

15A Protection and support services — attachment

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All jurisdictions data

Table 15A.1

Table 15A.1 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services, Australia (2002-03 dollars) (a), (b)**

	<i>Total real expenditure</i>					<i>Real expenditure per child (c)</i>				
	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Child protection services										
NSW	103 073	108 189	119 915	131 140	145 249	68.93	72.26	80.18	85.70	95.67
Vic (d)	50 409	59 197	81 105	84 701	90 162	46.81	54.97	75.19	77.25	82.57
Qld	86 298	48 304	55 150	61 191	72 467	101.42	56.50	64.09	69.32	81.46
WA	8 661	7 791	10 350	10 703	10 914	19.16	17.19	22.84	23.33	23.97
SA	na	na	19 966	20 370	20 342	na	na	60.30	61.20	61.73
Tas (e)	3 046	2 203	2 693	3 422	4 294	26.40	19.42	24.08	30.39	38.60
ACT	na	4 960	5 134	5 817	6 889	na	67.16	70.18	77.83	93.78
NT	na	na	na	na	5 853	na	na	na	na	103.50
Australia (f)	251 486	230 644	294 313	317 344	356 170	63.02	56.68	66.83	70.70	78.70
Out-of-home care										
NSW	143 751	149 977	172 341	194 736	220 192	90.79	94.55	108.75	120.10	136.78
Vic (d)	106 120	148 039	119 109	129 118	128 992	93.00	129.67	104.12	111.03	111.29
Qld	na	55 854	63 411	72 122	86 037	na	61.53	69.38	77.06	91.20
WA (g)	41 227	42 520	44 899	56 630	57 751	86.12	88.47	93.31	116.23	119.25
SA	na	na	21 585	21 839	21 809	na	na	61.35	61.70	62.22
Tas (e)	7 575	6 387	7 416	11 973	12 491	61.90	53.01	62.41	100.17	105.66
ACT	na	7 998	8 659	9 358	9 610	na	101.62	111.13	117.48	122.78
NT	na	na	na	na	5 975	na	na	na	na	100.42
Australia (f)	298 673	410 773	437 421	495 776	542 857	89.81	95.19	93.62	104.14	113.02

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	<i>Total real expenditure</i>					<i>Real expenditure per child (c)</i>				
	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Child protection and out-of-home care services										
NSW	246 824	258 166	292 256	325 876	365 441	155.90	162.75	184.41	200.98	227.01
Vic	156 529	207 236	200 215	213 819	219 154	137.17	181.53	175.02	183.87	189.09
Qld	86 298	104 157	118 562	133 313	158 504	95.67	114.74	129.72	142.45	168.01
WA	49 888	50 311	55 249	67 333	68 665	104.21	104.67	114.81	138.19	141.78
SA	40 450	41 954	41 551	42 209	42 151	113.65	118.47	118.10	119.25	120.25
Tas (e)	10 621	8 589	10 109	15 396	16 785	86.79	71.30	85.07	128.80	141.99
ACT	13 175	12 959	13 793	15 175	16 499	166.55	164.66	177.00	190.51	210.79
NT	9 296	10 249	11 114	11 798	11 828	156.64	170.85	185.95	196.25	198.78
Australia (f)	613 080	693 621	742 848	824 918	899 027	129.84	146.66	156.97	171.12	187.18
Intensive family support services										
NSW	24 883	24 425	32 531	35 787	45 227	15.72	15.40	20.53	22.07	28.10
Vic	na	3 706	7 333	7 484	8 423	na	3.25	6.41	6.44	7.27
Qld	na	706	696	609	654	na	0.78	0.76	0.65	0.69
WA	1 456	1 367	1 348	1 957	1 861	3.04	2.84	2.80	4.02	3.84
SA	na	na	1 609	1 609	1 598	na	na	4.57	4.55	4.56
Tas (e)	na	565	284	575	408	na	4.69	2.39	4.81	3.45
ACT	na	43	100	108	127	na	0.55	1.28	1.35	1.62
NT	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Australia (f)	26 339	30 812	43 901	48 129	58 298	12.77	7.14	9.40	10.11	12.14

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	<i>Total real expenditure</i>					<i>Real expenditure per child (c)</i>				
	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

- (a) Refer to table 15A.4 for information on the comparability of expenditure data.
- (b) Numbers may not calculate exactly due to rounding errors.
- (c) For child protection services, expenditure per child relates to children aged 16 years and under in the residential population. For out-of-home care and total child protection and out-of-home care services, expenditure per child relates to children aged 17 years and under in the residential population.
- (d) One region incorrectly charged about \$7 million in salaries in 1999-2000 to out-of-home care services instead of child protection services.
- (e) Prior to 2001-02, shared direct service delivery costs and corporate umbrella costs were not included in published data, hence the significant increase in 2001-02 figures.
- (f) The Australia figure for total real expenditure represents the sum of figures for those jurisdictions able to provide data. The Australia figure for real expenditure per child represents the sum of expenditure for those jurisdictions able to provide data divided by the sum of the residential population for the target groups (0–16 or 0–17 years) for those jurisdictions able to provide expenditure data.
- (g) Out-of-home care equates to the department's 'Care for Children' output. The significant increase in 2000-2001 is due the department reclassifying one of its services (Adolescent Child Support Service) as being directly related to the 'Care for Children' output. Previously the costs of this service were allocated to all departmental outputs.

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 15A.2

Table 15A.2 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection services, per notification, per investigation and per substantiation, Australia (2002-03 dollars) (a)**

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Real expenditure on child protection services per notification					
NSW	3 271	3 559	2 929	2 375	1 326
Vic	1 454	1 608	2 194	2 230	2 396
Qld	4 610	2 535	2 499	2 218	2 333
WA	3 373	2 945	3 630	3 515	4 760
SA	na	na	1 999	1 818	1 513
Tas	4 665	5 220	8 549	6 737	5 795
ACT	na	4 172	6 465	7 262	3 243
NT	na	na	na	na	3 766
Real expenditure on child protection services per investigation					
NSW	5 206	5 975	4 741	3 901	3 209
Vic	3 677	4 591	6 142	6 411	7 061
Qld	5 749	3 158	3 043	2 657	2 767
WA	3 535	3 023	3 751	3 644	4 943
SA	na	na	3 872	3 616	3 294
Tas	4 953	5 796	9 687	7 555	6 699
ACT	na	4 811	7 505	8 949	5 524
NT	na	na	na	na	6 576
Real expenditure on child protection services per substantiation					
NSW	13 670	16 704	15 987	15 238	8 664
Vic	6 952	8 044	10 661	11 019	12 373
Qld	13 541	6 981	6 569	6 097	5 938
WA	7 128	6 664	8 690	9 017	12 291
SA	na	na	6 387	6 018	6 615
Tas	23 797	22 708	26 145	21 661	20 160
ACT	na	21 289	23 124	26 441	22 223
NT	na	na	na	na	17 899

(a) Refer to table 15A.4 for information on the comparability of expenditure data.

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 15A.3

Table 15A.3 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on out-of-home care services, Australia (2002-03 dollars) (a), (b)**

	<i>Real expenditure</i>					<i>Real expenditure per child in care (c)</i>				
	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Residential out-of-home care services										
NSW	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	na	na	52 807	63 689	61 424	na	na	112 354	143 120	146 248
Qld	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
WA (d)	na	na	15 793	19 820	20 213	na	na	108 916	128 702	148 625
SA	na	na	3 314	3 084	3 209	na	na	77 079	70 097	69 771
Tas	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
ACT	na	na	1 641	1 849	1 899	na	na	102 589	88 044	51 324
NT	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Non-residential out-of-home care services										
NSW	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	na	na	66 303	65 430	67 568	na	na	19 438	19 042	18 826
Qld	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
WA (d)	na	na	29 106	36 810	37 538	na	na	23 702	28 491	26 014
SA	na	na	18 270	18 754	18 599	na	na	16 140	16 280	15 512
Tas	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
ACT	na	na	7 018	7 509	7 711	na	na	35 989	37 357	32 536
NT	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

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	<i>Real expenditure</i>					<i>Real expenditure per child in care (c)</i>				
	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
All out-of-home care services										
NSW	143 751	149 977	172 341	194 736	220 192	22 606	21 301	22 135	24 089	25 497
Vic	106 120	148 039	119 109	129 118	128 992	29 709	38 342	30 690	33 269	32 176
Qld	na	55 854	63 411	72 122	86 037	na	21 205	21 060	22 144	22 719
WA	41 227	42 520	44 899	56 630	57 751	34 586	32 066	31 267	37 905	35 759
SA	na	na	21 585	21 839	21 809	na	na	18 370	18 260	17 517
Tas	7 575	6 387	7 416	11 973	12 491	na	na	12 966	22 010	26 690
ACT	na	7 998	8 659	9 358	9 610	na	na	40 276	41 775	34 693
NT	na	na	na	na	5 975	na	na	na	na	26 794

- (a) Refer to table 15A.4 for information on the comparability of expenditure data.
- (b) Numbers may not calculate exactly due to rounding errors.
- (c) Expenditure per child age 17 years and under in the residential population.
- (d) 2000-01 data for WA have been revised for residential out-of-home and non-residential out-of-home categories, because the previously published figures were allocated to the wrong categories.
- na** Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 15A.4

Table 15A.4 **Comparability of expenditure — items included, 2002-03**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (a)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Superannuation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Basis of estimate	Accrual	na	Accrual	Accrual	Accrual	na	Accrual	Funding
Workers compensation	✓	na	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
Payroll tax	✓	na	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
Termination and long service leave	✓	na	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Basis of estimate	Accruing	na	Accruing	Accruing	Accruing	Actual	Accruing	Other (b)
Sick leave	✓	na	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Basis of estimate	Actual	na	Actual	Actual	Accrual	Actual	Accrual	Actual
Depreciation	✓	na	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	na
Rent	✓	na	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	na
Utilities	✓	na	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	na
Umbrella department costs	✓	na	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
basis of apportionment	Dept formula	na	Dept formula	Dept formula	Budget	Dept formula	Dept formula	Dept formula

(a) Salary expenses data for 1999-2000 include oncosts (1998-99 do not include oncosts due to time constraints). Salary expenses exclude include motor vehicle expenses that are part of employer fringe benefits, fringe benefits tax paid and fringe benefits provided.

(b) Terminations are been included as actual amounts. Long service leave liability is calculated as a percentage of salary.

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 15A.5

Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australia 2002-03 (a)**

	NSW		Vic		Qld		WA		SA		Tas		ACT		NT	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations																
Indigenous children																
Notifications investigated																
Investigations finalised by 31 August																
Substantiated	3 051	22.5	725	29.8	1 261	48.7	296	39.4	481	20.2	20	71.4	43	25.9	209	24.4
Child at risk	93	0.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	1 245	9.2	470	19.3	376	14.5	251	33.4	635	26.7	6	21.4	41	24.7	210	24.6
Total finalised	4 389	32.3	1 195	49.2	1 637	63.3	547	72.7	1 116	46.9	26	92.9	84	50.6	419	49.0
Investigations not finalised	2 614	19.2	26	1.1	634	24.5	175	23.3	8	0.3	1	3.6	32	19.3	89	10.4
Total investigations	7 003	51.5	1 221	50.2	2 271	87.8	722	96.0	1 124	47.3	27	96.4	116	69.9	508	59.4
Notifications dealt with by other means	6 586	48.5	1 210	49.8	226	8.7	-	-	1 253	52.7	-	-	6	3.6	-	-
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	-	-	-	-	91	3.5	30	4.0	-	-	1	3.6	44	26.5	347	40.6
Total notifications	13 589	100.0	2 431	100.0	2 588	100.0	752	100.0	2 377	100.0	28	100.0	166	100.0	855	100.0
Non-Indigenous children																
Notifications investigated																
Investigations finalised by 31 August																
Substantiated	13 714	14.3	6 562	18.6	10 942	38.4	592	38.4	1 942	17.6	193	27.1	267	13.6	118	16.9
Child at risk	535	0.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	7 825	8.2	4 643	13.2	4 963	17.4	696	45.2	3 070	27.7	329	46.1	444	22.7	208	29.8
Total finalised	22 074	23.0	11 205	31.8	15 905	55.8	1 288	83.6	5 012	45.3	522	73.2	711	36.3	326	46.6
Investigations not finalised	16 188	16.9	343	1.0	8 011	28.1	198	12.8	39	0.4	92	12.9	420	21.5	56	8.0
Total investigations	38 262	39.9	11 548	32.8	23 916	84.0	1 486	96.4	5 051	45.6	614	86.1	1 131	57.8	382	54.6
Notifications dealt with by other means	57 647	60.1	23 656	67.2	3 624	12.7	-	-	6 014	54.4	24	3.4	43	2.2	-	-
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	-	-	-	-	940	3.3	55	3.6	-	-	75	10.5	784	40.0	317	45.4
Total notifications	95 909	100.0	35 204	100.0	28 480	100.0	1 541	100.0	11 065	100.0	713	100.0	1 958	100.0	699	100.0

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	NSW		Vic		Qld		WA		SA		Tas		ACT		NT		
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	
All children																	
Notifications investigated																	
Investigations finalised by 31 August																	
Substantiated	16 765	15.3	7 287	19.4	12 203	39.3	888	38.7	2 423	18.0	213	28.7	310	14.6	327	21.0	
Child at risk	628	0.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	–	–	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	9 070	8.3	5 113	13.6	5 339	17.2	947	41.3	3 705	27.6	335	45.2	485	22.8	418	26.9	
Total finalised	26 463	24.2	12 400	32.9	17 542	56.5	1 835	80.0	6 128	45.6	548	74.0	795	37.4	745	47.9	
Investigations not finalised	18 802	17.2	369	1.0	8 645	27.8	373	16.3	47	0.3	93	12.6	452	21.3	145	9.3	
Total investigations	45 265	41.3	12 769	33.9	26 187	84.3	2 208	96.3	6 175	45.9	641	86.5	1 247	58.7	890	57.3	
Notifications dealt with by other means	64 233	58.7	24 866	66.1	3 850	12.4	–	–	7 267	54.1	24	3.2	49	2.3	–	–	
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	–	–	–	–	1 031	3.3	85	3.7	–	–	76	10.3	828	39.0	664	42.7	
Total notifications	109 498	100.0	37 635	100.0	31 068	100.0	2 293	100.0	13 442	100.0	741	100.0	2 124	100.0	1 554	100.0	

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

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

Source: Tables 15A.24, 15A.41, 15A.58, 15A.75, 15A.92, 15A.109, 15A.126 and 15A.143.

Table 15A.6

Table 15A.6 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, by Indigenous status, Australia, 2002-03 (a)**

		<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Indigenous										
Children admitted to orders										
Children admitted for the first time	no.	464	147	231	140	78	20	16	na	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	262	131	161	2	37	20	13	na	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	726	278	392	142	115	40	29	197	
Children discharged from orders	no.	507	220	290	75	127	7	8	139	
Non-Indigenous										
Children admitted to orders										
Children admitted for the first time	no.	1 471	1 270	1 056	289	340	222	78	na	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	792	1 057	633	6	117	175	42	na	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	2 263	2 327	1 689	295	457	397	120	104	
Children discharged from orders	no.	1 767	1 826	1 085	143	543	202	94	75	
All children										
Children admitted to orders										
Children admitted for the first time	no.	1 935	1 417	1 287	429	418	242	94	na	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	1 054	1 188	794	8	154	195	55	na	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	2 989	2 605	2 081	437	572	437	149	301	
Children discharged from orders	no.	2 274	2 046	1 375	218	670	209	102	214	

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

na Not available.

Source: Tables 15A.25, 15A.42, 15A.59, 15A.76, 15A.93, 15A.110, 15A.127 and 15A.144.

Table 15A.7

Table 15A.7 **Number of children on care and protection orders at by type of order and Indigenous status, Australia, at June 30 2003 (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of Indigenous children on orders								
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	1 958	388	888	459	226	46	39	155
Finalised supervisory orders	na	119	24	..	..	6	–	4
Interim and temporary orders	292	27	41	50	35	7	9	15
Other/not stated	15	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	2 265	534	953	509	261	59	48	174
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders								
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	5 915	3 262	2 943	879	1 061	416	182	78
Finalised supervisory orders	na	1 090	111	..	..	31	13	1
Interim and temporary orders	769	152	100	82	56	94	45	21
Other/not stated	26	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	6 710	4 504	3 154	961	1 117	541	240	100
Number of all children on orders								
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	7 873	3 650	3 831	1 338	1 287	462	221	233
Finalised supervisory orders	na	1 209	135	..	..	37	13	5
Interim and temporary orders	1 061	179	141	132	91	101	54	36
Other/not stated	41	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	8 975	5 038	4 107	1 470	1 378	600	288	274

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

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

Source: Tables 15A.26, 15A.43, 15A.60, 15A.77, 15A.94, 15A.111, 15A.128 and 15A.145.

Table 15A.8

Table 15A.8 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Australia, 2002-03 (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Indigenous	6 328	1 638	1 618	682	1 404	23	111	738	12 542
Non-Indigenous	59 293	26 741	20 203	1 456	7 507	515	1 372	595	117 682
All children	65 621	28 379	21 821	2 138	8 911	538	1 483	1 333	130 224
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	106	136.6	29.1	24.0	128.7	3.0	66.2	32.3	63.1
Non-Indigenous	41	24.8	24.2	3.4	23.6	5.0	19.1	17.6	27.2
All children	43.2	26.0	24.5	4.7	27.0	4.8	20.2	23.6	28.8
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Indigenous	2 675	999	1 149	530	762	19	61	379	6 574
Non-Indigenous	15 136	10 076	11 942	1 264	3 775	409	601	286	43 489
All children	17 811	11 075	13 091	1 794	4 537	428	662	665	50 063
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	45	83.3	20.7	18.6	69.8	2.5	36.4	16.6	33.1
Non-Indigenous	10	9.3	14.3	3.0	11.8	3.9	8.4	8.5	10.0
All children	11.7	10.1	14.7	3.9	13.8	3.8	9.0	11.8	11.1
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Indigenous	1 901	667	881	275	351	19	33	198	4 325
Non-Indigenous	9 524	6 177	8 104	571	1 545	186	230	113	26 450
All children	11 434	6 844	8 985	846	1 896	205	263	311	30 784
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	32.0	55.6	15.9	9.7	32.2	2.5	19.7	8.7	21.8
Non-Indigenous	6.5	5.7	9.7	1.3	4.8	1.8	3.2	3.3	6.1
All children	7.5	6.3	10.1	1.9	5.8	1.8	3.6	5.5	6.8
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders									
Number of children									
Indigenous	2 265	534	953	509	261	59	48	174	4 803
Non-Indigenous	6 710	4 504	3 154	961	1 117	541	240	100	17 327
All children	8 975	5 038	4 107	1 470	1 378	600	288	274	22 130
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years									
Indigenous	36.4	42.7	16.4	17.1	22.8	7.3	27.4	7.3	23.1
Non-Indigenous	4.3	3.9	3.6	2.1	3.3	4.9	3.1	2.8	3.8
All children	5.6	4.3	4.3	3.0	3.9	5.1	3.7	4.6	4.6

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

Source: Tables 15A.22, 15A.23, 15A.27, 15A.44, 15A.61, 15A.78, 15A.95, 15A.112, 15A.129 and 15A.146.

Table 15A.9

Table 15A.9 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, Australia, 2001-02 (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>
Number of children									
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	221	224	152	31	165	1	4	6
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	777	850	302	98	411	15	17	22
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation									
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	2.2	5.2	4.3	2.8	6.5	0.5	1.5	1.4
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	7.6	19.9	8.6	8.9	16.1	6.8	6.5	5.0

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

Source: Tables 15A.28, 15A.45, 15A.62, 15A.79, 15A.96, 15A.113, 15A.130 and 15A.147.

Table 15A.10

Table 15A.10 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, Australia, 2001-02 (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>
Number of children									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	394	173	806	39	244	3	12	7
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	976	1 106	2 033	119	426	6	27	35
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	5.3	2.4	10.2	3.5	13.8	1.9	2.6	2.1
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	13.2	15.3	25.6	10.7	24.1	3.9	5.8	10.5

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

Source: Tables 15A.29, 15A.46, 15A.63, 15A.80, 15A.97, 15A.114, 15A.131 and 15A.148.

Table 15A.11

Table 15A.11 **Children in out-of-home care: Number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status, Australia, 2002-03 (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Indigenous	2 375	507	813	570	252	43	48	142	4 750
Non-Indigenous	6 261	3 539	2 974	1 045	993	425	229	81	15 547
All children	8 636	4 046	3 787	1 615	1 245	468	277	223	20 297
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Indigenous	38.1	40.5	14.0	19.2	22.0	5.3	27.4	5.9	22.9
Non-Indigenous	4.1	3.1	3.4	2.3	2.9	3.9	3.0	2.3	3.4
All children	5.4	3.5	4.0	3.3	3.6	4.0	3.5	3.8	4.2
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Indigenous	3 159	956	1 081	1 450	442	72	66	258	7 484
Non-Indigenous	9 153	6 275	4 029	834	1 618	685	471	140	23 205
All children	12 312	7 231	5 110	2 284	2 060	757	537	398	30 689
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Indigenous	50.7	76.4	18.6	48.8	38.6	8.9	37.6	10.8	36.0
Non-Indigenous	5.9	5.5	4.6	1.8	4.8	6.2	6.2	3.9	5.1
All children	7.6	6.2	5.4	4.7	5.9	6.4	6.9	6.7	6.4

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

Source: Tables 15A.31, 15A.48, 15A.65, 15A.82, 15A.99, 15A.116, 15A.133 and 15A.150.

Table 15A.12

Table 15A.12 **Number of children in out-of-home care, by Indigenous status and placement type, Australia, 30 June 2003 (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Indigenous								
Residential care	44	53	8	49	3	17	7	8
Home based care								
Foster care	594	245	463	192	197	17	18	95
Relative/kinship care	1 662	188	342	323	52	6	22	34
Other home based care	–	21	–	–	–	1	1	–
Total home based	2 256	454	805	515	249	24	41	129
Independent living-includes private board	16	–	–	2	–	1	–	1
Other (includes unknown living arrangements)	59	–	–	4	–	1	–	4
Total Indigenous children	2 375	507	813	570	252	43	48	142
Non-Indigenous								
Residential care	223	367	35	87	43	85	30	4
Home based care								
Foster care	2 374	1 927	2 352	644	821	233	120	56
Relative/kinship care	3 267	1 028	587	284	121	65	76	12
Other home based care	–	180	–	–	8	6	–	–
Total home based	5 641	3 135	2 939	928	950	304	196	68
Independent living-includes private board	103	37	–	27	–	22	–	1
Other (includes unknown living arrangements)	294	–	–	3	–	14	3	8
Total non-Indigenous children	6 261	3 539	2 974	1 045	993	425	229	81
All children								
Residential care	267	420	43	136	46	102	37	12
Home based care								
Foster care	2 968	2 172	2 815	836	1 018	250	138	151
Relative/kinship care	4 929	1 216	929	607	173	71	98	46
Other home based care	–	201	–	–	8	7	1	–
Total home based	7 897	3 589	3 744	1 443	1 199	328	237	197
Independent living-includes private board	119	37	–	29	–	23	–	2
Other (includes unknown living arrangements)	353	–	–	7	–	15	3	12
Total all children	8 636	4 046	3 787	1 615	1 245	468	277	223

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

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tables 15A.32, 15A.49, 15A.66, 15A.83, 15A.100, 15A.117, 15A.134 and 15A.151.

Table 15A.13

Table 15A.13 **Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Australia, 30 June 2003 (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Indigenous								
On a care and protection order	2 016	358	751	418	198	34	47	142
On another type of order	–	7	–	–	54	–	1	..
Not on an order	359	142	62	152	–	9	–	..
Total Indigenous children	2 375	507	813	570	252	43	48	142
Non-Indigenous								
On a care and protection order	5 772	2 729	2 517	718	807	342	217	81
On another type of order	–	100	2	–	186	10	2	..
Not on an order	489	675	455	327	–	73	10	..
Total non-Indigenous children	6 261	3504	2 974	1 045	993	425	229	81
All children								
On a care and protection order	7 788	3 087	3 268	1 136	1 005	376	264	223
On another type of order	–	107	2	–	240	10	3	..
Not on an order	848	817	517	479	–	82	10	..
Total all children	8 636	4 011	3 787	1 615	1 245	468	277	223

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

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

Source: Tables 15A.33, 15A.50, 15A.67, 15A.84, 15A.101, 15A.118, 15A.135 and 15A.152.

Table 15A.14

Table 15A.14 **Number of children in out-of-home care, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Australia, 30 June 2003 (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Indigenous								
Respite	233	10	na	na	3	na	–	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	38	32	85	8	30	6	4	5
1 to less than 6 months	226	89	166	45	49	22	9	15
6 months to less than 1 year	233	59	121	55	22	4	8	27
1 to less than 2 years	271	86	156	99	37	3	7	21
2 to less than 5 years	771	163	163	185	51	1	7	47
5 years or more	594	66	122	178	60	7	13	25
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Total non-respite	2 133	495	813	570	249	43	48	142
Not stated/unknown	9	2	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	2 375	507	813	570	252	43	48	142
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	622	27	na	na	2	na	3	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	96	133	335	35	95	71	22	12
1 to less than 6 months	595	514	724	103	207	157	43	5
6 months to less than 1 year	565	453	458	101	125	72	11	16
1 to less than 2 years	847	569	472	150	141	46	37	8
2 to less than 5 years	1 966	1 023	564	323	206	65	48	26
5 years or more	1 565	772	421	333	217	13	65	12
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	2
Total non-respite	5 634	3 464	2 974	1 045	991	425	226	81
Not stated/unknown	5	48	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	6 261	3 539	2 974	1 045	993	425	229	81
All children								
Respite	855	37	na	na	5	na	3	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	134	165	420	43	125	77	26	17
1 to less than 6 months	821	603	890	148	256	179	52	20
6 months to less than 1 year	798	512	579	156	147	76	19	43
1 to less than 2 years	1 118	655	628	249	178	49	44	29
2 to less than 5 years	2 737	1 186	727	508	257	66	55	73
5 years or more	2 159	838	543	511	277	20	78	37
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	4
Total non-respite	7 767	3 959	3 787	1 615	1 240	468	274	223
Not stated/unknown	14	50	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	8 636	4 046	3 787	1 615	1 245	468	277	223

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

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

Source: Tables 15A.34, 15A.51, 15A.68, 15A.85, 15A.102, 15A.119, 15A.136 and 15A.153.

Table 15A.15

Table 15A.15 **Number of children who exited care during the year 2002-03 by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Australia (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	150	106	117	23	49	na	–	18
6 months to less than 1 year	50	24	30	12	7	na	–	–
1 to less than 2 years	69	27	29	12	19	na	–	3
2 to less than 5 years	82	18	31	25	11	na	–	8
5 years or more	46	10	20	20	15	na	2	–
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–
Total Indigenous children	397	185	227	92	101	na	2	29
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	516	575	438	66	167	na	15	5
6 months to less than 1 year	173	216	145	35	52	na	4	–
1 to less than 2 years	158	171	99	32	48	na	5	2
2 to less than 5 years	201	171	114	47	42	na	11	2
5 years or more	185	75	96	48	63	na	4	2
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	1 233	1 208	892	228	372	na	39	11
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	666	681	555	89	216	na	15	23
6 months to less than 1 year	223	240	175	47	59	na	4	–
1 to less than 2 years	227	198	128	44	67	na	5	5
2 to less than 5 years	283	189	145	72	53	na	11	10
5 years or more	231	85	116	68	78	na	6	2
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–
Total all children	1 630	1 393	1 119	320	473	na	41	40

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

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

Source: Tables 15A.35, 15A.52, 15A.69, 15A.86, 15A.103, 15A.120, 15A.137 and 15A.154.

Table 15A.16

Table 15A.16 Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Australia, 30 June 2002-03 (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>
Number of children at 30 June									
Indigenous	no.	1 662	188	342	323	52	6	22	34
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 267	1 028	587	284	121	65	76	12
All children	no.	4 929	1 216	929	607	173	71	98	46
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June									
Indigenous	%	70.0	37.1	42.1	56.7	20.6	14.0	45.8	23.9
Non-Indigenous	%	52.2	29.0	19.7	27.2	12.2	15.3	33.2	14.8
All children	%	57.1	30.1	24.5	37.6	13.9	15.2	35.4	20.6

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

Source: Tables 15A.36, 15A.53, 15A.70, 15A.87, 15A.104, 15A.121, 15A.138 and 15A.155.

Table 15A.17

Table 15A.17 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care, by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Australia, 30 June 2003 (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>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June									
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle									
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	1 340	104	323	286	39	–	19	51
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	322	65	19	37	13	6	3	na
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	371	75	198	114	113	1	5	43
Indigenous residential care	no.	11	12	6	26	–	–	–	–
Total placed in accordance with principle	no.	2 044	256	546	463	165	7	27	94
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle									
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	281	149	265	78	84	18	14	39
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	33	25	2	23	3	17	7	8
Total not placed in accordance with principle	no.	314	174	267	101	87	35	21	47
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	2 358	430	813	564	252	42	48	141
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>									
Indigenous relative/kin	%	56.8	24.2	39.7	50.7	15.5	–	39.6	36.2
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	13.7	15.1	2.3	6.6	5.2	14.3	6.3	na
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	15.7	17.4	24.4	20.2	44.8	2.4	10.4	30.5
Indigenous residential care	%	0.5	2.8	0.7	4.6	–	–	–	–
Total placed in accordance with principle	%	86.7	59.5	67.2	82.1	65.5	16.7	56.3	66.7
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle									
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	11.9	34.7	32.6	13.8	33.3	42.9	29.2	27.7
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.4	5.8	0.2	4.1	1.2	40.5	14.6	5.7
Total not placed in accordance with principle	%	13.3	40.5	32.8	17.9	34.5	83.3	43.8	33.3
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 15A.17

- (a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.
- (b) The denominator for calculating the percentage of children placed in accordance with the principle excludes Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.
- Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available.

Source: Tables 15A.37, 15A.54, 15A.71, 15A.88, 15A.105, 15A.122, 15A.139 and 15A.156.

Table 15A.18

Table 15A.18 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care and in a home based placement, by Indigenous status, Australia, 30 June 2003 (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>
Number of children									
Indigenous	no.	1 663	325	548	399	167	14	28	105
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 122	2 012	2 052	631	562	211	137	45
All children	no.	5 785	2 337	2 600	1 030	729	225	165	150
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care									
Indigenous	%	97.8	95.6	99.1	92.1	99.4	51.9	90.3	92.1
Non-Indigenous	%	96.6	97.0	99.5	94.5	98.4	75.4	93.8	86.5
All children	%	97.0	96.8	99.4	93.6	98.6	73.3	93.2	90.4

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

Source: Tables 15A.38, 15A.55, 15A.72, 15A.89, 15A.106, 15A.123, 15A.140 and 15A.157.

Table 15A.19

Table 15A.19 Number of children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care during the year 2002-03 by number of placements by the length of time in out-of-home care, Australia (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care								
1 placement	193	235	279	4	12	na	7	14
2 placements	101	76	69	–	8	na	2	7
3 placements	32	25	16	–	9	na	4	2
4–5 placements	10	10	5	–	–	na	–	–
6–10 placements	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–
11 or more placements	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–
Total children	336	346	369	4	29	na	13	23
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care								
1 placement	73	97	78	7	7	na	–	–
2 placement	23	51	41	9	7	na	–	–
3 placement	12	20	20	1	5	na	1	–
4–5 placement	3	6	20	1	1	na	1	–
6–10 placements	1	1	1	–	–	na	1	–
11 or more placements	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–
Total children	112	175	160	18	20	na	3	–
<i>Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements</i>								
1-2 placements	390	459	467	20	34	na	9	21
3 or more placements	58	62	62	2	15	na	7	2
	448	521	529	22	49	na	16	23
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care								
1 placement	76	75	46	14	6	na	1	1
2 placement	31	49	38	3	5	na	2	–
3 placement	19	19	20	3	9	na	1	4
4–5 placement	8	14	15	3	7	na	–	–
6–10 placements	–	7	–	2	5	na	1	–
11 or more placements	–	–	–	–	1	na	–	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–
Total children	134	164	119	25	33	na	5	5
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care								
1 placement	73	66	46	18	3	na	3	–
2 placement	36	23	36	10	2	na	2	4
3 placement	31	27	25	11	1	na	1	2
4–5 placement	23	22	–	–	7	na	1	3
6–10 placements	2	15	–	1	7	na	2	1
11 or more placements	–	3	–	1	8	na	1	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–
Total children	165	156	107	41	28	–	10	10

Table 15A.19

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
5 years or more in out-of-home care								
1 placement	139	34	32	12	26	na	1	–
2 placement	17	16	30	12	6	na	1	–
3 placement	8	3	21	8	4	na	2	–
4–5 placement	4	11	17	9	6	na	–	–
6–10 placements	4	2	12	14	12	na	–	1
11 or more placements	–	1	–	3	16	na	–	1
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–
Total children	172	67	112	58	70	na	4	2
<i>Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months, by number of different placements</i>								
1-2 placements	372	263	228	69	48	na	10	5
3 or more placements	99	124	110	55	83	na	9	12
	471	387	338	124	131	na	19	17
All								
1 placement	554	507	481	55	54	na	12	15
2 placements	208	215	214	34	28	na	7	11
3 placements	102	94	102	23	28	na	9	8
4–5 placements	48	63	57	13	21	na	2	3
6–10 placements	7	25	13	17	24	na	4	2
11 or more placements	–	4	–	4	25	na	1	1
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–
Total children	919	908	867	146	180	na	35	40

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

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

Source: Tables 15A.39, 15A.56, 15A.73, 15A.90, 15A.107, 15A.124, 15A.141 and 15A.158.

Table 15A.20

Table 15A.20 **Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, Australia, 2002-03 (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>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	na	na	221	12	na	1	1	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	4.3	0.5	na	0.1	0.2	na
Other children									
Number of children	no.	na	na	4 889	2 272	na	756	536	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	95.7	99.5	na	99.9	99.8	na
All children in out-of-home care	no.	na	na	5 110	2 284	na	757	537	na

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

na Not available.

Source: Tables 15A.40, 15A.57, 15A.74, 15A.91, 15A.108, 15A.125, 15A.142 and 15A.159.

Table 15A.21

Table 15A.21 **Intensive family support services, 2002-03**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (a)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support service by Indigenous status								
Indigenous	38	97	17	58	78	6	19	na
Non-Indigenous	100	1 018	111	329	177	65	104	na
All children	138	1 115	128	387	255	71	123	na
Number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by sex								
Male	64	390	64	193	142	33	65	na
Female	74	309	64	194	113	38	58	na
Unknown	–	416	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total	138	1 115	128	387	255	71	123	na
Number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by age (a)								
0–4	37	659	54	187	92	13	41	na
5–9	63	252	34	112	76	25	36	na
10–14	33	167	27	–	68	27	39	na
15–17	5	37	13	–	12	6	7	na
Unknown	–	–	–	88	7	–	–	na
Total	138	1 115	128	387	255	71	123	na
Number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by living situation at commencement of the program								
Family care								
Child living with parent(s)	138	1 041	99	na	na	57	101	na
Child living with other relatives/kin	–	1	8	na	na	3	12	na
Child in out-of-home care	–	26	–	na	na	3	8	na
Child in shared care	–	13	21	na	na	–	1	na
Other	–	13	–	na	na	8	1	na
Not available	–	39	–	na	na	–	–	na
Total	138	1 120	128	387	255	71	123	na

(a) For WA, age is broken down by 0-4 years, 5-8 years, 9-12 years and 12 years and over. WA data for 9-12 years and 12 years and over are included in 'unknown'.

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

Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), Family Preservation Services, Australia - data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.22

Table 15A.22 Target population data used for annual data ('000)

	<i>Children aged 0–16 years</i>					<i>Children aged 0–17 years</i>				
	<i>Dec 1998</i>	<i>Dec 1999</i>	<i>Dec 2000</i>	<i>Dec 2001</i>	<i>Dec 2002</i>	<i>Dec 1998</i>	<i>Dec 1999</i>	<i>Dec 2000</i>	<i>Dec 2001</i>	<i>Dec 2002</i>
<i>NSW</i>										
Indigenous	51.6	52.3	52.9	59.8	59.6	54.0	54.8	55.6	62.5	62.3
Non-Indigenous	1 443.8	1 445.0	1 442.7	1 470.4	1 458.5	1 529.3	1 531.4	1 529.2	1 558.9	1 547.5
All children	1 495.4	1 497.3	1 495.6	1 530.2	1 518.2	1 583.3	1 586.2	1 584.8	1 621.5	1 609.8
<i>Vic</i>										
Indigenous	10.1	10.2	10.4	12.0	12.0	10.5	10.7	10.9	12.6	12.5
Non-Indigenous	1 066.9	1 066.6	1 068.3	1 084.5	1 080.0	1 130.6	1 130.9	1 133.1	1 150.3	1 146.5
All children	1 077.0	1 076.8	1 078.7	1 096.5	1 092.0	1 141.1	1 141.6	1 144.0	1 162.9	1 159.0
<i>Qld</i>										
Indigenous	49.9	50.9	51.8	55.6	55.5	52.2	53.3	54.4	58.1	58.0
Non-Indigenous	801.0	804.1	808.7	827.2	834.1	849.8	854.4	859.6	877.8	885.4
All children	850.9	854.9	860.5	882.7	889.6	902.0	907.8	914.0	935.9	943.4
<i>WA</i>										
Indigenous	25.6	25.9	26.1	28.5	28.4	26.8	27.1	27.4	29.8	29.7
Non-Indigenous	426.3	427.3	427.1	430.3	427.0	451.9	453.5	453.8	457.4	454.6
All children	451.9	453.1	453.2	458.8	455.4	478.7	480.6	481.2	487.2	484.3
<i>SA</i>										
Indigenous	10.0	10.2	10.3	10.9	10.9	10.5	10.7	10.9	11.5	11.5
Non-Indigenous	325.9	323.6	320.8	321.9	318.6	345.4	343.4	341.0	342.5	339.1
All children	336.0	333.8	331.1	332.8	329.5	355.9	354.1	351.8	354.0	350.5
<i>Tas</i>										
Indigenous	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.7	7.7	7.4	7.4	7.4	8.1	8.1
Non-Indigenous	108.3	106.4	104.8	104.9	103.5	115.0	113.0	111.4	111.4	110.1
All children	115.4	113.4	111.8	112.6	111.3	122.4	120.5	118.8	119.5	118.2

Table 15A.22

Table 15A.22 Target population data used for annual data ('000)

	<i>Children aged 0–16 years</i>					<i>Children aged 0–17 years</i>				
	<i>Dec 1998</i>	<i>Dec 1999</i>	<i>Dec 2000</i>	<i>Dec 2001</i>	<i>Dec 2002</i>	<i>Dec 1998</i>	<i>Dec 1999</i>	<i>Dec 2000</i>	<i>Dec 2001</i>	<i>Dec 2002</i>
<i>ACT</i>										
Indigenous	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.8
Non-Indigenous	72.9	72.4	71.7	73.1	71.8	77.6	77.2	76.4	77.9	76.5
All children	74.3	73.9	73.2	74.7	73.5	79.1	78.7	77.9	79.7	78.3
<i>NT</i>										
Indigenous	22.5	22.6	22.7	22.9	22.8	23.7	23.9	23.9	24.1	23.9
Non-Indigenous	33.9	34.0	34.1	34.2	33.7	35.6	36.1	35.8	36.1	35.6
All children	56.4	56.6	56.8	57.1	56.6	59.3	60.0	59.8	60.1	59.5
<i>Australia</i>										
Indigenous	178.1	180.5	182.7	199.2	198.6	186.6	189.6	192.0	208.5	207.8
Non-Indigenous	4 279.1	4 279.3	4 278.2	4 346.3	4 327.3	4 535.2	4 540.0	4 540.3	4 612.2	4 595.2
All children	4 457.2	4 459.8	4 460.8	4 545.5	4 525.9	4 721.9	4 729.6	4 732.3	4 820.7	4 803.1

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), population by age and sex (31 March estimates and 31 December estimates); ABS Indigenous population by age and sex (30 June estimates).

Table 15A.23

Table 15A.23 Target population data used for end of financial year data ('000)

	Children aged 0–16 years					Children aged 0–17 years				
	Mar 1999	Mar 2000	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 1999	Mar 2000	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003
<i>NSW</i>										
Indigenous	51.6	52.3	52.9	59.8	59.6	54.5	55.2	55.9	62.5	62.3
Non-Indigenous	1 443.8	1 445.0	1 442.7	1 470.4	1 458.5	1 528.0	1 525.8	1 527.3	1 556.6	1 543.4
All children	1 495.4	1 497.3	1 495.6	1 530.2	1 518.2	1 582.5	1 581.0	1 583.2	1 619.2	1 605.7
<i>Vic</i>										
Indigenous	10.1	10.2	10.4	12.0	12.0	10.6	10.8	10.9	12.6	12.5
Non-Indigenous	1 066.9	1 066.6	1 068.3	1 084.5	1 080.0	1 129.6	1 130.0	1 132.1	1 149.9	1 146.9
All children	1 077.0	1 076.8	1 078.7	1 096.5	1 092.0	1 140.3	1 140.8	1 143.0	1 162.4	1 159.4
<i>Qld</i>										
Indigenous	49.9	50.9	51.8	55.6	55.5	52.8	53.9	54.8	58.1	58.0
Non-Indigenous	801.0	804.1	808.7	827.2	834.1	851.8	855.2	860.7	880.0	887.1
All children	850.9	854.9	860.5	882.7	889.6	904.6	909.1	915.6	938.1	945.1
<i>WA</i>										
Indigenous	25.6	25.9	26.1	28.5	28.4	27.0	27.3	27.5	29.8	29.7
Non-Indigenous	426.3	427.3	427.1	430.3	427.0	452.5	453.5	453.4	456.0	455.1
All children	451.9	453.1	453.2	458.8	455.4	479.4	480.7	480.9	485.8	484.8
<i>SA</i>										
Indigenous	10.0	10.2	10.3	10.9	10.9	10.6	10.8	10.9	11.5	11.5
Non-Indigenous	325.9	323.6	320.8	321.9	318.6	345.0	342.9	340.2	341.7	338.5
All children	336.0	333.8	331.1	332.8	329.5	355.6	353.7	351.2	353.2	350.0
<i>Tas</i>										
Indigenous	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.7	7.7	7.4	7.4	7.4	8.1	8.1
Non-Indigenous	108.3	106.4	104.8	104.9	103.5	114.5	113.0	111.4	111.1	110.1
All children	115.4	113.4	111.8	112.6	111.3	121.9	120.4	118.8	119.3	118.2

Table 15A.23

Table 15A.23 Target population data used for end of financial year data ('000)

	Children aged 0–16 years					Children aged 0–17 years				
	Mar 1999	Mar 2000	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 1999	Mar 2000	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003
<i>ACT</i>										
Indigenous	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.8
Non-Indigenous	72.9	72.4	71.7	73.1	71.8	77.5	76.7	76.3	77.7	76.2
All children	74.3	73.9	73.2	74.7	73.5	79.0	78.2	77.9	79.5	78.0
<i>NT</i>										
Indigenous	22.5	22.6	22.7	22.9	22.8	23.7	23.9	24.0	24.1	23.9
Non-Indigenous	33.9	34.0	34.1	34.2	33.7	35.6	35.6	36.0	35.9	35.5
All children	56.4	56.6	56.8	57.1	56.6	59.3	59.5	60.0	60.0	59.5
<i>Australia</i>										
Indigenous	178.1	180.5	182.7	199.2	198.6	188.1	190.8	193.1	208.5	207.8
Non-Indigenous	4 279.1	4 279.3	4 278.2	4 346.3	4 327.3	4 534.5	4 532.7	4 537.4	4 608.9	4 592.9
All children	4 457.2	4 459.8	4 460.8	4 545.5	4 525.9	4 722.6	4 723.5	4 730.5	4 817.4	4 800.7

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), population by age and sex (31 March estimates and 31 December estimates); ABS Indigenous population by age and sex (30 June estimates).

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Table 15A.24

Table 15A.24 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f),(g),(h)**

	1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
<i>Number of notifications involving Indigenous children</i>										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	1 026	28.9	839	25.3	1 023	22.7	1 101	17.1	3 051	22.5
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	815	18.1	1 118	17.4	93	0.7
Not substantiated	na	na	na	na	779	17.3	1 252	19.5	1 245	9.2
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	2 617	58.1	3 471	54.1	4 389	32.3
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	na	na	na	na	673	14.9	971	15.1	2 614	19.2
Total notifications investigated	2 673	75.4	2 522	76.1	3 290	73.0	4 442	69.2	7 003	51.5
Notifications dealt with by other means	872	24.6	790	23.9	1 216	27.0	1 979	30.8	6 586	48.5
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	3 545	100.0	3 312	100.0	4 506	100.0	6 421	100.0	13 589	100.0
<i>Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children</i>										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	6 514	23.3	5 638	20.8	6 478	17.8	7 505	15.4	13 714	14.3
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	3 785	10.4	4 826	9.9	535	0.6
Not substantiated	na	na	na	na	7 033	19.3	10 453	21.4	7 825	8.2
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	17 296	47.5	22 784	46.7	22 074	23.0
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	na	na	na	na	4 706	12.9	6 392	13.1	16 188	16.9
Total notifications investigated	17 125	61.2	15 585	57.5	22 002	60.4	29 176	59.8	38 262	39.9
Notifications dealt with by other means	10 843	38.8	11 501	42.5	14 429	39.6	19 611	40.2	57 647	60.1
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	27 968	100.0	27 086	100.0	36 431	100.0	48 787	100.0	95 909	100.0

Table 15A.24

Table 15A.24 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f),(g),(h)**

	1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
<i>Number of notifications involving all children</i>										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	7 540	23.9	6 477	21.3	7 501	18.3	8 606	15.6	16 765	15.3
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	4 600	11.2	5 944	10.8	628	0.6
Not substantiated	8 761	27.8	7 628	25.1	7 812	19.1	11 705	21.2	9 070	8.3
Total investigations finalised	16 301	51.7	14 105	46.4	19 913	48.6	26 255	47.6	26 463	24.2
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	3 497	11.1	4 002	13.2	5 379	13.1	7 363	13.3	18 802	17.2
Total notifications investigated	19 798	62.8	18 107	59.6	25 292	61.8	33 618	60.9	45 265	41.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	11 715	37.2	12 291	40.4	15 645	38.2	21 590	39.1	64 233	58.7
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total notifications all children	31 513	100.0	30 398	100.0	40 937	100.0	55 208	100.0	109 498	100.0

- (a) During 1998-99, a new method of recording Indigenous status was implemented in NSW, which has improved the accuracy of this information. The apparent increase in the rate of Indigenous clients from 1998-99 is likely to be a reflection of the improved recording of Indigenous status rather than a true increase in the number of Indigenous clients.
- (b) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these was counted.
- (c) From 1998-99, the definition of an investigation was changed to include the interviewing or sighting of a child where practicable.
- (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) Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.
- (f) Data on the number of investigations finalised and not finalised by Indigenous status were not collected between 1998-99 and 1999-2000.
- (g) From 2000-01, the category 'child at risk' included children where no actual harm is determined but carer/family issues were involved
- (h) The data for 2002-03 and previous years should not be compared. NSW implemented a modification to the data system to support legislation and associated practice changes during 2002-03 which would make any comparison inaccurate.
- Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable. na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.25

Table 15A.25 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a),(b),(c)**

		<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na	632	531	333	464	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	201	282	168	262	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	891	833	813	501	726	
Children discharged from orders	no.	610	555	553	401	507	
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na	2 177	1 850	1 644	1 471	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	607	810	729	792	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	3 008	2 784	2 660	2 373	2 263	
Children discharged from orders	no.	2 153	1 984	1 818	1 860	1 767	
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na	2 809.0	2 381	1 977	1 935	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	808.0	1 092	897	1 054	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	3 899	3 617	3 473	2 874	2 989	
Children discharged from orders	no.	2 763	2 539	2 371	2 261	2 274	

(a) During 1998-99 a new method of recording Indigenous status was implemented in NSW, which has improved the accuracy of this information. The apparent increase in the rate of Indigenous clients from 1998-99 is likely to be a reflection of the improved recording of Indigenous status rather than a true increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

(b) NSW could not provide data on whether children were admitted to orders for the first time prior to 1999-2000.

(c) Data on whether children had prior admissions to orders, only includes those who had prior admissions within the last five years.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.26

Table 15A.26 **Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	1 330	1 512	1 798	1 762	1 958
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	224	304	264	223	292
Other/not stated	8	10	8	7	15
Total Indigenous children on orders	1 562	1 826	2 070	1 992	2 265
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	4 398	4 837	5 244	5 334	5 915
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	960	974	775	870	769
Other/not stated	28	24	16	33	26
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	5 386	5 835	6 035	6 237	6 710
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	5 728	6 349	7 042	7 096	7 873
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	1 184	1 278	1 039	1 093	1 061
Other/not stated	36	34	24	40	41
Total all children on orders	6 948	7 661	8 105	8 229	8 975

(a) During 1998-99 a new method of recording Indigenous status was implemented in NSW, which has improved the accuracy of this information. The apparent increase in the rate of Indigenous clients from 1998-99 is likely to be a reflection of the improved recording of Indigenous status rather than a true increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

(b) The data from 1998-99 onwards do not include children on 'finalised supervisory orders' because this information is no longer provided to the Department of Community Services by the children's court.

(c) These data for 2002-03 and previous years should not be compared. NSW implemented a modification to the data system to support legislation and associated practice changes during 2002-03 which would make any comparison inaccurate.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.27

Table 15A.27 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations, by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	2 545	2 466	3 085	3 758	6 328
Non-Indigenous	22 739	22 113	27 925	35 010	59 293
All children	25 284	24 579	31 010	38 768	65 621
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	49.3	47.2	58.3	62.8	106.2
Non-Indigenous	15.7	15.3	19.4	23.8	40.7
All children	16.9	16.4	20.7	25.3	43.2
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 802	1 671	1 988	2 479	2 675
Non-Indigenous	12 015	10 334	14 161	17 940	15 136
All children	13 817	12 005	16 149	20 419	17 811
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	34.9	32.0	37.6	41.4	44.9
Non-Indigenous	8.3	7.2	9.8	12.2	10.4
All children	9.2	8.0	10.8	13.3	11.7
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	858	761	875	913	1 910
Non-Indigenous	5 821	5 054	5 655	6 361	9 524
All children	6 679	5 815	6 530	7 274	11 434
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	16.6	14.6	16.5	15.3	32.0
Non-Indigenous	4.0	3.5	3.9	4.3	6.5
All children	4.5	3.9	4.4	4.8	7.5
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 562	1 826	2 070	1 992	2 265
Non-Indigenous	5 386	5 835	6 035	6 237	6 710
All children	6 948	7 661	8 105	8 229	8 975
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	28.7	33.1	37.0	31.9	36.4
Non-Indigenous	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.3
All children	4.4	4.8	5.1	5.1	5.6

Table 15A.27 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations, by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

- (a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0-16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0-16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1 000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.
- (b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1 000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.
- (c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 and 2002-03 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2004.
- (d) During 1998-99 a new method of recording Indigenous status was implemented in NSW, which has improved the accuracy of this information. The apparent increase in the rate of Indigenous clients from 1998-99 is likely to be a reflection of the improved recording of Indigenous status rather than a true increase in the number of Indigenous clients.
- (e) The data for 2002-03 and previous years should not be compared. NSW implemented a modification to the data system to support legislation and associated practice changes during 2002-03 which would make any comparison inaccurate.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection* (unpublished), AIHW *Children on care and protection orders Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.28

Table 15A.28 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, New South Wales (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Number of children						
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	236	167	155	122	221
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	783	625	546	436	777
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.1	2.2
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	9.1	8.7	8.8	7.6	7.6

(a) The data for 2002-03 and previous years should not be compared. NSW implemented a modification to the data system to support legislation and associated practice changes during 2002-03 which would make any comparison inaccurate.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.29 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, New South Wales (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Number of children						
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	297	267	212	326	394
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	819	661	600	738	976
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	3.9	4.0	3.6	4.9	5.3
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	10.8	9.8	10.2	11.1	13.2

(a) The data for 2002-03 and previous years should not be compared. NSW implemented a modification to the data system to support legislation and associated practice changes during 2002-03 which would make any comparison inaccurate.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.30 Resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate, New South Wales (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>199-2000</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Resubstantiation rate – 3 months	%	3.9	4.0	3.6	4.9	5.3
Resubstantiation rate – 12 months	%	10.8	9.8	10.2	11.1	13.2
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate – 3 months	%	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.1	2.2
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate – 12 months	%	9.1	8.7	8.8	7.6	7.6
	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	46.3	45.9	37.7	32.8	63.4

(a) The data for 2002-03 and previous years should not be compared. NSW implemented a modification to the data system to support legislation and associated practice changes during 2002-03 which would make any comparison inaccurate.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.31

Table 15A.31 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June (d)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	1 591	1 815	2 139	2 098	2 375
Non-Indigenous	4 768	5 226	5 647	5 986	6 261
All children	6 359	7 041	7 786	8 084	8 636
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	29.2	32.9	38.3	33.5	38.1
Non-Indigenous	3.1	3.4	3.7	3.8	4.1
All children	4.0	4.5	4.9	5.0	5.4
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year (e)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	1 848	2 303	2 818	2 833	3 159
Non-Indigenous	6 269	7 451	8 417	8 670	9 153
All children	8 117	9 754	11 235	11 503	12 312
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	34.2	42.0	50.7	45.3	50.7
Non-Indigenous	4.1	4.9	5.5	5.6	5.9
All children	5.1	6.1	7.1	7.1	7.6

- (a) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out of home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in out of home care were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.
- (b) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in at least one placement were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.
- (c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 and 2002-03 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2004.
- (d) The data on children in out-of-home care include the following categories of children even if they do not meet the definition of 'out-of-home care': wards, children under a guardianship order, protected persons (including overseas adoptees) and pre-adoption placements.
- (e) During 1998-99 a new method of recording Indigenous status was implemented in NSW, which has improved the accuracy of this information. The apparent increase in the rate of Indigenous clients from 1998-99 onwards is likely to be a reflection of the improved recording of Indigenous status rather than a true increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.32

Table 15A.32 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, New South Wales (a), (b)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
Residential care	47	46	66	38	44
Home based care					
Foster care	380	434	555	511	594
Relative/kinship care	1 115	1 282	1 458	1 491	1 662
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	1 495	1 716	2 013	2 002	2 256
Independent living-includes private board	13	15	17	14	16
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	36	38	43	44	59
Total Indigenous children	1 591	1 815	2 139	2 098	2 375
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	295	260	275	231	223
Home based care					
Foster care	1 958	2 076	2 232	2 287	2 374
Relative/kinship care	2 138	2 530	2 821	3 109	3 267
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	4 096	4 606	5 053	5 396	5 641
Independent living-includes private board	133	119	103	101	103
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	244	241	216	258	294
Total non-Indigenous children	4 768	5 226	5 647	5 986	6 261
All children					
Residential care	342	306	341	269	267
Home based care					
Foster care	2 338	2 510	2 787	2 798	2 968
Relative/kinship care	3 253	3 812	4 279	4 600	4 929
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based care	5 591	6 322	7 066	7 398	7 897
Independent living-includes private board	146	134	120	115	119
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	280	279	259	302	353
Total all children	6 359	7 041	7 786	8 084	8 636

(a) Residential care includes family group homes.

(b) During 1998-99 a new method of recording Indigenous status was implemented in NSW, which has improved the accuracy of this information. The apparent increase in the rate of Indigenous clients from 1998-99 is likely to be a reflection of the improved recording of Indigenous status rather than a true increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.33

Table 15A.33 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, New South Wales (a), (b)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	1 334	1 555	1 814	1 774	2 016
On another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	257	260	325	324	359
Total Indigenous children	1 591	1 815	2 139	2 098	2 375
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	4 448	4 856	5 138	5 449	5 772
On another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	320	370	509	537	489
Total non-Indigenous children	4 768	5 226	5 647	5 986	6 261
All children					
On a care and protection order	5 782	6 411	6 952	7 223	7 788
On another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	577	630	834	861	848
Total all children	6 359	7 041	7 786	8 084	8 636

(a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; and those on interim or temporary orders. 'On another type of order' includes offence orders or other orders that are not care and protection orders. Data on children 'on another type of order' were not collected in 1997-98. These were included in the category 'not on an order'.

(b) During 1998-99 a new method of recording Indigenous status was implemented in NSW, which has improved the accuracy of this information. The apparent increase in the rate of Indigenous clients from 1998-99 is likely to be a reflection of the improved recording of Indigenous status rather than a true increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.34

Table 15A.34 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, New South Wales (a), (b)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
Respite	162	174	252	209	233
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	35	61	31	21	38
1 to less than 6 months	227	213	184	143	226
6 months to less than 1 year	207	211	242	181	233
1 to less than 2 years	300	308	369	305	271
2 to less than 5 years	320	481	648	779	771
5 years or more	338	365	408	456	594
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 427	1 639	1 882	1 885	2 133
Not stated/unknown	2	2	5	4	9
Total Indigenous children	1 591	1 815	2 139	2 098	2 375
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	448	541	669	700	622
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	162	160	155	124	96
1 to less than 6 months	631	622	524	535	595
6 months to less than 1 year	575	583	615	527	565
1 to less than 2 years	761	878	936	911	847
2 to less than 5 years	1 166	1 381	1 559	1 834	1 966
5 years or more	1 023	1 059	1 185	1 351	1 565
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	4 318	4 683	4 974	5 282	5 634
Not stated/unknown	2	2	4	4	5
Total non-Indigenous children	4 768	5 226	5 647	5 986	6 261
All children					
Respite	610	715	921	909	855
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	197	221	186	145	134
1 to less than 6 months	858	835	708	678	821
6 months to less than 1 year	782	794	857	708	798
1 to less than 2 years	1 061	1 186	1 305	1 216	1 118
2 to less than 5 years	1 486	1 862	2 207	2 613	2 737
5 years or more	1 361	1 424	1 593	1 807	2 159
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	5 745	6 322	6 856	7 167	7 767
Not stated/unknown	4	4	9	8	14
Total all children	6 359	7 041	7 786	8 084	8 636

(a) This indicates the length of time a child has been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

Table 15A.34 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, New South Wales (a), (b)**

- (b) During 1998-99 a new method of recording Indigenous status was implemented in NSW, which has improved the accuracy of this information. The apparent increase in the rate of Indigenous clients – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.35

Table 15A.35 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, New South Wales (a), (b)

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	249	246	166	150
6 months to less than 1 year	na	99	102	59	50
1 to less than 2 years	na	68	78	61	69
2 to less than 5 years	na	40	73	78	82
5 years or more	na	17	52	60	46
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	na	473	551	424	397
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	511	549	589	516
6 months to less than 1 year	na	178	180	162	173
1 to less than 2 years	na	161	225	206	158
2 to less than 5 years	na	144	214	259	201
5 years or more	na	51	170	235	185
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	na	1 045	1 338	1 451	1 233
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	na	760	795	755	666
6 months to less than 1 year	na	277	282	221	223
1 to less than 2 years	na	229	303	267	227
2 to less than 5 years	na	184	287	337	283
5 years or more	na	68	222	295	231
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	–	–
Total all children	na	1 518	1 889	1 875	1 630

(a) During 1998-99 a new method of recording Indigenous status was implemented in NSW, which has improved the accuracy of this information. The apparent increase in the rate of Indigenous clients from 1998-99 is likely to be a reflection of the improved recording of Indigenous status rather than a true increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

(b) Separate data on children who exited care provided by non government organisations (NGOs) is in development but not currently available. Estimate figures are provided for these children exiting care. Data on these children are estimated using data already available.
– Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.36

Table 15A.36 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	1 115	1 282	1 458	1 491	1 662
Non-Indigenous	no.	2 138	2 530	2 821	3 109	3 267
All children	no.	3 253	3 812	4 279	4 600	4 929
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	70.1	70.6	68.2	71.1	70.0
Non-Indigenous	%	44.8	48.4	50.0	51.9	52.2
All children	%	51.2	54.1	55.0	56.9	57.1

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) During 1998-99 a new method of recording Indigenous status was implemented in NSW, which has improved the accuracy of this information. The apparent increase in the rate of Indigenous clients from 1998-99 is likely to be a reflection of the improved recording of Indigenous status rather than a true increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.37

Table 15A.37 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June					
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Indigenous relative/kin	869	999	1 187	1 212	1 340
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	246	–	271	279	322
Other Indigenous caregiver	430	462	395	339	371
Indigenous residential care	..	..	..	9	11
Total placed in accordance with principle	1 545	1 461	1 853	1 839	2 044
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	46	342	224	215	281
In non-Indigenous residential care	..	..	41	29	33
Total not placed in accordance with principle	46	342	265	244	314
Independent living/unknown	..	..	21	15	17
Total Indigenous children in care	1 591	1 803	2 139	2 098	2 375
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Indigenous relative/kin	54.6	55.4	55.5	57.8	56.4
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	15.5	–	12.7	13.3	13.6
Other Indigenous caregiver	27.0	25.6	18.5	16.2	15.6
Indigenous residential care	..	..	..	0.4	0.5
Total placed in accordance with principle	97.1	81.0	86.6	87.7	86.1
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	2.9	19.0	10.5	10.2	11.8
In non-Indigenous residential care	..	..	1.9	1.4	1.4
Total not placed in accordance with principle	2.9	19.0	12.4	11.6	13.2
Total Indigenous children in care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out of home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.
- (b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.
- (c) During 1998-99 a new method of recording Indigenous status was implemented in NSW, which has improved the accuracy of this information. The apparent increase in the rate of Indigenous clients from 1998-99 is likely to be a reflection of the improved recording of Indigenous status rather than a true increase in the number of Indigenous clients.
- (d) In 2000 there were 12 children where the Indigenous status of the caregiver was unknown. These children were included in the category 'in non-Indigenous residential care'.
- (e) In 2001, children in facility-based care with Indigenous caregivers were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'. In 2000-01, Indigenous children in facility-based care/independent living/unknown include 41 children in facility-based care, 17 children living independently and 4 children for whom no details are known.
- Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.38

Table 15A.38 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	1 095	1 295	1 520	1 494	1 663
Non-Indigenous	no.	2 950	3 405	3 785	4 004	4 122
All children	no.	4 045	4 700	5 305	5 498	5 785
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	96.8	96.8	96.7	98.1	97.8
Non-Indigenous	%	94.2	95.4	96.9	96.6	96.6
All children	%	94.9	95.8	96.8	97.0	97.0

- (a) The percentage of children under 12 years in home-based placements was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children under 12 years old in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) During 1998-99 a new method of recording Indigenous status was implemented in NSW, which has improved the accuracy of this information. The apparent increase in the rate of Indigenous clients from 1998-99 is likely to be a reflection of the improved recording of Indigenous status rather than a true increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.39

Table 15A.39 Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, New South Wales (a), (b), (c)

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	227	193
2 placements	88	101
3 placements	28	32
4-5 placements	4	10
6-10 placements	1	-
11 or more placements	-	-
Unknown	-	-
Total children	348	336
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	76	73
2 placements	24	23
3 placements	5	12
4-5 placements	11	3
6-10 placements	1	1
11 or more placements	-	-
Unknown	-	-
Total children	117	112
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	107	76
2 placements	32	31
3 placements	13	19
4-5 placements	13	8
6-10 placements	-	-
11 or more placements	-	-
Unknown	-	-
Total children	165	134
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	89	73
2 placements	47	36
3 placements	35	31
4-5 placements	-	-	-	19	23
6-10 placements	-	-	-	9	2
11 or more placements	1	-
Unknown	-	-
Total children	200	165

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5 years or more in out-of-home care

1 placement	183	139
2 placement	20	17
2-3 placements	7	8
4-5 placement	..	..	..	1	4
6-10 placements	..	..	..	5	4
11 or more placements	..	..	..	1	-
Unknown	..	..	..	-	-
Total children	..	..	..	217	172
Total children exiting out-of-home care	..	..	..	1 047	919

(a) These data were not collected prior to 2001-02.

(b) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(c) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.40 **Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, New South Wales (a)**

		<i>Unit</i>	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household							
Number of children	no.		na	na	na	na	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%		na	na	na	na	na
Other children							
Number of children	no.		na	na	na	na	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%		na	na	na	na	na
All children in out-of-home care	no.		na	na	na	na	na

(a) NSW could not provide data for this indicator.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

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Table 15A.41

Table 15A.41 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	na	na	629	31.3	650	32.3	630	29.5	725	29.8
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	na	na	na	na	353	17.5	394	18.5	470	19.3
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	1 003	49.8	1 024	48.0	1 195	49.2
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	na	na	na	na	22	1.1	28	1.3	26	1.1
Total notifications investigated	na	na	1 028	51.2	1 025	50.9	1 052	49.3	1 221	50.2
Notifications dealt with by other means	na	na	980	48.8	988	49.1	1 082	50.7	1 210	49.8
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other	na	na	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total notifications involving Indigenous childrer	na	na	2 008	100.0	2 013	100.0	2 134	100.0	2 431	100.0
<i>Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children</i>										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	na	na	6 730	29.3	6 958	19.9	7 057	19.7	6 562	18.6
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	na	na	na	na	4 949	14.2	4 787	13.4	4 643	13.2
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	11 907	34.1	11 844	33.0	11 205	31.8
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	na	na	na	na	273	0.8	315	0.9	343	1.0
Total notifications investigated	na	na	na	na	12 180	34.8	12 159	33.9	11 548	32.8
Notifications dealt with by other means	na	na	22 932	100.0	22 773	65.2	23 683	66.1	23 656	67.2
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other	na	na	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous chi	na	na	22 932	100.0	34 953	100.0	35 842	100.0	35 204	100.0

Table 15A.41

Table 15A.41 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
Number of notifications involving all children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	7 251	20.9	7 359	20.0	7 608	20.6	7 687	20.2	7 287	19.4
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	6 134	17.7	5 223	14.2	5 302	14.3	5 181	13.6	5 113	13.6
Total investigations finalised	13 385	38.6	12 582	34.2	12 910	34.9	12 868	33.9	12 400	32.9
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	323	0.9	311	0.8	295	0.8	343	0.9	369	1.0
Total notifications investigated	13 708	39.5	12 893	35.0	13 205	35.7	13 211	34.8	12 769	33.9
Notifications dealt with by other means	20 971	60.5	23 912	65.0	23 761	64.3	24 765	65.2	24 866	66.1
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total notifications all children	34 679	100.0	36 805	100.0	36 966	100.0	37 976	100.0	37 635	100.0

(a) Victoria was not able to provide data on Indigenous children in 1998-99.

(b) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these were counted. From 1998-99 the definition of an investigation was changed to include the interviewing or sighting of a child where practicable.

(c) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.

(d) In Victoria if a case is open following the first notification, no further notifications concerning the child are counted.

(e) Data on the number of investigations finalised and not finalised by Indigenous status were not collected between 1998-99 and 1999-00.

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

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.42

Table 15A.42 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b)**

		<i>Unit</i>	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na	164	165	160	147	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	107	143	143	131	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	na	271	308	303	278	
Children discharged from orders	no.	na	174	199	235	220	
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na	1 307	1 315	1 324	1 270	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	1 029	989	1 049	1 057	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	na	2 336	2 304	2 373	2 327	
Children discharged from orders	no.	na	1 803	1 833	1 719	1 826	
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	1 632	1 471	1 480	1 484	1 417	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	974	1 136	1 132	1 192	1 188	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	2 606	2 607	2 612	2 676	2 605	
Children discharged from orders	no.	2 768	1 977	2 032	1 954	2 046	

(a) Victoria was not able to provide data on Indigenous children in 1998-99.

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

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.43

Table 15A.43 **Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June, by type of order and Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	na	347	370	377	388
Finalised supervisory orders	na	75	108	114	119
Interim and temporary orders	na	26	34	19	27
Other/not stated	na	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	na	448	512	510	534
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	na	3 135	3 168	3 240	3 262
Finalised supervisory orders	na	982	942	1 043	1 090
Interim and temporary orders	na	187	160	182	152
Other/not stated	na	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	na	4 304	4 270	4 465	4 504
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	3 085	3 482	3 538	3 617	3 650
Finalised supervisory orders	1 121	1 057	1 050	1 157	1 209
Interim and temporary orders	152	213	194	201	179
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	4 358	4 752	4 782	4 975	5 038

(a) Victoria was not able to provide data on Indigenous children in 1998-99.

(b) Permanent care orders are included in the category 'finalised guardianship and custody orders'.

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

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

Table 15A.44

Table 15A.44 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations, by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d)

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	na	1 285	1 398	1 449	1 638
Non-Indigenous	na	25 552	26 378	26 983	26 741
All children	26 646	26 837	27 776	28 432	28 379
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	na	125.5	134.8	120.5	136.6
Non-Indigenous	na	24.0	24.7	24.9	24.8
All children	24.7	24.9	25.7	25.9	26.0
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	na	825	880	859	999
Non-Indigenous	na	10 208	10 705	10 523	10 076
All children	11 958	11 033	11 585	11 382	11 075
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	na	80.6	84.9	71.4	83.3
Non-Indigenous	na	9.6	10.0	9.7	9.3
All children	11.1	10.2	10.7	10.4	10.1
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	na	568	602	579	667
Non-Indigenous	na	6 218	6 547	6 569	6 177
All children	6 823	6 786	7 149	7 148	6 844
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	na	55.5	58.0	48.1	55.6
Non-Indigenous	na	5.8	6.1	6.1	5.7
All children	6.3	6.3	6.6	6.5	6.3
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	na	448	512	510	534
Non-Indigenous	na	4 304	4 270	4 465	4 504
All children	4 358	4 752	4 782	4 975	5 038
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	na	41.4	46.8	40.6	42.7
Non-Indigenous	na	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9
All children	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3

Table 15A.44 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations, by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d)

- (a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0-16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0-16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.
- (b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.
- (c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 and 2002-03 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2004.
- (d) Victoria was not able to provide data on Indigenous children in 1998-99.
- na** Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection* (unpublished), AIHW *Children on care and protection orders Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.45

Table 15A.45 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Victoria

		<i>Unit</i>	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Number of children							
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.		270	208	204	189	224
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.		867	779	839	730	850
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation							
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%		4.9	4.0	4.7	4.2	5.2
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%		15.6	15.1	19.3	16.3	19.9

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.46

Table 15A.46 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Victoria

		<i>Unit</i>	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Number of children							
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.		153	132	199	139	173
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.		885	893	960	984	1 106
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation							
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%		2.4	1.9	2.9	1.9	2.4
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%		13.8	13.1	14.0	13.7	15.3

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.47 **Resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate, Victoria**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Resubstantiation rate – 3 months	%	2.4	1.9	2.9	1.9	2.4
Resubstantiation rate – 12 months	%	13.8	13.1	14.0	13.7	15.3
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate – 3 months	%	4.9	4.0	4.7	4.2	5.2
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate – 12 months	%	15.6	15.1	19.3	16.3	19.9
	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	54.2	58.5	58.9	59.7	58.8

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.48

Table 15A.48 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17, years by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June (d)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	na	297	454	489	507
Non-Indigenous	na	3 570	3 428	3 429	3 539
All children	3 581	3 867	3 882	3 918	4 046
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	na	27.5	41.5	39.0	40.5
Non-Indigenous	na	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.1
All children	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year (e)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	na	na	730	1 004	956
Non-Indigenous	na	na	6 145	6 547	6 275
All children	na	na	6 875	7 551	7 231
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	na	na	67.1	80.0	76.4
Non-Indigenous	na	na	5.4	5.7	5.5
All children	na	na	6.0	6.5	6.2

(a) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out of home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in out of home care were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.

(b) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 31December, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in at least one placement were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

(c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 and 2002-03 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2004.

(d) Victoria could not provide data on the number of Indigenous children in out-of-home care for the years prior to 1999-2000. The number of Indigenous children in out-of-home care in 1999-2000 is an estimate based on a sample of Indigenous children in out-of-home care.

(e) Victoria was unable to provide data for this indicator for 1999 and 2000.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.49

Table 15A.49 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
Residential care	na	38	44	62	53
Home based care					
Foster care	na	na	257	268	245
Relative/kinship care	na	na	141	151	188
Other home based care	na	na	12	8	21
Total home based	na	259	410	427	454
Independent living-includes private board	na	–	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	na	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	na	297	454	489	507
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	na	483	426	383	367
Home based care					
Foster care	na	na	1 939	1 991	1 927
Relative/kinship care	na	na	905	880	1 028
Other home based care	na	na	157	138	180
Total home based	na	3 081	3 001	3 009	3 135
Independent living-includes private board	na	na	1	37	37
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	na	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	na	3 564	3 428	3 429	3 539
All children					
Residential care	568	521	470	445	420
Home based care					
Foster care	2 048	2 237	2 196	2 259	2 172
Relative/kinship care	817	962	1 046	1 031	1 216
Other home based care	139	141	169	146	201
Total home based care	3 004	3 340	3 411	3 436	3 589
Independent living-includes private board	9	6	1	37	37
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	3 581	3 867	3 882	3 918	4 046

(a) Data on Indigenous children were not available prior to 1999-2000.

(b) Estimates of the number of Indigenous children were not available for all the categories for placement type in 1999-2000. Estimates were provided for the number in home-based care and the number in facility based care.

(c) Foster care category for Victoria includes children on permanent care orders where carers are in receipt of foster care payment and children in individually tailored home-based arrangements.

(d) Residential care includes family group homes.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.50

Table 15A.50 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Victoria (a), (b), (c)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	na	na	316	380	358
On another type of order	na	na	–	3	7
Not on an order	na	na	138	106	142
Total Indigenous children	na	na	454	489	507
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	na	na	2 830	2 809	2 729
On another type of order	na	na	17	19	100
Not on an order	na	na	581	601	675
Total non-Indigenous children	na	na	3 428	3 429	3 504
All children					
On a care and protection order	2 848	3 285	3 146	3 189	3 087
On another type of order	38	25	17	22	107
Not on an order	695	557	719	707	817
Total all children	3 581	3 867	3 882	3 918	4 011

(a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; and those on interim or temporary orders. 'On another type of order' includes offence orders or other orders that are not care and protection orders.

(b) Prior to 2001 data on Indigenous status were not available.

(c) For those children for whom it was not known whether they were on an order were distributed across the categories on the same prorata basis as those whose order status was known (there were 86 of these children in 2000-01).

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

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.51

Table 15A.51 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Victoria (a)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	21	14	10
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	na	na	19	51	32
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	102	117	89
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	62	67	59
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	114	78	86
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	83	112	163
5 years or more	na	na	45	43	66
Not stated/unknown	na	na	–	–	–
Total non-respite	na	na	425	468	495
Not stated/unknown	na	na	8	7	2
Total Indigenous children	na	na	454	489	507
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	128	92	27
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	na	na	177	320	133
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	671	848	514
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	529	479	453
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	694	498	569
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	717	723	1 023
5 years or more	na	na	426	424	772
Not stated/unknown	na	na	8	9	–
Total non-respite	na	na	3 222	3 301	3 464
Not stated/unknown	na	na	78	36	48
Total non-Indigenous children	na	na	3 428	3 429	3 539
All children					
Respite	80	134	149	106	37
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	345	269	196	371	165
1 to less than 6 months	691	911	773	965	603
6 months to less than 1 year	324	559	591	546	512
1 to less than 2 years	286	595	808	576	655
2 to less than 5 years	225	646	800	835	1 186
5 years or more	140	382	471	467	838
Not stated/unknown	–	–	8	9	–
Total non-respite	2 011	3 362	3 647	3 769	3 959
Not stated/unknown	1 490	371	86	43	50
Total all children	3 581	3 867	3 882	3 918	4 046

Table 15A.51 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Victoria (a)**

(a) Indicates the length of time a child has been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.52

Table 15A.52 **Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Victoria (a), (b)**

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	46	146	106
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	36	31	24
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	48	43	27
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	20	21	18
5 years or more	na	na	4	6	10
Not stated/unknown	na	na	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	na	na	154	247	185
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	513	587	575
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	339	215	216
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	298	202	171
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	275	149	171
5 years or more	na	na	118	55	75
Not stated/unknown	na	na	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	na	na	1 543	1 208	1 208
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	559	733	681
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	375	246	240
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	346	245	198
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	295	170	189
5 years or more	na	na	122	61	85
Not stated/unknown	na	na	–	–	–
Total all children	na	na	1 697	1 455	1 393

(a) Victoria was unable to provide data for this indicator.

(b) In 2000-01 and 2001-02, data were available only for July to May. Data were adjusted for full year effect.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.53

Table 15A.53 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	na	na	141	151	188
Non-Indigenous	no.	na	na	905	880	1028
All children	no.	817	962	1 046	1 031	1216
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	na	na	31.1	30.9	37.1
Non-Indigenous	%	na	na	26.4	25.7	29.0
All children	%	22.8	24.9	26.9	26.3	30.1

(a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, at 30 June where placement type was known.

(b) Prior to 2001, Victoria was unable to provide data on Indigenous children.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.54

Table 15A.54 Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June					
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Indigenous relative/kin	na	na	89	87	104
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	na	na	52	64	65
Other Indigenous caregiver	na	na	115	100	75
Indigenous residential care	na	na	..	20	12
Total placed in accordance with principle	na	na	256	271	256
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	na	na	154	176	149
In non-Indigenous residential care	na	na	44	42	25
Total not placed in accordance with principle	na	na	198	218	174
Independent living/unknown	..	..	..	..	77
Total Indigenous children in care	na	na	454	489	430
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Indigenous relative/kin	na	na	19.6	17.8	24.2
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	na	na	11.5	13.1	15.1
Other Indigenous caregiver	na	na	25.3	20.4	17.4
Indigenous residential care	na	na	..	4.1	2.8
Total placed in accordance with principle	na	na	56.4	55.4	59.5
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	na	na	33.9	36.0	29.4
In non-Indigenous residential care	na	na	9.7	8.6	4.9
Total not placed in accordance with principle	na	na	43.6	44.6	34.3
Total Indigenous children in care	na	na	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out-of-home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.
- (b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.
- (c) Victoria was unable to provide data for this indicator prior to 2001.
- (d) Data for 2001 may include some children who were in Indigenous residential care in the category 'in non-Indigenous residential care'.
- .. Not applicable. **na** Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.55

Table 15A.55 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	na	na	305	304	325
Non-Indigenous	no.	na	na	1 899	1 923	2 012
All children	no.	1 883	2 153	2 204	2 227	2 337
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	na	na	94.1	94.1	95.6
Non-Indigenous	%	na	na	96.2	96.2	97.0
All children	%	91.3	94.2	95.9	95.9	96.8

(a) The percentage of children under 12 years in home-based placements was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children under 12 years old in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

(b) Prior to 2001, Victoria was unable to provide data on Indigenous children.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.56

Table 15A.56 Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d)

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	194	235
2 placements	63	76
3 placements	25	25
4-5 placements	12	10
6-10 placements	-	-
11 or more placements	-	-
Unknown	-	-
Total children	294	346
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	87	97
2 placements	18	51
3 placements	33	20
4-5 placements	12	6
6-10 placements	-	1
11 or more placements	-	-
Unknown	-	-
Total children	150	175
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	109	75
2 placements	54	49
3 placements	24	19
4-5 placements	16	14
6-10 placements	13	7
11 or more placements	1	-
Unknown	-	-
Total children	217	164
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	76	66
2 placements	21	23
3 placements	15	27
4-5 placements	-	-	-	10	22
6-10 placements	-	-	-	16	15
11 or more placements	-	3
Unknown	-	-
Total children	138	156

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5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	32	34
2 placement	10	16
2-3 placements	5	3
4-5 placement	..	..	..	2	11
6-10 placements	..	..	..	1	2
11 or more placements	..	..	..	-	1
Unknown	..	..	..	-	-
Total children	..	..	..	50	67
Total children exiting out-of-home care	..	..	..	849	908

- (a) These data were not collected prior to 2001-02.
- (b) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.
- (c) In 2001-02 data were only available from July to May. Data were adjusted for the full year effect.
- (d) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.
- Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.57 Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, Victoria (a), (b)

		<i>Unit</i>	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household							
Number of children	no.		na	na	3	2	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%		na	na	0.1	0.0	na
Other children							
Number of children	no.		na	na	3 167	7 549	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%		na	na	99.9	100.0	na
All children in out-of-home care	no.		na	na	3 170	7 551	na

(a) Victoria was unable to provide data for this indicator.

(b) Data for 2000-01 and 2001-02 is likely to underestimate the incidence of the number of children subject to a substantiation. This data set will be revised for 2002-03.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

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Table 15A.58

Table 15A.58 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c)**

	1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
<i>Number of notifications involving Indigenous children</i>										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	856	45.3	770	43.9	946	45.5	1 206	47.7	1 261	48.7
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..	295	14.2	292	11.6	376	14.5
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	1 241	59.7	1 498	59.3	1 637	63.3
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	538	25.9	682	27.0	634	24.5
Total notifications investigated	1 630	86.3	1 475	84.1	1 779	85.5	2 180	86.3	2 271	87.8
Notifications dealt with by other means	189	10.0	200	11.4	219	10.5	226	8.9	226	8.7
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	70	3.7	78	4.4	82	3.9	121	4.8	91	3.5
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	1 889	100.0	1 753	100.0	2 080	100.0	2 527	100.0	2 588	100.0
<i>Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children</i>										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	5 517	32.8	6 149	35.5	7 449	37.3	8 830	35.2	10 942	38.4
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..	3 657	18.3	4 310	17.2	4 963	17.4
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	11 106	55.6	13 140	52.4	15 905	55.8
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	5 237	26.2	7 714	30.8	8 011	28.1
Total notifications investigated	13 380	79.5	13 823	79.9	16 343	81.8	20 854	83.2	23 916	84.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	2 643	15.7	2 680	15.5	2 925	14.6	3 263	13.0	3 624	12.7
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	809	4.8	801	4.6	721	3.6	948	3.8	940	3.3
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	16 832	100.0	17 304	100.0	19 989	100.0	25 065	100.0	28 480	100.0

Table 15A.58

Table 15A.58 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c)**

	1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
<i>Number of notifications involving all children</i>										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	6 373	34.0	6 919	36.3	8 395	38.0	10 036	36.4	12 203	39.3
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	4 465	23.9	3 985	20.9	3 952	17.9	4 602	16.7	5 339	17.2
Total investigations finalised	10 838	57.9	10 904	57.2	12 347	55.9	14 638	53.1	17 542	56.5
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	4 172	22.3	4 394	23.1	5 775	26.2	8 396	30.4	8 645	27.8
Total notifications investigated	15 010	80.2	15 298	80.3	18 122	82.1	23 034	83.5	26 187	84.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	2 832	15.1	2 880	15.1	3 144	14.2	3 489	12.6	3 850	12.4
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	879	4.7	879	4.6	803	3.6	1 069	3.9	1 031	3.3
Total notifications all children	18 721	100.0	19 057	100.0	22 069	100.0	27 592	100.0	31 068	100.0

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these were counted. From 1998-99 the definition of an investigation was changed to include the interviewing or sighting of a child where practicable.
- (b) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.
- (c) Data on the number of investigations finalised and not finalised by Indigenous status were not collected between 1997-98 and 1999-00.
 .. Not applicable. **na** Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.59

Table 15A.59 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b)**

		Unit	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		120.0	100.0	108	187	231
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		75.0	74.0	104	237	161
Total children admitted to orders	no.		195	174	212	424	392
Children discharged from orders	no.		122	143	249	266	290
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		585.0	577.0	725	806	1 056
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		265.0	228.0	460	872	633
Total children admitted to orders	no.		850	805	1 185	1 678	1 689
Children discharged from orders	no.		488	660	929	964	1 085
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		705.0	677.0	833	993	1 287
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		340.0	302.0	564	1 109	794
Total children admitted to orders	no.		1 045	979	1 397	2 102	2 081
Children discharged from orders	no.		610	803	1 178	1 230	1 375

(a) Previous admissions to care and protection orders in other jurisdictions could not be counted.

(b) The significant increase in the number of children who had prior admissions orders in 2001-02 is due to the use of short term (less than two years duration) orders. This practice resulted from the much wider range of orders and conditions made available in the *Child Protection Act 1999*.

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

Table 15A.60

Table 15A.60 **Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June, by type of order and Indigenous status, Queensland**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	736	772	752	823	888
Finalised supervisory orders	90	71	5	20	24
Interim and temporary orders	54	13	46	37	41
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	880	856	803	880	953
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	2 288	2 428	2 549	2 688	2 943
Finalised supervisory orders	212	217	63	86	111
Interim and temporary orders	229	111	158	111	100
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	2 729	2 756	2 770	2 885	3 154
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	3 024	3 200	3 301	3 511	3 831
Finalised supervisory orders	302	288	68	106	135
Interim and temporary orders	283	124	204	148	141
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	3 609	3 612	3 573	3 765	4 107

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.61

Table 15A.61 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c), (d)

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 221	1 260	1 364	1 480	1 618
Non-Indigenous	12 833	13 154	14 834	17 888	20 203
All children	14 054	14 414	16 198	19 368	21 821
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	24.5	24.8	26.3	26.6	29.1
Non-Indigenous	16.0	16.4	18.3	21.6	24.2
All children	16.5	16.9	18.8	21.9	24.5
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	736	705	867	965	1 149
Non-Indigenous	7 152	7 218	8 577	9 878	11 942
All children	7 888	7 923	9 444	10 843	13 091
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	14.8	13.9	16.7	17.4	20.7
Non-Indigenous	8.9	9.0	10.6	11.9	14.3
All children	9.3	9.3	11.0	12.3	14.7
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	492	502	680	795	881
Non-Indigenous	3 880	4 303	5 690	6 553	8 104
All children	4 372	4 805	6 370	7 348	8 985
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	9.9	9.9	13.1	14.3	15.9
Non-Indigenous	4.8	5.4	7.0	7.9	9.7
All children	5.1	5.6	7.4	8.3	10.1
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	880	856	803	880	953
Non-Indigenous	2 729	2 756	2 770	2 885	3 154
All children	3 609	3 612	3 573	3 765	4 107
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	16.7	15.9	14.6	15.1	16.4
Non-Indigenous	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.6
All children	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.3

Table 15A.61 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c), (d)

- (a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0-16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0-16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.
- (b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.
- (c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 and 2002-03 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2004.
- (d) Data for children who were the subject of investigations and children who were subjects of substantiations in 2000-01 are not directly comparable with data from previous years due to system amendments, which allows for more accurate reporting of children who were the subject of more than one notification.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished), AIHW *Children on care and protection orders Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.62

Table 15A.62 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Queensland (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Number of children						
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	na	na	120	117	152
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	na	na	225	249	302
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	na	na	4.9	3.8	4.3
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	na	na	9.2	8.0	8.6

(a) Data for 1999-00 is not comparable with previous years due to system changes, hence 1999-00 data are the start of a new series for Queensland.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.63

Table 15A.63 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Queensland (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Number of children						
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	na	na	496	664	806
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	na	na	1 247	1 587	2 033
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	na	na	9.0	10.4	10.9
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	na	na	22.6	24.8	27.5

(a) Data for 1999-2000 are not comparable with previous years due to system changes, hence data for 1999-2000 are the start of a new series for Queensland.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.64 **Resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate, Queensland**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Resubstantiation rate – 3 months	%	na	na	9.0	10.4	10.9
Resubstantiation rate – 12 months	%	na	na	22.6	24.8	27.5
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate – 3 months	%	na	na	4.9	3.8	4.3
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate – 12 months	%	na	na	9.2	8.0	8.6
	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	58.8	63.5	68.0	68.6	69.6

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.65

Table 15A.65 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c), (d)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June (d)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	579	592	637	708	813
Non-Indigenous	2 034	2 042	2 374	2 549	2 974
All children	2 613	2 634	3 011	3 257	3 787
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	11.0	11.0	11.6	12.2	14.0
Non-Indigenous	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.9	3.4
All children	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.5	4.0
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year (e)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	721	763	823	934	1 081
Non-Indigenous	2 516	2 909	3 108	3 363	4 029
All children	3 237	3 672	3 931	4 297	5 110
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	13.8	14.3	15.1	16.1	18.6
Non-Indigenous	3.0	3.4	3.6	3.8	4.6
All children	3.6	4.0	4.3	4.6	5.4

- (a) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out of home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in out of home care were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.
- (b) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 31December, multiplied by 1000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in at least one placement were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.
- (c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 and 2002-03 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2004.
- (d) Data prior to 2001 does not include children in out-of-home care who were not on an order and is not comparable with data from 2001 onwards.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.66

Table 15A.66 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Queensland (a), (b)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
Residential care	20	18	19	12	8
Home based care					
Foster care	355	357	377	409	463
Relative/kinship care	204	217	241	287	342
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	559	574	618	696	805
Independent living-includes private board	–	–	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	579	592	637	708	813
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	92	67	62	36	35
Home based care					
Foster care	1 567	1 553	1 834	1 976	2 352
Relative/kinship care	375	422	478	537	587
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	1 942	1 975	2 312	2 513	2 939
Independent living-includes private board	–	–	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	2 034	2 042	2 374	2 549	2 974
All children					
Residential care	112	85	81	48	43
Home based care					
Foster care	1 922	1 910	2 211	2 385	2 815
Relative/kinship care	579	639	719	824	929
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based care	2 501	2 549	2 930	3 209	3 744
Independent living-includes private board	–	–	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 613	2 634	3 011	3 257	3 787

(a) Residential care includes family group homes.

(b) Data prior to 2001 does not include children in out-of-home care who were not on an order and is not comparable with data from 2001 onwards.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.67

Table 15A.67 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Queensland (a), (b)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	577	590	607	674	751
On another type of order	2	2	1	–	–
Not on an order	na	na	29	34	62
Total Indigenous children	579	592	637	708	813
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	2 028	2 040	2 196	2 307	2 517
On another type of order	6	2	4	1	2
Not on an order	na	na	174	241	455
Total non-Indigenous children	2 034	2 042	2 374	2 549	2 974
All children					
On a care and protection order	2 605	2 630	2 803	2 981	3 268
On another type of order	8	4	5	1	2
Not on an order	na	na	203	275	517
Total all children	2 613	2 634	3 011	3 257	3 787

- (a) In Queensland all children counted in out-of-home care are on some type of order or are remanded in temporary custody awaiting the outcome of an order. '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.
- (b) Data prior to 2001 does not include children in out-of-home care who were not on an order and is not comparable with data from 2001 onwards.
- Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.68

Table 15A.68 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Queensland (a), (b), (c)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	17	39	51	57	85
1 to less than 6 months	103	92	131	167	166
6 months to less than 1 year	88	87	98	102	121
1 to less than 2 years	93	123	106	127	156
2 to less than 5 years	131	124	140	138	163
5 years or more	147	127	111	117	122
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	579	592	637	708	813
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	579	592	637	708	813
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	93	125	264	260	335
1 to less than 6 months	447	445	538	650	724
6 months to less than 1 year	290	271	363	308	458
1 to less than 2 years	347	370	345	455	472
2 to less than 5 years	498	459	472	471	564
5 years or more	359	372	392	405	421
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	2 034	2 042	2 374	2 549	2 974
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	2 034	2 042	2 374	2 549	2 974
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	110	164	315	317	420
1 to less than 6 months	550	537	669	817	890
6 months to less than 1 year	378	358	461	410	579
1 to less than 2 years	440	493	451	582	628
2 to less than 5 years	629	583	612	609	727
5 years or more	506	499	503	522	543
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	2 613	2 634	3 011	3 257	3 787
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 613	2 634	3 011	3 257	3 787

(a) Data are based on length of time in current placement rather than total length of time in continuous out-of-home care.

Table 15A.68 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Queensland (a), (b), (c)**

- (b) Queensland is unable to distinguish between respite and non-respite care. As a result, both types of placement are included if they satisfy the general definition of out-of-home care.
- (c) Data prior to 2001 does not include children in out-of-home care who were not on an order and is not comparable with data from 2001 onwards.
 - Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.69

Table 15A.69 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Queensland (a), (b)

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	38	64	44	85	117
6 months to less than 1 year	23	21	23	29	30
1 to less than 2 years	24	14	49	30	29
2 to less than 5 years	15	15	29	30	31
5 years or more	22	23	29	23	20
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	122	137	174	197	227
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	182	246	238	392	438
6 months to less than 1 year	57	86	83	98	145
1 to less than 2 years	60	82	98	100	99
2 to less than 5 years	82	66	110	109	114
5 years or more	54	64	78	75	96
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	435	544	607	774	892
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	220	310	282	477	555
6 months to less than 1 year	80	107	106	127	175
1 to less than 2 years	84	96	147	130	128
2 to less than 5 years	97	81	139	139	145
5 years or more	76	87	107	98	116
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	557	681	781	971	1 119

(a) This indicates the length of time a child had been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis for those children who exited care during the year. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

(b) Data for the category '5 years or more' were not collected prior to 1998-99. Children who had been in care for more than 5 years were therefore included in the category '2 to less than 5 years'.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.70

Table 15A.70 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, Queensland (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	204	217	241	287	342
Non-Indigenous	no.	375	422	478	537	587
All children	no.	579	639	719	824	929
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	35.2	36.7	37.8	40.5	42.1
Non-Indigenous	%	18.4	20.7	20.1	21.1	19.7
All children	%	22.2	24.3	23.9	25.3	24.5

(a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.71

Table 15A.71 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Queensland (a), (b), (c)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June					
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Indigenous relative/kin	136	138	155	173	323
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	68	79	86	115	19
Other Indigenous caregiver	195	188	185	194	198
Indigenous residential care	..	..	..	10	6
Total placed in accordance with principle	399	405	426	492	546
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	180	187	192	214	265
In non-Indigenous residential care	..	..	19	2	2
Total not placed in accordance with principle	180	187	211	216	267
Total Indigenous children in care	579	592	637	708	813
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Indigenous relative/kin	23.5	23.3	24.3	24.4	39.7
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	11.7	13.3	13.5	16.2	2.3
Other Indigenous caregiver	33.7	31.8	29.0	27.4	24.4
Indigenous residential care	..	..	..	1.4	0.7
Total placed in accordance with principle	68.9	68.4	66.9	69.5	67.2
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	31.1	31.6	30.1	30.2	32.6
In non-Indigenous residential care	..	..	3.0	0.3	0.2
Total not placed in accordance with principle	31.1	31.6	33.1	30.5	32.8
Total Indigenous children in care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out-of-home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

(b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.

(c) There may be some children in the category 'residential care/independent living who had Indigenous caregivers in facility-based care.

.. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.72

Table 15A.72 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home-based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	368	364	397	476	548
Non-Indigenous	no.	1 223	1 289	1 540	1 705	2 052
All children	no.	1 591	1 653	1 937	2 181	2 600
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	96.8	96.8	96.6	97.9	99.1
Non-Indigenous	%	99.1	98.8	98.9	99.4	99.5
All children	%	98.6	98.4	98.4	99.0	99.4

(a) The percentage of children under 12 years in home-based placements was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children under 12 years old in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.73

Table 15A.73 Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Queensland (a), (b), (c)

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	187	279
2 placements	75	69
3 placements	16	16
4-5 placements	3	5
6-10 placements	-	-
11 or more placements	-	-
Unknown	-	-
Total children	281	369
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	62	78
2 placements	34	41
3 placements	20	20
4-5 placements	4	20
6-10 placements	-	1
11 or more placements	-	-
Unknown	-	-
Total children	120	160
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	57	46
2 placements	45	38
3 placements	16	20
4-5 placements	22	23
6-10 placements	-	-
11 or more placements	-	-
Unknown	-	-
Total children	126	119
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	46	46
2 placements	34	36
3 placements	25	25
4-5 placements	-	-	-	22	23
6-10 placements	-	-	-	5	8
11 or more placements	-	-
Unknown	-	-
Total children	132	138

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5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	45	32
2 placement	26	30
2–3 placements	10	21
4–5 placement	..	..	..	12	17
6–10 placements	..	..	..	5	12
11 or more placements	..	..	..	–	–
Unknown	..	..	..	–	–
Total children	..	..	..	98	112
Total children exiting out-of-home care	..	..	..	757	898

(a) These data were not collected prior to 2001-02.

(b) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(c) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.74

Table 15A.74 Children in out-of-home care, by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, Queensland (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household						
Number of children	no.	na	73	140	162	221
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	2.0	3.6	3.8	4.3
Other children						
Number of children	no.	na	3 599	3 791	4 135	4 889
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	98.0	96.4	96.2	95.7
All children in out-of-home care	no.	3 237	3 672	3 931	4 297	5 110

(a) Data are based on the number of children who have been the subject of a substantiated notification during the year, where the person believed responsible was a careprovider from an out-of-home care household. Since Queensland is unable to provide a count based on the exact specification of this indicator, care should be taken when comparing these figure across jurisdictions.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

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Table 15A.75

Table 15A.75 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
<i>Number of notifications involving Indigenous children</i>										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	327	59.5	365	51.5	383	48.5	426	45.0	296	39.4
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..	254	32.2	279	29.5	251	33.4
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	637	80.6	705	74.5	547	72.7
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	122	15.4	208	22.0	175	23.3
Total notifications investigated	532	96.7	692	97.6	759	96.1	913	96.5	722	96.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	18	3.3	17	2.4	31	3.9	33	3.5	30	4.0
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	550	100.0	709	100.0	790	100.0	946	100.0	752	100.0
<i>Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children</i>										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	888	44.0	804	41.5	808	39.2	761	36.3	592	38.4
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..	947	45.9	961	45.8	696	45.2
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	1 755	85.2	1 722	82.0	1 288	83.6
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	245	11.9	302	14.4	198	12.8
Total notifications investigated	1 918	95.0	1 885	97.4	2 000	97.0	2 024	96.4	1 486	96.4
Notifications dealt with by other means	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	100	5.0	51	2.6	61	3.0	75	3.6	55	3.6
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	2 018	100.0	1 936	100.0	2 061	100.0	2 099	100.0	1 541	100.0

Table 15A.75

Table 15A.75 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)**

	1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
<i>Number of notifications involving all children</i>										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	1 215	47.3	1 169	44.2	1 191	41.8	1 187	39.0	888	38.7
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	1 139	44.4	1 196	45.2	1 201	42.1	1 240	40.7	947	41.3
Total investigations finalised	2 354	91.7	2 365	89.4	2 392	83.9	2 427	79.7	1 835	80.0
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	96	3.7	212	8.0	367	12.9	510	16.7	373	16.3
Total notifications investigated	2 450	95.4	2 577	97.4	2 759	96.8	2 937	96.5	2 208	96.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	118	4.6	68	2.6	92	3.2	108	3.5	85	3.7
Total notifications all children	2 568	100.0	2 645	100.0	2 851	100.0	3 045	100.0	2 293	100.0

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these was counted. From 1998-99 the definition of an investigation was changed to include the interviewing or sighting of a child where practicable. For WA, however, investigations may include some situations where the child was not sighted.
- (b) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. For 1997-98, however, the cut-off date used was 16 July so that the number of 'investigations not finalised' was higher in these years.
- (c) Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.
- (d) Notifications investigated' and 'investigations not finalised' includes 18 cases for 1998-99 and 24 cases for 1999-2000 where it was not known whether there would be an investigation at the time the data were extracted.
- (e) Data on the number of investigations finalised and not finalised by Indigenous status were not collected between 1998-99 and 1999-2000.
- (f) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

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

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.76

Table 15A.76 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

			<i>Unit</i>	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na		130.0		131	179	140
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na		4.0		12	8	2
Total children admitted to orders	no.	110		134		143	187	142
Children discharged from orders	no.	41		47		36	52	75
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na		272.0		280	316	289
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na		4.0		7	4	6
Total children admitted to orders	no.	269		276		287	320	295
Children discharged from orders	no.	156		139		127	197	143
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na		402.0		411	495	429
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na		8.0		19	12	8
Total children admitted to orders	no.	379		410		430	507	437
Children discharged from orders	no.	197		186		163	249	218

(a) Children admitted to and discharged from care applications were included from 1998-99 onwards.

(b) WA were not able to provide data on admissions to orders for the first time prior to 1999-2000.

(c) Some data for 2000-01 have been revised.

(d) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.77

Table 15A.77 **Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June, by type of order and Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	258	297	354	432	459
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	40	30	70	36	50
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	298	327	424	468	509
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	637	718	789	834	879
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	84	60	107	82	82
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	721	778	896	916	961
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	895	1 015	1 143	1 266	1 338
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	124	90	177	118	132
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	1 019	1 105	1 320	1 384	1 470

(a) Children on care applications were included from 1998-99 onwards in the category 'interim and temporary orders'.

(b) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

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

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

Table 15A.78

Table 15A.78 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations, by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	482	630	702	819	682
Non-Indigenous	1 832	1 738	1 886	1 901	1 456
All children	2 314	2 368	2 588	2 720	2 138
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	18.8	24.4	26.9	28.7	24.0
Non-Indigenous	4.3	4.1	4.4	4.4	3.4
All children	5.1	5.2	5.7	5.9	4.7
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	449	559	576	620	530
Non-Indigenous	1 685	1 561	1 607	1 570	1 264
All children	2 134	2 120	2 183	2 190	1 794
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	17.5	21.6	22.1	21.8	18.6
Non-Indigenous	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.0
All children	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8	3.9
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	298	329	355	386	275
Non-Indigenous	832	724	760	718	571
All children	1 130	1 053	1 115	1 104	846
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	11.6	12.7	13.6	13.5	9.7
Non-Indigenous	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.3
All children	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.4	1.9
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	298	327	424	468	509
Non-Indigenous	721	778	896	916	961
All children	1 019	1 105	1 320	1 384	1 470
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	11.0	12.0	15.4	15.7	17.1
Non-Indigenous	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.1
All children	2.1	2.3	2.7	2.8	3.0

Table 15A.78 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations, by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

- (a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0-16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0-16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.
- (b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.
- (c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 and 2002-03 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2004.
- (d) Some data for 2000-01 have been revised.
- (e) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection* (unpublished), AIHW *Children on care and protection orders Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.79

Table 15A.79 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Western Australia

		<i>Unit</i>	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Number of children							
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.		17	24	33	34	31
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.		60	63	86	81	98
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation							
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%		2.0	2.4	2.7	3.2	2.8
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%		7.1	6.2	6.9	7.5	8.9

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.80

Table 15A.80 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Western Australia

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Number of children						
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	43	43	55	32	39
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	117	104	119	98	119
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	4.0	3.8	4.9	2.8	3.5
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	11.0	9.1	10.5	8.7	10.7

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.81 **Resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate, Western Australia.**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Resubstantiation rate – 3 months	%	4.0	3.8	4.9	2.8	3.5
Resubstantiation rate – 12 months	%	11.0	9.1	10.5	8.7	10.7
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate – 3 months	%	2.0	2.4	2.7	3.2	2.8
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate – 12 months	%	7.1	6.2	6.9	7.5	8.9
	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	51.6	49.4	49.8	48.9	48.4

Source: *AIHW Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection (unpublished).*

Table 15A.82

Table 15A.82 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	1999	2000	2001	2002 (c)	2003
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June (d)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	369	420	456	511	570
Non-Indigenous	823	906	980	983	1 045
All children	1 192	1 326	1 436	1 494	1 615
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	13.7	15.4	16.6	17.1	19.2
Non-Indigenous	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.3
All children	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.3
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year (e)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	613	621	681	758	1 450
Non-Indigenous	1 384	1 398	1 437	1 412	834
All children	1 997	2 019	2 118	2 170	2 284
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	22.9	22.9	24.9	25.4	48.8
Non-Indigenous	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1	1.8
All children	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.7

(a) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out of home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in out of home care were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.

(b) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 31December, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in at least one placement were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

(c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 and 2002-03 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2004.

(d) Data may include a small number of children placed with relatives who were not reimbursed.

(e) A child is only counted once, regardless of the number of placements during the year.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.83

Table 15A.83 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Western Australia (a), (b)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
Residential care	67	75	57	64	49
Home based care					
Foster care	141	154	168	162	192
Relative/kinship care	150	184	223	280	323
Other home based care	5	–	–	–	–
Total home based	296	338	391	442	515
Independent living-includes private board	2	1	5	3	2
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	4	6	3	2	4
Total Indigenous children	369	420	456	511	570
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	97	100	88	90	87
Home based care					
Foster care	568	615	623	622	644
Relative/kinship care	127	157	214	228	284
Other home based care	14	–	–	–	–
Total home based	709	772	837	850	928
Independent living-includes private board	16	31	52	40	27
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	1	3	3	3	3
Total non-Indigenous children	823	906	980	983	1 045
All children					
Residential care	164	175	145	154	136
Home based care					
Foster care	709	769	791	784	836
Relative/kinship care	277	341	437	508	607
Other home based care	19	–	–	–	–
Total home based care	1 005	1 110	1 228	1 292	1 443
Independent living-includes private board	18	32	57	43	29
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	5	9	6	5	7
Total all children	1 192	1 326	1 436	1 494	1 615

(a) Residential care includes family group homes.

(b) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.84

Table 15A.84 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Western Australia (a), (b)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	269	246	325	420	418
On another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	100	174	131	91	152
Total Indigenous children	369	420	456	511	570
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	619	691	731	795	718
On another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	204	215	249	188	327
Total non-Indigenous children	823	906	980	983	1 045
All children					
On a care and protection order	888	937	1 056	1 215	1 136
On another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	304	389	380	279	479
Total all children	1 192	1 326	1 436	1 494	1 615

- (a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; and those on interim or temporary orders. 'On another type of order' includes offence orders or other orders that are not care and protection orders.
- (b) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.
- Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.85

Table 15A.85 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Western Australia (a), (b), (c)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	13	19	9	13	8
1 to less than 6 months	52	44	51	51	45
6 months to less than 1 year	37	44	37	53	55
1 to less than 2 years	67	69	79	76	99
2 to less than 5 years	88	122	142	185	185
5 years or more	100	120	138	133	178
Not stated/unknown	12	2	–	–	–
Total non-respite	369	420	456	511	570
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	369	420	456	511	570
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	46	36	28	26	35
1 to less than 6 months	108	117	130	67	103
6 months to less than 1 year	89	110	101	128	101
1 to less than 2 years	123	138	171	156	150
2 to less than 5 years	197	192	255	302	323
5 years or more	256	307	295	304	333
Not stated/unknown	4	6	–	–	–
Total non-respite	823	906	980	983	1 045
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	823	906	980	983	1 045
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	59	55	37	39	43
1 to less than 6 months	160	161	181	118	148
6 months to less than 1 year	126	154	138	181	156
1 to less than 2 years	190	207	250	232	249
2 to less than 5 years	285	314	397	487	508
5 years or more	356	427	433	437	511
Not stated/unknown	16	8	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 192	1 326	1 436	1 494	1 615
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 192	1 326	1 436	1 494	1 615

(a) This indicates the length of time a child has been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

Table 15A.85 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Western Australia (a), (b), (c)**

- (b) WA is unable to reliably distinguish between respite and non-respite care. As a result, both types of placement were included if they satisfy the definition of out-of-home care.
- (c) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.
 - Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.86

Table 15A.86 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	33	33	28	22	23
6 months to less than 1 year	6	4	10	9	12
1 to less than 2 years	10	11	4	8	12
2 to less than 5 years	8	13	11	10	25
5 years or more	10	12	11	21	20
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	67	73	64	70	92
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	107	117	98	92	66
6 months to less than 1 year	32	52	33	48	35
1 to less than 2 years	28	29	34	40	32
2 to less than 5 years	44	41	37	54	47
5 years or more	34	30	38	38	48
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	245	269	240	272	228
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	140	150	126	114	89
6 months to less than 1 year	38	56	43	57	47
1 to less than 2 years	38	40	38	48	44
2 to less than 5 years	52	54	48	64	72
5 years or more	44	42	49	59	68
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	312	342	304	342	320

(a) This indicates the length of time a child had been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis for those children who exited care during the year. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

(b) Data for the category '5 years or more' were not collected prior to 1998-99. Children who had been in care for more than 5 years were therefore included in the category '2 to less than 5 years'.

(c) WA is unable to reliably distinguish between respite and non-respite care. As a result both types of placement were included if they satisfy the definition of out-of-home care.

(d) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.87

Table 15A.87 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	150	184	223	280	323
Non-Indigenous	no.	127	157	214	228	284
All children	no.	277	341	437	508	607
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	40.7	43.8	48.9	54.8	56.7
Non-Indigenous	%	15.4	17.3	21.8	23.2	27.2
All children	%	23.2	25.7	30.4	34.0	37.6

- (a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.88

Table 15A.88 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June					
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Indigenous relative/kin	135	169	195	246	286
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	21	22	28	34	37
Other Indigenous caregiver	141	135	104	87	114
Indigenous residential care	..	..	32	38	26
Total placed in accordance with principle	297	326	359	405	463
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	72	94	64	75	78
In non-Indigenous residential care	..	..	25	26	23
Total not placed in accordance with principle	72	94	89	101	101
Total Indigenous children in care	369	420	448	506	564
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Indigenous relative/kin	36.6	40.2	43.5	48.6	50.7
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	5.7	5.2	6.3	6.7	6.6
Other Indigenous caregiver	38.2	32.1	23.2	17.2	20.2
Indigenous residential care	..	..	7.0	7.4	4.6
Total placed in accordance with principle	80.5	77.6	80.0	80.0	82.0
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	19.5	22.4	14.3	14.8	13.8
In non-Indigenous residential care	..	..	5.6	5.1	4.1
Total not placed in accordance with principle	19.5	22.4	19.9	20.0	17.9
Total Indigenous children in care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out-of-home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.
- (b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.
- (c) Children in residential care with Indigenous caregivers were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.
- (d) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.
- .. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.89 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement, at 30 June by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	221	260	314	347	399
Non-Indigenous	no.	477	524	570	569	631
All children	no.	698	784	884	916	1 030
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	80.1	80.7	90.2	87.8	92.1
Non-Indigenous	%	93.8	91.9	93.1	93.4	94.5
All children	%	89.0	87.9	92.1	91.2	93.6

(a) The percentage of children under 12 years in home-based placements was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children under 12 years old in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

(b) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.90

Table 15A.90 **Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Western Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	19	4
2 placements	1	–
3 placements	1	–
4–5 placements	1	–
6–10 placements	–	–
11 or more placements	–	–
Unknown	–	–
Total children	22	4
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	24	7
2 placements	5	9
3 placements	2	1
4–5 placements	1	1
6–10 placements	–	–
11 or more placements	–	–
Unknown	–	–
Total children	32	18
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	11	14
2 placements	5	3
3 placements	3	3
4–5 placements	–	3
6–10 placements	–	2
11 or more placements	–	–
Unknown	–	–
Total children	19	25
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	14	18
2 placements	10	10
3 placements	6	11
4–5 placements	–	–	–	–	–
6–10 placements	–	–	–	2	1
11 or more placements	–	1
Unknown	–	–
Total children	38	48

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5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	16	12
2 placement	10	12
2-3 placements	7	8
4-5 placement	..	..	..	7	9
6-10 placements	..	..	..	6	14
11 or more placements	..	..	..	1	3
Unknown	..	..	..	-	-
Total children	..	..	..	47	58
Total children exiting out-of-home care	..	..	..	158	153

(a) These data were not collected prior to 2001-02.

(b) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(c) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.91

Table 15A.91 Children in out-of-home care, by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, Western Australia (a)

		<i>Unit</i>	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household							
Number of children	no.		8	2	13	6	12
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%		0.4	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.5
Other children							
Number of children	no.		1 989	2 017	2 105	2 164	2 272
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%		99.6	99.9	99.4	99.7	99.5
All children in out-of-home care	no.		1 997	2 019	2 118	2 170	2 284

(a) The data include abuse by parents or those in *locos parentis* status. The data do not include abuse by others living in the household

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

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Table 15A.92

Table 15A.92 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	337	19.1	435	19.3	438	25.9	483	25.1	481	20.2
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..	536	31.7	585	30.4	635	26.7
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	974	57.6	1 068	55.5	1 116	46.9
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	2	0.1	1	0.1	8	0.3
Total notifications investigated	730	41.3	876	38.8	976	57.7	1 069	55.5	1 124	47.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	313	17.7	1 379	61.2	716	42.3	857	44.5	1 253	52.7
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	723	40.9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	1 766	100.0	2 255	100.0	1 692	100.0	1 926	100.0	2 377	100.0
<i>Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children</i>										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	1 777	15.6	1 650	12.8	1 560	18.8	1 747	18.8	1 942	17.6
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..	2 590	31.2	2 800	30.2	3 070	27.7
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	4 150	50.0	4 547	49.0	5 012	45.3
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	30	0.4	17	0.2	39	0.4
Total notifications investigated	4 468	39.3	4 142	32.0	4 180	50.4	4 564	49.2	5 051	45.6
Notifications dealt with by other means	1 317	11.6	704	5.4	4 116	49.6	4 713	50.8	6 014	54.4
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	5 581	49.1	8 080	62.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	11 366	100.0	12 926	100.0	8 296	100.0	9 277	100.0	11 065	100.0

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Table 15A.92 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
Number of notifications involving all children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	2 114	16.1	2 085	13.7	1 998	20.0	2 230	19.9	2 423	18.0
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	3 029	23.1	2 917	19.2	3 126	31.3	3 385	30.2	3 705	27.6
Total investigations finalised	5 143	39.2	5 002	32.9	5 124	51.3	5 615	50.1	6 128	45.6
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	55	0.4	16	0.1	32	0.3	18	0.2	47	0.3
Total notifications investigated	5 198	39.6	5 018	33.1	5 156	51.6	5 633	50.3	6 175	45.9
Notifications dealt with by other means	1 630	12.4	2 083	13.7	4 832	48.4	5 570	49.7	7 267	54.1
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	6 304	48.0	8 080	53.2	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total notifications all children	13 132	100.0	15 181	100.0	9 988	100.0	11 203	100.0	13 442	100.0

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these were counted.
- (b) From 2000-01 'notifier concern reports' are excluded from the count of total notifications.
- (c) Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.
- (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. From 1998-99 the definition of an investigation was changed to include the interviewing or sighting of a child where practicable. In 1996-97 the category 'notifications investigated' included cases where the investigation was conducted by others. These cases were included in 'notifications not investigated' in 1997-98 and in 'notifications dealt with by other means' in 1998-99.
- (e) Data on the number of investigations finalised and not finalised by Indigenous status were not collected between 1998-99 and 1999-2000.
- Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable. **na** Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.93

Table 15A.93 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, by Indigenous status, South Australia**

		<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		24	na	43	29	78
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		20	na	50	74	37
Total children admitted to orders	no.		44	na	93	103	115
Children discharged from orders	no.		33	na	116	130	127
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		128	na	208	190	340
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		64	na	191	264	117
Total children admitted to orders	no.		192	na	399	454	457
Children discharged from orders	no.		198	na	448	516	543
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		152	na	251	219	418
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		84	na	241	338	154
Total children admitted to orders	no.		236	na	492	557	572
Children discharged from orders	no.		231	na	564	646	670

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.94

Table 15A.94 **Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June, by type of order and Indigenous status, South Australia (a)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	na	na	215	221	226
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	6	12	35
Other/not stated	na	na	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	158	174	221	233	261
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	na	na	995	1 021	1 061
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	44	32	56
Other/not stated	na	na	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	866	769	1 039	1 053	1 117
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	na	na	1 210	1 242	1 287
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	50	44	91
Other/not stated	na	na	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	1 024	943	1 260	1 286	1 378

(a) SA could not provide data on type of order for 1999 and 2000.

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

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

Table 15A.95

Table 15A.95 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations, by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 078	1 270	1 062	1 194	1 404
Non-Indigenous	7 433	8 230	6 018	6 567	7 507
All children	8 511	9 500	7 080	7 761	8 911
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	107.3	124.5	102.8	109.1	128.7
Non-Indigenous	22.8	25.4	18.8	20.4	23.6
All children	25.3	28.5	21.4	23.3	27.0
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	536	619	664	721	762
Non-Indigenous	3 342	3 174	3 286	3 499	3 775
All children	3 878	3 793	3 950	4 220	4 537
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	53.3	60.7	64.3	65.9	69.8
Non-Indigenous	10.3	9.8	10.2	10.9	11.8
All children	11.5	11.4	11.9	12.7	13.8
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	269	337	317	346	351
Non-Indigenous	1 489	1 354	1 334	1 407	1 545
All children	1 758	1 691	1 651	1 753	1 896
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	26.8	33.0	30.7	31.6	32.2
Non-Indigenous	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.8
All children	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.3	5.8
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	158	174	221	233	261
Non-Indigenous	866	769	1 039	1 053	1 117
All children	1 024	943	1 260	1 286	1 378
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	14.9	16.1	20.2	20.3	22.8
Non-Indigenous	2.5	2.2	3.1	3.1	3.3
All children	2.9	2.7	3.6	3.6	3.9

Table 15A.95 **Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations, by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

- (a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0-16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0-16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.
- (b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.
- (c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 and 2002-03 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2004.
- (d) From 2000-01 onwards, SA included in 'notifications' only those reports which have met the criteria for a reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection* (unpublished), AIHW *Children on care and protection orders Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.96 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, South Australia

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Number of children						
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	na	na	167	162	165
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	na	na	342	353	411
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	na	na	7.7	6.9	6.5
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	na	na	15.7	15.1	16.1

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.97

Table 15A.97 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, South Australia

		<i>Unit</i>	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Number of children							
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.		211	242	263	286	244
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.		337	387	408	401	426
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation							
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%		13.4	13.7	15.4	17.2	13.8
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%		21.4	21.9	23.9	24.2	24.1

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.98 **SA resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Resubstantiation rate – 3 months	%	13.4	13.7	15.4	17.2	13.8
Resubstantiation rate – 12 months	%	21.4	21.9	23.9	24.2	24.1
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate – 3 months	%	na	na	7.7	6.9	6.5
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate – 12 months	%	na	na	15.7	15.1	16.1
	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	41.1	41.7	39.0	39.7	39.5

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.99

Table 15A.99 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)

	1999	2000	2001	2002 (c)	2003
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June (d)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	197	211	227	232	252
Non-Indigenous	848	920	948	964	993
All children	1 045	1 131	1 175	1 196	1 245
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	18.5	19.5	20.7	20.2	22.0
Non-Indigenous	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9
All children	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.6
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year (e)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	404	na	444	455	442
Non-Indigenous	1 898	na	1 702	1 618	1 618
All children	2 302	na	2 146	2 073	2 060
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	38.3	na	40.9	39.6	38.6
Non-Indigenous	5.5	na	5.0	4.7	4.8
All children	6.5	na	6.1	5.9	5.9

(a) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out of home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in out of home care were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.

(b) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 31December, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in at least one placement were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

(c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 and 2002-03 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2004.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.100

Table 15A.100 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, South Australia (a), (b)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
Residential care	3	3	4	3	3
Home based care					
Foster care	157	na	176	174	197
Relative/kinship care	37	na	47	55	52
Other home based care	–	na	–	–	–
Total home based	194	208	223	229	249
Independent living-includes private board	–	–	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	197	211	227	232	252
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	33	33	39	41	43
Home based care					
Foster care	740	na	799	811	821
Relative/kinship care	66	na	100	104	121
Other home based care	9	na	10	8	8
Total home based	815	887	909	923	950
Independent living-includes private board	–	–	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	848	920	948	964	993
All children					
Residential care	36	36	43	44	46
Home based care					
Foster care	897	na	975	985	1 018
Relative/kinship care	103	na	147	159	173
Other home based care	9	na	10	8	8
Total home based care	1 009	1 095	1 132	1 152	1 199
Independent living-includes private board	–	–	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 045	1 131	1 175	1 196	1 245

(a) Residential care includes family group homes.

(b) SA could not provide data on the different types of home-based care for 1999-2000.

– Nil or rounded to zero. na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.101

Table 15A.101 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, South Australia (a), (b)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	171	na	na	179	198
On another type of order	1	na	na	46	54
Not on an order	25	na	na	7	–
Total Indigenous children	197	211	227	232	252
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	767	na	na	810	807
On another type of order	7	na	na	130	186
Not on an order	74	na	na	24	–
Total non-Indigenous children	848	920	948	964	993
All children					
On a care and protection order	938	na	na	989	1 005
On another type of order	8	na	na	176	240
Not on an order	99	na	na	31	–
Total all children	1 045	1 131	1 175	1 196	1 245

(a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; and those on interim or temporary orders. 'On another type of order' includes offence orders or other orders that are not care and protection orders.

(b) SA could not provide detailed data for 2000 or 2001.

– Nil or rounded to zero. na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.102 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, South Australia (a)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	3	–	3
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	16	24	23	18	30
1 to less than 6 months	38	34	36	29	49
6 months to less than 1 year	31	22	22	34	22
1 to less than 2 years	22	34	32	36	37
2 to less than 5 years	21	11	55	59	51
5 years or more	69	83	52	56	60
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	197	208	220	232	249
Not stated/unknown	–	3	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	197	211	223	232	252
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	6	4	2
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	96	111	96	69	95
1 to less than 6 months	144	173	169	192	207
6 months to less than 1 year	96	81	122	128	125
1 to less than 2 years	109	115	112	149	141
2 to less than 5 years	69	61	168	195	206
5 years or more	334	346	236	227	217
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	848	887	903	960	991
Not stated/unknown	–	33	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	848	920	909	964	993
All children					
Respite	na	na	9	4	5
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	112	135	119	87	125
1 to less than 6 months	182	207	205	221	256
6 months to less than 1 year	127	103	144	162	147
1 to less than 2 years	131	149	144	185	178
2 to less than 5 years	90	72	223	254	257
5 years or more	403	429	288	283	277
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 045	1 095	1 123	1 192	1 240
Not stated/unknown	–	36	–	–	–
Total all children	1 045	1 131	1 132	1 196	1 245

(a) This indicates the length of time a child has been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.
– Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.103 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, South Australia (a)

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	19	na	51	59	49
6 months to less than 1 year	8	na	3	13	7
1 to less than 2 years	5	na	7	7	19
2 to less than 5 years	7	na	3	10	11
5 years or more	11	na	8	11	15
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	50	na	72	100	101
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	145	na	224	177	167
6 months to less than 1 year	34	na	44	58	52
1 to less than 2 years	19	na	21	56	48
2 to less than 5 years	26	na	25	28	42
5 years or more	48	na	33	43	63
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	272	na	347	362	372
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	164	na	275	236	216
6 months to less than 1 year	42	na	47	71	59
1 to less than 2 years	24	na	28	63	67
2 to less than 5 years	33	na	28	38	53
5 years or more	59	na	41	54	78
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	–
Total all children	322	na	419	462	473

(a) This indicates the length of time a child had been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis for those children who exited care during the year. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

(b) South Australia could not provide data for 1999-00.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.104 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, South Australia (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	37	na	47	55	52
Non-Indigenous	no.	66	na	100	104	121
All children	no.	103	na	147	159	173
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	18.8	na	20.7	23.7	20.6
Non-Indigenous	%	7.8	na	10.5	10.8	12.2
All children	%	9.9	na	12.5	13.3	13.9

(a) South Australia could not provide data for 2000.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.105 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June					
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Indigenous relative/kin	12	na	34	42	39
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	14	na	13	13	13
Other Indigenous caregiver	91	na	111	112	113
Indigenous residential care	..	na	..	–	–
Total placed in accordance with principle	128	na	158	167	165
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	69	na	65	62	84
In non-Indigenous residential care	..	..	4	3	3
Total not placed in accordance with principle	69	na	69	65	87
Total Indigenous children in care	197	na	227	232	252
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Indigenous relative/kin	6.1	na	15.0	18.1	15.5
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	7.1	na	5.7	5.6	5.2
Other Indigenous caregiver	46.2	na	48.9	48.3	44.8
Indigenous residential care	..	na	..	–	–
Total placed in accordance with principle	65.0	na	69.6	72.0	65.5
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	35.0	na	28.6	26.7	33.3
In non-Indigenous residential care	..	..	1.8	1.3	1.2
Total not placed in accordance with principle	35.0	na	30.4	28.0	34.5
Total Indigenous children in care	100.0	na	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out-of-home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

(b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.

(c) South Australia could not provide data for 2000.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.106 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, South Australia (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	136	144	153	152	167
Non-Indigenous	no.	453	519	538	479	562
All children	no.	589	663	691	660	729
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.3	99.4
Non-Indigenous	%	100.0	99.8	99.8	93.4	98.4
All children	%	100.0	99.8	99.9	99.1	98.6

(a) The percentage of children under 12 years in home-based placements was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children under 12 years old in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.107

Table 15A.107 **Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements by length of time in out-of-home care, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	16	12
2 placements	10	8
3 placements	4	9
4-5 placements	3	-
6-10 placements	1	-
11 or more placements	-	-
Unknown	-	-
Total children	34	29
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	4	7
2 placements	6	7
3 placements	6	5
4-5 placements	6	1
6-10 placements	-	-
11 or more placements	-	-
Unknown	-	-
Total children	22	20
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	8	6
2 placements	1	5
3 placements	-	9
4-5 placements	9	7
6-10 placements	4	5
11 or more placements	2	1
Unknown	-	-
Total children	24	33
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	1	3
2 placements	3	2
3 placements	7	1
4-5 placements	3	7
6-10 placements	7	7
11 or more placements	5	8
Unknown	-	-
Total children	26	28

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5 years or more in out-of-home care

1 placement	17	26
2 placement	5	6
2-3 placements	3	4
4-5 placement	..	..	..	9	6
6-10 placements	..	..	..	6	12
11 or more placements	..	..	..	6	16
Unknown	..	..	..	-	-
Total children	..	..	..	46	70
Total children exiting out-of-home care	..	..	..	152	180

(a) These data were not collected prior to 2001-02.

(b) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(c) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.108 **Children in out-of-home care, by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, South Australia (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household						
Number of children	no.	na	na	na	na	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	na	na	na
Other children						
Number of children	no.	na	na	na	na	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	na	na	na
All children in out-of-home care	no.	na	na	na	na	na

(a) SA was not able to provide data for this indicator.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

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Table 15A.109

Table 15A.109 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
<i>Number of notifications involving Indigenous children</i>										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	8	32.0	5	31.3	2	15.4	2	40.0	20	71.4
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..	5	38.5	2	40.0	6	21.4
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	7	53.8	4	80.0	26	92.9
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	2	15.4	1	20.0	1	3.6
Total notifications investigated	23	92.0	14	87.5	9	69.2	5	100.0	27	96.4
Notifications dealt with by other means	1	4.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	1	4.0	2	12.5	4	30.8	–	–	1	3.6
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	25	100.0	16	100.0	13	100.0	5	100.0	28	100.0
<i>Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children</i>										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	120	19.1	92	22.7	101	33.4	156	31.0	193	27.1
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	28	9.3	19	3.8	–	–
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..	132	43.7	217	43.1	329	46.1
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	261	86.4	392	77.9	522	73.2
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	8	2.6	56	11.1	92	12.9
Total notifications investigated	592	94.3	366	90.1	269	89.1	448	89.1	614	86.1
Notifications dealt with by other means	9	1.4	9	2.2	7	2.3	11	2.2	24	3.4
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	27	4.3	31	7.6	26	8.6	44	8.7	75	10.5
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	628	100.0	406	100.0	302	100.0	503	100.0	713	100.0

Table 15A.109

Table 15A.109 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
<i>Number of notifications involving all children</i>										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	128	19.6	97	23.0	103	32.7	158	31.1	213	28.7
Child at risk	88	13.5	77	18.2	28	8.9	19	3.7	–	–
Not substantiated	315	48.2	182	43.1	137	43.5	219	43.1	335	45.2
Total investigations finalised	531	81.3	356	84.4	268	85.1	396	78.0	548	74.0
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	84	12.9	24	5.7	10	3.2	57	11.2	93	12.6
Total notifications investigated	615	94.2	380	90.0	278	88.3	453	89.2	641	86.5
Notifications dealt with by other means	10	1.5	9	2.1	7	2.2	11	2.2	24	3.2
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	28	4.3	33	7.8	30	9.5	44	8.7	76	10.3
Total notifications all children	653	100.0	422	100.0	315	100.0	508	100.0	741	100.0

- (a) Tasmania introduced new intake and assessment guidelines, based on the WA model, in July 1997. These new guidelines were likely to be the main reason for the decline in the number of notifications and substantiations between 1997-98 and 2000-01. There is also a growing trend in Tasmania to classify the less serious allegations as either consultations or child and family concerns, rather than child protection notifications.
- (b) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these were counted.
- (c) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. From 1998-99 the definition of an investigation was changed to include the interviewing or sighting of a child where practicable.
- (d) Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.
- (e) Data on the number of investigations finalised and not finalised by Indigenous status were not collected between 1997-98 and 1999-00.
- Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable. **na** Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.110

Table 15A.110 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, by Indigenous status, Tasmania**

		<i>Unit</i>	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		2	2	4	11	20
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		8	8	16	15	20
Total children admitted to orders	no.		10	10	20	26	40
Children discharged from orders	no.		21	10	10	15	7
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		70.0	92.0	135	185	222
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		38.0	71.0	326	217	175
Total children admitted to orders	no.		108	163	461	402	397
Children discharged from orders	no.		150	110	228	165	202
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		72.0	94.0	139	196	242
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		46.0	79.0	342	232	195
Total children admitted to orders	no.		118	173	481	428	437
Children discharged from orders	no.		171	120	238	180	209

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

Table 15A.111

Table 15A.111 **Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Tasmania (a)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	21	21	20	21	46
Finalised supervisory orders	13	10	5	–	6
Interim and temporary orders	–	–	2	2	7
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	34	31	27	23	59
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	274	289	354	376	416
Finalised supervisory orders	120	134	45	23	31
Interim and temporary orders	12	16	27	41	94
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	406	439	426	440	541
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	295	310	374	397	462
Finalised supervisory orders	133	144	50	23	37
Interim and temporary orders	12	16	29	43	101
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	440	470	453	463	600

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.112

Table 15A.112 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	17	8	10	4	23
Non-Indigenous	388	225	290	444	515
All children	405	233	300	448	538
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	2.4	1.1	1.4	0.5	3.0
Non-Indigenous	3.6	2.1	2.8	4.2	5.0
All children	3.5	2.1	2.7	4.0	4.8
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	17	8	6	4	19
Non-Indigenous	336	207	217	368	409
All children	353	215	223	372	428
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	2.4	1.1	0.9	0.5	2.5
Non-Indigenous	3.1	1.9	2.1	3.5	3.9
All children	3.1	1.9	2.0	3.3	3.8
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	8	4	2	2	19
Non-Indigenous	114	73	99	151	186
All children	122	77	101	153	205
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	1.1	0.6	0.3	0.3	2.5
Non-Indigenous	1.1	0.7	0.9	1.4	1.8
All children	1.1	0.7	0.9	1.4	1.8
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	34	31	27	23	59
Non-Indigenous	406	439	426	440	541
All children	440	470	453	463	600
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	4.6	4.2	3.6	2.8	7.3
Non-Indigenous	3.5	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.9
All children	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.9	5.1

Table 15A.112 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

- (a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0-16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0-16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.
- (b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.
- (c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 and 2002-03 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2004.
- (d) Tasmania introduced new intake and assessment guidelines, based on the WA model, in July 1997. These new guidelines were likely to be the main reason for the decline in the number of notifications and substantiations between 1997-98 and 2000-01. There is also a growing trend in Tasmania to classify the less serious allegations as either consultations or child and family concerns, rather than child protection notifications.
- (e) Care should be taken in interpreting the rates for Indigenous children due to the relatively small size of the Indigenous population.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection* (unpublished), AIHW *Children on care and protection orders Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.113 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Tasmania

		<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
Number of children							
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	–	4	9	4	4	1
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	8	13	10	22	15	
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation							
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	0.0	1.7	6.6	3.2	0.5	
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	1.8	5.5	7.4	17.5	6.8	

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.114

Table 15A.114 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Tasmania

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Number of children						
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	1	6	7	5	3
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	7	10	13	8	6
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	0.8	4.9	8.9	5.0	1.9
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	5.3	8.2	16.5	7.9	3.9

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.115

Tasmania resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Resubstantiation rate – 3 months	%	0.8	4.9	8.9	5.0	1.9
Resubstantiation rate – 12 months	%	5.3	8.2	16.5	7.9	3.9
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate – 3 months	%	0.0	1.7	6.6	3.2	0.5
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate – 12 months	%	1.8	5.5	7.4	17.5	6.8
	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	24.1	27.2	38.4	39.9	38.9

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.116 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c)

	1999	2000	2001	2002 (c)	2003
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June (d)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	43	38	31	29	43
Non-Indigenous	490	510	541	515	425
All children	533	548	572	544	468
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	5.8	5.1	4.2	3.6	5.3
Non-Indigenous	4.3	4.5	4.9	4.6	3.9
All children	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.0
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year (e)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	116	95	50	30	72
Non-Indigenous	1 378	1 157	943	699	685
All children	1 494	1 252	993	729	757
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	15.7	12.8	6.7	3.7	8.9
Non-Indigenous	12.0	10.2	8.5	6.3	6.2
All children	12.2	10.4	8.4	6.1	6.4

(a) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out of home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in out of home care were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.

(b) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in at least one placement were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

(c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 and 2002-03 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2004.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.117

Table 15A.117 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Tasmania (a), (b)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
Residential care	9	11	8	8	17
Home based care					
Foster care	10	11	11	9	17
Relative/kinship care	17	13	11	11	6
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	1
Total home based	27	24	22	20	24
Independent living-includes private board	5	2	–	–	1
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	2	1	1	1	1
Total Indigenous children	43	38	31	29	43
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	65	57	64	62	85
Home based care					
Foster care	184	182	209	191	233
Relative/kinship care	158	207	208	214	65
Other home based care	16	12	13	10	6
Total home based	358	401	430	415	304
Independent living-includes private board	40	30	21	23	22
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	27	22	26	15	14
Total non-Indigenous children	490	510	541	515	425
All children					
Residential care	74	68	72	70	102
Home based care					
Foster care	194	193	220	200	250
Relative/kinship care	175	220	219	225	71
Other home based care	16	12	13	10	7
Total home based care	385	425	452	435	328
Independent living-includes private board	45	32	21	23	23
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	29	23	27	16	15
Total all children	533	548	572	544	468

(a) Residential care includes family group homes.

(b) Of the children indicated as placed with relatives/kin, 174 were with relatives/kin on a voluntary basis, and received a relatives' allowance.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.118 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Tasmania (a), (b), (c)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	25	23	27	20	34
On another type of order	na	–	3	–	–
Not on an order	18	15	–	9	9
Total Indigenous children	43	38	30	29	43
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	282	308	426	351	342
On another type of order	na	19	116	12	10
Not on an order	208	183	–	152	73
Total non-Indigenous children	490	510	542	515	425
All children					
On a care and protection order	307	331	453	371	376
On another type of order	na	19	119	12	10
Not on an order	226	198	–	161	82
Total all children	533	548	572	544	468

(a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; and those on interim or temporary orders. 'On another type of order' includes offence orders or other orders that are not care and protection orders.

(b) Data on children 'on another type of order' were not collected in 1997-98. These were included in the category 'not on an order'.

(c) There is likely to be a small number of children in Tasmania who were on another type of order in 1998-99 who were included in the category 'not on an order'.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.119

Table 15A.119 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Tasmania, (a), (b), (c)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	1	4	6	3	6
1 to less than 6 months	8	11	8	8	22
6 months to less than 1 year	6	3	10	3	4
1 to less than 2 years	5	4	2	12	3
2 to less than 5 years	4	5	–	1	1
5 years or more	4	11	5	2	7
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	28	38	31	29	43
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	28	38	31	29	43
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	31	70	153	63	71
1 to less than 6 months	152	167	131	130	157
6 months to less than 1 year	60	72	122	56	72
1 to less than 2 years	83	63	52	200	46
2 to less than 5 years	104	55	22	40	65
5 years or more	89	83	28	26	13
Not stated/unknown	–	–	33	–	1
Total non-respite	519	510	541	515	425
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	519	510	541	515	425
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	32	74	159	66	77
1 to less than 6 months	160	178	139	138	179
6 months to less than 1 year	66	75	132	59	76
1 to less than 2 years	88	67	54	212	49
2 to less than 5 years	108	60	22	41	66
5 years or more	93	94	33	28	20
Not stated/unknown	–	–	33	–	1
Total non-respite	547	548	572	544	468
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	547	548	572	544	468

(a) This indicates the length of time a child has been in out of home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

Table 15A.119 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Tasmania, (a), (b), (c)**

- (b) Tasmania was unable to distinguish between respite and non-respite care. Both types of placement are included if they satisfy the general definition of out of home care.
- (c) In 1998-99 the total for this indicator is not the same as the total number of children in out-of-home care as some children were double counted.
- Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.120

Table 15A.120 **Number of children who exited care during the year, by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Tasmania (a)**

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na
Total Indigenous children	na	na	na	na	na
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na
Total non-Indigenous children	na	na	na	na	na
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na
Total all children	na	na	na	na	na

(a) Tasmania could not provide data for this indicator.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.121 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	17	13	11	11	6
Non-Indigenous	no.	158	207	208	214	65
All children	no.	175	220	219	225	71
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	39.5	34.2	35.5	37.9	14.0
Non-Indigenous	%	32.2	40.6	38.4	41.6	15.3
All children	%	32.8	40.1	38.3	41.4	15.2

(a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out of home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.122

Table 15A.122 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Tasmania (a), (b)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June					
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Indigenous relative/kin	9	4	5	5	–
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	8	9	6	6	6
Other Indigenous caregiver	–	3	1	2	1
Indigenous residential care	na	na	na	–	–
Total placed in accordance with principle	17	16	12	13	7
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	26	22	10	8	18
In non-Indigenous residential care	..	..	9	8	17
Total not placed in accordance with principle	26	22	19	16	35
Total Indigenous children in care	43	38	31	29	43
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Indigenous relative/kin	20.9	10.5	16.1	17.2	–
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	18.6	23.7	19.4	20.7	14.0
Other Indigenous caregiver	–	7.9	3.2	6.9	2.3
Indigenous residential care	na	na	na	–	–
Total placed in accordance with principle	39.5	42.1	38.7	44.8	16.3
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	60.5	57.9	32.3	27.6	41.9
In non-Indigenous residential care	..	..	29.0	27.6	39.5
Total not placed in accordance with principle	60.5	57.9	61.3	55.2	81.4
Total Indigenous children in care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out-of-home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

(b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.123 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	20	16	13	8	14
Non-Indigenous	no.	208	245	267	257	211
All children	no.	228	261	280	265	225
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	76.9	80.0	76.5	61.5	51.9
Non-Indigenous	%	83.2	89.1	88.7	87.1	75.4
All children	%	82.6	88.5	88.1	86.0	73.3

(a) The percentage of children under 12 years in home-based placements was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children under 12 years old in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.124

Table 15A.124 **Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Tasmania (a), (b), (c)**

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	na	na	na	na
2 placements	na	na	na	na	na
3 placements	na	na	na	na	na
4-5 placements	na	na	na	na	na
6-10 placements	na	na	na	na	na
11 or more placements	na	na	na	na	na
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na
Total children	na	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	na	na	na	na
2 placements	na	na	na	na	na
3 placements	na	na	na	na	na
4-5 placements	na	na	na	na	na
6-10 placements	na	na	na	na	na
11 or more placements	na	na	na	na	na
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na
Total children	na	na	na	na	na
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	na	na	na	na
2 placements	na	na	na	na	na
3 placements	na	na	na	na	na
4-5 placements	na	na	na	na	na
6-10 placements	na	na	na	na	na
11 or more placements	na	na	na	na	na
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na
Total children	na	na	na	na	na
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	na	na	na	na
2 placements	na	na	na	na	na
3 placements	na	na	na	na	na
4-5 placements	na	na	na	na	na
6-10 placements	na	na	na	na	na
11 or more placements	na	na	na	na	na
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na
Total children	na	na	na	na	na

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5 years or more in out-of-home care

1 placement	na	na	na	na	na
2 placement	na	na	na	na	na
2–3 placements	na	na	na	na	na
4–5 placement	na	na	na	na	na
6–10 placements	na	na	na	na	na
11 or more placements	na	na	na	na	na
Unknown	na	na	na	na	na
Total children	na	na	na	na	na
Total children exiting out-of-home care	na	na	na	na	na

(a) These data were not collected prior to 2001-02

(b) Tasmania could not provide data for this indicator

(c) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.125 Children in out-of-home care, by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, Tasmania

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household						
Number of children	no.	1	–	1	2	1
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	0.1	–	0.1	0.3	0.1
Other children						
Number of children	no.	1 493	1 252	992	727	756
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	99.9	100.0	99.9	99.7	99.9
All children in out-of-home care	no.	1 494	1 252	993	729	757

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

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Table 15A.126 Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, Australian Capital Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household						
Number of children	no.	–	–	2	2	1
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	–	–	0.4	0.4	0.2
Other children						
Number of children	no.	424	572	490	491	536
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	100.0	100.0	99.6	99.6	99.8
All children in out-of-home care	no.	424	572	492	493	537

(a) Children in respite care or temporary placements were not included.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.127

Table 15A.127 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, by Indigenous status, Australian Capital**

	1998-99		1999-00	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children				
Notifications investigated				
Investigations finalised by 31 August				
Substantiated	25	39.1	19	18.6
Child at risk	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..
Total notifications investigated	59	92.2	97	95.1
Notifications dealt with by other means	—	—	—	—
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	5	7.8	5	4.9
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	64	100.0	102	100.0
<i>Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children</i>				
Notifications investigated				
Investigations finalised by 31 August				
Substantiated	417	32.2	214	19.7
Child at risk	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..
Total notifications investigated	1 133	87.6	934	85.9
Notifications dealt with by other means	—	—	—	—
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	161	12.4	153	14.1
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	1 294	100.0	1 087	100.0

Table 15A.127

Table 15A.127 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, by Indigenous status, Australian Capital**

	1998-99		1999-00	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
Number of notifications involving all children				
Notifications investigated				
Investigations finalised by 31 August				
Substantiated	442	32.5	233	19.6
Child at risk	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	649	47.8	685	57.6
Total investigations finalised	1 091	80.3	918	77.2
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	101	7.4	113	9.5
Total notifications investigated	1 192	87.8	1 031	86.7
Notifications dealt with by other means	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	166	12.2	158	13.3
Total notifications all children	1 358	100.0	1 189	100.0

- (a) In 1999-2000 child protection policies were changed to focus on the level of harm to a child rather than an incident. This change is likely to be the main reason for the decrease in the number of
- (b) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these were counted. From 1998-99 the definition of an investigation was changed to include
- (c) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes 'non-abuse'
- (d) Data on the number of investigations finalised and not finalised by Indigenous status were not
- (e) In 2002-03 the number of notifications in the ACT was higher than in previous years due to changed arrangements for recording reports of concern about children and young people.

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

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection*

Table 15A.128

Table 15A.128 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a)**

		<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	–	5.0	14	9	16	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	9.0	1.0	11	5	13	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	9	6	25	14	29	
Children discharged from orders	no.	9	2	28	10	8	
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	41.0	46.0	78	87	78	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	34.0	11.0	56	62	42	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	75	57	134	150	120	
Children discharged from orders	no.	89	55	89	95	94	
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	41.0	51.0	92	96	94	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	43.0	12.0	67	67	55	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	84	63	159	164	149	
Children discharged from orders	no.	98	57	117	105	102	

(a) The introduction of the new *Children and Young People Act 1999* provided for short term orders which has impacted on the number of children admitted to orders.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.129

Table 15A.129 **Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June, by type of order and Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	36	35	22	29	39
Finalised supervisory orders	–	1	1	2	–
Interim and temporary orders	–	4	9	1	9
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	36	40	32	32	48
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	176	133	156	184	182
Finalised supervisory orders	18	17	13	23	13
Interim and temporary orders	6	42	18	22	45
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	200	192	187	229	240
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	212	168	178	213	221
Finalised supervisory orders	18	18	14	25	13
Interim and temporary orders	6	46	27	23	54
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	236	232	219	261	288

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.130

Table 15A.130 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations, by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	63	71	68	49	111
Non-Indigenous	1 225	886	606	635	1 372
All children	1 288	957	674	684	1 483
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	44.4	49.2	46.5	29.1	66.2
Non-Indigenous	16.8	12.2	8.5	8.7	19.1
All children	17.3	13.0	9.2	9.2	20.2
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	59	54	64	30	61
Non-Indigenous	1 112	711	450	433	601
All children	1 171	765	514	463	662
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	41.6	37.4	43.8	17.8	36.4
Non-Indigenous	15.3	9.8	6.3	5.9	8.4
All children	15.8	10.4	7.0	6.2	9.0
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	23	6	20	11	33
Non-Indigenous	365	184	183	191	230
All children	388	190	203	202	263
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	16.2	4.2	13.7	6.5	19.7
Non-Indigenous	5.0	2.5	2.6	2.6	3.2
All children	5.2	2.6	2.8	2.7	3.6
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	36	40	32	32	48
Non-Indigenous	200	192	187	229	240
All children	236	232	219	261	288
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	24.0	26.0	20.5	18.1	27.4
Non-Indigenous	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.9	3.1
All children	3.0	3.0	2.8	3.3	3.7

Table 15A.130 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations, by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)

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- (a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0-16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0-16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.
- (b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.
- (c) In 1999-2000 child protection policies were changed to focus on the level of harm to a child rather than an incident. This change is likely to be the main reason for the decrease in the number of
- (d) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 and 2002-03 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2004.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection* (unpublished), AIHW *Children on care and protection orders Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.131 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Australian Capital Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Number of children						
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	12	19	na	4	4
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	20	38	na	24	17
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	3.5	2.4	na	1.3	1.5
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	5.8	4.8	na	7.7	6.5

(a) The ACT was unable to provide data for this indicator for 1999-2000.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notification, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.132 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Australian Capital Territory

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Number of children						
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	20	17	21	18	12
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	28	28	34	25	27
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	5.6	4.3	11.1	8.9	2.6
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	7.8	7.1	17.9	12.3	5.8

Source: AIHW *Child protection notification, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.133 **ACT resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Resubstantiation rate – 3 months	%	5.6	4.3	11.1	8.9	2.6
Resubstantiation rate – 12 months	%	7.8	7.1	17.9	12.3	5.8
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate – 3 months	%	3.5	2.4	na	1.3	1.5
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate – 12 months	%	5.8	4.8	na	7.7	6.5
	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	40.5	25.4	38.5	42.1	39.0

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notification, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.134 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	1999	2000	2001	2002 (c)	2003
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June (d)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	24	29	29	27	48
Non-Indigenous	150	171	186	197	229
All children	174	200	215	224	277
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	16.0	18.9	18.6	15.3	27.4
Non-Indigenous	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.5	3.0
All children	2.2	2.6	2.8	2.8	3.5
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year (e)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	49	53	72	48	66
Non-Indigenous	375	519	420	445	471
All children	424	572	492	493	537
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	32.9	34.9	46.5	27.2	37.6
Non-Indigenous	4.8	6.7	5.5	5.7	6.2
All children	5.4	7.3	6.3	6.2	6.9

(a) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out of home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in out of home care were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.

(b) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in at least one placement were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

(c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 and 2002-03 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2004.

(d) A child is only counted once, regardless of the number of placements during the year.

(e) SAAP placements were counted as out-of-home care placements where Family Services made a financial payment.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.135 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
Residential care	1	3	2	1	7
Home based care					
Foster care	14	17	14	18	18
Relative/kinship care	9	9	11	7	22
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	1
Total home based	23	26	25	25	41
Independent living-includes private board	–	–	1	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	1	1	–
Total Indigenous children	24	29	29	27	48
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	17	15	14	20	30
Home based care					
Foster care	90	113	126	120	120
Relative/kinship care	41	42	44	56	76
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	131	155	170	176	196
Independent living-includes private board	–	–	1	1	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	2	1	1	–	3
Total non-Indigenous children	150	171	186	197	229
All children					
Residential care	18	18	16	21	37
Home based care					
Foster care	104	130	140	138	138
Relative/kinship care	50	51	55	63	98
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	1
Total home based care	154	181	195	201	237
Independent living-includes private board	–	–	2	1	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	2	1	2	1	3
Total all children	174	200	215	224	277

(a) The number of children in relative/kinship care may be understated as the relationship to a child of foster carers from non-government organisations is unknown.

(b) Residential care includes family group homes.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.136

Table 15A.136 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Australian Capital Territory (a)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	24	24	29	26	47
On another type of order	–	5	–	1	1
Not on an order	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	24	29	29	27	48
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	131	145	164	187	217
On another type of order	–	14	7	5	2
Not on an order	19	12	15	5	10
Total non-Indigenous children	150	171	186	197	229
All children					
On a care and protection order	155	169	193	213	264
On another type of order	–	19	7	6	3
Not on an order	19	12	15	5	10
Total all children	174	200	215	224	277

(a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; and those on interim or temporary orders. 'On another type of order' includes offence orders or other orders that are not care and protection orders.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.137

Table 15A.137 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
Respite	–	–	–	–	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	–	–	–	–	4
1 to less than 6 months	1	6	1	1	9
6 months to less than 1 year	2	2	–	4	8
1 to less than 2 years	7	5	7	1	7
2 to less than 5 years	11	13	12	8	7
5 years or more	3	3	9	13	13
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	24	29	29	27	48
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	24	29	29	27	48
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	2	–	9	2	3
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	5	13	3	9	22
1 to less than 6 months	15	37	21	25	43
6 months to less than 1 year	20	22	15	21	11
1 to less than 2 years	25	22	40	24	37
2 to less than 5 years	48	42	35	51	48
5 years or more	35	35	63	65	65
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	148	171	177	195	226
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	150	171	186	197	229
All children					
Respite	2	–	9	2	3
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	5	13	3	9	26
1 to less than 6 months	16	43	22	26	52
6 months to less than 1 year	22	24	15	25	19
1 to less than 2 years	32	27	47	25	44
2 to less than 5 years	59	55	47	59	55
5 years or more	38	38	72	78	78
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	172	200	206	222	274
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	174	200	215	224	277

(a) This indicates the length of time a child has been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

Table 15A.137 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)

(b) Respite care includes children who were in emergency or planned respite from the home for non-child protection reasons, such as where the parents were ill or unable to care for the child. Non-respite includes children in care for child protection reasons.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

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Table 15A.138 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	13	8	14	6	–
6 months to less than 1 year	1	–	–	–	–
1 to less than 2 years	3	–	2	2	–
2 to less than 5 years	–	–	7	2	–
5 years or more	–	–	2	1	2
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	17	8	25	11	2
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	58	84	31	25	15
6 months to less than 1 year	11	22	4	6	4
1 to less than 2 years	11	14	4	11	5
2 to less than 5 years	4	4	5	11	11
5 years or more	4	4	4	3	4
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	88	128	48	56	39
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	71	92	45	31	15
6 months to less than 1 year	12	22	4	6	4
1 to less than 2 years	14	14	6	13	5
2 to less than 5 years	4	4	12	13	11
5 years or more	4	4	6	4	6
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	105	136	73	67	41

(a) This indicates the length of time a child had been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis for those children who exited care during the year. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

(b) Data for the category '5 years or more' were not collected prior to 1998-99. Children who had been in care for more than 5 years were therefore included in the category '2 to less than 5 years'.

(c) Children in respite care or temporary placements were not included.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.139 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	9	9	11	7	22
Non-Indigenous	no.	41	42	44	56	76
All children	no.	50	51	55	63	98
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	37.5	31.0	37.9	25.9	45.8
Non-Indigenous	%	27.3	24.6	23.7	28.4	33.2
All children	%	28.7	25.5	25.6	28.1	35.4

(a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

(b) The number children in relative/kinship care may be understated as the relationship to a child of foster carers from non-government organisations is unknown.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.140 Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June					
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Indigenous relative/kin	7	7	9	5	19
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	3	2	2	2	3
Other Indigenous caregiver	5	11	6	12	5
Indigenous residential care	..	..	..	1	–
Total placed in accordance with principle	15	20	17	20	27
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	9	9	8	7	14
In non-Indigenous residential care	..	..	4	–	7
Total not placed in accordance with principle	9	9	12	7	21
Total Indigenous children in care	24	29	29	27	48
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Indigenous relative/kin	29.2	24.1	31.0	18.5	39.6
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	12.5	6.9	6.9	7.4	6.3
Other Indigenous caregiver	20.8	37.9	20.7	44.4	10.4
Indigenous residential care	..	..	..	3.7	–
Total placed in accordance with principle	62.5	69.0	58.6	74.1	56.3
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	37.5	31.0	27.6	25.9	29.2
In non-Indigenous residential care	..	..	13.8	–	14.6
Total not placed in accordance with principle	37.5	31.0	41.4	25.9	43.8
Total Indigenous children in care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out of home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

(b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.141 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home-based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	19	21	19	20	28
Non-Indigenous	no.	88	109	116	119	137
All children	no.	107	130	135	139	165
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	100.0	100.0	95.0	95.2	90.3
Non-Indigenous	%	96.4	99.1	98.3	98.3	93.8
All children	%	97.0	99.2	97.8	97.9	93.2

(a) The percentage of children under 12 years in home-based placements was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children under 12 years old in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.142 **Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements by length of time in out-of-home care, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)**

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	21	7
2 placements	3	2
3 placements	2	4
4-5 placements	-	-
6-10 placements	-	-
11 or more placements	-	-
Unknown	-	-
Total children	26	13
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	3	-
2 placements	1	-
3 placements	1	1
4-5 placements	-	1
6-10 placements	-	1
11 or more placements	-	-
Unknown	-	-
Total children	5	3
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	4	1
2 placements	3	2
3 placements	2	1
4-5 placements	-	-
6-10 placements	3	1
11 or more placements	1	-
Unknown	-	-
Total children	13	5
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	2	3
2 placements	8	2
3 placements	-	1
4-5 placements	3	1
6-10 placements	-	2
11 or more placements	-	1
Unknown	-	-
Total children	13	10

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5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	1	1
2 placement	1	1
2-3 placements	-	2
4-5 placement	..	..	..	2	-
6-10 placements	..	..	..	-	-
11 or more placements	..	..	..	-	-
Unknown	..	..	..	-	-
Total children	..	..	..	4	4
Total children exiting out-of-home care	..	..	..	61	35

(a) These data were not collected prior to 2001-02

(b) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(c) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

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Table 15A.143

Table 15A.143 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	na	na	194	31.8	167	26.8	236	29.7	209	24.4
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	na	na	na	na	181	29.1	241	30.3	210	24.6
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	348	55.9	477	60.0	419	49.0
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	7	1.1	2	0.3	89	10.4
Total notifications investigated	na	na	371	60.8	355	57.0	479	60.3	508	59.4
Notifications dealt with by other means	na	na	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	na	na	239	39.2	268	43.0	316	39.7	347	40.6
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	na	na	610	100.0	623	100.0	795	100.0	855	100.0
Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	na	na	199	24.1	182	19.6	113	14.0	118	16.9
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	na	na	na	na	225	24.2	234	28.9	208	29.8
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	407	43.9	347	42.8	326	46.6
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	7	0.8	9	1.1	56	8.0
Total notifications investigated	na	na	408	49.3	414	44.6	356	44.0	382	54.6
Notifications dealt with by other means	na	na	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	na	na	419	50.7	514	55.4	454	56.0	317	45.4
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	na	na	827	100.0	928	100.0	810	100.0	699	100.0

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Table 15A.143 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
Number of notifications involving all children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	na	na	393	27.3	349	22.5	349	21.7	327	21.0
Child at risk	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	na	na	382	26.6	406	26.2	475	29.6	418	26.9
Total investigations finalised	na	na	775	53.9	755	48.7	824	51.3	745	47.9
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	na	na	4	0.3	14	0.9	11	0.7	145	9.3
Total notifications investigated	na	na	779	54.2	769	49.6	835	52.0	890	57.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	na	na	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	na	na	658	45.8	782	50.4	770	48.0	664	42.7
Total notifications all children	na	na	1 437	100.0	1 551	100.0	1 605	100.0	1 554	100.0

- (a) The NT includes child concern reports in child protection notifications.
- (b) NT could not provide data for the full year for 1998-99 as a result of changes to their information system. The apparent increase in numbers of children in the child protection system from 1998-99 onwards is due to the design of the new information system which enables improved reporting of all reports received.
- (c) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these were counted.
- (d) From 1998-99 the definition of an investigation was changed to include the interviewing or sighting of a child where practicable.
- (e) Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.
- (f) Data on the number of investigations finalised and not finalised by Indigenous status were not collected between 1997-98 and 1999-00.
- (g) The NT cannot reliably count notifications dealt with by other means and such matters are included under 'notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means'.
- Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable. **na** Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.144 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders, by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b)**

		<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.	na	138	138	159	197	
Children discharged from orders	no.	na	97	101	126	139	
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.	na	127	128	87	104	
Children discharged from orders	no.	na	79	130	81	75	
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.	na	265	266	246	301	
Children discharged from orders	no.	na	176	231	207	214	

(a) NT could not provide data for the full year for 1998-99 as a result of changes to their information system.

(b) NT could not provide data on children admitted to orders for the first time in 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-01 or 2001-02.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection* (unpublished).

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Table 15A.145 **Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June, by type of order and Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	85	95	111	112	155
Finalised supervisory orders	5	–	2	–	4
Interim and temporary orders	3	23	13	14	15
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	93	118	126	126	174
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	68	77	70	65	78
Finalised supervisory orders	2	3	3	1	1
Interim and temporary orders	14	22	6	2	21
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	84	102	79	68	100
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	153	172	181	177	233
Finalised supervisory orders	7	3	5	1	5
Interim and temporary orders	17	45	19	16	36
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	177	220	205	194	274

(a) NT could not provide data for the full year for 1998-99 as a result of changes to their information system.
– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.146 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations, by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	na	471	491	668	738
Non-Indigenous	na	663	695	675	595
All children	na	1 134	1 186	1 343	1 333
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	na	20.8	21.6	29.1	32.3
Non-Indigenous	na	19.5	20.4	19.7	17.6
All children	na	20.0	20.9	23.5	23.6
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	na	261	300	437	379
Non-Indigenous	na	306	364	327	286
All children	na	567	664	764	665
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	na	11.6	13.2	19.1	16.6
Non-Indigenous	na	9.0	10.7	9.6	8.5
All children	na	10.0	11.7	13.4	11.8
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	na	172	153	222	198
Non-Indigenous	na	179	177	109	113
All children	na	351	330	331	311
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	na	7.6	6.7	9.7	8.7
Non-Indigenous	na	5.3	5.2	3.2	3.3
All children	na	6.2	5.8	5.8	5.5
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	93	118	126	126	174
Non-Indigenous	84	102	79	68	100
All children	177	220	205	194	274
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	3.9	4.9	5.3	5.2	7.3
Non-Indigenous	2.4	2.9	2.2	1.9	2.8
All children	3.0	3.7	3.4	3.2	4.6

Table 15A.146 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations, by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

- (a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0-16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0-16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.
- (b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.
- (c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 and 2002-03 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2004.
- (d) The NT include child concern reports in child protection notifications.
- (e) NT could not provide data for the full year for 1998-99 as a result of changes to their information system. The apparent increase in numbers of children in the child protection system from 1998-99 onwards is due to the design of the new information system which enables improved reporting of all reports received.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection* (unpublished), AIHW *Children on care and protection orders Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.147 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Northern Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2002-03
Number of children						
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	na	na	na	10	6
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	na	na	na	25	22
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	na	na	na	3.0	1.4
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	na	na	na	7.4	5.0

(a) NT could not provide these data for 1996-97 to 1999-2000.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.148 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Northern Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Number of children						
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	na	na	na	8	7
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	na	na	na	20	35
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation						
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	na	na	na	2.4	2.1
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	na	na	na	6.0	10.5

(a) NT could not provide these data for 1996-97 to 1999-2000.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.149 **NT resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Resubstantiation rate – 3 months	%	na	na	na	2.4	2.1
Resubstantiation rate – 12 months	%	na	na	na	6.0	10.5
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate – 3 months	%	na	na	na	3.0	1.4
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate – 12 months	%	na	na	na	7.4	5.0
	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	na	50.7	46.2	42.4	43.9

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.150 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)

	1999	2000	2001	2002 (c)	2003
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June (d)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	93	94	100	105	142
Non-Indigenous	84	82	64	58	81
All children	177	176	164	163	223
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.4	5.9
Non-Indigenous	2.4	2.3	1.8	1.6	2.3
All children	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.7	3.8
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year (e)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	na	147	193	199	258
Non-Indigenous	na	160	190	125	140
All children	na	307	383	324	398
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	na	6.1	8.1	8.3	10.8
Non-Indigenous	na	4.4	5.3	3.5	3.9
All children	na	5.1	6.4	5.4	6.7

(a) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out of home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in out of home care were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.

(b) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in at least one placement were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

(c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 and 2002-03 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2004.

(d) For the first time in 1999-2000, the data does not include children placed with parents or relatives who were not reimbursed.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.151

Table 15A.151 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Northern Territory (a)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
Residential care	na	6	7	6	8
Home based care					
Foster care	na	62	61	72	95
Relative/kinship care	na	22	29	22	34
Other home based care	na	–	–	–	–
Total home based	na	84	90	94	129
Independent living-includes private board	na	1	–	1	1
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	na	3	3	4	4
Total Indigenous children	na	94	100	105	142
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	na	7	2	–	4
Home based care					
Foster care	na	59	48	47	56
Relative/kinship care	na	4	9	7	12
Other home based care	na	–	–	–	–
Total home based	na	63	57	54	68
Independent living-includes private board	na	3	2	1	1
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	na	9	3	3	8
Total non-Indigenous children	na	82	64	58	81
All children					
Residential care	na	13	9	6	12
Home based care					
Foster care	na	121	109	119	151
Relative/kinship care	na	26	38	29	46
Other home based care	na	–	–	–	–
Total home based care	na	147	147	148	197
Independent living-includes private board	na	4	2	2	2
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	na	12	6	7	12
Total all children	na	176	164	163	223

(a) Residential care includes family group homes.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.152

Table 15A.152 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Northern Territory (a)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	93	94	100	105	142
On another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
Total Indigenous children	93	94	100	105	142
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	84	82	64	58	81
On another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
Total non-Indigenous children	84	82	64	58	81
All children					
On a care and protection order	177	176	164	163	223
On another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
Total all children	177	176	164	163	223

(a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; and those on interim or temporary orders.

.. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.153

Table 15A.153 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Northern Territory (a), (b)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	na	8	2	7	5
1 to less than 6 months	na	14	9	11	15
6 months to less than 1 year	na	30	16	5	27
1 to less than 2 years	na	13	34	22	21
2 to less than 5 years	na	13	20	37	47
5 years or more	na	16	19	22	25
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	1	2
Total non-respite	na	94	100	105	142
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	93	94	100	105	142
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	na	11	–	–	12
1 to less than 6 months	na	11	7	1	5
6 months to less than 1 year	na	16	13	6	16
1 to less than 2 years	na	15	16	9	8
2 to less than 5 years	na	24	21	25	26
5 years or more	na	5	7	14	12
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	3	2
Total non-respite	na	82	64	58	81
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	84	82	64	58	81
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	na	19	2	7	17
1 to less than 6 months	na	25	16	12	20
6 months to less than 1 year	na	46	29	11	43
1 to less than 2 years	na	28	50	31	29
2 to less than 5 years	na	37	41	62	73
5 years or more	na	21	26	36	37
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	4	4
Total non-respite	na	176	164	163	223
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	–	–
Total all children	177	176	164	163	223

(a) This indicates the length of time a child has been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

Table 15A.153 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Northern Territory (a), (b)**

(b) The NT is unable to reliably distinguish between respite and non-respite care. As a result both types of placement were included if they satisfy the definition of out-of-home care.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.154

Table 15A.154 **Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	14	8	15	18
6 months to less than 1 year	na	4	1	2	–
1 to less than 2 years	na	2	2	3	3
2 to less than 5 years	na	2	1	2	8
5 years or more	na	1	3	2	–
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	na	23	15	24	29
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	13	23	7	5
6 months to less than 1 year	na	1	4	–	–
1 to less than 2 years	na	6	5	3	2
2 to less than 5 years	na	2	10	5	2
5 years or more	na	2	1	–	2
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	na	24	43	15	11
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	na	27	31	22	23
6 months to less than 1 year	na	5	5	2	–
1 to less than 2 years	na	8	7	6	5
2 to less than 5 years	na	4	11	7	10
5 years or more	na	3	4	2	2
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	–	–
Total all children	na	47	58	39	40

(a) This indicates the length of time a child had been in out of home placement on a continuous basis for those children who exited care during the year. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

(b) NT could not provide data for 1998-99.

(c) Data for the category '5 years or more' were not collected prior to 1998-99. Children who had been in care for more than 5 years were therefore included in the category '2 to less than 5 years'.

(d) The NT is unable to reliably distinguish between respite and non-respite care. As a result both types of placement were included if they satisfy the definition of out-of-home care.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.155 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	na	22	29	22	34
Non-Indigenous	no.	na	4	9	7	12
All children	no.	na	26	38	29	46
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	na	23.4	29.0	21.0	23.9
Non-Indigenous	%	na	4.9	14.1	12.1	14.8
All children	%	na	14.8	23.2	17.8	20.6

(a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

(b) NT could not provide data for 1999.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.156 Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June					
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Indigenous relative/kin	na	28	38	40	51
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	na	na	na	na	na
Other Indigenous caregiver	na	26	29	36	43
Indigenous residential care	..	..	..	–	–
Total placed in accordance with principle	na	54	67	76	94
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	na	40	29	21	39
In non-Indigenous residential care	..	..	4	6	8
Total not placed in accordance with principle	na	40	33	27	47
Total Indigenous children in care	na	94	100	103	141
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Indigenous relative/kin	na	29.8	38.0	38.1	35.9
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	na	na	na	na	na
Other Indigenous caregiver	na	27.7	29.0	34.3	30.3
Indigenous residential care	..	..	..	–	–
Total placed in accordance with principle	na	57.4	67.0	72.4	66.2
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle					
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	na	42.6	29.0	20.4	27.7
In non-Indigenous residential care	..	..	4.0	5.8	5.7
Total not placed in accordance with principle	na	42.6	33.0	26.2	33.3
Total Indigenous children in care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out of home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.
- (b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.
- (c) NT could not provide these data prior to 1999-2000.
- (d) The definition of 'relative/kin' used in this table is broader than the definition used in other tables because it includes fictive kin relationships based on customary law.
- (e) Data on the relationship of the caregiver to children placed with non-Indigenous carers could not be provided and these children were included in the category 'other non-Indigenous carer'.
- (f) For 2001-02 the number of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin may be under-enumerated due to data entry error.
- Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable. **na** Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.157 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	na	73	76	83	105
Non-Indigenous	no.	na	52	39	38	45
All children	no.	na	125	115	121	150
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	na	86.9	90.5	93.3	92.1
Non-Indigenous	%	na	92.9	95.1	97.4	86.5
All children	%	na	89.3	92.0	94.5	90.4

(a) The percentage of children under 12 years in home based placements was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children under 12 years old in out-of-home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

(b) NT could not provide data for 1999.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.158 **Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements, by length of time in out-of-home care, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c)**

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	15	14
2 placements	4	7
3 placements	3	2
4-5 placements	-	-
6-10 placements	-	-
11 or more placements	-	-
Unknown	-	-
Total children	22	23
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	-	-
2 placements	1	-
3 placements	-	-
4-5 placements	1	-
6-10 placements	-	-
11 or more placements	-	-
Unknown	-	-
Total children	2	-
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	2	1
2 placements	2	-
3 placements	2	4
4-5 placements	-	-
6-10 placements	-	-
11 or more placements	-	-
Unknown	-	-
Total children	6	5
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	-	-
2 placements	5	4
3 placements	-	2
4-5 placements	1	3
6-10 placements	-	1
11 or more placements	1	-
Unknown	-	-
Total children	7	10

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5 years or more in out-of-home care						
1 placement	–	–	
2 placement	–	–	
2–3 placements	1	–	
4–5 placement	1	–	
6–10 placements	..	..	..	–	1	
11 or more placements	..	..	..	–	1	
Unknown	..	..	..	–	–
Total children	..	..	..	2	2	
Total children exiting out-of-home care	..	..	..	39	40	

(a) These data were not collected prior to 2001-02.

(b) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(c) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.159 **Children in out-of-home care, by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, Northern Territory (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household						
Number of children	no.	na	na	na	na	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	na	na	na
Other children						
Number of children	no.	na	na	na	na	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	na	na	na
All children in out-of-home care	no.	na	na	na	na	na

(a) NT could not provide this data as it does not record whether the person believed responsible was living in the household at the time of the abuse or neglect.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (unpublished).

SAAP data

Table 15A.160

Table 15A.160 **Composition of support in SAAP support periods, Australia (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>
1998-99										
Housing/accommodation	%	84.2	59.9	77.5	86.7	70.3	75.0	85.2	77.1	75.2
Financial assistance/ employment assistance	%	26.3	38.1	30.8	28.8	33.7	30.8	43.7	49.9	32.2
Counselling	%	25.4	47.0	41.8	38.7	45.2	49.7	51.2	52.7	38.5
General support/advocacy	%	63.0	80.5	69.5	53.0	81.6	70.0	80.4	78.1	70.4
Specialist services	%	18.7	19.7	21.3	34.3	24.9	14.9	29.0	49.2	22.1
Other	%	86.4	43.7	71.9	75.5	62.7	65.4	82.3	78.6	69.0
Total number	'000	55.4	44.2	25.8	12.4	11.1	5.6	3.0	5.6	163.2
1999-2000										
Housing/accommodation	%	82.2	55.2	77.0	81.2	70.5	69.7	87.2	82.6	72.8
Financial assistance/ employment assistance	%	24.9	37.7	31.7	31.4	33.3	34.7	45.8	37.3	31.8
Counselling	%	26.7	47.6	38.4	45.7	47.5	52.0	52.2	41.4	39.2
General support/advocacy	%	65.0	79.9	63.8	58.7	76.4	67.1	82.7	68.4	69.6
Specialist services	%	19.3	19.6	22.4	33.9	23.5	11.7	29.9	33.2	21.8
Other	%	83.6	42.5	67.1	72.7	61.4	56.4	85.4	80.4	66.2
Total number	'000	51.2	42.7	26.1	13.1	10.9	5.8	3.2	4.7	157.6
2000-01										
Housing/accommodation	%	83.9	51.9	79.7	83.6	70.0	71.4	93.8	85.0	73.8
Financial assistance/ employment assistance	%	25.8	39.6	47.5	34.2	32.9	33.9	51.2	38.8	36.5
Counselling	%	32.2	45.7	53.1	46.7	49.0	55.5	67.3	49.8	44.6
General support/advocacy	%	66.2	77.3	71.2	57.0	78.1	64.8	83.4	69.3	70.4
Specialist services	%	22.4	18.0	43.2	34.5	19.1	14.5	42.8	37.1	27.5
Other	%	79.8	42.6	74.2	70.6	58.9	63.7	87.9	80.9	66.7
Total number	'000	48.7	42.3	38.5	15.0	10.8	5.0	2.8	5.2	168.3
2001-02										
Housing/accommodation	%	81.7	55.1	84.6	83.1	64.3	65.4	87.8	87.6	74.0
Financial assistance/ employment assistance	%	28.0	41.4	53.1	35.9	31.5	35.7	56.0	43.2	39.3
Counselling	%	35.8	46.8	58.5	47.0	58.8	53.5	75.3	49.5	48.3
General support/advocacy	%	68.3	74.1	75.8	57.4	80.2	65.8	87.8	71.4	71.9
Specialist services	%	22.3	19.2	50.9	33.3	18.7	10.6	44.4	39.0	29.2
Other	%	78.4	40.3	77.9	71.9	50.0	55.7	86.4	85.8	65.3
Total number	'000	47.9	45.2	41.4	14.7	14.4	5.8	2.7	4.8	177.0

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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>
2002-03										
Housing/accommodation	%	77.8	53.6	79.5	81.7	64.1	60.5	86.3	89.1	70.5
Financial assistance/ employment assistance	%	29.9	40.2	49.3	30.5	32.2	33.7	62.3	43.2	38.0
Counselling	%	36.0	49.3	53.0	47.1	66.7	53.1	72.6	53.0	48.2
General support/advocacy	%	66.5	71.7	70.1	57.6	80.7	64.1	86.7	65.4	69.2
Specialist services	%	26.3	19.3	42.5	28.9	17.0	10.0	47.7	28.7	27.0
Other	%	76.0	38.3	71.1	71.2	47.9	48.8	82.3	84.5	61.2
Total number	'000	47.9	48.8	36.9	14.9	14.1	6.6	2.5	4.5	176.2

(a) A client may require and are able to receive more than one type of service within the broad type of assistance so percentages do not total to 100.

(b) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.

Source: SAAP National Data Collection Agency (NDCA), *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished).

Table 15A.161 **SAAP agencies by primary target group, Australia (a), (b)**

<i>Primary target group</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Proportion of SAAP agencies targeting client group</i>				
		<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
Young people	%	38.6	38.4	38.6	37.0	36.8
Women escaping domestic violence	%	21.9	22.4	22.5	22.5	22.3
Cross target/multiple/general	%	19.7	18.3	18.5	20.0	20.6
Families	%	8.2	8.5	8.8	9.4	9.3
Single men only	%	8.0	8.6	8.0	7.5	7.4
Single women only	%	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	1 207	1 200	1 222	1 286	1 283

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

(b) Analysis excludes agencies not participating in the SAAP National Data Collection.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished).

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Table 15A.162 **SAAP agencies by service delivery model, Australia (a)**

<i>Primary target group</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Proportion of SAAP agencies targeting client group</i>				
		<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>
Medium/long term accommodation	%	40.2	39.5	38.9	37.6	35.9
Crisis/short term accommodation	%	33.1	33.6	32.7	34.1	35.4
Multiple	%	12.3	12.8	13.4	13.1	13.3
Outreach support	%	5.2	5.4	5.6	5.4	5.3
Day support	%	2.2	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.0
Agency support	%	1.7	1.3	1.1	1.8	2.0
Telephone information/referral	%	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.2
Other	%	4.0	4.0	4.7	4.7	4.8
Total	%	59.8	60.4	61.0	62.3	64.0
Total number	no.	1 207	1 200	1 222	1 286	1 283

(a) Analysis excludes agencies not participating in the SAAP National Data Collection.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished).

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Table 15A.163 Recurrent SAAP program funding by Commonwealth, State and Territory allocation, Australia (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>
1998-99										
Level of funding										
Australian Govt allocation	\$m	44.2	29.1	18.9	10.7	13.3	5.9	3.7	3.3	129.1
State/Territory allocation	\$m	39.4	21.4	13.7	7.9	8.7	4.4	3.5	2.1	101.1
Total	\$m	83.6	50.5	32.6	18.6	22.0	10.3	7.2	5.4	230.2
Proportion of total funding										
Australian Govt allocation	%	52.9	57.6	58.0	57.5	60.5	57.3	51.4	61.1	56.1
State/Territory allocation	%	47.1	42.4	42.0	42.5	39.5	42.7	48.6	38.9	43.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1999-2000										
Level of funding										
Australian Govt allocation	\$m	44.9	29.6	22.9	13.6	13.5	6.0	3.8	3.8	138.0
State/Territory allocation	\$m	40.0	21.7	16.5	10.1	8.9	4.4	3.5	2.4	107.5
Total	\$m	84.9	51.2	39.4	23.7	22.4	10.4	7.3	6.1	245.5
Proportion of total funding										
Australian Govt allocation	%	52.9	57.7	58.2	57.2	60.4	57.3	51.8	61.4	56.2
State/Territory allocation	%	47.1	42.3	41.8	42.8	39.6	42.7	48.2	38.6	43.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2000-01										
Level of funding										
Australian Govt allocation	\$m	50.8	33.8	26.1	15.3	15.0	6.7	5.3	4.5	157.4
State/Territory allocation	\$m	41.1	22.2	16.9	10.4	9.1	4.5	4.3	2.7	111.2
Total	\$m	91.9	56.0	43.0	25.7	24.0	11.2	9.6	7.2	268.5
Proportion of total funding										
Australian Govt allocation	%	55.3	60.3	60.8	59.5	62.2	59.6	55.3	62.1	58.6
State/Territory allocation	%	44.7	39.7	39.2	40.5	37.8	40.4	44.7	37.9	41.4
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2001-02										
Level of funding										
Australian Govt allocation	\$m	52.3	34.7	26.9	16.0	15.4	6.9	5.5	4.6	162.3
State/Territory allocation	\$m	42.2	22.9	17.7	10.9	9.4	4.7	4.4	2.8	114.9
Total	\$m	94.5	57.6	44.6	26.9	24.7	11.6	9.9	7.4	277.2
Proportion of total funding										
Australian Govt allocation	%	55.3	60.3	60.3	59.5	62.2	59.6	55.3	62.1	58.5
State/Territory allocation	%	44.7	39.7	39.7	40.5	37.8	40.4	44.7	37.9	41.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 15A.163

Table 15A.163 **Recurrent SAAP program funding by Commonwealth, State and Territory allocation, Australia (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>
2002-03										
Level of funding										
Australian Govt allocation	\$m	53.9	35.8	27.7	16.5	15.9	7.1	5.7	4.7	167.4
State/Territory allocation	\$m	54.5	23.6	18.3	11.2	9.7	4.8	4.6	2.9	129.5
Total	\$m	108.4	59.4	46.0	27.8	25.5	11.9	10.2	7.6	296.9
Proportion of total funding										
Australian Govt allocation	%	49.8	60.3	60.3	59.5	62.2	59.6	55.3	62.1	56.4
State/Territory allocation	%	50.2	39.7	39.7	40.5	37.8	40.4	44.7	37.9	43.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Includes State and Territory allocations for program administration.

Source: Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services (DFaCS) (unpublished).

Table 15A.164

Table 15A.164 Total recurrent SAAP program funding, Australia (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>
Nominal funding										
1998-99	\$m	83.6	50.5	32.6	18.6	22.0	10.3	7.2	5.4	230.2
1999-2000	\$m	84.9	51.2	39.4	23.7	22.4	10.4	7.3	6.1	245.5
2000-01	\$m	91.9	56.0	43.0	25.7	24.0	11.2	9.6	7.2	268.5
2001-02	\$m	94.5	57.6	44.6	26.9	24.7	11.6	9.9	7.4	277.2
2002-03	\$m	108.4	59.4	46.0	27.8	25.5	11.9	10.2	7.6	296.9
Real funding (2002-03 dollars) (b)										
1998-99	\$m	93.9	56.7	36.6	20.9	24.7	11.6	8.1	6.1	258.7
1999-2000	\$m	93.4	56.4	43.4	26.1	24.7	11.4	8.1	6.8	270.4
2000-01	\$m	96.6	58.9	45.2	27.0	25.3	11.8	10.1	7.5	282.4
2001-02	\$m	97.1	59.2	45.8	27.7	25.4	11.9	10.2	7.6	284.9
2002-03	\$m	108.4	59.4	46.0	27.8	25.5	11.9	10.2	7.6	296.9

(a) Includes total SAAP recurrent allocations (including State and Territory allocations for program administration).

(b) Real recurrent funded calculated using ABS GDP expenditure implicit price deflators 2002-03 = 100.

Source: DFACS (unpublished); Table A.26 and table 15A.162.

Table 15A.165 Recurrent SAAP program funding per person in the total population, Australia (2002-03 dollars) (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>
1998-99	\$	14.74	12.18	10.58	11.41	16.57	24.49	26.00	31.72	13.76
1999-2000	\$	14.48	11.98	12.34	14.06	16.44	24.20	25.69	34.68	14.22
2000-01	\$	14.78	12.34	12.62	14.33	16.77	25.01	31.89	38.16	14.66
2001-02	\$	14.68	12.25	12.57	14.48	16.78	25.11	31.68	37.95	14.60
2002-03	\$	16.30	12.17	12.37	14.38	16.78	25.19	31.76	38.51	15.07

(a) Includes SAAP recurrent allocations (including State and Territory allocations for program administration).

(b) The total population figure is not indicative of the demand for SAAP services.

Source: DFACS (unpublished); Table A.1 and table 15A.163.

Table 15A.166

Table 15A.166 **Change in client's income source after SAAP support, Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
1998-99										
From no income to some income	%	3.6	3.4	3.3	2.3	2.9	2.6	3.7	2.9	3.2
Obtained own benefit/extra benefit/wages	%	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.4	2.1	0.8	1.5	2.2	1.7
No substantive change	%	85.3	88.2	85.2	91.9	88.7	92.0	84.7	85.1	87.3
No income before or after support	%	8.9	5.1	8.9	3.3	5.4	4.1	9.7	9.0	6.8
From wage to govt payments/income to no income	%	0.6	1.5	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.9	1.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	23 300	25 400	14 500	8 700	5 700	4 100	2 100	4 100	87 900
1999-2000										
From no income to some income	%	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.3	2.7	2.2	1.9	2.6	2.6
Obtained own benefit/extra benefit/wages	%	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.6	2.2	0.6	1.2	2.9	1.8
No substantive change	%	86.7	89.0	85.8	90.9	89.9	93.6	87.0	87.8	88.3
No income before or after support	%	7.9	5.0	8.6	3.9	4.0	3.3	9.2	5.3	6.2
From wage to govt payments/income to no income	%	0.8	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.4	0.7	1.5	1.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	21 700	25 000	13 100	9 100	5 300	4 200	2 300	3 400	84 000
2000-01										
From no income to some income	%	3.4	3.1	2.3	2.6	3.0	1.6	3.1	2.0	2.9
Obtained own benefit/extra benefit/wages	%	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.2	1.5	1.0	1.4	2.2	1.6
No substantive change	%	86.0	89.3	86.9	91.8	88.8	91.1	86.2	90.6	88.4
No income before or after support	%	7.7	4.8	8.3	3.7	5.7	6.0	9.0	4.3	6.2
From wage to govt payments/income to no income	%	1.0	1.2	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	21 300	22 300	13 900	9 700	5 500	3 500	2 200	3 700	82 100

Table 15A.166

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2001-02										
From no income to some income	%	3.2	2.7	2.1	2.1	2.6	2.2	3.5	2.1	2.6
Obtained own benefit/extra benefit/wages	%	1.4	1.5	1.5	0.9	2.0	0.8	0.9	1.6	1.4
No substantive change	%	87.7	90.8	88.6	92.7	90.3	93.0	84.9	92.6	89.8
No income before or after support	%	6.8	3.9	6.8	3.7	3.9	3.6	9.9	2.9	5.2
From wage to govt payments/income to no income	%	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.6	1.1	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	22 900	24 700	15 000	10 000	6 100	3 900	2 000	3 400	88 000
2002-03 (d)										
From no income to some income	%	2.6	2.3	1.9	1.8	2.3	1.6	4.5	2.3	2.3
Obtained own benefit/extra benefit/wages	%	1.6	1.3	1.4	0.8	1.4	0.7	1.8	2.3	1.4
No substantive change	%	88.3	91.7	89.0	93.7	91.4	92.3	83.8	92.1	90.5
No income before or after support	%	6.6	3.7	6.6	3.0	4.0	4.6	9.2	2.5	4.9
From wage to govt payments/income to no income	%	0.8	1.0	1.1	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	21 900	29 200	14 600	10 700	5 900	3 800	1 800	3 200	91 200

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

(b) Excludes high volume records as not all items were included on high volume form.

(c) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non participation and client non consent.

(d) Data excludes 31 170 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished).

Table 15A.167

Table 15A.167 **Change in Indigenous client's income source after SAAP support, Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2001-02										
From no income to some income	%	2.2	1.5	0.8	0.5	1.3	1.0	2.0	0.6	1.1
Obtained own benefit/extra benefit/wages	%	0.4	1.2	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	–	0.6	0.4
No substantive change	%	91.5	94.4	92.4	97.1	94.4	92.1	84.5	95.7	93.8
No income before or after support	%	5.5	2.3	6.0	1.9	3.6	6.6	12.6	2.5	4.3
From wage to govt payments/ some income to no income	%	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	–	0.9	0.6	0.4
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	3 700	1 200	4 500	3 700	1 000	400	200	2 100	16 700
2002-03 (d)										
From no income to some income	%	1.8	1.7	0.8	0.5	0.7	1.2	3.8	0.9	1.1
Obtained own benefit/extra benefit/wages	%	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.5
No substantive change	%	91.1	93.4	92.8	97.4	95.6	88.6	79.5	96.1	93.9
No income before or after support	%	6.2	3.7	5.4	1.7	2.2	9.0	15.1	1.6	4.1
From wage to govt payments/ some income to no income	%	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	3 600	1 600	4 300	4 100	1 100	400	200	1 800	17 100

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

(b) Excludes high volume records as not all items were included on high volume form.

(c) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non consent.

(d) Data excludes 4826 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished).

Table 15A.168

Table 15A.168 **Change in clients' type of housing after SAAP support (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>
1998-99										
Independent housing										
Private rental	%	41.1	43.7	49.3	38.4	39.4	52.4	19.3	26.8	42.3
Owner-occupied	%	2.3	4.1	3.4	4.0	3.4	2.2	3.0	1.4	3.3
Public housing	%	12.9	14.2	12.2	22.4	21.8	16.2	16.4	24.6	15.4
Other (c)	%	14.4	11.6	15.3	8.7	13.6	9.4	21.3	25.6	13.5
Non-independent housing										
SAAP crisis/short term	%	11.4	12.6	6.9	5.3	7.1	5.6	10.8	5.2	9.6
SAAP medium/short term	%	5.1	4.7	2.5	2.4	4.0	3.0	8.9	2.8	4.1
Other (c)	%	12.9	9.2	10.4	18.7	10.7	11.2	20.2	13.7	11.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	17 500	23 300	11 700	7 100	4 600	3 300	1 600	3 200	72 300
1999-2000										
Independent housing										
Private rental	%	38.8	41.6	48.1	38.0	39.3	52.1	15.1	30.0	40.8
Owner-occupied	%	2.6	4.4	2.8	5.5	4.8	2.4	2.9	1.3	3.7
Public housing	%	11.7	16.2	10.3	19.3	24.2	14.9	20.7	23.3	15.5
Other	%	14.6	12.0	16.7	9.3	11.8	12.7	18.2	20.5	13.5
Non-independent housing										
SAAP crisis/short term	%	12.4	13.4	8.6	6.1	5.9	5.9	14.3	4.7	10.5
SAAP medium/short term	%	6.1	4.6	2.7	2.7	3.7	2.6	7.7	2.1	4.3
Other	%	13.8	7.7	10.9	19.0	10.3	9.5	21.1	18.1	11.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	16 500	23 200	10 300	7 600	4 600	3 300	1 700	2 600	69 800
2000-01										
Independent housing										
Private rental	%	36.6	41.5	46.2	35.3	39.0	46.1	15.9	26.6	39.3
Owner-occupied	%	3.0	4.9	2.2	3.9	6.0	2.9	2.1	1.9	3.7
Public housing	%	12.5	17.8	11.3	22.1	22.4	18.3	19.2	19.4	16.4
Other	%	15.2	13.7	17.7	11.3	12.1	13.3	18.7	23.2	14.9
Non-independent housing										
SAAP crisis/short term	%	12.8	7.7	10.0	7.7	5.5	6.0	14.1	6.8	9.2
SAAP medium/short term	%	5.4	5.2	2.9	2.5	4.9	2.5	10.1	2.1	4.4
Other	%	14.4	9.1	9.6	17.3	10.1	10.8	19.8	19.9	12.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	17 000	21 100	12 200	8 400	4 800	2 800	1 600	2 900	70 800

Table 15A.168

Table 15A.168 **Change in clients' type of housing after SAAP support (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2001-02										
Independent housing										
Private rental	%	37.0	43.4	42.6	34.0	37.5	45.3	17.5	25.4	39.2
Owner-occupied	%	3.2	4.5	2.7	3.2	5.9	1.9	1.6	1.8	3.6
Public housing	%	14.0	18.1	10.3	22.3	21.6	17.7	22.1	31.5	17.0
Other	%	15.6	12.2	13.7	11.6	12.9	13.3	20.6	17.4	13.7
Non-independent housing										
SAAP crisis/short term	%	11.1	6.7	7.5	11.6	5.0	6.8	11.6	5.1	8.3
SAAP medium/short term	%	5.5	5.7	1.8	2.4	7.1	2.5	10.9	2.2	4.6
Other	%	13.5	9.4	21.4	15.1	10.0	12.5	15.6	16.5	13.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	18 300	23 200	12 900	7 900	5 500	3 300	1 600	2 600	75 300
2002-03 (f)										
Independent housing										
Private rental	%	38.5	42.1	40.8	31.4	37.9	48.3	19.3	31.1	39.1
Owner-occupied	%	2.9	4.5	3.5	3.7	5.2	3.7	1.9	1.0	3.7
Public housing	%	13.2	15.8	10.9	26.0	21.7	16.1	22.5	27.9	16.5
Other	%	14.9	10.4	14.7	13.5	13.1	11.8	19.1	19.2	13.1
Non-independent housing										
SAAP crisis/short term	%	11.8	10.2	7.8	9.2	6.4	6.6	13.0	4.5	9.5
SAAP medium/short term	%	5.4	6.7	2.6	2.6	7.2	2.8	10.6	1.6	5.1
Other	%	13.3	10.3	19.7	13.6	8.5	10.6	13.6	14.7	12.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	17 300	27 100	12 400	8 500	5 300	3 200	1 500	2 600	77 800

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

(b) Excludes high volume records because not all items were included in high volume forms.

(c) 'Other' independent housing may include living rent free in a house or flat.

(d) 'Other' non-independent housing may include SAAP funded accommodation at hostels, hotels or community placements; non-SAAP emergency accommodation; a car, a tent or squat, or an institutional setting. Refer to the SAAP NDCA annual reports for further explanation of the counting rules.

(e) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non participation and client non consent.

(f) Data excludes 44 576 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished).

Table 15A.169

Table 15A.169 Change in type of housing after SAAP support, Indigenous client (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2001-02										
Independent housing										
Private rental	%	35.3	37.0	24.1	24.2	21.1	37.3	13.0	15.8	26.6
Owner-occupied	%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	1.3	–	0.4	0.6
Public housing	%	20.8	28.6	12.7	40.3	33.7	17.1	19.6	45.9	26.6
Other	%	15.2	10.9	10.8	14.2	19.9	19.4	26.1	18.7	14.3
Non-independent housing										
SAAP crisis/short term	%	11.7	6.7	5.2	8.9	7.1	8.0	9.8	4.2	7.6
SAAP medium/short term	%	3.5	4.0	1.0	1.3	4.7	3.4	11.2	1.8	2.3
Other	%	12.9	12.2	45.6	10.3	13.1	13.6	20.2	13.2	22.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	3 000	1 200	4 200	2 900	900	300	200	1 500	14 200
2002-03 (f)										
Independent housing										
Private rental	%	38.0	36.9	27.3	19.7	24.3	38.5	16.8	18.2	27.5
Owner-occupied	%	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.7	4.5	1.8	0.1	0.6
Public housing	%	20.3	24.1	15.1	45.9	31.1	19.5	20.3	40.4	28.2
Other	%	14.5	9.8	12.5	16.7	19.8	14.7	28.1	25.3	15.6
Non-independent housing										
SAAP crisis/short term	%	11.7	9.4	5.1	6.1	7.5	6.6	10.7	2.1	7.0
SAAP medium/short term	%	3.7	5.0	1.1	1.1	6.1	2.5	8.1	0.9	2.4
Other	%	11.4	14.0	38.5	9.9	10.5	13.7	14.2	13.0	18.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	2 900	1 500	3 800	3 500	1 000	300	200	1 500	14 700

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

(b) Excludes high volume records because not all items were included in high volume forms.

(c) 'Other' independent housing may include living rent free in a house or flat.

(d) 'Other' non-independent housing may include SAAP funded accommodation at hostels, hotels or community placements; non-SAAP emergency accommodation; a car, a tent or squat, or an institutional setting. Refer to the SAAP NDCA annual reports for further explanation of the counting rules.

(e) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non participation and client non consent.

(f) Data excludes 7218 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished).

Table 15A.170

Table 15A.170 **Labour force status of clients before SAAP support, Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
1998-99										
Employed full time	%	2.7	2.7	3.9	4.1	2.2	1.7	3.4	6.3	3.1
Employed part time	%	2.2	2.9	2.8	4.1	3.3	2.0	3.4	4.2	2.8
Employed casually	%	2.5	3.2	3.2	2.5	3.8	1.7	4.8	3.6	3.0
Unemployed	%	37.2	33.8	36.3	33.9	33.4	40.3	41.9	42.7	35.9
Not in labour force	%	55.4	57.5	53.8	55.4	57.4	54.3	46.5	43.2	55.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	29 600	35 300	18 700	10 800	7 700	5 300	3 000	4 600	114 800
1999-2000 (c)										
Employed full time	%	3.3	2.8	2.7	4.3	2.5	1.6	3.4	4.6	3.1
Employed part time	%	2.2	3.1	2.4	3.7	2.7	1.7	2.8	2.9	2.7
Employed casually	%	3.1	3.6	3.3	2.9	3.6	2.2	4.1	4.4	3.3
Unemployed	%	35.6	31.9	34.9	34.0	29.3	32.5	38.6	44.4	34.0
Not in labour force	%	55.9	58.5	56.7	55.1	62.0	62.1	51.2	43.7	56.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	28 600	34 700	17 800	11 700	7 700	5 400	2 900	4 000	112 800
2000-01 (c)										
Employed full time	%	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.0	2.2	1.3	3.6	5.0	2.9
Employed part time	%	2.0	3.0	2.6	3.3	2.1	1.5	2.3	2.8	2.6
Employed casually	%	3.4	3.5	3.3	2.9	4.8	2.3	3.5	3.0	3.4
Unemployed	%	35.8	31.4	32.9	34.7	27.9	30.1	37.0	42.0	33.4
Not in labour force	%	55.7	59.0	58.6	56.0	62.9	64.8	53.7	47.2	57.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	28 300	32 000	17 800	12 600	7 600	4 600	2 700	4 300	109 900
2001-02 (c) (d)										
Employed full time	%	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.5	1.6	3.5	4.4	2.9
Employed part time	%	2.2	3.0	2.6	2.8	2.7	1.5	2.6	3.5	2.6
Employed casually	%	3.4	3.4	3.2	2.9	3.9	2.2	5.3	2.7	3.3
Unemployed	%	32.8	31.5	37.4	37.4	26.2	32.1	34.2	38.7	33.3
Not in labour force	%	58.7	59.1	53.8	54.3	64.7	62.6	54.5	50.8	57.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	30 300	35 400	18 600	12 900	8 800	5 500	2 600	4 000	118 100
2002-03 (d)										
Employed full time	%	2.7	2.9	3.0	2.6	3.1	1.6	3.7	3.3	2.8
Employed part time	%	2.4	2.8	2.5	4.7	3.2	2.2	2.8	2.7	2.9
Employed casually	%	3.4	3.8	3.4	2.4	4.0	2.4	8.0	3.1	3.5
Unemployed	%	32.8	30.0	35.2	35.6	25.0	33.1	31.0	33.0	32.0
Not in labour force	%	58.7	60.6	55.9	54.8	64.7	60.6	54.5	57.9	58.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	29 000	40 000	18 300	13 600	8 800	5 700	2 400	3 700	121 400

Table 15A.170

- (a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.
- (b) Excludes high volume records because not all items were included on high volume forms.
- (c) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non participation and client non consent.
- (d) Data excludes 18 717 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished).

Table 15A.171

Table 15A.171 **Change in labour force status of unemployed clients after SAAP support, Australia (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>
1998-99										
Employed										
Full time	%	2.5	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.8	0.8	1.5	2.4	2.0
Part time	%	1.3	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.4	0.4	0.9	1.4
Casual	%	2.0	3.0	2.6	2.3	3.0	1.4	4.5	2.9	2.6
Sub-total	%	5.8	6.5	6.4	6.0	6.6	2.6	6.4	6.2	6.0
Unemployed										
Studying	%	3.9	3.9	2.5	3.0	4.5	2.8	4.7	3.1	3.5
Not studying	%	86.7	84.6	87.4	82.9	82.9	90.2	82.1	88.0	85.8
Sub-total	%	90.6	88.5	89.9	85.9	87.3	93.0	86.8	91.1	89.3
Not in labour force										
Studying	%	0.9	1.5	0.9	1.1	1.4	0.8	1.7	0.3	1.1
Not studying	%	2.7	3.6	2.9	7.0	4.8	3.6	5.1	2.4	3.6
Sub-total	%	3.6	5.0	3.8	8.1	6.1	4.4	6.8	2.7	4.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	8 200	8 100	5 100	2 600	1 800	1 500	800	1 700	29 800
1999-2000										
Employed										
Full time	%	3.6	2.2	2.8	2.5	2.9	0.3	1.5	4.2	2.7
Part time	%	1.6	1.9	2.3	0.9	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.7	1.6
Casual	%	2.7	2.8	2.4	2.4	3.2	1.4	2.0	3.4	2.6
Sub-total	%	7.8	6.9	7.4	5.8	7.3	3.0	4.4	8.3	6.9
Unemployed										
Studying	%	4.5	4.5	2.9	3.0	3.5	5.3	5.3	4.2	4.1
Not studying	%	79.5	82.9	78.1	80.2	77.1	83.2	84.2	85.2	80.7
Sub-total	%	84.0	87.4	80.9	83.3	80.6	88.5	89.4	89.3	84.8
Not in labour force										
Studying	%	1.6	1.3	2.2	1.7	2.6	1.3	1.8	0.7	1.6
Not studying	%	6.7	4.4	9.4	9.2	9.5	7.2	4.3	1.7	6.7
Sub-total	%	8.3	5.7	11.6	10.9	12.1	8.5	6.1	2.4	8.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	7 500	7 700	4 800	3 000	1 600	1 400	900	1 500	28 300

Table 15A.171

Table 15A.171 **Change in labour force status of unemployed clients after SAAP support, Australia (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>
2000-01										
Employed										
Full time	%	3.7	2.3	2.6	2.5	1.6	0.9	2.2	2.8	2.7
Part time	%	1.2	1.8	1.7	0.7	1.2	1.3	1.8	1.6	1.4
Casual	%	3.7	2.8	2.1	2.7	3.0	1.3	2.8	3.8	2.9
Sub-total	%	8.6	6.9	6.4	6.0	5.7	3.6	6.7	8.2	7.0
Unemployed										
Studying	%	4.4	4.0	3.4	2.6	4.2	3.3	6.2	2.8	3.8
Not studying	%	77.6	81.9	78.6	83.6	75.0	84.0	83.0	82.4	80.1
Sub-total	%	82.0	85.8	82.1	86.2	79.2	87.3	89.2	85.2	83.9
Not in labour force										
Studying	%	1.7	1.3	1.9	0.8	3.3	1.1	1.4	0.9	1.5
Not studying	%	7.7	6.0	9.7	7.1	11.8	8.1	2.6	5.7	7.6
Sub-total	%	9.4	7.3	11.6	7.9	15.1	9.1	4.1	6.7	9.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	6 900	6 500	4 600	3 100	1 500	900	800	1 500	25 800
2001-02										
Employed										
Full time	%	3.6	2.7	2.1	1.4	2.4	0.4	1.7	4.0	2.6
Part time	%	1.5	1.6	2.1	0.8	2.0	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.5
Casual	%	3.6	3.2	3.7	1.8	4.0	2.2	4.1	2.3	3.2
Sub-total	%	8.8	7.5	7.9	4.0	8.4	3.7	6.6	7.6	7.3
Unemployed										
Studying	%	5.0	4.8	3.9	2.6	3.9	3.2	6.2	4.2	4.3
Not studying	%	72.6	78.8	77.6	82.9	70.9	81.0	82.4	81.7	77.3
Sub-total	%	77.6	83.6	81.5	85.5	74.8	84.2	88.5	85.9	81.6
Not in labour force										
Studying	%	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.2	2.5	1.6	1.7	0.7	1.7
Not studying	%	11.7	7.1	9.0	9.3	14.4	10.5	3.1	5.9	9.4
Sub-total	%	13.6	8.9	10.7	10.5	16.9	12.1	4.8	6.5	11.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	7 300	7 100	4 400	3 600	1 700	1 200	700	1 300	27 300

Table 15A.171

Table 15A.171 Change in labour force status of unemployed clients after SAAP support, Australia (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>
2002-03 (e)										
Employed										
Full time	%	3.0	2.3	2.4	1.5	2.9	1.0	3.2	5.3	2.5
Part time	%	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.0	1.4	0.3	1.7	2.9	1.6
Casual	%	3.7	3.1	3.0	2.0	4.3	2.2	6.6	3.5	3.2
Sub-total	%	8.6	7.1	7.0	4.5	8.7	3.5	11.6	11.7	7.3
Unemployed										
Studying	%	6.6	3.8	4.7	2.0	4.1	3.2	4.9	3.7	4.4
Not studying	%	74.0	78.9	76.6	83.0	69.4	79.8	77.1	77.9	77.3
Sub-total	%	80.6	82.7	81.4	85.0	73.5	83.0	82.0	81.6	81.7
Not in labour force										
Studying	%	1.6	1.8	2.0	0.8	3.1	2.7	2.0	0.6	1.7
Not studying	%	9.2	8.3	9.6	9.8	14.7	10.8	4.5	6.1	9.2
Sub-total	%	10.8	10.1	11.6	10.6	17.8	13.5	6.4	6.8	10.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	7 000	8 300	4 200	3 800	1 500	1 200	600	1 200	27 900

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

(b) Data are for support periods for people who were unemployed when entering SAAP services.

(c) Excludes high volume records because not all items were included on high volume forms.

(d) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non participation and client non consent.

(e) Data excludes 23 097 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished).

Table 15A.172

Table 15A.172 Change in labour force status of unemployed Indigenous clients after SAAP support (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2001-02										
Employed										
Full time	%	1.4	3.0	1.2	0.6	1.1	–	1.6	1.3	1.3
Part time	%	1.2	1.6	1.6	0.3	–	–	3.2	1.0	1.0
Casual	%	2.6	2.0	2.4	0.3	1.7	5.4	1.4	0.7	1.7
Sub-total	%	5.2	6.5	5.1	1.2	2.9	5.4	6.2	3.0	4.1
Unemployed										
Studying	%	5.4	4.2	5.9	2.7	9.3	1.0	6.7	2.1	4.4
Not studying	%	76.5	81.3	75.2	82.6	65.4	74.1	85.7	85.7	78.9
Sub-total	%	81.9	85.5	81.1	85.3	74.7	75.2	92.4	87.8	83.4
Not in labour force										
Studying	%	1.8	1.4	0.6	1.1	3.0	3.1	1.4	0.6	1.3
Not studying	%	11.0	6.6	13.1	12.5	19.4	16.4	–	8.6	11.3
Sub-total	%	12.8	8.0	13.7	13.5	22.4	19.5	1.4	9.2	12.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	1 000	400	700	800	200	100	100	600	3 900
2002-03 (e)										
Employed										
Full time	%	1.4	1.7	1.3	0.7	2.7	na	3.2	1.3	1.3
Part time	%	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.1	na	1.9	1.2	1.2
Casual	%	3.1	2.3	2.0	0.7	3.3	3.9	5.0	1.3	2.1
Sub-total	%	5.7	5.0	4.4	2.6	7.2	3.9	10.0	3.9	4.6
Unemployed										
Studying	%	7.2	3.3	9.9	1.3	3.5	2.4	6.8	3.5	5.3
Not studying	%	76.3	78.6	73.9	83.0	67.6	82.1	76.2	81.4	77.8
Sub-total	%	83.6	81.9	83.9	84.3	71.2	84.4	83.1	84.9	83.1
Not in labour force										
Studying	%	1.7	2.4	1.5	0.8	3.7	2.3	3.4	0.8	1.6
Not studying	%	9.1	10.7	10.1	12.3	18.0	9.3	3.5	10.4	10.7
Sub-total	%	10.7	13.1	11.7	13.1	21.7	11.7	6.9	11.2	12.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	1 000	500	800	900	200	100	100	500	4 100

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

(b) Data are for support periods for people who were unemployed when entering SAAP services.

(c) Excludes high volume records because not all items were included on high volume forms.

(d) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non participation and client non consent.

(e) Data excludes 4336 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished).

Table 15A.173

Table 15A.173 **SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year, Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
1998-99 (b)										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	75.8	80.4	83.3	79.4	80.5	81.4	80.5	75.1	79.3
2	%	12.2	12.4	11.2	13.3	13.0	10.8	13.7	13.2	12.3
3	%	4.6	3.9	3.1	4.3	3.9	4.1	3.1	5.7	4.1
4	%	2.4	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.4	2.2	1.7
5	%	1.4	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.3	0.9
6+	%	3.6	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.5	2.4	1.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	27 300	29 100	15 300	7 900	7 500	3 500	2 100	3 300	96 000
1999-2000 (b), (c)										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	74.0	77.5	76.4	76.4	77.0	75.4	72.2	76.0	76.0
2	%	12.7	13.5	13.4	14.1	13.7	13.8	14.4	12.4	13.4
3	%	5.3	4.7	4.8	5.5	4.8	4.6	6.5	5.5	5.0
4	%	2.6	1.9	2.3	1.9	2.3	2.6	2.7	3.1	2.3
5	%	1.5	0.9	1.3	1.0	0.9	1.3	1.6	1.2	1.2
6+	%	3.9	1.4	1.8	1.2	1.3	2.3	2.6	1.8	2.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	24 400	27 400	15 000	8 100	7 000	3 300	1 900	2 800	90 000
2000-01 (b), (c)										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	77.7	79.8	79.4	75.6	81.8	80.3	78.2	76.5	78.8
2	%	12.3	12.5	11.6	13.8	13.1	12.6	15.0	13.5	12.5
3	%	4.2	3.8	3.9	5.3	3.0	3.9	3.3	4.5	4.1
4	%	2.0	1.7	1.6	2.6	1.1	1.9	2.2	2.6	1.8
5	%	1.1	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.9
6+	%	2.7	1.5	2.6	1.7	0.4	0.7	0.5	1.8	1.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	24 100	26 300	16 900	9 100	6 900	3 300	1 800	2 800	91 200

Table 15A.173

Table 15A.173 SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year, Australia (a), (b), (c)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2001-02 (b), (c), (d)										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	67.3	69.1	68.4	65.1	70.4	70.6	69.1	66.8	68.2
2	%	17.4	18.0	16.4	18.6	17.5	16.5	18.4	18.5	17.5
3	%	7.1	6.4	6.4	8.1	6.1	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.7
4	%	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.3	2.8	3.2	2.5	2.9	2.9
5	%	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.9	1.1	1.6	1.3	2.3	1.5
6+	%	3.5	2.4	4.6	3.0	2.1	1.7	2.2	3.1	3.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	25 200	28 200	17 300	8 600	8 200	3 500	1 800	2 900	95 600
2002-03										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	76.9	76.1	76.7	72.5	77.4	76.1	80.7	74.4	74.0
2	%	11.8	13.8	12.1	14.4	13.3	13.9	12.1	15.9	13.6
3	%	4.3	4.9	4.7	6.2	4.7	5.0	4.4	5.6	5.3
4	%	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.8	2.3	2.3	1.7	2.1	2.5
5	%	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.6	1.1	1.4	0.2	1.1	1.4
6+	%	3.6	2.0	3.3	2.6	1.1	1.2	0.9	1.1	3.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	25 400	30 500	18 900	9 300	9 400	4 300	1 800	3 100	97 600
Proportion of SAAP clients who return to SAAP within 12 months that is, clients having two or more support periods in 12 months										
1998-99	%	24.2	19.6	16.6	20.7	19.6	18.5	19.5	24.8	20.7
1999-2000	%	26.0	22.4	23.6	23.7	23.0	24.6	27.8	24.0	24.1
2000-01	%	22.3	20.2	20.6	24.4	18.2	19.7	21.7	23.4	21.2
2001-02 (d)	%	32.7	30.9	31.6	34.9	29.6	29.4	30.9	33.3	31.7
2002-03	%	23.1	23.9	23.3	27.6	22.5	23.8	19.3	25.8	25.9

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

(b) Client figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non participation and client non consent.

(c) Only support periods with consent have been included in the analysis.

(d) Caution should be taken when comparing 2001-02 data with other years as 2001-02 figures are based on estimated support periods for each client rather than observed support periods for each client as reported on in previous years.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished).

Table 15A.174

Table 15A.174 **Indigenous SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2001-02 (c)										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	66.4	69.5	65.2	61.1	63.0	63.7	67.6	64.8	64.9
2	%	17.6	19.4	15.5	19.8	20.7	18.1	17.1	19.3	18.0
3	%	7.6	5.9	6.2	9.3	8.7	8.4	9.3	6.6	7.4
4	%	2.8	2.0	2.4	3.6	4.1	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.9
5	%	1.8	1.3	1.7	2.4	1.5	2.5	1.7	3.0	2.0
6+	%	3.6	1.9	9.0	3.8	1.9	3.6	1.1	3.3	4.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	4 000	1 400	4 100	2 800	1 100	300	200	1 600	15 400
2002-03 (c)										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	77.2	79.8	73.5	68.8	72.4	71.7	80.0	73.4	71.5
2	%	13.2	12.7	11.9	15.9	14.1	16.7	10.6	15.6	14.3
3	%	3.9	4.5	4.0	7.1	6.2	6.1	5.8	6.2	5.8
4	%	2.1	1.1	2.3	3.1	3.7	1.9	1.8	2.2	2.7
5	%	1.0	0.7	0.9	1.9	1.6	1.3	na	1.1	1.4
6+	%	2.7	1.2	7.4	3.2	2.0	2.2	1.8	1.5	4.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	4 200	1 700	4 500	3 300	1 400	400	200	1 700	16 500
Proportion of SAAP clients who return to SAAP within 12 months that is, clients having two or more support periods in 12 months										
2001-02 (c)	%	33.4	30.5	34.8	38.9	36.9	36.3	32.5	35.2	35.0
2002-03	%	22.9	20.2	26.5	31.2	27.6	28.2	20.0	26.6	28.5

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

(b) Client figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non participation and client non consent.

(c) Caution should be taken when comparing 2001-02 data with other years as 2001-02 figures are based on estimated support periods for each client rather than observed support periods for each client.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished).

Table 15A.175

Table 15A.175 Indicative estimates of clients exiting to independent housing and not returning within six months, Australia (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>
Total clients (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)										
1998-99 (f)	no.	26 000	27 900	14 400	7 500	6 900	3 300	1 800	3 000	90 700
1999-00 (f)	no.	24 500	27 400	15 000	8 200	6 900	3 300	1 900	2 800	90 000
2000-01 (f), (g)	no.	24 100	26 300	16 900	9 100	6 900	3 300	1 800	2 800	91 200
2001-02 (f), (g)	no.	25 200	28 200	17 300	8 600	8 200	3 500	1 800	2 900	95 600
2002-03	no.	24 200	29 500	17 800	8 800	8 800	4 000	1 600	2 900	97 600
Clients who provide information on accommodation on exit from support (h), (i), (j), (k)										
1998-99 (f)	no.	9 931	14 303	6 055	4 149	3 318	1 728	1 065	1 607	42 156
1999-00 (f)	no.	9 200	14 400	5 500	4 400	2 800	1 700	1 100	1 500	40 700
2000-01 (f), (g)	no.	9 900	13 400	6 200	5 000	3 000	1 700	1 100	1 600	42 000
2001-02 (f), (g)	no.	11 500	15 900	6 900	4 900	3 400	2 000	1 100	1 700	47 300
2002-03	no.	10 800	17 500	7 300	5 200	3 500	2 000	1 000	1 800	49 100
As a proportion of total clients										
1998-99 (f)	%	38.2	51.3	42.0	55.3	48.1	52.4	59.2	53.6	46.5
1999-00 (f)	%	37.6	52.6	36.7	53.7	40.6	51.5	57.9	53.6	45.2
2000-01 (f), (g)	%	41.1	51.0	36.7	54.9	43.5	51.5	61.1	57.1	46.1
2001-02 (f), (g)	%	45.6	56.4	39.9	57.0	41.5	57.1	61.1	58.6	49.5
2002-03	%	44.6	59.3	41.0	59.1	39.8	50.0	62.5	62.1	50.3
Clients recorded as exiting to independent accommodation and not returning within six months (c), (d), (e), (l), (m), (n), (o)										
1998-99 (f)	no.	4 429	6 566	2 823	1 956	1 611	811	391	760	19 347
1999-00 (f)	no.	3 768	6 308	2 576	1 703	1 243	851	355	759	17 563
2000-01 (f), (g)	no.	3 600	6 300	2 600	1 900	1 300	800	400	700	17 600
2001-02 (f), (g)	no.	4 200	6 600	2 800	2 400	1 400	800	400	800	19 300
2002-03	no.	4 900	7 700	3 200	2 200	1 500	1 000	400	800	21 700
Indicative estimates of clients exiting to independent housing and not returning within six months										
1998-99 (f)	%	44.6	45.9	46.6	47.1	48.6	46.9	36.7	47.3	45.9
1999-00 (f)	%	41.0	43.8	46.8	38.7	44.4	50.1	32.3	50.6	43.2
2000-01 (f), (g)	%	36.4	47.0	41.9	38.0	43.3	47.1	36.4	43.8	41.9
2001-02 (f), (g)	%	36.5	41.5	40.6	49.0	41.2	40.0	36.4	47.1	40.8
2002-03	%	45.4	44.0	43.8	42.3	42.9	50.0	40.0	44.4	44.2

(a) All participating SAAP agencies are included in the analysis.

(b) Ongoing clients are included in the analysis.

(c) Only agency level recurrent allocations are included in the analysis.

(d) There is a small number of participating SAAP agencies that did not receive recurrent funding. These agencies are included in the analysis.

(e) There is a small number of SAAP agencies that received recurrent funding but did not send in any client forms. These agencies are included in the analysis.

(f) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non participation and client non consent.

(g) Preliminary data.

(h) Excludes high volume records as not all items are included on high volume forms.

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- (l) 1998-99 data refers to clients whose support period ends on or after 1 January 1998 and before 1 January 1999. 1999-2000 data refers to clients whose support period ends on or after 1 January 1999 and before 1 January 2000. 2000-01 data refers to clients whose support period ends on or after 1 January 2000 and before 1 January 2001.
- (j) Caution should be applied when interpreting these figures. Consent and valid alpha codes are required for each support period for the clients; after support information is not commonly completed; and particular client groups (for example, women escaping domestic violence) may be under represented in this calculation because of a higher incidence of non-consent.
- (k) A client may receive two or more periods of support in the year. To minimise double counting of individual clients, only one record per client which has exit information has been included in the analysis.
- (l) Care needs to be taken when interpreting these figures. The number of clients that can be identified as leaving to independent housing and not returning within six months is unreliable for a number of reasons:
- consent and valid alpha codes are required for each support period for the clients
 - a client may give consent in one support period and not give consent or an alpha code in the next and therefore is not identified as returning to a SAAP agency within six months
 - type of housing/accommodation after support is not collected on high volume forms (excluding 36 169 support periods)
 - after support information is not commonly completed and
 - particular client groups (for example, women escaping domestic violence) may be under represented in this calculation through a higher incidence of non consent.
- (m) The 'not returning within six months' requirement excludes all clients whose support period ends on or after 1 January 1999. Reference has been made to 1998-99 client data to enable a calculation of these figures representing a full year. Clients whose support period begins on or after 1 January 1999 have been included in the analysis with no exclusions for support periods prior to this date.
- (n) For 1998-99 and 1999-2000, 'exiting to independent housing' includes 'not returning to SAAP within six months'.
- (o) SAAP agencies that had no completed support periods leaving to independent housing are included in the analysis.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished).

Table 15A.176

Table 15A.176 **Support periods, by existence of a support plan, Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
1998-99										
Support plan	%	57.0	68.5	53.0	50.4	67.9	57.8	63.4	68.0	60.6
No support plan	%	15.2	8.2	17.9	22.4	12.5	17.0	10.9	10.7	13.9
Support plan not appropriate	%	27.7	23.3	29.0	27.2	19.6	25.1	25.8	21.3	25.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	28 800	34 000	18 100	11 100	7 400	5 000	2 800	4 700	111 900
1999-2000										
Support plan	%	58.8	70.1	54.8	58.1	73.2	57.5	62.4	64.1	62.7
No support plan	%	16.6	6.4	22.8	14.9	11.6	21.2	9.7	12.8	13.9
Support plan not appropriate	%	24.6	23.5	22.4	27.0	15.2	21.3	27.9	23.1	23.4
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	27 700	33 300	17 900	11 100	7 100	5 000	2 800	3 900	108 900
2000-01										
Support plan	%	60.5	67.1	61.7	56.5	75.4	65.6	65.3	65.9	63.6
No support plan	%	19.1	10.3	17.6	19.7	9.2	17.5	7.4	21.7	15.6
Support plan not appropriate	%	20.4	22.5	20.7	23.8	15.3	16.8	27.3	12.4	20.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	26 100	28 600	17 200	12 700	6 900	4 100	2 500	4 200	102 300
2001-02										
Support plan	%	59.9	63.1	62.8	49.7	75.5	67.2	69.5	63.9	61.9
No support plan	%	17.8	13.1	16.3	24.6	9.2	15.1	9.3	15.1	15.9
Support plan not appropriate	%	22.4	23.8	20.9	25.7	15.3	17.7	21.2	21.0	22.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	31 200	35 700	18 300	13 100	8 300	5 100	2 500	4 100	118 400
2002-03 (d)										
Support plan	%	58.3	61.0	65.9	49.3	72.6	69.2	81.6	59.0	61.3
No support plan	%	17.3	13.1	14.5	25.5	9.7	13.5	4.3	15.1	15.3
Support plan not appropriate	%	24.4	25.9	19.6	25.2	17.6	17.2	14.2	25.8	23.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	28 800	40 500	18 100	12 900	8 300	5 400	2 300	3 900	120 200

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

(b) Excludes high volume records because not all items were included on high volume forms.

(c) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non participation and client non consent.

(d) Data excludes 19 889 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished).

Table 15A.177

Table 15A.177 Support periods, by existence of a support plan, Indigenous clients (a), (b), (c)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2001-02										
Support plan	%	57.5	65.3	71.0	48.5	72.1	73.6	74.4	71.8	62.6
No support plan	%	17.0	15.9	12.1	24.5	11.1	13.2	9.5	16.3	16.8
Support plan not appropriate	%	25.5	18.8	16.9	27.0	16.8	13.2	16.0	11.9	20.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	4 200	1 500	4 300	4 100	1 100	400	300	2 200	18 200
2002-03 (d)										
Support plan	%	54.7	60.9	68.8	46.8	69.2	68.4	83.1	62.9	59.3
No support plan	%	17.2	14.4	13.1	22.5	11.8	14.8	2.3	21.1	17.0
Support plan not appropriate	%	28.1	24.7	18.1	30.7	19.1	16.8	14.6	16.0	23.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	5 100	2 100	5 200	5 100	1 500	500	300	2 300	22 000

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

(b) Excludes high volume records because not all items were included on high volume forms.

(c) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non participation and client non consent.

(d) Data excludes 2462 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished).

Table 15A.178

Table 15A.178 **Potential clients unable to be supported, main reason for support not provided, Australia (a), (b), (c)**

<i>Main reason support not provided</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Proportion of potential clients</i>				
		<i>12–25 Nov 1998</i>	<i>11–24 Nov 1999</i>	<i>Nov–Dec 2000 & May 2001 (c), (d)</i>	<i>Aug 2001 & May 2002 (c), (d)</i>	<i>Dec 2002 and May 2003</i>
No accommodation available	%	81.3	82.0	88.7	88.5	66.5
Referral agency with no vacancies	%	–	–	–	–	20.8
Insufficient staff	%	4.1	6.4	3.3	2.4	2.0
No fee free accommodation available	%	–	–	–	–	1.2
Age of male child	%	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
Facilities not available						
Other special needs facilities	%	1.8	2.0	0.9	1.1	1.0
Facilities for disability needs	%	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.5	–
Facilities for cultural needs	%	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3	–
Total	%	2.9	2.9	1.2	1.9	1.0
Other	%	11.6	8.6	6.6	7.0	8.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	2 834	3 360	4 950	5 040	6 687

- (a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.
- (b) A two-week 'unmet demand collection' is conducted annually to gather information about homeless people who were not accepted as clients of SAAP agencies. In 2001-02, the collection was held between 22–28 August 2001 and 8–14 May 2002, agencies recorded 6725 unmet requests. In this table, requests exclude those where the person refused an offer of assistance; those where a similar request was made at a SAAP funded agency at the same day within the collection period (to limit double counting); and those where the reason their request was not met was either inappropriate referral (wrong target group) or where the service requested was not provided by the agency.
- (c) Caution should be applied when interpreting numbers of unmet requests, for several reasons. Firstly, person(s) can make requests on more than one occasion and to more than one SAAP agency. While double counting has been limited through the exclusion of those requests where the person(s) had made a similar request to a SAAP agency at the same day within the collection period, this information may not have been available to record. Thus the figure 5040 does not represent the actual number of forms with valid requests. Secondly, a number of people may receive the ongoing support or accommodation from a SAAP agency at a later time, quite possibly soon after their initial request. As a result, this estimate may overstate the actual level of unmet demand. Thirdly, a number of people have their needs met by other means and do not return to a SAAP agency.
- Finally, there are shortfalls in pro-rating from a two week collection period to the full year. Many factors influence the capacity of individual SAAP agencies to meet day to day demand for their services – it is not possible to identify a two week period which is 'typical' for all SAAP agencies.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Unmet Demand Collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.179

Table 15A.179 SAAP support periods as a proportion of estimated total SAAP service requests, Australia (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>
Total active support periods										
12–25 Nov 1998	no.	5 600	7 800	3 100	1 600	2 100	800	600	500	22 000
11–24 Nov 1999	no.	5 800	7 700	3 700	2 100	2 100	800	500	500	23 300
Nov–Dec 2000, May 2001	no.	4 900	5 800	3 000	1 700	1 600	700	300	400	18 400
Aug 2001 & May 2002	no.	10 500	13 400	6 200	3 100	4 300	1 800	800	800	40 800
Dec 2002 & May 2003	no.	9 800	13 700	6 200	3 100	4 000	1 900	800	700	40 300
Potential clients unable to be supported										
12–25 Nov 1998	no.	950	760	580	260	210	80	90	60	3 010
11–24 Nov 1999	no.	920	950	710	280	290	70	90	70	3 360
Nov–Dec 2000, May 2001	no.	1 270	1 570	1 030	410	310	100	190	70	4 950
Aug 2001 & May 2002	no.	1 300	1 460	1 140	400	320	160	200	70	5 040
Dec 2002 & May 2003	no.	1 560	2 080	1 450	440	590	210	280	80	6 690
Total estimated demand										
12–25 Nov 1998	no.	6 550	8 560	3 680	1 860	2 310	880	690	560	25 010
11–24 Nov 1999	no.	6 700	8 600	4 400	2 400	2 400	900	600	500	26 700
Nov–Dec 2000, May 2001	no.	6 100	7 400	4 100	2 100	1 900	800	500	500	23 400
Aug 2001 & May 2002	no.	11 800	14 800	7 300	3 500	4 600	2 000	1 000	900	45 900
Dec 2002 & May 2003	no.	11 400	15 800	7 600	3 600	4 600	2 100	1 100	800	47 000
Active support periods as a proportion of total estimated demand										
12–25 Nov 1998	%	85.5	91.1	84.2	86.0	90.9	90.9	87.0	89.3	88.0
11–24 Nov 1999	%	86.6	89.5	84.1	87.5	87.5	88.9	83.3	100.0	87.3
Nov–Dec 2000, May 2001	%	80.3	78.4	73.2	81.0	84.2	87.5	60.0	80.0	78.6
Aug 2001 & May 2002	%	88.9	90.2	84.5	88.6	93.2	91.9	79.3	92.1	89.0
Dec 2002 & May 2003	%	86.3	86.8	80.9	87.6	87.3	90.0	74.1	90.3	85.8

- (a) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non participation and client non consent.
- (b) Data should be interpreted with extreme caution.
- (c) Data for unmet demand are estimates only based on information collected in the two week period each year (22–28 August 2001 and 8–14 May 2002).
- (d) Unmet requests excludes those where the person refused an offer of assistance; those where a similar request was made at a SAAP funded agency within the collection period (to limit double counting); and those where the reason their request was not met was either inappropriate referral (wrong target group) or where the service requested was not provided by the agency.
- (e) Data on unmet demand should be interpreted with caution for several reasons. First, a person can make a request on more than one occasion and to more than one SAAP agency. While double counting has been limited through the exclusion of those requests where the person had made a similar request to a SAAP agency within the collection period, this information may not have been available to record.
- (f) Preliminary data.
- (g) Data from 2000-01 onwards are not comparable to earlier years. In collections prior to 2000-01, unmet requests related to individuals requesting either accommodation and/or support within the collection fortnight. However, for 2000-01 onwards unmet requests corresponded to family groups (including individuals) requesting accommodation on the day of request. The client collection data is not comparable with the unmet demand data.

Source: SAAP NDCA Demand for Accommodation Collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.180

Table 15A.180 Indigenous people among SAAP clients and among people unable to be provided with a SAAP service, Australia (per cent) (a), (b), (c)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Representation among SAAP clients									
1998-99	13.5	4.4	14.2	30.6	13.2	8.8	8.2	47.2	13.0
1999-2000	15.0	4.5	15.9	31.5	12.4	8.7	9.2	44.8	13.8
2000-01 (d), (e)	16.0	4.8	20.5	34.5	14.0	8.9	9.9	46.4	15.9
2001-02 (d), (e)	16.4	5.0	24.3	33.4	14.0	9.4	12.3	54.5	16.7
2002-03	17.2	5.8	24.9	36.5	15.3	8.8	11.4	55.7	17.7
Representation among people unable to be provided with a SAAP service									
1998-99	15.7	2.0	14.7	17.6	9.0	7.8	7.5	36.8	11.7
1999-2000	12.4	4.0	15.4	26.3	15.4	3.1	8.1	38.8	12.0
2000-01 (d), (e)	16.5	1.6	16.6	32.8	12.8	7.5	20.6	55.3	13.4
2001-02 (d), (e)	13.4	3.1	14.1	34.8	21.1	2.4	11.0	63.2	13.3
2002-03	19.5	5.7	18.0	47.7	24.8	2.5	20.2	55.9	17.7

(a) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non participation and client non consent.

(b) Unmet requests exclude those where the person refused an offer of assistance; those where a similar request was made at a SAAP funded agency within the collection period (to limit double counting); and those where the reason their request was not met was either that the referral was inappropriate (wrong target group) or that the service requested was not provided by the agency.

(c) Data on unmet requests should be interpreted with caution for several reasons. First, a person can make request on more than one occasion and to more than one SAAP agency. While double counting has been limited through the exclusion of those requests where the person had made a similar request to a SAAP agency within the collection period, this information may not have been available to record. Therefore, the total numbers do not represent actual people. Second, a number of people may receive the ongoing support or accommodation from a SAAP agency at a later time, quite possibly soon after their initial request. As a result, this estimate may overstate the actual level of unmet demand. Third, a number of potential clients have their needs met by other means and do not return to a SAAP agency. And finally, there are shortfalls in pro-rating from a two week collection period to the full year. It was not possible to identify a two week period which is 'typical' for all SAAP agencies.

(d) Preliminary data.

(e) Data from 2000-01 onwards are not comparable to earlier years. Figures for SAAP clients exclude accompanying children, while figures for people with unmet requests include accompanying children. The client collection data is not comparable with the unmet demand data.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Demand for Accommodation Collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.181 Representation of people from non-English speaking backgrounds among SAAP clients and among people unable to be provided with a SAAP service, Australia (per cent) (a), (b), (c)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Representation among SAAP clients									
1998-99	10.9	14.9	6.8	10.9	7.8	2.4	12.6	3.8	10.7
1999-2000	11.2	15.7	6.4	12.2	9.4	2.5	12.1	5.0	11.2
2000-01 (d), (e)	11.0	14.6	5.5	10.4	9.3	5.0	12.0	6.5	10.5
2001-02 (d), (e)	11.1	14.9	5.6	10.2	8.4	3.4	11.3	4.7	10.4
2002-03	9.3	14.9	4.4	9.1	7.0	3.1	9.9	4.4	9.7
Representation among people unable to be provided with a SAAP service									
1998-99	9.1	11.2	2.9	9.0	6.5	2.0	12.5	7.0	8.3
1999-2000	5.2	9.2	2.3	7.8	3.7	3.1	13.5	10.2	6.2
2000-01 (d), (e)	6.5	10.7	1.3	6.6	1.4	0.8	10.3	4.4	6.3
2001-02 (d), (e)	8.2	13.2	1.8	7.1	1.2	1.6	4.9	–	6.8
2002-03	6.3	10.4	2.2	5.1	3.9	0.5	9.9	0.7	6.0

(a) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non participation and client non consent.

(b) Unmet requests exclude those where the person refused an offer of assistance; those where a similar request was made at a SAAP funded agency within the collection period (to limit double counting); and those where the reason their request was not met was either that the referral was inappropriate (wrong target group) or that the service requested was not provided by the agency.

(c) Data on unmet requests should be interpreted with caution for several reasons. First, a person can make request on more than one occasion and to more than one SAAP agency. While double counting has been limited through the exclusion of those requests where the person had made a similar request to a SAAP agency within the collection period, this information may not have been available to record. Therefore, the total numbers do not represent actual people. Second, a number of people may receive the ongoing support or accommodation from a SAAP agency at a later time, quite possibly soon after their initial request. As a result, this estimate may overstate the actual level of unmet demand. Third, a number of potential clients have their needs met by other means and do not return to a SAAP agency. And finally, there are shortfalls in pro-rating from a two week collection period to the full year. It was not possible to identify a two week period which is 'typical' for all SAAP agencies.

(d) Preliminary data.

(e) Data from 2000-01 onwards are not comparable to earlier years. Figures for SAAP clients exclude accompanying children, while figures for people with unmet requests include accompanying children. The client collection data is not comparable with the unmet demand data.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Demand for Accommodation Collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.182

Table 15A.182 **Support needs of SAAP clients, met and unmet, Australia (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>
1998-99 (b)										
Provided only	%	80.9	66.2	83.7	84.0	76.1	76.7	73.4	83.3	77.1
Referred only	%	5.3	12.2	5.3	3.8	7.6	7.1	6.3	7.5	7.4
Provided & referred	%	6.2	11.1	5.6	6.7	10.0	6.8	11.6	4.7	7.8
Unmet	%	7.6	10.5	5.4	5.5	6.3	9.5	8.7	4.5	7.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	349.6	287.2	169.9	78.0	77.0	37.8	25.8	46.3	1 071.5
1999-2000 (a)										
Provided only	%	82.1	65.1	85.7	83.9	76.5	77.1	76.5	82.6	77.4
Referred only	%	4.4	11.7	3.8	3.5	6.2	6.8	5.1	6.8	6.6
Provided & referred	%	6.2	10.1	4.9	6.1	9.9	8.7	10.7	4.3	7.5
Unmet	%	7.3	13.2	5.6	6.5	7.4	7.4	7.6	6.3	8.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	311.0	273.4	158.0	83.4	74.4	34.0	27.0	33.9	995.0
2000-01 (b), (c)										
Provided only	%	83.5	69.2	85.4	87.0	78.6	79.1	76.7	85.9	80.0
Referred only	%	4.6	11.2	4.0	3.3	6.6	7.2	6.0	5.4	6.3
Provided & referred	%	6.0	8.7	5.5	5.1	8.2	7.2	12.2	5.1	6.9
Unmet	%	5.9	10.8	5.1	4.6	6.6	6.4	5.1	3.6	6.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	307.1	243.6	174.3	89.3	70.3	30.0	26.9	35.9	977.3
2001-02 (b), (c)										
Provided only	%	84.4	72.0	82.6	89.0	78.8	82.8	75.1	90.2	81.1
Referred only	%	4.2	10.7	2.0	2.9	7.2	6.6	5.5	4.2	5.2
Provided & referred	%	6.7	9.4	3.7	4.7	7.9	4.6	15.2	3.3	6.4
Unmet	%	4.7	7.9	11.6	3.5	6.2	6.0	4.2	2.3	7.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	268.8	214.2	288.7	80.3	78.6	27.8	24.1	33.0	1 015.6
2002-03										
Provided only	%	85.6	72.9	83.8	90.3	82.9	86.6	75.1	87.8	82.2
Referred only	%	3.7	9.8	2.0	2.6	5.7	5.3	5.0	4.0	4.8
Provided & referred	%	6.3	9.9	2.8	3.9	6.4	3.8	15.1	4.5	6.1
Unmet	%	4.4	7.5	11.4	3.2	5.0	4.3	4.8	3.7	6.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	251.7	220.8	264.2	73.5	74.9	27.8	22.4	29.2	964.5

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

(b) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non participation and client non consent.

(c) Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished).

Table 15A.183

Table 15A.183 **Support needs of indigenous clients, met and unmet, Australia (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>
1998-99 (b)										
Provided only	%	80.5	69.7	82.9	83.9	75.7	74.1	71.8	83.8	80.4
Referred only	%	5.1	12.3	6.1	3.3	7.1	7.3	6.7	7.0	6.1
Provided & referred	%	4.8	9.4	5.6	6.5	8.5	6.3	13.0	4.8	6.0
Unmet	%	9.6	8.6	5.4	6.3	8.6	12.2	8.4	4.5	7.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	47.2	13.0	22.7	23.9	9.6	4.0	2.3	24.9	147.6
1999-2000 (b)										
Provided only	%	82.7	67.4	85.5	84.2	76.4	77.9	75.8	83.9	81.6
Referred only	%	4.2	11.8	3.2	2.8	5.7	5.8	5.0	6.3	4.9
Provided & referred	%	5.1	10.4	4.4	6.5	8.8	7.7	9.9	4.4	6.0
Unmet	%	8.1	10.4	7.0	6.4	9.1	8.7	9.3	5.3	7.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	46.7	12.7	24.1	26.4	8.7	3.1	2.8	18.1	142.7
2000-01 (b), (c)										
Provided only	%	83.6	69.2	87.3	87.8	80.9	79.7	76.7	86.9	84.2
Referred only	%	4.3	14.2	3.6	2.9	5.5	6.0	6.2	4.4	4.8
Provided & referred	%	6.1	9.3	4.4	4.9	6.3	7.7	11.9	6.0	5.9
Unmet	%	5.9	7.4	4.7	4.3	7.3	6.5	5.2	2.6	5.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	44.2	11.9	35.3	30.2	9.2	3.0	3.1	20.1	157.2
2001-02 (b), (c)										
Provided only	%	84.2	72.2	81.4	88.8	80.2	83.5	73.1	91.5	83.0
Referred only	%	4.4	12.5	0.9	3.4	6.4	6.0	6.4	3.1	2.7
Provided & referred	%	7.0	8.6	1.2	4.1	7.3	4.8	16.0	3.6	3.5
Unmet	%	4.4	6.7	16.5	3.7	6.1	5.6	4.5	1.9	10.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	41.1	10.2	136.6	27.0	10.9	2.8	3.1	21.5	253.3
2002-03										
Provided only	%	83.9	73.4	82.0	91.3	82.2	87.6	78.6	88.5	83.4
Referred only	%	4.2	10.6	0.8	2.3	5.5	4.5	3.9	3.1	2.4
Provided & referred	%	7.3	9.2	1.2	3.6	6.6	3.6	12.1	5.5	3.5
Unmet	%	4.7	6.8	16.0	2.8	5.6	4.3	5.5	2.9	10.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	39.1	12.5	138.0	28.8	11.4	2.9	2.8	17.8	253.3

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

(b) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non participation and client non consent.

(c) Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished).

Table 15A.184

Table 15A.184 **Support needs of clients from non-English speaking backgrounds, met and unmet, Australia (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>
1998-99 (b)										
Provided only	%	79.3	68.4	79.9	80.9	75.4	77.2	69.9	81.6	74.6
Referred only	%	5.4	12.2	7.3	6.6	10.3	7.0	8.2	6.3	8.8
Provided & referred	%	8.1	9.6	8.3	6.6	9.7	5.7	17.4	7.9	9.0
Unmet	%	7.2	9.8	4.5	5.9	4.6	10.1	4.6	4.2	7.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	33.6	45.0	11.7	7.9	6.5	.9	3.1	1.5	110.0
1999-2000 (b)										
Provided only	%	79.0	64.9	83.2	78.5	73.1	77.4	72.9	80.9	73.1
Referred only	%	5.6	11.9	4.5	6.4	10.5	7.0	5.7	7.8	8.5
Provided & referred	%	9.0	9.7	8.0	4.7	10.3	6.5	14.4	5.7	9.0
Unmet	%	6.4	13.4	4.4	10.4	6.0	9.1	7.1	5.6	9.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	32.3	45.0	10.3	10.2	6.7	.8	3.2	1.5	109.9
2000-01 (b), (c)										
Provided only	%	79.0	69.4	83.0	84.4	77.1	78.4	69.8	80.5	75.9
Referred only	%	6.6	11.0	5.4	5.8	10.7	7.6	8.5	7.8	8.4
Provided & referred	%	9.4	8.6	7.4	3.5	9.1	8.7	15.9	6.9	8.5
Unmet	%	5.0	11.0	4.2	6.3	3.1	5.3	5.8	4.8	7.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	29.8	37.2	9.9	8.8	6.0	1.5	3.0	1.9	98.3
2001-02 (b), (c)										
Provided only	%	79.3	70.4	83.8	86.9	78.9	78.8	73.1	85.6	76.9
Referred only	%	5.4	11.3	4.2	4.0	7.9	9.3	4.9	7.8	7.7
Provided & referred	%	11.1	9.5	8.6	4.9	9.3	6.0	15.2	3.0	9.5
Unmet	%	4.2	8.8	3.4	4.2	3.9	5.9	6.8	3.5	5.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	24.9	31.0	8.7	6.8	5.2	1.1	2.2	1.1	81.0
2002-03										
Provided only	%	80.4	71.7	81.5	84.1	79.5	88.2	72.2	87.1	76.7
Referred only	%	4.2	11.0	4.6	5.9	7.8	4.2	5.4	6.0	7.7
Provided & referred	%	11.0	10.2	9.6	6.4	8.3	4.4	19.1	2.9	10.1
Unmet	%	4.3	7.1	4.3	3.6	4.4	3.2	3.3	3.9	5.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	20.7	35.1	7.1	6.1	4.5	.9	2.1	1.0	77.4

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

(b) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non participation and client non consent.

(c) Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished).

Table 15A.185 Real recurrent cost per day of support for homeless clients, Australia (2002-03 dollars) (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>
Recurrent allocation (2002-03 dollars)										
1998-99 (f)	\$m	88.0	52.9	34.9	24.0	24.2	10.5	7.5	5.6	247.7
1999-2000 (f)	\$m	88.5	51.5	42.0	25.8	23.0	10.5	7.7	6.3	255.2
2000-01 (f), (g)	\$m	89.0	55.7	44.4	26.0	23.1	10.2	7.6	6.8	262.8
2001-02 (f), (g)	\$m	90.9	62.8	44.2	26.7	23.7	11.4	8.1	7.2	274.9
2002-03	\$m	102.7	67.8	45.8	27.5	24.0	11.4	9.9	7.5	296.7
Number of support days										
1998-99 (f)	'000	1 376	2 182	794	331	544	215	143	111	5 696
1999-2000 (f)	'000	1 428	2 351	741	472	586	228	167	92	6 064
2000-01 (f), (g)	'000	1 472	2 370	797	522	644	192	149	133	6 278
2001-02 (f), (g)	'000	1 827	2 453	907	421	771	278	176	104	6 936
2002-03	'000	1 705	2 743	1 011	456	729	369	170	114	7 297
Cost per support day (2002-03 dollars)										
1998-99 (f)	\$	64	24	44	73	44	49	53	50	43
1999-2000 (f)	\$	62	22	57	55	39	46	46	68	42
2000-01 (f), (g)	\$	60	24	56	50	36	53	51	51	42
2001-02 (f), (g)	\$	50	26	49	63	31	41	46	69	40
2002-03	\$	60	25	45	60	33	31	58	66	41

(a) The length of support excludes any dates outside the reference period. For instance, if a support period started in December 1998 and ended in September 1999, only the support dates between July and September 1999 were included.

(b) Clients whose support period was ongoing on 30 June were included.

(c) Only agency level recurrent allocations were included in this analysis.

(d) There was a small number of SAAP agencies that received recurrent funding but did not send in any client forms. These agencies were included in the analysis.

(e) There was a small number of participating SAAP agencies that did not receive recurrent funding. These agencies were included in the analysis.

(f) Figures for number of support days have been weighted to adjust for agency non participation.

(g) Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished).

Table 15A.186 Recurrent cost per completed support period, Australia (2002-03 dollars) (a), (b), (c)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Recurrent allocation (2002-03 dollars)										
1998-99 (d)	\$m	88.0	52.9	34.9	24.0	24.2	10.5	7.5	5.6	247.7
1999-2000 (d)	\$m	88.5	51.5	42.0	25.8	23.0	10.5	7.7	6.3	255.2
2000-01 (d), (e)	\$m	89.0	55.7	44.4	26.0	23.1	10.2	7.6	6.8	262.8
2001-02	\$m	90.9	62.8	44.2	26.7	23.7	11.4	8.1	7.2	274.9
2002-03	\$m	102.7	67.8	45.8	27.5	24.0	11.4	9.9	7.5	296.7
Closed support periods (f)										
1998-99 (d)	no.	52 000	38 400	23 900	10 800	9 600	5 100	2 600	5 400	147 700
1999-2000 (d)	no.	47 400	37 300	23 200	11 500	9 000	5 100	2 700	4 300	140 500
2000-01 (d), (e)	no.	45 000	38 200	35 900	13 400	9 200	4 300	2 400	4 900	153 300
2001-02	no.	43 000	39 100	38 900	13 000	12 100	5 000	2 300	4 500	158 000
2002-03	no.	43 000	42 500	34 300	13 200	12 000	5 700	2 100	4 200	157 100
Cost per completed support period (f) (2002-03 dollars)										
1998-99 (d)	\$	1 690	1 380	1 460	2 230	2 520	2 070	2 900	1 030	1 680
1999-2000 (d)	\$	1 870	1 380	1 810	2 240	2 550	2 060	2 830	1 450	1 820
2000-01 (d), (e)	\$	1 980	1 460	1 240	1 940	2 510	2 370	3 170	1 380	1 710
2001-02 (d), (e)	\$	2 110	1 610	1 140	2 060	1 960	2 280	3 530	1 600	1 740
2002-03	\$	2 390	1 600	1 340	2 080	2 000	2 000	4 710	1 790	1 890

(a) Only agency level recurrent allocations were included in the analysis.

(b) There was a small number of participating SAAP agencies that did not receive recurrent funding. These agencies were included in the analysis.

(c) There was a small number of SAAP agencies that received recurrent funding but did not send in any client forms. These agencies were included in the analysis.

(d) Figures for closed support periods have been weighted to adjust for agency non participation.

(e) Preliminary data.

(f) Numbers have been rounded.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished).

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Table 15A.187 Recurrent cost per client accessing services, Australia (2002-03 dollars) (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>
Recurrent allocation (2002-03 dollars)										
1998-99 (e)	\$m	88.0	52.9	34.9	24.0	24.2	10.5	7.5	5.6	247.7
1999-2000 (e)	\$m	88.5	51.5	42.0	25.8	23.0	10.5	7.7	6.3	255.2
2000-01 (e), (f)	\$m	89.0	55.7	44.4	26.0	23.1	10.2	7.6	6.8	262.8
2001-02	\$m	90.9	62.8	44.2	26.7	23.7	11.4	8.1	7.2	274.9
2002-03	\$m	102.7	67.8	45.8	27.5	24.0	11.4	9.9	7.5	296.7
Reported number of clients (g)										
1998-99 (e)	no.	26 000	27 900	14 400	7 500	6 900	3 300	1 800	3 000	90 700
1999-2000 (e)	no.	24 500	27 400	15 000	8 200	6 900	3 300	1 900	2 800	90 000
2000-01 (e), (f)	no.	24 100	26 300	16 900	9 100	6 900	3 300	1 800	2 800	91 200
2001-02	no.	25 200	28 200	17 300	8 600	8 200	3 500	1 800	2 900	95 600
2002-03	no.	24 200	29 500	17 800	8 800	8 800	4 000	1 600	2 900	97 600
Estimated total number of clients										
1998-99 (e)	no.	26 000	27 900	14 400	7 500	6 900	3 300	1 800	3 000	90 700
1999-2000 (e)	no.	24 500	27 400	15 000	8 200	6 900	3 300	1 900	2 800	90 000
2000-01 (e), (f)	no.	24 100	26 300	16 900	9 100	6 900	3 300	1 800	2 800	91 200
2001-02	no.	25 200	28 200	17 300	8 600	8 200	3 500	1 800	2 900	95 600
2002-03	no.	24 200	29 500	17 800	8 800	8 800	4 000	1 600	2 900	97 600
Estimated cost per client (g) (2002-03 dollars)										
1998-99 (e)	\$	3 380	1 900	2 420	3 210	3 510	3 190	4 190	1 860	2 730
1999-2000 (e)	\$	3 610	1 880	2 800	3 140	3 330	3 180	4 030	2 230	2 840
2000-01 (e), (f)	\$	3 690	2 120	2 630	2 860	3 340	3 090	4 220	2 420	2 880
2001-02 (e), (f)	\$	3 610	2 230	2 550	3 110	2 900	3 260	4 510	2 480	2 880
2002-03	\$	4 240	2 300	2 570	3 130	2 730	2 850	6 190	2 590	3 040

(a) Ongoing clients were included in the analysis.

(b) Only agency level recurrent allocations were included in this analysis.

(c) There was a small number of participating SAAP agencies that did not receive recurrent funding. These agencies were included in the analysis.

(d) There was a small number of SAAP agencies that received recurrent funding but did not send in any client forms. These agencies were included in the analysis.

(e) Figures for clients have been weighted for agency non participation and client non consent.

(f) Preliminary data.

(g) Numbers have been rounded.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished).

Table 15A.188 **Average accommodation load and caseload per day, Australia (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Average accommodation load per day									
1998-99	7.8	9.3	6.8	6.4	10.9	6.9	11.2	5.5	8.1
1999-2000	8.2	8.6	7.0	6.8	11.4	7.0	12.7	4.7	8.2
2000-01 (c)	6.6	6.4	6.9	6.6	10.1	6.8	10.8	5.5	6.9
2001-02 (c)	7.6	6.6	8.1	6.6	11.8	6.5	12.1	5.4	7.6
2002-03	7.3	8.1	8.0	6.4	11.7	5.9	10.2	5.1	7.8
Average caseload per day									
1998-99	10.3	24.5	12.3	9.1	21.0	14.7	13.7	10.6	15.4
1999-2000	11.2	21.3	11.6	12.8	21.8	15.7	15.4	8.6	15.0
2000-01 (c)	10.2	21.0	11.6	14.1	22.9	13.5	14.3	12.7	14.8
2001-02 (c)	13.2	19.3	13.1	11.4	25.7	20.2	15.7	9.5	15.8
2002-03	12.1	23.4	14.3	12.0	24.7	28.2	15.1	10.0	17.0

(a) The accommodation load of agencies was calculated by dividing the number of accommodation days by the number of days the agency was operational during the reporting period, where the number of accommodation days equals the sum of accommodation days for all clients of an agency who were supported during the reporting period. The average accommodation load was the mean value of all agencies accommodation loads. Support periods without valid accommodation dates were assigned the inter-quartile modal duration of accommodation for agencies of the same service delivery model in the same jurisdiction.

(b) The caseload of agencies was calculated by dividing the number of support days by the number of days the agency was operational during the reporting period, where the number of support days equals the sum of support days for all clients of the agency who were supported during the reporting period. The average caseload was the mean value of all agencies caseloads. Support periods without valid support dates were assigned the inter-quartile modal duration of support for agencies of the same service delivery model in the same jurisdiction.

(c) Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished).