

# 15A Protection and support services — attachment

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Table 15A.1 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (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>    |
|--|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous children  |             |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 9 663          | 720           | 1 979         | 574          | 816           | 108          | 146          | 694          |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 18 140         | 389           | 2 203         | 719          | 956           | 60           | 134          | 533          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>27 803</b>  | <b>1 109</b>  | <b>4 182</b>  | <b>1 293</b> | <b>1 772</b>  | <b>168</b>   | <b>280</b>   | <b>1 227</b> |
| Investigations in process (c)                                  | no.         | 1 148          | 150           | 1 142         | 111          | 11            | 27           | –            | 428          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)                 | no.         | 5 532          | –             | 151           | 55           | –             | 4            | 38           | 367          |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>34 483</b>  | <b>1 259</b>  | <b>5 475</b>  | <b>1 459</b> | <b>1 783</b>  | <b>199</b>   | <b>318</b>   | <b>2 022</b> |
| Dealt with by other means (e)                                  | no.         | 7 482          | 1 861         | ..            | 2 112        | 3 212         | 497          | 721          | 2 161        |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>41 965</b>  | <b>3 120</b>  | <b>5 475</b>  | <b>3 571</b> | <b>4 995</b>  | <b>696</b>   | <b>1 039</b> | <b>4 183</b> |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |
| Substantiated  | %           | 23.0           | 23.1          | 36.1          | 16.1         | 16.3          | 15.5         | 14.1         | 16.6         |
| Not substantiated  | %           | 43.2           | 12.5          | 40.2          | 20.1         | 19.1          | 8.6          | 12.9         | 12.7         |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>66.3</b>    | <b>35.5</b>   | <b>76.4</b>   | <b>36.2</b>  | <b>35.5</b>   | <b>24.1</b>  | <b>26.9</b>  | <b>29.3</b>  |
| Investigations in process (c)                                  | %           | 2.7            | 4.8           | 20.9          | 3.1          | –             | 3.9          | –            | 10.2         |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)                 | %           | 13.2           | –             | 2.8           | 1.5          | –             | 0.6          | 3.7          | 8.8          |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>82.2</b>    | <b>40.4</b>   | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>40.9</b>  | <b>35.7</b>   | <b>28.6</b>  | <b>30.6</b>  | <b>48.3</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means                                      | %           | 17.8           | 59.6          | ..            | 59.1         | 64.3          | 71.4         | 69.4         | 51.7         |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Non-Indigenous children (f)                                    |             |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 24 415         | 5 624         | 5 336         | 949          | 1 603         | 1 080        | 750          | 164          |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 66 292         | 3 567         | 8 937         | 1 475        | 2 511         | 807          | 747          | 294          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>90 707</b>  | <b>9 191</b>  | <b>14 273</b> | <b>2 424</b> | <b>4 114</b>  | <b>1 887</b> | <b>1 497</b> | <b>458</b>   |
| Investigations in process (c)                                  | no.         | 4 170          | 767           | 3 118         | 182          | 23            | 201          | –            | 228          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)                 | no.         | 21 899         | –             | 542           | 97           | –             | 168          | 170          | 111          |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>116 776</b> | <b>9 958</b>  | <b>17 933</b> | <b>2 703</b> | <b>4 137</b>  | <b>2 256</b> | <b>1 667</b> | <b>797</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (e)                                  | no.         | 54 945         | 29 773        | ..            | 3 885        | 14 089        | 7 393        | 6 889        | 1 209        |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>171 721</b> | <b>39 731</b> | <b>17 933</b> | <b>6 588</b> | <b>18 226</b> | <b>9 649</b> | <b>8 556</b> | <b>2 006</b> |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |
| Substantiated  | %           | 14.2           | 14.2          | 29.8          | 14.4         | 8.8           | 11.2         | 8.8          | 8.2          |
| Not substantiated  | %           | 38.6           | 9.0           | 49.8          | 22.4         | 13.8          | 8.4          | 8.7          | 14.7         |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>52.8</b>    | <b>23.1</b>   | <b>79.6</b>   | <b>36.8</b>  | <b>22.6</b>   | <b>19.6</b>  | <b>17.5</b>  | <b>22.8</b>  |

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Table 15A.1 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (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>    |
|--|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Investigations in process (c)                                  | %           | 2.4            | 1.9           | 17.4          | 2.8           | 0.1           | 2.1           | –            | 11.4         |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)                 | %           | 12.8           | –             | 3.0           | 1.5           | –             | 1.7           | 2.0          | 5.5          |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | %           | <b>68.0</b>    | <b>25.1</b>   | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>41.0</b>   | <b>22.7</b>   | <b>23.4</b>   | <b>19.5</b>  | <b>39.7</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (e)                                  | %           | 32.0           | 74.9          | ..            | 59.0          | 77.3          | 76.6          | 80.5         | 60.3         |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | %           | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| All children   |             |                |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |
| Number of notification, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |
| Substantiated  | no.         | 34 078         | 6 344         | 7 315         | 1 523         | 2 419         | 1 188         | 896          | 858          |
| Not substantiated  | no.         | 84 432         | 3 956         | 11 140        | 2 194         | 3 467         | 867           | 881          | 827          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>118 510</b> | <b>10 300</b> | <b>18 455</b> | <b>3 717</b>  | <b>5 886</b>  | <b>2 055</b>  | <b>1 777</b> | <b>1 685</b> |
| Investigations in process (c)                                  | no.         | 5 318          | 917           | 4 260         | 293           | 34            | 228           | –            | 656          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)                 | no.         | 27 431         | –             | 693           | 152           | –             | 172           | 208          | 478          |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>151 259</b> | <b>11 217</b> | <b>23 408</b> | <b>4 162</b>  | <b>5 920</b>  | <b>2 455</b>  | <b>1 985</b> | <b>2 819</b> |
| Dealt with by other means (e)                                  | no.         | 62 427         | 31 634        | ..            | 5 997         | 17 301        | 7 890         | 7 610        | 3 370        |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>213 686</b> | <b>42 851</b> | <b>23 408</b> | <b>10 159</b> | <b>23 221</b> | <b>10 345</b> | <b>9 595</b> | <b>6 189</b> |
| Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations |             |                |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                          |             |                |               |               |               |               |               |              |              |
| Substantiated  | %           | 15.9           | 14.8          | 31.3          | 15.0          | 10.4          | 11.5          | 9.3          | 13.9         |
| Not substantiated  | %           | 39.5           | 9.2           | 47.6          | 21.6          | 14.9          | 8.4           | 9.2          | 13.4         |
| <b>Total finalised</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>55.5</b>    | <b>24.0</b>   | <b>78.8</b>   | <b>36.6</b>   | <b>25.3</b>   | <b>19.9</b>   | <b>18.5</b>  | <b>27.2</b>  |
| Investigations in process (c)                                  | %           | 2.5            | 2.1           | 18.2          | 2.9           | 0.1           | 2.2           | –            | 10.6         |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)                 | %           | 12.8           | –             | 3.0           | 1.5           | –             | 1.7           | 2.2          | 7.7          |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>70.8</b>    | <b>26.2</b>   | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>41.0</b>   | <b>25.5</b>   | <b>23.7</b>   | <b>20.7</b>  | <b>45.5</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (e)                                  | %           | 29.2           | 73.8          | ..            | 59.0          | 74.5          | 76.3          | 79.3         | 54.5         |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

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

(b) A number of changes have been made since the 2008 Report. See footnotes (c) - (e).

(c) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.

(d) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons. Prior to 2006-07, these cases may previously have been recorded as 'Dealt with by other means'.

(e) 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. Prior to 2006-07, some of the cases recorded as 'dealt with by other means' may have been cases where the investigation was closed with no outcome possible. Dealt with by other means also includes cases that were previously reported as 'no investigation possible/no action'.

Table 15A.1 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (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> |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|

(f) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: Tables 15A.16, 15A.28, 15A.40, 15A.52, 15A.64, 15A.76, 15A.88 and 15A.100; 2010 Report, table 15A.5.

Table 15A.2

Table 15A.2 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (number) (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                      |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 850          | 258          | 677          | 307          | 166          | 23         | 41         | 179        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 280          | 175          | 1 040        | 276          | 136          | 64         | 40         | 75         |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>1 130</b> | <b>433</b>   | <b>1 717</b> | <b>583</b>   | <b>302</b>   | <b>87</b>  | <b>81</b>  | <b>254</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 533          | 252          | 682          | 172          | 155          | 29         | 39         | 220        |
| Non-Indigenous (b)              |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 2 252        | 1 659        | 1 291        | 401          | 454          | 266        | 147        | 78         |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 445          | 1 149        | 1 639        | 371          | 331          | 274        | 153        | 12         |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>2 697</b> | <b>2 808</b> | <b>2 930</b> | <b>772</b>   | <b>785</b>   | <b>540</b> | <b>300</b> | <b>90</b>  |
| Children discharged from orders | 1 581        | 1 525        | 1 586        | 375          | 384          | 245        | 136        | 113        |
| All children                    |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 3 102        | 1 917        | 1 968        | 708          | 620          | 289        | 188        | 257        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 725          | 1 324        | 2 679        | 647          | 467          | 338        | 193        | 87         |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>3 827</b> | <b>3 241</b> | <b>4 647</b> | <b>1 355</b> | <b>1 087</b> | <b>627</b> | <b>381</b> | <b>344</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 2 114        | 1 777        | 2 268        | 547          | 539          | 274        | 175        | 333        |

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

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: Tables 15A.17, 15A.29, 15A.41, 15A.53, 15A.65, 15A.77, 15A.89 and 15A.101; 2010 Report, table 15A.6.

Table 15A.3

**Table 15A.3 Children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status, at 30 June 2009 (number) (a)**

|   | NSW (b)       | Vic          | Qld (c)      | WA           | SA (c)       | Tas        | ACT        | NT         |
|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Number of Indigenous children on orders     |               |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders              | 2 555         | 593          | 2 021        | 1 154        | 512          | 125        | 85         | 376        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders  | 814           | –            | 177          | 46           | 9            | na         | 4          | –          |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders      | –             | 208          | 114          | 52           | –            | 1          | 6          | –          |
| Interim and temporary orders                | 582           | 24           | 408          | 213          | 29           | 25         | 30         | 24         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements       | 28            | –            | na           | –            | 23           | –          | 5          | 28         |
| Other/not stated                            | na            | na           | –            | na           | na           | ..         | na         | na         |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>            | <b>3 979</b>  | <b>825</b>   | <b>2 720</b> | <b>1 465</b> | <b>573</b>   | <b>151</b> | <b>130</b> | <b>428</b> |
| Number of non-Indigenous children on orders |               |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders              | 6 521         | 3 781        | 3 801        | 1 461        | 1 602        | 659        | 350        | 130        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders  | 1 661         | –            | 486          | 58           | 29           | na         | 13         | –          |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders      | –             | 1 341        | 355          | 92           | 7            | 25         | 36         | –          |
| Interim and temporary orders                | 1 221         | 153          | 580          | 261          | 90           | 150        | 63         | 11         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements       | 109           | –            | na           | –            | 60           | 6          | 18         | 8          |
| Other/not stated                            | na            | na           | –            | na           | na           | ..         | na         | na         |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>        | <b>9 512</b>  | <b>5 275</b> | <b>5 222</b> | <b>1 872</b> | <b>1 788</b> | <b>840</b> | <b>480</b> | <b>149</b> |
| Number of all children on orders            |               |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders              | 9 076         | 4 374        | 5 822        | 2 615        | 2 114        | 784        | 435        | 506        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders  | 2 475         | –            | 663          | 104          | 38           | na         | 17         | –          |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders      | –             | 1 549        | 469          | 144          | 7            | 26         | 42         | –          |
| Interim and temporary orders                | 1 803         | 177          | 988          | 474          | 119          | 175        | 93         | 35         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements       | 137           | –            | na           | –            | 83           | 6          | 23         | 36         |
| Other/not stated                            | na            | na           | –            | na           | na           | ..         | na         | na         |
| <b>Total all children</b>                   | <b>13 491</b> | <b>6 100</b> | <b>7 942</b> | <b>3 337</b> | <b>2 361</b> | <b>991</b> | <b>610</b> | <b>577</b> |

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

(b) Supervisory, third party parental responsibility and administrative/voluntary arrangements are reported under guardianship or custody orders/arrangements.

(c) From 2008 data for the category third party parental responsibility orders are reported separately. Previously these were counted as a subset of guardianship or custody orders.

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

Source: Tables 15A.18, 15A.30, 15A.42, 15A.54, 15A.66, 15A.78, 15A.90 and 15A.102; 2010 Report, table 15A.7.

Table 15A.4

Table 15A.4 **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, 2008-09 (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 (b)                          |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Number of children   |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Indigenous   | 17 206         | 2 264         | 4 650         | 2 999        | 2 767         | 445          | 407          | 2 874        | 33 612         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 93 133         | 31 299        | 16 105        | 5 792        | 11 923        | 6 682        | 4 546        | 1 371        | 170 851        |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>110 339</b> | <b>33 563</b> | <b>20 755</b> | <b>8 791</b> | <b>14 690</b> | <b>7 127</b> | <b>4 953</b> | <b>4 245</b> | <b>204 463</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                                 |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Indigenous   | 260.9          | 159.7         | 71.8          | 102.7        | 235.5         | 57.6         | 227.2        | 112.4        | 152.2          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 63.7           | 27.7          | 17.2          | 12.5         | 37.1          | 64.5         | 63.5         | 40.9         | 37.8           |
| All children   | 72.2           | 29.4          | 20.8          | 17.8         | 44.1          | 64.1         | 67.5         | 71.8         | 43.1           |
| Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations                   |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Number of children   |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Indigenous   | 12 227         | 1 017         | 3 555         | 1 177        | 1 154         | 152          | 181          | 1 295        | 20 758         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 49 868         | 8 767         | 12 922        | 2 239        | 3 118         | 1 635        | 1 071        | 486          | 80 106         |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>62 095</b>  | <b>9 784</b>  | <b>16 477</b> | <b>3 416</b> | <b>4 272</b>  | <b>1 787</b> | <b>1 252</b> | <b>1 781</b> | <b>100 864</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                                 |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Indigenous   | 185.4          | 71.8          | 54.9          | 40.3         | 98.2          | 19.7         | 101.1        | 50.7         | 94.0           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 34.1           | 7.8           | 13.8          | 4.8          | 9.7           | 15.8         | 15.0         | 14.5         | 17.7           |
| All children   | 40.6           | 8.6           | 16.5          | 6.9          | 12.8          | 16.1         | 17.1         | 30.1         | 21.3           |
| Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations                            |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Number of children   |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Indigenous   | 3 749          | 684           | 1 747         | 545          | 598           | 98           | 97           | 617          | 8 135          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 10 208         | 5 445         | 4 849         | 909          | 1 303         | 976          | 508          | 145          | 24 343         |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>13 957</b>  | <b>6 129</b>  | <b>6 596</b>  | <b>1 454</b> | <b>1 901</b>  | <b>1 074</b> | <b>605</b>   | <b>762</b>   | <b>32 478</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                                 |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Indigenous   | 56.8           | 48.3          | 27.0          | 18.7         | 50.9          | 12.7         | 54.2         | 24.1         | 36.8           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 7.0            | 4.8           | 5.2           | 2.0          | 4.1           | 9.4          | 7.1          | 4.3          | 5.4            |
| All children   | 9.1            | 5.4           | 6.6           | 2.9          | 5.7           | 9.7          | 8.2          | 12.9         | 6.9            |
| Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2009 |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Number of children   |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Indigenous   | 3 979          | 825           | 2 720         | 1 465        | 573           | 151          | 130          | 428          | 10 271         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 9 512          | 5 275         | 5 222         | 1 872        | 1 788         | 840          | 480          | 149          | 25 138         |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>13 491</b>  | <b>6 100</b>  | <b>7 942</b>  | <b>3 337</b> | <b>2 361</b>  | <b>991</b>   | <b>610</b>   | <b>577</b>   | <b>35 409</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years                                 |                |               |               |              |               |              |              |              |                |
| Indigenous   | 56.9           | 54.7          | 39.5          | 47.4         | 45.8          | 18.4         | 68.2         | 15.8         | 43.8           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 6.1            | 4.4           | 5.2           | 3.8          | 5.2           | 7.6          | 6.3          | 4.2          | 5.2            |
| All children   | 8.3            | 5.0           | 7.4           | 6.3          | 6.7           | 8.4          | 7.8          | 9.2          | 7.0            |

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

**Table 15A.4 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, 2008-09 (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> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|

(b) Data on the number of notifications by Indigenous status should be interpreted with care. These data are collected very early in the child protection process and often before the agency has full knowledge of the child's family circumstances. As a result of this lack of full knowledge and the other inherent difficulties in identifying Indigenous status, these data are not considered to have a high level of reliability.

Source: Tables 15A.14, 15A.15, 15A.19, 15A.31, 15A.43, 15A.55, 15A.67, 15A.79, 15A.91 and 15A.102; 2010 Report, table 15A.8.

Table 15A.5

Table 15A.5 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (a)**

|   | <i>NSW</i>    | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas (b)</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  | 4 991         | 734          | 2 481        | 1 197        | 521          | 130            | 100        | 358        | 10 512        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 10 220        | 4 549        | 4 612        | 1 485        | 1 495        | 678            | 394        | 124        | 23 557        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>15 211</b> | <b>5 283</b> | <b>7 093</b> | <b>2 682</b> | <b>2 016</b> | <b>808</b>     | <b>494</b> | <b>482</b> | <b>34 069</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population                                |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |               |
| Indigenous  | 71.3          | 48.7         | 36.0         | 38.8         | 41.7         | 15.8           | 52.4       | 13.2       | 44.8          |
| Non-Indigenous  | 6.6           | 3.8          | 4.6          | 3.0          | 4.4          | 6.2            | 5.1        | 3.5        | 4.9           |
| All children  | 9.4           | 4.3          | 6.7          | 5.1          | 5.7          | 6.8            | 6.3        | 7.7        | 6.7           |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |               |
| Number of children in care  |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |               |
| Indigenous  | 5 798         | 1 073        | 3 136        | 1 491        | 656          | 152            | 175        | 543        | 13 024        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 12 200        | 6 753        | 6 391        | 1 965        | 1 863        | 859            | 717        | 204        | 30 952        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>17 998</b> | <b>7 826</b> | <b>9 527</b> | <b>3 456</b> | <b>2 519</b> | <b>1 011</b>   | <b>892</b> | <b>747</b> | <b>43 976</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population                                |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |               |
| Indigenous  | 83.2          | 71.5         | 45.9         | 48.4         | 52.8         | 18.5           | 92.5       | 20.1       | 55.8          |
| Non-Indigenous  | 7.9           | 5.6          | 6.4          | 4.0          | 5.5          | 7.8            | 9.4        | 5.8        | 6.4           |
| All children  | 11.1          | 6.4          | 9.0          | 6.6          | 7.1          | 8.5            | 11.4       | 12.0       | 8.7           |

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

(b) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the definition of OOHC introduced in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely to be low.

Source: Tables 15A.14, 15A.15, 15A.20, 15A.32, 15A.44, 15A.56, 15A.68, 15A.80, 15A.92 and 15A.104; 2010 Report, table 15A.16.

Table 15A.6

Table 15A.6 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type, 30 June 2009 (number) (a) (b)**

|  | <i>NSW</i>    | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>    | <i>Tas (c)</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i>  |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Indigenous</b>                        |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |
| Residential care                         | 76            | 73           | 135          | 42           | 33           | 5              | 16         | 9          |
| Family group homes                       | ..            | ..           | ..           | 57           | –            | 8              | –          | 11         |
| <b>Home based care</b>                   |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 1 584         | 278          | 1 491        | 400          | 199          | 75             | 38         | 231        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 3 303         | 343          | 855          | 693          | 265          | 33             | 46         | 79         |
| Other home based care                    | –             | 38           | ..           | –            | –            | 9              | –          | –          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>4 887</b>  | <b>659</b>   | <b>2 346</b> | <b>1 093</b> | <b>464</b>   | <b>117</b>     | <b>84</b>  | <b>310</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 27            | 2            | ..           | 2            | 4            | –              | –          | 3          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 1             | –            | ..           | 3            | 20           | –              | –          | 25         |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>         | <b>4 991</b>  | <b>734</b>   | <b>2 481</b> | <b>1 197</b> | <b>521</b>   | <b>130</b>     | <b>100</b> | <b>358</b> |
| <b>Non-Indigenous</b>                    |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |
| Residential care                         | 266           | 405          | 309          | 56           | 140          | 26             | 37         | –          |
| Family group homes                       | ..            | ..           | ..           | 34           | –            | 21             | –          | 1          |
| <b>Home based care</b>                   |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 4 577         | 2 112        | 2 779        | 885          | 778          | 363            | 175        | 78         |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 5 317         | 1 620        | 1 524        | 494          | 502          | 196            | 181        | 28         |
| Other home based care                    | –             | 377          | ..           | –            | 3            | 62             | –          | –          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>9 894</b>  | <b>4 109</b> | <b>4 303</b> | <b>1 379</b> | <b>1 283</b> | <b>621</b>     | <b>356</b> | <b>106</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 60            | 35           | ..           | 15           | 16           | 1              | –          | –          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –             | –            | ..           | 1            | 56           | 9              | 1          | 17         |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>     | <b>10 220</b> | <b>4 549</b> | <b>4 612</b> | <b>1 485</b> | <b>1 495</b> | <b>678</b>     | <b>394</b> | <b>124</b> |
| <b>All children</b>                      |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |
| Residential care                         | 342           | 478          | 444          | 98           | 173          | 31             | 53         | 9          |
| Family group homes                       | ..            | ..           | ..           | 91           | –            | 29             | –          | 12         |
| <b>Home based care</b>                   |               |              |              |              |              |                |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 6 161         | 2 390        | 4 270        | 1 285        | 977          | 438            | 213        | 309        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 8 620         | 1 963        | 2 379        | 1 187        | 767          | 229            | 227        | 107        |
| Other home based care                    | –             | 415          | ..           | –            | 3            | 71             | –          | –          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>14 781</b> | <b>4 768</b> | <b>6 649</b> | <b>2 472</b> | <b>1 747</b> | <b>738</b>     | <b>440</b> | <b>416</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 87            | 37           | ..           | 17           | 20           | 1              | –          | 3          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 1             | –            | ..           | 4            | 76           | 9              | 1          | 42         |
| <b>Total children</b>                    | <b>15 211</b> | <b>5 283</b> | <b>7 093</b> | <b>2 682</b> | <b>2 016</b> | <b>808</b>     | <b>494</b> | <b>482</b> |

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

(b) Family group homes are included as part of residential care. However in this table they have been disaggregated.

(c) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the definition of OOHC introduced in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely to be low.

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

**Table 15A.6 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type, 30 June 2009 (number) (a) (b)**

|                | <i>NSW</i>  | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas (c)</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|----------------|---|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------|
| <i>Source:</i> | Tables 15A.21, 15A.33, 15A.45, 15A.57, 15A.69, 15A.81, 15A.93 and 15A.105; 2010 Report, table 15A.17. |            |            |           |           |                |            |           |

Table 15A.7

Table 15A.7 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, 30 June 2009 (number) (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                           |               |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 3 694         | 578          | 2 330        | 1 184        | 462          | 130        | 99         | 358        |
| Another type of order                | ..            | –            | –            | –            | 13           | –          | –          | –          |
| Not on an order                      | 1 297         | 156          | 151          | 13           | 46           | –          | 1          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>4 991</b>  | <b>734</b>   | <b>2 481</b> | <b>1 197</b> | <b>521</b>   | <b>130</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>358</b> |
| Non-Indigenous                       |               |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 8 651         | 3 610        | 4 318        | 1 460        | 1 441        | 675        | 384        | 124        |
| Another type of order                | ..            | –            | –            | –            | 32           | 1          | 5          | –          |
| Not on an order                      | 1 569         | 939          | 294          | 25           | 22           | 2          | 5          | –          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>10 220</b> | <b>4 549</b> | <b>4 612</b> | <b>1 485</b> | <b>1 495</b> | <b>678</b> | <b>394</b> | <b>124</b> |
| All children                         |               |              |              |              |              |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 12 345        | 4 188        | 6 648        | 2 644        | 1 903        | 805        | 483        | 482        |
| Another type of order                | ..            | –            | –            | –            | 45           | 1          | 5          | –          |
| Not on an order                      | 2 866         | 1 095        | 445          | 38           | 68           | 2          | 6          | –          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>15 211</b> | <b>5 283</b> | <b>7 093</b> | <b>2 682</b> | <b>2 016</b> | <b>808</b> | <b>494</b> | <b>482</b> |

(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.22, 15A.34, 15A.46, 15A.58, 15A.70, 15A.82, 15A.94 and 15A.106; 2010 Report, table 15A.18.

Table 15A.8

Table 15A.8 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June 2009 (number) (a)**

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

**Table 15A.8 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June 2009 (number) (a)**

|  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> (b) | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------|
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------|

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

(b) Tasmania is not able to distinguish between respite care and non-respite care.

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

*Source:* Tables 15A.23, 15A.35, 15A.47, 15A.59, 15A.71, 15A.83, 15A.95 and 15A.107; 2010 Report, table 15A.19.

Table 15A.9

Table 15A.9 **Children who exited care during the year 2008-09 by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care (number) (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              | 173          | 67           | 173          | 20         | 36         | 4          | 21         | na        |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 106          | 35           | 81           | 10         | 11         | 2          | 4          | na        |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 154          | 34           | 98           | 30         | 35         | 6          | –          | na        |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 143          | 39           | 93           | 46         | 14         | 6          | 2          | na        |
| 5 years or more                      | 163          | 12           | 55           | 37         | 11         | 2          | 1          | na        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –          | –          | –          | –          | na        |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>739</b>   | <b>187</b>   | <b>500</b>   | <b>143</b> | <b>107</b> | <b>20</b>  | <b>28</b>  | <b>na</b> |
| Non-Indigenous                       |              |              |              |            |            |            |            |           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 382          | 418          | 431          | 57         | 77         | 58         | 39         | na        |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 234          | 213          | 188          | 46         | 34         | 16         | 12         | na        |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 303          | 196          | 248          | 47         | 41         | 19         | 8          | na        |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 248          | 228          | 252          | 94         | 65         | 21         | 11         | na        |
| 5 years or more                      | 341          | 93           | 131          | 57         | 50         | 16         | 12         | na        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –          | –          | –          | –          | na        |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>1 508</b> | <b>1 148</b> | <b>1 250</b> | <b>301</b> | <b>267</b> | <b>130</b> | <b>82</b>  | <b>na</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |              |            |            |            |            |           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 555          | 485          | 604          | 77         | 113        | 62         | 60         | na        |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 340          | 248          | 269          | 56         | 45         | 18         | 16         | na        |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 457          | 230          | 346          | 77         | 76         | 25         | 8          | na        |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 391          | 267          | 345          | 140        | 79         | 27         | 13         | na        |
| 5 years or more                      | 504          | 105          | 186          | 94         | 61         | 18         | 13         | na        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –          | –          | –          | –          | na        |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>2 247</b> | <b>1 335</b> | <b>1 750</b> | <b>444</b> | <b>374</b> | <b>150</b> | <b>110</b> | <b>na</b> |

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

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tables 15A.24, 15A.36, 15A.48, 15A.60, 15A.72, 15A.84, 15A.96 and 15A.108; 2010 Report, table 15A.20.

Table 15A.10

Table 15A.10 **Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, 30 June (a)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>NSW</i>   | <i>Vic</i>   | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>    | <i>SA</i>   | <i>Tas (b)</i> | <i>ACT</i>  | <i>NT</i>   | <i>Aust</i>   |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 2009  |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 3 303        | 343          | 855          | 693          | 265         | 33             | 46          | 79          | 5 617         |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 5 317        | 1 620        | 1 524        | 494          | 502         | 196            | 181         | 28          | 9 862         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>8 620</b> | <b>1 963</b> | <b>2 379</b> | <b>1 187</b> | <b>767</b>  | <b>229</b>     | <b>227</b>  | <b>107</b>  | <b>15 479</b> |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Indigenous  | %           | 66.2         | 46.7         | 34.5         | 57.9         | 50.9        | 25.4           | 46.0        | 22.1        | 53.4          |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 52.0         | 35.6         | 33.0         | 33.3         | 33.6        | 28.9           | 45.9        | 22.6        | 41.9          |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>56.7</b>  | <b>37.2</b>  | <b>33.5</b>  | <b>44.3</b>  | <b>38.0</b> | <b>28.3</b>    | <b>46.0</b> | <b>22.2</b> | <b>45.4</b>   |
| 2008  |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 2 926        | 279          | 767          | 651          | 229         | 30             | 35          | 52          | 4 969         |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 4 797        | 1 548        | 1 479        | 485          | 434         | 150            | 133         | 20          | 9 046         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>7 723</b> | <b>1 827</b> | <b>2 246</b> | <b>1 136</b> | <b>663</b>  | <b>180</b>     | <b>168</b>  | <b>72</b>   | <b>14 015</b> |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Indigenous  | %           | 67.8         | 42.3         | 36.8         | 60.4         | 49.0        | 29.4           | 43.2        | 18.5        | 54.8          |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 51.9         | 35.2         | 32.3         | 33.0         | 31.6        | 26.7           | 38.7        | 17.1        | 40.9          |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>56.9</b>  | <b>36.1</b>  | <b>33.7</b>  | <b>44.6</b>  | <b>36.0</b> | <b>27.1</b>    | <b>39.5</b> | <b>18.1</b> | <b>45.0</b>   |
| 2007  |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 2 526        | 260          | 705          | 573          | 180         | 27             | 43          | 45          | 4 359         |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 4 254        | 1 521        | 1 379        | 444          | 373         | 128            | 107         | 13          | 8 219         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>6 780</b> | <b>1 781</b> | <b>2 084</b> | <b>1 017</b> | <b>553</b>  | <b>155</b>     | <b>150</b>  | <b>58</b>   | <b>12 578</b> |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Indigenous  | %           | 68.5         | 41.5         | 40.3         | 58.6         | 44.4        | 23.9           | 48.3        | 16.8        | 55.1          |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 52.2         | 34.4         | 32.7         | 31.9         | 29.3        | 23.1           | 34.5        | 10.1        | 40.2          |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>57.2</b>  | <b>35.3</b>  | <b>34.9</b>  | <b>42.9</b>  | <b>33.0</b> | <b>23.2</b>    | <b>37.6</b> | <b>14.6</b> | <b>44.3</b>   |
| 2006  |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 1 951        | 233          | 521          | 452          | 137         | 20             | 39          | 44          | 3 397         |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 3 585        | 1 383        | 1 129        | 356          | 222         | 128            | 103         | 13          | 6 919         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>5 536</b> | <b>1 616</b> | <b>1 650</b> | <b>808</b>   | <b>359</b>  | <b>148</b>     | <b>142</b>  | <b>57</b>   | <b>10 316</b> |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |              |              |              |              |             |                |             |             |               |
| Indigenous  | %           | 67.3         | 42.2         | 34.8         | 59.0         | 38.2        | 20.4           | 47.6        | 17.8        | 52.3          |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 51.2         | 32.6         | 25.8         | 29.6         | 19.5        | 21.9           | 33.7        | 12.4        | 36.5          |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>55.9</b>  | <b>33.7</b>  | <b>28.1</b>  | <b>41.1</b>  | <b>24.0</b> | <b>21.7</b>    | <b>36.6</b> | <b>16.2</b> | <b>40.5</b>   |

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

(b) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the definition of OOHC introduced in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely to be low.

**Table 15A.10 Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, 30 June (a)**

|                | <i>Unit</i>  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA Tas (b)</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|----------------|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| <i>Source:</i> | Tables 15A.25, 15A.37, 15A.49, 15A.61, 15A.73, 15A.85, 15A.97 and 15A.109; 2010 Report, table 15A.16; 2010 Report, table 15A.21. |            |            |            |           |                   |            |           |             |

Table 15A.11

Table 15A.11 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June 2009 (a), (b), (c)

|  | Unit       | NSW          | Vic         | Qld          | WA           | SA          | Tas         | ACT         | NT          | Aust          |
|--|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Number of Indigenous children at 30 June   |            |              |             |              |              |             |             |             |             |               |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |            |              |             |              |              |             |             |             |             |               |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | no.        | 2 759        | 181         | 590          | 607          | 204         | 13          | 40          | 116         | 4 510         |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | no.        | 544          | 162         | 265          | 96           | 61          | 20          | 6           | –           | 1 154         |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>no.</b> | <b>3 303</b> | <b>343</b>  | <b>855</b>   | <b>703</b>   | <b>265</b>  | <b>33</b>   | <b>46</b>   | <b>116</b>  | <b>5 664</b>  |
| Other Indigenous carer   | no.        | 843          | 75          | 566          | 169          | 112         | 3           | 9           | 52          | 1 829         |
| Indigenous residential care  | no.        | 23           | 13          | 24           | 26           | 18          | –           | 3           | –           | 107           |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>no.</b> | <b>866</b>   | <b>88</b>   | <b>590</b>   | <b>195</b>   | <b>130</b>  | <b>3</b>    | <b>12</b>   | <b>52</b>   | <b>1 936</b>  |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b> | <b>4 169</b> | <b>431</b>  | <b>1 445</b> | <b>898</b>   | <b>395</b>  | <b>36</b>   | <b>58</b>   | <b>168</b>  | <b>7 600</b>  |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |            |              |             |              |              |             |             |             |             |               |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | no.        | 741          | 233         | 925          | 221          | 87          | 89          | 29          | 186         | 2 511         |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | no.        | 53           | 60          | 111          | 73           | 35          | 5           | 13          | –           | 350           |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b> | <b>794</b>   | <b>293</b>  | <b>1 036</b> | <b>294</b>   | <b>122</b>  | <b>94</b>   | <b>42</b>   | <b>186</b>  | <b>2 861</b>  |
| Independent living/unknown   | no.        | 28           | 10          | ..           | 5            | 4           | –           | –           | 4           | 51            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>no.</b> | <b>4 991</b> | <b>734</b>  | <b>2 481</b> | <b>1 197</b> | <b>521</b>  | <b>130</b>  | <b>100</b>  | <b>358</b>  | <b>10 512</b> |
| As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June                        |            |              |             |              |              |             |             |             |             |               |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |            |              |             |              |              |             |             |             |             |               |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | %          | 55.6         | 25.0        | 23.8         | 50.9         | 39.5        | 10.0        | 40.0        | 32.8        | 43.1          |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | %          | 11.0         | 22.4        | 10.7         | 8.1          | 11.8        | 15.4        | 6.0         | –           | 11.0          |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>%</b>   | <b>66.6</b>  | <b>47.4</b> | <b>34.5</b>  | <b>59.0</b>  | <b>51.3</b> | <b>25.4</b> | <b>46.0</b> | <b>32.8</b> | <b>54.1</b>   |
| Other Indigenous carer   | %          | 17.0         | 10.4        | 22.8         | 14.2         | 21.7        | 2.3         | 9.0         | 14.7        | 17.5          |
| Indigenous residential care  | %          | 0.5          | 1.8         | 1.0          | 2.2          | 3.5         | –           | 3.0         | –           | 1.0           |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>%</b>   | <b>17.4</b>  | <b>12.2</b> | <b>23.8</b>  | <b>16.4</b>  | <b>25.1</b> | <b>2.3</b>  | <b>12.0</b> | <b>14.7</b> | <b>18.5</b>   |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>   | <b>84.0</b>  | <b>59.5</b> | <b>58.2</b>  | <b>75.3</b>  | <b>76.4</b> | <b>27.7</b> | <b>58.0</b> | <b>47.5</b> | <b>72.7</b>   |

Table 15A.11

Table 15A.11 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June 2009 (a), (b), (c)

|  | Unit | NSW          | Vic          | Qld          | WA           | SA           | Tas          | ACT          | NT           | Aust         |
|--|------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |      |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | %    | 14.9         | 32.2         | 37.3         | 18.5         | 16.8         | 68.5         | 29.0         | 52.5         | 24.0         |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | %    | 1.1          | 8.3          | 4.5          | 6.1          | 6.8          | 3.8          | 13.0         | –            | 3.3          |
| <b>Total children</b>  | %    | <b>16.0</b>  | <b>40.5</b>  | <b>41.8</b>  | <b>24.7</b>  | <b>23.6</b>  | <b>72.3</b>  | <b>42.0</b>  | <b>52.5</b>  | <b>27.3</b>  |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | %    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

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

(b) The denominator for calculating the proportion of children excludes Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

(c) Residential care includes family group homes.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tables 15A.26, 15A.38, 15A.50, 15A.62, 15A.74, 15A.86, 15A.98 and 15A.110; 2010 Report, table 15A.22.

Table 15A.12

Table 15A.12 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement by Indigenous status, 30 June 2009 (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>   |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Number of children   |             |               |              |              |              |              |             |             |             |               |
| Indigenous   | no.         | 3 424         | 467          | 1 862        | 907          | 343          | 97          | 60          | 250         | 7 410         |
| Non-Indigenous   | no.         | 6 749         | 2 575        | 3 048        | 994          | 892          | 463         | 242         | 66          | 15 029        |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>10 173</b> | <b>3 042</b> | <b>4 910</b> | <b>1 901</b> | <b>1 235</b> | <b>560</b>  | <b>302</b>  | <b>316</b>  | <b>22 439</b> |
| As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care |             |               |              |              |              |              |             |             |             |               |
| Indigenous   | %           | 99.8          | 96.5         | 97.9         | 91.4         | 91.7         | 95.1        | 95.2        | 94.0        | 97.3          |
| Non-Indigenous   | %           | 99.7          | 97.5         | 98.5         | 97.0         | 91.5         | 96.3        | 100.0       | 91.7        | 98.3          |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>99.8</b>   | <b>97.4</b>  | <b>98.3</b>  | <b>94.2</b>  | <b>91.5</b>  | <b>96.1</b> | <b>99.0</b> | <b>93.5</b> | <b>97.9</b>   |

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

Source: Tables 15A.27, 15A.39, 15A.51, 15A.63, 15A.75, 15A.87, 15A.99 and 15A.111; 2010 Report, table 15A.23.

Table 15A.13

**Table 15A.13 Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by Indigenous status and gender (a)**

|   | <i>NSW (b)</i> | <i>Vic (c)</i> | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>  | <i>SA</i>  | <i>Tas (d)</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i>  |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| Number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support service by Indigenous status |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| 2004-05   |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 55             | 148            | 20           | 188        | 23         | 15             | 12         | na         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 96             | 839            | 79           | 258        | 66         | 30             | 116        | na         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>151</b>     | <b>1 502</b>   | <b>290</b>   | <b>446</b> | <b>89</b>  | <b>45</b>      | <b>128</b> | <b>na</b>  |
| 2005-06   |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 123            | 661            | 195          | 163        | 6          | 2              | na         | 35         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 106            | 1 347          | 93           | 286        | 93         | 50             | na         | 22         |
| <b>All children (e)</b>   | <b>229</b>     | <b>2 008</b>   | <b>288</b>   | <b>449</b> | <b>99</b>  | <b>52</b>      | <b>na</b>  | <b>57</b>  |
| 2006-07   |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 165            | 210            | 888          | 175        | 21         | 3              | 82         | 29         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 100            | 1 531          | 352          | 323        | 39         | 50             | 336        | 32         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>265</b>     | <b>1 741</b>   | <b>1 240</b> | <b>498</b> | <b>60</b>  | <b>53</b>      | <b>418</b> | <b>61</b>  |
| 2007-08   |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 178            | 152            | 806          | 104        | 26         | 4              | 91         | 75         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 107            | 3 864          | 1 038        | 267        | 22         | 59             | 348        | 29         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>285</b>     | <b>4 016</b>   | <b>1 844</b> | <b>371</b> | <b>48</b>  | <b>63</b>      | <b>439</b> | <b>104</b> |
| 2008-09   |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 1 623          | 338            | 715          | 208        | na         | 53             | 122        | 57         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 4 688          | 4 729          | 1 484        | 281        | na         | 715            | 357        | 16         |
| <b>All children (e)</b>   | <b>6 311</b>   | <b>5 067</b>   | <b>2 199</b> | <b>489</b> | <b>159</b> | <b>768</b>     | <b>478</b> | <b>73</b>  |
| Number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by sex              |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| 2004-05   |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| Male  | 84             | 552            | 57           | 249        | 35         | 29             | 17         | na         |
| Female  | 67             | 433            | 42           | 197        | 54         | 16             | 15         | na         |
| Unknown   | –              | 517            | –            | –          | –          | –              | 96         | na         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>151</b>     | <b>1 502</b>   | <b>290</b>   | <b>446</b> | <b>89</b>  | <b>45</b>      | <b>128</b> | <b>na</b>  |
| 2005-06   |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| Male  | 122            | 444            | 150          | 230        | 54         | 25             | na         | 32         |
| Female  | 107            | 387            | 138          | 217        | 45         | 27             | na         | 25         |
| Unknown   | –              | 1 177          | –            | 2          | –          | –              | na         | –          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>229</b>     | <b>2 008</b>   | <b>288</b>   | <b>449</b> | <b>99</b>  | <b>52</b>      | <b>na</b>  | <b>57</b>  |
| 2006-07   |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| Male  | 131            | 704            | 535          | 245        | 36         | 23             | 227        | 32         |
| Female  | 134            | 610            | 620          | 246        | 24         | 30             | 191        | 29         |
| Unknown   | –              | 427            | 85           | 7          | –          | –              | –          | –          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>265</b>     | <b>1 741</b>   | <b>1 240</b> | <b>498</b> | <b>60</b>  | <b>53</b>      | <b>418</b> | <b>61</b>  |

Table 15A.13

**Table 15A.13 Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by Indigenous status and gender (a)**

|              | <i>NSW (b)</i> | <i>Vic (c)</i> | <i>Qld</i>   | <i>WA</i>  | <i>SA</i>  | <i>Tas (d)</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i>  |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| 2007-08      |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| Male         | 141            | 232            | 890          | 190        | 24         | 44             | 236        | 46         |
| Female       | 144            | 247            | 758          | 152        | 24         | 19             | 203        | 58         |
| Unknown      | –              | 3 537          | 196          | 29         | –          | –              | –          | –          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>285</b>     | <b>4 016</b>   | <b>1 844</b> | <b>371</b> | <b>48</b>  | <b>63</b>      | <b>439</b> | <b>104</b> |
| 2008-09      |                |                |              |            |            |                |            |            |
| Male         | 3 236          | 2 115          | 1 106        | 252        | na         | 414            | 242        | 43         |
| Female       | 2 926          | 1 848          | 1 056        | 235        | na         | 344            | 214        | 25         |
| Unknown      | 149            | 1 104          | 37           | 2          | na         | 10             | 23         | 5          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>6 311</b>   | <b>5 067</b>   | <b>2 199</b> | <b>489</b> | <b>159</b> | <b>768</b>     | <b>478</b> | <b>73</b>  |

- (a) The service must average at least 4 hours of service provision per week for a specified short-term period (usually less than six months).
- (b) In 2008-09, the total number of children commencing an IFSS service includes the number of children entering the Brighter Futures, early intervention program.
- (c) Over the past four years significant additional funding has been provided to Victorian 'Family Services'. Client data relating to the clients that received intensive support from these services has previously not been able to be provided but is included.
- (d) The count of 'children commencing IFSS' represents the count of all children who were provided with a service during the year. In 2008-09, a new IFSS program was extended to the entire state of Tasmania and a centrally managed information system was established.
- (e) Includes children for whom Indigenous status is recorded as unknown.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), *Intensive Family Support Services Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.27.

Table 15A.14

Table 15A.14 Target population data used for annual data, December ('000) (a)

|                          | 2004-05        | 2005-06        | 2006-07        | 2007-08        | 2008-09        |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years |                |                |                |                |                |
| Indigenous children      |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                      | 60.7           | 61.1           | 61.2           | 61.5           | 66.0           |
| Vic                      | 12.2           | 12.3           | 12.3           | 12.4           | 14.2           |
| Qld                      | 58.0           | 58.4           | 59.1           | 59.7           | 64.8           |
| WA                       | 28.9           | 29.1           | 29.3           | 29.4           | 29.2           |
| SA                       | 11.1           | 11.2           | 11.2           | 11.3           | 11.7           |
| Tas                      | 7.7            | 7.8            | 7.7            | 7.8            | 7.7            |
| ACT                      | 1.8            | 1.7            | 1.8            | 1.8            | 1.8            |
| NT                       | 23.3           | 23.3           | 23.4           | 23.5           | 25.6           |
| <b>Australia</b>         | <b>203.7</b>   | <b>204.8</b>   | <b>206.2</b>   | <b>207.4</b>   | <b>220.9</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous children  |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                      | 1 446.0        | 1 441.0        | 1 458.6        | 1 459.2        | 1 461.7        |
| Vic                      | 1 080.9        | 1 081.8        | 1 104.4        | 1 114.7        | 1 129.1        |
| Qld                      | 854.0          | 864.7          | 895.5          | 914.4          | 933.8          |
| WA                       | 428.5          | 430.0          | 443.1          | 450.3          | 464.8          |
| SA                       | 314.0          | 312.8          | 317.8          | 319.1          | 321.0          |
| Tas                      | 102.7          | 102.5          | 102.6          | 102.8          | 103.6          |
| ACT                      | 69.8           | 69.4           | 69.9           | 70.5           | 71.6           |
| NT                       | 33.1           | 33.4           | 34.7           | 35.1           | 33.6           |
| <b>Australia</b>         | <b>4 329.0</b> | <b>4 335.7</b> | <b>4 426.6</b> | <b>4 466.1</b> | <b>4 519.2</b> |
| All children             |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                      | 1 506.6        | 1 502.0        | 1 519.8        | 1 520.8        | 1 527.7        |
| Vic                      | 1 093.2        | 1 094.1        | 1 116.7        | 1 127.1        | 1 143.2        |
| Qld                      | 912.0          | 923.1          | 954.6          | 974.1          | 998.6          |
| WA                       | 457.4          | 459.1          | 472.4          | 479.7          | 494.0          |
| SA                       | 325.2          | 323.9          | 329.1          | 330.4          | 332.7          |
| Tas                      | 110.4          | 110.3          | 110.3          | 110.5          | 111.3          |
| ACT                      | 71.6           | 71.2           | 71.7           | 72.3           | 73.4           |
| NT                       | 56.3           | 56.8           | 58.2           | 58.6           | 59.1           |
| <b>Australia</b>         | <b>4 532.7</b> | <b>4 540.5</b> | <b>4 632.8</b> | <b>4 673.5</b> | <b>4 740.1</b> |
| Children aged 0–17 years |                |                |                |                |                |
| Indigenous children      |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                      | 63.8           | 64.2           | 64.6           | 64.9           | 69.7           |
| Vic                      | 12.9           | 13.0           | 13.0           | 13.1           | 15.0           |
| Qld                      | 60.9           | 61.2           | 62.3           | 62.9           | 68.3           |
| WA                       | 30.5           | 30.7           | 30.9           | 31.1           | 30.8           |
| SA                       | 11.7           | 11.8           | 11.9           | 12.0           | 12.4           |
| Tas                      | 8.2            | 8.2            | 8.2            | 8.2            | 8.2            |
| ACT                      | 1.9            | 1.8            | 1.9            | 1.9            | 1.9            |
| NT                       | 24.5           | 24.6           | 24.8           | 24.9           | 27.0           |
| <b>Australia</b>         | <b>214.4</b>   | <b>215.4</b>   | <b>217.6</b>   | <b>219.1</b>   | <b>233.3</b>   |

Table 15A.14

Table 15A.14 Target population data used for annual data, December ('000) (a)

|                         | 2004-05        | 2005-06        | 2006-07        | 2007-08        | 2008-09        |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Non-Indigenous children |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                     | 1 533.0        | 1 528.6        | 1 548.0        | 1 550.5        | 1 553.5        |
| Vic                     | 1 146.8        | 1 148.1        | 1 173.6        | 1 185.1        | 1 199.9        |
| Qld                     | 905.4          | 917.4          | 949.8          | 971.1          | 991.7          |
| WA                      | 455.9          | 457.5          | 471.2          | 478.9          | 493.8          |
| SA                      | 333.9          | 332.7          | 338.3          | 343.0          | 341.8          |
| Tas                     | 109.1          | 108.9          | 108.9          | 109.3          | 110.1          |
| ACT                     | 74.3           | 73.9           | 74.6           | 75.1           | 76.3           |
| NT                      | 34.8           | 35.1           | 36.6           | 37.1           | 35.5           |
| <b>Australia</b>        | <b>4 593.2</b> | <b>4 602.1</b> | <b>4 700.9</b> | <b>4 750.1</b> | <b>4 802.4</b> |
| All children            |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                     | 1 596.8        | 1 592.8        | 1 612.6        | 1 615.4        | 1 623.2        |
| Vic                     | 1 159.7        | 1 161.0        | 1 186.6        | 1 198.2        | 1 214.9        |
| Qld                     | 966.3          | 978.6          | 1 012.1        | 1 034.0        | 1 060.0        |
| WA                      | 486.4          | 488.1          | 502.1          | 510.0          | 524.7          |
| SA                      | 345.6          | 344.4          | 350.2          | 355.0          | 354.2          |
| Tas                     | 117.3          | 117.1          | 117.1          | 117.5          | 118.3          |
| ACT                     | 76.2           | 75.7           | 76.5           | 77.0           | 78.1           |
| NT                      | 59.3           | 59.7           | 61.4           | 62.0           | 62.4           |
| <b>Australia</b>        | <b>4 807.6</b> | <b>4 817.6</b> | <b>4 918.5</b> | <b>4 969.2</b> | <b>5 035.7</b> |

(a) Indigenous and non-Indigenous data were supplied by AIHW derived from ABS data sources.

Source: ABS (unpublished) Australian demographic statistics 31 December; ABS (unpublished) Australian population projections; 2010 Report, table 15A.30.

Table 15A.15

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

|                          | 2004-05        | 2005-06        | 2006-07        | 2007-08        | 2008-09(b)     |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years |                |                |                |                |                |
| Indigenous children      |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                      | 60.8           | 61.5           | 61.4           | 61.7           | 66.2           |
| Vic                      | 12.3           | 12.4           | 12.4           | 12.4           | 14.2           |
| Qld                      | 58.3           | 59.3           | 59.4           | 59.9           | 65.2           |
| WA                       | 29.0           | 29.3           | 29.3           | 29.5           | 29.2           |
| SA                       | 11.2           | 11.3           | 11.3           | 11.3           | 11.8           |
| Tas                      | 7.7            | 7.8            | 7.8            | 7.8            | 7.7            |
| ACT                      | 1.8            | 1.8            | 1.8            | 1.8            | 1.8            |
| NT                       | 23.3           | 23.5           | 23.5           | 23.5           | 25.7           |
| <b>Australia</b>         | <b>204.5</b>   | <b>206.8</b>   | <b>206.8</b>   | <b>208.0</b>   | <b>221.9</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous children  |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                      | 1 441.0        | 1 433.2        | 1 458.4        | 1 455.2        | 1 463.9        |
| Vic                      | 1 079.4        | 1 083.5        | 1 104.8        | 1 117.9        | 1 133.1        |
| Qld                      | 856.8          | 869.8          | 903.6          | 916.4          | 939.0          |
| WA                       | 427.5          | 432.3          | 445.1          | 454.1          | 468.0          |
| SA                       | 313.4          | 313.4          | 318.2          | 319.7          | 321.3          |
| Tas                      | 102.7          | 102.6          | 102.7          | 103.0          | 103.7          |
| ACT                      | 69.8           | 69.5           | 70.1           | 70.7           | 71.9           |
| NT                       | 33.0           | 33.4           | 34.9           | 35.2           | 33.5           |
| <b>Australia</b>         | <b>4 323.7</b> | <b>4 337.6</b> | <b>4 437.8</b> | <b>4 472.4</b> | <b>4 534.5</b> |
| All children             |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                      | 1 501.9        | 1 494.7        | 1 519.8        | 1 516.9        | 1 530.0        |
| Vic                      | 1 091.6        | 1 095.9        | 1 117.2        | 1 130.3        | 1 147.3        |
| Qld                      | 915.1          | 929.1          | 963.0          | 976.3          | 1 004.3        |
| WA                       | 456.5          | 461.5          | 474.4          | 483.6          | 497.3          |
| SA                       | 324.6          | 324.6          | 329.4          | 331.0          | 333.1          |
| Tas                      | 110.4          | 110.4          | 110.5          | 110.8          | 111.4          |
| ACT                      | 71.6           | 71.3           | 71.9           | 72.6           | 73.7           |
| NT                       | 56.3           | 56.9           | 58.3           | 58.8           | 59.2           |
| <b>Australia</b>         | <b>4 528.0</b> | <b>4 544.4</b> | <b>4 644.6</b> | <b>4 680.3</b> | <b>4 756.4</b> |
| Children aged 0–17 years |                |                |                |                |                |
| Indigenous children      |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                      | 64.0           | 64.8           | 64.7           | 65.1           | 70.0           |
| Vic                      | 12.9           | 13.1           | 13.1           | 13.2           | 15.1           |
| Qld                      | 61.3           | 62.4           | 62.6           | 63.3           | 68.8           |
| WA                       | 30.6           | 30.9           | 31.0           | 31.2           | 30.9           |
| SA                       | 11.8           | 11.9           | 11.9           | 12.0           | 12.5           |
| Tas                      | 8.2            | 8.2            | 8.2            | 8.2            | 8.2            |
| ACT                      | 1.9            | 1.9            | 1.9            | 1.9            | 1.9            |

Table 15A.15

Table 15A.15 **Target population data used for end of financial year data, March ('000) (a)**

|                         | 2004-05        | 2005-06        | 2006-07        | 2007-08        | 2008-09(b)     |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| NT                      | 24.6           | 24.8           | 24.8           | 24.9           | 27.1           |
| <b>Australia</b>        | <b>215.3</b>   | <b>218.0</b>   | <b>218.3</b>   | <b>219.8</b>   | <b>234.5</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous children |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                     | 1 527.8        | 1 521.1        | 1 548.4        | 1 546.8        | 1 555.9        |
| Vic                     | 1 145.2        | 1 150.0        | 1 174.6        | 1 188.7        | 1 204.2        |
| Qld                     | 908.3          | 922.8          | 958.7          | 973.5          | 997.3          |
| WA                      | 454.7          | 459.8          | 473.4          | 482.9          | 497.2          |
| SA                      | 333.2          | 333.3          | 338.8          | 340.5          | 342.2          |
| Tas                     | 109.0          | 109.1          | 109.1          | 109.6          | 110.2          |
| ACT                     | 74.2           | 74.0           | 74.8           | 75.4           | 76.5           |
| NT                      | 34.7           | 35.0           | 36.8           | 37.2           | 35.4           |
| <b>Australia</b>        | <b>4 587.0</b> | <b>4 605.2</b> | <b>4 714.5</b> | <b>4 754.6</b> | <b>4 818.9</b> |
| All children            |                |                |                |                |                |
| NSW                     | 1 591.8        | 1 585.9        | 1 613.1        | 1 611.9        | 1 625.8        |
| Vic                     | 1 158.1        | 1 163.1        | 1 187.7        | 1 201.9        | 1 219.3        |
| Qld                     | 969.6          | 985.2          | 1 021.3        | 1 036.8        | 1 066.1        |
| WA                      | 485.3          | 490.7          | 504.4          | 514.1          | 528.1          |
| SA                      | 345.0          | 345.2          | 350.7          | 352.5          | 354.7          |
| Tas                     | 117.2          | 117.3          | 117.3          | 117.9          | 118.4          |
| ACT                     | 76.1           | 75.9           | 76.7           | 77.3           | 78.5           |
| NT                      | 59.3           | 59.8           | 61.6           | 62.1           | 62.5           |
| <b>Australia</b>        | <b>4 802.3</b> | <b>4 823.2</b> | <b>4 932.9</b> | <b>4 974.4</b> | <b>5 053.3</b> |

(a) Indigenous and non-Indigenous data were supplied by AIHW derived from ABS data sources.

(b) Indigenous rates for 2008-09 were calculated using June data from 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).

Source: ABS (unpublished) Australian demographic statistics 31 March; ABS (unpublished) Australian population projections; 2010 Report, table 15A.31.

# Single jurisdiction data — NSW

Table 15A.16

Table 15A.16 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> | <i>2008-09</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Indigenous children</b>                                      |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | no.         | 3 140          | 6 868          | 9 401          | 8 860          | 9 663          |
| Carer/family issues   | no.         | na             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | no.         | 3 871          | 7 110          | 11 200         | 16 007         | 18 140         |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>7 011</b>   | <b>13 978</b>  | <b>20 601</b>  | <b>24 867</b>  | <b>27 803</b>  |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | no.         | 3 759          | 1 480          | 593            | 702            | 1 148          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | 3 470          | 4 927          | 5 532          |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>10 770</b>  | <b>15 458</b>  | <b>24 664</b>  | <b>30 496</b>  | <b>34 483</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                   | no.         | ..             | ..             | 8 612          | 6 959          | 7 482          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.         | 9 560          | 9 531          | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | no.         | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>20 330</b>  | <b>24 989</b>  | <b>33 276</b>  | <b>37 455</b>  | <b>41 965</b>  |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | %           | 15.4           | 27.5           | 28.3           | 23.7           | 23.0           |
| Carer/family issues   | %           | na             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | %           | 19.0           | 28.5           | 33.7           | 42.7           | 43.2           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>34.5</b>    | <b>55.9</b>    | <b>61.9</b>    | <b>66.4</b>    | <b>66.3</b>    |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | %           | 18.5           | 5.9            | 1.8            | 1.9            | 2.7            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                  | %           | ..             | ..             | 10.4           | 13.2           | 13.2           |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>53.0</b>    | <b>61.9</b>    | <b>74.1</b>    | <b>81.4</b>    | <b>82.2</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                   | %           | ..             | ..             | 25.9           | 18.6           | 17.8           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %           | 47.0           | 38.1           | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | %           | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| <b>Non-Indigenous children (h)</b>                              |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | no.         | 12 353         | 22 941         | 27 693         | 25 275         | 24 415         |
| Carer/family issues   | no.         | na             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | no.         | 21 620         | 32 415         | 44 435         | 56 801         | 66 292         |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>33 973</b>  | <b>55 356</b>  | <b>72 128</b>  | <b>82 076</b>  | <b>90 707</b>  |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | no.         | 13 829         | 5 166          | 2 653          | 3 295          | 4 170          |

Table 15A.16

Table 15A.16 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> | <i>2008-09</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | 14 809         | 21 711         | 21 899         |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>47 802</b>  | <b>60 522</b>  | <b>89 590</b>  | <b>107 082</b> | <b>116 776</b> |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                   |             | ..             | ..             | 67 062         | 51 062         | 54 945         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.         | 65 504         | 67 295         | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                             | no.         | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>113 306</b> | <b>127 817</b> | <b>156 652</b> | <b>158 144</b> | <b>171 721</b> |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | %           | 10.9           | 17.9           | 17.7           | 16.0           | 14.2           |
| Carer/family issues   | %           | na             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | %           | 19.1           | 25.4           | 28.4           | 35.9           | 38.6           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>30.0</b>    | <b>43.3</b>    | <b>46.0</b>    | <b>51.9</b>    | <b>52.8</b>    |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | %           | 12.2           | 4.0            | 1.7            | 2.1            | 2.4            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                  | %           | ..             | ..             | 9.5            | 13.7           | 12.8           |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>42.2</b>    | <b>47.4</b>    | <b>57.2</b>    | <b>67.7</b>    | <b>68.0</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                   | %           | ..             | ..             | 42.8           | 32.3           | 32.0           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %           | 57.8           | 52.6           | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                             | %           | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| All children  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | no.         | 15 493         | 29 809         | 37 094         | 34 135         | 34 078         |
| Carer/family issues   | no.         | na             | ..             | ..             | —              | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | no.         | 25 491         | 39 525         | 55 635         | 72 808         | 84 432         |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>40 984</b>  | <b>69 334</b>  | <b>92 729</b>  | <b>106 943</b> | <b>118 510</b> |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | no.         | 17 588         | 6 646          | 3 246          | 3 997          | 5 318          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | 18 279         | 26 638         | 27 431         |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>58 572</b>  | <b>75 980</b>  | <b>114 254</b> | <b>137 578</b> | <b>151 259</b> |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                   | no.         | ..             | ..             | 75 674         | 58 021         | 62 427         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.         | 75 064         | 76 826         | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | no.         | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>133 636</b> | <b>152 806</b> | <b>189 928</b> | <b>195 599</b> | <b>213 686</b> |

Table 15A.16

Table 15A.16 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | Unit     | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      | 2008-09      |
|---|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Substantiated   | %        | 11.6         | 19.5         | 19.5         | 17.5         | 15.9         |
| Carer/family issues   | %        | na           | ..           | ..           | –            | ..           |
| Not substantiated   | %        | 19.1         | 25.9         | 29.3         | 37.2         | 39.5         |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b> | <b>30.7</b>  | <b>45.4</b>  | <b>48.8</b>  | <b>54.7</b>  | <b>55.5</b>  |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | %        | 13.2         | 4.3          | 1.7          | 2.0          | 2.5          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                  | %        | ..           | ..           | 9.6          | 13.6         | 12.8         |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b> | <b>43.8</b>  | <b>49.7</b>  | <b>60.2</b>  | <b>70.3</b>  | <b>70.8</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                   | %        | ..           | ..           | 39.8         | 29.7         | 29.2         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %        | 56.2         | 50.3         | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | %        | –            | –            | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting the 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.
- (c) Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.
- (d) 'Carer/family issues' includes children where no actual harm is determined but carer/family issues were involved.
- (e) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (f) The category 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' was introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (g) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. Prior to 2006-07, some of the cases recorded as 'dealt with by other means' may have been cases where the investigation was closed with no outcome possible. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.
- (h) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.33.

Table 15A.17

Table 15A.17 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, New South Wales (number)**

|                                 | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      | 2008-09      |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                      |              |              |              |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 391          | 521          | 556          | 674          | 850          |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 231          | 302          | 357          | 236          | 280          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>622</b>   | <b>823</b>   | <b>913</b>   | <b>910</b>   | <b>1 130</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 505          | 545          | 458          | 459          | 533          |
| Non-Indigenous (a)              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 1 327        | 1 556        | 1 870        | 2 104        | 2 252        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 588          | 598          | 712          | 600          | 445          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>1 915</b> | <b>2 154</b> | <b>2 582</b> | <b>2 704</b> | <b>2 697</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 1 720        | 1 589        | 1 509        | 1 586        | 1 581        |
| All children                    |              |              |              |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 1 718        | 2 077        | 2 426        | 2 778        | 3 102        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 819          | 900          | 1 069        | 836          | 725          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>2 537</b> | <b>2 977</b> | <b>3 495</b> | <b>3 614</b> | <b>3 827</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 2 225        | 2 134        | 1 967        | 2 045        | 2 114        |

(a) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.34.

Table 15A.18

Table 15A.18 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, New South Wales (number) (a)**

|   | 2005         | 2006         | 2007          | 2008          | 2009          |
|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Number of Indigenous children on orders         |              |              |               |               |               |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 1 914        | 2 114        | 2 505         | 2 917         | 2 555         |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (b)  | ..           | ..           | ..            | na            | 814           |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | na           | na           | na            | na            | –             |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 199          | 295          | 375           | 463           | 582           |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)       | ..           | ..           | ..            | na            | 28            |
| Other/not stated                                | ..           | ..           | ..            | ..            | na            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>                | <b>2 113</b> | <b>2 409</b> | <b>2 880</b>  | <b>3 380</b>  | <b>3 979</b>  |
| Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (c) |              |              |               |               |               |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 5 836        | 5 949        | 6 614         | 7 330         | 6 521         |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (b)  | ..           | ..           | ..            | na            | 1 661         |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | na           | na           | na            | na            | –             |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 671          | 855          | 1 145         | 1 376         | 1 221         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)       | ..           | ..           | ..            | na            | 109           |
| Other/not stated                                | ..           | ..           | ..            | ..            | na            |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>            | <b>6 507</b> | <b>6 804</b> | <b>7 759</b>  | <b>8 706</b>  | <b>9 512</b>  |
| Number of all children on orders                |              |              |               |               |               |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 7 750        | 8 063        | 9 119         | 10 247        | 9 076         |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (b)  | ..           | ..           | ..            | na            | 2 475         |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | na           | na           | na            | na            | –             |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 870          | 1 150        | 1 520         | 1 839         | 1 803         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)       | ..           | ..           | ..            | na            | 137           |
| Other/not stated                                | ..           | ..           | ..            | ..            | na            |
| <b>Total all children</b>                       | <b>8 620</b> | <b>9 213</b> | <b>10 639</b> | <b>12 086</b> | <b>13 491</b> |

(a) Data exclude children on 'finalised supervisory orders'.

(b) This category was included for the first time in the 2009 Report.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.35.

Table 15A.19

**Table 15A.19 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)**

|  | 2004-05       | 2005-06       | 2006-07       | 2007-08        | 2008-09        |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years in notifications              |               |               |               |                |                |
| Number of children                                     |               |               |               |                |                |
| Indigenous   | 9 310         | 11 063        | 13 534        | 15 756         | 17 206         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 67 952        | 73 293        | 85 128        | 86 172         | 93 133         |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>77 262</b> | <b>84 356</b> | <b>98 662</b> | <b>101 928</b> | <b>110 339</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |               |               |               |                |                |
| Indigenous   | 153.5         | 181.2         | 221.0         | 256.2          | 260.9          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 47.0          | 50.9          | 58.4          | 59.1           | 63.7           |
| All children   | 51.3          | 56.2          | 64.9          | 67.0           | 72.2           |
| Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations   |               |               |               |                |                |
| Number of children                                     |               |               |               |                |                |
| Indigenous   | 3 946         | 6 326         | 8 568         | 11 032         | 12 227         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 22 963        | 30 880        | 37 659        | 44 907         | 49 868         |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>26 909</b> | <b>37 206</b> | <b>46 227</b> | <b>55 939</b>  | <b>62 095</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |               |               |               |                |                |
| Indigenous   | 65.1          | 103.6         | 139.9         | 179.4          | 185.4          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 15.9          | 21.4          | 25.8          | 30.8           | 34.1           |
| All children   | 17.9          | 24.8          | 30.4          | 36.8           | 40.6           |
| Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations            |               |               |               |                |                |
| Number of children                                     |               |               |               |                |                |
| Indigenous   | 1 642         | 2 696         | 3 276         | 3 263          | 3 749          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 7 556         | 9 931         | 10 414        | 9 856          | 10 208         |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>9 198</b>  | <b>12 627</b> | <b>13 690</b> | <b>13 119</b>  | <b>13 957</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |               |               |               |                |                |
| Indigenous   | 27.1          | 44.2          | 53.5          | 53.0           | 56.8           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 5.2           | 6.9           | 7.1           | 6.8            | 7.0            |
| All children   | 6.1           | 8.4           | 9.0           | 8.6            | 9.1            |
| Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders |               |               |               |                |                |
| Number of children                                     |               |               |               |                |                |
| Indigenous   | 2 113         | 2 409         | 2 880         | 3 380          | 3 979          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 6 507         | 6 804         | 7 759         | 8 706          | 9 512          |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>8 620</b>  | <b>9 213</b>  | <b>10 639</b> | <b>12 086</b>  | <b>13 491</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years                 |               |               |               |                |                |
| Indigenous   | 33.0          | 37.2          | 44.5          | 51.9           | 56.9           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 4.3           | 4.5           | 5.0           | 5.6            | 6.1            |
| All children   | 5.4           | 5.8           | 6.6           | 7.5            | 8.3            |

**Table 15A.19 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)**

|  | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (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. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.  |         |         |         |         |         |
| (b) Rates of non-Indigenous 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates of Indigenous 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 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0). |         |         |         |         |         |
| (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.<br>na Not available.   |         |         |         |         |         |

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.36.

Table 15A.20

**Table 15A.20 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)**

|   | 2005          | 2006          | 2007          | 2008 (c)      | 2009          |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Children in out-of-home care at 30 June   |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children in care  |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous  | 2 543         | 2 897         | 3 689         | 4 316         | 4 991         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 6 687         | 6 999         | 8 154         | 9 250         | 10 220        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>9 230</b>  | <b>9 896</b>  | <b>11 843</b> | <b>13 566</b> | <b>15 211</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)                            |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous  | 39.7          | 44.7          | 57.0          | 66.3          | 71.3          |
| Non-Indigenous  | 4.4           | 4.6           | 5.3           | 6.0           | 6.6           |
| All children  | 5.8           | 6.2           | 7.3           | 8.4           | 9.4           |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children in care  |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous  | 3 134         | 3 496         | 4 234         | 4 926         | 5 798         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 8 530         | 8 707         | 9 832         | 11 082        | 12 200        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>11 664</b> | <b>12 203</b> | <b>14 066</b> | <b>16 008</b> | <b>17 998</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)                            |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous  | 49.1          | 54.5          | 65.6          | 75.9          | 83.2          |
| Non-Indigenous  | 5.6           | 5.7           | 6.4           | 7.1           | 7.9           |
| All children  | 7.3           | 7.7           | 8.7           | 9.9           | 11.1          |

(a) Data prior to 2004 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.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

(c) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.

(d) Rates for non-Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).

(e) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.40.

Table 15A.21

Table 15A.21 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, New South Wales (number)**

|  | 2005         | 2006         | 2007          | 2008 (a)      | 2009          |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Indigenous                               |              |              |               |               |               |
| Residential care                         | 49           | 52           | 43            | 61            | 76            |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | ..           | ..            | ..            | ..            |
| Home based care                          |              |              |               |               |               |
| Foster care                              | 734          | 886          | 1 107         | 1 315         | 1 584         |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 1 751        | 1 951        | 2 526         | 2 926         | 3 303         |
| Other home based care                    | –            | –            | –             | –             | –             |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>2 485</b> | <b>2 837</b> | <b>3 633</b>  | <b>4 241</b>  | <b>4 887</b>  |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 9            | 8            | 13            | 13            | 27            |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –            | –            | –             | 1             | 1             |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>         | <b>2 543</b> | <b>2 897</b> | <b>3 689</b>  | <b>4 316</b>  | <b>4 991</b>  |
| Non-Indigenous (b)                       |              |              |               |               |               |
| Residential care                         | 219          | 206          | 220           | 255           | 266           |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | ..           | ..            | ..            | ..            |
| Home based care                          |              |              |               |               |               |
| Foster care                              | 2 886        | 3 173        | 3 634         | 4 133         | 4 577         |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 3 541        | 3 585        | 4 254         | 4 797         | 5 317         |
| Other home based care                    | –            | –            | –             | 3             | –             |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>6 427</b> | <b>6 758</b> | <b>7 888</b>  | <b>8 933</b>  | <b>9 894</b>  |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 41           | 35           | 46            | 57            | 60            |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –            | –            | –             | 5             | –             |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>     | <b>6 687</b> | <b>6 999</b> | <b>8 154</b>  | <b>9 250</b>  | <b>10 220</b> |
| All children                             |              |              |               |               |               |
| Residential care                         | 268          | 258          | 263           | 316           | 342           |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | ..           | ..            | ..            | ..            |
| Home based care                          |              |              |               |               |               |
| Foster care                              | 3 620        | 4 059        | 4 741         | 5 448         | 6 161         |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 5 292        | 5 536        | 6 780         | 7 723         | 8 620         |
| Other home based care                    | –            | –            | –             | 3             | –             |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>8 912</b> | <b>9 595</b> | <b>11 521</b> | <b>13 174</b> | <b>14 781</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 50           | 43           | 59            | 70            | 87            |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –            | –            | –             | 6             | 1             |
| <b>Total all children</b>                | <b>9 230</b> | <b>9 896</b> | <b>11 843</b> | <b>13 566</b> | <b>15 211</b> |

(a) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.41.

Table 15A.22

**Table 15A.22 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, New South Wales (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2005         | 2006         | 2007          | 2008          | 2009          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |               |               |               |
| Care and protection order            | 2 008        | 2 289        | 2 719         | 3 143         | 3 694         |
| Another type of order                | –            | –            | –             | –             | ..            |
| Not on an order                      | 535          | 608          | 970           | 1 173         | 1 297         |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>2 543</b> | <b>2 897</b> | <b>3 689</b>  | <b>4 316</b>  | <b>4 991</b>  |
| Non-Indigenous (b)                   |              |              |               |               |               |
| Care and protection order            | 5 929        | 6 264        | 7 100         | 7 909         | 8 651         |
| Another type of order                | –            | –            | –             | –             | ..            |
| Not on an order                      | 758          | 735          | 1 054         | 1 341         | 1 569         |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>6 687</b> | <b>6 999</b> | <b>8 154</b>  | <b>9 250</b>  | <b>10 220</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |               |               |               |
| Care and protection order            | 7 937        | 8 553        | 9 819         | 11 052        | 12 345        |
| Another type of order                | –            | –            | –             | –             | ..            |
| Not on an order                      | 1 293        | 1 343        | 2 024         | 2 514         | 2 866         |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>9 230</b> | <b>9 896</b> | <b>11 843</b> | <b>13 566</b> | <b>15 211</b> |

(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.42.

Table 15A.23

**Table 15A.23 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 (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2005         | 2006         | 2007          | 2008          | 2009          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |               |               |               |
| Respite                              | 75           | 38           | 44            | 25            | 21            |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |               |               |               |
| Less than 1 month                    | 36           | 21           | 81            | 92            | 96            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 234          | 848          | 444           | 411           | 471           |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 214          | 168          | 445           | 496           | 610           |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 345          | 312          | 584           | 787           | 814           |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 769          | 706          | 921           | 1 143         | 1 469         |
| 5 years or more                      | 866          | 804          | 1 170         | 1 362         | 1 510         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –             | –             | –             |
| Total non-respite                    | 2 464        | 2 859        | 3 645         | 4 291         | 4 970         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | 4            | –            | –             | –             | –             |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>2 543</b> | <b>2 897</b> | <b>3 689</b>  | <b>4 316</b>  | <b>4 991</b>  |
| Non-Indigenous (b)                   |              |              |               |               |               |
| Respite                              | 105          | 88           | 71            | 52            | 46            |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |               |               |               |
| Less than 1 month                    | 118          | 85           | 206           | 217           | 183           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 586          | 1 793        | 890           | 960           | 938           |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 600          | 435          | 944           | 1 003         | 1 079         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 819          | 668          | 1 077         | 1 605         | 1 733         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 2 056        | 1 810        | 1 987         | 2 197         | 2 838         |
| 5 years or more                      | 2 358        | 2 120        | 2 979         | 3 216         | 3 403         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –             | –             | –             |
| Total non-respite                    | 6 537        | 6 911        | 8 083         | 9 198         | 10 174        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | 45           | –            | –             | –             | –             |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>6 687</b> | <b>6 999</b> | <b>8 154</b>  | <b>9 250</b>  | <b>10 220</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |               |               |               |
| Respite                              | 180          | 126          | 115           | 77            | 67            |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |               |               |               |
| Less than 1 month                    | 154          | 106          | 287           | 309           | 279           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 820          | 2 641        | 1 334         | 1 371         | 1 409         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 814          | 603          | 1 389         | 1 499         | 1 689         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 1 164        | 980          | 1 661         | 2 392         | 2 547         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 2 825        | 2 516        | 2 908         | 3 340         | 4 307         |
| 5 years or more                      | 3 224        | 2 924        | 4 149         | 4 578         | 4 913         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –             | –             | –             |
| Total non-respite                    | 9 001        | 9 770        | 11 728        | 13 489        | 15 144        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | 49           | –            | –             | –             | –             |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>9 230</b> | <b>9 896</b> | <b>11 843</b> | <b>13 566</b> | <b>15 211</b> |

(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.23 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 (number) (a)**

|  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|--|------|------|------|------|------|

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.43.

Table 15A.24

Table 15A.24 **Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, New South Wales (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      | 2008-09      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Indigenous</b>                    |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 141          | 143          | 159          | 136          | 173          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 64           | 50           | 57           | 112          | 106          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 67           | 58           | 38           | 122          | 154          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 107          | 69           | 66           | 78           | 143          |
| 5 years or more                      | 84           | 105          | 69           | 91           | 163          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>463</b>   | <b>425</b>   | <b>389</b>   | <b>539</b>   | <b>739</b>   |
| <b>Non-Indigenous (b)</b>            |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 443          | 395          | 424          | 444          | 382          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 221          | 220          | 187          | 232          | 234          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 218          | 176          | 171          | 229          | 303          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 257          | 188          | 176          | 159          | 248          |
| 5 years or more                      | 206          | 224          | 207          | 264          | 341          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>1 345</b> | <b>1 203</b> | <b>1 165</b> | <b>1 328</b> | <b>1 508</b> |
| <b>All children</b>                  |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 584          | 538          | 583          | 580          | 555          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 285          | 270          | 244          | 344          | 340          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 285          | 234          | 209          | 351          | 457          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 364          | 257          | 242          | 237          | 391          |
| 5 years or more                      | 290          | 329          | 276          | 355          | 504          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>1 808</b> | <b>1 628</b> | <b>1 554</b> | <b>1 867</b> | <b>2 247</b> |

(a) Prior to 2004-05, separate data on children who exited care provided by non government organisations (NGOs) was not available. Estimated figures were provided for these children exiting care.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  
**na** Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.44.

**Table 15A.25 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>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008 (c)</i> | <i>2009</i>  |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |                 |              |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 1 751        | 1 951        | 2 526        | 2 926           | 3 303        |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 3 541        | 3 585        | 4 254        | 4 797           | 5 317        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>5 292</b> | <b>5 536</b> | <b>6 780</b> | <b>7 723</b>    | <b>8 620</b> |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |              |              |              |                 |              |
| Indigenous  | %           | 68.9         | 67.3         | 68.5         | 67.8            | 66.2         |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 53.0         | 51.2         | 52.2         | 51.9            | 52.0         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>57.3</b>  | <b>55.9</b>  | <b>57.2</b>  | <b>56.9</b>     | <b>56.7</b>  |

- (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 care placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where the placement type was known.
- (b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.45.

Table 15A.26

Table 15A.26 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, New South Wales**

|  | Unit       | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         |
|--|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children at 30 June   |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | no.        | 1 485        | 1 669        | 2 233        | 2 517        | 2 759        |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | no.        | 266          | 282          | 293          | 409          | 544          |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>no.</b> | <b>1 751</b> | <b>1 951</b> | <b>2 526</b> | <b>2 926</b> | <b>3 303</b> |
| Other Indigenous carer   | no.        | 443          | 512          | 637          | 700          | 843          |
| Indigenous residential care  | no.        | 7            | 9            | 12           | 8            | 23           |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>no.</b> | <b>450</b>   | <b>521</b>   | <b>649</b>   | <b>708</b>   | <b>866</b>   |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b> | <b>2 201</b> | <b>2 472</b> | <b>3 175</b> | <b>3 634</b> | <b>4 169</b> |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carers  | no.        | 291          | 374          | 470          | 615          | 741          |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | no.        | 42           | 43           | 31           | 53           | 53           |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b> | <b>333</b>   | <b>417</b>   | <b>501</b>   | <b>668</b>   | <b>794</b>   |
| Independent living/unknown   | no.        | 9            | 8            | 13           | 14           | 28           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>no.</b> | <b>2 543</b> | <b>2 897</b> | <b>3 689</b> | <b>4 316</b> | <b>4 991</b> |
| As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June                        |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | %          | 58.6         | 57.8         | 60.7         | 58.5         | 55.6         |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | %          | 10.5         | 9.8          | 8.0          | 9.5          | 11.0         |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>%</b>   | <b>69.1</b>  | <b>67.5</b>  | <b>68.7</b>  | <b>68.0</b>  | <b>66.6</b>  |
| Other Indigenous carer   | %          | 17.5         | 17.7         | 17.3         | 16.3         | 17.0         |
| Indigenous residential care  | %          | 0.3          | 0.3          | 0.3          | 0.2          | 0.5          |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>%</b>   | <b>17.8</b>  | <b>18.0</b>  | <b>17.7</b>  | <b>16.5</b>  | <b>17.4</b>  |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>   | <b>86.9</b>  | <b>85.6</b>  | <b>86.4</b>  | <b>84.5</b>  | <b>84.0</b>  |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | %          | 11.5         | 12.9         | 12.8         | 14.3         | 14.9         |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | %          | 1.7          | 1.5          | 0.8          | 1.2          | 1.1          |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>   | <b>13.1</b>  | <b>14.4</b>  | <b>13.6</b>  | <b>15.5</b>  | <b>16.0</b>  |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>%</b>   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.46.

Table 15A.27

**Table 15A.27 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>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  | <i>2009</i>   |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Number of children   |             |              |              |              |              |               |
| Indigenous   | no.         | 1 794        | 2 042        | 2 563        | 2 948        | 3 424         |
| Non-Indigenous   | no.         | 4 515        | 4 723        | 5 373        | 6 058        | 6 749         |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>6 309</b> | <b>6 765</b> | <b>7 936</b> | <b>9 006</b> | <b>10 173</b> |
| As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care |             |              |              |              |              |               |
| Indigenous   | %           | 99.0         | 99.5         | 99.9         | 99.9         | 99.8          |
| Non-Indigenous   | %           | 99.4         | 99.6         | 99.6         | 99.7         | 99.7          |
| All children   | %           | 99.2         | 99.5         | 99.7         | 99.7         | 99.8          |

(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 care placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.47.

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Table 15A.28

Table 15A.28 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> | <i>2008-09</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Indigenous children   |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | no.         | 816            | 859            | 730            | 706            | 720            |
| Carer/family issues   | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | no.         | 396            | 338            | 365            | 335            | 389            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 212</b>   | <b>1 197</b>   | <b>1 095</b>   | <b>1 041</b>   | <b>1 109</b>   |
| Investigations in process (f)                                   | no.         | 39             | 20             | 82             | 154            | 150            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | —              | ..             | —              |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 251</b>   | <b>1 217</b>   | <b>1 177</b>   | <b>1 195</b>   | <b>1 259</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                   | no.         | ..             | ..             | 1 709          | 1 723          | 1 861          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.         | 1 246          | 1 484          | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | no.         | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>2 497</b>   | <b>2 701</b>   | <b>2 886</b>   | <b>2 918</b>   | <b>3 120</b>   |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | %           | 32.7           | 31.8           | 25.3           | 24.2           | 23.1           |
| Carer/family issues   | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | %           | 15.9           | 12.5           | 12.6           | 11.5           | 12.5           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>48.5</b>    | <b>44.3</b>    | <b>37.9</b>    | <b>35.7</b>    | <b>35.5</b>    |
| Investigations in process (f)                                   | %           | 1.6            | 0.7            | 2.8            | 5.3            | 4.8            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                  | %           | ..             | ..             | —              | ..             | —              |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>50.1</b>    | <b>45.0</b>    | <b>40.8</b>    | <b>41.0</b>    | <b>40.4</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                   | %           | ..             | ..             | 59.2           | 59.0           | 59.6           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %           | 49.9           | 55.0           | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | %           | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous children (i)                                     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | no.         | 6 582          | 6 704          | 6 098          | 5 659          | 5 624          |
| Carer/family issues   | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | no.         | 3 692          | 3 429          | 3 344          | 3 380          | 3 567          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>10 274</b>  | <b>10 133</b>  | <b>9 442</b>   | <b>9 039</b>   | <b>9 191</b>   |
| Investigations in process (f)                                   | no.         | 363            | 544            | 684            | 933            | 767            |

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Table 15A.28 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> | <i>2008-09</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | —              | ..             | —              |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>10 637</b>  | <b>10 678</b>  | <b>10 126</b>  | <b>9 972</b>   | <b>9 958</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                   |             | ..             | ..             | 25 663         | 28 717         | 29 773         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.         | 24 389         | 24 608         | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                             | no.         | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>35 026</b>  | <b>35 286</b>  | <b>35 789</b>  | <b>38 689</b>  | <b>39 731</b>  |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | %           | 18.8           | 19.0           | 17.0           | 14.6           | 14.2           |
| Carer/family issues   | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | %           | 10.5           | 9.7            | 9.3            | 8.7            | 9.0            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>29.3</b>    | <b>28.7</b>    | <b>26.4</b>    | <b>23.4</b>    | <b>23.1</b>    |
| Investigations in process (f)                                   | %           | 1.0            | 1.5            | 1.9            | 2.4            | 1.9            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                  | %           | ..             | ..             | —              | ..             | —              |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>30.4</b>    | <b>30.3</b>    | <b>28.3</b>    | <b>25.8</b>    | <b>25.1</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                   | %           | ..             | ..             | 71.7           | 74.2           | 74.9           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %           | 69.6           | 69.7           | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                             | %           | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| All children  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | no.         | 7 398          | 7 563          | 6 828          | 6 365          | 6 344          |
| Carer/family issues   | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | no.         | 4 088          | 3 767          | 3 709          | 3 715          | 3 956          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>11 486</b>  | <b>11 330</b>  | <b>10 537</b>  | <b>10 080</b>  | <b>10 300</b>  |
| Investigations in process (f)                                   | no.         | 402            | 564            | 763            | 1 087          | 917            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | —              | ..             | —              |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>11 888</b>  | <b>11 894</b>  | <b>11 300</b>  | <b>11 167</b>  | <b>11 217</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                   | no.         | ..             | ..             | 27 375         | 30 440         | 31 634         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.         | 25 635         | 26 093         | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | no.         | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>37 523</b>  | <b>37 987</b>  | <b>38 675</b>  | <b>41 607</b>  | <b>42 851</b>  |

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Table 15A.28 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|   | Unit     | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      | 2008-09      |
|---|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Substantiated   | %        | 19.7         | 19.9         | 17.7         | 15.3         | 14.8         |
| Carer/family issues   | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Not substantiated   | %        | 10.9         | 9.9          | 9.6          | 8.9          | 9.2          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b> | <b>30.6</b>  | <b>29.8</b>  | <b>27.2</b>  | <b>24.2</b>  | <b>24.0</b>  |
| Investigations in process (f)                                   | %        | 1.1          | 1.5          | 2.0          | 2.6          | 2.1          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                  | %        | ..           | ..           | —            | ..           | —            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b> | <b>31.7</b>  | <b>31.3</b>  | <b>29.2</b>  | <b>26.8</b>  | <b>26.2</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                   | %        | ..           | ..           | 70.8         | 73.2         | 73.8         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %        | 68.3         | 68.7         | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | %        | —            | —            | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting the 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.
- (c) In Victoria if a case is open following the first notification, no further notifications concerning the child are counted.
- (d) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (e) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which was progressively rolled out across the State. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (f) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (g) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (h) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. Prior to 2006-07, some of the cases recorded as 'dealt with by other means' may have been cases where the investigation was closed with no outcome possible. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.
- (i) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

**Table 15A.28 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

| <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> | <i>2008-09</i> |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|

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

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.50.

Table 15A.29

Table 15A.29 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Victoria (number) (a), (b), (c)**

|                                 | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      | 2008-09      |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                      |              |              |              |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 213          | 196          | 236          | 227          | 258          |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 197          | 201          | 121          | 163          | 175          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>410</b>   | <b>397</b>   | <b>357</b>   | <b>390</b>   | <b>433</b>   |
| Children discharged from orders | 226          | 257          | 283          | 285          | 252          |
| Non-Indigenous (d)              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 1 516        | 1 458        | 1 651        | 1 718        | 1 659        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 1 154        | 1 203        | 926          | 1 181        | 1 149        |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>2 670</b> | <b>2 661</b> | <b>2 577</b> | <b>2 899</b> | <b>2 808</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 1 806        | 1 846        | 2 227        | 1 901        | 1 525        |
| All children                    |              |              |              |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 1 729        | 1 654        | 1 887        | 1 945        | 1 917        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 1 351        | 1 404        | 1 047        | 1 344        | 1 324        |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>3 080</b> | <b>3 058</b> | <b>2 934</b> | <b>3 289</b> | <b>3 241</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 2 032        | 2 103        | 2 510        | 2 186        | 1 777        |

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

(b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.

(c) Data for 2006-07 are based on an extract from the new child protection system which only contains information relating to open cases and/or cases commenced after 1 July 2000. As the earliest history that can be traced back for a client is to 1 July 2000, if a child had been admitted to an order prior to 1 July 2000 they may be counted as admitted for the first time in 2006-07.

(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.51.

Table 15A.30

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

|   | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children on orders         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 452          | 480          | 507          | 571          | 593          |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (c)  | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | 115          | 117          | 155          | 183          | 208          |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 20           | 35           | 26           | 21           | 24           |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)       | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Other/not stated                                | na           | na           | na           | na           | na           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>                | <b>587</b>   | <b>632</b>   | <b>688</b>   | <b>775</b>   | <b>825</b>   |
| Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (d) |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 3 061        | 3 327        | 3 521        | 3 281        | 3 781        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (c)  | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | 839          | 976          | 1 092        | 1 483        | 1 341        |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 181          | 176          | 191          | 160          | 153          |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)       | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Other/not stated                                | na           | na           | na           | na           | na           |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>            | <b>4 081</b> | <b>4 379</b> | <b>4 804</b> | <b>5 464</b> | <b>5 275</b> |
| Number of all children on orders                |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 3 513        | 3 807        | 4 028        | 4 932        | 4 374        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (c)  | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | 954          | 993          | 1 247        | 1 666        | 1 549        |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 201          | 211          | 217          | 181          | 177          |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)       | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Other/not stated                                | na           | na           | na           | na           | na           |
| <b>Total all children</b>                       | <b>4 668</b> | <b>5 011</b> | <b>5 492</b> | <b>6 239</b> | <b>6 100</b> |

(a) Permanent care orders are included in the category 'guardianship or custody orders'.

(b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.

(c) This category was included for the first time in the 2009 Report.

(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.52.

Table 15A.31

**Table 15A.31 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)**

|  | 2004-05       | 2005-06       | 2006-07       | 2007-08       | 2008-09       |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years in notifications              |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                     |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 1 855         | 2 007         | 2 058         | 2 180         | 2 264         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 26 651        | 27 623        | 28 183        | 30 119        | 31 299        |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>28 506</b> | <b>29 630</b> | <b>30 241</b> | <b>32 299</b> | <b>33 563</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 151.8         | 163.0         | 167.1         | 176.0         | 159.7         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 24.7          | 25.5          | 25.5          | 27.0          | 27.7          |
| All children   | 26.1          | 27.1          | 27.1          | 28.7          | 29.4          |
| Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations   |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                     |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 1 090         | 1 107         | 1 012         | 964           | 1 017         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 9 463         | 9 447         | 8 927         | 8 595         | 8 767         |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>10 553</b> | <b>10 554</b> | <b>9 939</b>  | <b>9 559</b>  | <b>9 784</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 89.2          | 89.9          | 82.1          | 77.8          | 71.8          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 8.8           | 8.7           | 8.1           | 7.7           | 7.8           |
| All children   | 9.7           | 9.6           | 8.9           | 8.5           | 8.6           |
| Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations            |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                     |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 770           | 834           | 697           | 681           | 684           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 6 244         | 6 453         | 5 891         | 5 481         | 5 445         |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>7 014</b>  | <b>7 287</b>  | <b>6 588</b>  | <b>6 162</b>  | <b>6 129</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 63.0          | 67.7          | 56.6          | 55.0          | 48.3          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 5.8           | 6.0           | 5.3           | 4.9           | 4.8           |
| All children   | 6.4           | 6.7           | 5.9           | 5.5           | 5.4           |
| Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                     |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 587           | 632           | 688           | 775           | 825           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 4 081         | 4 379         | 4 804         | 5 464         | 5 275         |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>4 668</b>  | <b>5 011</b>  | <b>5 492</b>  | <b>6 239</b>  | <b>6 100</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years                 |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 45.4          | 48.2          | 52.5          | 58.8          | 54.7          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 3.6           | 3.8           | 4.1           | 4.6           | 4.4           |
| All children   | 4.0           | 4.3           | 4.6           | 5.2           | 5.0           |

**Table 15A.31 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)**

|     | 2004-05  | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 |
|-----|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (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. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.  |         |         |         |         |
| (b) | Rates of non-Indigenous 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates of Indigenous 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 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0). |         |         |         |         |
| (c) | During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, <i>the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005</i> which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.  |         |         |         |         |
| (d) | Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  |         |         |         |         |

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.53.

Table 15A.32

Table 15A.32 **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)**

|   | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008 (c)     | 2009         |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Children in out-of-home care at 30 June   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children in care  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 526          | 552          | 626          | 660          | 734          |
| Non-Indigenous  | 3 882        | 4 242        | 4 426        | 4 396        | 4 549        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>4 408</b> | <b>4 794</b> | <b>5 052</b> | <b>5 056</b> | <b>5 283</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)                            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 40.7         | 42.1         | 47.8         | 50.1         | 48.7         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 3.4          | 3.7          | 3.8          | 3.7          | 3.8          |
| All children  | 3.8          | 4.1          | 4.3          | 4.2          | 4.3          |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children in care  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 1 035        | 1 103        | 988          | 1 021        | 1 073        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 6 442        | 6 692        | 6 797        | 6 877        | 6 753        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>7 477</b> | <b>7 795</b> | <b>7 785</b> | <b>7 898</b> | <b>7 826</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)                            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 80.4         | 85.2         | 75.8         | 77.7         | 71.5         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 5.6          | 5.8          | 5.8          | 5.8          | 5.6          |
| All children  | 6.4          | 6.7          | 6.6          | 6.6          | 6.4          |

- (a) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.
- (d) Rates for non-Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (e) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.57.

Table 15A.33

**Table 15A.33 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Victoria (number) (a), (b), (c)**

|  | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008 (e)     | 2009         |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                               |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 35           | 48           | 42           | 41           | 73           |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 247          | 252          | 296          | 309          | 278          |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 214          | 233          | 260          | 279          | 343          |
| Other home based care                    | 29           | 18           | 26           | 30           | 38           |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>490</b>   | <b>503</b>   | <b>582</b>   | <b>618</b>   | <b>659</b>   |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 1            | 1            | 2            | 1            | 2            |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>         | <b>526</b>   | <b>552</b>   | <b>626</b>   | <b>660</b>   | <b>734</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous (d)                       |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 330          | 299          | 295          | 385          | 405          |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 2 201        | 2 269        | 2 301        | 2 163        | 2 112        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 1 121        | 1 383        | 1 521        | 1 548        | 1 620        |
| Other home based care                    | 209          | 262          | 270          | 278          | 377          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>3 531</b> | <b>3 914</b> | <b>4 092</b> | <b>3 989</b> | <b>4 109</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 21           | 29           | 39           | 22           | 35           |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>     | <b>3 882</b> | <b>4 242</b> | <b>4 426</b> | <b>4 396</b> | <b>4 549</b> |
| All children                             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 365          | 347          | 337          | 426          | 478          |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 2 448        | 2 521        | 2 597        | 2 472        | 2 390        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 1 335        | 1 616        | 1 781        | 1 827        | 1 963        |
| Other home based care                    | 238          | 280          | 296          | 308          | 415          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>4 021</b> | <b>4 417</b> | <b>4 674</b> | <b>4 607</b> | <b>4 768</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 22           | 30           | 41           | 23           | 37           |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total all children</b>                | <b>4 408</b> | <b>4 794</b> | <b>5 052</b> | <b>5 056</b> | <b>5 283</b> |

(a) 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.

(b) In 2002-03, the category 'Family group homes' was separated from the category 'Residential care'.

**Table 15A.33 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Victoria (number) (a), (b), (c)**

|   | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 (e) | 2009 |
|---|------|------|------|----------|------|
| (c) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, <i>the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005</i> which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data. |      |      |      |          |      |
| (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.   |      |      |      |          |      |
| (e) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.   |      |      |      |          |      |
| .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero   |      |      |      |          |      |

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.58.

Table 15A.34

Table 15A.34 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Victoria (number) (a), (b)**

|                                      | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 422          | 409          | 475          | 492          | 578          |
| Another type of order                | 5            | 6            | 7            | –            | –            |
| Not on an order                      | 99           | 137          | 144          | 168          | 156          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>526</b>   | <b>552</b>   | <b>626</b>   | <b>660</b>   | <b>734</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous (c)                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 3 133        | 3 389        | 3 322        | 3 356        | 3 610        |
| Another type of order                | 117          | 119          | 219          | –            | –            |
| Not on an order                      | 618          | 734          | 885          | 1 040        | 939          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>3 868</b> | <b>4 242</b> | <b>4 426</b> | <b>4 396</b> | <b>4 549</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 3 555        | 3 798        | 3 797        | 3 848        | 4 188        |
| Another type of order                | 122          | 125          | 226          | –            | –            |
| Not on an order                      | 717          | 871          | 1 029        | 1 208        | 1 095        |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>4 394</b> | <b>4 794</b> | <b>5 052</b> | <b>5 056</b> | <b>5 283</b> |

(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 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.59.

Table 15A.35

**Table 15A.35 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Victoria (number) (a), (b)**

|                                      | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | 5            | 3            | 15           | –            | –            |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 10           | 13           | 17           | 14           | 17           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 70           | 86           | 65           | 89           | 84           |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 66           | 82           | 112          | 94           | 109          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 107          | 94           | 130          | 110          | 133          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 125          | 147          | 171          | 198          | 208          |
| 5 years or more                      | 142          | 126          | 116          | 155          | 183          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 520          | 548          | 611          | 660          | 734          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | 1            | 1            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>526</b>   | <b>552</b>   | <b>626</b>   | <b>660</b>   | <b>734</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous (c)                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | 9            | 9            | 68           | 11           | 5            |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 97           | 68           | 92           | 139          | 137          |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 483          | 499          | 379          | 470          | 459          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 418          | 535          | 647          | 460          | 521          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 637          | 700          | 903          | 627          | 684          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 1 037        | 1 113        | 1 141        | 1 287        | 1 237        |
| 5 years or more                      | 1 174        | 1 308        | 1 196        | 1 402        | 1 506        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 3 846        | 4 223        | 4 358        | 4 385        | 4 544        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | 27           | 10           | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>3 882</b> | <b>4 242</b> | <b>4 426</b> | <b>4 396</b> | <b>4 549</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | 14           | 12           | 83           | 11           | 5            |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 107          | 81           | 109          | 153          | 154          |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 553          | 585          | 444          | 559          | 543          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 484          | 617          | 759          | 554          | 630          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 744          | 794          | 1 033        | 737          | 817          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 1 162        | 1 260        | 1 312        | 1 485        | 1 445        |
| 5 years or more                      | 1 316        | 1 434        | 1 312        | 1 557        | 1 689        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 4 366        | 4 771        | 4 969        | 5 045        | 5 278        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | 28           | 11           | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>4 408</b> | <b>4 794</b> | <b>5 052</b> | <b>5 056</b> | <b>5 283</b> |

**Table 15A.35 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Victoria (number)**  
**(a), (b)**

|   | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| (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.  |      |      |      |      |      |
| (b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, <i>the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005</i> which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data. |      |      |      |      |      |
| (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.<br>– Nil or rounded to zero.  |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Source:</i> AIHW (unpublished), derived from <i>Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia</i> data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.60.  |      |      |      |      |      |

Table 15A.36

Table 15A.36 **Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Victoria (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      | 2008-09      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 157          | 158          | 181          | 72           | 67           |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 56           | 47           | 57           | 29           | 35           |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 45           | 43           | 53           | 32           | 34           |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 43           | 40           | 44           | 20           | 39           |
| 5 years or more                      | 17           | 10           | 18           | 20           | 12           |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>318</b>   | <b>298</b>   | <b>353</b>   | <b>173</b>   | <b>187</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous (b)                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 891          | 777          | 748          | 505          | 418          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 351          | 323          | 329          | 193          | 213          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 271          | 277          | 296          | 234          | 196          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 255          | 213          | 250          | 210          | 228          |
| 5 years or more                      | 101          | 143          | 116          | 133          | 93           |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>1 869</b> | <b>1 733</b> | <b>1 739</b> | <b>1 275</b> | <b>1 148</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 1 048        | 935          | 929          | 577          | 485          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 407          | 370          | 386          | 222          | 248          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 316          | 320          | 349          | 266          | 230          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 298          | 253          | 294          | 230          | 267          |
| 5 years or more                      | 118          | 153          | 134          | 153          | 105          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>2 187</b> | <b>2 031</b> | <b>2 092</b> | <b>1 448</b> | <b>1 335</b> |

(a) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.61.

Table 15A.37

Table 15A.37 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008 (d)</i> | <i>2009</i>  |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |                 |              |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 214          | 233          | 260          | 279             | 343          |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 1 121        | 1 383        | 1 521        | 1 548           | 1 620        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 335</b> | <b>1 616</b> | <b>1 781</b> | <b>1 827</b>    | <b>1 963</b> |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |              |              |              |                 |              |
| Indigenous  | %           | 40.7         | 42.2         | 41.5         | 42.3            | 46.7         |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 28.9         | 32.6         | 34.4         | 35.2            | 35.6         |
| All children  | %           | 30.3         | 33.7         | 35.3         | 36.1            | 37.2         |

- (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 care placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.62.

Table 15A.38

Table 15A.38 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Victoria (a), (b), (c)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 133          | 152          | 125          | 103          | 181          |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 71           | 80           | 102          | 176          | 162          |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>204</b>   | <b>232</b>   | <b>227</b>   | <b>279</b>   | <b>343</b>   |
| Other Indigenous carer   | no.         | 77           | 102          | 103          | 144          | 75           |
| Indigenous residential care  | no.         | 11           | 21           | 19           | 15           | 13           |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>88</b>    | <b>123</b>   | <b>122</b>   | <b>159</b>   | <b>88</b>    |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>292</b>   | <b>355</b>   | <b>349</b>   | <b>438</b>   | <b>431</b>   |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carers  | no.         | 181          | 166          | 199          | 182          | 233          |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | no.         | 24           | 27           | 16           | 25           | 60           |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>205</b>   | <b>193</b>   | <b>215</b>   | <b>207</b>   | <b>293</b>   |
| Independent living/unknown   | no.         | 29           | 4            | 62           | 15           | 10           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>526</b>   | <b>552</b>   | <b>626</b>   | <b>660</b>   | <b>734</b>   |
| As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June                        |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 26.8         | 27.7         | 22.2         | 16.0         | 25.0         |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 14.3         | 14.6         | 18.1         | 27.3         | 22.4         |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>41.0</b>  | <b>42.3</b>  | <b>40.2</b>  | <b>43.3</b>  | <b>47.4</b>  |
| Other Indigenous carer   | %           | 15.5         | 18.6         | 18.3         | 22.3         | 10.4         |
| Indigenous residential care  | %           | 2.2          | 3.8          | 3.4          | 2.3          | 1.8          |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>%</b>    | <b>17.7</b>  | <b>22.4</b>  | <b>21.6</b>  | <b>24.7</b>  | <b>12.2</b>  |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>58.8</b>  | <b>64.8</b>  | <b>61.9</b>  | <b>67.9</b>  | <b>59.5</b>  |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | %           | 36.4         | 30.3         | 35.3         | 28.2         | 32.2         |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | %           | 4.8          | 4.9          | 2.8          | 3.9          | 8.3          |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>41.2</b>  | <b>35.2</b>  | <b>38.1</b>  | <b>32.1</b>  | <b>40.5</b>  |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care 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) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which was progressively rolled out across the State. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

**Table 15A.38 Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Victoria (a), (b), (c)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|--|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|
|--|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.63.

Table 15A.39

Table 15A.39 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  | <i>2009</i>  |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of children   |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | no.         | 343          | 335          | 403          | 416          | 467          |
| Non-Indigenous   | no.         | 2 196        | 2 454        | 2 571        | 2 479        | 2 575        |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>2 539</b> | <b>2 789</b> | <b>2 974</b> | <b>2 895</b> | <b>3 042</b> |
| As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | %           | 96.9         | 94.6         | 97.1         | 97.4         | 96.5         |
| Non-Indigenous   | %           | 97.5         | 98.0         | 97.7         | 96.4         | 97.5         |
| All children   | %           | 97.4         | 97.6         | 97.6         | 96.6         | 97.4         |

- (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 care placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which was progressively rolled out across the State. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.64.

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Table 15A.40

Table 15A.40 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c)**

|   | Unit       | 2004-05       | 2005-06       | 2006-07       | 2007-08       | 2008-09       |
|---|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Indigenous children   |            |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |            |               |               |               |               |               |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |            |               |               |               |               |               |
| Substantiated   | no.        | 1 707         | 1 839         | 2 096         | 1 804         | 1 979         |
| Carer/family issues   | no.        | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            |
| Not substantiated   | no.        | 462           | 810           | 1 713         | 1 592         | 2 203         |
| <b>Total finalised (d)</b>                                      | <b>no.</b> | <b>2 169</b>  | <b>2 649</b>  | <b>3 809</b>  | <b>3 396</b>  | <b>4 182</b>  |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | no.        | 1 352         | 1 582         | 1 196         | 1 352         | 1 142         |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible                      | no.        | 124           | 81            | 152           | 148           | 151           |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>no.</b> | <b>3 645</b>  | <b>4 312</b>  | <b>5 157</b>  | <b>4 896</b>  | <b>5 475</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                   | no.        | 291           | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.        | 291           | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | no.        | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b> | <b>3 936</b>  | <b>4 312</b>  | <b>5 157</b>  | <b>4 896</b>  | <b>5 475</b>  |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |            |               |               |               |               |               |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |            |               |               |               |               |               |
| Substantiated   | %          | 43.4          | 42.6          | 40.6          | 36.8          | 36.1          |
| Carer/family issues   | %          | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            |
| Not substantiated   | %          | 11.7          | 18.8          | 33.2          | 32.5          | 40.2          |
| <b>Total finalised (d)</b>                                      | <b>%</b>   | <b>55.1</b>   | <b>61.4</b>   | <b>73.9</b>   | <b>69.4</b>   | <b>76.4</b>   |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | %          | 34.3          | 36.7          | 23.2          | 27.6          | 20.9          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible                      | %          | 3.2           | 1.9           | 2.9           | 3.0           | 2.8           |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b>   | <b>92.6</b>   | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                   | %          | 7.4           | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %          | 7.4           | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | %          | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b>   | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  |
| Non-Indigenous children (g)                                     |            |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |            |               |               |               |               |               |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |            |               |               |               |               |               |
| Substantiated   | no.        | 15 600        | 11 345        | 8 012         | 6 224         | 5 336         |
| Carer/family issues   | no.        | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            |
| Not substantiated   | no.        | 5 632         | 7 564         | 9 021         | 8 429         | 8 937         |
| <b>Total finalised (d)</b>                                      | <b>no.</b> | <b>21 232</b> | <b>18 909</b> | <b>17 033</b> | <b>14 653</b> | <b>14 273</b> |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | no.        | 10 005        | 9 466         | 5 322         | 4 797         | 3 118         |

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Table 15A.40 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> | <i>2008-09</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible                      | no.         | 1 268          | 925            | 999            | 657            | 542            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>32 505</b>  | <b>29 300</b>  | <b>23 354</b>  | <b>20 107</b>  | <b>17 933</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                   |             | 4 388          | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.         | 4 388          | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                             | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>36 893</b>  | <b>29 300</b>  | <b>23 354</b>  | <b>20 107</b>  | <b>17 933</b>  |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | %           | 42.3           | 38.7           | 34.3           | 31.0           | 29.8           |
| Carer/family issues   | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | %           | 15.3           | 25.8           | 38.6           | 41.9           | 49.8           |
| <b>Total finalised (d)</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>57.6</b>    | <b>64.5</b>    | <b>72.9</b>    | <b>72.9</b>    | <b>79.6</b>    |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | %           | 27.1           | 32.3           | 22.8           | 23.9           | 17.4           |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible                      | %           | 3.4            | 3.2            | 4.3            | 3.3            | 3.0            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>88.1</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                   | %           | 11.9           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %           | 11.9           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                             | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| All children  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | no.         | 17 307         | 13 184         | 10 108         | 8 028          | 7 315          |
| Carer/family issues   | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | no.         | 6 094          | 8 374          | 10 734         | 10 021         | 11 140         |
| <b>Total finalised (d)</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>23 401</b>  | <b>21 558</b>  | <b>20 842</b>  | <b>18 049</b>  | <b>18 455</b>  |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | no.         | 11 357         | 11 048         | 6 518          | 6 149          | 4 260          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible                      | no.         | 1 392          | 1 006          | 1 151          | 805            | 693            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>36 150</b>  | <b>33 612</b>  | <b>28 511</b>  | <b>25 003</b>  | <b>23 408</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                   | no.         | 4 679          | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.         | 4 679          | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>40 829</b>  | <b>33 612</b>  | <b>28 511</b>  | <b>25 003</b>  | <b>23 408</b>  |

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Table 15A.40 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c)**

|   | Unit     | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      | 2008-09      |
|---|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Substantiated   | %        | 42.4         | 39.2         | 35.5         | 32.1         | 31.3         |
| Carer/family issues   | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Not substantiated   | %        | 14.9         | 24.9         | 37.6         | 40.1         | 47.6         |
| <b>Total finalised (d)</b>                                      | <b>%</b> | <b>57.3</b>  | <b>64.1</b>  | <b>73.1</b>  | <b>72.2</b>  | <b>78.8</b>  |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | %        | 27.8         | 32.9         | 22.9         | 24.6         | 18.2         |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible                      | %        | 3.4          | 3.0          | 4.0          | 3.2          | 3.0          |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b> | <b>88.5</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                   | %        | 11.5         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %        | 11.5         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting the 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.
- (c) From 2006-07 notification figures for Queensland are affected by a change in recording practice. With the introduction of the Integrated Client Management System in March 2007, any new child protection concerns received by the department that relate to an open notification or investigation and assessment are recorded as an additional concern and linked to the open notification/investigation and assessment. Previously, any new child protection concerns received by the department were recorded as an additional notification.
- (d) This figure excludes those finalised investigations with an assessment outcome of 'No investigation and Assessment Outcome'. This is instead reported in the category 'Investigation closed – no outcome possible' introduced in 2006-07. It includes notifications where there was insufficient information to enable an assessment outcome of substantiated or not substantiated to be determined. This may occur in circumstances where a family was unable to be identified, located or has moved overseas and the investigation is therefore finalised and closed.
- (e) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (f) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice.
- (g) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.67.

Table 15A.41

Table 15A.41 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Queensland (number) (a), (b)**

|                                 | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07   | 2007-08      | 2008-09      |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                      |              |              |           |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |           |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 431          | 474          | na        | 567          | 677          |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 331          | 615          | na        | 819          | 1 040        |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>762</b>   | <b>1 089</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>1 386</b> | <b>1 717</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 454          | 640          | na        | na           | 682          |
| Non-Indigenous (c)              |              |              |           |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |           |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 1 851        | 1 651        | na        | 1 360        | 1 291        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 1 092        | 1 332        | na        | 1 566        | 1 639        |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>2 943</b> | <b>2 983</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>2 926</b> | <b>2 930</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 1 664        | 1 863        | na        | na           | 1 586        |
| All children                    |              |              |           |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |              |              |           |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 2 282        | 2 125        | na        | 1 927        | 1 968        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 1 423        | 1 947        | na        | 2 385        | 2 679        |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>3 705</b> | <b>4 072</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>4 312</b> | <b>4 647</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 2 118        | 2 503        | na        | na           | 2 268        |

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

(b) Data for 2006-07 was not available due to the transition to a new information management system.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.68.

Table 15A.42

**Table 15A.42 Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Queensland (number)**

|   | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children on orders         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 1 188        | 1 439        | 1 589        | 1 619        | 2 021        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (a)  | ..           | ..           | ..           | 131          | 177          |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | 65           | 85           | 65           | 114          | 114          |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 89           | 143          | 261          | 352          | 408          |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)       | ..           | ..           | ..           | na           | na           |
| Other/not stated                                | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>                | <b>1 342</b> | <b>1 667</b> | <b>1 915</b> | <b>2 216</b> | <b>2 720</b> |
| Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (c) |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 3 909        | 4 145        | 3 706        | 3 463        | 3 801        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (a)  | ..           | ..           | ..           | 432          | 486          |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | 220          | 265          | 288          | 290          | 355          |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 386          | 369          | 482          | 639          | 580          |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)       | ..           | ..           | ..           | na           | na           |
| Other/not stated                                | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>            | <b>4 515</b> | <b>4 779</b> | <b>4 476</b> | <b>4 824</b> | <b>5 222</b> |
| Number of all children on orders                |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 5 097        | 5 584        | 5 295        | 5 082        | 5 822        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (a)  | ..           | ..           | ..           | 563          | 663          |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | 285          | 350          | 353          | 404          | 469          |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 475          | 512          | 743          | 991          | 988          |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)       | ..           | ..           | ..           | na           | na           |
| Other/not stated                                | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total all children</b>                       | <b>5 857</b> | <b>6 446</b> | <b>6 391</b> | <b>7 040</b> | <b>7 942</b> |

(a) From 2008, data for the category 'third party parental responsibility orders' are reported separately. Previously these were counted as a subset of 'guardianship or custody orders'.

(b) Data on Administrative arrangements is not available for Queensland.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.69.

Table 15A.43

**Table 15A.43 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)**

|  | 2004-05       | 2005-06       | 2006-07       | 2007-08       | 2008-09       |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years in notifications                |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                       |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 2 451         | 2 936         | 4 003         | 4 265         | 4 650         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 26 847        | 22 468        | 19 817        | 17 836        | 16 105        |
| <b>All children</b>                                      | <b>29 298</b> | <b>25 404</b> | <b>23 820</b> | <b>22 101</b> | <b>20 755</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                   |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 42.3          | 50.3          | 67.7          | 71.5          | 71.8          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 31.4          | 26.0          | 22.1          | 19.5          | 17.2          |
| All children   | 32.1          | 27.5          | 25.0          | 22.7          | 20.8          |
| Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations (d) |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                       |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 1 499         | 1 925         | 2 957         | 2 991         | 3 555         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 16 242        | 14 867        | 14 490        | 13 084        | 12 922        |
| <b>All children</b>                                      | <b>17 741</b> | <b>16 792</b> | <b>17 447</b> | <b>16 075</b> | <b>16 477</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                   |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 25.8          | 33.0          | 50.0          | 50.1          | 54.9          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 19.0          | 17.2          | 16.2          | 14.3          | 13.8          |
| All children   | 19.5          | 18.2          | 18.3          | 16.5          | 16.5          |
| Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations              |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                       |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 1 186         | 1 340         | 1 725         | 1 617         | 1 747         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 11 700        | 8 737         | 7 053         | 5 660         | 4 849         |
| <b>All children</b>                                      | <b>12 886</b> | <b>10 077</b> | <b>8 778</b>  | <b>7 277</b>  | <b>6 596</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                   |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 20.4          | 23.0          | 29.2          | 27.1          | 27.0          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 13.7          | 10.1          | 7.9           | 6.2           | 5.2           |
| All children   | 14.1          | 10.9          | 9.2           | 7.5           | 6.6           |
| Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders   |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                       |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 1 342         | 1 667         | 1 915         | 2 216         | 2 720         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 4 515         | 4 779         | 4 476         | 4 824         | 5 222         |
| <b>All children</b>                                      | <b>5 857</b>  | <b>6 446</b>  | <b>6 391</b>  | <b>7 040</b>  | <b>7 942</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years                   |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 21.9          | 26.7          | 30.6          | 35.0          | 39.5          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 5.0           | 5.2           | 4.7           | 5.0           | 5.2           |
| <b>All children</b>                                      | <b>6.0</b>    | <b>6.5</b>    | <b>6.3</b>    | <b>6.8</b>    | <b>7.4</b>    |

**Table 15A.43 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)**

|  | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (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. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.  |         |         |         |         |         |
| (b) Rates of non-Indigenous 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates of Indigenous 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 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0). |         |         |         |         |         |
| (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  |         |         |         |         |         |
| (d) This figure excludes those children with a finalised investigation and assessment outcome of 'No investigation and assessment outcome'. In these cases there was insufficient information to enable an assessment outcome of substantiated or not substantiated to be determined. This may occur in circumstances where a family was unable to be identified, located or has moved overseas and the investigation is therefore finalised and closed. These finalised investigations have been included in the category 'Investigation closed – no outcome possible' introduced in 2007.  |         |         |         |         |         |

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.70.

Table 15A.44

Table 15A.44 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a)**

|   | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008 (b)     | 2009         |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Children in out-of-home care at 30 June   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children in care  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 1 275        | 1 496        | 1 749        | 2 085        | 2 481        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 4 382        | 4 380        | 4 223        | 4 585        | 4 612        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>5 657</b> | <b>5 876</b> | <b>5 972</b> | <b>6 670</b> | <b>7 093</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)                            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 20.8         | 24.0         | 27.9         | 33.0         | 36.0         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 4.8          | 4.7          | 4.4          | 4.7          | 4.6          |
| All children  | 5.8          | 6.0          | 5.8          | 6.4          | 6.7          |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children in care  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 1 484        | 1 790        | 2 244        | 2 730        | 3 136        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 5 248        | 5 417        | 5 836        | 6 259        | 6 391        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>6 732</b> | <b>7 207</b> | <b>8 080</b> | <b>8 989</b> | <b>9 527</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)                            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 24.4         | 29.2         | 36.0         | 43.4         | 45.9         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 5.8          | 5.9          | 6.1          | 6.4          | 6.4          |
| All children  | 7.0          | 7.4          | 8.0          | 8.7          | 9.0          |

- (a) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (b) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.
- (c) Rates for non-Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (d) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.74.

Table 15A.45

**Table 15A.45 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Queensland (number)**

|  | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008 (a)     | 2009         |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Indigenous</b>                        |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 7            | 37           | 58           | 83           | 135          |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 810          | 938          | 986          | 1 235        | 1 491        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 458          | 521          | 705          | 767          | 855          |
| Other home based care                    | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>1 268</b> | <b>1 459</b> | <b>1 691</b> | <b>2 002</b> | <b>2 346</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>         | <b>1 275</b> | <b>1 496</b> | <b>1 749</b> | <b>2 085</b> | <b>2 481</b> |
| <b>Non-Indigenous (b)</b>                |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 54           | 188          | 287          | 303          | 309          |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 3 275        | 3 063        | 2 557        | 2 803        | 2 779        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 1 053        | 1 129        | 1 379        | 1 479        | 1 524        |
| Other home based care                    | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>4 328</b> | <b>4 192</b> | <b>3 936</b> | <b>4 282</b> | <b>4 303</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>     | <b>4 382</b> | <b>4 380</b> | <b>4 223</b> | <b>4 585</b> | <b>4 612</b> |
| <b>All children</b>                      |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 61           | 225          | 345          | 386          | 444          |
| Family group homes                       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 4 085        | 4 001        | 3 543        | 4 038        | 4 270        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 1 511        | 1 650        | 2 084        | 2 246        | 2 379        |
| Other home based care                    | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>5 596</b> | <b>5 651</b> | <b>5 627</b> | <b>6 284</b> | <b>6 649</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total all children</b>                | <b>5 657</b> | <b>5 876</b> | <b>5 972</b> | <b>6 670</b> | <b>7 093</b> |

(a) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.75.

Table 15A.46

Table 15A.46 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Queensland (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 1 149        | 1 414        | 1 545        | 1 847        | 2 330        |
| Another type of order                | 2            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Not on an order                      | 124          | 82           | 204          | 238          | 151          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>1 275</b> | <b>1 496</b> | <b>1 749</b> | <b>2 085</b> | <b>2 481</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (b)                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 3 869        | 3 909        | 3 651        | 3 970        | 4 318        |
| Another type of order                | –            | 2            | –            | –            | –            |
| Not on an order                      | 513          | 469          | 572          | 615          | 294          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>4 382</b> | <b>4 380</b> | <b>4 223</b> | <b>4 585</b> | <b>4 612</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 5 018        | 5 323        | 5 196        | 5 817        | 6 648        |
| Another type of order                | 2            | 2            | –            | –            | –            |
| Not on an order                      | 637          | 551          | 776          | 853          | 445          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>5 657</b> | <b>5 876</b> | <b>5 972</b> | <b>6 670</b> | <b>7 093</b> |

(a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders and those on interim orders. 'On another type of order' includes offence orders or other orders.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.76.

Table 15A.47

**Table 15A.47 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Queensland (number) (a), (b)**

|                                      | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | na           | na           | na           | na           | na           |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 269          | 325          | na           | 61           | 89           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 297          | 317          | na           | 279          | 292          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 171          | 213          | na           | 267          | 306          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 197          | 252          | na           | 324          | 443          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 216          | 257          | na           | 700          | 772          |
| 5 years or more                      | 125          | 132          | na           | 454          | 579          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | na           | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 1 275        | 1 496        | na           | 2 085        | 2 481        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | na           | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>1 275</b> | <b>1 496</b> | <b>1 749</b> | <b>2 085</b> | <b>2 481</b> |
| Non-Indigenous                       |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | na           | na           | na           | na           | na           |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 929          | 847          | na           | 176          | 123          |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 889          | 874          | na           | 576          | 411          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 616          | 548          | na           | 513          | 486          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 695          | 773          | na           | 787          | 830          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 791          | 853          | na           | 1 315        | 1 369        |
| 5 years or more                      | 462          | 485          | na           | 1 218        | 1 393        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | na           | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 4 382        | 4 380        | na           | 4 585        | 4 612        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | na           | –            | –            |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>4 382</b> | <b>4 380</b> | <b>4 223</b> | <b>4 585</b> | <b>4 612</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | na           | na           | na           | na           | na           |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 1 198        | 1 172        | na           | 237          | 212          |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 1 186        | 1 191        | na           | 855          | 703          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 787          | 761          | na           | 780          | 792          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 892          | 1 025        | na           | 1 111        | 1 273        |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 1 007        | 1 110        | na           | 2 015        | 2 141        |
| 5 years or more                      | 587          | 617          | na           | 1 672        | 1 972        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | na           | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 5 657        | 5 876        | na           | 6 670        | 7 093        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | na           | –            | –            |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>5 657</b> | <b>5 876</b> | <b>5 972</b> | <b>6 670</b> | <b>7 093</b> |

**Table 15A.47 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Queensland (number) (a), (b)**

|  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|--|------|------|------|------|------|

(a) Prior to 2008, QLD was not able to report on the length of time in continuous out-of-home care placement, instead reporting on the length of time in the current out-of-home care placement. From 2008 data refer to the length of time in continuous out-of-home care and is therefore not comparable with previous years.

(b) Data for 2006-07 have not been provided due to the transition to a new information management system.

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

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.77.

Table 15A.48

**Table 15A.48 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Queensland (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      | 2008-09      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Indigenous</b>                    |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 100          | 126          | 180          | 176          | 173          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 29           | 45           | 59           | 52           | 81           |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 31           | 84           | 77           | 61           | 98           |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 44           | 53           | 92           | 99           | 93           |
| 5 years or more                      | 30           | 49           | 46           | 46           | 55           |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>234</b>   | <b>357</b>   | <b>454</b>   | <b>434</b>   | <b>500</b>   |
| <b>Non-Indigenous (b)</b>            |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 399          | 361          | 449          | 440          | 431          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 168          | 178          | 149          | 173          | 188          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 174          | 228          | 170          | 189          | 248          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 135          | 210          | 203          | 167          | 252          |
| 5 years or more                      | 98           | 112          | 106          | 141          | 131          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>974</b>   | <b>1 089</b> | <b>1 077</b> | <b>1 110</b> | <b>1 250</b> |
| <b>All children</b>                  |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 499          | 487          | 629          | 616          | 604          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 197          | 223          | 208          | 225          | 269          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 205          | 312          | 247          | 250          | 346          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 179          | 263          | 295          | 266          | 345          |
| 5 years or more                      | 128          | 161          | 152          | 187          | 186          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>1 208</b> | <b>1 446</b> | <b>1 531</b> | <b>1 544</b> | <b>1 750</b> |

(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.78.

**Table 15A.49 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008 (c)</i> | <i>2009</i>  |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |                 |              |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 458          | 521          | 705          | 767             | 855          |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 1 053        | 1 129        | 1 379        | 1 479           | 1 524        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 511</b> | <b>1 650</b> | <b>2 084</b> | <b>2 246</b>    | <b>2 379</b> |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |              |              |              |                 |              |
| Indigenous  | %           | 35.9         | 34.8         | 40.3         | 36.8            | 34.5         |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 24.0         | 25.8         | 32.7         | 32.3            | 33.0         |
| All children  | %           | 26.7         | 28.1         | 34.9         | 33.7            | 33.5         |

(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.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

(c) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.79.

Table 15A.50

Table 15A.50 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Queensland (a), (b)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  | <i>2009</i>  |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 343          | 379          | 401          | 399          | 590          |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 115          | 142          | 167          | 164          | 265          |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>458</b>   | <b>521</b>   | <b>568</b>   | <b>563</b>   | <b>855</b>   |
| Other Indigenous carer   | no.         | 366          | 400          | 449          | 610          | 566          |
| Indigenous residential care  | no.         | 2            | 9            | 6            | 9            | 24           |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>368</b>   | <b>409</b>   | <b>455</b>   | <b>619</b>   | <b>590</b>   |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>826</b>   | <b>930</b>   | <b>1 023</b> | <b>1 182</b> | <b>1 445</b> |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | no.         | 444          | 538          | 674          | 829          | 925          |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | no.         | 5            | 28           | 52           | 74           | 111          |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>449</b>   | <b>566</b>   | <b>726</b>   | <b>903</b>   | <b>1 036</b> |
| Independent living/unknown   | no.         | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 275</b> | <b>1 496</b> | <b>1 749</b> | <b>2 085</b> | <b>2 481</b> |
| As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June                        |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 26.9         | 25.3         | 22.9         | 19.1         | 23.8         |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 9.0          | 9.5          | 9.5          | 7.9          | 10.7         |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>35.9</b>  | <b>34.8</b>  | <b>32.5</b>  | <b>27.0</b>  | <b>34.5</b>  |
| Other Indigenous carer   | %           | 28.7         | 26.7         | 25.7         | 29.3         | 22.8         |
| Indigenous residential care  | %           | 0.2          | 0.6          | 0.3          | 0.4          | 1.0          |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>%</b>    | <b>28.9</b>  | <b>27.3</b>  | <b>26.0</b>  | <b>29.7</b>  | <b>23.8</b>  |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>64.8</b>  | <b>62.2</b>  | <b>58.5</b>  | <b>56.7</b>  | <b>58.2</b>  |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | %           | 34.8         | 36.0         | 38.5         | 39.8         | 37.3         |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | %           | 0.4          | 1.9          | 3.0          | 3.5          | 4.5          |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>35.2</b>  | <b>37.8</b>  | <b>41.5</b>  | <b>43.3</b>  | <b>41.8</b>  |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

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

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.80.

Table 15A.51

Table 15A.51 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  | <i>2009</i>  |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of children   |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | no.         | 923          | 1 105        | 1 326        | 1 568        | 1 862        |
| Non-Indigenous   | no.         | 3 072        | 2 979        | 2 768        | 3 030        | 3 048        |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>3 995</b> | <b>4 084</b> | <b>4 094</b> | <b>4 598</b> | <b>4 910</b> |
| As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | %           | 99.9         | 99.5         | 99.2         | 98.7         | 97.9         |
| Non-Indigenous   | %           | 99.6         | 98.6         | 97.5         | 98.4         | 98.5         |
| All children   | %           | 99.7         | 98.9         | 98.0         | 98.5         | 98.3         |

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

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.81.

# Single jurisdiction data — WA

Table 15A.52

Table 15A.52 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> | <i>2008-09</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Indigenous children</b>                                      |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | no.         | 385            | 332            | 479            | 546            | 574            |
| Carer/family issues   | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | no.         | 365            | 396            | 447            | 604            | 719            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>750</b>     | <b>728</b>     | <b>926</b>     | <b>1 150</b>   | <b>1 293</b>   |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | no.         | 316            | 353            | 379            | 293            | 111            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | 48             | 52             | 55             |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 066</b>   | <b>1 081</b>   | <b>1 353</b>   | <b>1 495</b>   | <b>1 459</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                   | no.         | ..             | ..             | 1 246          | 1 591          | 2 112          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.         | –              | –              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | no.         | 21             | 41             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 087</b>   | <b>1 122</b>   | <b>2 599</b>   | <b>3 086</b>   | <b>3 571</b>   |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | %           | 35.4           | 29.6           | 18.4           | 17.7           | 16.1           |
| Carer/family issues   | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | %           | 33.6           | 35.3           | 17.2           | 19.6           | 20.1           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>69.0</b>    | <b>64.9</b>    | <b>35.6</b>    | <b>37.3</b>    | <b>36.2</b>    |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | %           | 29.1           | 31.5           | 14.6           | 9.5            | 3.1            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                  | %           | ..             | ..             | 1.8            | 1.7            | 1.5            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>98.1</b>    | <b>96.3</b>    | <b>52.1</b>    | <b>48.4</b>    | <b>40.9</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                   | %           | ..             | ..             | 47.9           | 51.6           | 59.1           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %           | –              | –              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | %           | 1.9            | 3.7            | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| <b>Non-Indigenous children (h)</b>                              |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | no.         | 719            | 628            | 754            | 918            | 949            |
| Carer/family issues   | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | no.         | 922            | 994            | 1 252          | 1 424          | 1 475          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 641</b>   | <b>1 622</b>   | <b>2 006</b>   | <b>2 342</b>   | <b>2 424</b>   |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | no.         | 455            | 487            | 441            | 415            | 182            |

Table 15A.52

Table 15A.52 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> | <i>2008-09</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | 102            | 131            | 97             |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>2 096</b>   | <b>2 109</b>   | <b>2 549</b>   | <b>2 888</b>   | <b>2 703</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                   |             | ..             | ..             | 2 552          | 3 003          | 3 885          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.         | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                             | no.         | 23             | 84             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>2 119</b>   | <b>2 193</b>   | <b>5 101</b>   | <b>5 891</b>   | <b>6 588</b>   |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | %           | 33.9           | 28.6           | 14.8           | 15.6           | 14.4           |
| Carer/family issues   | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | %           | 43.5           | 45.3           | 24.5           | 24.2           | 22.4           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>77.4</b>    | <b>74.0</b>    | <b>39.3</b>    | <b>39.8</b>    | <b>36.8</b>    |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | %           | 21.5           | 22.2           | 8.6            | 7.0            | 2.8            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                  | %           | ..             | ..             | 2.0            | 2.2            | 1.5            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>98.9</b>    | <b>96.2</b>    | <b>50.0</b>    | <b>49.0</b>    | <b>41.0</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                   | %           | ..             | ..             | 50.0           | 51.0           | 59.0           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %           | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                             | %           | 1.1            | 3.8            | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| All children  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | no.         | 1 104          | 960            | 1 233          | 1 464          | 1 523          |
| Carer/family issues   | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | —              | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | no.         | 1 287          | 1 390          | 1 699          | 2 028          | 2 194          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>2 391</b>   | <b>2 350</b>   | <b>2 932</b>   | <b>3 492</b>   | <b>3 717</b>   |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | no.         | 771            | 840            | 820            | 708            | 293            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | 150            | 183            | 152            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>3 162</b>   | <b>3 190</b>   | <b>3 902</b>   | <b>4 383</b>   | <b>4 162</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                   | no.         | ..             | ..             | 3 798          | 4 594          | 5 997          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.         | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | no.         | 44             | 125            | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>3 206</b>   | <b>3 315</b>   | <b>7 700</b>   | <b>8 977</b>   | <b>10 159</b>  |

Table 15A.52

Table 15A.52 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> | <i>2008-09</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | %           | 34.4           | 29.0           | 16.0           | 16.3           | 15.0           |
| Carer/family issues   | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | –              | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | %           | 40.1           | 41.9           | 22.1           | 22.6           | 21.6           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>74.6</b>    | <b>70.9</b>    | <b>38.1</b>    | <b>38.9</b>    | <b>36.6</b>    |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | %           | 24.0           | 25.3           | 10.6           | 7.9            | 2.9            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                  | %           | ..             | ..             | 1.9            | 2.0            | 1.5            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>98.6</b>    | <b>96.2</b>    | <b>50.7</b>    | <b>48.8</b>    | <b>41.0</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                   | %           | ..             | ..             | 49.3           | 51.2           | 59.0           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %           | –              | –              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | %           | 1.4            | 3.8            | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting the 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.
- (c) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (d) The number of notifications increased between 2005-06 and 2006-07 as all Concern for Child Wellbeing reports are now classified as a notification. Previously, only those that were followed by an investigation were counted as a notification.
- (e) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (f) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (g) 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action' and from 2008-09 cases where there was no suitable caregiver. Cases where there was no suitable caregiver are not counted as investigations.
- (h) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.84.

Table 15A.53

Table 15A.53 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Western Australia (number) (a)**

|                                 | 2004-05    | 2005-06    | 2006-07      | 2007-08      | 2008-09(b)   |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                      |            |            |              |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |              |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 188        | 281        | 502          | 498          | 307          |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 4          | 45         | 80           | 126          | 276          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>192</b> | <b>326</b> | <b>582</b>   | <b>624</b>   | <b>583</b>   |
| Children discharged from orders | 63         | 63         | 157          | 170          | 172          |
| Non-Indigenous (c)              |            |            |              |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |              |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 299        | 363        | 661          | 744          | 401          |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 22         | 64         | 119          | 200          | 371          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>321</b> | <b>427</b> | <b>780</b>   | <b>944</b>   | <b>772</b>   |
| Children discharged from orders | 192        | 180        | 265          | 272          | 375          |
| All children                    |            |            |              |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |              |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 487        | 644        | 1 163        | 1 242        | 708          |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 26         | 109        | 199          | 326          | 647          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>513</b> | <b>753</b> | <b>1 362</b> | <b>1 568</b> | <b>1 355</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 255        | 243        | 422          | 442          | 547          |

(a) Includes children admitted to and discharged from care applications.

(b) In 2008-09, the number of 'children admitted to orders for the first time' might be lower than previous years due to a change in counting processes.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.85.

Table 15A.54

Table 15A.54 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Western Australia (number) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children on orders         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 556          | 659          | 818          | 1 012        | 1 154        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (e)  | ..           | ..           | ..           | 24           | 46           |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | ..           | 1            | 23           | 39           | 52           |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 104          | 138          | 250          | 204          | 213          |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (e)       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | –            |
| Other/not stated                                | –            | –            | –            | ..           | na           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>                | <b>660</b>   | <b>798</b>   | <b>1 091</b> | <b>1 279</b> | <b>1 465</b> |
| Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (f) |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 961          | 1 032        | 1 206        | 1 367        | 1 461        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (e)  | ..           | ..           | ..           | 24           | 58           |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | ..           | 2            | 42           | 81           | 92           |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 162          | 214          | 290          | 329          | 261          |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (e)       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | –            |
| Other/not stated                                | –            | –            | –            | ..           | na           |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>            | <b>1 123</b> | <b>1 248</b> | <b>1 538</b> | <b>1 815</b> | <b>1 872</b> |
| Number of all children on orders                |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 1 517        | 1 691        | 2 024        | 2 379        | 2 615        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (e)  | ..           | ..           | ..           | 24           | 104          |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | ..           | 3            | 65           | 120          | 144          |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 266          | 352          | 540          | 533          | 474          |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (e)       | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | –            |
| Other/not stated                                | –            | –            | –            | ..           | na           |
| <b>Total all children</b>                       | <b>1 783</b> | <b>2 046</b> | <b>2 629</b> | <b>3 094</b> | <b>3 337</b> |

- (a) Children on care applications are included in the category 'interim and temporary orders'.
- (b) Data include for the first time children in care applications adjourned at 30 June where no subsequent court appearance had occurred by the end of August. Data from 2001-02 and 2002-03 do not include these children.
- (c) Implementation of the *Children and Community Services Act 2004* in March 2006 required the legal status of children in care to be reviewed and Protection Orders were sought for a number of children already in care but not under care and protection orders, for 2006 onwards.
- (d) In 2006-07, the number of children on orders included 24 children who were placed on Enduring Parental Responsibility orders.
- (e) This category is included for the first time in this Report.
- (f) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated  
.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.86.

Table 15A.55

**Table 15A.55 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)**

|  | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      | 2008-09      |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years in notifications (d)              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 968          | 1 017        | 2 262        | 2 657        | 2 999        |
| Non-Indigenous   | 1 960        | 2 032        | 4 654        | 5 222        | 5 792        |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>2 928</b> | <b>3 049</b> | <b>6 916</b> | <b>7 879</b> | <b>8 791</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 33.5         | 35.0         | 77.3         | 90.3         | 102.7        |
| Non-Indigenous   | 4.6          | 4.7          | 10.5         | 11.6         | 12.5         |
| All children   | 6.4          | 6.6          | 14.6         | 16.4         | 17.8         |
| Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations       |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 677          | 676          | 828          | 1 047        | 1 177        |
| Non-Indigenous   | 1 537        | 1 516        | 1 873        | 2 167        | 2 239        |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>2 214</b> | <b>2 192</b> | <b>2 701</b> | <b>3 214</b> | <b>3 416</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 23.4         | 23.3         | 28.3         | 35.6         | 40.3         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 3.6          | 3.5          | 4.2          | 4.8          | 4.8          |
| All children   | 4.8          | 4.8          | 5.7          | 6.7          | 6.9          |
| Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations                |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 353          | 316          | 438          | 520          | 545          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 682          | 603          | 716          | 863          | 909          |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>1 035</b> | <b>919</b>   | <b>1 154</b> | <b>1 383</b> | <b>1 454</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 12.2         | 10.9         | 15.0         | 17.7         | 18.7         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 1.6          | 1.4          | 1.6          | 1.9          | 2.0          |
| All children   | 2.3          | 2.0          | 2.4          | 2.9          | 2.9          |
| Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders (e) |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 660          | 798          | 1 091        | 1 279        | 1 465        |
| Non-Indigenous   | 1 123        | 1 248        | 1 538        | 1 815        | 1 872        |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>1 783</b> | <b>2 046</b> | <b>2 629</b> | <b>3 094</b> | <b>3 337</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 21.6         | 25.8         | 35.2         | 41.0         | 47.4         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 2.5          | 2.7          | 3.2          | 3.8          | 3.8          |
| All children   | 3.7          | 4.2          | 5.2          | 6.0          | 6.3          |

**Table 15A.55 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)**

|     | 2004-05  | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 |
|-----|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (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. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.  |         |         |         |         |
| (b) | Rates of non-Indigenous 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates of Indigenous 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 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0). |         |         |         |         |
| (c) | Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  |         |         |         |         |
| (d) | The number of notifications increased between 2005-06 and 2006-07 as all Concern for Child Wellbeing reports are now classified as a notification. Previously, only those that were followed by an investigation were counted as a notification.   |         |         |         |         |
| (e) | Implementation of the <i>Children and Community Services Act 2004</i> in March 2006 required the legal status of children in care to be reviewed and Protection Orders were sought for a number of children already in care but not under care and protection orders.  |         |         |         |         |

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.87.

Table 15A.56

**Table 15A.56 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)**

|   | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008 (f)     | 2009         |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Children in out-of-home care at 30 June   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children in care  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 692          | 766          | 978          | 1 078        | 1 197        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 1 137        | 1 202        | 1 393        | 1 468        | 1 485        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>1 829</b> | <b>1 968</b> | <b>2 371</b> | <b>2 546</b> | <b>2 682</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)                            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 22.6         | 24.8         | 31.6         | 34.6         | 38.8         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 2.5          | 2.6          | 2.9          | 3.0          | 3.0          |
| All children  | 3.8          | 4.0          | 4.7          | 5.0          | 5.1          |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children in care  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 925          | 988          | 1 226        | 1 347        | 1 491        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 1 564        | 1 556        | 1 765        | 1 915        | 1 965        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>2 489</b> | <b>2 544</b> | <b>2 991</b> | <b>3 262</b> | <b>3 456</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)                            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 30.3         | 32.2         | 39.7         | 43.3         | 48.4         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 3.4          | 3.4          | 3.7          | 4.0          | 4.0          |
| All children  | 5.1          | 5.2          | 6.0          | 6.4          | 6.6          |

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

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

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

(d) Rates for non-Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).

(e) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

(f) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007–08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.91.

Table 15A.57

Table 15A.57 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)**

|  | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008 (c)     | 2009         |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Indigenous</b>                        |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 39           | 38           | 50           | 41           | 42           |
| Family group homes                       | 24           | 25           | 33           | 44           | 57           |
| <b>Home based care</b>                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 217          | 238          | 304          | 334          | 400          |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 400          | 452          | 573          | 651          | 693          |
| Other home based care                    | –            | –            | –            | ..           | –            |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>617</b>   | <b>690</b>   | <b>877</b>   | <b>985</b>   | <b>1 093</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 5            | 4            | 5            | 7            | 2            |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 7            | 9            | 13           | 1            | 3            |
| <b>Total indigenous children</b>         | <b>692</b>   | <b>766</b>   | <b>978</b>   | <b>1 078</b> | <b>1 197</b> |
| <b>Non-Indigenous (d)</b>                |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 85           | 74           | 89           | 104          | 56           |
| Family group homes                       | 19           | 17           | 14           | 7            | 34           |
| <b>Home based care</b>                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 665          | 728          | 822          | 847          | 885          |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 337          | 356          | 444          | 485          | 494          |
| Other home based care                    | –            | –            | –            | ..           | –            |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>1 002</b> | <b>1 084</b> | <b>1 266</b> | <b>1 332</b> | <b>1 379</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 21           | 17           | 12           | 16           | 15           |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 10           | 10           | 12           | 9            | 1            |
| <b>Total non-indigenous children</b>     | <b>1 137</b> | <b>1 202</b> | <b>1 393</b> | <b>1 468</b> | <b>1 485</b> |
| <b>All children</b>                      |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 124          | 112          | 139          | 145          | 98           |
| Family group homes                       | 43           | 42           | 47           | 51           | 91           |
| <b>Home based care</b>                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 882          | 966          | 1 126        | 1 181        | 1 285        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 737          | 808          | 1 017        | 1 136        | 1 187        |
| Other home based care                    | –            | –            | –            | ..           | –            |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>1 619</b> | <b>1 774</b> | <b>2 143</b> | <b>2 317</b> | <b>2 472</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 26           | 21           | 17           | 23           | 17           |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 17           | 19           | 25           | 10           | 4            |
| <b>Total children</b>                    | <b>1 829</b> | <b>1 968</b> | <b>2 371</b> | <b>2 546</b> | <b>2 682</b> |

- (a) Western Australia reported children in Family group homes separately to residential care for the first time in 2005.
- (b) A small number of children are placed with externally managed foster carers who are also their relative and have been recorded in the foster care category in 2007.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

**Table 15A.57 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)**

|  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 (c) | 2009 |
|--|------|------|------|----------|------|
|--|------|------|------|----------|------|

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.92.

Table 15A.58

Table 15A.58 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Western Australia (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 601          | 713          | 935          | 1 049        | 1 184        |
| Another type of order                | –            | –            | –            | ..           | –            |
| Not on an order                      | 91           | 53           | 43           | 29           | 13           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>692</b>   | <b>766</b>   | <b>978</b>   | <b>1 078</b> | <b>1 197</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (b)                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 975          | 1 105        | 1 327        | 1 421        | 1 460        |
| Another type of order                | –            | –            | –            | ..           | –            |
| Not on an order                      | 162          | 97           | 66           | 47           | 25           |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>1 137</b> | <b>1 202</b> | <b>1 393</b> | <b>1 468</b> | <b>1 485</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 1 576        | 1 818        | 2 262        | 2 470        | 2 644        |
| Another type of order                | –            | –            | –            | ..           | –            |
| Not on an order                      | 253          | 150          | 109          | 76           | 38           |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>1 829</b> | <b>1 968</b> | <b>2 371</b> | <b>2 546</b> | <b>2 682</b> |

(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  
– Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.93.

Table 15A.59

Table 15A.59 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)**

|                                      | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | na           | na           | na           | na           | na           |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 16           | 9            | 23           | 14           | 21           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 82           | 108          | 136          | 81           | 101          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 77           | 65           | 125          | 146          | 118          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 90           | 124          | 154          | 249          | 210          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 203          | 220          | 256          | 306          | 424          |
| 5 years or more                      | 224          | 240          | 284          | 282          | 323          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 692          | 766          | 978          | 1 078        | 1 197        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>692</b>   | <b>766</b>   | <b>978</b>   | <b>1 078</b> | <b>1 197</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (c)                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | na           | na           | na           | na           | na           |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 24           | 37           | 33           | 20           | 38           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 93           | 100          | 174          | 151          | 138          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 134          | 112          | 146          | 176          | 113          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 142          | 166          | 197          | 243          | 234          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 332          | 344          | 374          | 392          | 448          |
| 5 years or more                      | 412          | 437          | 469          | 486          | 514          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | 6            | –            | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 1 137        | 1 202        | 1 393        | 1 468        | 1 485        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>1 137</b> | <b>1 202</b> | <b>1 393</b> | <b>1 468</b> | <b>1 485</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | na           | na           | na           | na           | na           |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 40           | 46           | 56           | 34           | 59           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 175          | 208          | 310          | 232          | 239          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 211          | 177          | 271          | 322          | 231          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 232          | 291          | 351          | 492          | 444          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 535          | 572          | 630          | 698          | 872          |
| 5 years or more                      | 636          | 674          | 753          | 768          | 837          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 1 829        | 1 968        | 2 371        | 2 546        | 2 682        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>1 829</b> | <b>1 968</b> | <b>2 371</b> | <b>2 546</b> | <b>2 682</b> |

(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.59 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)**

|  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|--|------|------|------|------|------|

(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.94.

Table 15A.60

Table 15A.60 **Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)**

|                                      | 2004-05    | 2005-06    | 2006-07    | 2007-08    | 2008-09    |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                           |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 27         | 32         | 20         | 27         | 20         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 16         | 12         | 23         | 16         | 10         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 5          | 17         | 9          | 11         | 30         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 29         | 20         | 20         | 45         | 46         |
| 5 years or more                      | 32         | 24         | 35         | 47         | 37         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>109</b> | <b>105</b> | <b>107</b> | <b>146</b> | <b>143</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (c)                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 70         | 52         | 39         | 47         | 57         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 27         | 40         | 31         | 36         | 46         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 40         | 37         | 23         | 17         | 47         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 71         | 50         | 50         | 61         | 94         |
| 5 years or more                      | 61         | 67         | 68         | 83         | 57         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>269</b> | <b>246</b> | <b>211</b> | <b>244</b> | <b>301</b> |
| All children                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 97         | 84         | 59         | 74         | 77         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 43         | 52         | 54         | 52         | 56         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 45         | 54         | 32         | 28         | 77         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 100        | 70         | 70         | 106        | 140        |
| 5 years or more                      | 93         | 91         | 103        | 130        | 94         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>378</b> | <b>351</b> | <b>318</b> | <b>390</b> | <b>444</b> |

(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) A placement at home for more than 2 months is not considered a break in the length of time spent in care.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.95.

Table 15A.61

Table 15A.61 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008 (d)</i> | <i>2009</i>  |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |             |             |              |                 |              |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 400         | 452         | 573          | 651             | 693          |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 337         | 356         | 444          | 485             | 494          |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>737</b>  | <b>808</b>  | <b>1 017</b> | <b>1 136</b>    | <b>1 187</b> |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |             |             |              |                 |              |
| Indigenous  | %           | 57.8        | 59.0        | 58.6         | 60.4            | 57.9         |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 29.6        | 29.6        | 31.9         | 33.0            | 33.3         |
| All children  | %           | 40.3        | 41.1        | 42.9         | 44.6            | 44.3         |

- (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) A small number of children are placed with externally managed foster carers who are also their relative and have been recorded in the foster care category in 2007.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.96.

Table 15A.62

Table 15A.62 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Western Australia (a), (b)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  | <i>2009</i>  |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 345          | 394          | 512          | 566          | 607          |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 55           | 64           | 82           | 94           | 96           |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>400</b>   | <b>458</b>   | <b>594</b>   | <b>660</b>   | <b>703</b>   |
| Other Indigenous carer   | no.         | 143          | 143          | 156          | 155          | 169          |
| Indigenous residential care  | no.         | 25           | 18           | 21           | 25           | 26           |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>168</b>   | <b>161</b>   | <b>177</b>   | <b>180</b>   | <b>195</b>   |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>568</b>   | <b>619</b>   | <b>771</b>   | <b>840</b>   | <b>898</b>   |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | no.         | 77           | 92           | 133          | 170          | 221          |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | no.         | 38           | 45           | 62           | 60           | 73           |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>115</b>   | <b>137</b>   | <b>195</b>   | <b>230</b>   | <b>294</b>   |
| Independent living/unknown   | no.         | 9            | 10           | 12           | 8            | 5            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>692</b>   | <b>766</b>   | <b>978</b>   | <b>1 078</b> | <b>1 197</b> |
| As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June                        |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 50.5         | 52.1         | 53.0         | 52.9         | 50.9         |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 8.1          | 8.5          | 8.5          | 8.8          | 8.1          |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>58.6</b>  | <b>60.6</b>  | <b>61.5</b>  | <b>61.7</b>  | <b>59.0</b>  |
| Other Indigenous carer   | %           | 20.9         | 18.9         | 16.1         | 14.5         | 14.2         |
| Indigenous residential care  | %           | 3.7          | 2.4          | 2.2          | 2.3          | 2.2          |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>%</b>    | <b>24.6</b>  | <b>21.3</b>  | <b>18.3</b>  | <b>16.8</b>  | <b>16.4</b>  |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>83.2</b>  | <b>81.9</b>  | <b>79.8</b>  | <b>78.5</b>  | <b>75.3</b>  |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | %           | 11.3         | 12.2         | 13.8         | 15.9         | 18.5         |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | %           | 5.6          | 6.0          | 6.4          | 5.6          | 6.1          |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>16.8</b>  | <b>18.1</b>  | <b>20.2</b>  | <b>21.5</b>  | <b>24.7</b>  |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) Children in residential care with Indigenous caregivers were included in the category 'other Indigenous carer'.

(b) A small number of children are placed with externally managed foster carers who are also their relative and have been recorded in the foster care category.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.97.

**Table 15A.63 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>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  | <i>2009</i>  |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of children   |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | no.         | 480          | 541          | 709          | 805          | 907          |
| Non-Indigenous   | no.         | 700          | 773          | 900          | 973          | 994          |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 180</b> | <b>1 314</b> | <b>1 609</b> | <b>1 778</b> | <b>1 901</b> |
| As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | %           | 91.8         | 92.8         | 92.4         | 92.5         | 91.4         |
| Non-Indigenous   | %           | 93.0         | 94.8         | 94.9         | 94.9         | 97.0         |
| All children   | %           | 92.5         | 94.0         | 93.8         | 93.8         | 94.2         |

(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.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.98.

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Table 15A.64

Table 15A.64 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> | <i>2008-09</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Indigenous children   |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | no.         | 736            | 464            | 625            | 737            | 816            |
| Carer/family issues   | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | no.         | 977            | 675            | 965            | 807            | 956            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 713</b>   | <b>1 139</b>   | <b>1 590</b>   | <b>1 544</b>   | <b>1 772</b>   |
| Investigations in process (d)                                   | no.         | 3              | 19             | 13             | 2              | 11             |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | —              |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 716</b>   | <b>1 158</b>   | <b>1 603</b>   | <b>1 546</b>   | <b>1 783</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                   | no.         | ..             | ..             | 2 457          | 2 631          | 3 212          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.         | 1 864          | 1 838          | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | no.         | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>3 580</b>   | <b>2 996</b>   | <b>4 060</b>   | <b>4 177</b>   | <b>4 995</b>   |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | %           | 20.6           | 15.5           | 15.4           | 17.6           | 16.3           |
| Carer/family issues   | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | %           | 27.3           | 22.5           | 23.8           | 19.3           | 19.1           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>47.8</b>    | <b>38.0</b>    | <b>39.2</b>    | <b>37.0</b>    | <b>35.5</b>    |
| Investigations in process (d)                                   | %           | 0.1            | 0.6            | 0.3            | 0.0            | 0.2            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)                  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | —              |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>47.9</b>    | <b>38.7</b>    | <b>39.5</b>    | <b>37.0</b>    | <b>35.7</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                   | %           | ..             | ..             | 60.5           | 63.0           | 64.3           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %           | 52.1           | 61.3           | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | %           | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous children (g)                                     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | no.         | 1 648          | 1 391          | 1 617          | 1 594          | 1 603          |
| Carer/family issues   | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | no.         | 2 889          | 2 249          | 2 524          | 2 299          | 2 511          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>4 537</b>   | <b>3 640</b>   | <b>4 141</b>   | <b>3 893</b>   | <b>4 114</b>   |
| Investigations in process (d)                                   | no.         | 26             | 44             | 62             | 14             | 23             |

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Table 15A.64 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> | <i>2008-09</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | —              |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>4 563</b>   | <b>3 684</b>   | <b>4 203</b>   | <b>3 907</b>   | <b>4 137</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                   |             | ..             | ..             | 10 171         | 12 763         | 14 089         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.         | 9 330          | 8 389          | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                             | no.         | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>13 893</b>  | <b>12 073</b>  | <b>14 374</b>  | <b>16 670</b>  | <b>18 226</b>  |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | %           | 11.9           | 11.5           | 11.2           | 9.6            | 8.8            |
| Carer/family issues   | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | %           | 20.8           | 18.6           | 17.6           | 13.8           | 13.8           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>32.7</b>    | <b>30.1</b>    | <b>28.8</b>    | <b>23.4</b>    | <b>22.6</b>    |
| Investigations in process (d)                                   | %           | 0.2            | 0.4            | 0.4            | 0.1            | 0.1            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)                  | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | —              |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>32.8</b>    | <b>30.5</b>    | <b>29.2</b>    | <b>23.4</b>    | <b>22.7</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                   | %           | ..             | ..             | 70.8           | 76.6           | 77.3           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %           | 67.2           | 69.5           | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                             | %           | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| All children  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | no.         | 2 384          | 1 855          | 2 242          | 2 331          | 2 419          |
| Carer/family issues   | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | —              | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | no.         | 3 866          | 2 924          | 3 489          | 3 106          | 3 467          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>6 250</b>   | <b>4 779</b>   | <b>5 731</b>   | <b>5 437</b>   | <b>5 886</b>   |
| Investigations in process (d)                                   | no.         | 29             | 63             | 75             | 16             | 34             |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | —              |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>6 279</b>   | <b>4 842</b>   | <b>5 806</b>   | <b>5 453</b>   | <b>5 920</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                   | no.         | ..             | ..             | 12 628         | 15 394         | 17 301         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.         | 11 194         | 10 227         | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | no.         | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>17 473</b>  | <b>15 069</b>  | <b>18 434</b>  | <b>20 847</b>  | <b>23 221</b>  |

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Table 15A.64 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

|   | Unit     | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      | 2008-09      |
|---|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Substantiated   | %        | 13.6         | 12.3         | 12.2         | 11.2         | 10.4         |
| Carer/family issues   | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | –            | ..           |
| Not substantiated   | %        | 22.1         | 19.4         | 18.9         | 14.9         | 14.9         |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b> | <b>35.8</b>  | <b>31.7</b>  | <b>31.1</b>  | <b>26.1</b>  | <b>25.3</b>  |
| Investigations in process (d)                                   | %        | 0.2          | 0.4          | 0.4          | 0.1          | 0.1          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)                  | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | –            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b> | <b>35.9</b>  | <b>32.1</b>  | <b>31.5</b>  | <b>26.2</b>  | <b>25.5</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (f)                                   | %        | ..           | ..           | 68.5         | 73.8         | 74.5         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %        | 64.1         | 67.9         | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | %        | –            | –            | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these was counted.
- (b) 'Notifier concern reports' are excluded from the count of total notifications because concern reports are not reported.
- (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. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting the child where practicable.
- (d) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (e) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (f) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. Prior to 2006-07, some of the cases recorded as 'dealt with by other means' may have been cases where the investigation was closed with no outcome possible. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.
- (g) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.101.

Table 15A.65

Table 15A.65 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, South Australia (number)**

|                                 | 2004-05    | 2005-06    | 2006-07    | 2007-08      | 2008-09      |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                      |            |            |            |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 87         | 88         | 125        | 164          | 166          |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 77         | 111        | 100        | 151          | 136          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>164</b> | <b>199</b> | <b>225</b> | <b>315</b>   | <b>302</b>   |
| Children discharged from orders | 186        | 58         | 72         | 93           | 155          |
| Non-Indigenous (a)              |            |            |            |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 292        | 244        | 307        | 475          | 454          |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 290        | 347        | 356        | 372          | 331          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>582</b> | <b>591</b> | <b>663</b> | <b>847</b>   | <b>785</b>   |
| Children discharged from orders | 698        | 251        | 214        | 401          | 384          |
| All children                    |            |            |            |              |              |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |              |              |
| Admitted for the first time     | 379        | 332        | 432        | 639          | 620          |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 367        | 458        | 456        | 523          | 467          |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>746</b> | <b>790</b> | <b>888</b> | <b>1 162</b> | <b>1 087</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 884        | 309        | 286        | 494          | 539          |

(a) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.102.

Table 15A.66

Table 15A.66 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, South Australia (number) (a)**

|   | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children on orders         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 296          | 354          | 416          | 475          | 512          |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (b)  | na           | na           | na           | 9            | 9            |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | ..           | ..           | ..           | –            | –            |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 26           | 24           | 24           | 26           | 29           |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)       | na           | na           | na           | 30           | 23           |
| Other/not stated                                | –            | –            | –            | ..           | na           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>                | <b>322</b>   | <b>378</b>   | <b>440</b>   | <b>540</b>   | <b>573</b>   |
| Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (c) |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 1 150        | 1 202        | 1 379        | 1 472        | 1 602        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (b)  | na           | na           | na           | 9            | 29           |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | ..           | ..           | ..           | 4            | 7            |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 81           | 91           | 62           | 98           | 90           |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)       | na           | na           | na           | 53           | 60           |
| Other/not stated                                | –            | –            | –            | ..           | na           |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>            | <b>1 231</b> | <b>1 293</b> | <b>1 441</b> | <b>1 657</b> | <b>1 788</b> |
| Number of all children on orders                |              |              |              |              |              |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 1 446        | 1 556        | 1 795        | 1 947        | 2 114        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (b)  | na           | na           | na           | 9            | 38           |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | ..           | ..           | ..           | 4            | 7            |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 107          | 115          | 86           | 124          | 119          |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)       | na           | na           | na           | 83           | 83           |
| Other/not stated                                | –            | –            | –            | ..           | na           |
| <b>Total all children</b>                       | <b>1 553</b> | <b>1 671</b> | <b>1 881</b> | <b>2 197</b> | <b>2 361</b> |

(a) Third party parental responsibility orders and administrative/voluntary arrangements used to be reported under guardianship or custody orders.

(b) This category included for the first time in the 2009 Report.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.103.

Table 15A.67

**Table 15A.67 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), (e)**

|  | 2004-05       | 2005-06       | 2006-07       | 2007-08       | 2008-09       |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years in notifications              |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                     |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 1 904         | 1 814         | 2 222         | 2 397         | 2 767         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 9 151         | 8 337         | 9 773         | 11 200        | 11 923        |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>11 055</b> | <b>10 151</b> | <b>11 995</b> | <b>13 597</b> | <b>14 690</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 170.9         | 162.6         | 197.6         | 212.3         | 235.5         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 29.1          | 26.7          | 30.7          | 35.1          | 37.1          |
| All children   | 34.0          | 31.3          | 36.4          | 41.2          | 44.1          |
| Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations   |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                     |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 980           | 793           | 1 036         | 1 024         | 1 154         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 3 300         | 2 752         | 3 201         | 2 938         | 3 118         |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>4 280</b>  | <b>3 545</b>  | <b>4 237</b>  | <b>3 962</b>  | <b>4 272</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 87.9          | 71.1          | 92.1          | 90.7          | 98.2          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 10.5          | 8.8           | 10.1          | 9.2           | 9.7           |
| All children   | 13.2          | 10.9          | 12.9          | 12.0          | 12.8          |
| Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations            |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                     |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 481           | 360           | 439           | 547           | 598           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 1 317         | 1 101         | 1 314         | 1 272         | 1 303         |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>1 798</b>  | <b>1 461</b>  | <b>1 753</b>  | <b>1 819</b>  | <b>1 901</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 43.2          | 32.3          | 39.0          | 48.4          | 50.9          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 4.2           | 3.5           | 4.1           | 4.0           | 4.1           |
| All children   | 5.5           | 4.5           | 5.3           | 5.5           | 5.7           |
| Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of children                                     |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 322           | 378           | 440           | 540           | 573           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 1 231         | 1 293         | 1 441         | 1 657         | 1 788         |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>1 553</b>  | <b>1 671</b>  | <b>1 881</b>  | <b>2 197</b>  | <b>2 361</b>  |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years                 |               |               |               |               |               |
| Indigenous   | 27.3          | 31.8          | 36.9          | 45.2          | 45.8          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 3.7           | 3.9           | 4.3           | 4.9           | 5.2           |
| All children   | 4.5           | 4.8           | 5.4           | 6.2           | 6.7           |

**Table 15A.67 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), (e)**

|     | 2004-05  | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 |
|-----|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (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. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.  |         |         |         |         |
| (b) | Rates of non-Indigenous 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates of Indigenous 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 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0). |         |         |         |         |
| (c) | SA includes in 'notifications' only those reports which have met the criteria for a reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect.  |         |         |         |         |
| (d) | 2006-07 figures for all children subject to substantiations only relates to children who were the subject of a substantiation for notifications made during 2006-07.   |         |         |         |         |
| (e) | Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  |         |         |         |         |

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.104.

Table 15A.68

Table 15A.68 **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)**

|   | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008 (b)     | 2009         |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Children in out-of-home care at 30 June   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children in care  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 286          | 359          | 405          | 467          | 521          |
| Non-Indigenous  | 1 043        | 1 138        | 1 273        | 1 374        | 1 495        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>1 329</b> | <b>1 497</b> | <b>1 678</b> | <b>1 841</b> | <b>2 016</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)                            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 24.3         | 30.2         | 34.0         | 39.1         | 41.7         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 3.1          | 3.4          | 3.8          | 4.0          | 4.4          |
| All children  | 3.9          | 4.3          | 4.8          | 5.2          | 5.7          |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children in care  |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 457          | 497          | 600          | 603          | 656          |
| Non-Indigenous  | 1 486        | 1 517        | 1 669        | 1 776        | 1 863        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>1 943</b> | <b>2 014</b> | <b>2 269</b> | <b>2 379</b> | <b>2 519</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)                            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous  | 38.9         | 42.2         | 50.5         | 50.3         | 52.8         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 4.5          | 4.6          | 4.9          | 5.2          | 5.5          |
| All children  | 5.6          | 5.8          | 6.5          | 6.7          | 7.1          |

- (a) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (b) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.
- (c) Rates for non-Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (d) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.108.

Table 15A.69

**Table 15A.69 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, South Australia (number)**

|  | 2005         | 2006         | 2007 (a)     | 2008 (b)     | 2009         |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                               |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 4            | 4            | 18           | 25           | 33           |
| Family group homes                       | 9            | 18           | –            | –            | –            |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 191          | 200          | 199          | 201          | 199          |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 82           | 137          | 180          | 229          | 265          |
| Other home based care                    | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>273</b>   | <b>337</b>   | <b>379</b>   | <b>430</b>   | <b>464</b>   |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | –            | –            | 4            | 5            | 4            |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –            | –            | 4            | 7            | 20           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>         | <b>286</b>   | <b>359</b>   | <b>405</b>   | <b>467</b>   | <b>521</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous (c)                       |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 36           | 46           | 123          | 141          | 140          |
| Family group homes                       | 45           | 57           | –            | –            | –            |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 776          | 810          | 711          | 710          | 778          |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 182          | 222          | 373          | 434          | 502          |
| Other home based care                    | 4            | 3            | 3            | 4            | 3            |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>962</b>   | <b>1 035</b> | <b>1 087</b> | <b>1 148</b> | <b>1 283</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | –            | –            | 5            | 20           | 16           |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –            | –            | 58           | 65           | 56           |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>     | <b>1 043</b> | <b>1 138</b> | <b>1 273</b> | <b>1 374</b> | <b>1 495</b> |
| All children                             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Residential care                         | 40           | 50           | 141          | 166          | 173          |
| Family group homes                       | 54           | 75           | –            | –            | –            |
| Home based care                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Foster care                              | 967          | 1 010        | 910          | 911          | 977          |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 264          | 359          | 553          | 663          | 767          |
| Other home based care                    | 4            | 3            | 3            | 4            | 3            |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>1 235</b> | <b>1 372</b> | <b>1 466</b> | <b>1 578</b> | <b>1 747</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | –            | –            | 9            | 25           | 20           |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –            | –            | 62           | 72           | 76           |
| <b>Total all children</b>                | <b>1 329</b> | <b>1 497</b> | <b>1 678</b> | <b>1 841</b> | <b>2 016</b> |

(a) In 2005-06 children who in fact were in residential care had been incorrectly categorised as being in Family Group Homes.

(b) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero

**Table 15A.69 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, South Australia (number)**

|         | 2005   | 2006 | 2007 (a) | 2008 (b) | 2009 |
|---------|--|------|----------|----------|------|
| Source: | AIHW (unpublished), derived from <i>Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia</i> data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.109. |      |          |          |      |

Table 15A.70

**Table 15A.70 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, South Australia (number)**  
(a)

|                                      | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 230          | 292          | 354          | 416          | 462          |
| Another type of order                | 14           | 14           | 15           | 17           | 13           |
| Not on an order                      | 42           | 53           | 36           | 34           | 46           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>286</b>   | <b>359</b>   | <b>405</b>   | <b>467</b>   | <b>521</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous (b)                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 941          | 994          | 1 109        | 1 341        | 1 441        |
| Another type of order                | 46           | 66           | 83           | 17           | 32           |
| Not on an order                      | 56           | 78           | 81           | 16           | 22           |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>1 043</b> | <b>1 138</b> | <b>1 273</b> | <b>1 374</b> | <b>1 495</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Care and protection order            | 1 171        | 1 286        | 1 463        | 1 757        | 1 903        |
| Another type of order                | 60           | 80           | 98           | 34           | 45           |
| Not on an order                      | 98           | 131          | 117          | 50           | 68           |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>1 329</b> | <b>1 497</b> | <b>1 678</b> | <b>1 841</b> | <b>2 016</b> |

(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.110.

Table 15A.71

**Table 15A.71 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, South Australia (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous                           |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | –            | 3            | 1            | –            | 3            |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 10           | 13           | 24           | –            | 2            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 60           | 72           | 63           | 24           | 45           |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 33           | 40           | 60           | 33           | 52           |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 45           | 68           | 71           | 67           | 60           |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 70           | 86           | 103          | 50           | 46           |
| 5 years or more                      | 68           | 77           | 83           | 293          | 313          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 286          | 356          | 404          | 467          | 518          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>286</b>   | <b>359</b>   | <b>405</b>   | <b>467</b>   | <b>521</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous (b)                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | 1            | 4            | 7            | –            | 2            |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 44           | 62           | 73           | 1            | 3            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 160          | 208          | 224          | 95           | 111          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 160          | 147          | 192          | 68           | 114          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 201          | 208          | 214          | 188          | 181          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 248          | 283          | 313          | 144          | 167          |
| 5 years or more                      | 229          | 226          | 250          | 878          | 917          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 1 042        | 1 134        | 1 266        | 1 374        | 1 493        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>1 043</b> | <b>1 138</b> | <b>1 273</b> | <b>1 374</b> | <b>1 495</b> |
| All children                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Respite                              | 1            | 7            | 8            | –            | 5            |
| Non-respite                          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Less than 1 month                    | 54           | 75           | 97           | 1            | 5            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 220          | 280          | 287          | 119          | 156          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 193          | 187          | 252          | 101          | 166          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 246          | 276          | 285          | 255          | 241          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 318          | 369          | 416          | 194          | 213          |
| 5 years or more                      | 297          | 303          | 333          | 1 171        | 1 230        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Total non-respite                    | 1 328        | 1 490        | 1 670        | 1 841        | 2 011        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>1 329</b> | <b>1 497</b> | <b>1 678</b> | <b>1 841</b> | <b>2 016</b> |

(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.71 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, South Australia (number) (a)**

|  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|--|------|------|------|------|------|

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.111.

Table 15A.72

**Table 15A.72 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, South Australia (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2004-05    | 2005-06    | 2006-07    | 2007-08    | 2008-09    |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Indigenous</b>                    |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 35         | 23         | 56         | 24         | 36         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 8          | 5          | 21         | 13         | 11         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 11         | 7          | 10         | 12         | 35         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 5          | 8          | 16         | 11         | 14         |
| 5 years or more                      | 9          | 9          | 12         | 15         | 11         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>68</b>  | <b>52</b>  | <b>115</b> | <b>75</b>  | <b>107</b> |
| <b>Non-Indigenous (b)</b>            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 56         | 54         | 101        | 80         | 77         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 29         | 28         | 39         | 50         | 34         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 38         | 49         | 36         | 42         | 41         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 35         | 41         | 37         | 29         | 65         |
| 5 years or more                      | 35         | 47         | 37         | 43         | 50         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>193</b> | <b>219</b> | <b>250</b> | <b>244</b> | <b>267</b> |
| <b>All children</b>                  |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 91         | 77         | 157        | 104        | 113        |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 37         | 33         | 60         | 63         | 45         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 49         | 56         | 46         | 54         | 76         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 40         | 49         | 53         | 40         | 79         |
| 5 years or more                      | 44         | 56         | 49         | 58         | 61         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>261</b> | <b>271</b> | <b>365</b> | <b>319</b> | <b>374</b> |

(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.112.

Table 15A.73

Table 15A.73 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i> | <i>2008</i> | <i>2009</i> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 82          | 137         | 180         | 229         | 265         |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 182         | 222         | 373         | 434         | 502         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>264</b>  | <b>359</b>  | <b>553</b>  | <b>663</b>  | <b>767</b>  |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous  | %           | 28.7        | 38.2        | 44.4        | 49.0        | 50.9        |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 17.4        | 19.5        | 29.3        | 31.6        | 33.6        |
| All children  | %           | 19.9        | 24.0        | 33.0        | 36.0        | 38.0        |

- (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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.113.

Table 15A.74

Table 15A.74 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, South Australia**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  | <i>2009</i>  |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 70           | 109          | 140          | 182          | 204          |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 12           | 28           | 40           | 47           | 61           |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>82</b>    | <b>137</b>   | <b>180</b>   | <b>229</b>   | <b>265</b>   |
| Other Indigenous carer   | no.         | 136          | 138          | 136          | 124          | 112          |
| Indigenous residential care  | no.         | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>136</b>   | <b>138</b>   | <b>136</b>   | <b>124</b>   | <b>112</b>   |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>218</b>   | <b>275</b>   | <b>316</b>   | <b>353</b>   | <b>377</b>   |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | no.         | 64           | 62           | 63           | 77           | 87           |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | no.         | 4            | 22           | 18           | 25           | 33           |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>68</b>    | <b>84</b>    | <b>81</b>    | <b>102</b>   | <b>120</b>   |
| Independent living/unknown   | no.         | –            | –            | 8            | 12           | 24           |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>286</b>   | <b>359</b>   | <b>405</b>   | <b>467</b>   | <b>521</b>   |
| As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June                        |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 24.5         | 30.4         | 35.3         | 40.0         | 41.0         |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 4.2          | 7.8          | 10.1         | 10.3         | 12.3         |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>28.7</b>  | <b>38.2</b>  | <b>45.3</b>  | <b>50.3</b>  | <b>53.3</b>  |
| Other Indigenous carer   | %           | 47.6         | 38.4         | 34.3         | 27.3         | 22.5         |
| Indigenous residential care  | %           | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>%</b>    | <b>47.6</b>  | <b>38.4</b>  | <b>34.3</b>  | <b>27.3</b>  | <b>22.5</b>  |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>76.2</b>  | <b>76.6</b>  | <b>79.6</b>  | <b>77.6</b>  | <b>75.9</b>  |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | %           | 22.4         | 17.3         | 15.9         | 16.9         | 17.5         |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | %           | 1.4          | 6.1          | 4.5          | 5.5          | 6.6          |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>23.8</b>  | <b>23.4</b>  | <b>20.4</b>  | <b>22.4</b>  | <b>24.1</b>  |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.114.

Table 15A.75

Table 15A.75 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  | <i>2009</i>  |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of children   |             |             |             |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | no.         | 189         | 242         | 271          | 320          | 343          |
| Non-Indigenous   | no.         | 629         | 708         | 749          | 818          | 892          |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>818</b>  | <b>950</b>  | <b>1 020</b> | <b>1 138</b> | <b>1 235</b> |
| As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care |             |             |             |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | %           | 98.4        | 96.8        | 96.4         | 94.7         | 91.7         |
| Non-Indigenous   | %           | 97.8        | 96.2        | 89.8         | 91.7         | 91.5         |
| All children   | %           | 98.0        | 96.3        | 91.5         | 92.5         | 91.5         |

(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.115.

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Table 15A.76

Table 15A.76 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | Unit       | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      | 2008-09      |
|---|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Indigenous children (e)</b>                                  |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Substantiated   | no.        | 43           | 45           | 47           | 47           | 108          |
| Carer/family issues   | no.        | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Not substantiated   | no.        | 19           | 35           | 19           | 19           | 60           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b> | <b>62</b>    | <b>80</b>    | <b>66</b>    | <b>66</b>    | <b>168</b>   |
| Investigations in process (f)                                   | no.        | 12           | 46           | 61           | 28           | 27           |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                  | no.        | ..           | ..           | 26           | 30           | 4            |
| <b>Total investigations (h)</b>                                 | <b>no.</b> | <b>74</b>    | <b>126</b>   | <b>153</b>   | <b>124</b>   | <b>199</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (i)                                   | no.        | ..           | ..           | 292          | 251          | 497          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.        | 131          | 271          | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | no.        | 25           | 7            | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total notifications (j)</b>                                  | <b>no.</b> | <b>230</b>   | <b>404</b>   | <b>445</b>   | <b>375</b>   | <b>696</b>   |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Substantiated   | %          | 18.7         | 11.1         | 10.6         | 12.5         | 15.5         |
| Carer/family issues   | %          | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Not substantiated   | %          | 8.3          | 8.7          | 4.3          | 5.1          | 8.6          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b>   | <b>27.0</b>  | <b>19.8</b>  | <b>14.8</b>  | <b>17.6</b>  | <b>24.1</b>  |
| Investigations in process (f)                                   | %          | 5.2          | 11.4         | 13.7         | 7.5          | 3.9          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                  | %          | ..           | ..           | 5.8          | 8.0          | 0.6          |
| <b>Total investigations (h)</b>                                 | <b>%</b>   | <b>32.2</b>  | <b>31.2</b>  | <b>34.4</b>  | <b>33.1</b>  | <b>28.6</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (i)                                   | %          | ..           | ..           | 65.6         | 66.9         | 71.4         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %          | 57.0         | 67.1         | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | %          | 10.9         | 1.7          | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total notifications (j)</b>                                  | <b>%</b>   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Non-Indigenous children (k)</b>                              |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Substantiated   | no.        | 739          | 748          | 1 205        | 1 167        | 1 080        |
| Carer/family issues   | no.        | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Not substantiated   | no.        | 532          | 590          | 566          | 853          | 807          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b> | <b>1 271</b> | <b>1 338</b> | <b>1 771</b> | <b>2 020</b> | <b>1 887</b> |
| Investigations in process (f)                                   | no.        | 488          | 2 360        | 1 742        | 210          | 201          |

Table 15A.76

Table 15A.76 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> | <i>2008-09</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | 911            | 903            | 168            |
| <b>Total investigations (h)</b>                                 | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 759</b>   | <b>3 698</b>   | <b>4 424</b>   | <b>3 133</b>   | <b>2 256</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (i)                                   |             | ..             | ..             | 9 629          | 9 355          | 7 393          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.         | 6 661          | 7 863          | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                             | no.         | 2 138          | 1 064          | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications (j)</b>                                  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>10 558</b>  | <b>12 625</b>  | <b>14 053</b>  | <b>12 488</b>  | <b>9 649</b>   |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | %           | 7.0            | 5.9            | 8.6            | 9.3            | 11.2           |
| Carer/family issues   | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | %           | 5.0            | 4.7            | 4.0            | 6.8            | 8.4            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>12.0</b>    | <b>10.6</b>    | <b>12.6</b>    | <b>16.2</b>    | <b>19.6</b>    |
| Investigations in process (f)                                   | %           | 4.6            | 18.7           | 12.4           | 1.7            | 2.1            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                  | %           | ..             | ..             | 6.5            | 7.2            | 1.7            |
| <b>Total investigations (h)</b>                                 | <b>%</b>    | <b>16.7</b>    | <b>29.3</b>    | <b>31.5</b>    | <b>25.1</b>    | <b>23.4</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (i)                                   | %           | ..             | ..             | 68.5           | 74.9           | 76.6           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %           | 63.1           | 62.3           | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                             | %           | 20.3           | 8.4            | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications (j)</b>                                  | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| All children  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | no.         | 782            | 793            | 1 252          | 1 214          | 1 188          |
| Carer/family issues   | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | -              | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | no.         | 551            | 625            | 585            | 872            | 867            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 333</b>   | <b>1 418</b>   | <b>1 837</b>   | <b>2 086</b>   | <b>2 055</b>   |
| Investigations in process (f)                                   | no.         | 500            | 2 406          | 1 803          | 238            | 228            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | 937            | 933            | 172            |
| <b>Total investigations (h)</b>                                 | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 833</b>   | <b>3 824</b>   | <b>4 577</b>   | <b>3 257</b>   | <b>2 455</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (i)                                   | no.         | ..             | ..             | 9 921          | 9 606          | 7 890          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.         | 6 792          | 8 134          | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | no.         | 2 163          | 1 071          | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications (j)</b>                                  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>10 788</b>  | <b>13 029</b>  | <b>14 498</b>  | <b>12 863</b>  | <b>10 345</b>  |

Table 15A.76

Table 15A.76 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | Unit     | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      | 2008-09      |
|---|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Substantiated   | %        | 7.2          | 6.1          | 8.6          | 9.4          | 11.5         |
| Carer/family issues   | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | —            | ..           |
| Not substantiated   | %        | 5.1          | 4.8          | 4.0          | 6.8          | 8.4          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b> | <b>12.4</b>  | <b>10.9</b>  | <b>12.7</b>  | <b>16.2</b>  | <b>19.9</b>  |
| Investigations in process (f)                                   | %        | 4.6          | 18.5         | 12.4         | 1.9          | 2.2          |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                  | %        | ..           | ..           | 6.5          | 7.3          | 1.7          |
| <b>Total investigations (h)</b>                                 | <b>%</b> | <b>17.0</b>  | <b>29.3</b>  | <b>31.6</b>  | <b>25.3</b>  | <b>23.7</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (i)                                   | %        | ..           | ..           | 68.4         | 74.7         | 76.3         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %        | 63.0         | 62.4         | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | %        | 20.1         | 8.2          | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total notifications (j)</b>                                  | <b>%</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these were counted.
- (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. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.
- (c) Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.
- (d) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (e) The high proportion of children with an unknown Indigenous status significantly impacts the reliability of this data.
- (f) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (g) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (h) The high proportion of children with an unknown Indigenous status at notification and investigation, and the inclusion of these cases in the non-Indigenous category, significantly impacts the reliability of these data.
- (i) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.
- (j) In Tasmania, a change was made to the business processes for recording notifications in February 2008. New contacts made about similar concerns during an open notification/investigation period, within 6 weeks of the first contact, were added to the notification as a 'case note'. Case notes are not included in the count of notifications and hence comparison between values from 2007-08 to 2008-09 should be made with caution.

**Table 15A.76 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> | <i>2008-09</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|

(k) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.118.

Table 15A.77

Table 15A.77 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Tasmania (number)**

|                                 | 2004-05    | 2005-06    | 2006-07    | 2007-08    | 2008-09    |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                      |            |            |            |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 5          | 48         | 33         | 29         | 23         |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 27         | 46         | 75         | 71         | 64         |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>32</b>  | <b>94</b>  | <b>108</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>87</b>  |
| Children discharged from orders | 19         | 27         | 28         | 57         | 29         |
| Non-Indigenous (a)              |            |            |            |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 214        | 295        | 266        | 231        | 266        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 115        | 184        | 208        | 242        | 274        |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>329</b> | <b>479</b> | <b>474</b> | <b>473</b> | <b>540</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 137        | 206        | 268        | 224        | 245        |
| All children                    |            |            |            |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 219        | 343        | 299        | 260        | 289        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 142        | 230        | 283        | 313        | 338        |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>361</b> | <b>573</b> | <b>582</b> | <b>573</b> | <b>627</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 156        | 233        | 296        | 281        | 274        |

(a) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.119.

Table 15A.78

Table 15A.79 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Tasmania (number)**

|   | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       | 2009       |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Number of Indigenous children on orders             |            |            |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders                      | 82         | 107        | 134        | 122        | 125        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (a), (b) | na         | na         | na         | na         | na         |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders              | –          | 6          | 6          | 5          | 1          |
| Interim and temporary orders                        | 12         | 12         | 24         | 12         | 25         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)           | ..         | ..         | ..         | –          | –          |
| Other/not stated                                    | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>                    | <b>94</b>  | <b>125</b> | <b>164</b> | <b>139</b> | <b>151</b> |
| Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (c)     |            |            |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders                      | 509        | 586        | 620        | 657        | 659        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (a), (b) | na         | na         | na         | na         | na         |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders              | 30         | 26         | 26         | 19         | 25         |
| Interim and temporary orders                        | 83         | 96         | 87         | 84         | 150        |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)           | ..         | ..         | ..         | 15         | 6          |
| Other/not stated                                    | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>                | <b>622</b> | <b>708</b> | <b>733</b> | <b>775</b> | <b>840</b> |
| Number of all children on orders                    |            |            |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders                      | 591        | 693        | 754        | 779        | 784        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (a), (b) | na         | na         | na         | na         | na         |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders              | 30         | 32         | 32         | 24         | 26         |
| Interim and temporary orders                        | 95         | 108        | 111        | 96         | 175        |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (b)           | ..         | ..         | ..         | 15         | 6          |
| Other/not stated                                    | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| <b>Total all children</b>                           | <b>716</b> | <b>833</b> | <b>897</b> | <b>914</b> | <b>991</b> |

(a) Data included for the first time in the 2009 Report. Tasmania is not able to identify children under 'Third party parental responsibility' arrangements. These children are included under the 'Guardianship or custody orders' category.

(b) This category was included for the first time in the 2009 Report.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.120.

Table 15A.79

**Table 15A.79 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)**

|  | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      | 2008-09      |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years in notifications              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 87           | 119          | 146          | 196          | 445          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 5 678        | 6 466        | 7 180        | 7 314        | 6 682        |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>5 765</b> | <b>6 585</b> | <b>7 326</b> | <b>7 510</b> | <b>7 127</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 11.3         | 15.4         | 18.8         | 25.2         | 57.6         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 55.3         | 63.1         | 70.0         | 71.2         | 64.5         |
| All children   | 52.2         | 59.7         | 66.4         | 67.9         | 64.1         |
| Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 50           | 52           | 42           | 55           | 152          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 1 004        | 1 086        | 1 123        | 1 517        | 1 635        |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>1 054</b> | <b>1 138</b> | <b>1 165</b> | <b>1 572</b> | <b>1 787</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 6.5          | 6.7          | 5.4          | 7.1          | 19.7         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 9.8          | 10.6         | 11.0         | 14.8         | 15.8         |
| All children   | 9.5          | 10.3         | 10.6         | 14.2         | 16.1         |
| Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 37           | 34           | 31           | 39           | 98           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 599          | 616          | 768          | 881          | 976          |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>636</b>   | <b>650</b>   | <b>799</b>   | <b>920</b>   | <b>1 074</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 4.8          | 4.4          | 4.0          | 5.0          | 12.7         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 5.8          | 6.0          | 7.5          | 8.6          | 9.4          |
| All children   | 5.8          | 5.9          | 7.2          | 8.3          | 9.7          |
| Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 94           | 125          | 164          | 139          | 151          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 622          | 708          | 733          | 775          | 840          |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>716</b>   | <b>833</b>   | <b>897</b>   | <b>914</b>   | <b>991</b>   |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 11.5         | 15.2         | 19.9         | 16.9         | 18.4         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 5.7          | 6.5          | 6.7          | 7.1          | 7.6          |
| All children   | 6.1          | 7.1          | 7.6          | 7.8          | 8.4          |

**Table 15A.79 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)**

|  | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (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. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.  |         |         |         |         |         |
| (b) Rates of non-Indigenous 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates of Indigenous 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 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0). |         |         |         |         |         |
| (c) Care should be taken in interpreting the rates for Indigenous children due to the relatively small size of the Indigenous population.  |         |         |         |         |         |
| (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  |         |         |         |         |         |

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.121.

Table 15A.80

**Table 15A.80 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), (d)**

|   | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       | 2009         |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Children in out-of-home care at 30 June   |            |            |            |            |              |
| Number of children in care  |            |            |            |            |              |
| Indigenous  | 78         | 98         | 113        | 102        | 130          |
| Non-Indigenous  | 498        | 585        | 554        | 562        | 678          |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>576</b> | <b>683</b> | <b>667</b> | <b>664</b> | <b>808</b>   |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)                            |            |            |            |            |              |
| Indigenous  | 9.5        | 11.9       | 13.7       | 12.4       | 15.8         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 4.6        | 5.4        | 5.1        | 5.1        | 6.2          |
| All children  | 4.9        | 5.8        | 5.7        | 5.6        | 6.8          |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year |            |            |            |            |              |
| Number of children in care  |            |            |            |            |              |
| Indigenous  | 74         | 134        | 158        | 150        | 152          |
| Non-Indigenous  | 587        | 846        | 806        | 818        | 859          |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>661</b> | <b>980</b> | <b>964</b> | <b>968</b> | <b>1 011</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (f)                            |            |            |            |            |              |
| Indigenous  | 9.1        | 16.3       | 19.2       | 18.2       | 18.5         |
| Non-Indigenous  | 5.4        | 7.8        | 7.4        | 7.5        | 7.8          |
| All children  | 5.6        | 8.4        | 8.2        | 8.2        | 8.5          |

- (a) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.
- (b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the new AIHW definition of OOHHC for 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely to be low.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (e) Rates for non-Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (f) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.125.

Table 15A.81

Table 15A.81 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Tasmania (number) (a), (b)**

|  | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008 (c)   | 2009       |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                               |            |            |            |            |            |
| Residential care                         | –          | 7          | 10         | 4          | 5          |
| Family group homes                       | 10         | 11         | 4          | 6          | 8          |
| Home based care                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 29         | 54         | 69         | 55         | 75         |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 19         | 20         | 27         | 30         | 33         |
| Other home based care                    | 14         | 1          | 2          | 7          | 9          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>62</b>  | <b>75</b>  | <b>98</b>  | <b>92</b>  | <b>117</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 4          | 3          | –          | –          | –          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 2          | 2          | 1          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>         | <b>78</b>  | <b>98</b>  | <b>113</b> | <b>102</b> | <b>130</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (d)                       |            |            |            |            |            |
| Residential care                         | –          | 23         | 25         | 16         | 26         |
| Family group homes                       | 48         | 30         | 26         | 30         | 21         |
| Home based care                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 249        | 305        | 328        | 322        | 363        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 107        | 128        | 128        | 150        | 196        |
| Other home based care                    | 56         | 48         | 43         | 34         | 62         |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>412</b> | <b>481</b> | <b>499</b> | <b>506</b> | <b>621</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 21         | 35         | –          | 2          | 1          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 17         | 16         | 4          | 8          | 9          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>     | <b>498</b> | <b>585</b> | <b>554</b> | <b>562</b> | <b>678</b> |
| All children                             |            |            |            |            |            |
| Residential care                         | –          | 30         | 35         | 20         | 31         |
| Family group homes                       | 58         | 41         | 30         | 36         | 29         |
| Home based care                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 278        | 359        | 397        | 377        | 438        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 126        | 148        | 155        | 180        | 229        |
| Other home based care                    | 70         | 49         | 45         | 41         | 71         |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>474</b> | <b>556</b> | <b>597</b> | <b>598</b> | <b>738</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 25         | 38         | –          | 2          | 1          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 19         | 18         | 5          | 8          | 9          |
| <b>Total all children</b>                | <b>576</b> | <b>683</b> | <b>667</b> | <b>664</b> | <b>808</b> |

(a) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.

(b) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the definition of OOHC introduced in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely to be very low.

(c) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

**Table 15A.81 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Tasmania (number) (a), (b)**

|  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 (c) | 2009 |
|--|------|------|------|----------|------|
|--|------|------|------|----------|------|

(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.126.

Table 15A.82

**Table 15A.82 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Tasmania (number) (a), (b), (c)**

|                                      | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       | 2009       |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                           |            |            |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 76         | 97         | 111        | 102        | 130        |
| Another type of order                | 1          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| Not on an order                      | 1          | 1          | 2          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>78</b>  | <b>98</b>  | <b>113</b> | <b>102</b> | <b>130</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (d)                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 490        | 549        | 547        | 562        | 675        |
| Another type of order                | –          | 1          | 2          | –          | 1          |
| Not on an order                      | 8          | 35         | 5          | –          | 2          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>498</b> | <b>585</b> | <b>554</b> | <b>562</b> | <b>678</b> |
| All children                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 566        | 646        | 658        | 664        | 805        |
| Another type of order                | 1          | 1          | 2          | –          | 1          |
| Not on an order                      | 9          | 36         | 7          | –          | 2          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>576</b> | <b>683</b> | <b>667</b> | <b>664</b> | <b>808</b> |

- (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) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.
- (c) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the definition of OOHC introduced in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely to be very low.
- (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.127.

Table 15A.83

**Table 15A.83 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Tasmania (number) (a), (b), (c)**

|                                      | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       | 2009       |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                           |            |            |            |            |            |
| Respite                              | na         | na         | na         | na         | na         |
| Non-respite                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | 13         | –          | 6          | 1          | 4          |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 29         | 22         | 13         | 11         | 15         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 11         | 18         | 14         | 10         | 22         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 16         | 16         | 32         | 17         | 16         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 6          | 29         | 30         | 43         | 50         |
| 5 years or more                      | 3          | 13         | 18         | 20         | 23         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 78         | 98         | 113        | 102        | 130        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>78</b>  | <b>98</b>  | <b>113</b> | <b>102</b> | <b>130</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (d)                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Respite                              | na         | na         | na         | na         | na         |
| Non-respite                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | 54         | 30         | 21         | 13         | 11         |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 183        | 84         | 50         | 46         | 89         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 101        | 88         | 83         | 77         | 92         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 78         | 101        | 104        | 101        | 99         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 43         | 158        | 183        | 175        | 216        |
| 5 years or more                      | 36         | 124        | 113        | 150        | 171        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | 3          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 498        | 585        | 554        | 562        | 678        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>498</b> | <b>585</b> | <b>554</b> | <b>562</b> | <b>678</b> |
| All children                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Respite                              | na         | na         | na         | na         | na         |
| Non-respite                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | 67         | 30         | 27         | 14         | 15         |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 212        | 106        | 63         | 57         | 104        |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 112        | 106        | 97         | 87         | 114        |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 94         | 117        | 136        | 118        | 115        |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 49         | 187        | 213        | 218        | 266        |
| 5 years or more                      | 39         | 137        | 131        | 170        | 194        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | 3          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 576        | 683        | 667        | 664        | 808        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>576</b> | <b>683</b> | <b>667</b> | <b>664</b> | <b>808</b> |

**Table 15A.83 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Tasmania (number)**  
**(a), (b), (c)**

|  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|--|------|------|------|------|------|

(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.

(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) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.

(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.128.

Table 15A.84

Table 15A.84 **Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Tasmania (number) (a)**

|                              | 2004-05   | 2005-06    | 2006-07    | 2007-08    | 2008-09    |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Indigenous</b>            |           |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months      | na        | 15         | 12         | 20         | 4          |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | na        | 6          | 10         | 1          | 2          |
| 1 to less than 2 years       | na        | 1          | 5          | 7          | 6          |
| 2 to less than 5 years       | na        | 4          | 4          | 5          | 6          |
| 5 years or more              | na        | 2          | 1          | 6          | 2          |
| Not stated/unknown           | na        | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total children</b>        | <b>na</b> | <b>28</b>  | <b>32</b>  | <b>39</b>  | <b>20</b>  |
| <b>Non-Indigenous (b)</b>    |           |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months      | na        | 88         | 79         | 55         | 58         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | na        | 15         | 25         | 39         | 16         |
| 1 to less than 2 years       | na        | 34         | 24         | 33         | 19         |
| 2 to less than 5 years       | na        | 19         | 17         | 42         | 21         |
| 5 years or more              | na        | 14         | 12         | 16         | 16         |
| Not stated/unknown           | na        | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total children</b>        | <b>na</b> | <b>170</b> | <b>157</b> | <b>185</b> | <b>130</b> |
| <b>All children</b>          |           |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months      | na        | 103        | 91         | 75         | 62         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year | na        | 21         | 35         | 40         | 18         |
| 1 to less than 2 years       | na        | 35         | 29         | 40         | 25         |
| 2 to less than 5 years       | na        | 23         | 21         | 47         | 27         |
| 5 years or more              | na        | 16         | 13         | 22         | 18         |
| Not stated/unknown           | na        | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total children</b>        | <b>na</b> | <b>198</b> | <b>189</b> | <b>224</b> | <b>150</b> |

(a) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.129.

Table 15A.85

Table 15A.85 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i> | <i>2008</i> | <i>2009</i> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 19          | 20          | 27          | 30          | 33          |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 107         | 128         | 128         | 150         | 196         |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>126</b>  | <b>148</b>  | <b>155</b>  | <b>180</b>  | <b>229</b>  |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous  | %           | 24.4        | 20.4        | 23.9        | 29.4        | 25.4        |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 21.5        | 21.9        | 23.1        | 26.7        | 28.9        |
| All children  | %           | 21.9        | 21.7        | 23.2        | 27.1        | 28.3        |

- (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 of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) Tasmania is not able to adhere to the definition of OOHC introduced in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer. However, the number of carers declining a financial payment is likely to be very low.
- (e) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.130.

Table 15A.86

Table 15A.86 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Tasmania (a), (b)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  | <i>2009</i>  |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 8            | 10           | 9            | 14           | 13           |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 11           | 8            | 15           | 16           | 20           |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>19</b>    | <b>18</b>    | <b>24</b>    | <b>30</b>    | <b>33</b>    |
| Other Indigenous caregiver   | no.         | 1            | 13           | 16           | 6            | 3            |
| Indigenous residential care  | no.         | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1</b>     | <b>13</b>    | <b>16</b>    | <b>6</b>     | <b>3</b>     |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>20</b>    | <b>31</b>    | <b>40</b>    | <b>36</b>    | <b>36</b>    |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | no.         | 54           | 55           | 58           | 62           | 89           |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | no.         | –            | 7            | 10           | 4            | 5            |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>54</b>    | <b>62</b>    | <b>68</b>    | <b>66</b>    | <b>94</b>    |
| Independent living/unknown   | no.         | 4            | 5            | 5            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>78</b>    | <b>98</b>    | <b>113</b>   | <b>102</b>   | <b>130</b>   |
| As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June                        |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 10.8         | 10.8         | 8.3          | 13.7         | 10.0         |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 14.9         | 8.6          | 13.9         | 15.7         | 15.4         |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>25.7</b>  | <b>19.4</b>  | <b>22.2</b>  | <b>29.4</b>  | <b>25.4</b>  |
| Other Indigenous carer   | %           | 1.4          | 14.0         | 14.8         | 5.9          | 2.3          |
| Indigenous residential care  | %           | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>%</b>    | <b>1.4</b>   | <b>14.0</b>  | <b>14.8</b>  | <b>5.9</b>   | <b>2.3</b>   |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>27.0</b>  | <b>33.3</b>  | <b>37.0</b>  | <b>35.3</b>  | <b>27.7</b>  |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | %           | 73.0         | 59.1         | 53.7         | 60.8         | 68.5         |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | %           | –            | 7.5          | 9.3          | 3.9          | 3.8          |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>73.0</b>  | <b>66.7</b>  | <b>63.0</b>  | <b>64.7</b>  | <b>72.3</b>  |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) The percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care was calculated excluding Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown from the denominator.

(b) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.131.

Table 15A.87

Table 15A.87 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i> | <i>2008</i> | <i>2009</i> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of children   |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous   | no.         | 43          | 59          | 79          | 73          | 97          |
| Non-Indigenous   | no.         | 296         | 370         | 376         | 384         | 463         |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>339</b>  | <b>429</b>  | <b>455</b>  | <b>457</b>  | <b>560</b>  |
| As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous   | %           | 87.8        | 85.5        | 97.5        | 96.1        | 95.1        |
| Non-Indigenous   | %           | 90.8        | 94.1        | 94.7        | 96.7        | 96.3        |
| All children   | %           | 90.4        | 92.9        | 95.2        | 96.6        | 96.1        |

- (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) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.132.

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Table 15A.88

Table 15A.88 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> | <i>2008-09</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Indigenous children   |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated (d)   | no.         | 136            | 163            | 151            | 136            | 146            |
| Carer/family issues   | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | no.         | 152            | 136            | 164            | 79             | 134            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>288</b>     | <b>299</b>     | <b>315</b>     | <b>215</b>     | <b>280</b>     |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | no.         | 49             | 103            | 28             | –              | –              |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | 26             | 18             | 38             |
| <b>Total investigations (g)</b>                                 | <b>no.</b>  | <b>337</b>     | <b>402</b>     | <b>369</b>     | <b>233</b>     | <b>318</b>     |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                   | no.         | ..             | ..             | 566            | 771            | 721            |
| Notifications dealt with by other means (i)                     | no.         | 33             | 304            | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action (i)                       | no.         | 428            | 129            | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>798</b>     | <b>835</b>     | <b>935</b>     | <b>1 004</b>   | <b>1 039</b>   |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | %           | 17.0           | 19.5           | 16.1           | 13.5           | 14.1           |
| Carer/family issues   | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | %           | 19.0           | 16.3           | 17.5           | 7.9            | 12.9           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>36.1</b>    | <b>35.8</b>    | <b>33.7</b>    | <b>21.4</b>    | <b>26.9</b>    |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | %           | 6.1            | 12.3           | 3.0            | –              | –              |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                  | %           | ..             | ..             | 2.8            | 1.8            | 3.7            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>42.2</b>    | <b>48.1</b>    | <b>39.5</b>    | <b>23.2</b>    | <b>30.6</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                   | %           | ..             | ..             | 60.5           | 76.8           | 69.4           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means (i)                     | %           | 4.1            | 36.4           | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action (i)                       | %           | 53.6           | 15.4           | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous children (j)                                     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated (d)   | no.         | 1 077          | 1 114          | 701            | 691            | 750            |
| Carer/family issues   | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | no.         | 1 164          | 1 084          | 1 400          | 556            | 747            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>2 241</b>   | <b>2 198</b>   | <b>2 101</b>   | <b>1 247</b>   | <b>1 497</b>   |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | no.         | 439            | 692            | 240            | –              | –              |

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Table 15A.88 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> | <i>2008-09</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | 50             | 86             | 170            |
| <b>Total investigations (g)</b>                                 | <b>no.</b>  | <b>2 680</b>   | <b>2 890</b>   | <b>2 391</b>   | <b>1 333</b>   | <b>1 667</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                   |             | ..             | ..             | 5 384          | 6 633          | 6 889          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means (i)                     | no.         | 170            | 2 681          | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action (i)                       | no.         | 3 627          | 1 658          | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>6 477</b>   | <b>7 229</b>   | <b>7 775</b>   | <b>7 966</b>   | <b>8 556</b>   |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | %           | 16.6           | 15.4           | 9.0            | 8.7            | 8.8            |
| Carer/family issues   | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | %           | 18.0           | 15.0           | 18.0           | 7.0            | 8.7            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>34.6</b>    | <b>30.4</b>    | <b>27.0</b>    | <b>15.7</b>    | <b>17.5</b>    |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | %           | 6.8            | 9.6            | 3.1            | —              | —              |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                  | %           | ..             | ..             | 0.6            | 1.1            | 2.0            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>41.4</b>    | <b>40.0</b>    | <b>30.8</b>    | <b>16.7</b>    | <b>19.5</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                   | %           | ..             | ..             | 69.2           | 83.3           | 80.5           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means (i)                     | %           | 2.6            | 37.1           | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action (i)                       | %           | 56.0           | 22.9           | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| All children  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated (d)   | no.         | 1 213          | 1 277          | 852            | 827            | 896            |
| Carer/family issues   | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | —              | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | no.         | 1 316          | 1 220          | 1 564          | 635            | 881            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>2 529</b>   | <b>2 497</b>   | <b>2 416</b>   | <b>1 462</b>   | <b>1 777</b>   |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | no.         | 488            | 795            | 268            | —              | —              |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | 76             | 104            | 208            |
| <b>Total investigations (g)</b>                                 | <b>no.</b>  | <b>3 017</b>   | <b>3 292</b>   | <b>2 760</b>   | <b>1 566</b>   | <b>1 985</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                   | no.         | ..             | ..             | 5 950          | 7 404          | 7 610          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means (i)                     | no.         | 203            | 2 985          | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action (i)                       | no.         | 4 055          | 1 787          | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>7 275</b>   | <b>8 064</b>   | <b>8 710</b>   | <b>8 970</b>   | <b>9 595</b>   |

Table 15A.88

Table 15A.88 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)**

|   | Unit     | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      | 2008-09      |
|---|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Substantiated   | %        | 16.7         | 15.8         | 9.8          | 9.2          | 9.3          |
| Carer/family issues   | %        | ..           | ..           | ..           | –            | ..           |
| Not substantiated   | %        | 18.1         | 15.1         | 18.0         | 7.1          | 9.2          |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b> | <b>34.8</b>  | <b>31.0</b>  | <b>27.7</b>  | <b>16.3</b>  | <b>18.5</b>  |
| Investigations in process (e)                                   | %        | 6.7          | 9.9          | 3.1          | –            | –            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)                  | %        | ..           | ..           | 0.9          | 1.2          | 2.2          |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b> | <b>41.5</b>  | <b>40.8</b>  | <b>31.7</b>  | <b>17.5</b>  | <b>20.7</b>  |
| Dealt with by other means (g)                                   | %        | ..           | ..           | 68.3         | 82.5         | 79.3         |
| Notifications dealt with by other means (i)                     | %        | 2.8          | 37.0         | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| No investigation possible / no action (i)                       | %        | 55.7         | 22.2         | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these were counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the 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 'non-abuse' notifications relating to serious incompatibility or self damaging behaviour where advice and/or referrals were followed up.
- (c) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (d) The decrease in the number of substantiated investigations reflects a requirement of staff to substantiate emotional abuse or neglect only if there was, or is likely to be, significant harm and there was no-one with parental responsibility willing and able to protect the child/young person.
- (e) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (f) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons. Previously these cases were recorded in 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (g) The decrease in investigations reflects the introduction of an assessment phase between the receipt of the notification and the decision to investigate where families may be assisted without investigation.
- (h) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'. In 2006-07, this figure reflects the inclusion of an assessment phase.
- (i) Fluctuations in numbers and proportions from 2004-05 to 2005-06 are due to changes in coding to distinguish between notifications not investigated and notifications dealt with by other means.

**Table 15A.88 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> | <i>2008-09</i> |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|

(j) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.135.

Table 15A.89

**Table 15A.89 Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a), (b)**

|                                 | 2004-05    | 2005-06    | 2006-07    | 2007-08    | 2008-09    |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                      |            |            |            |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 15         | 20         | 23         | 24         | 41         |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 12         | 17         | 30         | 18         | 40         |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>27</b>  | <b>37</b>  | <b>53</b>  | <b>42</b>  | <b>81</b>  |
| Children discharged from orders | 17         | 15         | 24         | 16         | 39         |
| Non-Indigenous (c)              |            |            |            |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 122        | 146        | 98         | 103        | 147        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 45         | 73         | 110        | 96         | 153        |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>167</b> | <b>219</b> | <b>208</b> | <b>199</b> | <b>300</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 105        | 139        | 129        | 144        | 136        |
| All children                    |            |            |            |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |            |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 137        | 166        | 121        | 127        | 188        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 57         | 90         | 140        | 114        | 193        |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>194</b> | <b>256</b> | <b>261</b> | <b>241</b> | <b>381</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 122        | 154        | 153        | 160        | 175        |

(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.

(b) Children who had previously been on orders interstate, but not continuously, may be counted from 2005-06 as children on orders for the first time.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.136.

Table 15A.90

Table 15A.90 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (number)**

|   | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       | 2009       |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Number of Indigenous children on orders         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 49         | 79         | 98         | 90         | 85         |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (a)  | ..         | ..         | ..         | –          | 4          |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | 2          | 7          | 6          | 7          | 6          |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 19         | 14         | 9          | 13         | 30         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (a)       | ..         | ..         | ..         | 7          | 5          |
| Other/not stated                                | –          | –          | –          | ..         | na         |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>                | <b>70</b>  | <b>100</b> | <b>113</b> | <b>117</b> | <b>130</b> |
| Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (b) |            |            |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 284        | 330        | 337        | 334        | 350        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (a)  | ..         | ..         | ..         | –          | 13         |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | 49         | 60         | 53         | 26         | 36         |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 61         | 68         | 71         | 52         | 63         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (a)       | ..         | ..         | ..         | 14         | 18         |
| Other/not stated                                | –          | –          | –          | ..         | na         |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>            | <b>394</b> | <b>458</b> | <b>461</b> | <b>435</b> | <b>480</b> |
| Number of all children on orders                |            |            |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders                  | 333        | 409        | 435        | 424        | 435        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (a)  | ..         | ..         | ..         | –          | 17         |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders          | 51         | 67         | 59         | 33         | 42         |
| Interim and temporary orders                    | 80         | 82         | 80         | 65         | 93         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (a)       | ..         | ..         | ..         | 21         | 23         |
| Other/not stated                                | –          | –          | –          | ..         | na         |
| <b>Total all children</b>                       | <b>464</b> | <b>558</b> | <b>574</b> | <b>552</b> | <b>610</b> |

(a) This category is included for the first time in the 2009 Report.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.137.

Table 15A.91

**Table 15A.91 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)**

|  | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      | 2008-09      |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years in notifications              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 273          | 319          | 382          | 394          | 407          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 3 157        | 3 780        | 4 185        | 4 135        | 4 546        |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>3 430</b> | <b>4 099</b> | <b>4 567</b> | <b>4 529</b> | <b>4 953</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 154.6        | 183.0        | 210.4        | 214.4        | 227.2        |
| Non-Indigenous   | 45.2         | 54.4         | 59.9         | 58.7         | 63.5         |
| All children   | 47.9         | 57.6         | 63.7         | 62.6         | 67.5         |
| Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 166          | 171          | 159          | 137          | 181          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 1 486        | 1 407        | 1 296        | 769          | 1 071        |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>1 652</b> | <b>1 578</b> | <b>1 455</b> | <b>906</b>   | <b>1 252</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 94.0         | 98.1         | 87.6         | 74.5         | 101.1        |
| Non-Indigenous   | 21.3         | 20.3         | 18.5         | 10.9         | 15.0         |
| All children   | 23.1         | 22.2         | 20.3         | 12.5         | 17.1         |
| Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 99           | 99           | 75           | 88           | 97           |
| Non-Indigenous   | 758          | 754          | 483          | 447          | 508          |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>857</b>   | <b>853</b>   | <b>558</b>   | <b>535</b>   | <b>605</b>   |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 56.1         | 56.8         | 41.3         | 47.9         | 54.2         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 10.9         | 10.9         | 6.9          | 6.3          | 7.1          |
| All children   | 12.0         | 12.0         | 7.8          | 7.4          | 8.2          |
| Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 70           | 100          | 113          | 117          | 130          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 394          | 458          | 461          | 435          | 480          |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>464</b>   | <b>558</b>   | <b>574</b>   | <b>552</b>   | <b>610</b>   |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 37.4         | 53.3         | 58.9         | 60.2         | 68.2         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 5.3          | 6.2          | 6.2          | 5.8          | 6.3          |
| All children   | 6.1          | 7.4          | 7.5          | 7.1          | 7.8          |

**Table 15A.91 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)**

|  | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (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. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.  |         |         |         |         |         |
| (b) Rates of non-Indigenous 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates of Indigenous 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 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0). |         |         |         |         |         |
| (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  |         |         |         |         |         |

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.138.

Table 15A.92

**Table 15A.92 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)**

|   | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       | 2009       |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Children in out-of-home care at 30 June   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Number of children in care  |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 60         | 82         | 89         | 81         | 100        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 282        | 306        | 310        | 344        | 394        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>342</b> | <b>388</b> | <b>399</b> | <b>425</b> | <b>494</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)                            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 32.0       | 43.7       | 46.4       | 41.6       | 52.4       |
| Non-Indigenous  | 3.8        | 4.1        | 4.1        | 4.6        | 5.1        |
| All children  | 4.5        | 5.1        | 5.2        | 5.5        | 6.3        |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year |            |            |            |            |            |
| Number of children in care  |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 101        | 115        | 121        | 126        | 175        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 534        | 528        | 551        | 550        | 717        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>635</b> | <b>643</b> | <b>672</b> | <b>676</b> | <b>892</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (f)                            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 54.3       | 62.6       | 63.4       | 65.2       | 92.5       |
| Non-Indigenous  | 7.2        | 7.1        | 7.4        | 7.3        | 9.4        |
| All children  | 8.3        | 8.5        | 8.8        | 8.8        | 11.4       |

- (a) A child is only counted once, regardless of the number of placements during the year.
- (b) SAAP placements were counted as out-of-home care placements where Family Services made a financial payment.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.
- (e) Rates for non-Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (f) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.142.

Table 15A.93

Table 15A.93 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a)**

|  | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008 (c)   | 2009       |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                               |            |            |            |            |            |
| Residential care                         | 10         | 7          | 10         | 14         | 16         |
| Family group homes                       | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | –          |
| Home based care                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 29         | 35         | 36         | 31         | 38         |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 21         | 39         | 43         | 35         | 46         |
| Other home based care                    | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>50</b>  | <b>74</b>  | <b>79</b>  | <b>66</b>  | <b>84</b>  |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | –          | 1          | –          | 1          | –          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>         | <b>60</b>  | <b>82</b>  | <b>89</b>  | <b>81</b>  | <b>100</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (b)                       |            |            |            |            |            |
| Residential care                         | 46         | 36         | 34         | 33         | 37         |
| Family group homes                       | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | –          |
| Home based care                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 141        | 162        | 164        | 173        | 175        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 92         | 103        | 107        | 133        | 181        |
| Other home based care                    | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>233</b> | <b>265</b> | <b>271</b> | <b>306</b> | <b>356</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 1          | –          | 4          | 4          | –          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 2          | 5          | 1          | 1          | 1          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>     | <b>282</b> | <b>306</b> | <b>310</b> | <b>344</b> | <b>394</b> |
| All children                             |            |            |            |            |            |
| Residential care                         | 56         | 43         | 44         | 47         | 53         |
| Family group homes                       | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | –          |
| Home based care                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 170        | 197        | 200        | 204        | 213        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 113        | 142        | 150        | 168        | 227        |
| Other home based care                    | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>283</b> | <b>339</b> | <b>350</b> | <b>372</b> | <b>440</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 1          | 1          | 4          | 5          | –          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 2          | 5          | 1          | 1          | 1          |
| <b>Total all children</b>                | <b>342</b> | <b>388</b> | <b>399</b> | <b>425</b> | <b>494</b> |

(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

(c) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.

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

**Table 15A.93 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a)**

|         | 2005   | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 (c) | 2009 |
|---------|--|------|------|----------|------|
| Source: | AIHW (unpublished), derived from <i>Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia</i> data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.143. |      |      |          |      |

Table 15A.94

**Table 15A.94 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       | 2009       |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                           |            |            |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 60         | 81         | 86         | 81         | 99         |
| Another type of order                | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| Not on an order                      | –          | 1          | 3          | –          | 1          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>60</b>  | <b>82</b>  | <b>89</b>  | <b>81</b>  | <b>100</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (b)                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 279        | 285        | 292        | 338        | 384        |
| Another type of order                | 1          | –          | 4          | 1          | 5          |
| Not on an order                      | 2          | 21         | 14         | 5          | 5          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>282</b> | <b>306</b> | <b>310</b> | <b>344</b> | <b>394</b> |
| All children                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 339        | 366        | 378        | 419        | 483        |
| Another type of order                | 1          | –          | 4          | 1          | 5          |
| Not on an order                      | 2          | 22         | 17         | 5          | 6          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>342</b> | <b>388</b> | <b>399</b> | <b>425</b> | <b>494</b> |

(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.144.

Table 15A.95

**Table 15A.95 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 (number) (a), (b)**

|                                      | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       | 2009       |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                           |            |            |            |            |            |
| Respite                              | –          | 3          | 3          | –          | –          |
| Non-respite                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | –          | –          | 2          | –          | 2          |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 3          | 8          | 6          | 10         | 20         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 9          | 15         | 12         | 7          | 10         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 14         | 14         | 18         | 11         | 16         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 21         | 25         | 27         | 24         | 19         |
| 5 years or more                      | 13         | 17         | 21         | 29         | 33         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 60         | 79         | 86         | 81         | 100        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>60</b>  | <b>82</b>  | <b>89</b>  | <b>81</b>  | <b>100</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (c)                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Respite                              | –          | 14         | 6          | 2          | 1          |
| Non-respite                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | 8          | 3          | 4          | 14         | 6          |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 35         | 41         | 45         | 28         | 37         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 32         | 34         | 32         | 41         | 57         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 50         | 58         | 45         | 59         | 69         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 85         | 86         | 94         | 103        | 122        |
| 5 years or more                      | 72         | 70         | 84         | 97         | 102        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 282        | 292        | 304        | 342        | 393        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>282</b> | <b>306</b> | <b>310</b> | <b>344</b> | <b>394</b> |
| All children                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Respite                              | –          | 17         | 9          | 2          | 1          |
| Non-respite                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | 8          | 3          | 6          | 14         | 8          |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 38         | 49         | 51         | 38         | 57         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 41         | 49         | 44         | 48         | 67         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 64         | 72         | 63         | 70         | 85         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 106        | 111        | 121        | 127        | 141        |
| 5 years or more                      | 85         | 87         | 105        | 126        | 135        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 342        | 371        | 390        | 423        | 493        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>342</b> | <b>388</b> | <b>399</b> | <b>425</b> | <b>494</b> |

(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.95 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 (number) (a), (b)**

|  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|--|------|------|------|------|------|

(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.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.145.

Table 15A.96

**Table 15A.96 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a), (b)**

|                                      | 2004-05    | 2005-06    | 2006-07    | 2007-08    | 2008-09    |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Indigenous</b>                    |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 9          | 5          | 2          | 6          | 21         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | –          | 2          | 1          | 1          | 4          |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 2          | 4          | 3          | 7          | –          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | –          | –          | 4          | 8          | 2          |
| 5 years or more                      | 2          | –          | 1          | 2          | 1          |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>13</b>  | <b>11</b>  | <b>11</b>  | <b>24</b>  | <b>28</b>  |
| <b>Non-Indigenous (c)</b>            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 74         | 53         | 35         | 27         | 39         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 8          | 18         | 6          | 14         | 12         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 15         | 25         | 24         | 14         | 8          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 19         | 18         | 18         | 21         | 11         |
| 5 years or more                      | 5          | 8          | 14         | 12         | 12         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>121</b> | <b>122</b> | <b>97</b>  | <b>88</b>  | <b>82</b>  |
| <b>All children</b>                  |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 83         | 58         | 37         | 33         | 60         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 8          | 20         | 7          | 15         | 16         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 17         | 29         | 27         | 21         | 8          |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 19         | 18         | 22         | 29         | 13         |
| 5 years or more                      | 7          | 8          | 15         | 14         | 13         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>134</b> | <b>133</b> | <b>108</b> | <b>112</b> | <b>110</b> |

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

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.146.

Table 15A.97

Table 15A.97 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       | 2009       |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 21         | 39         | 43         | 35         | 46         |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 92         | 103        | 107        | 133        | 181        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>113</b> | <b>142</b> | <b>150</b> | <b>168</b> | <b>227</b> |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | %           | 35.0       | 47.6       | 48.3       | 43.2       | 46.0       |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 32.6       | 33.7       | 34.5       | 38.7       | 45.9       |
| All children  | %           | 33.0       | 36.6       | 37.6       | 39.5       | 46.0       |

- (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.
- (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (d) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment was offered but was declined by the carer.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.147.

Table 15A.98

Table 15A.98 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  | <i>2009</i>  |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 19           | 28           | 29           | 21           | 40           |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 3            | 11           | 14           | 14           | 6            |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>22</b>    | <b>39</b>    | <b>43</b>    | <b>35</b>    | <b>46</b>    |
| Other Indigenous carer   | no.         | 14           | 17           | 16           | 14           | 9            |
| Indigenous residential care  | no.         | 2            | 1            | 2            | 4            | 3            |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>16</b>    | <b>18</b>    | <b>18</b>    | <b>18</b>    | <b>12</b>    |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>38</b>    | <b>57</b>    | <b>61</b>    | <b>53</b>    | <b>58</b>    |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | no.         | 14           | 18           | 20           | 17           | 29           |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | no.         | 6            | 6            | 8            | 10           | 13           |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>20</b>    | <b>24</b>    | <b>28</b>    | <b>27</b>    | <b>42</b>    |
| Independent living/unknown   | no.         | 2            | 1            | –            | 1            | –            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>60</b>    | <b>82</b>    | <b>89</b>    | <b>81</b>    | <b>100</b>   |
| As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June                        |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 32.8         | 34.6         | 32.6         | 26.3         | 40.0         |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 5.2          | 13.6         | 15.7         | 17.5         | 6.0          |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>37.9</b>  | <b>48.1</b>  | <b>48.3</b>  | <b>43.8</b>  | <b>46.0</b>  |
| Other Indigenous carer   | %           | 24.1         | 21.0         | 18.0         | 17.5         | 9.0          |
| Indigenous residential care  | %           | 3.4          | 1.2          | 2.2          | 5.0          | 3.0          |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>%</b>    | <b>27.6</b>  | <b>22.2</b>  | <b>20.2</b>  | <b>22.5</b>  | <b>12.0</b>  |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>65.5</b>  | <b>70.4</b>  | <b>68.5</b>  | <b>66.3</b>  | <b>58.0</b>  |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | %           | 24.1         | 22.2         | 22.5         | 21.3         | 29.0         |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | %           | 10.3         | 7.4          | 9.0          | 12.5         | 13.0         |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>34.5</b>  | <b>29.6</b>  | <b>31.5</b>  | <b>33.8</b>  | <b>42.0</b>  |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) The percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care was calculated excluding Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown from the denominator.

(b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  
– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.148.

Table 15A.99

**Table 15A.99 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), (b)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i> | <i>2008</i> | <i>2009</i> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of children   |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous   | no.         | 36          | 49          | 57          | 46          | 60          |
| Non-Indigenous   | no.         | 161         | 171         | 186         | 215         | 242         |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>197</b>  | <b>220</b>  | <b>243</b>  | <b>261</b>  | <b>302</b>  |
| As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous   | %           | 100.0       | 100.0       | 100.0       | 97.9        | 95.2        |
| Non-Indigenous   | %           | 98.2        | 96.6        | 97.4        | 100.0       | 100.0       |
| All children   | %           | 98.5        | 97.3        | 98.0        | 99.6        | 99.0        |

(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.149.

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Table 15A.100

Table 15A.100 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> | <i>2008-09</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Indigenous children   |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | no.         | 337            | 363            | 454            | 600            | 694            |
| Carer/family issues   | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | no.         | 308            | 330            | 287            | 341            | 533            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>645</b>     | <b>693</b>     | <b>741</b>     | <b>941</b>     | <b>1 227</b>   |
| Investigations in process (f)                                   | no.         | 108            | 132            | 181            | 231            | 428            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | 95             | 272            | 367            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>753</b>     | <b>825</b>     | <b>1 017</b>   | <b>1 444</b>   | <b>2 022</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                   | no.         | ..             | ..             | 851            | 967            | 2 161          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.         | –              | –              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | no.         | 466            | 929            | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 219</b>   | <b>1 754</b>   | <b>1 868</b>   | <b>2 411</b>   | <b>4 183</b>   |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | %           | 27.6           | 20.7           | 24.3           | 24.9           | 16.6           |
| Carer/family issues   | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | %           | 25.3           | 18.8           | 15.4           | 14.1           | 12.7           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>52.9</b>    | <b>39.5</b>    | <b>39.7</b>    | <b>39.0</b>    | <b>29.3</b>    |
| Investigations in process (f)                                   | %           | 8.9            | 7.5            | 9.7            | 9.6            | 10.2           |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                  | %           | ..             | ..             | 5.1            | 11.3           | 8.8            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>61.8</b>    | <b>47.0</b>    | <b>54.4</b>    | <b>59.9</b>    | <b>48.3</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                   | %           | ..             | ..             | 45.6           | 40.1           | 51.7           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %           | –              | –              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | %           | 38.2           | 53.0           | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| Non-Indigenous children (i)                                     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | no.         | 136            | 117            | 167            | 156            | 164            |
| Carer/family issues   | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | no.         | 222            | 201            | 197            | 178            | 294            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>358</b>     | <b>318</b>     | <b>364</b>     | <b>334</b>     | <b>458</b>     |
| Investigations in process (f)                                   | no.         | 69             | 52             | 69             | 121            | 228            |

Table 15A.100

Table 15A.100 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> | <i>2008-09</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | 58             | 117            | 111            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>427</b>     | <b>370</b>     | <b>491</b>     | <b>572</b>     | <b>797</b>     |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                   |             | ..             | ..             | 633            | 677            | 1 209          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.         | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                             | no.         | 455            | 739            | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>882</b>     | <b>1 109</b>   | <b>1 124</b>   | <b>1 249</b>   | <b>2 006</b>   |
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | %           | 15.4           | 10.6           | 14.9           | 12.5           | 8.2            |
| Carer/family issues   | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | %           | 25.2           | 18.1           | 17.5           | 14.3           | 14.7           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>40.6</b>    | <b>28.7</b>    | <b>32.4</b>    | <b>26.7</b>    | <b>22.8</b>    |
| Investigations in process (f)                                   | %           | 7.8            | 4.7            | 6.1            | 9.7            | 11.4           |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                  | %           | ..             | ..             | 5.2            | 9.4            | 5.5            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>48.4</b>    | <b>33.4</b>    | <b>43.7</b>    | <b>45.8</b>    | <b>39.7</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                   | %           | ..             | ..             | 56.3           | 54.2           | 60.3           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %           | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible/no action                             | %           | 51.6           | 66.6           | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |
| All children  |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Number of notifications, investigations and substantiations     |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | no.         | 473            | 480            | 621            | 756            | 858            |
| Carer/family issues   | no.         | ..             | ..             | ..             | —              | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | no.         | 530            | 531            | 484            | 519            | 827            |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 003</b>   | <b>1 011</b>   | <b>1 105</b>   | <b>1 275</b>   | <b>1 685</b>   |
| Investigations in process (f)                                   | no.         | 177            | 184            | 250            | 352            | 656            |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                  | no.         | ..             | ..             | 153            | 389            | 478            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 180</b>   | <b>1 195</b>   | <b>1 508</b>   | <b>2 016</b>   | <b>2 819</b>   |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                   | no.         | ..             | ..             | 1 484          | 1 644          | 3 370          |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | no.         | —              | —              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | no.         | 921            | 1 668          | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>2 101</b>   | <b>2 863</b>   | <b>2 992</b>   | <b>3 660</b>   | <b>6 189</b>   |

Table 15A.100

Table 15A.100 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2004-05</i> | <i>2005-06</i> | <i>2006-07</i> | <i>2007-08</i> | <i>2008-09</i> |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Proportion of notifications, investigations and substantiations |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Investigations finalised by 31 August                           |             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Substantiated   | %           | 22.5           | 16.8           | 20.8           | 20.7           | 13.9           |
| Carer/family issues   | %           | ..             | ..             | ..             | –              | ..             |
| Not substantiated   | %           | 25.2           | 18.5           | 16.2           | 14.2           | 13.4           |
| <b>Total finalised</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>47.7</b>    | <b>35.3</b>    | <b>36.9</b>    | <b>34.8</b>    | <b>27.2</b>    |
| Investigations in process (f)                                   | %           | 8.4            | 6.4            | 8.4            | 9.6            | 10.6           |
| Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)                  | %           | ..             | ..             | 5.1            | 10.6           | 7.7            |
| <b>Total investigations</b>                                     | <b>%</b>    | <b>56.2</b>    | <b>41.7</b>    | <b>50.4</b>    | <b>55.1</b>    | <b>45.5</b>    |
| Dealt with by other means (h)                                   | %           | ..             | ..             | 49.6           | 44.9           | 54.5           |
| Notifications dealt with by other means                         | %           | –              | –              | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| No investigation possible / no action                           | %           | 43.8           | 58.3           | ..             | ..             | ..             |
| <b>Total notifications</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>   |

- (a) The NT includes child concern reports in child protection notifications.
- (b) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these were counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the 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) 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'.
- (e) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (f) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (g) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (h) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.
- (i) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.152.

Table 15A.101

Table 15A.101 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (number) (a)**

|                                 | 2004-05    | 2005-06    | 2006-07 (b) | 2007-08    | 2008-09    |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                      |            |            |             |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |             |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 171        | 125        | 147         | 195        | 179        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 70         | 103        | 44          | 40         | 75         |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>241</b> | <b>228</b> | <b>191</b>  | <b>235</b> | <b>254</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 196        | 145        | 172         | 181        | 220        |
| Non-Indigenous (c)              |            |            |             |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |             |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 63         | 60         | 76          | 83         | 78         |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 52         | 43         | 37          | 3          | 12         |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>115</b> | <b>103</b> | <b>113</b>  | <b>86</b>  | <b>90</b>  |
| Children discharged from orders | 105        | 66         | 88          | 98         | 113        |
| All children                    |            |            |             |            |            |
| Children admitted to orders     |            |            |             |            |            |
| Admitted for the first time     | 234        | 185        | 223         | 278        | 257        |
| Had prior admissions to orders  | 122        | 146        | 81          | 43         | 87         |
| <b>Total children admitted</b>  | <b>356</b> | <b>331</b> | <b>304</b>  | <b>321</b> | <b>344</b> |
| Children discharged from orders | 301        | 211        | 260         | 279        | 333        |

(a) Includes all children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time since October 1998 (when client information system was commissioned) and excludes those children with a current care and protection order at that time.

(b) Due to a misinterpretation at the NT electronic case management system interface, the figure provided is likely to be an underestimation of the true number of clients admitted to orders in 2006-07, and should be treated with caution.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.153.

Table 15A.102

Table 15A.102 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Northern Territory (number) (a)**

|   | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       | 2009       |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Number of Indigenous children on orders             |            |            |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders                      | 187        | 276        | 274        | 322        | 376        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (b), (c) | na         | na         | na         | na         | –          |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders              | 2          | 1          | –          | –          | –          |
| Interim and temporary orders                        | 92         | 26         | 26         | 17         | 24         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)           | ..         | ..         | ..         | 24         | 28         |
| Other/not stated                                    | –          | –          | –          | ..         | na         |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>                    | <b>281</b> | <b>303</b> | <b>300</b> | <b>363</b> | <b>428</b> |
| Number of non-Indigenous children on orders (d)     |            |            |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders                      | 86         | 122        | 134        | 143        | 130        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (b), (c) | na         | na         | na         | na         | –          |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders              | 3          | –          | –          | 2          | –          |
| Interim and temporary orders                        | 44         | 12         | 17         | 8          | 11         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)           | ..         | ..         | ..         | 4          | 8          |
| Other/not stated                                    | –          | –          | –          | ..         | na         |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>                | <b>133</b> | <b>134</b> | <b>151</b> | <b>157</b> | <b>149</b> |
| Number of all children on orders                    |            |            |            |            |            |
| Guardianship or custody orders                      | 273        | 398        | 408        | 465        | 506        |
| Third party parental responsibility orders (b), (c) | na         | na         | na         | na         | –          |
| Supervisory and other finalised orders              | 5          | 1          | –          | 2          | –          |
| Interim and temporary orders                        | 136        | 38         | 43         | 25         | 35         |
| Administrative/voluntary arrangements (c)           | ..         | ..         | ..         | 28         | 36         |
| Other/not stated                                    | –          | –          | –          | ..         | na         |
| <b>Total all children</b>                           | <b>414</b> | <b>437</b> | <b>451</b> | <b>520</b> | <b>577</b> |

(a) From 2005, Temporary Custody Agreements and Holding Orders are included in the 'Interim and Temporary' category due to the Interim and Temporary nature of the order/agreement. 'Finalised Guardianship or Finalised Custody' orders include finalised arrangements of a more permanent nature.

(b) Third party parental responsibility data are not captured for NT.

(c) This category is included for the first time in the 2009 Report.

(d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.154.

Table 15A.103

**Table 15A.103 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)**

|  | 2004-05      | 2005-06      | 2006-07      | 2007-08      | 2008-09      |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Children aged 0–16 years in notifications              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 1 032        | 1 396        | 1 632        | 1 978        | 2 874        |
| Non-Indigenous   | 745          | 916          | 948          | 983          | 1 371        |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>1 777</b> | <b>2 312</b> | <b>2 580</b> | <b>2 961</b> | <b>4 245</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 44.4         | 59.9         | 69.6         | 84.1         | 112.4        |
| Non-Indigenous   | 22.5         | 27.4         | 27.3         | 28.0         | 40.9         |
| All children   | 31.5         | 40.7         | 44.3         | 50.5         | 71.8         |
| Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 611          | 653          | 782          | 1 089        | 1 295        |
| Non-Indigenous   | 341          | 305          | 391          | 404          | 486          |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>952</b>   | <b>958</b>   | <b>1 173</b> | <b>1 493</b> | <b>1 781</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 26.3         | 28.0         | 33.4         | 46.3         | 50.7         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 10.3         | 9.1          | 11.3         | 11.5         | 14.5         |
| All children   | 16.9         | 16.9         | 20.2         | 25.5         | 30.1         |
| Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations            |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 319          | 354          | 395          | 558          | 617          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 128          | 108          | 145          | 142          | 145          |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>447</b>   | <b>462</b>   | <b>540</b>   | <b>700</b>   | <b>762</b>   |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 13.7         | 15.2         | 16.8         | 23.7         | 24.1         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 3.9          | 3.2          | 4.2          | 4.0          | 4.3          |
| All children   | 7.9          | 8.1          | 9.3          | 11.9         | 12.9         |
| Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders |              |              |              |              |              |
| Number of children                                     |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 281          | 303          | 300          | 363          | 428          |
| Non-Indigenous   | 133          | 134          | 151          | 157          | 149          |
| <b>All children</b>                                    | <b>414</b>   | <b>437</b>   | <b>451</b>   | <b>520</b>   | <b>577</b>   |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years                 |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous   | 11.4         | 12.2         | 12.1         | 14.6         | 15.8         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 3.8          | 3.8          | 4.1          | 4.2          | 4.2          |
| All children   | 7.0          | 7.3          | 7.3          | 8.4          | 9.2          |

**Table 15A.103 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)**

|  | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (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. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.  |         |         |         |         |         |
| (b) Rates of non-Indigenous 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates of Indigenous 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 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0). |         |         |         |         |         |
| (c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.  |         |         |         |         |         |

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection; AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.155.

Table 15A.104

**Table 15A.104 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)**

|   | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       | 2009 (d)   |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Children in out-of-home care at 30 June   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Number of children in care  |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 218        | 247        | 268        | 281        | 358        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 106        | 105        | 129        | 117        | 124        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>324</b> | <b>352</b> | <b>397</b> | <b>398</b> | <b>482</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (e)                            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 8.9        | 10.0       | 10.8       | 11.3       | 13.2       |
| Non-Indigenous  | 3.1        | 3.0        | 3.5        | 3.1        | 3.5        |
| All children  | 5.5        | 5.9        | 6.4        | 6.4        | 7.7        |
| Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year |            |            |            |            |            |
| Number of children in care  |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 346        | 371        | 452        | 464        | 543        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 175        | 170        | 228        | 190        | 204        |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>521</b> | <b>541</b> | <b>680</b> | <b>654</b> | <b>747</b> |
| Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (f)                            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Indigenous  | 14.1       | 15.1       | 18.2       | 18.7       | 20.1       |
| Non-Indigenous  | 5.0        | 4.8        | 6.2        | 5.1        | 5.8        |
| All children  | 8.8        | 9.1        | 11.1       | 10.6       | 12.0       |

- (a) The data does not include children placed with parents or relatives who were not reimbursed.
- (b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (d) Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children in out of home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted.
- (e) Rates for non-Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 June using 'Series B', Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021 (cat. no. 3238.0).
- (f) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.159.

Table 15A.105 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Northern Territory (number) (a), (b)**

|  | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       | 2009 (c)   |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                               |            |            |            |            |            |
| Residential care                         | 17         | 23         | 9          | 4          | 9          |
| Family group homes                       | ..         | ..         | 17         | 14         | 11         |
| Home based care                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 152        | 176        | 169        | 180        | 231        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 45         | 44         | 45         | 52         | 79         |
| Other home based care                    | –          | 1          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>197</b> | <b>221</b> | <b>214</b> | <b>232</b> | <b>310</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | –          | 1          | 1          | 2          | 3          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 4          | 2          | 27         | 29         | 25         |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>         | <b>218</b> | <b>247</b> | <b>268</b> | <b>281</b> | <b>358</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (c)                       |            |            |            |            |            |
| Residential care                         | 8          | 9          | –          | –          | –          |
| Family group homes                       | ..         | ..         | 4          | –          | 1          |
| Home based care                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 78         | 79         | 87         | 67         | 78         |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 12         | 13         | 13         | 20         | 28         |
| Other home based care                    | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>90</b>  | <b>92</b>  | <b>100</b> | <b>87</b>  | <b>106</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 1          | 4          | 3          | 1          | –          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 7          | –          | 22         | 29         | 17         |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>     | <b>106</b> | <b>105</b> | <b>129</b> | <b>117</b> | <b>124</b> |
| All children                             |            |            |            |            |            |
| Residential care                         | 25         | 32         | 9          | 4          | 9          |
| Family group homes                       | ..         | ..         | 21         | 14         | 12         |
| Home based care                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Foster care                              | 230        | 255        | 256        | 247        | 309        |
| Relative/kinship care                    | 57         | 57         | 58         | 72         | 107        |
| Other home based care                    | –          | 1          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total home based</b>                  | <b>287</b> | <b>313</b> | <b>314</b> | <b>319</b> | <b>416</b> |
| Independent living (incl. private board) | 1          | 5          | 4          | 3          | 3          |
| Other (incl. unknown)                    | 11         | 2          | 49         | 58         | 42         |
| <b>Total all children</b>                | <b>324</b> | <b>352</b> | <b>397</b> | <b>398</b> | <b>482</b> |

- (a) Numbers for 'residential care' and 'family group homes' have been revised for 2003-2004.
- (b) The scope for out-of-home was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (c) Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children in out of home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted.
- (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

**Table 15A.105 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Northern Territory (number) (a), (b)**

|         | 2005   | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 (c) |
|---------|--|------|------|------|----------|
| Source: | AIHW (unpublished), derived from <i>Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia</i> data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.160. |      |      |      |          |

**Table 15A.106 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Northern Territory (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       | 2009 (b)   |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                           |            |            |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 218        | 247        | 268        | 281        | 358        |
| Another type of order                | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | –          |
| Not on an order                      | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>218</b> | <b>247</b> | <b>268</b> | <b>281</b> | <b>358</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (c)                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 106        | 105        | 129        | 117        | 124        |
| Another type of order                | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | –          |
| Not on an order                      | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | –          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>106</b> | <b>105</b> | <b>129</b> | <b>117</b> | <b>124</b> |
| All children                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Care and protection order            | 324        | 352        | 397        | 398        | 482        |
| Another type of order                | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | –          |
| Not on an order                      | ..         | ..         | ..         | ..         | –          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>324</b> | <b>352</b> | <b>397</b> | <b>398</b> | <b>482</b> |

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

(b) Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children in out of home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted.

(c) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.161.

Table 15A.107

Table 15A.107 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Northern Territory (number) (a), (b)**

|                                      | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       | 2009 (c)   |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indigenous                           |            |            |            |            |            |
| Respite                              | na         | na         | na         | na         | –          |
| Non-respite                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | 20         | 22         | 89         | 179        | 17         |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 47         | 46         | 30         | 12         | 53         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 45         | 46         | 34         | 12         | 56         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 38         | 53         | 35         | 26         | 56         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 57         | 59         | 55         | 35         | 99         |
| 5 years or more                      | 11         | 21         | 25         | 17         | 77         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 218        | 247        | 268        | 281        | 358        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>218</b> | <b>247</b> | <b>268</b> | <b>281</b> | <b>358</b> |
| Non-Indigenous (d)                   |            |            |            |            |            |
| Respite                              | na         | na         | na         | na         | –          |
| Non-respite                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | 16         | 8          | 59         | 83         | 9          |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 38         | 42         | 18         | 4          | 17         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 18         | 16         | 29         | 14         | 14         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 14         | 17         | 10         | 6          | 24         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 14         | 15         | 7          | 4          | 33         |
| 5 years or more                      | 6          | 7          | 6          | 6          | 27         |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 106        | 105        | 129        | 117        | 124        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>106</b> | <b>105</b> | <b>129</b> | <b>117</b> | <b>124</b> |
| All children                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Respite                              | na         | na         | na         | na         | –          |
| Non-respite                          |            |            |            |            |            |
| Less than 1 month                    | 36         | 30         | 148        | 262        | 26         |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 85         | 88         | 48         | 16         | 70         |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 63         | 62         | 63         | 26         | 70         |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 52         | 70         | 45         | 32         | 80         |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 71         | 74         | 62         | 39         | 132        |
| 5 years or more                      | 17         | 28         | 31         | 23         | 104        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| Total non-respite                    | 324        | 352        | 397        | 398        | 482        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –          | –          | –          | –          | –          |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>324</b> | <b>352</b> | <b>397</b> | <b>398</b> | <b>482</b> |

(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.107 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Northern Territory (number) (a), (b)**

|   | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 (c) |
|---|------|------|------|------|----------|
| (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.  |      |      |      |      |          |
| (c) A change in the counting algorithm for 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate distribution in the length of time in Out of Home Care compared with 2007-08. In addition, improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children in out of home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted. |      |      |      |      |          |
| (d) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.   |      |      |      |      |          |
| <b>na</b> Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.  |      |      |      |      |          |

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.162.

**Table 15A.108 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Northern Territory (number) (a)**

|                                      | 2004-05   | 2005-06   | 2006-07   | 2007-08   | 2008-09   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Indigenous</b>                    |           |           |           |           |           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 14        | 20        | na        | na        | na        |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 5         | 12        | na        | na        | na        |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 9         | 7         | na        | na        | na        |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 4         | 2         | na        | na        | na        |
| 5 years or more                      | 2         | –         | na        | na        | na        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –         | –         | na        | na        | na        |
| <b>Total Indigenous children</b>     | <b>34</b> | <b>41</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>na</b> |
| <b>Non-Indigenous (b)</b>            |           |           |           |           |           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 7         | 6         | na        | na        | na        |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 2         | 8         | na        | na        | na        |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 6         | 4         | na        | na        | na        |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 5         | 1         | na        | na        | na        |
| 5 years or more                      | 3         | –         | na        | na        | na        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –         | –         | na        | na        | na        |
| <b>Total non-Indigenous children</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>na</b> |
| <b>All children</b>                  |           |           |           |           |           |
| 1 to less than 6 months              | 21        | 26        | na        | na        | na        |
| 6 months to less than 1 year         | 7         | 20        | na        | na        | na        |
| 1 to less than 2 years               | 15        | 11        | na        | na        | na        |
| 2 to less than 5 years               | 9         | 3         | na        | na        | na        |
| 5 years or more                      | 5         | –         | na        | na        | na        |
| Not stated/unknown                   | –         | –         | na        | na        | na        |
| <b>Total all children</b>            | <b>57</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>na</b> | <b>na</b> |

(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

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

Source: AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.163.

**Table 15A.109 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

|   | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i> | <i>2008</i> | <i>2009</i> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of children at 30 June   |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous  | no.         | 45          | 44          | 45          | 52          | 79          |
| Non-Indigenous  | no.         | 12          | 13          | 13          | 20          | 28          |
| <b>All children</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>57</b>   | <b>57</b>   | <b>58</b>   | <b>72</b>   | <b>107</b>  |
| As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous  | %           | 20.6        | 17.8        | 16.8        | 18.5        | 22.1        |
| Non-Indigenous  | %           | 11.3        | 12.4        | 10.1        | 17.1        | 22.6        |
| All children  | %           | 17.6        | 16.2        | 14.6        | 18.1        | 22.2        |

- (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 care placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.
- (c) The scope for out-of-home care was expanded in 2007-08 to include children in care where a financial payment has been offered but has been declined by the carer.
- (d) Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children in out of home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.164.

Table 15A.110

Table 15A.110 **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)**

|  | <i>Unit</i> | <i>2005</i>  | <i>2006</i>  | <i>2007</i>  | <i>2008</i>  | <i>2009</i>  |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Indigenous children at 30 June   |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | 79           | 90           | 89           | 87           | 116          |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | no.         | na           | na           | na           | na           | –            |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>79</b>    | <b>90</b>    | <b>89</b>    | <b>87</b>    | <b>116</b>   |
| Other Indigenous carer   | no.         | 71           | 67           | 61           | 48           | 52           |
| Indigenous residential care  | no.         | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>71</b>    | <b>67</b>    | <b>61</b>    | <b>48</b>    | <b>52</b>    |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>150</b>   | <b>157</b>   | <b>150</b>   | <b>135</b>   | <b>168</b>   |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | no.         | 68           | 87           | 118          | 146          | 186          |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | no.         | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>68</b>    | <b>87</b>    | <b>118</b>   | <b>146</b>   | <b>186</b>   |
| Independent living/unknown   | no.         | –            | 3            | –            | –            | 4            |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>no.</b>  | <b>218</b>   | <b>247</b>   | <b>268</b>   | <b>281</b>   | <b>358</b>   |
| As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June                        |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care     |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | 36.2         | 36.9         | 33.2         | 31.0         | 32.8         |
| Non-Indigenous relative/kin  | %           | na           | na           | na           | na           | –            |
| <b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>36.2</b>  | <b>36.9</b>  | <b>33.2</b>  | <b>31.0</b>  | <b>32.8</b>  |
| Other Indigenous carer   | %           | 32.6         | 27.5         | 22.8         | 17.1         | 14.7         |
| Indigenous residential care  | %           | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>                   | <b>%</b>    | <b>32.6</b>  | <b>27.5</b>  | <b>22.8</b>  | <b>17.1</b>  | <b>14.7</b>  |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>68.8</b>  | <b>64.3</b>  | <b>56.0</b>  | <b>48.0</b>  | <b>47.5</b>  |
| Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other non-Indigenous carer   | %           | 31.2         | 35.7         | 44.0         | 52.0         | 52.5         |
| In non-Indigenous residential care   | %           | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| <b>Total children</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>31.2</b>  | <b>35.7</b>  | <b>44.0</b>  | <b>52.0</b>  | <b>52.5</b>  |
| <b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

- (a) The percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care was calculated excluding Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown from the denominator.
- (b) The definition of 'relative/kin' used in this table is broader than the definition used in other tables because it includes kin relationships based on customary law.
- (c) 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'.
- (d) In the NT, children placed with family members have been included in the 'Indigenous relative/kin' category.

Table 15A.110

**Table 15A.110 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)**

|     | <i>Unit</i>   | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i> | <i>2008</i> | <i>2009</i> |
|-----|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| (e) | Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children in out of home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted. |             |             |             |             |             |
| (f) | Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.   |             |             |             |             |             |
|     | <b>na</b> Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.  |             |             |             |             |             |

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.165.

**Table 15A.111 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>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i> | <i>2008</i> | <i>2009</i> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of children   |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous   | no.         | 160         | 183         | 178         | 195         | 250         |
| Non-Indigenous   | no.         | 69          | 67          | 79          | 63          | 66          |
| <b>All children</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>229</b>  | <b>250</b>  | <b>257</b>  | <b>258</b>  | <b>316</b>  |
| As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Indigenous   | %           | 95.2        | 94.8        | 89.4        | 90.7        | 94.0        |
| Non-Indigenous   | %           | 93.2        | 97.1        | 84.0        | 80.8        | 91.7        |
| All children   | %           | 94.6        | 95.4        | 87.7        | 88.1        | 93.5        |

(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) Non-Indigenous status includes children whose Indigenous status is unknown or not stated.

(c) Improvement in data quality in 2008-09 resulted in a more accurate count of children in out of home care. The number of children in out of home care reported in 2007-08 was likely to be undercounted.

*Source:* AIHW (unpublished), derived from *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection; 2010 Report, table 15A.166.

# Juvenile Justice data

Table 15A.112

**Table 15A.112 Daily average population of Indigenous people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention (number) (a)**

|         | <i>NSW (b)</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---------|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2003-04 | 98             | 14         | 54         | 92        | 18        | 6          | 4          | 12        | 298         |
| 2004-05 | 111            | 12         | 53         | 87        | 28        | 7          | 6          | 19        | 322         |
| 2005-06 | 127            | 11         | 73         | 82        | 14        | 6          | 5          | 16        | 334         |
| 2006-07 | 147            | 10         | 93         | 97        | 19        | 6          | 5          | 24        | 400         |
| 2007-08 | 183            | 13         | 88         | 119       | 25        | 11         | 8          | 22        | 469         |

(a) Average based on population of juvenile detention centres on the last day of each quarter of the financial year (30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June).

(b) NSW data from 31 March 2005 include Kariiong Juvenile Correction Centre detainees, sourced from the NSW Department of Corrective Services. Numbers for NSW in the quarters commencing from 31 March 2005 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services.

Source: AIHW JJNMDs (unpublished); AIC Juveniles in detention (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.173.

**Table 15A.113 Average rates of detention and Indigenous rate ratio, young people aged 10-17 years in juvenile detention, per 100 000 people (a), (b), (c)**

|  | NSW (d) | Vic   | Qld   | WA    | SA    | Tas   | ACT (e) | NT    | Aust  |
|--|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|
| Indigenous                               |         |       |       |       |       |       |         |       |       |
| 2003-04                                  | 339.3   | 231.0 | 202.6 | 671.8 | 333.2 | 158.7 | 503.2   | 108.6 | 310.1 |
| 2004-05                                  | 368.5   | 179.4 | 189.0 | 616.3 | 508.3 | 181.9 | 696.8   | 174.9 | 322.8 |
| 2005-06                                  | 405.9   | 168.0 | 246.5 | 570.9 | 256.1 | 148.3 | 594.8   | 146.3 | 324.1 |
| 2006-07                                  | 455.0   | 138.5 | 298.9 | 661.8 | 338.7 | 161.1 | 494.8   | 207.6 | 376.9 |
| 2007-08                                  | 585.4   | 195.3 | 296.0 | 880.6 | 442.3 | 288.6 | 946.8   | 196.0 | 456.1 |
| Non-Indigenous                           |         |       |       |       |       |       |         |       |       |
| 2003-04                                  | 15.9    | 9.1   | 8.9   | 13.8  | 20.3  | 39.6  | 39.4    | 12.2  | 13.9  |
| 2004-05                                  | 15.4    | 7.8   | 8.6   | 10.8  | 19.2  | 49.8  | 25.4    | 17.4  | 13.0  |
| 2005-06                                  | 16.7    | 7.8   | 12.7  | 15.4  | 15.8  | 40.6  | 22.0    | 6.9   | 14.1  |
| 2006-07                                  | 18.5    | 7.1   | 10.3  | 15.7  | 14.1  | 25.4  | 27.8    | 18.1  | 13.7  |
| 2007-08                                  | 21.3    | 7.9   | 13.2  | 15.6  | 19.2  | 26.1  | 15.5    | 9.8   | 15.3  |
| Indigenous/non-Indigenous rate ratio (f) |         |       |       |       |       |       |         |       |       |
| 2003-04                                  | 21.4    | 25.4  | 22.9  | 48.6  | 16.5  | 4.0   | 12.8    | 8.9   | 22.4  |
| 2004-05                                  | 24.0    | 23.0  | 22.0  | 57.2  | 26.5  | 3.7   | 27.4    | 10.1  | 24.9  |
| 2005-06                                  | 24.3    | 21.5  | 19.4  | 37.1  | 16.2  | 3.7   | 27.1    | 21.2  | 23.0  |
| 2006-07                                  | 24.6    | 19.5  | 29.0  | 42.1  | 24.0  | 6.3   | 17.8    | 11.5  | 27.5  |
| 2007-08                                  | 27.4    | 24.9  | 22.5  | 56.4  | 23.0  | 11.1  | 61.3    | 20.1  | 29.8  |

(a) Detention rates are based on average population of juvenile detention centres on the last day of each quarter of the financial year (30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June).

(b) Indigenous rates for 2007-08 were calculated using 'Series B' from *Experimental estimates and projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021* (cat. no. 3238.0). Rates prior to 2007-08 were calculated using 'Low series' Indigenous population estimates from *Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2009* (cat. no. 3238.0). Any variation in derived rates may be due to the assumptions and limitations of the base population data.

(c) Jurisdictional comparisons need to be treated with caution, especially for those states and territories with low Indigenous populations, where small number effects can introduce statistical variations that do not accurately represent trends over time or consistent differences from other jurisdictions.

(d) NSW data from 31 March 2005 include Kariiong Juvenile Correction Centre detainees, sourced from the NSW Department of Corrective Services. Numbers for NSW in the quarters commencing from 31 March 2005 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services

(e) The rate for Indigenous young people should be treated with caution due to the small Indigenous population in the ACT. The rate ratio should also be taken into account.

(f) The Indigenous rate ratio has been derived by the Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision and is calculated by dividing the average Indigenous rate of detention with the average non-Indigenous rate of detention.

Source: AIHW JJNMDS (unpublished); AIC Juveniles in detention (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.174.

Table 15A.114

Table 15A.114 Custody nights, by Indigenous status, 2008-09

|   | NSW       | Vic      | Qld      | WA       | SA       | Tas      | ACT     | NT      | Aust      |
|---|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Number of nights in custody in detention centres      |           |          |          |          |          |          |         |         |           |
| Indigenous  | 75 109.0  | 7 869.0  | 27 570.0 | 41 258.0 | 10 778.0 | 3 752.0  | 2 236.0 | 9 157.0 | 177 729.0 |
| Non-Indigenous  | 77 254.0  | 41 165.0 | 18 615.0 | 15 619.0 | 15 039.0 | 6 589.0  | 3 122.0 | 789.0   | 178 192.0 |
| Unknown   | 3 582.0   | 55.0     | -        | na       | 238.0    | -        | -       | -       | 3 875.0   |
| Total   | 155 945.0 | 49 089.0 | 46 185.0 | na       | 26 055.0 | 10 341.0 | 5 358.0 | 9 946.0 | 302 919.0 |
| Number of nights in custody outside detention centres |           |          |          |          |          |          |         |         |           |
| Indigenous  | na        | -        | -        | na       | -        | 130.0    | -       | -       | 130.0     |
| Non-Indigenous  | na        | -        | -        | na       | -        | -        | -       | -       | -         |
| Unknown   | na        | -        | -        | na       | -        | -        | -       | -       | -         |
| Total   | na        | -        | -        | na       | -        | 130.0    | -       | -       | 130.0     |
| Total number of custody nights                        |           |          |          |          |          |          |         |         |           |
| Indigenous  | na        | 7 869.0  | 27 570.0 | na       | 10 778.0 | 3 882.0  | 2 236.0 | 9 157.0 | 61 492.0  |
| Non-Indigenous  | na        | 41 165.0 | 18 615.0 | na       | 15 039.0 | 6 589.0  | 3 122.0 | 789.0   | 85 319.0  |
| Unknown   | na        | 55.0     | -        | na       | 238.0    | -        | -       | -       | 293.0     |
| Total   | na        | 49 089.0 | 46 185.0 | na       | 26 055.0 | 10 471.0 | 5 358.0 | 9 946.0 | 147 104.0 |
| Average nightly population in detention centres       |           |          |          |          |          |          |         |         |           |
| Indigenous  | 205.8     | 21.6     | 75.5     | 113.0    | 29.5     | 10.3     | 6.1     | 25.1    | 486.9     |
| Non-Indigenous  | 211.7     | 112.8    | 51.0     | 42.8     | 41.2     | 18.1     | 8.6     | 2.2     | 488.2     |
| Unknown   | 9.8       | 0.2      | -        | na       | 0.7      | -        | -       | -       | 10.6      |
| Total   | 427.2     | 134.5    | 126.5    | na       | 71.4     | 28.3     | 14.7    | 27.2    | 829.9     |
| Average nightly population in custody                 |           |          |          |          |          |          |         |         |           |
| Indigenous  | na        | 21.6     | 75.5     | na       | 29.5     | 10.6     | 6.1     | 25.1    | 168.5     |
| Non-Indigenous  | na        | 112.8    | 51.0     | na       | 41.2     | 18.1     | 8.6     | 2.2     | 233.8     |
| Unknown   | na        | 0.2      | -        | na       | 0.7      | -        | -       | -       | 0.8       |
| Total   | na        | 134.5    | 126.5    | na       | 71.4     | 28.7     | 14.7    | 27.2    | 403.0     |

Table 15A.114

**Table 15A.114 Custody nights, by Indigenous status, 2008-09**

|  | NSW | Vic | Qld | WA | SA | Tas | ACT | NT | Aust |
|--|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|------|
|--|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|------|

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.175.

Table 15A.115

Table 15A.115 **Proportion of pre-sentence reports completed by juvenile justice agencies, by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (a)**

|   | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic (b)</i> | <i>Qld (c)</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT (d)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Number of court requests for written pre-sentence reports                     |            |                |                |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| Indigenous  | 1 838.0    | na             | 218.0          | 1 916.0   | na        | 91.0       | 50.0           | na        | 4 113.0     |
| Non-Indigenous  | 2 703.0    | na             | 139.0          | 1 185.0   | na        | 337.0      | 159.0          | na        | 4 523.0     |
| Unknown   | 412.0      | na             | 1.0            | 79.0      | na        | 99.0       | ..             | na        | 591.0       |
| Total   | 4 953.0    | na             | 358.0          | 3 180.0   | na        | 527.0      | 209.0          | na        | 9 227.0     |
| Number of written pre-sentence reports completed by juvenile justice agencies |            |                |                |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| Indigenous  | 1 804.0    | na             | 218.0          | 1 872.0   | na        | 91.0       | 49.0           | na        | 4 034.0     |
| Non-Indigenous  | 2 618.0    | na             | 139.0          | 1 167.0   | na        | 337.0      | 149.0          | na        | 4 410.0     |
| Unknown   | 393.0      | na             | 1.0            | 77.0      | na        | 99.0       | ..             | na        | 570.0       |
| Total   | 4 815.0    | na             | 358.0          | 3 116.0   | na        | 527.0      | 198.0          | na        | 9 014.0     |
| Proportion of pre-sentence reports completed by juvenile justice agencies     |            |                |                |           |           |            |                |           |             |
| Indigenous  | 98.2       | na             | 100.0          | 97.7      | na        | 100.0      | 98.0           | na        | 98.1        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 96.9       | na             | 100.0          | 98.5      | na        | 100.0      | 93.7           | na        | 97.5        |
| Unknown   | 95.4       | na             | 100.0          | 97.5      | na        | 100.0      | na             | na        | 96.4        |
| Total   | 97.2       | 99.0           | 100.0          | 98.0      | na        | 100.0      | 94.7           | na        | 97.7        |

(a) Data were unavailable for SA and the NT.

(b) Victoria was unable to provide (1) the number of court requests for pre-sentence reports during 2008-09 and (2) the number of reports provided by the juvenile justice agency. These data will be available for future Reports. For 2008-09, a total percentage was collected by surveying staff.

(c) Queensland data is for the period October 2008 to June 2009.

(d) Of the 11 reports that were ordered but not submitted, 7 were still being prepared at 30 June 2009. The remaining 4 were no longer required due to the young people being breached and returning to court and/or the magistrate requesting an alternate report in place of the original request, making the original request invalid.

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

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.176.

**Table 15A.116 Deaths in custody, by Indigenous status, 2008-09**

|  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Number of young people who died in custody |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Indigenous                                 | –          | –          | –          | –         | –         | –          | –          | –         | –           |
| Non-Indigenous                             | –          | –          | –          | –         | –         | –          | –          | –         | –           |
| Unknown                                    | –          | –          | –          | –         | –         | –          | –          | –         | –           |
| Total                                      | –          | –          | –          | –         | –         | –          | –          | –         | –           |

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.177.

Table 15A.117

**Table 15A.117 Young people in detention attending education and training, by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (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> |
|---|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Number of young people in detention of compulsory school age attending an education course                  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Indigenous  | 109.0      | 2.0        | 25.0       | 91.0      | 135.0     | –          | 15.0       | 5.0       | 382.0       |
| Non-Indigenous  | 45.0       | 7.0        | 6.0        | 18.0      | 221.0     | –          | 17.0       | –         | 314.0       |
| Unknown   | 1.0        | –          | –          | –         | –         | 15.6       | ..         | –         | 16.6        |
| Total   | 155.0      | 9.0        | 31.0       | 109.0     | 356.0     | 15.6       | 32.0       | 5.0       | 712.6       |
| Number of young people in detention of compulsory school age who are eligible to attend an education course |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Indigenous  | 109.0      | 2.0        | 25.0       | 91.0      | 135.0     | –          | 15.0       | 5.0       | 382.0       |
| Non-Indigenous  | 45.0       | 7.0        | 6.0        | 18.0      | 221.0     | –          | 17.0       | –         | 314.0       |
| Unknown   | 1.0        | –          | –          | –         | –         | 15.6       | –          | –         | 16.6        |
| Total   | 155.0      | 9.0        | 31.0       | 109.0     | 356.0     | 15.6       | 32.0       | 5.0       | 712.6       |
| Proportion of young people in detention of compulsory school age attending an education course (%)          |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Indigenous  | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0     | 100.0     | ..         | 100.0      | 100.0     | 100.0       |
| Non-Indigenous  | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0     | 100.0     | ..         | 100.0      | ..        | 100.0       |
| Unknown   | 100.0      | ..         | ..         | ..        | ..        | 100.0      | ..         | ..        | 100.0       |
| Total   | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0     | 100.0     | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0     | 100.0       |
| Number of young people in detention not of compulsory school age attending education or training            |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Indigenous  | 537.0      | 13.0       | 85.0       | 39.0      | 71.0      | –          | 5.0        | 18.0      | 768.0       |
| Non-Indigenous  | 496.0      | 63.0       | 62.0       | 15.0      | 128.0     | –          | 2.0        | 2.0       | 768.0       |
| Unknown   | 16.0       | –          | –          | –         | –         | 9.7        | ..         | –         | 25.7        |
| Total   | 1 049.0    | 76.0       | 147.0      | 54.0      | 199.0     | 9.7        | 7.0        | 20.0      | 1 561.7     |
| Number of young people in detention not of compulsory school age eligible to attend education or training   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Indigenous  | 563.0      | 14.0       | 85.0       | 72.0      | 71.0      | –          | 5.0        | 19.0      | 829.0       |
| Non-Indigenous  | 523.0      | 72.0       | 62.0       | 17.0      | 128.0     | –          | 2.0        | 2.0       | 806.0       |
| Unknown   | 17.0       | –          | –          | –         | –         | 9.7        | –          | –         | 26.7        |
| Total   | 1 103.0    | 86.0       | 147.0      | 89.0      | 199.0     | 9.7        | 7.0        | 21.0      | 1 661.7     |
| Proportion of young people in detention not of compulsory school age attending education or training (%)    |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Indigenous  | 95.4       | 92.9       | 100.0      | 54.2      | 100.0     | ..         | 100.0      | 94.7      | 92.6        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 94.8       | 87.5       | 100.0      | 88.2      | 100.0     | ..         | 100.0      | 100.0     | 95.3        |
| Unknown   | 94.1       | ..         | ..         | ..        | ..        | 100.0      | ..         | ..        | 96.2        |
| Total   | 95.1       | 88.4       | 100.0      | 60.7      | 100.0     | 100.0      | 100.0      | 95.2      | 94.0        |

(a) Data are based on averaged quarterly attendance counts.

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

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.178.

Table 15A.118

Table 15A.118 Escapes from detention and escorted movement, by Indigenous status, 2008-09

|  | NSW       | Vic      | Qld      | WA       | SA       | Tas      | ACT (a) | NT (b)  | Aust                            |
|--|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Number of escapes from a juvenile justice detention centre |           |          |          |          |          |          |         |         |                                 |
| Indigenous   | 3.0       | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -       | -       | 3.0                             |
| Non-Indigenous   | 1.0       | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -       | -       | 1.0                             |
| Unknown  | -         | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -       | -       | -                               |
| Total  | 4.0       | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -       | -       | 4.0                             |
| Number of custody nights in detention centres              |           |          |          |          |          |          |         |         |                                 |
| Indigenous   | 75 109.0  | 7 869.0  | 27 570.0 | 41 258.0 | 10 778.0 | 3 752.0  | 2 236.0 | 9 157.0 | 177 729.0                       |
| Non-Indigenous   | 77 254.0  | 41 165.0 | 18 615.0 | 15 619.0 | 15 039.0 | 6 589.0  | 3 122.0 | 789.0   | 178 192.0                       |
| Unknown  | 3 582.0   | 55.0     | -        | na       | 238.0    | -        | -       | -       | 3 875.0                         |
| Total  | 155 945.0 | 49 089.0 | 46 185.0 | na       | 26 055.0 | 10 341.0 | 5 358.0 | 9 946.0 | 302 919.0                       |
| Rate of escapes from detention per 10 000 detainees        |           |          |          |          |          |          |         |         |                                 |
| Indigenous   | 0.4       | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -       | -       | 0.2                             |
| Non-Indigenous   | 0.1       | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -       | -       | 0.1                             |
| Unknown  | -         | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -       | -       | -                               |
| Total  | 0.3       | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -       | -       | 0.1                             |
| Number of escapes during periods of escorted movements     |           |          |          |          |          |          |         |         |                                 |
| Indigenous   | -         | -        | -        | -        | 1.0      | -        | -       | na      | 1.0                             |
| Non-Indigenous   | 2.0       | -        | -        | -        | -        | 2.0      | -       | na      | 4.0                             |
| Unknown  | -         | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -       | -       | -                               |
| Total  | 2.0       | -        | -        | -        | 1.0      | 2.0      | -       | -       | 5.0                             |
| Number of periods of escorted movements                    |           |          |          |          |          |          |         |         |                                 |
| Indigenous   | 2 627.0   | 238.0    | 111.0    | 2 501.0  | 979.0    | -        | na      | na      | 6 456.0                         |
| Non-Indigenous   | 3 751.0   | 1 602.0  | 460.0    | 1 204.0  | 1 774.0  | na       | na      | na      | 8 791.0                         |
| Unknown  | 225.0     | -        | -        | -        | -        | 713.0    | na      | 477.0   | 1 415.0                         |
| Total  | 6 603.0   | 1 840.0  | 571.0    | 3 705.0  | 2 753.0  | 713.0    | na      | 477.0   | 16 662.0                        |
|  |           |          |          |          |          |          |         |         | PROTECTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES |
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Table 15A.118 Escapes from detention and escorted movement, by Indigenous status, 2008-09

|   | NSW | Vic | Q/d | WA | SA   | Tas  | ACT (a) | NT (b) | Aust |
|---|-----|-----|-----|----|------|------|---------|--------|------|
| Rate of escapes from escorted movements per 10 000 escorted movements |     |     |     |    |      |      |         |        |      |
| Indigenous  | –   | –   | –   | –  | 10.2 | –    | –       | na     | 1.5  |
| Non-Indigenous  | 5.3 | –   | –   | –  | –    | na   | –       | na     | 4.6  |
| Unknown   | –   | ..  | ..  | .. | ..   | –    | –       | –      | –    |
| Total   | 3.0 | –   | –   | –  | 3.6  | 28.1 | –       | –      | 3.0  |

(a) The ACT was unable to provide the number of escorted movements undertaken during 2008-09.

(b) Escorted movements were not reliably recorded by Indigenous status in the NT during 2008-09. Therefore, all escorted movements data are recorded as unknown Indigenous status.

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

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.179.

Table 15A.119

**Table 15A.119 Absconds from unescorted leave, by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (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> |
|---|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Number of absconds from unescorted leave              |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Indigenous  | –          | –          | –          | –         | –         | –          | –          | –         | –           |
| Non-Indigenous  | –          | –          | –          | –         | –         | –          | –          | –         | –           |
| Unknown   | –          | –          | –          | –         | –         | –          | –          | –         | –           |
| Total   | –          | –          | –          | –         | –         | –          | –          | –         | –           |
| Number of periods of unescorted leave undertaken      |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Indigenous  | 673.0      | 20.0       | –          | –         | 6.0       | –          | na         | na        | 699.0       |
| Non-Indigenous  | 763.0      | 434.0      | –          | –         | 9.0       | –          | na         | na        | 1 206.0     |
| Unknown   | 67.0       | –          | –          | –         | –         | 91.0       | na         | na        | 158.0       |
| Total   | 1 503.0    | 454.0      | –          | –         | 15.0      | 91.0       | na         | na        | 2 063.0     |
| Rate of absconds per 1000 periods of unescorted leave |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| Indigenous  | –          | –          | ..         | ..        | –         | ..         | na         | na        | –           |
| Non-Indigenous  | –          | –          | ..         | ..        | –         | ..         | na         | na        | –           |
| Unknown   | –          | ..         | ..         | ..        | ..        | –          | na         | na        | –           |
| Total   | –          | –          | ..         | ..        | –         | –          | na         | na        | –           |

(a) Data for the number of unescorted leaves undertaken were not available from the ACT and the NT. No periods of unescorted leave were undertaken in Qld and WA.

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

Source: Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.180.

Table 15A.120

**Table 15A.120 Case plans prepared/reviewed within 6 weeks of commencing a sentenced order, by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (a)**

|   | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA (b)</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT (c)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|---|------------|------------|------------|-----------|---------------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Number of case plans prepared/reviewed within six weeks of commencing a sentenced community-based order |            |            |            |           |               |            |                |           |             |
| Indigenous  | 777.0      | 103.0      | 890.0      | na        | na            | na         | 12.0           | na        | 1 782.0     |
| Non-Indigenous  | 1 132.0    | 818.0      | 914.0      | na        | na            | na         | 34.0           | na        | 2 898.0     |
| Unknown   | 177.0      | 20.0       | –          | na        | na            | na         | –              | na        | 197.0       |
| Total   | 2 086.0    | 941.0      | 1 804.0    | na        | na            | na         | 46.0           | na        | 4 877.0     |
| Number of sentenced community-based orders commenced  |            |            |            |           |               |            |                |           |             |
| Indigenous  | 799.0      | 104.0      | 1 130.0    | na        | na            | na         | 13.0           | na        | 2 046.0     |
| Non-Indigenous  | 1 178.0    | 850.0      | 1 031.0    | na        | na            | na         | 51.0           | na        | 3 110.0     |
| Unknown   | 195.0      | 24.0       | –          | na        | na            | na         | –              | na        | 219.0       |
| Total   | 2 172.0    | 978.0      | 2 161.0    | na        | na            | na         | 64.0           | na        | 5 375.0     |
| Proportion  |            |            |            |           |               |            |                |           |             |
| Indigenous  | 97.2       | 99.0       | 78.8       | na        | na            | na         | 92.3           | na        | 87.1        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 96.1       | 96.2       | 88.7       | na        | na            | na         | 66.7           | na        | 93.2        |
| Unknown   | 90.8       | 83.3       | ..         | na        | na            | na         | ..             | na        | 90.0        |
| Total   | 96.0       | 96.2       | 83.5       | na        | na            | na         | 71.9           | na        | 90.7        |
| Number of case plans prepared/reviewed within six weeks of commencing a sentenced detention order       |            |            |            |           |               |            |                |           |             |
| Indigenous  | 229.0      | 21.0       | 196.0      | 168.0     | na            | –          | 2.0            | 42.0      | 658.0       |
| Non-Indigenous  | 223.0      | 103.0      | 92.0       | 51.0      | na            | –          | 1.0            | 3.0       | 473.0       |
| Unknown   | 14.0       | –          | –          | na        | na            | 89.0       | –              | –         | 103.0       |
| Total   | 466.0      | 124.0      | 288.0      | 219.0     | na            | 89.0       | 3.0            | 45.0      | 1 234.0     |
| Number of sentenced detention orders commenced  |            |            |            |           |               |            |                |           |             |
| Indigenous  | 229.0      | 22.0       | 206.0      | 168.0     | na            | –          | 4.0            | 42.0      | 671.0       |
| Non-Indigenous  | 223.0      | 111.0      | 93.0       | 51.0      | na            | –          | 1.0            | 3.0       | 482.0       |
| Unknown   | 14.0       | –          | –          | na        | na            | 89.0       | –              | –         | 103.0       |
| Total   | 466.0      | 133.0      | 299.0      | 219.0     | na            | 89.0       | 5.0            | 45.0      | 1 256.0     |
| Proportion  |            |            |            |           |               |            |                |           |             |
| Indigenous  | 100.0      | 95.5       | 95.1       | 100.0     | na            | ..         | 50.0           | 100.0     | 98.1        |
| Non-Indigenous  | 100.0      | 92.8       | 98.9       | 100.0     | na            | ..         | 100.0          | 100.0     | 98.1        |
| Unknown   | 100.0      | ..         | ..         | na        | na            | 100.0      | ..             | ..        | 100.0       |
| Total   | 100.0      | 93.2       | 96.3       | 100.0     | na            | 100.0      | 60.0           | 100.0     | 98.2        |

(a) Data for case plans prepared within 6 weeks of commencing a community-based order were not available for WA, SA, Tasmania and the NT.

(b) Data for case plans prepared within 6 weeks of commencing a sentenced detention order were not available for SA.

(c) A number of clients did not comply with their order within the first 6 weeks of the order being made. Non-compliance either resulted in the client being breached and returning to court, returning to court on fresh charges or not attending supervision or specified programs as directed. In these cases, Youth Justice staff took appropriate follow up action but were unsuccessful in contacting or engaging the client, preventing them from preparing a case plan. Count includes clients transferred from interstate.

**Table 15A.120 Case plans prepared/reviewed within 6 weeks of commencing a sentenced order, by Indigenous status, 2008-09 (a)**

|  | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>SA (b)</i> | <i>Tas</i> | <i>ACT (c)</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>Aust</i> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|---------------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|---------------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|

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

*Source:* Australian State and Territory governments (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.181.

# SAAP data

**Table 15A.121 Proportion of Indigenous people among all accommodated SAAP clients and among people whose valid requests for accommodation were unmet (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> |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Representation among all SAAP clients                                     |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2003-04   | %           | 17.4       | 4.5        | 22.7       | 38.7      | 16.4      | 9.4        | 12.9       | 57.3      | 16.5        |
| 2004-05   | %           | 16.2       | 6.0        | 23.2       | 39.9      | 16.6      | 11.7       | 12.1       | 61.3      | 20.4        |
| Representation among people unable to be provided with a SAAP service     |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2003-04   | %           | 20.8       | 7.0        | 19.2       | 47.6      | 21.9      | 7.4        | 10.5       | 57.1      | 18.7        |
| 2004-05   | %           | 20.2       | 6.8        | 24.7       | 44.0      | 17.5      | 7.7        | 4.8        | 59.1      | 20.1        |
| Representation among accommodated SAAP clients                            |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2005-06   | %           | 17.1       | 7.0        | 23.5       | 42.7      | 18.0      | 10.9       | 9.5        | 64.6      | 21.4        |
| 2006-07 (f)   | %           | 18.5       | 6.8        | 22.3       | 40.9      | 23.3      | 12.2       | 13.8       | 66.4      | 22.1        |
| 2007-08 (g)   | %           | 18.2       | 7.2        | 21.7       | 41.0      | 21.4      | 11.6       | 12.3       | 65.2      | 21.7        |
| Representation among people unable to be provided with SAAP accommodation |             |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| 2005-06   | %           | 22.1       | 7.9        | 26.8       | 57.7      | 26.8      | 8.0        | 18.8       | 65.2      | 25.6        |
| 2006-07   | %           | 32.2       | 7.6        | 30.2       | 63.9      | 25.9      | 12.5       | 7.7        | 71.4      | 29.7        |
| 2007-08   | %           | 26.3       | 7.2        | 35.8       | 56.5      | 23.7      | 3.3        | 12.5       | 84.6      | 28.2        |

- (a) Client figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent; figures on number of valid unmet requests have been rounded by 10 and based on valid unmet requests only. Since a client may have support periods in more than one state or territory, state and territory figures do not sum to the national figure.
- (b) Unmet requests exclude requests where the person or group refused an offer of accommodation; where the person or group was inappropriate for the agency; and where the request was not met because there was no fee-free accommodation available. People may make more than one request for accommodation in a day. Data are based on the first valid unmet request for accommodation made.
- (c) Caution should be applied when interpreting numbers of people with valid unmet requests, for several reasons. First, person(s) can make requests on more than one occasion and to more than one SAAP agency. While double counting has been limited by estimating the first valid unmet request, this information may not have been available to record. Second, a number of people may receive ongoing support or accommodation from a SAAP agency at a later time, quite possibly soon after their initial request. Third, a number of people have their needs met by other means and do not return to a SAAP agency. Finally, there are also 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 and it is not possible to identify a two-week period which is 'typical' for all SAAP agencies.
- (d) 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.
- (e) Until 2004-05, this measure compared the proportion of people from these two groups who could not be accommodated with their representation among all SAAP clients (including accommodated and not accommodated). Data from 2005-06 onwards provide a direct comparison focusing on accommodation, and therefore are not comparable with earlier data.
- (f) Number of records excluded due to errors and omissions: 2184 from the Client collection, 159.2 (daily average) from the Demand for Accommodation collection.
- (g) Number of records excluded due to errors and omissions: 2033.

**Table 15A.121 Proportion of Indigenous people among all accommodated SAAP clients and among people whose valid requests for accommodation were unmet (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> |
|----------------|---|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| <i>Source:</i> | SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); AIHW (2004), <i>Demand for SAAP Assistance by Homeless People 2003-04: A Report from the SAAP National Data Collection</i> , Cat. No. HOU 110, Canberra; AIHW (2006), <i>Demand for SAAP assistance by Homeless People 2004-05: A report from the SAAP National Data Collection, SAAP NDCA report</i> , Cat. No. HOU 151, Canberra; AIHW (2007), <i>Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2005-06: A report from the SAAP National Data Collection. SAAP NDCA report</i> , Cat. No. HOU 169, Canberra; AIHW (2008), <i>Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2006-07: A report from the SAAP national data collection. SAAP NDCA report</i> , Cat. No. HOU 186, Canberra; AIHW (2009), <i>Demand for SAAP Assistance by Homeless People 2007-08: A Report from the SAAP National Data Collection</i> , Cat. No. HOU 211, Canberra; 2010 Report, table 15A.190. |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |

Table 15A.122

Table 15A.122 **Closed support periods, by the existence of a support plan, Indigenous clients (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>   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2003-04 (e)                          |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Support plan                         | %           | 59.4         | 55.4         | 60.9         | 42.4         | 70.3         | 71.5         | 82.4         | 67.7         | 57.7          |
| No support plan                      | %           | 17.4         | 23.6         | 20.8         | 36.1         | 12.8         | 11.8         | 5.3          | 15.0         | 22.2          |
| Support plan not appropriate         | %           | 23.2         | 21.0         | 18.2         | 21.5         | 16.9         | 16.7         | 12.3         | 17.3         | 20.1          |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>no.</b>  | <b>5 300</b> | <b>2 200</b> | <b>5 200</b> | <b>5 300</b> | <b>1 500</b> | <b>600</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>2 400</b> | <b>23 000</b> |
| 2004-05 (f)                          |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Support plan                         | %           | 62.7         | 57.0         | 59.5         | 39.5         | 65.7         | 74.7         | 76.2         | 76.8         | 58.6          |
| No support plan                      | %           | 16.3         | 21.5         | 22.6         | 38.4         | 12.2         | 12.0         | 5.1          | 11.7         | 21.8          |
| Support plan not appropriate         | %           | 21.0         | 21.4         | 18.0         | 22.1         | 22.1         | 13.3         | 18.7         | 11.5         | 19.5          |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>no.</b>  | <b>5 800</b> | <b>2 500</b> | <b>5 000</b> | <b>5 400</b> | <b>2 400</b> | <b>500</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>2 700</b> | <b>24 500</b> |
| 2005-06 (g)                          |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Support plan                         | %           | 60.7         | 63.2         | 53.5         | 36.6         | 76.1         | 65.3         | 64.2         | 69.1         | 57.2          |
| No support plan                      |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Client did not agree to support plan | %           | 10.3         | 10.3         | 11.2         | 16.1         | 5.1          | 7.9          | 6.3          | 5.0          | 10.5          |
| Support period too short             | %           | 26.9         | 24.6         | 33.7         | 47.1         | 18.2         | 26.0         | 28.1         | 26.0         | 31.2          |
| Other                                | %           | 2.1          | 1.8          | 1.7          | 0.3          | 0.5          | 0.8          | 1.4          | –            | 1.2           |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>98.0</b>  | <b>98.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>99.0</b>  | <b>99.0</b>  | <b>99.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>99.0</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>no.</b>  | <b>5 200</b> | <b>2 500</b> | <b>4 100</b> | <b>4 700</b> | <b>2 400</b> | <b>500</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>2 400</b> | <b>22 100</b> |
| 2006-07 (h)                          |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Support plan                         | %           | 60.5         | 58.8         | 53.7         | 40.1         | 72.0         | 63.2         | 66.3         | 64.4         | 57.0          |
| No support plan                      |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Client did not agree to support plan | %           | 8.3          | 6.5          | 16.6         | 19.6         | 6.8          | 5.7          | 9.3          | 7.2          | 11.4          |
| Support period too short             | %           | 30.4         | 32.9         | 29.3         | 39.2         | 20.8         | 28.6         | 23.5         | 28.4         | 30.8          |
| Other                                | %           | 0.8          | 1.8          | 0.4          | 1.0          | 0.4          | 2.4          | 1.0          | 0.1          | 0.8           |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>no.</b>  | <b>7 300</b> | <b>3 000</b> | <b>4 900</b> | <b>5 000</b> | <b>2 900</b> | <b>600</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>2 700</b> | <b>26 600</b> |
| 2007-08                              |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Support plan                         | %           | 65.8         | 56.4         | 57.5         | 37.3         | 73.0         | 59.2         | 67.5         | 54.2         | 58.2          |
| No support plan                      |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Client did not agree to support plan | %           | 10.3         | 8.6          | 11.6         | 16.5         | 4.4          | 7.0          | 13.3         | 9.6          | 10.6          |
| Support period too short             | %           | 23.2         | 33.9         | 30.3         | 45.6         | 22.0         | 32.9         | 18.7         | 36.0         | 30.6          |
| Other                                | %           | 0.7          | 1.2          | 0.6          | 0.5          | 0.6          | 0.9          | 0.5          | 0.2          | 0.6           |

**Table 15A.122 Closed support periods, by the existence of a support plan, Indigenous clients (a), (b), (c), (d)**

| <b>Total</b> | <b>%</b>   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |
|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Total</b> | <b>no.</b> | <b>8 500</b> | <b>2 900</b> | <b>5 400</b> | <b>4 900</b> | <b>3 500</b> | <b>600</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>2 300</b> | <b>28 300</b> |

- (a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.
- (b) Data prior to 2004-05 exclude high volume agencies (those accommodating 50 or more clients per night, telephone referral agencies, day centres, and information and referral centres) because these data items were often not collected by these agencies.
- (c) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.
- (d) Data for 2005-06 and 2006-07 include analysis of closed support periods only. Data for years prior to 2005-06 included all support periods. Therefore data for 2005-06 and 2006-07 are not comparable with earlier data. Some categories have also changed for 2005-06 and subsequent data.
- (e) Data exclude 3 499 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (f) Data exclude 3 129 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (g) Data exclude 2 523 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (h) Data exclude 3 387 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (i) Data exclude 3339 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW (2009) *Homeless People in SAAP: SAAP National Data Collection annual report 2007-08, Australia*. SAAP NDCA Report series 13; 2010 Report, table 15A.193.

Table 15A.123

Table 15A.123 **Support needs of Indigenous clients, met and unmet (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>  |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2003-04             |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Provided only       | %           | 84.3         | 72.3         | 84.7         | 91.7         | 81.4         | 84.9         | 73.6         | 86.9         | 84.7         |
| Referred only       | %           | 4.9          | 10.2         | 4.4          | 2.1          | 6.0          | 6.2          | 5.4          | 3.2          | 4.6          |
| Provided & referred | %           | 7.9          | 12.6         | 4.8          | 3.4          | 7.3          | 4.2          | 11.5         | 8.1          | 6.8          |
| Unmet               | %           | 2.9          | 4.9          | 6.1          | 2.7          | 5.3          | 4.7          | 9.5          | 1.8          | 4.0          |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>'000</b> | <b>45.8</b>  | <b>12.7</b>  | <b>38.4</b>  | <b>28.9</b>  | <b>12.5</b>  | <b>2.8</b>   | <b>3.5</b>   | <b>23.9</b>  | <b>168.5</b> |
| 2004-05             |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Provided only       | %           | 82.2         | 73.4         | 86.6         | 88.5         | 82.4         | 85.1         | 70.4         | 81.1         | 83.3         |
| Referred only       | %           | 5.5          | 8.1          | 3.8          | 2.3          | 7.2          | 5.3          | 6.1          | 6.9          | 5.1          |
| Provided & referred | %           | 9.0          | 13.6         | 5.3          | 5.3          | 7.6          | 7.6          | 19.0         | 11.3         | 8.3          |
| Unmet               | %           | 3.3          | 4.9          | 4.3          | 3.9          | 2.9          | 1.9          | 4.4          | 0.8          | 3.3          |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>'000</b> | <b>40.1</b>  | <b>13.3</b>  | <b>31.4</b>  | <b>30.9</b>  | <b>14.1</b>  | <b>2.8</b>   | <b>2.3</b>   | <b>24.1</b>  | <b>158.9</b> |
| 2005-06             |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Provided only       | %           | 81.8         | 72.0         | 86.5         | 90.2         | 75.6         | 82.8         | 72.8         | 77.8         | 82.1         |
| Referred only       | %           | 6.5          | 9.5          | 3.8          | 3.1          | 8.5          | 6.2          | 10.3         | 8.6          | 6.2          |
| Provided & referred | %           | 7.2          | 11.3         | 5.9          | 2.9          | 9.6          | 7.5          | 12.5         | 11.8         | 7.5          |
| Unmet               | %           | 4.4          | 7.2          | 3.8          | 3.7          | 6.3          | 3.5          | 4.3          | 1.8          | 4.3          |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>'000</b> | <b>39.4</b>  | <b>16.7</b>  | <b>28.4</b>  | <b>29.4</b>  | <b>14.0</b>  | <b>2.8</b>   | <b>1.8</b>   | <b>19.9</b>  | <b>152.6</b> |
| 2006-07             |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Provided only       | %           | 77.6         | 75.0         | 85.3         | 91.1         | 82.6         | 82.0         | 76.0         | 79.1         | 81.8         |
| Referred only       | %           | 6.7          | 9.9          | 4.4          | 2.4          | 5.1          | 4.8          | 5.4          | 3.2          | 5.2          |
| Provided & referred | %           | 10.6         | 8.2          | 6.4          | 4.4          | 8.8          | 8.1          | 13.9         | 16.2         | 9.0          |
| Unmet               | %           | 5.1          | 7.0          | 3.9          | 2.0          | 3.5          | 5.1          | 4.7          | 1.4          | 3.9          |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>'000</b> | <b>50.6</b>  | <b>18.6</b>  | <b>30.6</b>  | <b>31.3</b>  | <b>17.1</b>  | <b>3.4</b>   | <b>2.1</b>   | <b>22.1</b>  | <b>175.9</b> |
| 2007-08             |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Provided only       | %           | 79.2         | 71.1         | 83.2         | 92.1         | 74.6         | 82.4         | 63.0         | 89.4         | 81.6         |
| Referred only       | %           | 5.0          | 11.1         | 4.5          | 2.6          | 6.1          | 4.9          | 7.2          | 2.8          | 5.1          |
| Provided & referred | %           | 11.8         | 9.7          | 8.7          | 3.7          | 13.3         | 6.6          | 26.1         | 5.4          | 9.3          |
| Unmet               | %           | 3.9          | 8.1          | 3.6          | 1.6          | 6.0          | 6.0          | 3.8          | 2.4          | 4.0          |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>'000</b> | <b>58.0</b>  | <b>18.5</b>  | <b>32.6</b>  | <b>30.6</b>  | <b>18.7</b>  | <b>3.2</b>   | <b>2.2</b>   | <b>17.1</b>  | <b>180.9</b> |

(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) Proportions are of distinct services needed.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client collection (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.195.

Table 15A.124

**Table 15A.124 Closed support periods in which Indigenous clients needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing, by type of tenure (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>  |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2006-07   |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Type of tenure immediately before support period (d), (e) |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Independent housing                                       |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Purchasing/purchased own home                             | %           | 1.0          | 0.3          | 1.1          | 1.5          | 1.0          | 2.2          | –            | 0.3          | 0.9          |
| Private rental  | %           | 27.5         | 18.6         | 29.6         | 14.6         | 13.5         | 22.4         | 9.4          | 10.2         | 22.2         |
| Public housing rental                                     | %           | 13.0         | 18.5         | 10.0         | 29.9         | 22.0         | 10.1         | 16.2         | 21.3         | 16.4         |
| Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)         | %           | 2.7          | 2.6          | 4.1          | 4.1          | 1.6          | 1.6          | 1.1          | 24.9         | 4.6          |
| Rent free accommodation                                   | %           | 6.1          | 10.6         | 8.9          | 5.3          | 5.5          | 6.7          | 14.3         | 16.5         | 8.2          |
| Boarding  | %           | 25.3         | 22.7         | 17.9         | 28.1         | 25.0         | 16.4         | 10.0         | 14.6         | 22.6         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>75.6</b>  | <b>73.3</b>  | <b>71.6</b>  | <b>83.5</b>  | <b>68.6</b>  | <b>59.4</b>  | <b>51.0</b>  | <b>87.8</b>  | <b>74.9</b>  |
| Non-independent housing                                   |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| SAAP/CAP crisis   | %           | 8.3          | 9.9          | 7.9          | 4.6          | 4.8          | 16.2         | 24.7         | 3.2          | 8.1          |
| SAAP/CAP medium/long term                                 | %           | 1.3          | 3.9          | 2.5          | 1.2          | 1.0          | 1.8          | 3.8          | 1.8          | 2.0          |
| Other SAAP/CAP  | %           | 2.0          | 2.6          | 1.3          | 1.4          | 3.0          | 1.9          | 4.5          | 0.9          | 2.0          |
| Institutional setting                                     | %           | 3.4          | 2.9          | 1.4          | 2.9          | 8.1          | 1.2          | 6.3          | 2.0          | 3.1          |
| Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough                        | %           | 6.0          | 5.0          | 12.6         | 5.3          | 11.2         | 14.4         | 8.7          | 4.1          | 7.4          |
| Other (no tenure)   | %           | 3.4          | 2.4          | 2.9          | 1.2          | 3.3          | 5.1          | 1.1          | 0.3          | 2.7          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>24.4</b>  | <b>26.7</b>  | <b>28.6</b>  | <b>16.6</b>  | <b>31.4</b>  | <b>40.6</b>  | <b>49.1</b>  | <b>12.3</b>  | <b>25.3</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>2 100</b> | <b>900</b>   | <b>900</b>   | <b>600</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>5 600</b> |
| Type of tenure immediately after support period (f) (g)   |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Independent housing                                       |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Purchasing/purchased own home                             | %           | 0.4          | 0.7          | 0.4          | 1.1          | 0.9          | 2.9          | –            | 0.4          | 0.6          |
| Private rental  | %           | 39.5         | 20.3         | 40.4         | 14.7         | 15.1         | 32.0         | 9.2          | 11.5         | 29.4         |
| Public housing rental                                     | %           | 18.0         | 34.3         | 17.4         | 36.4         | 39.3         | 27.2         | 33.8         | 30.7         | 25.5         |
| Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)         | %           | 5.9          | 3.2          | 10.5         | 4.2          | 5.9          | 0.8          | 4.7          | 24.4         | 7.1          |
| Rent free accommodation                                   | %           | 3.6          | 5.3          | 2.6          | 3.2          | 1.8          | 2.7          | 12.9         | 13.2         | 4.4          |
| Boarding  | %           | 17.6         | 17.1         | 13.4         | 29.4         | 13.8         | 13.9         | 6.8          | 10.5         | 16.9         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>85.0</b>  | <b>80.9</b>  | <b>84.7</b>  | <b>89.0</b>  | <b>76.8</b>  | <b>79.5</b>  | <b>67.4</b>  | <b>90.7</b>  | <b>83.9</b>  |
| Non-Independent housing                                   |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |

Table 15A.124

**Table 15A.124 Closed support periods in which Indigenous clients needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing, by type of tenure (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>  |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| SAAP/CAP crisis   | %           | 4.6          | 9.0          | 4.3          | 3.6          | 7.3          | 4.7          | 17.3         | 1.2          | 5.4          |
| SAAP/CAP medium/long term                                 | %           | 3.3          | 5.1          | 4.2          | 2.0          | 7.8          | 4.5          | 9.6          | 3.4          | 4.1          |
| Other SAAP/CAP  | %           | 1.7          | 1.5          | 1.9          | 1.4          | 0.9          | 0.8          | 1.7          | 1.1          | 1.6          |
| Institutional setting                                     | %           | 2.3          | 1.2          | 0.6          | 1.7          | 3.3          | 1.7          | 2.7          | 1.1          | 1.7          |
| Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough                        | %           | 1.0          | 1.9          | 2.5          | 1.2          | 1.4          | 5.8          | 1.3          | 2.2          | 1.7          |
| Other (no tenure)   | %           | 2.2          | 0.5          | 1.7          | 1.1          | 2.4          | 3.1          | –            | 0.4          | 1.6          |
| <b>Total</b>  | %           | <b>15.1</b>  | <b>19.2</b>  | <b>15.2</b>  | <b>11.0</b>  | <b>23.1</b>  | <b>20.6</b>  | <b>32.6</b>  | <b>9.4</b>   | <b>16.1</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>  | %           | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>  | no.         | <b>1 700</b> | <b>800</b>   | <b>700</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>4 400</b> |
| 2007-08   |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Type of tenure immediately before support period (h), (i) |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Independent housing                                       |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Purchasing/purchased own home                             | %           | 1.2          | 0.8          | 0.6          | 1.2          | 0.8          | 1.3          | –            | 0.5          | 0.9          |
| Private rental  | %           | 25.1         | 14.8         | 29.6         | 15.3         | 10.4         | 17.2         | 11.0         | 7.3          | 21.0         |
| Public housing rental                                     | %           | 16.2         | 24.5         | 13.3         | 34.8         | 19.5         | 14.6         | 18.7         | 15.3         | 18.7         |
| Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)         | %           | 3.7          | 3.3          | 4.8          | 3.9          | 5.0          | –            | 1.0          | 11.5         | 4.1          |
| Rent free accommodation                                   | %           | 7.0          | 5.8          | 6.8          | 5.0          | 8.1          | 5.9          | 16.8         | 14.3         | 7.2          |
| Boarding  | %           | 24.7         | 28.0         | 20.3         | 17.9         | 30.3         | 24.2         | 14.8         | 29.2         | 24.3         |
| <b>Total</b>  | %           | <b>77.9</b>  | <b>77.2</b>  | <b>75.4</b>  | <b>78.1</b>  | <b>74.1</b>  | <b>63.2</b>  | <b>62.3</b>  | <b>78.1</b>  | <b>76.2</b>  |
| Non-independent housing                                   |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| SAAP/CAP crisis   | %           | 7.6          | 10.3         | 6.0          | 7.2          | 3.9          | 20.3         | 16.6         | 3.9          | 7.8          |
| SAAP/CAP medium/long term                                 | %           | 1.2          | 3.0          | 2.8          | 2.0          | 2.1          | –            | 5.4          | 1.3          | 2.0          |
| Other SAAP/CAP  | %           | 1.3          | 1.5          | 1.6          | 0.9          | 1.8          | 0.8          | 2.4          | 1.7          | 1.4          |
| Institutional setting                                     | %           | 4.0          | 1.5          | 1.7          | 1.9          | 8.6          | 5.2          | 4.5          | 2.1          | 3.4          |
| Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough                        | %           | 5.3          | 4.2          | 10.4         | 8.6          | 8.8          | 5.9          | 8.7          | 7.1          | 6.8          |
| Other (no tenure)   | %           | 2.6          | 2.3          | 1.9          | 1.4          | 0.7          | 4.6          | –            | 5.8          | 2.3          |
| <b>Total</b>  | %           | <b>22.0</b>  | <b>22.8</b>  | <b>24.4</b>  | <b>22.0</b>  | <b>25.9</b>  | <b>36.8</b>  | <b>37.6</b>  | <b>21.9</b>  | <b>23.7</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>  | %           | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>  | no.         | <b>2 400</b> | <b>1 000</b> | <b>1 100</b> | <b>500</b>   | <b>500</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>6 100</b> |
| Type of tenure immediately after support period (j), (k)  |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Independent housing                                       |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |

Table 15A.124

**Table 15A.124 Closed support periods in which Indigenous clients needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing, by type of tenure (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>  |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Purchasing/purchased own home                     | %           | 1.2          | 0.3          | 0.3          | –            | 1.0          | 1.7          | –            | 0.6          | 0.7          |
| Private rental                                    | %           | 38.7         | 16.7         | 40.5         | 19.0         | 18.1         | 24.7         | 10.2         | 11.7         | 29.9         |
| Public housing rental                             | %           | 21.4         | 36.6         | 17.0         | 42.6         | 28.8         | 30.3         | 40.7         | 30.1         | 26.5         |
| Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional) | %           | 5.9          | 3.5          | 7.5          | 5.5          | 9.5          | 3.3          | 1.2          | 9.3          | 6.0          |
| Rent free accommodation                           | %           | 4.5          | 3.5          | 2.6          | 3.6          | 2.9          | 0.7          | 7.5          | 8.4          | 3.9          |
| Boarding  | %           | 16.2         | 20.4         | 15.8         | 16.4         | 20.8         | 15.7         | 9.6          | 23.7         | 17.4         |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>87.9</b>  | <b>81.0</b>  | <b>83.7</b>  | <b>87.1</b>  | <b>81.1</b>  | <b>76.4</b>  | <b>69.2</b>  | <b>83.8</b>  | <b>84.4</b>  |
| Non-Independent housing                           |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| SAAP/CAP crisis                                   | %           | 3.9          | 8.9          | 4.1          | 3.6          | 3.0          | 8.9          | 11.6         | 1.1          | 4.9          |
| SAAP/CAP medium/long term                         | %           | 2.1          | 5.0          | 5.1          | 4.2          | 4.9          | 6.4          | 15.3         | 5.4          | 4.1          |
| Other SAAP/CAP                                    | %           | 1.4          | 1.7          | 1.8          | 1.4          | 1.9          | –            | –            | 1.1          | 1.5          |
| Institutional setting                             | %           | 1.8          | 1.0          | 1.7          | 1.8          | 4.5          | 3.2          | –            | 2.4          | 1.9          |
| Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough                | %           | 1.3          | 1.0          | 2.6          | 1.6          | 3.9          | 3.0          | 3.9          | 2.2          | 1.9          |
| Other (no tenure)                                 | %           | 1.7          | 1.2          | 1.0          | 0.4          | 0.7          | 2.2          | –            | 3.9          | 1.4          |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>12.2</b>  | <b>18.8</b>  | <b>16.3</b>  | <b>13.0</b>  | <b>18.9</b>  | <b>23.7</b>  | <b>30.8</b>  | <b>16.1</b>  | <b>15.7</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 800</b> | <b>800</b>   | <b>900</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>4 700</b> |

- (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) From 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Historical data prior to 2005-06 are available in previous Reports.
- (d) Data exclude 71 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (e) Data exclude 456 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.
- (f) Data exclude 94 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (g) Data exclude 1570 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.
- (h) Data exclude 172 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (i) Data exclude 514 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.
- (j) Data exclude 197 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (k) Data exclude 1848 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.
- Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.203.

**Table 15A.125 Closed support periods: Labour force status of Indigenous clients who needed employment and training assistance, before and after SAAP support (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>  |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2006-07                      |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Before SAAP Support (c), (d) |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Employed full time           | %           | 2.3          | 2.0          | 2.1          | 8.0          | 1.4          | –            | 5.9          | –            | 2.7          |
| Employed part time           | %           | 3.4          | 2.1          | 5.2          | 8.8          | 4.8          | –            | 8.2          | 6.5          | 4.3          |
| Unemployed                   | %           | 29.0         | 38.5         | 43.9         | 28.8         | 41.5         | 44.5         | 25.6         | 36.7         | 34.1         |
| Not in labour force          | %           | 65.3         | 57.4         | 48.8         | 54.4         | 52.3         | 55.5         | 60.3         | 56.9         | 59.0         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>no.</b>  | <b>600</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>–</b>     | <b>–</b>     | <b>100</b>   | <b>1 400</b> |
| After SAAP Support (e), (f)  |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Employed full time           | %           | 5.0          | 5.1          | 9.9          | 10.8         | 5.5          | 16.0         | 20.3         | –            | 6.7          |
| Employed part time           | %           | 9.1          | 6.0          | 9.9          | 14.4         | 3.8          | 6.7          | 9.3          | 13.2         | 9.0          |
| Unemployed                   | %           | 28.0         | 37.0         | 38.5         | 25.4         | 35.9         | 30.7         | 18.1         | 30.6         | 31.0         |
| Not in labour force          | %           | 58.0         | 51.9         | 41.6         | 49.4         | 54.7         | 46.6         | 52.3         | 56.2         | 53.3         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>no.</b>  | <b>600</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>–</b>     | <b>–</b>     | <b>–</b>     | <b>1 200</b> |
| 2007-08                      |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Before SAAP Support (g), (h) |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Employed full time           | %           | 3.1          | 2.3          | 3.7          | 0.9          | 1.0          | –            | 6.7          | 2.6          | 2.8          |
| Employed part time           | %           | 4.3          | 3.7          | 5.4          | 8.2          | 4.7          | 10.6         | 3.0          | 2.8          | 4.7          |
| Unemployed                   | %           | 27.3         | 40.0         | 40.5         | 35.2         | 30.9         | 38.2         | 12.7         | 42.0         | 32.1         |
| Not in labour force          | %           | 65.3         | 54.0         | 50.5         | 55.8         | 63.4         | 51.2         | 77.6         | 52.7         | 60.4         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>no.</b>  | <b>800</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>–</b>     | <b>–</b>     | <b>–</b>     | <b>1 600</b> |
| After SAAP Support (i), (j)  |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Employed full time           | %           | 5.5          | 4.7          | 6.5          | 5.6          | 1.1          | –            | 13.5         | 3.1          | 5.2          |
| Employed part time           | %           | 7.0          | 6.4          | 11.4         | 10.1         | 6.3          | 15.5         | 6.5          | 18.8         | 8.0          |
| Unemployed                   | %           | 26.0         | 42.5         | 35.6         | 33.7         | 37.4         | 39.5         | 12.8         | 34.9         | 31.3         |
| Not in labour force          | %           | 61.5         | 46.3         | 46.5         | 50.5         | 55.2         | 45.0         | 67.2         | 43.1         | 55.4         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>no.</b>  | <b>700</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>–</b>     | <b>–</b>     | <b>–</b>     | <b>1 500</b> |

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

(b) From 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Historical data prior to 2005-06 are available in previous Reports.

(c) Data exclude 13 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(d) Data exclude 56 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't know' response.

(e) Data exclude 17 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(f) Data exclude 217 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.

(g) Data exclude 3 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

**Table 15A.125 Closed support periods: Labour force status of Indigenous clients who needed employment and training assistance, before and after SAAP support (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> |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|

(h) Data exclude 24 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't know' response.

(i) Data exclude 5 closed support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(j) Data exclude 181 closed support periods (weighted) due to 'Don't know' response.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

*Source:* SAAP NDC Client Collection (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.205.

Table 15A.126

Table 15A.126 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>   |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2003-04                         |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Total number of support periods |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| 1                               | %           | 76.6         | 74.1         | 76.3         | 68.0         | 68.1         | 73.2         | 72.8         | 74.0         | 71.4          |
| 2                               | %           | 12.8         | 13.8         | 14.0         | 15.5         | 17.7         | 14.3         | 9.3          | 14.5         | 14.7          |
| 3                               | %           | 4.2          | 4.4          | 5.0          | 8.5          | 7.2          | 7.2          | 11.2         | 5.4          | 6.1           |
| 4                               | %           | 2.1          | 2.7          | 1.8          | 3.0          | 3.4          | 3.1          | 5.0          | 3.1          | 2.9           |
| 5                               | %           | 1.2          | 2.0          | 0.9          | 1.7          | 2.2          | 1.1          | 1.1          | 1.3          | 1.6           |
| 6+                              | %           | 3.1          | 3.0          | 2.0          | 3.4          | 1.4          | 1.1          | 0.5          | 1.8          | 3.2           |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>4 200</b> | <b>1 500</b> | <b>3 900</b> | <b>3 200</b> | <b>1 500</b> | <b>400</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>1 800</b> | <b>15 900</b> |
| 2004-05                         |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Total number of support periods |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| 1                               | %           | 74.1         | 75.7         | 78.5         | 67.8         | 67.6         | 73.8         | 81.5         | 73.7         | 70.8          |
| 2                               | %           | 14.4         | 13.9         | 13.3         | 16.5         | 17.9         | 16.9         | 10.2         | 15.7         | 15.6          |
| 3                               | %           | 4.7          | 4.7          | 3.7          | 7.7          | 6.3          | 5.8          | 5.3          | 5.4          | 6.2           |
| 4                               | %           | 2.0          | 2.7          | 1.7          | 3.0          | 3.6          | 1.4          | 1.8          | 2.4          | 2.8           |
| 5                               | %           | 1.7          | 1.1          | 1.0          | 1.9          | 1.9          | 1.1          | 1.2          | 1.1          | 1.7           |
| 6+                              | %           | 3.0          | 2.0          | 1.7          | 3.1          | 2.7          | 1.1          | –            | 1.6          | 2.9           |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>4 000</b> | <b>1 600</b> | <b>3 700</b> | <b>3 300</b> | <b>1 600</b> | <b>400</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>1 800</b> | <b>15 900</b> |
| 2005-06                         |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Total number of support periods |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| 1                               | %           | 79.8         | 75.0         | 80.2         | 70.2         | 70.1         | 70.1         | 82.5         | 77.3         | 75.4          |
| 2                               | %           | 11.5         | 13.3         | 12.0         | 16.2         | 16.4         | 17.2         | 7.1          | 14.9         | 13.7          |
| 3                               | %           | 4.8          | 4.1          | 4.2          | 7.3          | 6.5          | 7.9          | 5.2          | 4.3          | 5.5           |
| 4                               | %           | 1.4          | 2.8          | 1.7          | 2.6          | 3.6          | 2.6          | 2.6          | 2.6          | 2.3           |
| 5                               | %           | 1.0          | 1.2          | 0.8          | 1.5          | 1.6          | 0.6          | 0.6          | 0.6          | 1.2           |
| 6+                              | %           | 1.6          | 3.6          | 1.0          | 2.1          | 1.8          | 1.7          | 1.9          | 0.4          | 2.0           |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>4 300</b> | <b>1 900</b> | <b>3 700</b> | <b>3 200</b> | <b>1 900</b> | <b>400</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>1 900</b> | <b>17 100</b> |
| 2006-07                         |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Total number of support periods |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| 1                               | %           | 75.6         | 70.8         | 76.4         | 69.8         | 64.8         | 76.0         | 81.9         | 73.2         | 72.1          |
| 2                               | %           | 13.7         | 14.5         | 15.4         | 17.0         | 15.7         | 13.5         | 11.7         | 15.1         | 15.1          |
| 3                               | %           | 4.9          | 6.3          | 4.3          | 6.4          | 7.0          | 5.2          | 4.3          | 6.4          | 5.9           |
| 4                               | %           | 2.2          | 2.5          | 1.6          | 3.3          | 3.8          | 2.6          | 1.0          | 2.2          | 2.5           |
| 5                               | %           | 1.1          | 1.6          | 1.1          | 1.3          | 2.9          | 0.8          | 1.0          | 1.6          | 1.5           |
| 6+                              | %           | 2.5          | 4.3          | 1.1          | 2.1          | 5.7          | 2.0          | –            | 1.5          | 2.8           |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>no.</b>  | <b>5 600</b> | <b>2 100</b> | <b>4 200</b> | <b>3 600</b> | <b>2 300</b> | <b>500</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>2 100</b> | <b>20 100</b> |

Table 15A.126

Table 15A.126 **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>   |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2007-08   |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| Total number of support periods   |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| 1   | %           | 75.9         | 71.0         | 76.7         | 62.2         | 68.9         | 75.5         | 73.4         | 74.1         | 71.6          |
| 2   | %           | 13.6         | 15.0         | 13.6         | 21.7         | 16.1         | 13.9         | 18.1         | 16.4         | 15.8          |
| 3   | %           | 4.6          | 5.8          | 4.9          | 6.6          | 5.6          | 6.7          | 5.2          | 5.4          | 5.5           |
| 4   | %           | 2.1          | 2.9          | 2.1          | 4.1          | 3.3          | 1.9          | 0.9          | 2.5          | 2.8           |
| 5   | %           | 1.2          | 1.8          | 0.9          | 2.0          | 2.2          | 0.5          | 1.4          | 0.7          | 1.4           |
| 6+  | %           | 2.6          | 3.5          | 1.9          | 3.5          | 3.9          | 1.6          | 1.0          | 0.9          | 2.9           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>no.</b>  | <b>6 400</b> | <b>2 200</b> | <b>4 500</b> | <b>3 500</b> | <b>2 400</b> | <b>500</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>1 900</b> | <b>21 300</b> |
| Proportion of SAAP clients who return to SAAP within 12 months that is, clients having two or more support periods in 12 months |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |
| 2003-04   | %           | 23.4         | 25.9         | 23.7         | 32.1         | 31.9         | 26.8         | 27.1         | 26.1         | 28.5          |
| 2004-05   | %           | 25.8         | 24.4         | 21.4         | 32.2         | 32.4         | 26.3         | 18.5         | 26.2         | 29.2          |
| 2005-06   | %           | 20.3         | 25.0         | 19.7         | 29.7         | 29.9         | 30.0         | 17.4         | 22.8         | 24.7          |
| 2006-07   | %           | 24.4         | 29.2         | 23.5         | 30.1         | 35.1         | 24.1         | 18.0         | 26.8         | 27.8          |
| 2007-08   | %           | 24.1         | 29.0         | 23.4         | 37.9         | 31.1         | 24.6         | 26.6         | 25.9         | 28.4          |

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding. A client may have support periods in more than one state or territory. Therefore state and territory figures may not sum to the national figure.

(b) Client figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

(c) Excludes 6686 clients who did not answer the question about Indigenous identification.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client Collection* (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.207.

Table 15A.127

Table 15A.127 **Source of income immediately before and after SAAP support of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit (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>  |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Source of income before SAAP support |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 2006-07 (c), (d)                     |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| No income                            | %           | 21.7         | 15.1         | 14.0         | 10.6         | 14.6         | 10.0         | 34.4         | 12.1         | 16.2         |
| Awaiting benefit                     | %           | 2.5          | 0.9          | 1.6          | 1.6          | 1.2          | 8.3          | 14.3         | 3.6          | 2.3          |
| Government pension/benefit           | %           | 73.0         | 81.5         | 78.3         | 83.2         | 81.2         | 74.6         | 48.5         | 83.0         | 78.0         |
| Other                                | %           | 2.8          | 2.4          | 6.1          | 4.6          | 3.1          | 7.0          | 2.9          | 1.2          | 3.5          |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>no.</b>  | <b>900</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>     | <b>300</b>   | <b>2 600</b> |
| Source of income after SAAP support  |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 2006-07 (e), (f)                     |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| No income                            | %           | 5.7          | 2.5          | 5.9          | 4.0          | 7.0          | -            | 19.5         | 4.0          | 5.1          |
| Awaiting benefit                     | %           | 3.9          | 1.4          | 2.6          | 1.6          | 0.7          | 12.6         | 12.5         | 4.0          | 3.0          |
| Government pension/benefit           | %           | 86.7         | 93.6         | 87.7         | 91.8         | 90.9         | 84.1         | 60.5         | 90.6         | 88.8         |
| Other                                | %           | 3.8          | 2.5          | 3.8          | 2.6          | 1.4          | 3.2          | 7.6          | 1.3          | 3.1          |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>no.</b>  | <b>800</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>     | <b>300</b>   | <b>2 400</b> |
| Source of income before SAAP support |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 2007-08 (g), (h)                     |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| No income                            | %           | 18.0         | 10.5         | 16.4         | 7.5          | 19.4         | 12.8         | 22.4         | 15.9         | 15.2         |
| No income, awaiting benefit          | %           | 3.2          | 2.0          | 3.6          | 2.4          | 2.5          | 15.5         | -            | 4.7          | 3.2          |
| Government pension/benefit           | %           | 74.3         | 84.1         | 75.4         | 86.5         | 75.7         | 59.5         | 64.7         | 72.0         | 77.1         |
| Other                                | %           | 4.6          | 3.3          | 4.6          | 3.7          | 2.3          | 12.1         | 12.9         | 7.4          | 4.5          |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>no.</b>  | <b>1 000</b> | <b>400</b>   | <b>500</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>     | <b>200</b>   | <b>2 700</b> |
| Source of income after SAAP support  |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 2007-08 (i), (j)                     |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| No income                            | %           | 4.2          | 3.7          | 8.7          | 3.0          | 10.1         | -            | 14.6         | 7.1          | 5.6          |
| No income, awaiting benefit          | %           | 3.2          | 1.7          | 1.9          | 1.8          | 1.4          | 3.1          | -            | 3.6          | 2.4          |
| Government pension/benefit           | %           | 87.2         | 91.0         | 85.7         | 93.7         | 86.4         | 83.6         | 63.1         | 83.8         | 87.7         |
| Other                                | %           | 5.4          | 3.5          | 3.7          | 1.4          | 2.1          | 13.3         | 22.2         | 5.4          | 4.3          |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>%</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>no.</b>  | <b>900</b>   | <b>400</b>   | <b>500</b>   | <b>300</b>   | <b>200</b>   | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>     | <b>200</b>   | <b>2 500</b> |

**Table 15A.127 Source of income immediately before and after SAAP support of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit (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> |
|-----|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| (a) | Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (b) | From 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Historical data prior to 2005-06 are available in previous Reports. |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (c) | 32 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (d) | 30 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' response.  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (e) | 51 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (f) | 242 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.                     |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (g) | 29 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (h) | 74 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' response.  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (i) | 43 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
| (j) | 255 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' response.   |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |
|     | – Nil or rounded to zero.  |            |            |            |           |           |            |            |           |             |

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client Collection* (unpublished); 2010 Report, table 15A.210.