

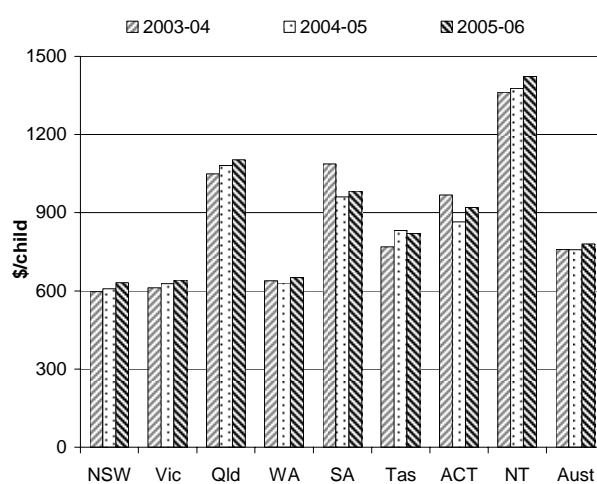
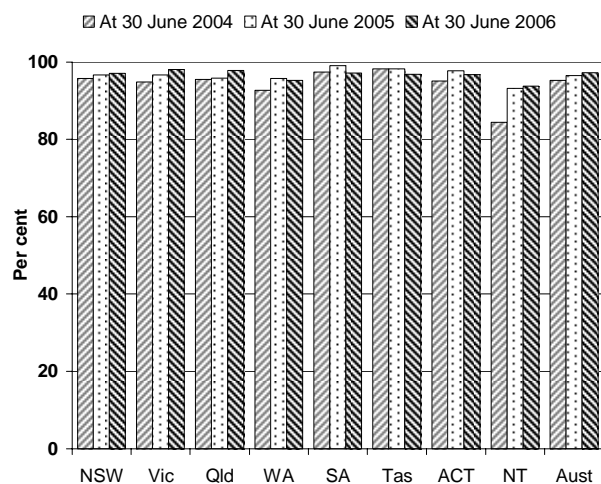
CHILDREN’S SERVICES (CHAPTER 14)

- The focus of this chapter is on government funded and/or provided child care and preschool services.
- An estimated 524 348 children aged 5 years or younger (34 per cent of this age group) and 264 556 children aged 6–12 years (14 per cent of this age group) attended Australian Government approved child care services in 2006 (table 14A.10).
- An estimated 111 413 children aged 12 years or younger attended State and Territory government funded and/or provided child care services in 2005-06 (p. 14.6). Some children may attend both Australian and State/Territory funded child care and some services may receive funding from both Australian and State/Territory governments.
- At least 216 083 children (85.7 per cent of 4 year olds) attended State and Territory funded and/or provided preschool services in the year before they commenced full time schooling in 2005-06. An estimated 27 474 children (10.9 per cent of 3 year olds) attending State and Territory funded and/or provided preschool services commenced preschool at an earlier age (table 14A.11). Some children attended both child care and preschool services.

Selection of results

Accredited centres as a proportion of centres fully assessed under the Quality Improvement and Accreditation System (p. 14.34)

Total government real expenditure on children’s services per child aged 0–12 in the jurisdiction (2005-06 dollars) (p. 14.44)



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- Australian, State and Territory government expenditure on children’s services in 2005-06 was approximately \$2.68 billion. Australian Government expenditure accounted for \$2.02 billion (p. 14.6). The major component of Australian Government expenditure was financial support to families through assistance with fees, which accounted for \$1.58 billion (p. 14.40). State and Territory government expenditure in 2005-06 was approximately \$659.4 million (p. 14.6). [MORE]

- Nationally, total government expenditure on children's services per child aged 0–12 years in 2005-06 was \$780.00 (p. 14.44 and tables 14A.21-22).

Progress since 2006 Report

- Reporting updated data from the ABS Child Care Survey and the Australian Government's Census of Child Care Services.
- Reporting for the first time on utilisation rates in centre-based long day care and family day care (pp. 14.23-24).
- Improvements to data quality and comparability.

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Accredited centres as a proportion of centres fully assessed under the Quality Improvement and Accreditation System^{a, b, c}

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
2004	95.7	94.8	95.4	92.6	97.3	98.2	95.1	84.4	95.2
2005	96.6	96.6	95.8	95.7	99.0	98.2	97.7	93.2	96.5
2006	97.0	98.0	97.8	95.2	97.1	96.8	96.7	93.8	97.2

^a At 30 June. ^b Figures may change daily and are updated every six weeks following a National Childcare Accreditation Council meeting. ^c Results for Tasmania, the ACT and the NT may be unduly influenced by the relatively small number of services participating in the process (89, 94 and 56 respectively at 30 June 2006).

Source: National Childcare Accreditation Council (unpublished); table 14A.2.

Total government real expenditure on children's services per child aged 0–12 in the jurisdiction (2005-06 dollars)^{a, b, c}

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
2003-04	596.97	611.42	1049.66	638.32	1087.74	768.91	968.47	1361.92	758.80
2004-05	607.62	627.90	1080.48	630.49	960.86	831.84	864.49	1377.23	758.56
2005-06	630.90	641.11	1103.66	650.66	982.68	821.12	920.10	1422.70	780.00

^a Includes administration expenditure, other expenditure on service provision, financial support to families, and net capital expenditure on child care and preschool services from both Australian Government (for child care services only) and State and Territory Governments (for child care services and preschool services). ^b Real expenditure based on ABS gross domestic product (GDP) price deflator 2005-06 = 100. ^c See notes to figure 14.18 (p. 14.43) for further detail on State and Territory governments' expenditure data.

Source: Department of Family Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (unpublished); State and Territory governments (unpublished); ABS Australian Demographic Statistics (unpublished); tables 14A.21-22.

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