	31 583
29 to 62 days	no.	24 288	12 786	7 302	3 174	1 795	86	1 428	1 180	52 039
63 to 90 days	no.	14 963	4 684	4 425	2 107	1 029	58	226	444	27 936
More than 90 days	no.	27 633	4 117	10 978	4 791	2 448	506	58	1 557	52 088
Total	no.	75 049	36 424	26 125	12 512	6 717	697	1 911	4 211	163 646
Proportion of investigations finalised, by time taken to complete investigation										
28 days or less	%	10.9	40.7	13.1	19.5	21.5	6.7	10.4	24.5	19.3
29 to 62 days	%	32.4	35.1	28.0	25.4	26.7	12.3	74.7	28.0	31.8
63 to 90 days	%	19.9	12.9	16.9	16.8	15.3	8.3	11.8	10.5	17.1
More than 90 days	%	36.8	11.3	42.0	38.3	36.4	72.6	3.0	37.0	31.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
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	na
29 to 62 days	no.	na	10 862	6 467	3 089	967	246	897	2 068	na
63 to 90 days	no.	na	4 689	4 317	1 826	658	175	461	980	na
More than 90 days	no.	na	5 488	8 507	4 106	1 877	571	780	1 331	na
Total	no.	na	33 879	22 131	11 362	4 010	1 196	2 278	7 142	na
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	na
29 to 62 days	%	na	32.1	29.2	27.2	24.1	20.6	39.4	29.0	na
63 to 90 days	%	na	13.8	19.5	16.1	16.4	14.6	20.2	13.7	na
More than 90 days	%	na	16.2	38.4	36.1	46.8	47.7	34.2	18.6	na
Total	%	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	na
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

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

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
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
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

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>
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
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	na
29 to 62 days	no.	na	3 647	5 321	1 652	1 315	665	457	766	na
63 to 90 days	no.	na	2 278	2 668	1 140	643	349	34	330	na
More than 90 days	no.	na	4 615	7 541	3 263	960	449	18	928	na
Total	no.	na	14 844	20 362	8 584	4 635	2 087	1 687	4 602	na
Proportion of investigations finalised, by time taken to complete investigation										

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>
28 days or less	%	na	29.0	23.7	29.5	37.0	29.9	69.8	56.0	na
29 to 62 days	%	na	24.6	26.1	19.2	28.4	31.9	27.1	16.6	na
63 to 90 days	%	na	15.3	13.1	13.3	13.9	16.7	2.0	7.2	na
More than 90 days	%	na	31.1	37.0	38.0	20.7	21.5	1.1	20.2	na
Total	%	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	na

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 years. Investigations and substantiations may relate to young people aged 18 where the notification was made when they were aged 17 years 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 in 2017-18 and prior to 2011-12.
- (d) Queensland: In Queensland, all notifications require an investigation to ensure the safety and well-being of children. From 1 September 2019, the prescribed timeframe for completing an investigation and assessment changed from 60 days to 100 days from when the notification is recorded. This extension better reflects family led decision making processes in Queensland, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, as well as increased safety planning and support now offered by child safety during the investigation and assessment processes. 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: 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.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2019-20; 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>
2019-20										
Finalised investigations	no.	67 573	33 783	22 937	10 838	6 030	466	1 821	4 191	147 639
Substantiations	no.	35 436	17 834	7 008	5 174	2 573	417	348	1 202	69 992
Proportion of finalised investigations substantiated	%	52.4	52.8	30.6	47.7	42.7	89.5	19.1	28.7	47.4
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

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>
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
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

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 years. Investigations and substantiations may relate to young people aged 18 where the notification was made when they were aged 17 years 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: 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.

na Not available.

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 2019-20; 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)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
2019-20									
Children in care who were the subject of a notification that was substantiated	no.	788	na	197	98	198	8	21	11
Children in at least one care placement during the year	no.	22 314	15 349	12 594	5 821	4 890	1 525	906	1 268
Children in care who were the subject of notification, which was substantiated, as a proportion of all children in care	%	3.5	na	1.6	1.7	4.0	0.5	2.3	0.9
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 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 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 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 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									

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)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Children in care who were the subject of a 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 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 care who were the subject of a notification that was substantiated	no.	na	na	144	87	122	8	11	108
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 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 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 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 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 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 care who were the subject of a notification that was substantiated	no.	1 200	na	316	80	na	26	16	20

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)

	<i>Unit</i>	<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.	20 018	9 103	8 560	4 260	2 986	1 249	797	1 031
Children in 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 2019-20 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 years. Investigations and substantiations may relate to young people aged 18 where the notification was made when they were aged 17 years 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. 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 were away from placement or 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) WA: Data exclude substantiations for children in other supported placements.
- (g) SA: Data for 2019-20 are not comparable to previous years due to improvements in data extraction. 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.

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)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
(h) Tasmania: Tasmanian data exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. 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 may be lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied.									
(i) NT: Data are not comparable with other jurisdictions or across the time series due to changes in legislation, policy and recording in the 2014-15 financial year. The 2014-15 data does not reflect substantiated abuse but substantiated 'harm' or 'risk of harm' related to incidents that occurred prior to a child's entry into care as well as incidents when a child is in care. On 1 January 2014 the Care and Protection of Children Act was amended to give the Department of Children and Families the power to investigate allegations that a child in out-of-home care was harmed or at risk of harm. Prior to this date the Department had no power to investigate these concerns. Aligned to the new legislation the threshold for recording concerns was changed and the new policy definition of 'harm' now includes "any safety or wellbeing concern about a child in care" and does not have exclusions relating to the alleged causes, perpetrators, location where the harm occurred or form of care the child is in. A new process for recording concerns for the safety and wellbeing of children in care was instigated at the same time as the changes in legislation and policy, this has resulted in greater consistency and accuracy in data. This alongside increased expectation for external providers to make reports to the Department, the introduction of a Charter of Rights for Children in Care, and formalisation of Standards of Care within the out of home care sector has resulted in an increase in the number of concerns reported and responded to.									

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

TABLE 16A.14

Table 16A.14 **Children in care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person responsible was living in the household providing 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>
2019-20									
Children in care who were the subject of a substantiation and the person responsible was in the household	no.	670	184	na	2	20	8	19	na
Children in at least one care placement during the year	no.	22 314	15 349	12 594	5 821	4 890	1 525	906	1 268
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	%	3.0	1.2	na	–	0.4	0.5	2.1	na
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									

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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>
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
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

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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>
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

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 2019-20 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 years. Investigations and substantiations may relate to young people aged 18 where the notification was made when they were aged 17 years 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 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>
(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, and exclude substantiations for children in other supported placements. In 2018-19 there were no substantiations where the person recorded as responsible was the approved foster carer.									
(g) SA: Data for 2019-20 are not comparable to previous years due to improvements in data extraction. 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) Tasmania: Tasmanian data exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. 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 may be lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied.									
(i) NT: Data for this measure are not available as the NT data system does not specifically identify the relationship between the person believed responsible and the OOHC household.									

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

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), (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>
2019-20										
Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care										
1 month to less than 6 months in care										
1 placement	no.	223	665	280	95	33	13	15	11	1 335
2 placements	no.	50	145	92	43	43	5	3	9	390
3 placements	no.	16	33	27	8	7	–	–	2	93
4–5 placements	no.	4	24	15	1	3	–	–	1	48
6–10 placements	no.	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	2
11 or more placements	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Unknown number of placements	no.	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	5
Total children	no.	293	872	416	147	86	18	18	23	1 873
6 months to less than 1 year in care										
1 placement	no.	166	315	69	86	11	7	1	5	660
2 placements	no.	54	129	54	33	27	5	1	9	312
3 placements	no.	25	49	32	9	9	–	3	3	130
4–5 placements	no.	11	34	13	6	17	–	3	3	87
6–10 placements	no.	–	7	2	1	2	–	–	–	12
11 or more placements	no.	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Unknown number of placements	no.	–	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	3
Total children	no.	256	537	171	135	66	12	8	20	1 205
1 year to less than 2 years in care										
1 placement	no.	178	296	103	100	25	13	7	9	731
2 placements	no.	76	130	96	43	26	8	4	16	399
3 placements	no.	36	76	46	25	18	np	2	10	213
4–5 placements	no.	30	64	53	9	24	np	5	11	196

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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.	10	13	12	7	5	np	1	3	51
11 or more placements	no.	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Unknown number of placements	no.	–	9	–	–	–	–	–	–	9
Total children	no.	330	589	310	184	98	29	19	49	1 608
2 years to less than 5 years in care										
1 placement	no.	151	192	118	86	20	18	2	1	588
2 placements	no.	176	131	88	59	6	16	8	11	495
3 placements	no.	98	73	76	26	22	np	6	11	312
4–5 placements	no.	79	86	77	18	22	np	–	4	286
6–10 placements	no.	27	60	55	12	19	np	–	7	180
11 or more placements	no.	1	7	5	–	1	–	–	1	15
Unknown number of placements	no.	–	16	–	–	–	–	–	–	16
Total children	no.	532	565	419	201	90	50	16	35	1 908
5 years or more in care										
1 placement	no.	282	45	45	41	37	6	10	2	468
2 placements	no.	260	38	36	60	15	11	9	7	436
3 placements	no.	190	30	45	41	12	9	–	8	335
4–5 placements	no.	217	34	96	48	35	19	7	13	469
6–10 placements	no.	180	51	123	43	40	22	4	17	480
11 or more placements	no.	41	27	83	5	43	–	–	10	209
Unknown number of placements	no.	–	10	–	–	–	–	1	–	11
Total children	no.	1 170	235	428	238	182	67	31	57	2 408
All children in care										
1 placement	no.	1 000	1 513	615	408	126	59	35	28	3 784
2 placements	no.	616	573	366	238	117	43	25	52	2 030

TABLE 16A.15

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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 placements	no.	365	261	226	109	68	20	11	34	1 094
4–5 placements	no.	341	242	254	82	101	29	15	32	1 096
6–10 placements	no.	217	131	194	63	66	25	5	27	728
11 or more placements	no.	42	35	89	5	44	–	–	11	226
Unknown number of placements	no.	–	43	–	–	–	–	1	–	44
Total children	no.	2 581	2 798	1 744	905	522	176	92	184	9 002
Number of children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care after less than 12 months										
1–2 placements	no.	493	1 254	495	257	114	30	20	34	2 697
3 or more placements	no.	56	155	92	25	38	–	6	9	381
Total children	no.	549	1 409	587	282	152	30	26	43	3 078
Proportion of children in 1–2	%	89.8	89.0	84.3	91.1	75.0	100.0	76.9	79.1	87.6
Number of children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care after 12 months or more										
1–2 placements	no.	1 123	832	486	389	129	72	40	46	3 117
3 or more placements	no.	909	557	671	234	241	74	26	95	2 807
Total children	no.	2 032	1 389	1 157	623	370	146	66	141	5 924
Proportion of children in 1–2	%	55.3	59.9	42.0	62.4	34.9	49.3	60.6	32.6	52.6

2018-19

Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care

Number of children exiting after less than 12 months

1–2 placements	no.	495	1 289	460	192	105	42	25	44	2 652
3 or more placements	no.	48	163	74	21	40	3	3	10	362
Total	no.	543	1 452	534	213	145	45	28	54	3 014
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements	%	91.2	88.8	86.1	90.1	72.4	93.3	89.3	81.5	88.0

Number of children exiting after 12 months or more

1–2 placements	no.	981	853	422	296	115	69	59	58	2 853
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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.	821	549	695	239	204	54	38	87	2 687
Total	no.	1 802	1 402	1 117	535	319	123	97	145	5 540
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements	%	54.4	60.8	37.8	55.3	36.1	56.1	60.8	40.0	51.5
Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care or other supported placements										
Number of children exiting after less than 12 months										
1–2 placements	no.	na	1 274	460	191	105	40	25	44	na
3 or more placements	no.	na	151	73	21	40	3	3	10	na
Total	no.	na	1 425	533	212	145	43	28	54	na
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements	%	na	89.4	86.3	90.1	72.4	93.0	89.3	81.5	na
Number of children exiting after 12 months or more										
1–2 placements	no.	na	539	416	293	101	58	41	58	na
3 or more placements	no.	na	614	659	233	190	57	30	87	na
Total	no.	na	1 153	1 075	526	291	115	71	145	na
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements	%	na	46.7	38.7	55.7	34.7	50.4	57.7	40.0	na
2017-18										
Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care or other supported placements										
Number of children exiting 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	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
Number of children exiting after 12 months or more										
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	no.	1 589	1 300	1 090	496	307	113	59	151	5 105

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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 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 or other supported placements										
Number of children exiting 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	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
Number of children exiting 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	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 or other supported placements										
Number of children exiting 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	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
Number of children exiting 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	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 or other supported placements										
Number of children exiting 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	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
Number of children exiting 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	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	63.4	34.1	60.3
2013-14										
Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care or other supported placements										
Number of children exiting 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	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
Number of children exiting 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	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

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), (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>
Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care or other supported placements										
Number of children exiting 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
Total	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
Number of children exiting 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	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 or other supported placements										
Number of children exiting 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	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
Number of children exiting 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	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 or other supported placements										

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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), (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>
Number of children exiting 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	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
Number of children exiting after 12 months or more										
1–2 placements	no.	545	340	430	na	86	29	28	31	1 489
3 or more placements	no.	436	372	532	na	103	58	31	39	1 571
Total	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

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, all placements lasting less than seven days were excluded from the count of number of placements.
- (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) Data for 2018-19 have been revised and may differ from that published in previous editions.

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), (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>
(e)	Some Australian totals exclude data for Tasmania and therefore subtotals may not add up to totals. This affects totals where Tasmanian data are not published due to suppression by Tasmania of small numbers.									
(f)	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.									
(g)	Victoria: From 2017-18 excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.									
(h)	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.									
(i)	WA: Data for 2010-11 to 2013-14 were not available as these data could not be extracted from the client system.									
(j)	Tasmania: Tasmanian data exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. 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 may be lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. From 2014-15 onwards, respite placements were included for all placements lasting longer than seven days. However, between 2011-12 and 2013-14 respite placements were excluded. From 2019-20 Tasmania has adopted a policy of not publishing small numbers. Some Australian totals exclude data for Tasmania and therefore subtotals may not add up to totals. This affects totals where Tasmanian data are not published due to suppression by Tasmania of small numbers. Tasmania has randomly adjusted some data in this table to avoid the release of confidential information.									
(k)	ACT: Prior to 2019-20 out-of-home care data includes some children 18 years and over whose carers receive a full carer payment, generally to facilitate completion of schooling without change to the placement. From 2019-20 out-of-home care data excludes these young people, resulting in a reduction in the number of children in out-of-home care compared to earlier years. These young people continue to be supported and are included in 'other supported placements'.									

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

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2019-20; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.16

Table 16A.16 **Children in care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous care, 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>
2020										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
Respite	no.	–	1	10	–	–	np	–	–	11
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	91	68	135	27	31	np	4	13	369
1 to less than 6 months	no.	337	275	422	212	139	17	18	55	1 475
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	363	314	445	231	129	22	7	35	1 546
1 to less than 2 years	no.	613	458	620	380	218	83	11	112	2 495
2 to less than 5 years	no.	1 793	789	921	797	443	123	86	266	5 218
5 years or more	no.	3 491	545	1 398	1 089	559	134	87	435	7 738
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	6 688	2 449	3 941	2 736	1 519	np	213	916	18 462
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	6 688	2 450	3 951	2 736	1 519	389	213	916	18 862
Non-Indigenous children										
Respite	no.	–	4	12	–	–	np	–	–	16
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	100	216	178	30	32	np	6	8	570
1 to less than 6 months	no.	453	940	556	178	241	38	25	12	2 443
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	466	970	540	171	209	42	23	6	2 427
1 to less than 2 years	no.	816	1 491	857	349	297	93	40	18	3 961
2 to less than 5 years	no.	2 581	2 020	1 259	557	756	213	148	27	7 561
5 years or more	no.	5 054	1 004	1 565	817	1 070	291	240	45	10 086
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>	<i>Aust</i>
Total non-respite	no.	9 470	6 641	4 955	2 102	2 605	np	482	116	26 371
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	9 470	6 645	4 967	2 102	2 605	690	482	116	27 077
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Respite	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	–	–	–	–	–	2	2	–	4
1 to less than 6 months	no.	1	–	3	–	2	11	–	–	17
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	1	–	–	–	2	17	2	–	22
1 to less than 2 years	no.	–	–	1	–	4	3	–	–	8
2 to less than 5 years	no.	–	–	–	1	4	–	–	–	5
5 years or more	no.	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	2	–	5	1	12	33	4	–	57
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	2	–	5	1	12	33	4	–	57
All children										
Respite	no.	–	5	22	–	–	10	–	–	37
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	191	284	313	57	63	15	12	21	956
1 to less than 6 months	no.	791	1 215	981	390	382	66	43	67	3 935
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	830	1 284	985	402	340	81	32	41	3 995
1 to less than 2 years	no.	1 429	1 949	1 478	729	519	179	51	130	6 464
2 to less than 5 years	no.	4 374	2 809	2 180	1 355	1 203	336	234	293	12 784
5 years or more	no.	8 545	1 549	2 964	1 906	1 629	425	327	480	17 825

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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>
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	16 160	9 090	8 901	4 839	4 136	1 102	699	1 032	45 959
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	16 160	9 095	8 923	4 839	4 136	1 112	699	1 032	45 996
2019										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
Respite	no.	–	1	23	–	–	7	–	–	31
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	94	66	104	49	31	3	–	13	360
1 to less than 6 months	no.	357	269	380	199	99	43	11	57	1 415
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	337	279	353	229	129	41	5	75	1 448
1 to less than 2 years	no.	533	431	444	372	148	48	30	129	2 135
2 to less than 5 years	no.	2 166	696	865	754	425	124	79	271	5 380
5 years or more	no.	3 267	439	1 407	1 001	506	113	74	403	7 210
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	6 754	2 180	3 553	2 604	1 338	372	199	948	17 948
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	6 754	2 181	3 576	2 604	1 338	379	199	948	17 979
Non-Indigenous children										
Respite	no.	–	3	18	–	–	12	–	–	33
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	84	283	86	33	31	6	7	–	530
1 to less than 6 months	no.	461	1 033	508	224	166	42	29	8	2 471
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	548	986	495	224	185	59	27	13	2 537

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1 to less than 2 years	no.	875	1 272	700	312	315	98	58	19	3 649
2 to less than 5 years	no.	3 079	1 851	1 152	558	752	215	169	25	7 801
5 years or more	no.	5 080	881	1 573	797	988	274	207	43	9 843
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	10 127	6 306	4 514	2 148	2 437	694	497	108	26 831
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	10 127	6 309	4 532	2 148	2 437	706	497	108	26 864
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Respite	no.	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	1	–	4	–	–	3	–	–	8
1 to less than 6 months	no.	2	–	6	1	8	2	–	–	19
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	–	–	6	–	2	2	–	–	10
1 to less than 2 years	no.	–	–	–	1	6	3	–	–	10
2 to less than 5 years	no.	–	–	1	–	5	5	–	–	11
5 years or more	no.	–	–	–	–	1	3	–	–	4
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	3	–	17	2	22	18	–	–	62
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	3	–	17	2	22	19	–	–	63
All children										
Respite	no.	–	4	41	–	–	20	–	–	65
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	179	349	194	82	62	12	7	13	898
1 to less than 6 months	no.	820	1 302	894	424	273	87	40	65	3 905

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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 months to less than 1 year	no.	885	1 265	854	453	316	102	32	88	3 995
1 to less than 2 years	no.	1 408	1 703	1 144	685	469	149	88	148	5 794
2 to less than 5 years	no.	5 245	2 547	2 018	1 312	1 182	344	248	296	13 192
5 years or more	no.	8 347	1 320	2 980	1 798	1 495	390	281	446	17 057
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	16 884	8 486	8 084	4 754	3 797	1 084	696	1 056	44 841
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	16 884	8 490	8 125	4 754	3 797	1 104	696	1 056	44 906
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
Respite	no.	4	1	23	–	–	7	–	–	35
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	95	66	105	49	31	3	–	13	362
1 to less than 6 months	no.	356	266	381	202	99	38	12	57	1 411
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	338	275	354	234	130	41	5	75	1 452
1 to less than 2 years	no.	533	431	448	372	147	50	30	129	2 140
2 to less than 5 years	no.	2 163	765	918	766	431	126	100	271	5 540
5 years or more	no.	3 265	760	1 904	989	525	168	87	403	8 101
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	6 750	2 563	4 110	2 612	1 363	426	234	948	19 006
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	6 754	2 564	4 133	2 612	1 363	433	234	948	19 041
Non-Indigenous children										
Respite	no.	9	3	18	–	–	12	–	–	42
Non-respite										

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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>
Less than 1 month	no.	91	281	87	33	31	6	7	–	536
1 to less than 6 months	no.	454	1 029	503	227	167	42	29	8	2 459
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	548	991	494	223	185	59	27	13	2 540
1 to less than 2 years	no.	877	1 307	698	314	317	99	58	19	3 689
2 to less than 5 years	no.	3 072	2 494	1 248	561	766	225	202	25	8 593
5 years or more	no.	5 076	2 989	2 470	797	1 137	428	249	43	13 189
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	10 118	9 091	5 500	2 155	2 603	859	572	108	31 006
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	10 127	9 094	5 518	2 155	2 603	871	572	108	31 048
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Respite	no.	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	1	–	4	–	–	3	–	–	8
1 to less than 6 months	no.	2	–	6	1	8	2	–	–	19
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	–	–	6	–	2	1	–	–	9
1 to less than 2 years	no.	–	–	–	1	6	3	–	–	10
2 to less than 5 years	no.	–	–	1	–	5	5	–	–	11
5 years or more	no.	–	–	1	–	1	6	–	–	8
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	3	–	18	2	22	20	–	–	65
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	3	–	18	2	22	21	–	–	66
All children										
Respite	no.	13	4	41	–	–	20	–	–	78

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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-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	187	347	196	82	62	12	7	13	906
1 to less than 6 months	no.	812	1 295	890	430	274	82	41	65	3 889
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	886	1 266	854	457	317	101	32	88	4 001
1 to less than 2 years	no.	1 410	1 738	1 146	687	470	152	88	148	5 839
2 to less than 5 years	no.	5 235	3 259	2 167	1 327	1 202	356	302	296	14 144
5 years or more	no.	8 341	3 749	4 375	1 786	1 663	602	336	446	21 298
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	16 871	11 654	9 628	4 769	3 988	1 305	806	1 056	50 077
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	16 884	11 658	9 669	4 769	3 988	1 325	806	1 056	50 155

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Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

Respite	no.	2	3	12	–	30	17	–	–	64
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	74	83	78	59	26	10	2	11	343
1 to less than 6 months	no.	264	259	263	189	95	25	19	94	1 208
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	313	255	267	208	69	29	25	67	1 233
1 to less than 2 years	no.	737	342	492	336	145	45	43	130	2 270
2 to less than 5 years	no.	2 195	649	893	760	366	107	78	507	5 555
5 years or more	no.	3 181	384	1 827	900	485	156	93	144	7 170
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	6 764	1 972	3 820	2 452	1 186	372	260	953	17 779
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>	<i>Aust</i>
Total	no.	6 766	1 975	3 832	2 452	1 216	389	260	953	17 843
Non-Indigenous children										
Respite	no.	5	4	9	–	67	22	–	–	107
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	112	258	97	49	20	15	5	1	557
1 to less than 6 months	no.	473	1 019	395	178	181	45	28	9	2 328
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	516	855	417	194	151	59	39	18	2 249
1 to less than 2 years	no.	1 091	1 174	662	280	285	82	58	19	3 651
2 to less than 5 years	no.	3 365	1 751	1 184	511	612	204	197	51	7 875
5 years or more	no.	5 056	918	2 461	782	1 097	422	239	16	10 991
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	10 613	5 975	5 216	1 994	2 346	827	566	114	27 651
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	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										
Respite	no.	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	–	–	4	–	1	1	–	–	6
1 to less than 6 months	no.	3	–	21	2	21	4	–	–	51
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	–	–	9	–	10	1	–	–	20
1 to less than 2 years	no.	–	–	7	–	15	6	–	–	28
2 to less than 5 years	no.	–	–	9	–	16	10	–	–	35
5 years or more	no.	–	–	–	–	2	12	–	–	14
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	3	–	50	2	65	34	–	–	154

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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>
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	3	–	50	2	66	34	–	–	155
All children										
Respite	no.	7	7	21	–	98	39	–	–	172
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	186	341	179	108	47	26	7	12	906
1 to less than 6 months	no.	740	1 278	679	369	297	74	47	103	3 587
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	829	1 110	693	402	230	89	64	85	3 502
1 to less than 2 years	no.	1 828	1 516	1 161	616	445	133	101	149	5 949
2 to less than 5 years	no.	5 560	2 400	2 086	1 271	994	321	275	558	13 465
5 years or more	no.	8 237	1 302	4 288	1 682	1 584	590	332	160	18 175
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	17 380	7 947	9 086	4 448	3 597	1 233	826	1 067	45 584
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	17 387	7 954	9 107	4 448	3 695	1 272	826	1 067	45 756
2017										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
Respite	no.	6	3	31	–	25	19	–	–	84
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	83	59	97	25	14	5	9	20	312
1 to less than 6 months	no.	332	245	293	215	56	17	12	69	1 239
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	478	234	291	188	106	13	29	78	1 417
1 to less than 2 years	no.	924	379	478	346	243	51	28	128	2 577
2 to less than 5 years	no.	1 877	564	917	780	251	76	65	524	5 054

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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>
5 years or more	no.	3 124	607	1 675	767	455	140	84	129	6 981
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	6 818	2 088	3 751	2 321	1 125	302	227	948	17 580
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	6 824	2 091	3 782	2 321	1 150	321	227	948	17 664
Non-Indigenous children										
Respite	no.	14	10	25	–	53	26	–	–	128
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	133	244	83	36	34	8	11	1	550
1 to less than 6 months	no.	572	847	372	184	131	51	35	6	2 198
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	665	890	393	174	172	42	41	19	2 396
1 to less than 2 years	no.	1 584	1 388	654	252	280	118	78	12	4 366
2 to less than 5 years	no.	2 906	2 254	1 140	550	513	204	165	48	7 780
5 years or more	no.	5 181	2 579	2 426	715	1 063	416	246	25	12 651
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	11 041	8 202	5 068	1 911	2 193	839	576	111	29 941
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	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										
Respite	no.	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	–	–	7	–	10	1	–	–	18
1 to less than 6 months	no.	–	1	23	–	25	6	–	–	55
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	–	–	13	–	15	9	–	–	37
1 to less than 2 years	no.	–	–	13	–	19	1	–	–	33

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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 to less than 5 years	no.	–	3	8	–	16	2	–	–	29
5 years or more	no.	–	5	2	–	2	–	–	–	9
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	–	9	66	–	87	19	–	–	181
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	–	9	66	–	88	19	–	–	182
All children										
Respite	no.	20	13	56	–	79	45	–	–	213
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	216	303	187	61	58	14	20	21	880
1 to less than 6 months	no.	904	1 093	688	399	212	74	47	75	3 492
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	1 143	1 124	697	362	293	64	70	97	3 850
1 to less than 2 years	no.	2 508	1 767	1 145	598	542	170	106	140	6 976
2 to less than 5 years	no.	4 783	2 821	2 065	1 330	780	282	230	572	12 863
5 years or more	no.	8 305	3 191	4 103	1 482	1 520	556	330	154	19 641
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	17 859	10 299	8 885	4 232	3 405	1 160	803	1 059	47 702
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	17 879	10 312	8 941	4 232	3 484	1 205	803	1 059	47 915

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Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

Respite	no.	10	–	26	–	2	4	–	–	42
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	97	71	90	64	19	3	7	17	368

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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 to less than 6 months	no.	493	242	246	215	141	20	17	69	1 443
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	519	245	301	166	121	30	9	84	1 475
1 to less than 2 years	no.	899	321	423	344	130	41	33	152	2 343
2 to less than 5 years	no.	1 597	474	969	724	214	77	61	465	4 581
5 years or more	no.	3 037	523	1 564	699	446	122	70	133	6 594
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	6 642	1 876	3 593	2 212	1 071	293	197	920	16 804
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	6 652	1 876	3 619	2 212	1 073	297	197	920	16 846
Non-Indigenous children										
Respite	no.	7	7	22	–	–	16	–	–	52
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	158	243	80	32	30	12	8	5	568
1 to less than 6 months	no.	876	1 035	346	167	153	57	35	13	2 682
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	908	890	442	154	158	61	54	7	2 674
1 to less than 2 years	no.	1 309	1 207	588	283	270	96	83	14	3 850
2 to less than 5 years	no.	2 764	2 042	1 232	603	452	205	141	52	7 491
5 years or more	no.	5 125	2 397	2 300	648	1 032	383	225	21	12 131
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	11 140	7 814	4 988	1 887	2 095	814	546	112	29 396
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	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										
Respite	no.	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Non-respite										

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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>
Less than 1 month	no.	–	–	5	–	12	1	–	–	18
1 to less than 6 months	no.	–	1	17	1	19	3	5	–	46
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	1	–	6	na	13	13	–	–	33
1 to less than 2 years	no.	–	1	5	–	14	6	–	–	26
2 to less than 5 years	no.	–	2	6	–	14	–	–	–	22
5 years or more	no.	–	4	1	–	3	–	–	–	8
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	1	8	40	1	75	23	5	–	153
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	1	8	41	1	75	23	5	–	154
All children										
Respite	no.	17	7	49	–	2	20	–	–	95
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	255	314	175	96	61	16	15	22	954
1 to less than 6 months	no.	1 369	1 278	609	383	313	80	57	82	4 171
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	1 428	1 135	749	320	292	104	63	91	4 182
1 to less than 2 years	no.	2 208	1 529	1 016	627	414	143	116	166	6 219
2 to less than 5 years	no.	4 361	2 518	2 207	1 327	680	282	202	517	12 094
5 years or more	no.	8 162	2 924	3 865	1 347	1 481	505	295	154	18 733
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	17 783	9 698	8 621	4 100	3 241	1 130	748	1 032	46 353
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	17 800	9 705	8 670	4 100	3 243	1 150	748	1 032	46 448

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Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
Respite	no.	15	1	22	–	1	5	1	–	45
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	102	44	70	49	9	1	9	18	302
1 to less than 6 months	no.	524	186	259	182	71	18	19	90	1 349
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	483	195	258	203	63	14	15	76	1 307
1 to less than 2 years	no.	689	229	453	365	70	19	19	205	2 049
2 to less than 5 years	no.	1 511	393	1 002	653	231	69	49	386	4 294
5 years or more	no.	2 886	463	1 448	610	399	115	71	117	6 109
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	na	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	6 195	1 510	3 490	2 062	843	236	182	892	15 410
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	na	na	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	6 210	1 511	3 512	2 062	844	241	183	892	15 455
Non-Indigenous children										
Respite	no.	24	4	21	–	2	13	–	–	64
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	158	221	47	29	23	7	14	2	501
1 to less than 6 months	no.	782	877	331	194	174	42	44	9	2 453
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	766	834	383	156	149	62	29	14	2 393
1 to less than 2 years	no.	1 237	1 089	570	288	164	84	65	21	3 518
2 to less than 5 years	no.	2 616	1 749	1 287	599	498	239	112	53	7 153
5 years or more	no.	5 048	2 275	2 240	624	939	365	218	26	11 735
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	10 607	7 045	4 858	1 890	1 947	799	482	125	27 753
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	na	na	na	–	–	–	–	–

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Total	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										
Respite	no.	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	–	–
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	–	–	4	–	1	3	5	–	13
1 to less than 6 months	no.	1	1	25	–	14	5	1	–	47
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	1	–	9	2	8	–	–	–	20
1 to less than 2 years	no.	–	–	9	–	4	–	–	–	13
2 to less than 5 years	no.	–	2	7	–	15	–	–	–	24
5 years or more	no.	–	4	3	–	3	–	–	–	10
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	2	7	57	2	45	8	6	–	127
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	na	na	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	2	7	57	2	45	8	6	–	127
All children										
Respite	no.	39	5	43	–	3	18	1	–	109
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	260	265	121	78	33	11	28	20	816
1 to less than 6 months	no.	1 307	1 064	615	376	259	65	64	99	3 849
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	1 250	1 029	650	361	220	76	44	90	3 720
1 to less than 2 years	no.	1 926	1 318	1 032	653	238	103	84	226	5 580
2 to less than 5 years	no.	4 127	2 144	2 296	1 252	744	308	161	439	11 471
5 years or more	no.	7 934	2 742	3 691	1 234	1 341	480	289	143	17 854
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	na	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	16 804	8 562	8 405	3 954	2 835	1 043	670	1 017	43 290

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Not stated/unknown	no.	–	na	na	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	16 843	8 567	8 448	3 954	2 838	1 061	671	1 017	43 399
2014										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
Respite	no.	19	3	na	–	–	1	–	–	23
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	91	35	94	44	5	1	3	18	291
1 to less than 6 months	no.	368	143	260	206	49	10	8	108	1 152
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	473	157	245	175	35	13	13	107	1 218
1 to less than 2 years	no.	654	189	496	329	108	29	22	131	1 958
2 to less than 5 years	no.	1 948	397	918	516	226	76	44	330	4 455
5 years or more	no.	2 967	384	1 323	612	364	102	62	80	5 894
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	6 501	1 305	3 336	1 882	787	231	152	774	14 968
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	na	na	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	6 520	1 308	3 336	1 882	787	232	152	774	14 991
Non-Indigenous children										
Respite	no.	27	3	na	–	–	16	–	–	46
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	151	227	76	32	32	5	14	11	548
1 to less than 6 months	no.	745	743	338	189	100	35	40	12	2 202
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	780	666	357	139	85	51	30	6	2 114
1 to less than 2 years	no.	1 232	983	607	263	190	103	44	17	3 439
2 to less than 5 years	no.	3 234	1 651	1 322	542	530	242	124	63	7 708

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5 years or more	no.	5 498	2 120	2 083	635	874	334	202	24	11 770
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	11 640	6 390	4 783	1 800	1 811	770	454	133	27 781
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	na	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total	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										
Respite	no.	1	–	na	–	1	–	–	–	2
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	–	–	8	–	3	2	–	1	14
1 to less than 6 months	no.	2	–	18	27	7	14	–	–	68
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	1	–	12	5	2	11	–	–	31
1 to less than 2 years	no.	–	–	15	7	9	9	–	–	40
2 to less than 5 years	no.	1	3	10	2	7	–	–	–	23
5 years or more	no.	–	6	3	–	4	–	–	–	13
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	4	9	66	41	32	36	–	1	189
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	na	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	5	9	66	41	33	36	–	1	191
All children										
Respite	no.	47	6	na	–	1	17	–	–	71
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	242	262	178	76	40	8	17	30	853
1 to less than 6 months	no.	1 115	886	616	422	156	59	48	120	3 422
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	1 254	823	614	319	122	75	43	113	3 363
1 to less than 2 years	no.	1 886	1 172	1 118	599	307	141	66	148	5 437

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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 to less than 5 years	no.	5 183	2 051	2 250	1 060	763	318	168	393	12 186
5 years or more	no.	8 465	2 510	3 409	1 247	1 242	436	264	104	17 677
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	na	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	18 145	7 704	8 185	3 723	2 630	1 037	606	908	42 938
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	na	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	18 192	7 710	8 185	3 723	2 631	1 054	606	908	43 009
2013										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
Respite	no.	8	1	na	–	–	7	–	–	16
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	70	21	85	36	10	1	–	10	233
1 to less than 6 months	no.	361	112	296	202	73	28	17	52	1 141
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	397	98	274	164	58	16	11	97	1 115
1 to less than 2 years	no.	695	170	433	258	91	33	32	94	1 806
2 to less than 5 years	no.	2 068	283	989	512	247	85	43	223	4 450
5 years or more	no.	2 604	237	1 118	628	309	73	37	147	5 153
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	6 195	921	3 195	1 800	788	236	140	623	13 898
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	na	–	na	–	–	na	–	–
Total	no.	6 203	922	3 195	1 800	788	243	140	623	13 914
Non-Indigenous children										
Respite	no.	18	6	na	–	–	21	1	–	46
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	136	177	75	30	6	17	4	1	446

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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 to less than 6 months	no.	652	678	383	111	124	77	22	7	2 054
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	694	618	381	175	116	42	23	12	2 061
1 to less than 2 years	no.	1 260	868	747	329	221	105	49	16	3 595
2 to less than 5 years	no.	3 568	1 373	1 255	479	565	236	129	38	7 643
5 years or more	no.	4 886	1 692	2 043	657	803	305	172	51	10 609
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	11 196	5 406	4 884	1 781	1 835	782	399	125	26 408
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	6	–	na	–	–	–	–	6
Total	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										
Respite	no.	–	–	na	–	–	1	–	–	1
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	1	1	3	11	1	2	–	–	19
1 to less than 6 months	no.	2	12	23	24	8	11	11	–	91
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	1	2	7	16	7	5	3	–	41
1 to less than 2 years	no.	1	10	14	3	13	2	2	–	45
2 to less than 5 years	no.	–	11	10	1	2	–	3	–	27
5 years or more	no.	–	29	–	–	3	–	–	–	32
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	5	65	57	55	34	20	19	–	255
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	na	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	5	65	57	55	34	21	19	–	256
All children										
Respite	no.	26	7	na	–	–	29	1	–	63
Non-respite										

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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>
Less than 1 month	no.	207	199	163	77	23	20	4	11	704
1 to less than 6 months	no.	1 015	802	702	337	208	116	50	59	3 289
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	1 092	718	662	355	179	63	37	109	3 215
1 to less than 2 years	no.	1 956	1 048	1 194	590	322	140	83	110	5 443
2 to less than 5 years	no.	5 636	1 667	2 254	992	813	321	175	261	12 119
5 years or more	no.	7 490	1 929	3 161	1 285	1 112	378	209	198	15 762
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	6
Total non-respite	no.	17 396	6 369	8 136	3 636	2 657	1 038	558	748	40 538
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	na	–	–	–	na	–
Total	no.	17 422	6 369	8 136	3 636	2 657	1 067	559	748	40 594

2012

Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

Respite	no.	11	–	na	–	2	–	–	–	13
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	47	24	85	19	2	1	3	22	203
1 to less than 6 months	no.	376	133	246	156	48	21	13	66	1 059
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	444	135	297	140	40	15	18	68	1 157
1 to less than 2 years	no.	731	161	473	279	78	32	14	114	1 882
2 to less than 5 years	no.	2 160	307	971	481	58	77	45	183	4 282
5 years or more	no.	2 222	268	969	539	478	66	41	120	4 703
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	5 980	1 028	3 041	1 614	704	212	134	573	13 286
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	5 991	1 028	3 041	1 614	706	212	134	573	13 299

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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 children										
Respite	no.	34	16	na	–	2	3	1	–	56
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	163	148	102	43	7	11	7	4	485
1 to less than 6 months	no.	764	655	469	178	103	49	23	12	2 253
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	712	598	435	169	94	94	46	8	2 156
1 to less than 2 years	no.	1 284	691	669	257	224	117	58	11	3 311
2 to less than 5 years	no.	3 930	1 296	1 355	480	165	244	148	46	7 664
5 years or more	no.	4 290	1 702	1 889	633	1 233	271	138	46	10 202
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	11 143	5 090	4 919	1 760	1 826	786	420	127	26 071
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	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										
Respite	no.	–	4	na	–	–	–	1	–	5
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	–	4	4	13	–	1	–	–	22
1 to less than 6 months	no.	5	22	16	10	6	3	5	–	67
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	1	7	8	2	3	–	2	–	23
1 to less than 2 years	no.	1	8	5	1	5	2	2	–	24
2 to less than 5 years	no.	15	14	4	–	–	1	1	–	35
5 years or more	no.	2	14	2	–	–	1	–	–	19
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	24	69	39	26	14	8	10	–	190
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>	<i>Aust</i>
Total	no.	24	73	39	26	14	8	11	–	195
All children										
Respite	no.	45	20	na	–	4	3	2	–	74
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	210	176	191	75	9	13	10	26	710
1 to less than 6 months	no.	1 145	810	731	344	157	73	41	78	3 379
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	1 157	740	740	311	137	109	66	76	3 336
1 to less than 2 years	no.	2 016	860	1 147	537	307	151	74	125	5 217
2 to less than 5 years	no.	6 105	1 617	2 330	961	223	322	194	229	11 981
5 years or more	no.	6 514	1 984	2 860	1 172	1 711	338	179	166	14 924
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	17 147	6 187	7 999	3 400	2 544	1 006	564	700	39 547
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	17 192	6 207	7 999	3 400	2 548	1 009	566	700	39 621

2011

Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

Respite	no.	12	–	na	–	1	–	2	–	15
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	77	18	52	22	–	2	3	19	193
1 to less than 6 months	no.	383	87	292	125	45	18	13	80	1 043
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	429	113	278	122	36	17	10	68	1 073
1 to less than 2 years	no.	884	169	449	185	55	38	17	115	1 912
2 to less than 5 years	no.	2 038	252	922	539	70	64	43	127	4 055
5 years or more	no.	1 914	238	857	455	423	57	31	92	4 067

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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>	<i>Aust</i>
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	5 725	877	2 850	1 448	629	196	117	501	12 343
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	5 737	877	2 850	1 448	630	196	119	501	12 358
Non-Indigenous children										
Respite	no.	29	1	na	–	6	–	1	–	37
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	128	154	108	11	5	15	10	4	435
1 to less than 6 months	no.	826	542	405	101	88	67	37	14	2 080
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	690	423	402	122	91	75	27	10	1 840
1 to less than 2 years	no.	1 433	762	688	203	170	127	61	28	3 472
2 to less than 5 years	no.	4 043	1 161	1 395	489	179	243	153	42	7 705
5 years or more	no.	3 845	1 658	1 724	601	1 151	227	120	34	9 360
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	10 965	4 700	4 722	1 527	1 684	754	408	132	24 892
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	10 994	4 701	4 722	1 527	1 690	754	409	132	24 929
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Respite	no.	–	2	na	–	–	–	–	–	2
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	–	14	2	9	1	4	2	1	33
1 to less than 6 months	no.	1	23	11	65	8	9	3	–	120
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	–	13	10	55	4	1	5	–	88
1 to less than 2 years	no.	1	13	2	16	14	1	–	–	47
2 to less than 5 years	no.	4	19	2	–	2	1	–	–	28

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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>
5 years or more	no.	3	16	3	–	19	–	2	–	43
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	9	98	30	145	48	16	12	1	359
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	9	100	30	145	48	16	12	1	361
All children										
Respite	no.	41	3	na	–	7	–	3	–	54
Non-respite										
Less than 1 month	no.	205	186	162	42	6	21	15	24	661
1 to less than 6 months	no.	1 210	652	708	291	141	94	53	94	3 243
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	1 119	549	690	299	131	93	42	78	3 001
1 to less than 2 years	no.	2 318	944	1 139	404	239	166	78	143	5 431
2 to less than 5 years	no.	6 085	1 432	2 319	1 028	251	308	196	169	11 788
5 years or more	no.	5 762	1 912	2 584	1 056	1 593	284	153	126	13 470
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	no.	16 699	5 675	7 602	3 120	2 361	966	537	634	37 594
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	16 740	5 678	7 602	3 120	2 368	966	540	634	37 648

(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. Out-of-home care includes children in care where a financial payment was offered but declined by the carer.

Table 16A.16 Children in care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous care, 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>
(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)	Some Australian totals exclude data for Tasmania and therefore subtotals may not add up to totals. This affects totals where Tasmanian data are not published due to suppression by Tasmania of small numbers.									
(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. 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.									
(h)	Tasmania: Tasmanian data exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. 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 may be lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmania reported a higher proportion of children with unknown Indigenous status for 2017-18. Data remediation work has since been undertaken to address this issue and data has been re-supplied for revised reporting of this information in subsequent publications. From 2019-20 Tasmania has adopted a policy of not publishing small numbers.									
(i)	ACT: Prior to 2019-20 out-of-home care data includes some children 18 years and over whose carers receive a full carer payment, generally to facilitate completion of schooling without change to the placement. From 2019-20 out-of-home care data excludes these young people, resulting in a reduction in the number of children in out-of-home care compared to earlier years. These young people continue to be supported and are included in 'other supported placements'.									
(j)	NT: 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. np Not published.									

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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 2019-20; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.									

Table 16A.17 **Children in out-of-home care for two years or more, by Indigenous status, at 30 June (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2020										
Number of children in out-of-home care for two years or more with one or two placements										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	2 943	1 115	1 688	1 656	845	216	164	651	9 278
Non-Indigenous children	no.	4 609	2 578	2 157	1 213	1 586	427	354	68	12 992
All children	no.	7 552	3 693	3 845	2 869	2 431	643	518	719	22 270
Number of children in out-of-home care for two years or more										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	5 284	1 334	2 321	1 883	1 001	257	173	701	12 954
Non-Indigenous children	no.	7 635	3 022	2 824	1 374	1 822	507	388	72	17 644
All children	no.	12 919	4 356	5 146	3 258	2 827	764	561	773	30 604
Proportion of children in out-of-home care for two years or more with one or two placements										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	55.7	83.6	72.7	87.9	84.4	84.0	94.8	92.9	71.6
Non-Indigenous children	%	60.4	85.3	76.4	88.3	87.0	84.2	91.2	94.4	73.6
All children	%	58.5	84.8	74.7	88.1	86.0	84.2	92.3	93.0	72.8

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

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

- (a) 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's total number of children in out-of-home care for two years or more at 30 June 2020 includes one child with an unknown Indigenous status.
- (b) Tasmania: Tasmanian data exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. 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 may be lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmania reported a higher proportion of children with unknown Indigenous status for 2017-18. Data remediation work has since been undertaken to address this issue and data has been re-supplied for revised reporting of this information in subsequent publications.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished).

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Table 16A.18 **Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in 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>	<i>Aust</i>
2019-20										
Children exiting out-of-home care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	122	188	242	90	30	np	5	24	701
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	109	96	79	55	19	np	1	14	373
1 to less than 2 years	no.	143	141	132	80	25	8	5	39	573
2 to less than 5 years	no.	178	129	168	99	31	19	2	30	656
5 years or more	no.	480	76	199	116	57	19	7	52	1 006
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	1 032	630	820	440	162	54	20	159	3 317
Non-Indigenous children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	171	841	273	70	57	np	17	4	1 433
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	147	493	106	86	47	np	8	1	888
1 to less than 2 years	no.	191	510	186	108	73	20	15	3	1 106
2 to less than 5 years	no.	364	503	252	110	59	34	14	8	1 344
5 years or more	no.	798	183	231	126	131	48	24	6	1 547
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	1 671	2 530	1 048	500	367	122	78	22	6 338
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	1	–	1	–	–	np	–	–	2
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	–	–	1	–	1	np	–	–	2
1 to less than 2 years	no.	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
2 to less than 5 years	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
5 years or more	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Total	no.	1	–	2	–	1	8	–	–	12
All children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	294	1 029	516	160	87	21	22	28	2 157
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	256	589	186	141	67	14	9	15	1 277
1 to less than 2 years	no.	334	651	318	188	98	29	20	42	1 680
2 to less than 5 years	no.	542	632	420	209	90	53	16	38	2 000
5 years or more	no.	1 278	259	430	242	188	67	31	58	2 553
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	2 704	3 160	1 870	940	530	184	98	181	9 667
2018-19										
Children exiting out-of-home care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	108	219	207	57	33	7	2	25	658
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	91	84	85	38	35	2	6	18	359
1 to less than 2 years	no.	107	110	105	62	35	11	12	31	473
2 to less than 5 years	no.	201	118	192	103	29	11	13	52	719
5 years or more	no.	400	67	163	131	46	9	12	47	875
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	907	598	752	391	178	40	45	173	3 084
Non-Indigenous children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	173	940	247	74	50	20	11	4	1 519
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	179	425	100	61	28	14	9	4	820
1 to less than 2 years	no.	144	503	181	74	55	15	21	9	1 002
2 to less than 5 years	no.	387	520	252	72	37	27	14	5	1 314
5 years or more	no.	725	218	231	104	125	37	26	8	1 474

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Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	1 608	2 606	1 011	385	295	113	81	30	6 129
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	2	–	8	–	–	7	–	–	17
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	–	–	3	–	–	–	–	–	3
1 to less than 2 years	no.	–	–	6	–	–	1	–	–	7
2 to less than 5 years	no.	–	–	2	–	1	9	–	–	12
5 years or more	no.	–	–	–	–	–	7	–	–	7
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	2	–	19	–	1	24	–	–	46
All children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	283	1 159	462	131	83	34	13	29	2 194
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	270	509	188	99	63	16	15	22	1 182
1 to less than 2 years	no.	251	613	292	136	90	27	33	40	1 482
2 to less than 5 years	no.	588	638	446	175	67	47	27	57	2 045
5 years or more	no.	1 125	285	394	235	171	53	38	55	2 356
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	2 517	3 204	1 782	776	474	177	126	203	9 259
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	2 095
Non-Indigenous children	no.	na	2 362	992	380	275	102	63	30	4 204
Children of unknown Indigenous status	no.	na	–	19	–	1	24	–	–	44
All children	no.	na	2 924	1 737	766	446	167	100	203	6 343

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2017-18										
Children exiting out-of-home care or other supported placements										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	93	199	184	58	21	6	6	19	586
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	105	90	81	73	24	2	5	24	404
1 to less than 2 years	no.	94	114	129	64	31	4	2	68	506
2 to less than 5 years	no.	165	79	150	104	31	9	–	52	590
5 years or more	no.	346	44	170	91	45	7	4	15	722
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	803	526	714	390	152	28	17	178	2 808
Non-Indigenous children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	197	803	238	74	36	7	14	6	1 375
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	166	337	88	59	39	6	13	4	712
1 to less than 2 years	no.	169	497	161	66	60	12	17	12	994
2 to less than 5 years	no.	323	494	206	92	29	13	10	6	1 173
5 years or more	no.	720	258	275	94	117	53	31	3	1 551
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	1 575	2 389	968	385	281	91	85	31	5 805
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	6	–	17	–	4	4	–	–	31
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	1	–	4	–	2	2	–	–	9
1 to less than 2 years	no.	1	–	1	–	2	11	–	–	15
2 to less than 5 years	no.	–	–	–	–	–	5	–	–	5
5 years or more	no.	–	2	–	–	1	1	–	–	4
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Total	no.	8	2	22	–	9	23	–	–	64
All children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	296	1 002	439	132	61	17	20	25	1 992
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	272	427	173	132	65	10	18	28	1 125
1 to less than 2 years	no.	264	611	291	130	93	27	19	80	1 515
2 to less than 5 years	no.	488	573	356	196	60	27	10	58	1 768
5 years or more	no.	1 066	304	445	185	163	61	35	18	2 277
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	2 386	2 917	1 704	775	442	142	102	209	8 677
2016-17										
Children exiting out-of-home care or other supported placements										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	132	166	151	86	32	4	4	19	594
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	115	87	77	44	27	4	6	20	380
1 to less than 2 years	no.	117	75	131	66	29	14	6	70	508
2 to less than 5 years	no.	143	50	153	101	19	5	1	40	512
5 years or more	no.	413	54	154	81	40	12	10	12	776
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	920	432	666	378	147	39	27	161	2 770
Non-Indigenous children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	246	711	215	53	61	19	18	6	1 329
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	226	338	100	59	28	11	12	3	777
1 to less than 2 years	no.	182	371	187	85	58	9	20	12	924
2 to less than 5 years	no.	296	262	193	110	21	25	7	6	920
5 years or more	no.	730	227	255	103	93	32	23	1	1 464

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Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	1 680	1 909	950	410	261	96	80	28	5 414
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	–	–	10	–	10	4	–	–	24
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	–	–	5	–	3	–	–	–	8
1 to less than 2 years	no.	–	–	2	–	1	–	–	–	3
2 to less than 5 years	no.	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
5 years or more	no.	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	–	–	17	–	15	5	–	–	37
All children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	378	877	376	139	103	27	22	25	1 947
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	341	425	182	103	58	15	18	23	1 165
1 to less than 2 years	no.	299	446	320	151	88	23	26	82	1 435
2 to less than 5 years	no.	439	312	346	211	40	31	8	46	1 433
5 years or more	no.	1 143	281	409	184	134	44	33	13	2 241
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	2 600	2 341	1 633	788	423	140	107	189	8 221
2015-16										
Children exiting out-of-home care or other supported placements										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	169	145	176	54	24	3	3	31	605
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	111	65	106	49	11	2	6	14	364
1 to less than 2 years	no.	87	58	125	81	13	1	3	57	425
2 to less than 5 years	no.	105	47	146	109	16	5	2	48	478

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5 years or more	no.	376	49	151	88	38	17	5	18	742
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	848	364	704	381	102	28	19	168	2 614
Non-Indigenous children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	310	770	208	88	73	16	17	8	1 490
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	244	370	88	70	37	7	13	4	833
1 to less than 2 years	no.	188	352	186	64	53	15	12	16	886
2 to less than 5 years	no.	243	283	199	120	28	28	13	5	919
5 years or more	no.	632	222	260	93	81	43	15	3	1 349
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	1 617	1 997	941	435	272	109	70	36	5 477
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	–	1	14	–	7	–	1	–	23
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	–	–	3	–	3	–	–	–	6
1 to less than 2 years	no.	–	–	4	–	1	–	–	–	5
2 to less than 5 years	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
5 years or more	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	–	1	21	–	11	–	1	–	34
All children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	479	916	398	142	104	19	21	39	2 118
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	355	435	197	119	51	9	19	18	1 203
1 to less than 2 years	no.	275	410	315	145	67	16	15	73	1 316
2 to less than 5 years	no.	348	330	345	229	44	33	15	53	1 397
5 years or more	no.	1 008	271	411	181	119	60	20	21	2 091

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Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	2 465	2 362	1 666	816	385	137	90	204	8 125
2014-15										
Children exiting out-of-home care or other supported placements										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	118	105	154	60	27	6	5	34	509
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	137	54	67	55	17	1	5	17	353
1 to less than 2 years	no.	190	60	99	62	19	9	1	33	473
2 to less than 5 years	no.	392	44	117	77	30	4	4	29	697
5 years or more	no.	687	33	133	56	35	10	2	6	962
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	1 524	296	570	310	128	30	17	119	2 994
Non-Indigenous children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	256	642	205	68	59	21	33	14	1 298
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	244	284	115	60	20	11	16	1	751
1 to less than 2 years	no.	328	282	169	69	45	32	10	7	942
2 to less than 5 years	no.	709	288	213	112	45	33	13	13	1 426
5 years or more	no.	1 366	228	204	72	95	43	23	2	2 033
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	2 903	1 724	906	381	264	140	95	37	6 450
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	–	–	10	1	5	–	–	–	16
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	–	–	5	3	–	–	–	–	8
1 to less than 2 years	no.	–	–	1	–	2	–	–	–	3
2 to less than 5 years	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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5 years or more	no.	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	–	1	16	4	7	–	–	–	28
All children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	374	747	369	129	91	27	38	48	1 823
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	381	338	187	118	37	12	21	18	1 112
1 to less than 2 years	no.	518	342	269	131	66	41	11	40	1 418
2 to less than 5 years	no.	1 101	332	330	189	75	37	17	42	2 123
5 years or more	no.	2 053	262	337	128	130	53	25	8	2 996
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	4 427	2 021	1 492	695	399	170	112	156	9 472
2013-14										
Children exiting out-of-home care or other supported placements										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	147	108	137	57	34	10	8	35	536
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	84	44	45	40	18	9	2	22	264
1 to less than 2 years	no.	74	30	120	47	29	12	7	26	345
2 to less than 5 years	no.	149	44	133	76	17	12	6	22	459
5 years or more	no.	345	40	95	82	34	7	3	7	613
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	799	266	530	302	132	50	26	112	2 217
Non-Indigenous children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	195	587	228	69	43	32	38	10	1 202
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	153	242	93	50	27	18	13	2	598
1 to less than 2 years	no.	174	240	188	61	55	18	16	9	761

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2 to less than 5 years	no.	263	264	229	81	61	33	9	3	943
5 years or more	no.	544	223	233	95	88	32	15	1	1 231
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	1 329	1 556	971	356	274	133	91	25	4 735
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	–	1	10	5	1	4	2	–	23
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	–	–	5	7	1	3	1	–	17
1 to less than 2 years	no.	–	–	2	–	3	–	–	–	5
2 to less than 5 years	no.	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	2
5 years or more	no.	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	–	2	19	12	5	7	3	–	48
All children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	342	696	375	131	78	46	48	45	1 761
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	237	286	143	97	46	30	16	24	879
1 to less than 2 years	no.	248	270	310	108	87	30	23	35	1 111
2 to less than 5 years	no.	412	308	364	157	78	45	15	25	1 404
5 years or more	no.	889	264	328	177	122	39	18	8	1 845
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	2 128	1 824	1 520	670	411	190	120	137	7 000
2012-13										
Children exiting out-of-home care or other supported placements										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	122	93	140	35	28	3	5	73	499
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	109	57	77	12	20	4	2	17	298

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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 to less than 2 years	no.	100	47	126	32	17	7	4	23	356
2 to less than 5 years	no.	199	39	119	41	19	10	9	39	475
5 years or more	no.	248	25	85	101	17	6	3	7	492
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	80	–	–	–	–	80
Total	no.	778	261	547	301	101	30	23	159	2 200
Non-Indigenous children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	285	714	266	54	70	37	26	17	1 469
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	223	348	100	37	44	15	9	1	777
1 to less than 2 years	no.	234	305	186	57	57	39	23	3	904
2 to less than 5 years	no.	331	282	241	45	40	41	19	10	1 009
5 years or more	no.	546	244	211	147	68	27	13	5	1 261
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	110	–	–	–	–	110
Total	no.	1 619	1 893	1 004	450	279	159	90	36	5 530
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	4	1	4	44	1	1	1	–	56
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	–	3	4	8	1	1	1	–	18
1 to less than 2 years	no.	–	5	2	3	2	–	1	–	13
2 to less than 5 years	no.	1	3	2	1	–	–	–	–	7
5 years or more	no.	1	6	1	–	–	1	–	–	9
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	na	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	6	18	13	56	4	3	3	–	103
All children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	411	808	410	133	99	41	32	90	2 024
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	332	408	181	57	65	20	12	18	1 093
1 to less than 2 years	no.	334	357	314	92	76	46	28	26	1 273

TABLE 16A.18

Table 16A.18 **Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in 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>	<i>Aust</i>
2 to less than 5 years	no.	531	324	362	87	59	51	28	49	1 491
5 years or more	no.	795	275	297	248	85	34	16	12	1 762
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	190	–	–	–	–	190
Total	no.	2 403	2 172	1 564	807	384	192	116	195	7 833
2011-12										
Children exiting out-of-home care or other supported placements										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	109	99	117	17	26	4	12	89	473
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	104	29	59	16	8	4	2	26	248
1 to less than 2 years	no.	127	49	105	21	22	8	4	21	357
2 to less than 5 years	no.	203	48	146	95	7	9	9	33	550
5 years or more	no.	266	32	68	53	16	3	–	10	448
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	809	257	495	202	79	28	27	179	2 076
Non-Indigenous children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	282	567	202	49	68	32	28	13	1 241
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	253	232	97	40	38	33	10	6	709
1 to less than 2 years	no.	220	220	155	36	58	34	15	9	747
2 to less than 5 years	no.	372	245	226	113	49	36	23	3	1 067
5 years or more	no.	535	239	162	46	58	25	20	3	1 088
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	1 662	1 503	842	284	271	160	96	34	4 852
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	4	28	8	13	5	1	1	1	61
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	3	10	3	3	1	1	1	–	22

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Table 16A.18 **Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in 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>	<i>Aust</i>
1 to less than 2 years	no.	–	3	1	5	4	1	–	–	14
2 to less than 5 years	no.	–	4	1	–	1	1	–	–	7
5 years or more	no.	1	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	3
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	8	47	13	21	11	4	2	1	107
All children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	395	694	327	79	99	37	41	103	1 775
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	360	271	159	59	47	38	13	32	979
1 to less than 2 years	no.	347	272	261	62	84	43	19	30	1 118
2 to less than 5 years	no.	575	297	373	208	57	46	32	36	1 624
5 years or more	no.	802	273	230	99	74	28	20	13	1 539
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	2 479	1 807	1 350	507	361	192	125	214	7 035
2010-11										
Children exiting out-of-home care or other supported placements										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	109	74	188	23	26	13	17	65	515
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	101	53	65	29	17	5	6	20	296
1 to less than 2 years	no.	175	55	123	15	20	10	8	23	429
2 to less than 5 years	no.	234	34	129	81	16	5	7	15	521
5 years or more	no.	189	25	70	55	15	3	5	13	375
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	808	241	575	203	94	36	43	136	2 136
Non-Indigenous children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	319	518	292	42	71	34	26	19	1 321

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Table 16A.18 **Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in 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>	<i>Aust</i>
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	259	220	106	25	52	24	7	5	698
1 to less than 2 years	no.	217	245	205	50	70	28	14	5	834
2 to less than 5 years	no.	337	242	293	110	33	20	14	7	1 056
5 years or more	no.	445	212	155	76	48	25	18	6	985
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	1 577	1 437	1 051	303	274	131	79	42	4 894
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	1	23	1	19	3	2	1	–	50
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	2	11	–	7	–	–	1	–	21
1 to less than 2 years	no.	2	11	1	–	5	–	–	–	19
2 to less than 5 years	no.	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	2
5 years or more	no.	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	5
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	5	51	2	26	8	2	2	1	97
All children										
1 to less than 6 months	no.	429	615	481	84	100	49	44	84	1 886
6 months to less than 1 year	no.	362	284	171	61	69	29	14	25	1 015
1 to less than 2 years	no.	394	311	329	65	95	38	22	28	1 282
2 to less than 5 years	no.	571	277	422	191	49	25	21	23	1 579
5 years or more	no.	634	242	225	131	63	28	23	19	1 365
Not stated/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	2 390	1 729	1 628	532	376	169	124	179	7 127

Table 16A.18 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in 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>	<i>Aust</i>
(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. From 2014-15 placements lasting less than seven days are excluded.									
(c)	Some Australian totals exclude data for Tasmania and therefore subtotals may not add up to totals. This affects totals where Tasmanian data are not published due to suppression by Tasmania of small numbers.									
(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)	Tasmania: Tasmanian data exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. 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 may be lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmania reported a higher proportion of children with unknown Indigenous status for 2017-18. Data remediation work has since been undertaken to address this issue and data has been re-supplied for revised reporting of this information in subsequent publications. From 2019-20 Tasmania has adopted a policy of not publishing small numbers.									
(h)	ACT: Prior to 2019-20 out-of-home care data includes some children 18 years and over whose carers receive a full carer payment, generally to facilitate completion of schooling without change to the placement. From 2019-20 out-of-home care data excludes these young people, resulting in a reduction in the number of children in out-of-home care compared to earlier years. These young people continue to be supported and are included in 'other supported placements'.									

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

Table 16A.18 **Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in 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>	<i>Aust</i>
<i>Source:</i>	State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2019-20; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.									

TABLE 16A.19

Table 16A.19 **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)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2020										
Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	4 153	1 695	2 622	1 879	972	np	150	570	12 041
Non-Indigenous children	no.	5 472	4 291	3 163	1 351	1 614	np	310	56	16 257
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	no.	2	–	4	1	10	29	4	–	50
All children	no.	9 627	5 986	5 789	3 231	2 596	749	464	626	29 068
Proportion of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	99.2	99.1	94.0	95.1	92.1	na	99.3	97.1	96.7
Non-Indigenous children	%	99.1	99.2	95.1	96.7	92.9	na	99.4	100.0	97.5
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	100.0	na	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	na	100.0
All children	%	99.1	99.2	94.6	95.8	92.6	98.8	99.4	97.4	97.2
Children aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	2 205	655	843	641	320	np	54	252	4 970
Non-Indigenous children	no.	3 510	1 979	1 153	605	617	np	145	47	8 056
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	no.	–	–	–	–	2	2	–	–	4
All children	no.	5 715	2 634	1 996	1 246	939	289	199	299	13 317
Proportion of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	88.2	88.5	72.5	84.2	69.0	na	87.1	76.6	82.6
Non-Indigenous children	%	89.0	85.3	70.2	85.8	71.2	na	85.3	78.3	83.0

TABLE 16A.19

Table 16A.19 **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)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<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	%	na	na	–	na	100.0	50.0	na	na	57.1
All children	%	88.7	86.1	71.1	85.0	70.4	81.6	85.8	76.9	82.8
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	6 358	2 350	3 465	2 520	1 292	361	204	822	17 372
Non-Indigenous children	no.	8 982	6 270	4 316	1 956	2 231	646	455	103	24 959
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	no.	2	–	4	1	12	31	4	–	54
All children	no.	15 342	8 620	7 785	4 477	3 535	1 038	663	925	42 385
Proportion of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	95.1	95.9	87.7	92.1	85.1	92.8	95.8	89.7	94.0
Non-Indigenous children	%	94.8	94.4	86.9	93.1	85.6	93.6	94.4	88.8	94.6
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	100.0	na	80.0	100.0	100.0	93.9	100.0	na	94.7
All children	%	94.9	94.8	87.2	92.5	85.5	93.3	94.8	89.6	92.1
2019										
Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	4 289	1 515	2 391	1 821	822	260	140	600	11 838
Non-Indigenous children	no.	6 035	4 133	2 858	1 417	1 478	465	327	44	16 757
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	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 children in a home-based placement										

TABLE 16A.19

Table 16A.19 **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)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<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 children	%	98.9	98.3	96.2	94.4	90.2	97.4	98.6	95.4	96.7
Non-Indigenous children	%	99.0	99.3	96.7	96.8	91.6	98.9	99.1	97.8	97.8
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	100.0	..	100.0	100.0	95.2	100.0	..	..	98.1
All children	%	98.9	99.0	96.5	95.4	91.2	98.4	98.9	95.5	97.3
Children aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	2 146	552	784	556	308	90	50	243	4 729
Non-Indigenous children	no.	3 595	1 788	1 116	583	601	196	138	50	8 067
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	no.	na	–	–	–	1	4	–	–	5
All children	no.	5 741	2 340	1 900	1 139	910	290	188	293	12 801
Proportion of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	88.8	86.3	71.9	82.5	72.1	80.4	87.7	76.2	82.4
Non-Indigenous children	%	89.2	83.3	70.9	85.2	72.9	83.1	82.6	79.4	83.0
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	na	..	..	..	100.0	66.7	..	..	55.6
All children	%	89.1	84.0	71.2	83.9	72.7	81.9	83.9	76.7	82.7
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	6 435	2 067	3 175	2 377	1 130	350	190	843	16 567
Non-Indigenous children	no.	9 630	5 921	3 974	2 000	2 079	661	465	94	24 824
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	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 children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	95.3	94.8	88.8	91.3	84.5	92.3	95.5	88.9	92.1
Non-Indigenous children	%	95.1	93.9	87.7	93.1	85.3	93.6	93.6	87.0	92.4
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	66.7	..	94.1	100.0	95.5	89.5	..	..	92.1
All children	%	95.2	94.1	88.2	92.1	85.1	93.1	94.1	88.7	92.3
Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	4 853	1 740	2 659	1 823	836	286	158	600	12 955
Non-Indigenous children	no.	7 163	5 705	3 317	1 421	1 569	538	358	44	20 115
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	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 children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	99.0	98.5	96.6	94.3	90.4	97.6	98.8	95.4	97.0
Non-Indigenous children	%	99.1	99.5	97.1	96.8	92.1	99.1	99.2	97.8	98.1
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	100.0	–	100.0	100.0	95.2	100.0	–	–	98.2
All children	%	99.1	99.3	96.9	95.4	91.5	98.6	99.0	95.5	97.7
Children aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	2 618	710	1 073	557	319	118	64	243	5 702
Non-Indigenous children	no.	4 480	3 001	1 643	586	675	288	180	50	10 903
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	no.	–	–	1	–	1	5	–	–	7

TABLE 16A.19

Table 16A.19 **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)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<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.	7 098	3 711	2 717	1 143	995	411	244	293	16 612
Proportion of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	90.7	89.0	77.8	82.2	72.8	84.3	86.5	76.2	84.9
Non-Indigenous children	%	91.2	89.3	78.2	85.3	75.1	87.8	85.3	79.4	86.8
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	–	–	50.0	–	100.0	71.4	–	–	63.6
All children	%	91.0	89.2	78.0	83.7	74.4	86.5	85.6	76.7	86.1
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	7 471	2 450	3 732	2 380	1 155	404	222	843	18 657
Non-Indigenous children	no.	11 643	8 706	4 960	2 007	2 244	826	538	94	31 018
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	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 children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	95.9	95.6	90.3	91.1	84.7	93.3	94.9	88.9	92.9
Non-Indigenous children	%	95.9	95.7	89.9	93.1	86.2	94.8	94.1	87.0	93.8
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	75.0	–	94.4	100.0	95.5	90.5	–	–	92.5
All children	%	95.9	95.7	90.1	92.0	85.8	94.3	94.3	88.7	93.5
2018										
Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	4 418	1 390	2 492	1 750	746	255	192	595	11 838
Non-Indigenous children	no.	6 586	3 900	3 194	1 311	1 428	543	378	46	17 386

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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>	<i>Aust</i>
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	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 children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	98.8	99.4	96.5	94.8	90.1	96.6	98.5	92.5	96.8
Non-Indigenous children	%	99.2	99.2	97.3	97.0	90.4	98.0	98.2	93.9	97.8
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	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 aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	2 078	482	987	506	282	110	57	230	4 732
Non-Indigenous children	no.	3 575	1 708	1 569	534	628	260	158	50	8 482
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	no.	–	–	1	–	1	7	–	–	9
All children	no.	5 653	2 190	2 557	1 040	911	377	215	280	13 223
Proportion of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	90.6	83.7	79.0	83.5	72.7	88.0	87.7	74.2	84.3
Non-Indigenous children	%	89.8	83.4	80.8	83.0	75.3	88.1	87.3	76.9	84.9
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	..	..	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 aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	6 496	1 872	3 479	2 256	1 028	365	249	825	16 570

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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 children	no.	10 161	5 608	4 763	1 845	2 056	803	536	96	25 868
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	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 children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	96.0	94.8	90.8	92.0	84.5	93.8	95.8	86.6	92.9
Non-Indigenous children	%	95.7	93.8	91.2	92.5	85.2	94.6	94.7	84.2	93.2
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	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

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Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

Number of children in a home-based placement

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	4 609	1 461	2 519	1 661	688	202	169	602	11 911
Non-Indigenous children	no.	7 005	5 204	3 146	1 294	1 300	558	384	43	18 934
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	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 children in a home-based placement

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	98.5	99.3	97.1	93.6	85.4	94.8	98.3	94.4	96.5
Non-Indigenous children	%	98.6	99.3	97.9	97.1	89.2	98.2	97.5	95.6	97.8
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	..	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 aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	1 950	542	941	445	242	92	50	198	4 460
Non-Indigenous children	no.	3 502	2 604	1 564	470	591	257	155	53	9 196
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	no.	–	5	4	–	1	1	–	–	11
All children	no.	5 452	3 151	2 509	915	834	350	205	251	13 667
Proportion of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	90.9	87.6	79.2	81.5	70.3	85.2	90.9	63.9	83.9
Non-Indigenous children	%	88.6	87.7	83.1	81.2	75.0	86.5	85.2	80.3	85.8
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	..	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 aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	6 559	2 003	3 460	2 106	930	294	219	800	16 371
Non-Indigenous children	no.	10 507	7 808	4 710	1 764	1 891	815	539	96	28 130
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	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 children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	96.1	95.8	91.5	90.7	80.9	91.6	96.5	84.4	92.7
Non-Indigenous children	%	95.0	95.1	92.5	92.3	84.2	94.2	93.6	86.5	93.6
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	..	100.0	100.0	..	85.2	94.7	92.3
All children	%	95.5	95.2	92.1	91.4	83.1	93.5	94.4	84.6	93.2

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2016										
Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	4 584	1 351	2 468	1 595	643	191	145	565	11 542
Non-Indigenous children	no.	7 240	4 971	3 170	1 273	1 263	552	373	49	18 891
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	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 children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	99.1	99.0	96.7	92.5	84.5	93.6	97.3	92.5	96.3
Non-Indigenous children	%	99.1	99.3	98.3	97.4	90.5	97.4	96.1	96.1	98.2
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	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 aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	1 848	435	864	387	229	81	42	198	4 084
Non-Indigenous children	no.	3 429	2 457	1 501	483	528	223	138	49	8 808
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	no.	na	6	–	–	1	2	–	–	9
All children	no.	5 277	2 898	2 365	870	758	306	180	247	12 901
Proportion of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	91.1	85.1	80.9	79.5	73.4	87.1	87.5	64.1	84.1
Non-Indigenous children	%	89.3	87.3	84.1	83.3	75.5	84.8	87.3	80.3	86.3

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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>
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	na	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 aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	6 432	1 786	3 332	1 982	872	272	187	763	15 626
Non-Indigenous children	no.	10 669	7 428	4 671	1 756	1 791	775	511	98	27 699
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	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 children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	96.7	95.2	92.1	89.6	81.3	91.6	94.9	82.9	92.8
Non-Indigenous children	%	95.7	95.0	93.2	93.1	85.5	93.4	93.6	87.5	94.1
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	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
2015										
Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	4 217	1 083	2 419	1 498	509	158	141	560	10 585
Non-Indigenous children	no.	6 854	4 482	3 092	1 275	1 179	513	326	61	17 782
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	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 children 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 children	%	99.3	98.8	96.1	91.2	85.1	96.3	100.0	92.7	96.1
Non-Indigenous children	%	99.4	99.2	98.8	96.9	89.7	95.5	97.0	95.3	98.2
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	..	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 aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	1 796	351	788	337	195	63	36	176	3 742
Non-Indigenous children	no.	3 334	2 158	1 436	479	496	232	125	40	8 300
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	no.	na	2	4	–	–	2	–	–	8
All children	no.	5 130	2 511	2 228	816	691	297	161	216	12 050
Proportion of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	91.4	84.6	79.3	80.4	79.3	81.8	85.7	61.1	84.2
Non-Indigenous children	%	89.2	85.2	82.1	83.4	78.1	84.4	85.6	65.6	85.5
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	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 aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	6 013	1 434	3 207	1 835	704	221	177	736	14 327
Non-Indigenous children	no.	10 188	6 640	4 528	1 754	1 675	745	451	101	26 082
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	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

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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 children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	96.8	94.9	91.3	89.0	83.4	91.7	96.7	82.5	92.7
Non-Indigenous children	%	95.8	94.2	92.8	92.8	85.9	91.7	93.6	80.8	93.8
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	..	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 aged under 12 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	4 460	917	2 348	1 372	496	156	116	506	10 371
Non-Indigenous children	no.	7 543	3 919	3 079	1 218	1 113	478	297	62	17 709
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	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 children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	99.7	96.9	96.3	91.1	89.2	96.3	99.1	92.8	96.5
Non-Indigenous children	%	99.5	98.4	98.8	96.4	92.2	95.4	98.7	88.6	98.2
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	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 aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	1 894	297	706	306	171	57	28	143	3 602
Non-Indigenous children	no.	3 695	2 003	1 332	435	466	232	126	38	8 327

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Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	no.	–	3	7	1	2	–	–	1	14
All children	no.	5 589	2 303	2 045	742	639	289	154	182	11 943
Proportion of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	92.5	82.0	78.6	81.4	74.0	81.4	80.0	62.4	84.8
Non-Indigenous children	%	90.5	83.1	79.9	81.0	77.2	81.4	82.4	60.3	85.0
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	..	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 aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	6 354	1 214	3 054	1 678	667	213	144	649	13 973
Non-Indigenous children	no.	11 238	5 922	4 411	1 653	1 579	710	423	100	26 036
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	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 children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	97.5	92.8	91.5	89.2	84.8	91.8	94.7	83.9	93.2
Non-Indigenous children	%	96.3	92.6	92.2	91.8	87.2	90.3	93.2	75.2	93.6
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	40.0	100.0	97.0	95.1	90.9	97.2	..	100.0	94.2
All children	%	96.7	92.7	92.0	90.5	86.5	90.9	93.6	82.6	93.4

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Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

Number of children 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 children	no.	4 265	626	2 333	1 481	525	169	103	397	9 899
Non-Indigenous children	no.	7 262	3 163	3 155	1 550	1 134	499	255	63	17 081
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	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 children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	99.5	97.8	97.5	82.3	91.5	96.0	98.1	93.0	95.1
Non-Indigenous children	%	99.5	98.7	98.6	87.0	92.6	95.8	99.2	96.9	97.3
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	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 aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	1 781	228	644	–	159	56	28	135	3 031
Non-Indigenous children	no.	3 509	1 819	1 332	–	455	239	120	37	7 511
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	no.	1	28	5	–	3	–	1	–	38
All children	no.	5 291	2 075	1 981	–	617	295	149	172	10 580
Proportion of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	93.0	80.9	80.4	na	74.3	83.6	80.0	68.9	86.4
Non-Indigenous children	%	89.5	82.4	79.1	na	74.5	84.8	83.9	61.7	84.3
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	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 aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

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Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	6 046	854	2 977	1 481	684	225	131	532	12 930
Non-Indigenous children	no.	10 771	4 982	4 487	1 550	1 589	738	375	100	24 592
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	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 children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	97.5	92.6	93.2	82.3	86.8	92.6	93.6	85.4	92.9
Non-Indigenous children	%	96.0	92.1	91.9	87.0	86.6	91.9	93.8	80.0	93.0
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	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 aged under 12 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	4 125	704	2 225	1 082	450	157	97	367	9 207
Non-Indigenous children	no.	7 265	2 963	3 199	1 098	1 148	514	278	64	16 529
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	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 children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	99.7	97.1	96.4	90.4	88.1	98.1	100.0	90.0	96.5
Non-Indigenous children	%	99.4	98.1	98.2	95.7	92.1	97.7	98.9	91.4	98.1
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	94.7	100.0	96.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	..	98.6

TABLE 16A.19

Table 16A.19 **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)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<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	%	99.5	98.0	97.4	93.1	91.0	97.8	99.2	90.2	97.5
Children aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	1 722	236	576	230	148	44	28	115	3 099
Non-Indigenous children	no.	3 479	1 720	1 311	424	436	214	120	44	7 748
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	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 children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	92.9	77.9	78.6	55.2	75.9	84.6	75.7	69.7	82.5
Non-Indigenous children	%	89.9	82.4	79.0	69.2	74.9	81.4	85.7	77.2	83.6
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	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 aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	5 847	940	2 801	1 312	598	201	125	482	12 306
Non-Indigenous children	no.	10 744	4 683	4 510	1 522	1 584	728	398	108	24 277
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	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 children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	97.6	91.4	92.1	81.3	84.7	94.8	93.3	84.1	92.5
Non-Indigenous children	%	96.1	91.7	91.7	86.5	86.7	92.3	94.5	85.0	92.9

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Table 16A.19 **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)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<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	%	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 aged under 12 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	3 934	589	2 101	982	413	147	81	332	8 579
Non-Indigenous children	no.	7 173	2 622	3 094	918	1 012	507	276	71	15 673
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	no.	4	58	22	116	40	12	9	–	na
All children	no.	11 111	3 269	5 217	2 016	1 465	666	366	403	24 513
Proportion of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	99.8	97.8	96.6	88.2	89.2	94.8	97.6	89.2	96.3
Non-Indigenous children	%	99.6	97.5	98.7	94.7	91.3	97.1	98.2	95.9	98.1
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	100.0	100.0	95.7	90.6	87.0	100.0	100.0	na	na
All children	%	99.7	97.6	97.8	91.2	90.6	96.7	98.1	90.4	97.4
Children aged 12–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	1 680	229	504	299	124	34	25	88	2 983
Non-Indigenous children	no.	3 438	1 626	1 259	455	431	191	100	39	7 539
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	no.	1	26	3	15	1	1	3	1	na
All children	no.	5 119	1 881	1 766	769	556	226	128	128	10 573
Proportion of children 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 children	%	93.5	83.3	74.8	89.3	74.3	82.9	69.4	68.2	86.4
Non-Indigenous children	%	90.6	80.8	79.3	81.5	74.1	82.3	78.1	67.2	84.2
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	20.0	61.9	42.9	88.2	50.0	25.0	100.0	100.0	na
All children	%	91.5	80.7	77.9	84.5	74.0	81.6	76.6	68.1	84.7
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	no.	5 614	818	2 605	1 281	537	181	106	420	11 562
Non-Indigenous children	no.	10 611	4 248	4 353	1 373	1 443	698	376	110	23 212
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	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 children in a home-based placement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	%	97.9	93.3	91.4	88.5	85.2	92.3	89.1	83.8	93.6
Non-Indigenous children	%	96.5	90.4	92.2	89.9	85.4	92.6	91.9	83.3	93.1
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	%	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

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. Out-of-home care includes children in care where a financial payment was offered but declined by the carer.

Table 16A.19 **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)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<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)	Some Australian totals exclude data for Tasmania and therefore subtotals may not add up to totals. This affects totals where Tasmanian data are not published due to suppression by Tasmania of small numbers.									
(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)	Tasmania: Tasmanian data exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. 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 may be lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmania reported a higher proportion of children with unknown Indigenous status for 2017-18. Data remediation work has since been undertaken to address this issue and data has been re-supplied for revised reporting of this information in subsequent publications. From 2019-20 Tasmania has adopted a policy of not publishing small numbers. 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.									
(h)	ACT: Prior to 2019-20 out-of-home care data includes some children 18 years and over whose carers receive a full carer payment, generally to facilitate completion of schooling without change to the placement. From 2019-20 out-of-home care data excludes these young people, resulting in a reduction in the number of children in out-of-home care compared to earlier years. These young people continue to be supported and are included in 'other supported placements'.									
(i)	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. .. Not applicable. **np** Not published.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2019-20; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

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Table 16A.20 **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), (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>
2020										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
Residential care	no.	183	90	486	131	227	np	9	69	1 195
Family group homes	no.	12	–	–	65	–	–	–	–	77
Home-based care										
Foster care	no.	2 493	434	2 038	1 018	465	198	71	270	6 987
Relative/kinship care	no.	3 865	1 882	1 427	1 502	809	163	133	238	10 019
Other home based care	no.	–	34	–	–	18	–	–	314	366
Total home-based	no.	6 358	2 350	3 465	2 520	1 292	361	204	822	17 372
Independent living (incl. private board)	no.	68	8	–	–	–	np	–	–	76
Other (incl. unknown)	no.	67	2	–	20	–	np	–	25	114
Total	no.	6 688	2 450	3 951	2 736	1 519	389	213	916	18 862
Non-Indigenous children										
Residential care	no.	292	339	651	75	374	np	26	8	1 765
Family group homes	no.	17	–	–	65	–	–	–	–	82
Home-based care										
Foster care	no.	4 106	1 186	2 325	885	1 024	377	211	33	10 147
Relative/kinship care	no.	4 876	4 935	1 991	1 071	1 185	269	242	25	14 594
Other home based care	no.	–	149	–	–	22	–	2	45	218
Total home-based	no.	8 982	6 270	4 316	1 956	2 231	646	455	103	24 959
Independent living (incl. private board)	no.	73	33	–	–	–	np	–	1	107
Other (incl. unknown)	no.	106	3	–	6	–	np	1	4	120

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total	no.	9 470	6 645	4 967	2 102	2 605	690	482	116	27 077
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Residential care	no.	–	–	1	–	–	np	–	–	1
Family group homes	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Home-based care										
Foster care	no.	1	–	4	–	7	11	2	–	25
Relative/kinship care	no.	1	–	–	1	5	20	2	–	29
Other home based care	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total home-based	no.	2	–	4	1	12	31	4	–	54
Independent living (incl. private board)	no.	–	–	–	–	–	np	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	no.	–	–	–	–	–	np	–	–	–
Total	no.	2	–	5	1	12	33	4	–	57
All children										
Residential care	no.	475	429	1 138	206	601	71	35	77	3 032
Family group homes	no.	29	–	–	130	–	–	–	–	159
Home-based care										
Foster care	no.	6 600	1 620	4 367	1 903	1 496	586	284	303	17 159
Relative/kinship care	no.	8 742	6 817	3 418	2 574	1 999	452	377	263	24 642
Other home based care	no.	–	183	–	–	40	–	2	359	584
Total home-based	no.	15 342	8 620	7 785	4 477	3 535	1 038	663	925	42 385
Independent living (incl. private board)	no.	141	41	–	–	–	np	–	1	183
Other (incl. unknown)	no.	173	5	–	26	–	np	1	29	234
Total	no.	16 160	9 095	8 923	4 839	4 136	1 112	699	1 032	45 996

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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>
2019										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
Residential care	no.	178	105	401	113	208	26	9	80	1 120
Family group homes	no.	6	–	–	87	–	–	–	2	95
Home-based care										
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	no.	6 754	2 181	3 576	2 604	1 338	379	199	948	17 979
Non-Indigenous children										
Residential care	no.	339	350	558	61	358	43	31	12	1 752
Family group homes	no.	14	–	–	77	–	–	–	–	91
Home-based care										
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

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total	no.	10 127	6 309	4 532	2 148	2 437	706	497	108	26 864
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
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	no.	3	–	17	2	22	19	–	–	63
All children										
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	no.	16 884	8 490	8 125	4 754	3 797	1 104	696	1 056	44 906

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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>
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
Residential care	no.	178	105	401	116	208	26	12	80	1 126
Family group homes	no.	6	–	–	87	–	–	–	2	95
Home-based care										
Foster care	no.	2 568	384	1 980	1 016	432	206	67	273	6 926
Relative/kinship care	no.	3 867	1 654	1 752	1 364	681	141	125	274	9 858
Other home based care	no.	1 036	412	–	–	42	57	30	296	1 873
Total home-based	no.	7 471	2 450	3 732	2 380	1 155	404	222	843	18 657
Independent living (incl. private board)	no.	68	7	–	–	–	1	–	1	77
Other (incl. unknown)	no.	67	2	–	29	–	2	–	22	122
Total	no.	7 790	2 564	4 133	2 612	1 363	433	234	948	20 077
Non-Indigenous children										
Residential care	no.	339	350	558	61	359	43	33	12	1 755
Family group homes	no.	14	–	–	77	–	–	–	–	91
Home-based care										
Foster care	no.	4 533	1 208	2 412	934	983	379	210	35	10 694
Relative/kinship care	no.	5 097	4 570	2 548	1 073	1 091	280	257	21	14 937
Other home based care	no.	2 013	2 928	–	–	170	167	71	38	5 387
Total home-based	no.	11 643	8 706	4 960	2 007	2 244	826	538	94	31 018
Independent living (incl. private board)	no.	72	33	–	–	–	1	–	–	106
Other (incl. unknown)	no.	72	5	–	10	–	1	1	2	91
Total	no.	12 140	9 094	5 518	2 155	2 603	871	572	108	33 061

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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>
Children of unknown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
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	–	5	1	6	7	–	–	21
Other home based care	no.	1	–	–	–	–	3	–	–	4
Total home-based	no.	3	–	17	2	21	19	–	–	62
Independent living (incl. private board)	no.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	no.	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Total	no.	4	–	18	2	22	21	–	–	67
All children										
Residential care	no.	517	455	960	177	568	71	45	92	2 885
Family group homes	no.	20	–	–	164	–	–	–	2	186
Home-based care										
Foster care	no.	7 101	1 592	4 404	1 951	1 430	594	277	308	17 657
Relative/kinship care	no.	8 966	6 224	4 305	2 438	1 778	428	382	295	24 816
Other home based care	no.	3 050	3 340	–	–	212	227	101	334	7 264
Total home-based	no.	19 117	11 156	8 709	4 389	3 420	1 249	760	937	49 737
Independent living (incl. private board)	no.	140	40	–	–	–	2	–	1	183
Other (incl. unknown)	no.	140	7	–	39	–	3	1	24	214
Total	no.	19 934	11 658	9 669	4 769	3 988	1 325	806	1 056	53 205

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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>
2018										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
Residential care	no.	170	94	353	85	188	24	11	101	1 026
Family group homes	no.	14	–	..	84	–	–	–	1	99
Home-based care										
Foster care	no.	2 641	399	1 822	996	379	191	76	464	6 968
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	no.	6 766	1 975	3 832	2 452	1 216	389	260	953	17 843
Non-Indigenous children										
Residential care	no.	355	327	462	60	357	42	29	17	1 649
Family group homes	no.	12	–	..	78	–	–	–	–	90
Home-based care										
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

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Total	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										
Residential care	no.	–	–	2	–	3	5	–	–	10
Family group homes	no.	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Home-based care										
Foster care	no.	1	–	25	1	34	9	–	–	70
Relative/kinship care	no.	2	–	23	1	28	16	–	–	70
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	no.	3	–	50	2	66	34	–	–	155
All children										
Residential care	no.	525	421	817	145	548	71	40	118	2 685
Family group homes	no.	26	–	..	162	–	–	–	1	189
Home-based care										
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	no.	17 387	7 954	9 107	4 448	3 695	1 272	826	1 067	45 756

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2017										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
Residential care	no.	175	82	322	84	207	18	8	106	1 002
Family group homes	no.	9	–	..	106	–	6	–	–	121
Home-based care										
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
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	no.	6 824	2 091	3 782	2 321	1 150	321	227	948	17 664
Non-Indigenous children										
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										
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

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Total	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										
Residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	13	1	–	–	14
Family group homes	no.	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Home-based care										
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
Independent living (incl. private board)	no.	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	no.	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	–	9	66	–	88	19	–	–	182
All children										
Residential care	no.	599	441	705	148	550	61	42	120	2 666
Family group homes	no.	23	–	..	176	–	10	–	–	209
Home-based care										
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	no.	17 879	10 312	8 941	4 232	3 484	1 205	803	1 059	47 915

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2016										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
Residential care	no.	180	84	287	106	192	6	10	103	968
Family group homes	no.	1	–	..	99	–	7	–	1	108
Home-based care										
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
Independent living (incl. private board)	no.	28	4	..	–	9	1	–	–	42
Other (incl. unknown)	no.	11	2	..	25	–	11	–	53	102
Total	no.	6 652	1 876	3 619	2 212	1 073	297	197	920	16 846
Non-Indigenous children										
Residential care	no.	431	354	339	59	279	28	32	12	1 534
Family group homes	no.	8	–	..	63	–	6	–	–	77
Home-based care										
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

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Total	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										
Residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	8	–	–	–	8
Family group homes	no.	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Home-based care										
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
Independent living (incl. private board)	no.	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	no.	–	–	..	–	–	1	–	–	1
Total	no.	1	8	41	1	75	23	5	–	154
All children										
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										
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	no.	17 800	9 705	8 670	4 100	3 243	1 150	748	1 032	46 448

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2015										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
Residential care	no.	164	73	305	96	136	6	6	90	876
Family group homes	no.	2	–	..	131	–	8	–	2	143
Home-based care										
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
Independent living (incl. private board)	no.	26	4	..	–	4	1	–	1	36
Other (incl. unknown)	no.	5	–	..	–	–	5	–	63	73
Total	no.	6 210	1 511	3 512	2 062	844	241	183	892	15 455
Non-Indigenous children										
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										
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

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Total	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										
Residential care	no.	2	–	5	–	5	–	–	–	12
Family group homes	no.	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Home-based care										
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
Independent living (incl. private board)	no.	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	no.	–	–	..	–	–	1	–	–	1
Total	no.	2	7	57	2	45	8	6	–	127
All children										
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										
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	no.	16 843	8 567	8 448	3 954	2 838	1 061	671	1 017	43 399

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2014										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
Residential care	no.	139	90	282	84	114	11	7	75	802
Family group homes	no.	3	–	..	120	–	8	–	6	137
Home-based care										
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
Independent living (incl. private board)	no.	18	4	..	–	6	–	–	4	32
Other (incl. unknown)	no.	6	–	..	–	–	–	1	40	47
Total	no.	6 520	1 308	3 336	1 882	787	232	152	774	14 991
Non-Indigenous children										
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										
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

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Total	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										
Residential care	no.	3	–	2	–	3	–	–	–	8
Family group homes	no.	–	–	..	2	–	1	–	–	3
Home-based care										
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
Independent living (incl. private board)	no.	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	no.	–	–	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	no.	5	9	66	41	33	36	–	1	191
All children										
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										
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	no.	18 192	7 710	8 185	3 723	2 631	1 054	606	908	43 009

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2013										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
Residential care	no.	126	64	218	76	100	5	9	59	657
Family group homes	no.	5	–	..	117	–	8	–	7	137
Home-based care										
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
Independent living (incl. private board)	no.	20	3	..	7	4	3	–	–	37
Other (incl. unknown)	no.	6	1	..	119	–	2	–	25	153
Total	no.	6 203	922	3 195	1 800	788	243	140	623	13 914
Non-Indigenous children										
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										
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

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Table 16A.20 **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), (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	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										
Residential care	no.	1	6	3	–	9	–	4	–	23
Family group homes	no.	–	–	..	1	–	–	–	–	1
Home-based care										
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
Independent living (incl. private board)	no.	–	na	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	no.	–	na	..	1	–	–	–	–	1
Total	no.	5	65	57	55	34	21	19	–	256
All children										
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										
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	no.	17 422	6 399	8 136	3 636	2 657	1 067	559	748	40 624

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2012										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children										
Residential care	no.	121	87	240	76	78	4	8	..	614
Family group homes	no.	2	–	..	92	–	4	–	46	144
Home-based care										
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
Independent living (incl. private board)	no.	17	1	..	5	6	2	1	–	32
Other (incl. unknown)	no.	4	–	..	129	24	1	–	45	203
Total	no.	5 991	1 028	3 041	1 614	706	212	134	573	13 299
Non-Indigenous children										
Residential care	no.	331	383	409	73	168	26	23	..	1 413
Family group homes	no.	28	–	..	78	–	13	–	9	128
Home-based care										
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

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Table 16A.20 **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), (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	no.	11 177	5 106	4 919	1 760	1 828	789	421	127	26 127
All children										
Residential care	no.	455	478	653	150	246	32	33	..	2 047
Family group homes	no.	30	–	..	170	–	17	–	55	272
Home-based care										
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	no.	17 192	6 207	7 999	3 400	2 548	1 009	566	700	39 621

2011

Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

Residential care	no.	93	59	245	101	70	6	13	11	598
Family group homes	no.	2	–	..	60	–	9	–	33	104
Home-based care										
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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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<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.	24	–	..	6	5	–	–	3	38
Other (incl. unknown)	no.	4	–	..	–	18	–	–	34	56
Total	no.	5 737	877	2 850	1 448	630	196	119	501	12 358
Non-Indigenous children										
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										
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	no.	10 994	4 701	4 722	1 527	1 690	754	409	132	24 929
All children										
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										
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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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<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.	81	31	..	22	26	3	–	4	167
Other (incl. unknown)	no.	7	1	..	–	71	20	1	43	143
Total	no.	16 740	5 678	7 602	3 120	2 368	966	540	634	37 648

- (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. Out-of-home care includes children in care where a financial payment was offered but declined by the carer.
- (c) Some Australian totals exclude data for Tasmania and therefore subtotals may not add up to totals. This affects totals where Tasmanian data are not published due to suppression by Tasmania of small numbers.
- (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: From 2014-15, independent living and other supported placements are not reported as they were reclassified as unfunded placements. From 2015-16, children placed in boarding schools have been included.
- (h) SA: From 2016-17, 'Other home-based care' includes children on third-party parental responsibility orders; 'Other' includes children temporarily accommodated in commercial properties such as private rental houses or units (prior to 2016-17, these were included in residential care). 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.20 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), (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: Tasmanian data exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. 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 may be lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmania reported a higher proportion of children with unknown Indigenous status for 2017-18. Data remediation work has since been undertaken to address this issue and data has been re-supplied for revised reporting of this information in subsequent publications. Changes were made to the classification of some placement types in 2016-17 which has led to a decrease in the number of children in other home-based care and an increase in children in foster care and kinship care. Children under third-party guardianship orders have been included under 'Other home based care' living arrangements from 2010-11 to 2018-19. From 2019-20 Tasmania has adopted a policy of not publishing small numbers. 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.									
(j)	ACT: Prior to 2019-20 out-of-home care data includes some children 18 years and over whose carers receive a full carer payment, generally to facilitate completion of schooling without change to the placement. From 2019-20 out-of-home care data excludes these young people, resulting in a reduction in the number of children in out-of-home care compared to earlier years. These young people continue to be supported and are included in 'other supported placements'. Children on third-party parental responsibility orders have been classified as other home-based care, of these 50 children in 2016, 53 children in 2017 and 50 children in 2018 were placed with relative/kin. Prior to 2015-16 'Other home-based care' included only children on third party orders where the carer was originally a foster carer and all placements with kin were counted in the Relative/kinship count.									
(k)	NT: Data from 2013-14 onwards have been derived from the AIHW Child Protection National Minimum Data Set (CPNMDS) and are not comparable with data for 2012-13 and earlier years. Prior year data include unfunded kinship care places in the count of relative/kinship care. In the NT's client information system, the majority of children in a relative/kinship placement are captured in the foster care placement type. In 2016-17 approximately 50 percent of children in the 'foster care' category are placed in a relative/kinship household.									

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

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2012-13 to 2019-20; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.21

Table 16A.21 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>
2020										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Number of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	no.	3 865	1 882	1 427	1 502	809	163	133	238	10 019
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 876	4 935	1 991	1 071	1 185	273	242	25	14 598
Unknown	no.	1	–	–	1	5	20	2	–	29
All children	no.	8 742	6 817	3 418	2 574	1 999	456	377	263	24 646
Proportion of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	%	57.8	76.8	36.1	54.9	53.3	41.9	62.4	26.0	53.1
Non-Indigenous	%	51.5	74.3	40.1	51.0	45.5	39.6	50.2	21.6	53.9
Unknown	%	50.0	–	–	100.0	41.7	60.6	50.0	–	50.9
All children	%	54.1	75.0	38.3	53.2	48.3	41.0	53.9	25.5	53.6
2019										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Number of children in out-of-home care placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	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 Island	%	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

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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>
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in out-of-home care or other supported placements placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	no.	3 867	1 654	1 752	1 364	702	178	135	274	9 926
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 097	4 570	2 548	1 073	1 149	360	297	21	15 115
Unknown	no.	2	–	5	1	6	7	–	–	21
All children	no.	8 966	6 224	4 305	2 438	1 857	545	432	295	25 062
Proportion of children in out-of-home care or other supported placements placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	%	49.6	64.5	42.4	52.2	51.5	41.1	57.7	28.9	49.4
Non-Indigenous	%	42.0	50.3	46.2	49.8	44.1	41.3	51.9	19.4	45.7
Unknown	%	50.0	..	27.8	50.0	27.3	33.3	..	..	31.3
All children	%	45.0	53.4	44.5	51.1	46.6	41.1	53.6	27.9	47.1
2018										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in out-of-home care or other supported placements placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	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
Proportion of children in out-of-home care or other supported placements placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	%	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

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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>
2017										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in out-of-home care or other supported placements placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	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 or other supported placements placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	%	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										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in out-of-home care or other supported placements placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	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 or other supported placements placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	%	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

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2015										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in out-of-home care or other supported placements placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	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 or other supported placements placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	%	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										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in out-of-home care or other supported placements placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	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 or other supported placements placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	%	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

TABLE 16A.21

Table 16A.21 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>
2013										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in out-of-home care or other supported placements placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	no.	3 900	512	1 165	888	434	65	78	37	7 079
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 830	2 677	1 838	693	745	229	203	3	12 218
Unknown	no.	–	1	23	36	11	9	10	–	90
All children	no.	9 730	3 190	3 026	1 617	1 190	303	291	40	19 387
Proportion of children in out-of-home care or other supported placements placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	%	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										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in out-of-home care or other supported placements placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	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 or other supported placements placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	%	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

TABLE 16A.21

Table 16A.21 **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>
2011										
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June										
Number of children in out-of-home care or other supported placements placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	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 or other supported placements placed with relative/kin										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island	%	64.2	51.0	32.5	54.4	53.3	34.2	52.9	15.8	51.7
Non-Indigenous	%	51.8	41.0	32.3	34.6	37.1	33.7	50.6	20.5	43.3
Unknown	%	–	7.0	23.3	35.9	45.8	18.8	83.3	–	28.0
All children	%	56.0	42.0	32.3	43.8	41.6	33.5	51.9	16.7	45.9

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. Out-of-home care includes children in care where a financial payment was offered but declined by the carer.
- (b) For 2017 and 2018, 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.19. For this reason, the 'Relative/kin care' population from 16A.20 (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.

Table 16A.21 **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>
(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: Tasmanian data exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. 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 may be lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmania reported a higher proportion of children with unknown Indigenous status for 2017-18. Data remediation work has since been undertaken to address this issue and data has been re-supplied for revised reporting of this information in subsequent publications. 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.									
(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). 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 2019-20; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.22

Table 16A.22 **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), (l)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2020										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Number of children										
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.	2 358	929	809	1 111	478	43	79	266	6 073
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	1 505	975	618	391	331	120	50	–	3 990
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	3 863	1 904	1 427	1 502	809	163	129	266	10 063
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	989	34	497	193	106	np	5	46	1 870
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	–	9	43	20	53	np	–	–	125
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	989	43	540	213	159	18	5	46	2 013
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	4 852	1 947	1 967	1 715	968	181	134	312	12 076
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.	1 506	412	1 542	845	377	182	66	596	5 526
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	214	83	442	176	174	26	9	–	1 124
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.	1 720	495	1 984	1 021	551	208	75	596	6 650
Independent living/living arrangements unknown	no.	116	8	–	–	–	–	4	8	136
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	6 688	2 450	3 951	2 736	1 519	389	213	916	18 862

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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>
Proportion of children by placement type										
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	38.0	20.5	40.6	31.5	11.1	37.8	29.3	32.4
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	22.9	39.9	15.6	14.3	21.8	30.8	23.9	–	21.3
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	58.8	78.0	36.1	54.9	53.3	41.9	61.7	29.3	53.7
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	15.0	1.4	12.6	7.1	7.0	na	2.4	5.1	10.0
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	–	0.4	1.1	0.7	3.5	na	–	–	0.7
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	15.0	1.8	13.7	7.8	10.5	4.6	2.4	5.1	10.7
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	73.8	79.7	49.8	62.7	63.7	46.5	64.1	34.4	64.5
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	22.9	16.9	39.0	30.9	24.8	46.8	31.6	65.6	29.5
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	3.3	3.4	11.2	6.4	11.5	6.7	4.3	–	6.0
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	26.2	20.3	50.2	37.3	36.3	53.5	35.9	65.6	35.5
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

2019

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June

Number of children

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Table 16A.22 **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), (l)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<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	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 care	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 care	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 children by placement type										
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

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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	%	22.8	35.8	13.9	12.9	19.4	29.4	22.1	–	19.8
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 care	%	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 care	%	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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

Number of children

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	1 075	1 023	1 026	433	44	85	295	6 337
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	1 508	831	729	338	269	134	50	–	3 859
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	3 864	1 906	1 752	1 364	702	178	135	295	10 196

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Table 16A.22 **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), (l)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	1 055	53	487	215	99	23	4	53	1 989
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	60	527	233	152	23	4	53	2 107
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	4 919	1 966	2 279	1 597	854	201	139	348	12 303
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	435	1 494	830	354	205	83	596	5 513
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	184	98	360	185	155	26	12	–	1 020
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.	1 700	533	1 854	1 015	509	231	95	596	6 533
Independent living/living arrangements unknown	no.	135	65	–	–	–	1	–	2	203
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	no.	6 754	2 564	4 133	2 612	1 363	433	234	946	19 039
Proportion of children by placement type										
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	43.0	24.8	39.3	31.8	10.2	36.3	31.3	33.6
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	22.8	33.3	17.6	12.9	19.7	31.0	21.4	–	20.5
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	58.4	76.3	42.4	52.2	51.5	41.2	57.7	31.3	54.1
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	15.9	2.1	11.8	8.2	7.3	5.3	1.7	5.6	10.6

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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 residential care	%	–	0.3	1.0	0.7	3.9	–	–	–	0.6
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	15.9	2.4	12.8	8.9	11.2	5.3	1.7	5.6	11.2
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	74.3	78.7	55.1	61.1	62.7	46.5	59.4	36.9	65.3
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	17.4	36.1	31.8	26.0	47.5	35.5	63.1	29.3
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	2.8	3.9	8.7	7.1	11.4	6.0	5.1	–	5.4
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	25.7	21.3	44.9	38.9	37.3	53.5	40.6	63.1	34.7
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

2018

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

Number of children

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

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 112	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
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 children by placement type										
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	%	0.0	0.9	1.1	0.6	3.9	–	–	–	0.7

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Table 16A.22 **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), (l)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<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	%	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
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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

Number of children

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

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

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

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

Number of children

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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	2 743	615	873	925	359	15	68	269	5 867
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	1 034	406	669	239	200	63	49	–	2 660
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	3 777	1 021	1 542	1 164	559	78	117	269	8 527
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	1 501	58	458	199	85	35	2	55	2 393
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	79	14	47	21	25	–	–	–	186

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 580	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 children by placement type										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	41.5	42.1	24.1	41.8	33.7	5.1	34.5	30.1	35.9
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	15.6	27.8	18.5	10.8	18.8	21.3	24.9	–	16.3
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	57.1	69.8	42.6	52.6	52.5	26.4	59.4	30.1	52.1
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	22.7	4.0	12.7	9.0	8.0	11.8	1.0	6.2	14.6
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	1.2	1.0	1.3	0.9	2.3	–	–	–	1.1

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

Number of children

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

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 455	73	517	208	116	30	2	54	2 455
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	4 894	856	1 985	1 327	559	93	102	302	10 118
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	1 189	298	1 266	526	170	135	73	566	4 223
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	96	39	261	207	111	12	6	–	732
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 285	337	1 527	733	281	147	79	566	4 955
Independent living/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 children by placement type										
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

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	23.5	6.1	14.7	10.1	13.8	12.5	1.1	6.2	16.3
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	79.2	71.8	56.5	64.4	66.5	38.8	56.4	34.8	67.1
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	19.2	25.0	36.0	25.5	20.2	56.3	40.3	65.2	28.0
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.6	3.3	7.4	10.0	13.2	5.0	3.3	–	4.9
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	20.8	28.2	43.5	35.6	33.5	61.3	43.6	65.2	32.9
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

2014

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

Number of children

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

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 282	65	565	197	103	29	3	70	2 314
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	5 288	681	1 839	1 240	525	94	84	332	10 083
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	1 127	301	1 257	454	157	125	61	447	3 929
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	81	36	240	188	99	13	7	–	664
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 208	337	1 497	642	256	138	68	447	4 593
Independent living/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 children by placement type										
Placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	%	46.1	36.4	23.2	43.6	35.1	5.6	25.0	33.6	37.8
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	15.6	24.1	15.0	11.8	19.0	22.4	28.3	–	15.1
Total placed with relatives/kin	%	61.7	60.5	38.2	55.4	54.0	28.0	53.3	33.6	52.9
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	%	18.8	5.3	15.7	9.6	11.3	11.6	2.0	9.0	14.8
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	0.9	1.1	1.3	0.9	1.9	0.9	–	–	1.0

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

2013

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

Number of children

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

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 144	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 children by placement type										
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

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Table 16A.22 **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), (l)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<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	%	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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

Number of children

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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin	no.	2 922	275	659	670	275	24	64	158	5 047
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	886	238	382	193	110	47	10	–	1 866
Total placed with relatives/kin	no.	3 808	513	1 041	863	385	71	74	158	6 913
Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer	no.	1 028	54	541	199	111	24	11	59	2 027
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	37	11	52	32	7	1	2	–	142

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 065	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 children by placement type										
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

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Table 16A.22 **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), (l)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care or other supported placements at 30 June

Number of children

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

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Table 16A.22 **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), (l)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 024	57	570	204	118	17	13	52	2 055
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	4 707	504	1 495	1 029	454	84	76	166	8 515
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	937	324	1 170	277	94	106	32	330	3 270
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	68	49	185	140	59	6	11	–	518
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	no.	1 005	373	1 355	417	153	112	43	330	3 788
Independent living/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 children by placement type										
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

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total placed with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	17.9	6.5	20.0	14.1	19.4	8.7	10.9	10.5	16.7
Total children placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	82.4	57.5	52.5	71.2	74.8	42.9	63.9	33.5	69.2
Not placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	16.4	36.9	41.1	19.2	15.5	54.1	26.9	66.5	26.6
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.2	5.6	6.5	9.7	9.7	3.1	9.2	–	4.2
Total children <u>not</u> placed with relatives/kin, other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carer or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential care	%	17.6	42.5	47.5	28.8	25.2	57.1	36.1	66.5	30.8
Total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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. Out-of-home care includes children in care where a financial payment was offered but declined by the carer.
- (d) Residential care includes family group homes.

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Table 16A.22 **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), (l)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<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)	Some Australian totals exclude data for Tasmania and therefore subtotals may not add up to totals. This affects totals where Tasmanian data are not published due to suppression by Tasmania of small numbers.									
(f)	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.									
(g)	Victoria: From 2017-18 excludes children on third party parental responsibility orders.									
(h)	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.									
(i)	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.									
(j)	Tasmania: Tasmanian data exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. 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 may be lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. Tasmania reported a higher proportion of children with unknown Indigenous status for 2017-18. Data remediation work has since been undertaken to address this issue and data has been re-supplied for revised reporting of this information in subsequent publications. From 2019-20 Tasmania has adopted a policy of not publishing small numbers. The proportion of caregivers of unknown Indigenous status impacts the reliability of these data.									
(k)	ACT: Prior to 2019-20 out-of-home care data includes some children 18 years and over whose carers receive a full carer payment, generally to facilitate completion of schooling without change to the placement. From 2019-20 out-of-home care data excludes these young people, resulting in a reduction in the number of children in out-of-home care compared to earlier years. These young people continue to be supported and are included in 'other supported placements'.									
(l)	NT: Children placed with family members have been included in the 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin' category. 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.									

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

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Table 16A.22 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), (l)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<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 2019-20; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.									

TABLE 16A.23

Table 16A.23 **Children aged 0-17 years with documented case plans, by Indigenous status, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2020										
Children aged 0–17 years with a current documented case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	5 001	1 728	4 057	2 099	1 377	275	na	726	15 263
Non-Indigenous	no.	6 690	4 093	4 940	1 707	2 356	500	na	71	20 357
Indigenous status unknown	no.	1	–	1	–	12	17	na	–	31
All children	no.	11 692	5 821	8 998	3 806	3 745	792	na	797	35 651
Children aged 0–17 years required to have a current documented case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	5 932	1 729	4 334	2 628	1 588	375	na	914	17 500
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 892	4 099	5 293	2 018	2 696	682	na	107	22 787
Indigenous status unknown	no.	1	–	4	1	13	24	na	–	43
All children	no.	13 825	5 828	9 631	4 647	4 297	1 081	na	1 021	40 330
Proportion of children aged 0-17 with a documented case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	84.3	99.9	93.6	79.9	86.7	73.3	na	79.4	87.2
Non-Indigenous	%	84.8	99.9	93.3	84.6	87.4	73.3	na	66.4	89.3
Indigenous status unknown	%	100.0	–	25.0	–	92.3	70.8	na	–	72.1
All children	%	84.6	99.9	93.4	81.9	87.2	73.3	na	78.1	88.4
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

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Table 16A.23 **Children aged 0-17 years with documented case plans, by Indigenous status, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Indigenous status 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
Indigenous status unknown	%	75.0	–	54.5	–	100.0	62.5	–	–	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
Indigenous status unknown	no.	na	–	45	1	–	36	–	–	82
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
Indigenous status unknown	%	na	–	73.3	100.0	–	66.7	–	–	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

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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.	4 782	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
Indigenous status 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
Indigenous status unknown	%	–	na	83.6	–	na	78.9	–	–	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
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
Indigenous status 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

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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 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
Indigenous status unknown	%	–	100.0	82.9	–	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
Indigenous status 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
Indigenous status unknown	%	–	–	93.2	–	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

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Table 16A.23 Children aged 0-17 years with documented case plans, by Indigenous status, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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
Indigenous status 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
Indigenous status unknown	%	–	100.0	96.2	90.9	na	50.0	–	na	81.1
All children	%	69.2	98.7	97.1	85.2	na	71.2	81.8	na	82.1
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
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 869	na	4 454	1 684	na	762	383	na	15 152
Indigenous status 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

TABLE 16A.23

Table 16A.23 Children aged 0-17 years with documented case plans, by Indigenous status, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Non-Indigenous	%	60.8	na	97.0	86.1	na	70.3	76.5	na	75.1
Indigenous status 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
Indigenous status 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
Indigenous status 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
2011										
Children aged 0–17 years with a current documented case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Non-Indigenous	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Indigenous status unknown	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

TABLE 16A.23

Table 16A.23 **Children aged 0-17 years with documented case plans, by Indigenous status, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children aged 0–17 years required to have a current documented case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Non-Indigenous	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Indigenous status unknown	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Proportion of children aged 0-17 with a documented case plan										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Non-Indigenous	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Indigenous status unknown	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

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 2019-20 data are not available for the ACT.

- (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 for 2018. As a result of the new client system while data has been reported for 2019, the number of children with documented case plans may be under-reported due to under-reporting from Funded Service Providers.
- (d) Queensland: From 2015 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 2015 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. Tasmania reported a higher proportion of children with unknown Indigenous status for 2017-18. Data remediation work has since been undertaken to address this issue and data has been re-supplied for revised reporting of this information in subsequent publications.

Table 16A.23 **Children aged 0-17 years with documented case plans, by Indigenous status, at 30 June (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
(f)	ACT: Case plan data for the ACT was not available for 2020 due to system change issues. Data for the ACT prior to 2016 are not comparable to following years due to a continuing period of reform including the integration of child protection and youth justice and a new service delivery model for out of home care.									

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished) for 2013 to 2020. AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child Protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012.

TABLE 16A.24

Table 16A.24 Activity group unit costs (2019-20 dollars) - New South Wales (a), (b), (c)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
<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	\$	266	253	227	214	272	267	245
AG1: Cost per notification	\$	560	538	452	392	474	463	415
AG1: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.4	4.1	3.4	3.2	3.8	4.1	4.0
<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	na
AG2: Proportion of total expenditure	%	7.8	7.0	6.6	6.3	5.6	5.4	5.5
<i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i>								
AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services	\$	9 497	10 458	10 416	10 995	10 361	12 211	11 655
AG3: Proportion of total expenditure	%	10.3	10.7	10.1	9.8	8.7	8.0	7.5
<i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i>								
AG4: Cost per notification investigated	\$	1 213	1 019	1 015	905	1 885	1 533	1 339
AG4: Proportion of total expenditure	%	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.3	5.1	5.3	5.1
<i>Activity group 5: Provision of short-term protective intervention and coordination services for children not on an order</i>								
AG5: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is not on an order	\$	4 884	4 785	4 308	3 623	na	na	8 102
AG5: Proportion of total expenditure	%	5.9	5.4	5.5	5.1	6.0	6.2	6.0
<i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i>								
AG6: Cost per order issued	\$	19 485	9 231	11 230	11 671	na	22 300	23 291
AG6: Proportion of total expenditure	%	6.4	5.9	5.9	5.5	6.5	6.7	6.5
<i>Activity group 7: Provision of protective intervention, support and coordination services for children on an order</i>								
AG7: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is on an order	\$	26 487	23 794	24 540	30 593	na	na	6 547
AG7: Proportion of total expenditure	%	5.3	4.8	4.8	4.5	5.3	5.5	5.3
<i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care and other supported placement services</i>								

TABLE 16A.24

Table 16A.24 **Activity group unit costs (2019-20 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>	<i>2019-20</i>
AG8: Cost per placement night	\$	134	154	173	183	195	222	209
AG8: Proportion of total expenditure	%	54.8	57.5	59.2	61.3	59.1	58.7	60.1

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 2019-20 data for Victoria, SA, Tasmania and the NT are not available.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for family support services. Only Queensland and WA are able to provide all required 2019-20 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost of intensive family support services (AG3), and out-of-home care and other supported placements (AG8).

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2019-20 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2019-20 = 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 2015 NSW adopted a revised expense distribution methodology for family support services resulting in a decrease in expenses. In 2019-20 NSW revised calculations for the following two activity groups: Activity Group 5 (AG5) based on field assessments completed, in line with the new client information system implemented in 2017-18; Activity Group 7 (AG7) which now includes all (new and existing) orders. Hence, there is a large increase for AG7 from previous years which included new orders only.

na Not available.

Source: NSW Government (unpublished); table 2A.26.

TABLE 16A.25

Table 16A.25 Activity group unit costs (2019-20 dollars) - Victoria (a), (b), (c)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
<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	\$	337	315	303	309	358	379	375
AG1: Proportion of total expenditure	%	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.0	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	na
AG2: Proportion of total expenditure	%	14.4	14.5	15.0	15.2	16.5	15.4	15.4
<i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i>								
AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services	\$	10 384	8 740	8 146	8 320	9 946	8 381	9 693
AG3: Proportion of total expenditure	%	10.1	9.9	9.9	10.5	10.6	9.9	10.4
<i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i>								
AG4: Cost per notification investigated	\$	1 775	1 568	1 555	1 499	1 665	1 677	1 813
AG4: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.0
<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	na
AG5: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.8
<i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i>								
AG6: Cost per order issued	\$	2 753	2 497	2 612	3 167	3 619	3 771	3 830
AG6: Proportion of total expenditure	%	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.1
<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	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
AG7: Proportion of total expenditure	%	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.2	6.4	6.4	6.2
<i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care and other supported placements services</i>								

Table 16A.25 **Activity group unit costs (2019-20 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>	<i>2019-20</i>
AG8: Cost per placement night	\$	165	163	158	167	179	196	191
AG8: Proportion of total expenditure	%	51.3	52.1	51.3	52.0	50.0	52.1	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 2019-20 data for Victoria, SA, Tasmania and the NT are not available.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for family support services. Only Queensland and WA are able to provide all required 2019-20 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost of intensive family support services (AG3), and out-of-home care and other supported placements (AG8).

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2019-20 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2019-20 = 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.26.

TABLE 16A.26

Table 16A.26 Activity group unit costs (2019-20 dollars) - Queensland (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
<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	\$	195	286	259	237	214	205	204
AG1: Cost per notification	\$	1 087	1 378	1 137	1 132	1 078	985	996
AG1: Proportion of total expenditure	%	2.8	3.3	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.0
<i>Activity group 2: Provision of generic family support services</i>								
AG2: Cost per child receiving family support services	\$	na	na	na	2 665	2 187	na	1 914
AG2: Proportion of total expenditure	%	7.1	3.6	6.1	7.7	7.3	7.1	6.8
<i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i>								
AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services	\$	10 166	16 913	16 640	6 208	7 452	na	6 232
AG3: Proportion of total expenditure	%	5.0	8.0	7.4	7.8	9.1	9.2	9.1
<i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i>								
AG4: Cost per notification investigated	\$	2 535	2 348	1 762	1 769	1 793	1 713	1 884
AG4: Proportion of total expenditure	%	6.6	5.7	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.8
<i>Activity group 5: Provision of short-term protective intervention and coordination services for children not on an order</i>								
AG5: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is not on an order	\$	na	na	29 795	28 485	29 024	29 827	33 082
AG5: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.3	4.2	6.1	7.0	5.9	5.2	5.1
<i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i>								
AG6: Cost per order issued	\$	6 816	8 231	7 073	8 875	8 499	8 256	8 199
AG6: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.5	4.7	4.0	4.9	4.3	4.4	4.6
<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	\$	17 826	18 748	13 673	11 534	11 727	12 526	12 039
AG7: Proportion of total expenditure	%	18.3	18.7	13.8	11.1	10.5	10.9	10.7
<i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care and other supported placements services</i>								

Table 16A.26 Activity group unit costs (2019-20 dollars) - Queensland (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
AG8: Cost per placement night	\$	156	157	167	172	192	202	204
AG8: Proportion of total expenditure	%	51.3	51.8	55.7	55.0	56.8	57.5	57.9

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 2019-20 data for Victoria, SA, Tasmania and the NT are not available.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for family support services. Only Queensland and WA are able to provide all required 2019-20 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost of intensive family support services (AG3), and out-of-home care and other supported placements (AG8).

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2019-20 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2019-20 = 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) Refer to Queensland's footnote in table 16A.8 regarding financial data.
- (e) Refer to Queensland's footnote in table 16A.33 regarding data for children receiving intensive family support services.

na Not available.

Source: Queensland Government (unpublished); table 2A.26.

TABLE 16A.27

Table 16A.27 Activity group unit costs (2019-20 dollars) - Western Australia (a), (b), (c)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
<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	\$	233	258	214	245	287	298	354
AG1: Cost per notification	\$	1 286	1 493	1 240	1 097	1 220	999	1 260
AG1: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.7	5.2	4.6	4.2	4.3	3.9	3.9
<i>Activity group 2: Provision of generic family support services</i>								
AG2: Cost per child receiving family support services	\$	na	7 639	6 540	2 397	1 648	2 461	1 891
AG2: Proportion of total expenditure	%	9.6	8.5	9.0	4.5	2.6	3.1	3.0
<i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i>								
AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services	\$	10 411	9 224	8 828	9 655	8 827	8 855	5 138
AG3: Proportion of total expenditure	%	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.7
<i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i>								
AG4: Cost per notification investigated	\$	2 012	2 370	2 646	2 383	2 582	2 919	3 248
AG4: Proportion of total expenditure	%	5.7	6.6	6.8	6.0	6.1	7.8	7.9
<i>Activity group 5: Provision of short-term protective intervention and coordination services for children not on an order</i>								
AG5: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is not on an order	\$	8 597	7 004	6 702	7 280	7 890	6 383	6 636
AG5: Proportion of total expenditure	%	9.3	6.9	6.4	7.1	7.5	6.0	6.0
<i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i>								
AG6: Cost per order issued	\$	9 679	7 528	8 405	12 296	12 115	8 684	10 281
AG6: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.3	3.1	3.3	4.8	5.0	3.5	3.6
<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	\$	9 600	10 894	11 060	13 009	13 362	13 275	12 785
AG7: Proportion of total expenditure	%	11.0	12.5	13.2	15.7	16.3	16.7	17.0
<i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care and other supported placements services</i>								

Table 16A.27 Activity group unit costs (2019-20 dollars) - Western Australia (a), (b), (c)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
AG8: Cost per placement night	\$	190	190	182	183	183	180	182
AG8: Proportion of total expenditure	%	53.4	54.9	54.6	55.6	56.1	56.8	55.8

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 2019-20 data for Victoria, SA, Tasmania and the NT are not available.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for family support services. Only Queensland and WA are able to provide all required 2019-20 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost of intensive family support services (AG3), and out-of-home care and other supported placements (AG8).

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2019-20 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2019-20 = 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 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.

na Not available.

Source: WA Government (unpublished); table 2A.26.

TABLE 16A.28

Table 16A.28 Activity group unit costs (2019-20 dollars) - South Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
<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	\$	297	234	228	110	215	193	209
AG1: Cost per notification	\$	671	563	582	271	577	525	400
AG1: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.8	4.0	3.0	1.1	2.5	2.7	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	na
AG2: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.3	3.9	7.1	8.8	5.4	5.8	5.4
<i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i>								
AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services	\$	14 289	12 023	27 384	26 017	21 507	22 025	16 527
AG3: Proportion of total expenditure	%	5.5	4.5	7.5	6.2	2.7	3.1	3.4
<i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i>								
AG4: Cost per notification investigated	\$	1 363	1 525	1 039	2 908	2 822	2 702	2 366
AG4: Proportion of total expenditure	%	3.2	2.7	1.2	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.8
<i>Activity group 5: Provision of short-term protective intervention and coordination services for children not on an order</i>								
AG5: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is not on an order	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
AG5: Proportion of total expenditure	%	0.2	0.2	0.5	1.1	2.5	2.7	2.9
<i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i>								
AG6: Cost per order issued	\$	1 815	1 296	1 223	1 533	1 805	1 271	1 049
AG6: Proportion of total expenditure	%	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.0
<i>Activity group 7: Provision of protective intervention, support and coordination services for children on an order</i>								
AG7: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is on an order	\$	40 947	36 177	4 274	2 797	5 901	5 118	4 331
AG7: Proportion of total expenditure	%	9.2	7.7	0.9	0.5	0.9	1.0	1.0
<i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care and other supported placements services</i>								

Table 16A.28 Activity group unit costs (2019-20 dollars) - South Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
AG8: Cost per placement night	\$	206	239	290	342	352	319	300
AG8: Proportion of total expenditure	%	71.0	75.7	78.1	78.5	81.9	80.4	79.7

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 2019-20 data for Victoria, SA, Tasmania and the NT are not available.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for family support services. Only Queensland and WA are able to provide all required 2019-20 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost of intensive family support services (AG3), and out-of-home care and other supported placements (AG8).

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2019-20 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2019-20 = 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 agreed 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.26.

TABLE 16A.29

Table 16A.29 Activity group unit costs (2019-20 dollars) - Tasmania (a), (b), (c)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
<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	na
AG1: Cost per notification	\$	391	337	358	714	715	1 062	2 971
AG1: Proportion of total expenditure	%	5.7	5.3	4.8	5.7	4.9	3.7	3.9
<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	na
AG2: Proportion of total expenditure	%	6.5	6.7	7.3	6.7	5.9	5.3	11.7
<i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i>								
AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services	\$	3 185	2 331	2 267	2 689	3 048	3 769	3 161
AG3: Proportion of total expenditure	%	9.6	10.2	8.4	7.4	7.2	7.6	6.8
<i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i>								
AG4: Cost per notification investigated	\$	2 271	1 892	1 672	2 078	2 595	3 862	6 154
AG4: Proportion of total expenditure	%	3.8	3.5	2.9	2.8	2.8	3.3	3.4
<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	\$	5 885	6 028	2 789	3 443	6 245	6 105	7 992
AG5: Proportion of total expenditure	%	2.2	2.1	0.9	1.0	1.6	1.6	1.7
<i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i>								
AG6: Cost per order issued	\$	5 974	5 329	4 059	4 702	5 760	4 353	6 956
AG6: Proportion of total expenditure	%	6.3	5.9	4.7	4.2	4.7	4.1	4.3
<i>Activity group 7: Provision of protective intervention, support and coordination services for children on an order</i>								
AG7: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is on an order	\$	4 839	4 597	4 206	4 339	5 014	4 932	5 380
AG7: Proportion of total expenditure	%	7.9	7.4	6.9	6.3	6.6	6.0	6.4
<i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care and other supported placements services</i>								

Table 16A.29 Activity group unit costs (2019-20 dollars) - Tasmania (a), (b), (c)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
AG8: Cost per placement night	\$	133	132	137	156	171	199	179
AG8: Proportion of total expenditure	%	58.1	58.8	64.2	65.9	66.3	68.4	61.8

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 2019-20 data for Victoria, SA, Tasmania and the NT are not available.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for family support services. Only Queensland and WA are able to provide all required 2019-20 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost of intensive family support services (AG3), and out-of-home care and other supported placements (AG8).

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2019-20 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2019-20 = 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) Due to changes in intake business rules and practice implemented during 2018-19, the proportion of contacts progressed to notifications decreased. As Tasmania moved from a caller to an agency defined approach for reporting of notifications during 2015-16, numbers reported are not comparable with prior years.

na Not available.

Source: Tasmanian Government (unpublished); table 2A.26.

TABLE 16A.30

Table 16A.30 Activity group unit costs (2019-20 dollars) - Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
<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	\$	298	378	201	161	196	185	199
AG1: Proportion of total expenditure	%	6.0	7.2	4.9	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.3
<i>Activity group 2: Provision of generic family support services</i>								
AG2: Cost per child receiving family support services	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
AG2: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.9	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.2
<i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i>								
AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services	\$	na	4 292	7 828	13 633	17 944	20 181	15 761
AG3: Proportion of total expenditure	%	1.7	1.8	4.7	7.9	7.9	7.5	8.1
<i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i>								
AG4: Cost per notification investigated	\$	1 595	1 690	1 540	1 282	2 416	2 801	3 391
AG4: Proportion of total expenditure	%	4.1	4.9	7.2	5.6	8.3	8.6	8.3
<i>Activity group 5: Provision of short-term protective intervention and coordination services for children not on an order</i>								
AG5: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is not on an order	\$	631	926	1 368	1 618	4 748	5 248	5 505
AG5: Proportion of total expenditure	%	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.3	1.3	1.3
<i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i>								
AG6: Cost per order issued	\$	2 666	2 914	2 654	2 387	2 515	3 424	3 603
AG6: Proportion of total expenditure	%	2.3	2.5	2.8	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.0
<i>Activity group 7: Provision of protective intervention, support and coordination services for children on an order</i>								
AG7: Cost per child receiving protective intervention and coordination services who is on an order	\$	8 220	8 106	7 797	6 115	3 708	4 098	4 336
AG7: Proportion of total expenditure	%	11.6	11.8	10.8	8.4	5.1	5.3	5.2
<i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care and other supported placements services</i>								

Table 16A.30 **Activity group unit costs (2019-20 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>	<i>2019-20</i>
AG8: Cost per placement night	\$	171	163	151	158	151	158	177
AG8: Proportion of total expenditure	%	69.1	66.4	64.4	67.2	65.7	66.2	66.6

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 2019-20 data for Victoria, SA, Tasmania and the NT are not available.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for family support services. Only Queensland and WA are able to provide all required 2019-20 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost of intensive family support services (AG3), and out-of-home care and other supported placements (AG8).

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2019-20 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2019-20 = 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 the ACT there was an increase in expenditure from 2018-19 to 2019-20 on: family support service expenditure from higher base funding and Equal Remuneration Order funding. This was offset by reduced expenditure on staffing; intensive family support services from higher staffing costs from Enterprise Bargaining Agreement negotiations, higher Equal Remuneration Order funding, and higher audit and ITC costs; protective intervention service from higher staffing costs from Enterprise Bargaining Agreement negotiations.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: ACT Government (unpublished); table 2A.26.

TABLE 16A.31

Table 16A.31 Activity group unit costs (2019-20 dollars) - Northern Territory (a), (b)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
<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	\$	599	483	365	289	245	252	253
AG1: Cost per notification	\$	735	554	405	313	256	265	261
AG1: Proportion of total expenditure	%	5.4	4.9	4.2	3.3	2.9	2.9	3.1
<i>Activity group 2: Provision of generic family support services</i>								
AG2: Cost per child receiving family support services	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
AG2: Proportion of total expenditure	%	27.0	23.5	22.4	22.9	21.6	22.2	21.1
<i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i>								
AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services	\$	na	na	na	12 320	8 670	7 582	8 764
AG3: Proportion of total expenditure	%	na	na	0.1	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.6
<i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i>								
AG4: Cost per notification investigated	\$	1 315	904	715	513	395	872	864
AG4: Proportion of total expenditure	%	3.7	3.4	2.9	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.1
<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	na
AG5: Proportion of total expenditure	%	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i>								
AG6: Cost per order issued	\$	1 379	1 475	1 367	1 032	1 048	1 182	1 352
AG6: Proportion of total expenditure	%	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2
<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	\$	18 653	na	14 852	11 254	10 939	10 799	10 749
AG7: Proportion of total expenditure	%	10.5	9.6	8.2	6.3	5.6	5.6	6.0
<i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care and other supported placements services</i>								

Table 16A.31 **Activity group unit costs (2019-20 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>	<i>2019-20</i>
AG8: Cost per placement night	\$	305	310	321	345	372	345	359
AG8: Proportion of total expenditure	%	51.1	56.6	60.5	61.5	64.6	63.5	63.6

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 2019-20 data for Victoria, SA, Tasmania and the NT are not available.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for family support services. Only Queensland and WA are able to provide all required 2019-20 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost of intensive family support services (AG3), and out-of-home care and other supported placements (AG8).

(a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2019-20 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2019-20 = 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.26.

TABLE 16A.32

Table 16A.32 Activity group unit costs (2019-20 dollars) - Australian Government (a), (b), (c)

	Unit	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
<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	\$
AG1: Proportion of total expenditure	%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Activity group 2: Provision of generic family support services</i>								
AG2: Cost per child receiving family support services	\$
AG2: Proportion of total expenditure	%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Activity group 3: Provision of intensive family support services</i>								
AG3: Cost per child receiving intensive family support services	\$	na	na	28 341	19 516	23 501	21 486	18 920
AG3: Proportion of total expenditure	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>Activity group 4: Secondary information gathering and assessment</i>								
AG4: Cost per notification investigated	\$
AG4: Proportion of total expenditure	%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<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	\$
AG5: Proportion of total expenditure	%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Activity group 6: Seeking an order</i>								
AG6: Cost per order issued	\$
AG6: Proportion of total expenditure	%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<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	\$
AG7: Proportion of total expenditure	%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Activity group 8: Provision of out-of-home care and other supported placements services</i>								

Table 16A.32 **Activity group unit costs (2019-20 dollars) - Australian Government (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>	<i>2019-20</i>
AG8: Cost per placement night	\$
AG8: Proportion of total expenditure	%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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 2019-20 data for Victoria, SA, Tasmania and the NT are not available.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period for unit cost for family support services. Only Queensland and WA are able to provide all required 2019-20 data for cost per child receiving family support services (AG2).

Data are complete for the current reporting period for unit cost of intensive family support services (AG3), and out-of-home care and other supported placements (AG8).

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2019-20 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2019-20 = 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) Australian Government expenditure is for children in the NT and includes a small amount of expenditure on services for children who live in Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara lands in SA. Australian Government expenditure is not included in expenditure by the NT or SA on IFSS. The number of children receiving IFSS may include parents if they are aged 0-17 years. This may understate the cost per child receiving IFSS delivered by the Australian Government.

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

Source: Australian Government (unpublished); table 2A.26.

TABLE 16A.33

Table 16A.33 Expenditure on intensive family support services, children aged 0-17 years (2019-20 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust Gov	Aust
Real recurrent expenditure on intensive family support services											
2019-20	\$'000	186 921	161 523	118 007	15 775	19 650	9 491	6 194	5 574	8 344	531 478
2018-19	\$'000	187 033	150 883	110 882	11 812	17 025	10 366	5 328	5 558	8 659	507 545
2017-18	\$'000	183 381	142 789	101 316	11 502	15 291	8 392	5 329	5 072	9 659	482 732
2016-17	\$'000	191 928	121 118	78 481	10 862	33 276	7 507	5 276	5 064	9 016	462 529
2015-16	\$'000	186 190	101 315	69 640	10 647	31 026	7 255	2 873	112	9 438	418 496
2014-15	\$'000	179 092	90 983	73 912	10 663	13 971	8 782	1 017	na	6 674	385 093
2013-14	\$'000	163 882	86 512	44 751	9 724	15 332	8 527	895	na	6 596	336 219
2012-13	\$'000	164 453	80 239	44 778	9 462	12 190	8 007	1 065	609	5 177	325 981
2011-12	\$'000	257 627	70 838	37 238	30 869	10 451	6 498	1 548	593	5 561	421 222
2010-11	\$'000	189 706	70 127	34 879	8 290	10 356	5 380	1 637	594	1 046	322 016
Children aged 0-17 years <u>receiving</u> intensive family support services											
2019-20	no.	16 038	16 663	18 937	3 070	1 189	3 002	393	636	441	60 369
2018-19	no.	15 317	18 003	na	1 334	773	2 750	264	733	403	na
2017-18	no.	17 700	14 356	13 596	1 303	711	2 753	297	585	411	51 712
2016-17	no.	17 456	14 557	12 642	1 125	1 279	2 792	387	411	462	51 111
2015-16	no.	17 875	12 437	4 185	1 206	1 133	3 200	367	na	333	na
2014-15	no.	17 125	10 410	4 370	1 156	1 162	3 767	237	na	na	na
2013-14	no.	17 257	8 331	4 402	934	1 073	2 677	na	150	na	na
2012-13	no.	16 836	8 150	4 032	838	912	3 039	201	153	na	na
2011-12	no.	16 149	7 470	3 334	1 013	584	na	na	121	na	na
2010-11	no.	14 170	na	3 150	1 032	522	na	451	74	na	na

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Table 16A.33 Expenditure on intensive family support services, children aged 0-17 years (2019-20 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust Gov	Aust
Real recurrent expenditure per child <u>receiving</u> intensive family support services											
2019-20	\$	11 655	9 693	6 232	5 138	16 527	3 161	15 761	8 764	18 920	8 804
2018-19	\$	12 211	8 381	na	8 855	22 025	3 769	20 181	7 582	21 486	10 023
2017-18	\$	10 361	9 946	7 452	8 827	21 507	3 048	17 944	8 670	23 501	9 335
2016-17	\$	10 995	8 320	6 208	9 655	26 017	2 689	13 633	12 320	19 516	9 049
2015-16	\$	10 416	8 146	16 640	8 828	27 384	2 267	7 828	na	28 341	10 271
2014-15	\$	10 458	8 740	16 913	9 224	12 023	2 331	4 292	na	na	9 899
2013-14	\$	9 497	10 384	10 166	10 411	14 289	3 185	na	na	na	9 440
2012-13	\$	9 768	9 845	11 106	11 292	13 366	2 635	5 301	3 978	na	9 391
2011-12	\$	15 953	9 483	11 169	30 472	17 895	na	na	4 903	na	14 217
2010-11	\$	13 388	na	11 073	8 033	19 839	na	3 630	8 033	na	12 653
Children aged 0-17 years <u>commencing</u> intensive family support services											
2019-20	no.	10 860	12 990	11 643	1 057	776	1 804	393	636	na	40 159
2018-19	no.	10 175	13 542	na	1 233	450	1 782	264	737	na	28 183
2017-18	no.	10 500	10 876	7 647	670	384	1 654	297	585	na	32 613
2016-17	no.	10 181	10 890	7 115	769	906	1 751	387	411	na	32 410
2015-16	no.	10 218	9 384	4 031	916	700	1 806	367	na	na	27 422
2014-15	no.	9 602	7 615	4 141	856	605	1 634	237	na	na	24 690
2013-14	no.	8 771	5 318	4 063	934	703	1 661	303	150	na	21 903
2012-13	no.	8 526	5 941	3 714	838	912	1 831	201	153	na	22 116
2011-12	no.	8 872	5 818	3 334	1 013	584	na	na	121	na	19 742
2010-11	no.	6 584	na	2 966	1 032	522	na	206	74	na	11 384

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Table 16A.33 Expenditure on intensive family support services, children aged 0-17 years (2019-20 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust Gov	Aust
Real recurrent expenditure per child commencing intensive family support services											
2019-20	\$	17 212	12 434	10 135	14 924	25 322	5 261	15 761	8 764	na	13 027
2018-19	\$	18 382	11 142	na	9 580	37 834	5 817	20 181	7 541	na	13 767
2017-18	\$	17 465	13 129	13 249	17 167	39 822	5 074	17 944	8 670	na	14 506
2016-17	\$	18 852	11 122	11 030	14 125	36 729	4 287	13 633	12 320	na	13 993
2015-16	\$	18 222	10 797	17 276	11 623	44 322	4 017	7 828	na	na	14 913
2014-15	\$	18 651	11 948	17 849	12 456	23 092	5 375	4 292	na	na	15 327
2013-14	\$	18 685	16 268	11 014	10 411	21 809	5 134	2 954	na	na	15 153
2012-13	\$	19 288	13 506	12 057	11 292	13 366	4 373	5 301	3 978	na	14 506
2011-12	\$	29 038	12 176	11 169	30 472	17 895	na	na	4 903	na	20 647
2010-11	\$	28 813	na	11 760	8 033	19 839	na	7 948	8 033	na	21 562
Children aged 0-17 years receiving intensive family support services per 1000 children in the population											
2019-20	rate	9.0	11.6	16.0	5.1	3.2	26.6	4.1	10.4	7.2	10.7
2018-19	rate	8.6	12.7	na	2.2	2.1	24.5	2.8	11.8	6.5	na
2017-18	rate	10.1	10.3	11.7	2.2	1.9	24.5	3.2	9.3	6.6	9.4
2016-17	rate	10.1	10.7	11.1	1.9	3.5	24.8	4.3	6.6	7.4	9.4
2015-16	rate	10.4	9.3	3.7	2.1	3.1	28.5	4.1	na	5.3	na
2014-15	rate	10.1	8.0	3.9	2.0	3.2	33.3	2.7	na	na	na
2013-14	rate	10.3	6.5	4.0	1.6	3.0	23.5	na	2.4	na	na
2012-13	rate	10.1	6.5	3.7	1.5	2.6	26.5	2.4	2.4	na	na
2011-12	rate	9.8	6.1	3.1	1.8	1.6	na	na	1.9	na	na
2010-11	rate	8.7	na	3.0	1.9	1.5	na	5.6	1.2	na	na

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

Data are complete for the current reporting period.

Table 16A.33 Expenditure on intensive family support services, children aged 0-17 years (2019-20 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust Gov	Aust
(a)	Time series financial data are adjusted to 2019-20 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2019-20 = 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)	Australian Government expenditure is for children in the NT and includes a small amount of expenditure on services for children who live in Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara lands in SA. Australian Government expenditure is not included in expenditure by the NT or SA on IFSS. The number of children receiving IFSS may include parents if they are aged 0-17 years. This may understate the cost per child receiving IFSS delivered by the Australian Government.										
(e)	NSW: NSW implemented a new client management system in 2017-18. Data on IFSS for 2017-18 are estimates only.										
(f)	Queensland: Any person can refer a family to an intensive family support services (IFSS), provided the family meet the referral criteria. Data regarding the number of children commencing/receiving IFSS from 2016-17 onwards are not comparable to earlier years. This is because the scope of Queensland's IFSS changed from tertiary family support services to secondary family support services. Data regarding children commencing/receiving IFSS was not available in 2018-19 due to work to improve the quality and completeness of child data compiled by non-government service providers. Data regarding children commencing/receiving IFSS from 2019-20 are not comparable to previous years and should be regarded as an estimate, with ongoing data quality improvement work occurring. Refer to Queensland's footnote in Table 16A.8 regarding financial data.										
(g)	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. Data for 2012-13 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.										
(h)	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. SA has not been able to obtain activity data for all programs, therefore the cost per child receiving IFSS is likely to be overstated and should be interpreted with extreme caution.										
(i)	Tasmania: 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. Intensive family support services activity data were not available for Tasmania for the period 2010-11 to 2011-12.										

Table 16A.33 Expenditure on intensive family support services, children aged 0-17 years (2019-20 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust Gov	Aust
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(j) In the ACT in 2019-20 there was an increase in intensive family support services expenditure from higher staffing costs from Enterprise Bargaining Agreement negotiations, higher Equal Remuneration Order funding, and higher audit and ITC costs.

(k) 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); DSS (unpublished); table 2A.26.

Table 16A.34 **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									
2019-20									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 448	1 714	5 246	544	234	na	159	558
Non-Indigenous	no.	6 858	11 276	5 205	498	537	na	234	78
Unknown	no.	554	–	1 192	15	5	1 804	–	–
All children	no.	10 860	12 990	11 643	1 057	776	1 804	393	636
2018-19									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 265	1 450	na	634	193	na	75	569
Non-Indigenous	no.	6 900	10 986	na	595	257	na	189	168
Unknown	no.	10	1 106	na	4	–	1 782	–	–
All children	no.	10 175	13 542	na	1 233	450	1 782	264	737
2017-18									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	3 379	933	2 801	218	158	na	80	457
Non-Indigenous	no.	7 105	9 917	4 076	435	226	na	217	93
Unknown	no.	16	26	771	17	–	1 654	–	35
All children	no.	10 500	10 876	7 647	670	384	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

Table 16A.34 **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>
All children	no.	9 602	7 615	4 141	856	605	1 634	237	na
2013-14									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	2 755	311	1 258	309	na	na	89	106
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 707	5 007	2 778	596	na	na	178	4
Unknown	no.	309	–	27	29	703	1 661	36	40
All children	no.	8 771	5 318	4 063	934	703	1 661	303	150
2012-13									
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	2 791	302	1 160	424	na	na	57	92
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 706	5 639	2 514	403	na	na	144	61
Unknown	no.	29	–	40	11	912	1 831	–	–
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

- (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 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.
- (c) Refer to Queensland's footnote in table 16A.33 regarding data for children commencing intensive family support services.
- (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.

Table 16A.34 **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>
(f)	Tasmania: 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. Tasmania is not able to provide data on the Indigenous status of children commencing Intensive family support services. Intensive family support services activity data were not available for Tasmania for the period 2010-11 to 2011-12.								
(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: 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.35

Table 16A.35 Expenditure on care service (2019-20 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>
2019-20										
Real expenditure on care services	\$'000	1 489 242	805 339	751 125	321 157	458 765	86 597	51 163	135 474	4 098 862
Placement nights in care services	no.	7 118 665	4 223 986	3 675 741	1 762 847	1 527 397	484 704	289 859	377 478	19 460 677
Real expenditure per placement night in care services	\$	209.20	190.66	204.35	182.18	300.36	178.66	176.51	358.89	210.62
2018-19										
Real expenditure on care services	\$'000	1 374 509	798 585	692 419	303 731	447 973	93 794	46 743	135 972	3 893 726
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	\$	221.62	196.19	202.29	179.82	319.14	198.56	157.55	345.22	216.91
2017-18										
Real expenditure on care services	\$'000	1 248 959	671 570	631 872	288 502	458 297	77 271	44 345	142 816	3 563 632
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	\$	195.40	178.86	191.62	182.98	352.16	171.10	150.54	371.98	204.19
2016-17										
Real expenditure on care services	\$'000	1 197 802	597 601	553 771	277 199	421 621	67 060	44 821	131 599	3 291 475
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	\$	182.62	167.18	171.86	182.68	342.42	155.74	157.93	345.21	191.36
2015-16										
Real expenditure on care services	\$'000	1 094 507	523 474	527 474	267 334	323 722	55 581	38 987	118 739	2 949 820
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	\$	172.98	158.36	167.13	181.64	290.26	136.65	150.68	321.19	179.75
2014-15										

TABLE 16A.35

Table 16A.35 Expenditure on care service (2019-20 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>
Real expenditure on care services	\$'000	960 263	478 281	480 652	265 264	237 523	50 404	36 996	108 002	2 617 384
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	\$	154.34	162.58	157.02	189.65	238.66	132.09	163.24	309.57	168.04
2013-14										
Real expenditure on care services	\$'000	872 036	439 003	457 917	246 691	196 314	51 594	36 418	90 263	2 390 237
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	\$	134.11	165.47	156.14	189.86	205.99	132.72	171.49	304.81	156.86
2012-13										
Real expenditure on care services	\$'000	850 165	412 859	456 794	236 031	173 350	47 104	33 813	84 793	2 294 909
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	\$	134.61	164.29	156.93	203.06	177.21	124.78	164.95	312.56	155.75
2011-12										
Real expenditure on care services	\$'000	838 210	395 102	445 022	218 455	159 091	44 592	30 169	63 122	2 193 764
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	\$	135.03	168.24	158.08	188.20	175.10	121.30	148.24	254.17	153.84
2010-11										
Real expenditure on care services	\$'000	811 774	382 534	428 108	237 999	153 823	45 352	32 309	55 389	2 147 288
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	\$	135.23	171.27	159.37	213.55	180.79	134.62	167.98	257.02	157.51

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

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

Table 16A.35 Expenditure on care service (2019-20 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>
(a)	Time series financial data are adjusted to 2019-20 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2019-20 = 100). See Section 2 for details.									
(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 placement night 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. Refer to Queensland's footnote in Table 16A.8 regarding financial data.									
(f)	Tasmania: For 2019-20 Special Care Packages (SCP) have decreased in cost due to the introduction of an improved costing model and increased active management efforts for children under SCPs. 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. Tasmania data exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. 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 may be lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied.									
(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.26.

TABLE 16A.36

Table 16A.36 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on care services (2019-20 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

	<i>Unit</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>2019-20</i>
Real expenditure											
Residential care services											
NSW	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	\$'000	181 822	192 481	202 834	220 748	238 624	245 455	261 412	291 505	356 769	363 526
Qld	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
WA	\$'000	100 797	104 392	118 640	117 425	113 724	112 030	126 744	131 912	138 875	146 843
SA	\$'000	64 088	71 102	83 000	106 939	144 841	193 521	274 572	288 455	269 955	267 459
Tas	\$'000	6 800	10 847	10 725	14 090	14 375	15 503	27 366	34 212	41 953	36 131
ACT	\$'000	13 338	12 092	11 254	10 976	12 113	9 730	2 816	na	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	200 713	202 621	210 025	218 255	239 657	278 019	336 189	380 064	441 815	441 813
Qld	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
WA	\$'000	137 202	114 063	117 391	129 266	151 540	155 305	150 455	156 590	164 856	174 314
SA	\$'000	89 735	87 989	90 350	89 376	92 682	130 201	147 050	169 842	178 018	191 306
Tas	\$'000	38 553	33 745	36 379	37 505	36 028	40 078	39 694	43 058	51 839	50 466
ACT	\$'000	18 971	18 076	22 559	25 442	24 883	29 257	42 005	na	na	na
NT	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All care services											
NSW	\$'000	811 774	838 210	850 165	872 036	960 263	1 094 507	1 197 802	1 248 959	1 374 509	1 489 242
Vic	\$'000	382 534	395 102	412 859	439 003	478 281	523 474	597 601	671 570	798 585	805 339
Qld	\$'000	428 108	445 022	456 794	457 917	480 652	527 474	553 771	631 872	692 419	751 125
WA	\$'000	237 999	218 455	236 031	246 691	265 264	267 334	277 199	288 502	303 731	321 157
SA	\$'000	153 823	159 091	173 350	196 314	237 523	323 722	421 621	458 297	447 973	458 765

TABLE 16A.36

Table 16A.36 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on care services (2019-20 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

	<i>Unit</i>	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Tas	\$'000	45 352	44 592	47 104	51 594	50 404	55 581	67 060	77 271	93 794	86 597
ACT	\$'000	32 309	30 169	33 813	36 418	36 996	38 987	44 821	44 345	46 743	51 163
NT	\$'000	55 389	63 122	84 793	90 263	108 002	118 739	131 599	142 816	135 972	135 474
Real expenditure per child in care at 30 June											
Residential care services											
NSW	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	\$	366 576	402 680	423 452	428 637	544 803	560 400	592 772	692 411	784 109	847 379
Qld	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
WA	\$	618 388	695 948	790 931	698 956	665 053	678 967	856 376	909 735	798 132	712 830
SA	\$	256 352	289 034	251 515	320 176	358 516	404 011	499 221	526 377	476 112	445 023
Tas	\$	261 521	338 975	275 001	293 532	410 714	455 976	448 624	481 860	590 891	508 885
ACT	\$	296 408	366 428	296 155	288 842	346 090	231 664	67 053	na	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	\$	38 973	35 623	35 628	30 547	29 657	30 147	34 235	50 811	55 310	51 254
Qld	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
WA	\$	46 747	37 757	35 845	36 362	40 058	39 811	37 186	36 715	36 288	37 837
SA	\$	44 401	40 068	39 317	39 269	38 314	47 693	50 777	53 969	55 114	54 118
Tas	\$	42 042	35 446	36 198	37 999	35 992	37 040	34 911	36 002	50 427	48 618
ACT	\$	38 403	33 978	43 299	44 871	39 247	41 618	55 416	na	na	na
NT	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All care services											
NSW	\$	48 493	48 756	48 798	47 935	57 013	61 489	66 995	71 833	68 953	76 509
Vic	\$	67 371	63 654	64 519	56 939	55 828	53 939	57 952	84 432	68 501	64 837

Table 16A.36 State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on care services (2019-20 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)

	<i>Unit</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>2019-20</i>
Qld	\$	56 315	55 635	56 145	55 946	56 895	60 839	61 936	69 383	71 612	71 082
WA	\$	76 282	64 251	64 915	66 261	67 088	65 203	65 501	64 861	63 689	56 611
SA	\$	64 959	62 438	65 243	74 616	83 694	99 822	121 016	124 032	112 330	104 981
Tas	\$	46 949	44 194	44 146	48 951	47 506	48 331	55 652	60 748	70 788	64 673
ACT	\$	59 832	53 301	60 488	60 096	55 135	52 122	55 817	53 686	57 994	63 478
NT	\$	87 364	90 175	113 359	99 409	106 196	115 057	124 267	133 848	128 761	131 273

- (a) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2019-20 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price deflator (2019-20 = 100). See Section 2 for details.
- (b) Refer to table 16A.42 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 for all care services is calculated using the number of children in out-of-home care and other supported placements at 30 June, and includes independent living arrangements and where living arrangements are unknown. Real expenditure per child in care for residential care services is calculated using the number of children in out-of-home care in residential care at 30 June. Real expenditure per child in care for non-residential care services is calculated using the number of children in out-of-home care in home-based care and family group homes at 30 June, except for Victoria which does not have family group homes.
- (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 onwards, Queensland supplied unit record files extracted from the Integrated Client Management System to derive children in care 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. Refer to Queensland's footnote in table 16A.8 regarding financial data.

Table 16A.36 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on care services (2019-20 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)**

	<i>Unit</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>2019-20</i>
(i)	Tasmania: For 2019-20 Special Care Packages (SCP) have decreased in cost due to the introduction of an improved costing model and increased active management efforts for children under SCPs. Tasmania data exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. 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 may be lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied. 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. Tasmania data exclude children not under care and protection orders placed with relatives for whom a financial contribution is made under the Supported Extended Family or Relatives Allowance programs. 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 may be lower than would be the case if the counting rule was strictly applied.										
(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.26.

TABLE 16A.37

Table 16A.37 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>
2018-19									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	321	894	544	248	125	15	24	59
Proportion of children	%	1.6	5.6	3.5	4.1	6.9	8.0	2.2	2.0
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	1 472	2 703	1 500	783	277	22	97	248
Proportion of children	%	7.4	17.0	9.6	12.8	15.4	11.8	8.7	8.4
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

Table 16A.37 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 716	1 384	1 461	632	383	84	98	275
Proportion of children	%	14.1	17.2	10.6	8.8	15.5	16.6	14.5	18.2
2012-13									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 227	321	606	198	155	30	51	52
Proportion of children	%	6.5	4.4	4.2	3.1	7.7	4.2	4.9	3.7
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 115	1 099	1 681	567	322	97	117	210
Proportion of children	%	16.5	15.1	11.6	9.0	15.9	13.7	11.2	14.8
2011-12									
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 245	115	569	102	103	22	52	92
Proportion of children	%	6.3	2.3	3.4	1.7	5.2	4.1	6.5	4.3
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

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

Data are complete for the current reporting period.

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

Table 16A.37 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
(b)	Proportions are calculated on the basis of all children who were the subject of an investigation and a decision not to substantiate in a given year.								
(c)	NSW: In 2018-19, there was a significant decrease of the number of children subject to a decision not to substantiate compared to the last available data in 2015-16. This difference is related to changes in reporting of investigations by NSW. Specifically, 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'. This has impacted the number and proportion of 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 in 2019-20 compared to the last available data. 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 2019-20 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

TABLE 16A.38

Table 16A.38 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>
2018-19									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 247	554	478	334	154	38	17	46
Proportion of children	%	8.1	2.9	6.8	6.2	8.0	5.1	7.4	2.9
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 035	3 071	1 196	1 077	313	113	43	182
Proportion of children	%	19.6	16.0	17.0	19.9	16.2	15.3	18.6	11.4
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

Table 16A.38 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.	3 278	1 770	1 353	427	467	144	64	286
Proportion of children	%	22.3	15.2	18.2	13.8	21.9	18.5	17.4	22.4
2012-13									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 443	266	676	162	180	65	83	70
Proportion of children	%	8.8	2.6	8.6	5.9	8.5	7.2	16.8	6.2
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 618	1 358	1 562	370	429	194	140	231
Proportion of children	%	22.2	13.2	19.8	13.4	20.2	21.6	28.4	20.5
2011-12									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 010	90	687	94	165	58	91	102
Proportion of children	%	7.3	1.2	8.4	3.1	8.3	5.5	16.5	6.4
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

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

Data are complete for the current reporting period.

(a) 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.38 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 2019-20 data; AIHW (unpublished), derived from Child protection Australia data collection for data prior to 2012-13.

Table 16A.39 **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	
2019					
Proportion at or above the national minimum standard					
NSW	%	na	95.1	na	95.8
Vic	%	na	95.9	na	96.4
Qld	%	na	94.8	na	95.6
WA	%	71.3	94.3	77.5	94.7
SA	%	70.8	93.2	65.5	93.5
Tas	%	na	92.7	na	93.9
ACT	%	na	95.9	na	96.4
NT	%	na	68.4	na	73.4
NAPLAN participation rate					
NSW	%	na	97.1	na	96.5
Vic	%	na	95.6	na	95.0
Qld	%	na	93.4	na	92.7
WA	%	80.1	96.6	79.7	95.4
SA	%	88.6	94.6	88.2	93.7
Tas	%	na	96.9	na	95.5
ACT	%	na	95.5	na	94.9
NT	%	na	86.1	na	84.1
2018					
Proportion at or above the national minimum standard					
NSW	%	na	95.3	na	96.0
Vic	%	na	95.8	na	96.4
Qld	%	80.9	95.1	81.5	95.9
WA	%	75.2	94.3	83.4	95.5
SA	%	69.8	93.1	73.3	94.0
Tas	%	na	92.6	na	95.1
ACT	%	na	97.2	na	96.9
NT	%	na	71.4	na	77.7
NAPLAN participation rate					
NSW	%	na	97.2	na	96.6
Vic	%	na	95.1	na	94.7
Qld	%	85.6	93.4	86.3	92.8
WA	%	79.3	96.2	79.0	95.7
SA	%	88.9	94.1	86.8	93.4
Tas	%	na	93.9	na	93.3
ACT	%	na	95.8	na	95.0
NT	%	na	88.0	na	86.2

Table 16A.39 **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
2017				
Proportion at or above the national minimum standard				
NSW	%	na	94.3	95.8
Vic	%	na	95.2	96.0
Qld	%	79.3	94.3	95.9
WA	%	78.9	93.0	95.0
SA	%	70.5	92.1	93.3
Tas	%	na	92.3	95.0
ACT	%	na	95.6	96.3
NT	%	na	68.6	74.5
NAPLAN participation rate				
NSW	%	na	97.3	97.0
Vic	%	na	95.4	95.1
Qld	%	82.5	93.2	92.8
WA	%	81.4	95.9	95.5
SA	%	89.2	93.9	93.4
Tas	%	na	94.7	94.3
ACT	%	na	94.4	93.9
NT	%	na	88.6	87.0
2016				
Proportion at or above the national minimum standard				
NSW	%	na	93.5	94.7
Vic	%	na	94.6	95.3
Qld	%	70.3	93.4	94.7
WA	%	68.5	91.4	93.4
SA	%	69.8	91.5	92.8
Tas	%	na	90.8	94.0
ACT	%	na	95.4	96.3
NT	%	na	64.4	73.5
NAPLAN participation rate				
NSW	%	na	97.2	96.9
Vic	%	na	95.3	95.0
Qld	%	86.7	93.3	92.9
WA	%	79.4	95.8	95.2
SA	%	83.8	93.9	93.5
Tas	%	na	95.4	94.5
ACT	%	na	94.2	93.9
NT	%	na	89.6	88.6

Table 16A.39 **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
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.39 **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.40 **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>
2018-19										
Children exiting out-of-home care to a permanency arrangement										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	332	642	455	193	75	32	32	61	1 822
Non-Indigenous	no.	698	2 615	709	266	151	64	56	6	4 565
Indigenous status not stated	no.	2	–	19	1	–	13	–	1	36
All children	no.	1 032	3 257	1 183	460	226	109	88	68	6 423
Children exiting out-of-home care to a permanency arrangement who did not return for 12 months										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	no.	307	497	362	181	66	31	32	53	1 529
Non-Indigenous	no.	658	2 212	601	250	138	56	53	6	3 974
Indigenous status not stated	no.	2	–	19	1	–	13	–	1	36
All children	no.	967	2 709	982	432	204	100	85	60	5 539
Proportion of children exiting out-of-home care to a permanency arrangement who did not return for 12 months										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	%	92.5	77.4	79.6	93.8	88.0	96.9	100.0	86.9	83.9
Non-Indigenous	%	94.3	84.6	84.8	94.0	91.4	87.5	94.6	100.0	87.1
Indigenous status not stated	%	100.0	–	100.0	100.0	–	100.0	–	100.0	100.0
All children	%	93.7	83.2	83.0	93.9	90.3	91.7	96.6	88.2	86.2
2017-18										
Children exiting out-of-home 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

Table 16A.40 **Children exiting out-of-home care to a permanency arrangement, by Indigenous status (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Proportion of children exiting out-of-home care to a permanency arrangement 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
Proportion of children exiting out-of-home care to a permanency arrangement 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 complete for the current reporting period.

- (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.

Table 16A.40 **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>
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(d) Queensland: Queensland data in this table include children exiting care due to a finalised third-party parental responsibility order, or due to reunification. There were 2 children adopted from care (known-carer adoptions) in 2016-17, 0 in 2017-18, and 0 in 2018-19. 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. This data was derived 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. Queensland data regarding reunifications with birth parents include placement closures recorded in the Integrated Client Management System that are due to the child returning home to parent/s or placed with parent/s under s82(2) of Queensland's *Child Protection Act 1999*.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished).

TABLE 16A.41

Table 16A.41

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

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Population at 31 December										
2019										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	112.8	24.4	97.2	40.8	17.9	11.6	2.9	25.8	333.4
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 669.1	1 406.5	1 086.1	565.8	351.7	101.1	92.8	35.5	5 308.7
All children	'000	1 781.9	1 430.9	1 183.3	606.5	369.6	112.7	95.7	61.4	5 642.1
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

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Table 16A.41

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

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
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
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
Population at 30 June										
2020										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	'000	113.4	24.5	97.8	40.9	18.0	11.6	2.9	25.7	334.8
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 672.2	1 412.3	1 090.8	568.5	352.5	101.1	93.3	35.8	5 326.5
All children	'000	1 785.6	1 436.8	1 188.5	609.4	370.5	112.7	96.3	61.5	5 661.3
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

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Table 16A.41

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

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Non-Indigenous children	'000	1 661.0	1 395.0	1 080.2	562.2	350.8	100.9	92.0	36.0	5 278.2
All children	'000	1 773.2	1 419.2	1 176.9	602.8	368.5	112.5	94.9	62.0	5 610.1
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
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										

Table 16A.41 **Population aged 0-17 years, by Indigenous status (a), (b)**

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
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
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

(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. Population data at 30 June 2020 is based on estimates at March 2020. June estimated resident population (ERP) for total children: prior to 2012 are final based on the 2011 Census of Population and Housing; for 2014 to 2016 are final based on the 2016 Census of Population and Housing; from 2017 are preliminary based on the 2016 Census. December estimated resident population (ERP) for total children: for 2011 to 2015 are final based on the 2016 Census of Population and Housing; from 2016 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.

Table 16A.42 **Comparability of government recurrent expenditure — items**

	<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	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×	✓
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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Method	na	Dept formula	Dept formula	FTE	Dept formula	Dept formula	FTE / budget	Dept formula

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

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).