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## 13A Children's services — attachment

Definitions for the descriptors and indicators in this attachment are in Section 13A.3. Unsourced information has been obtained from Commonwealth, State and Territory governments.

The data contained in this attachment may be subject to revision. The web page version of the Report contains the most up-to-date data where changes have occurred. This attachment can be found at [www.pc.gov.au/service/gsp/2000/attach13A.pdf](http://www.pc.gov.au/service/gsp/2000/attach13A.pdf). Users without Internet access can contact the Secretariat (details inside front cover of the Report).

Data in this report are examined by the Review's Children's Services Working Group, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat. A peer review process is also undertaken in the development of data definitions.

### **13A.1 All jurisdictions' data**

## Descriptors

Table 13A.1 Estimated resident population, children 12 years and younger (number)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust<sup>a</sup></i>
<i>30 June 1996</i>									
0–2	262 618	188 520	144 990	75 984	58 086	20 528	13 302	10 821	775 016
3	88 624	63 734	48 988	25 214	19 840	6 832	4 407	3 498	261 212
4	88 048	63 486	49 212	25 390	19 732	6 877	4 456	3 554	260 821
5	89 344	64 798	49 607	26 368	19 892	7 086	4 645	3 566	265 374
6 – 12	609 334	441 480	341 471	186 962	141 516	50 025	31 717	22 018	1 825 006
Total	1 137 968	822 018	634 268	339 918	259 066	91 348	58 527	43 457	3 387 429
<i>30 June 1997</i>									
0–2	261 645	186 088	144 296	75 857	57 304	19 701	13 047	10 773	768 873
3	88 162	63 918	49 226	25 602	19 542	6 904	4 309	3 504	261 229
4	88 684	63 800	49 591	25 527	19 843	6 791	4 355	3 520	262 186
5	88 211	63 651	49 855	25 642	19 714	6 859	4 389	3 552	261 939
6 – 12	614 084	444 370	345 288	188 325	140 500	49 483	31 469	22 576	1 836 594
Total	1 140 786	821 827	638 256	340 953	256 903	89 738	57 569	43 925	3 390 821
<i>30 June 1998</i>									
0–2	258 628	184 192	143 356	75 162	55 812	18 609	12 517	10 672	759 101
3	88 153	64 033	49 316	25 942	19 595	6 807	4 357	3 554	261 813
4	88 391	64 172	49 924	25 938	19 570	6 836	4 303	3 490	262 685
5	88 964	64 115	50 224	25 856	19 862	6 769	4 304	3 506	263 674
6–12	617 023	446 937	350 046	189 127	139 926	48 624	31 023	23 108	1 846 301
Total	1 141 159	823 449	642 866	342 025	254 765	87 645	56 504	44 330	3 393 574

<sup>a</sup> Data for Australia included other Territories.

Source: ABS, *Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories*, (cat. no. 3201.0, unpublished).

**Table 13A.2 Number of children and staff from services included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care, children and staff**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<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>1995-96</i>										
Children (0–12 years) <sup>a</sup>	no.	156 000	114 300	117 100	36 600	38 400	12 400	11 700	5 200	491 700
Paid primary contact staff	FTE <sup>b</sup>	8 700	5 900	7 200	2 300	1 600	500	700	300	27 200
Paid administrative staff	FTE <sup>b</sup>	1 100	900	1 000	350	300	80	100	50	3 880
Other paid staff	FTE <sup>b</sup>	750	450	350	200	100	30	30	30	1 940
Family day carers	FTE <sup>b, c</sup>	4 800	4 600	3 400	1 000	1 700	500	800	250	17 050
Unpaid staff	no.	1 400	1 300	1 000	300	300	100	60	60	4 520
<i>1997-98</i>										
Children (0–5 years) <sup>a</sup>	no.	119 900	80 000	80 900	27 700	21 700	8 500	6 300	3 500	348 500
Children (0–12 years) <sup>a</sup>	no.	175 800	128 300	126 900	40 900	40 600	12 900	11 500	5 500	542 400
Paid primary contact staff	FTE <sup>b</sup>	9 400	7 060	7 700	2 500	1 600	470	800	400	29 930
Paid administrative staff	FTE <sup>b</sup>	1 400	1 040	1 100	350	330	80	100	60	4 460
Other paid staff	FTE <sup>b</sup>	800	530	300	200	100	30	30	30	2 020
Family day carers	FTE <sup>b, c</sup>	4 400	4 300	3 600	980	1 600	500	600	200	16 180
Unpaid staff	no.	1 420	1 300	1 100	350	300	80	30	50	4 630

<sup>a</sup> Numbers of children in each age category included vacation care which may result in double counting as a result of an overlap with outside school hours care. Children from Aboriginal playgroups were not included because ages are not collected for these children. There were 2500 children who attended Aboriginal playgroups. Data includes a small number of children older than 12 years. <sup>b</sup> Full time equivalent was interpreted as working 38 hours per week. No information was available for Aboriginal playgroups, mobiles, neighbourhood model and family day care schemes. These questions were not asked in the Census of Child Care Services. <sup>c</sup> For family day care it is not possible to determine whether a carer is an employee or a contractor — the situation differs within each State and between States.

**Table 13A.3 Number of places provided by services included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care, (number)<sup>a</sup>**

	<i>NSW</i>	<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>1995-96<sup>b</sup></i>									
Centre based long day care	54 200	35 000	50 400	13 900	8 100	2 050	2 950	1 400	168 000
Family day care	19 200	16 400	10 700	3 700	5 100	1 700	2 500	900	60 200
Outside school hours care <sup>c</sup>	24 100	18 200	13 600	6 100	5 500	1 700	2 000	700	71 900
Occasional care <sup>d</sup>	1 400	1 300	750	550	450	250	150	50	4 900
Other care	510	280	200	250	200	30	0	200	1 670
<i>1997-98<sup>e</sup></i>									
Centre based long day care	62 100	43 700	55 000	15 300	10 100	2 600	3 930	1 800	194 530
Family day care	20 500	16 800	11 800	4 000	5 100	2 000	2 600	900	63 700
Vacation care	14 600	4 700	8 200	3 000	4 100	600	960	1 100	37 260
Before school hours care	10 500	6 300	2 900	1 700	3 500	100	460	50	25 510
After school hours care	21 500	17 900	13 900	5 200	7 300	1 500	2 600	1 300	71 200
Occasional care	1 500	1 300	800	500	450	200	130	50	4 930
Other care	550	250	300	270	180	40	0	200	1 790
<i>1998-99<sup>f</sup></i>									
Centre based long day care	62 150	41 350	54 350	14 600	9 900	2 400	3 700	1 850	190 300
Family day care	20 900	16 900	11 900	3 600	5 200	2 040	2 600	900	64 040
Outside school hours care	49 600	40 900	33 150	11 400	16 100	2 850	3 800	3 200	161 000
Occasional care	1 500	1 400	750	500	450	200	130	50	4 980
Other care	500	300	250	300	200	30	0	200	1 780

<sup>a</sup> Data sourced from the Child Care System. <sup>b</sup> Number of operational places at June 1996. The numbers of places were rounded. <sup>c</sup> Disaggregated data were not available for vacation care, before and after school hours services. <sup>d</sup> Included neighbourhood model places. <sup>e</sup> Number of operational places at 30 June 1998. <sup>f</sup> Number of operational places at 30 June 1999.

Table 13A.4 Fees paid for services included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care (dollars)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
<i>1995-96<sup>b</sup></i>								
Centre based long day care <sup>c</sup>	147.00	146.00	139.00	145.00	159.00	157.00	153.00	132.00
Family day care <sup>c</sup>	128.00	117.00	116.00	125.00	125.00	133.00	122.00	117.00
Vacation care <sup>c</sup>	60.00	77.00	59.00	76.00	52.00	90.00	93.00	98.00
Before school hours care <sup>d</sup>	4.56	3.72	3.14	3.96	2.86	4.34	4.14	2.50
After school hours care <sup>d</sup>	6.35	5.44	5.21	6.27	5.38	5.97	7.77	8.12
Occasional care <sup>e</sup>	3.88	3.35	3.88	3.35	2.48	3.72	3.43	4.40
Other care <sup>f</sup>	130.00	152.00	126.00	151.00	165.00	..	..	134.00
<i>1997-98</i>								
Centre based long day care <sup>c</sup>	161.00	157.00	146.00	152.00	165.00	174.00	172.00	149.00
Family day care <sup>c</sup>	139.00	121.00	121.00	140.00	134.00	152.00	151.00	123.00
Vacation care <sup>c</sup>	60.00	71.00	64.00	75.00	62.00	82.00	99.00	85.00
Before school hours care <sup>d</sup>	4.57	3.74	3.46	4.05	2.80	4.15	4.07	2.00
After school hours care <sup>d</sup>	6.48	5.53	5.51	6.18	4.97	6.32	7.85	7.93
Occasional care <sup>g</sup>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other care <sup>g</sup>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<i>1998-99<sup>h</sup></i>								
Centre based long day care <sup>c</sup>	172.00	164.00	155.00	160.00	168.00	176.00	182.00	153.00
Family day care <sup>c</sup>	149.00	129.00	127.00	151.00	161.00	160.00	160.00	134.00

<sup>a</sup> Fees for some services include meals, nappies, administration charges and levies. <sup>b</sup> Fees were provided from the 1996 and 1997 Child Care Censuses. <sup>c</sup> Average weekly fee. <sup>d</sup> Average sessional fee. <sup>e</sup> Average hourly fee. <sup>f</sup> Average weekly fee for multifunctional children's services only. <sup>g</sup> Average weekly fees were not available for the sample week. <sup>h</sup> Estimated fees at June 1999. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

Table 13A.5 Hours attended at services included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care, (per child)<sup>a</sup>

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
<i>1995-96</i>								
Centre based long day care	18.6	23.6	20.7	20	18.7	14.4	28.9	25.9
Family day care	20.3	17.2	21.9	19.5	15.7	13.6	24.4	26
Vacation care <sup>b</sup>	2.8	2.6	3	3	2.3	2.2	3.2	3.5
Before school hours care	5.5	3.9	2.5	5.6	3.3	2.6	3.8	4.6
After school hours care	7.5	7.5	6.8	7.9	5.1	4.9	7.9	10.2
Occasional care	7.2	5.9	7.2	7.4	5.6	10.5	7.7	5.8
<i>1997-98</i>								
Centre based long day care	18.2	22.6	19.9	19.3	17.4	14.4	26.0	26.9
Family day care	19.3	16.5	21.0	17.6	14.9	14.0	20.8	27.9
Vacation care <sup>b</sup>	2.7	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.3	3.2	4.4
Before school hours care	5.2	3.8	4.4	5.5	2.7	3.0	3.2	na
After school hours care	7.2	5.5	6.7	7.7	5.0	4.8	7.5	10.6
Occasional care	6.7	4.4	6.5	6.5	3.9	8.4	7.8	5.3
Other care	15.3	24.0	20.7	17.8	18.0	20.0	0.0	29.0

<sup>a</sup> Average attendance hours were derived by summing hours paid for within each sector and dividing by the number of children who attended in the reference week. No information was available for mobile and Aboriginal playgroups for hours of attendance; children from these sectors were not included in the total children using other care. The children count in this section will be lower than the number of children in table 12A.2. <sup>b</sup> Average days of attendance. The census asked for days, not hours, attended. **na** Not available.

Table 13A.6 Commonwealth Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
<i>1995-96</i>									
Administrative expenditure <sup>a</sup>	5 234	3 511	3 478	1 886	1 274	565	546	645	17 139
Other expenditure on service provision	59 310	42 182	33 238	17 295	16 614	5 854	5 176	4 699	184 369
Expenditure on assets	1 821	3 351	2 019	483	1 631	785	262	401	10 753
Financial support to families <sup>b</sup>	185 677	145 628	204 572	53 076	43 251	10 350	9 062	5 398	657 015
<b>Total</b>	<b>252 043</b>	<b>194 672</b>	<b>243 308</b>	<b>72 740</b>	<b>62 770</b>	<b>17 555</b>	<b>15 046</b>	<b>11 143</b>	<b>869 277</b>
<i>1997-98</i>									
Administrative expenditure <sup>c</sup>	3 725	2 679	2 802	1 313	1 065	441	437	479	12 942
Other expenditure on service provision	52 252	36 767	31 709	15 740	15 045	5 350	4 740	4 383	165 985
Expenditure on assets	3 278	3 684	4 160	540	875	698	398	296	13 930
Financial support to families <sup>d</sup>	232 999	164 553	213 647	58 050	43 976	12 960	14 195	7 881	748 260
<b>Total</b>	<b>292 254</b>	<b>207 683</b>	<b>252 318</b>	<b>75 643</b>	<b>60 961</b>	<b>19 448</b>	<b>19 770</b>	<b>13 039</b>	<b>941 116</b>
<i>1998-99</i>									
Administrative expenditure <sup>e</sup>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	80 512
Other expenditure on service provision <sup>f</sup>	39 899	30 358	29 916	13 011	12 730	4 451	3 526	3 892	134 783
Expenditure on assets	6 296	2 639	2 805	850	1 400	526	468	974	15 956
Financial support to families <sup>g</sup>	226 467	170 079	217 251	59 573	46 953	13 334	13 380	8 019	755 054
<b>Total</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>986 305</b>

<sup>a</sup> Data excludes administration expenditure for central office, Health Insurance Commission and Centrelink. <sup>b</sup> Data includes families receiving Childcare Assistance only. <sup>c</sup> Data excludes \$57.2 million spent administration expenditure for central office, Health Insurance Commission and Centrelink as these costs could not be disaggregated by jurisdiction. <sup>d</sup> Data includes families receiving Childcare Assistance and the Childcare Rebate for formal care and preschool services, but not for informal care services. <sup>e</sup> Data represents estimate of total administrative costs (due to transitional arrangements). Expenditure unable to be disaggregated by state. <sup>f</sup> Total recurrent expenditure minus financial support to families. <sup>g</sup> Data represents Childcare Assistance and the Childcare Rebate for formal care. **na** Not available.

Table 13A.7 Commonwealth Government real expenditure on children's services (1998-99 \$'000)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
<i>1995-96</i>									
Administrative expenditure <sup>a</sup>	5 386	3 613	3 579	1 941	1 310	581	562	664	17 636
Other expenditure on service provision	61 030	43 405	34 202	17 797	17 096	6 024	5 326	4 835	189 715
Expenditure on assets	1 874	3 448	2 078	497	1 678	808	270	413	11 065
Financial support to families <sup>b</sup>	191 062	149 851	210 505	54 615	44 451	10 650	9 324	5 555	676 068
<b>Total</b>	<b>259 352</b>	<b>200 317</b>	<b>250 364</b>	<b>74 850</b>	<b>64 535</b>	<b>18 063</b>	<b>15 482</b>	<b>11 467</b>	<b>894 484</b>
<i>1997-98</i>									
Administrative expenditure <sup>c</sup>	3 740	2 690	2 813	1 318	1 069	442	439	481	12 992
Other expenditure on service provision	52 461	36 914	31 836	15 802	15 105	5 371	4 759	4 401	166 649
Expenditure on assets	3 291	3 699	4 176	542	879	701	400	297	13 985
Financial support to families <sup>d</sup>	233 931	165 211	214 502	58 282	44 151	13 011	14 251	7 912	751 251
<b>Total</b>	<b>293 931</b>	<b>208 514</b>	<b>253 326</b>	<b>75 944</b>	<b>61 205</b>	<b>19 525</b>	<b>19 849</b>	<b>13 091</b>	<b>944 877</b>
<i>1998-99</i>									
Administrative expenditure <sup>e</sup>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	80 512
Other expenditure on service provision <sup>f</sup>	39 899	30 358	29 916	13 011	12 730	4 451	3 526	3 892	134 783
Expenditure on assets	6 296	2 639	2 805	850	1 400	526	468	974	15 956
Financial support to families <sup>g</sup>	226 467	170 079	217 251	59 573	46 953	13 334	13 380	8 019	755 054
<b>Total</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>986 305</b>

<sup>a</sup> Data excludes administration expenditure for central office, Health Insurance Commission and Centrelink. <sup>b</sup> Data includes families receiving Childcare Assistance only. <sup>c</sup> Data excludes \$57.2 million spent administration expenditure for central office, Health Insurance Commission and Centrelink as these costs could not be disaggregated by jurisdiction. <sup>d</sup> Data includes families receiving Childcare Assistance and the Childcare Rebate for formal care and preschool services, but not for informal care services. <sup>e</sup> Data represents estimate of total administrative costs (due to transitional arrangements). Expenditure unable to be disaggregated by state. <sup>f</sup> Total recurrent expenditure minus financial support to families. <sup>g</sup> Data represents Childcare Assistance and the Childcare Rebate for formal care. **na** Not available.

**Table 13A.8 Paid primary contact staff in child care with qualifications or experience working in services included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care, 1995-96<sup>a</sup>**

	<i>NSW</i>	<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>Number</i>									
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification <sup>b</sup>	5 982	4 372	4 640	1 544	1 185	406	537	147	18 813
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	2 220	1 519	1 018	438	612	186	269	96	6 358
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time work experience	3 240	2 590	3 936	1 004	820	264	493	157	12 504
Total paid primary contact staff	11 442	8 481	9 594	2 986	2 617	856	1 299	400	37 675
<i>Per cent</i>									
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification <sup>b</sup>	52.3	51.5	48.4	51.7	45.3	47.4	41.3	36.8	49.9
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	19.4	17.9	10.6	14.6	23.4	21.7	20.7	24.0	16.9
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time work experience	28.3	30.6	41.0	33.7	31.3	30.9	38.0	39.3	33.2
Total paid primary contact staff	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

<sup>a</sup> Figures were provided from the 1996 Child Care Census. Paid primary contact staff did not include staff in Aboriginal playgroups, neighbourhood model and family day care coordination staff for which data were not available. Figures include family day care givers. <sup>b</sup> Includes staff training for a qualification.

**Table 13A.9 Paid primary contact staff in child care with qualifications or experience working in services included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care, 1997-98<sup>a</sup>**

	<i>NSW</i>	<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>Number</i>									
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification <sup>b</sup>	6 900	5 400	5 300	1 600	1 200	400	600	200	21 600
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	2 900	1 800	1 500	550	700	200	300	100	8 050
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time work experience	3 700	2 900	3 900	1 200	800	200	500	200	13 400
Total paid primary contact staff	13 500	10 100	10 700	3 350	2 700	800	1 400	500	43 050
<i>Per cent</i>									
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification <sup>b</sup>	51.1	53.5	49.5	47.8	44.4	50.0	42.9	40.0	50.2
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	21.5	17.8	14.0	16.4	25.9	25.0	21.4	20.0	18.7
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time work experience	27.4	28.7	36.4	35.8	29.6	25.0	35.7	40.0	31.1
Total paid primary contact staff	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

<sup>a</sup> Excludes family day care, Aboriginal playgroups, and occasional care neighbourhood model for which data were not available. <sup>b</sup> Includes staff training for a qualification.

**Table 13A.10 Children using services by employment status of parents, 1996 (per cent)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<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>Child care</i>									
Both parents in workforce	81	75	67	59	75	62	86	70	74
At least one parent not in workforce	19	25	33	41	25	38	14	30	26
<i>Preschool</i>									
Both parents in workforce	55	45	45	37	48	61	57	53	49
At least one parent not in workforce	45	55	54	63	52	39	43	47	51

Source: ABS, *Child Care Survey: Australia*, (cat. no. 4402.0, unpublished).

**Table 13A.11 Children using children's services by employment status of parents (per cent)**

	<i>Both parents in workforce</i>			<i>At least one parent not in workforce</i>		
	<i>Child care</i>	<i>Preschool</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Child care</i>	<i>Preschool</i>	<i>Total</i>
1993	69	46	60	31	54	40
1996	74	49	66	26	51	34

Source: ABS *Child Care Survey: Australia*, (cat. no. 4402.0, unpublished).

Table 13A.12 **Progress of centre based long day care services in the Quality Improvement and Accreditation System, 1999<sup>a, b</sup>**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Accredited with one year between reviews	199	166	91	71	16	3	14	12	572
Accredited with two years between reviews	104	55	44	13	11	2	3	3	235
Accredited with three years between reviews	1 145	521	658	196	143	46	51	17	2 777
Unaccredited <sup>c</sup>	89	53	58	49	4	1	6	9	269
Total number of centres through the QIAS	1 537	795	851	329	174	52	74	41	3 853
In self study, review or moderation, or awaiting council decision	109	67	61	27	15	4	2	5	290
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 646</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>4 143</b>

<sup>a</sup> At 16 July 1999. <sup>b</sup> Figures may change daily and are updated every six weeks following a Council meeting.

<sup>c</sup> The Council continues to work towards accreditation with these centres.

## Effectiveness

Table 13A.13 Services providing nonstandard hours of care included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care (per cent)<sup>a</sup>

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
1995-96									
Centre based long day care <sup>b</sup>	48.3	94.0	80.5	35.3	87.9	43.1	47.4	37.5	69.2
Family day care <sup>c</sup>	2.1	4.1	5.6	3.8	15.4	1.7	1.9	3.6	4.8
Vacation care	81.3	57.1	79.7	88.9	90.3	7.7	0.0	66.7	73.8
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	7.6	na	7.1	9.2	7.7	22.6	16.7	66.7	na
Other care	7.7	0.0	0.0	12.5	14.3	0.0	..	0.0	5.9
1997-98 <sup>d</sup>									
Centre based long day care <sup>b</sup>	50.0	84.4	77.8	77.1	75.0	50.0	50.0	25.0	66.8
Family day care <sup>b, e</sup>	70.0	100.0	80.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	50.0	40.0	81.5
Vacation care	25.0	41.7	65.0	57.1	41.7	15.0	0.0	15.0	38.3
Before school hours care	25.0	9.1	20.0	16.7	1.9	0.0	..	0.0	16.5
After school hours care	40.0	8.0	25.0	23.1	15.0	25.0	1.7	15.0	22.3
Occasional care	4.0	0.7	2.9	8.8	0.0	6.7	10.0	0.0	3.0
Other care	5.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	0.0	..	0.0	4.3

<sup>a</sup> Preliminary data. Rounding has had a greater effect on this indicator for smaller jurisdictions. <sup>b</sup> Includes services providing over 10 hours of care. <sup>c</sup> Proportion of children attending family day care services that receive nonstandard hours of care. <sup>d</sup> Number of services at 30 June 1998. <sup>e</sup> Proportion of family day care schemes that provide nonstandard hours of care. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

Table 13A.14 **Commonwealth and State and Territory government funded and/or provided child care services providing nonstandard hours of care, 1997-98 (per cent)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Centre based long day care <sup>a</sup>	50.0	84.4	77.8	77.1	na	25.0	50.0	25.0
Family day care <sup>a, b</sup>	70.0	100.0	80.0	100.0	100.0	45.5	50.0	40.0
Vacation care	15.4	20.0	53.6	na	na	9.4	3.2	na
Before school hours care	25.0	8.3	20.0	16.7	1.9	0.0	..	0.0
After school hours care	40.0	6.9	25.0	23.1	15.0	25.0	1.7	15.0
Occasional care	6.3	na	2.2	8.8	na	3.8	23.8	0.0
Other care	5.0	0.0	na	10.0	10.0	0.0	..	na

<sup>a</sup> Includes Commonwealth services providing more than 10 hours of care per day. <sup>b</sup> Proportion of family day care schemes that provide nonstandard hours of care.  
**na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

Table 13A.15 **Proportion of attendees of Commonwealth and State and Territory government funded and/or provided child care services from special needs groups (per cent)<sup>a</sup>**

	<i>Proportion of attendees at child care services</i>		<i>Proportion of total children</i>
	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>in the community</i>
Children from non-English speaking backgrounds	9.6 <sup>b</sup>	10.7 <sup>c</sup>	12.6 <sup>d</sup>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	1.9 <sup>b</sup>	1.6 <sup>c</sup>	3.7 <sup>d</sup>
Children from single parent families	20.8 <sup>e</sup>	19.0 <sup>f</sup>	15.7 <sup>d</sup>
Children with disabilities	2.6 <sup>e</sup>	2.0 <sup>c</sup>	7.6 <sup>g</sup>
Children from rural and remote areas	na	21.3 <sup>h</sup>	30.7 <sup>d, i</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Comparisons between the representation of children from special needs groups in attendees of child care services and their representation in the community should be treated with caution because there were definitional differences. Data refer to children under 12 years of age. <sup>b</sup> Does not include children attending some State services in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, Tasmania and the NT. <sup>c</sup> Does not include children attending some State services in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA and SA. <sup>d</sup> Representation in the community related to 1996. <sup>e</sup> Does not include children attending some services in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA, Tasmania and the NT. <sup>f</sup> Does not include children attending some services in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA, Tasmania and the ACT. <sup>g</sup> Data on children with a disability were obtained from the 1998 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, and refer to children aged 14 years and younger. Population data were estimated residential population at June 1998. <sup>h</sup> Does not include children attending some services in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA, and Tasmania. <sup>i</sup> Refers to children 14 years and younger. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS *Census of Population and Housing, Australia*, (cat. no. 2020.0 unpublished); *Child Care, Australia*, (cat. no. 4402.0); *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia*, (cat. no. 4430.0 unpublished); *Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories*, (cat. no. 3201.0, unpublished); Commonwealth Government unpublished; State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 13A.16 Proportion of attendees at child care services from special needs groups (per cent)<sup>a</sup>

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
<i>Children from non-English speaking backgrounds<sup>b</sup></i>									
1995-96	14	12	5	7	6	3	10	5	10
1997-98	15.2	12.5	6.0	8.3	5.9	3.1	12.2	7.3	10.7
Representation in the community <sup>c</sup>	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6
<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children<sup>b</sup></i>									
1995-96	1	0.6	2	2	2	1	1	11	1
1997-98	1.4	0.5	2.4	2.7	1.2	0.8	0.8	14.5	1.6
Representation in the community <sup>d</sup>	3.3	0.9	5.5	5.3	2.8	5.4	1.9	35.9	3.7
<i>Children from single parent families<sup>e</sup></i>									
1995-96	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1997-98	17.5	17.5	21.1	21.3	21.9	19.4	17.4	18.2	19.0
Representation in the community <sup>d</sup>	15.9	14.4	16.7	15.4	16.9	16.9	15.4	18.9	15.7
<i>Children with disabilities<sup>f</sup></i>									
1995-96	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1997-98	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.0	3.2	2.3	1.7	1.8	2.0
Representation in the community <sup>g</sup>	6.6	6.6	8.3	10.3	9.6	7.2	na <sup>h</sup>	na <sup>h</sup>	7.6
<i>Children from rural/remote areas<sup>b, i</sup></i>									
1995-96	22	21	21	21	15	20	0	42	21
1997-98	21.8	21.7	22.5	21.3	17.5	20.2	0.0	43.6	21.3
Representation in the community <sup>d, j</sup>	29.0	28.0	36.9	30.6	30.2	39.9	0.2	59.8	30.7

<sup>a</sup> Does not include children attending Aboriginal playgroups. <sup>b</sup> Vacation care was included, which overlapped children in outside school hours care. <sup>c</sup> Data were obtained from 1996 Survey of Child Care. Australian average was used as data were not available by jurisdiction. <sup>d</sup> Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. <sup>e</sup> There was no information on the number of children from single parent families available for mobiles, occasional care neighbourhood model, occasional care, Aboriginal playgroups and vacation care. <sup>f</sup> The number of children with disabilities using child care did not include those children whose parents had a disability. <sup>g</sup> Data were obtained from the 1998 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. <sup>h</sup> Data on children with a disability were not available for publication. <sup>i</sup> Does not include occasional care neighbourhood model for which data were not available. <sup>j</sup> Refers to children 14 years and younger. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing, Australia*, (cat. no. 2020.0 unpublished); *Child Care Survey: Australia*, (cat. no. 4402.0, unpublished); *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia*, (cat. no. 4430.0 unpublished); *Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories*, (cat. no. 3201.0, unpublished); Commonwealth Government unpublished.

## Efficiency

Table 13A.17 Commonwealth Government recurrent expenditure on child care services (dollars per hour)<sup>a</sup>

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
<i>1995-96</i>								
Centre based long day care	1.95	2.10	2.39	2.22	2.16	1.85	0.93	1.65
Family day care	1.95	2.07	2.34	2.33	3.37	2.32	1.74	2.02
Vacation care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Outside school hours care <sup>b</sup>	1.04	1.28	1.04	1.35	0.97	1.11	0.60	0.70
Occasional care	4.61	3.65	na	4.21	9.53	6.12	1.92	16.47
Other care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<i>1997-98</i>								
Centre based long day care	1.88	1.89	2.19	1.96	2.05	1.91	1.39	1.91
Family day care	2.31	2.50	2.52	2.79	2.93	2.67	2.35	2.33
Vacation care <sup>c</sup>	7.71	6.81	3.16	6.77	4.42	na	10.99	9.13
Outside school hours care <sup>b</sup>	2.46	2.01	2.43	2.85	2.16	2.65	2.11	2.78
Occasional care	3.85	1.54	2.21	3.77	4.23	2.24	2.06	10.80
Other care	21.97	19.02	na	11.28	16.40	29.72	na	5.05

<sup>a</sup> Data excludes expenditure on administration. <sup>b</sup> Disaggregated data were not available for before and after school hours care services. <sup>c</sup> Vacation care data were in days not hours. **na** Not available.

Table 13A.18 Commonwealth Government real recurrent expenditure on child care services (\$1997-98 per hour)<sup>a</sup>

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
<i>1995-96</i>								
Centre based long day care	2.01	2.16	2.47	2.29	2.22	1.90	0.96	1.70
Family day care	2.00	2.13	2.41	2.40	3.47	2.39	1.79	2.09
Vacation care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Outside school hours care <sup>b</sup>	1.07	1.32	1.07	1.39	1.00	1.14	0.62	0.72
Occasional care	4.75	3.76	na	4.33	9.82	6.30	1.98	16.97
Other care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<i>1997-98</i>								
Centre based long day care	1.88	1.89	2.19	1.96	2.05	1.91	1.39	1.91
Family day care	2.31	2.50	2.52	2.79	2.93	2.67	2.35	2.33
Vacation care <sup>c</sup>	7.71	6.81	3.16	6.77	4.42	na	10.99	9.13
Outside school hours care <sup>b</sup>	2.46	2.01	2.43	2.85	2.16	2.65	2.11	2.78
Occasional care	3.85	1.54	2.21	3.77	4.23	2.24	2.06	10.80
Other care	21.97	19.02	na	11.28	16.40	29.72	na	5.05

<sup>a</sup> Data excludes expenditure on administration. <sup>b</sup> Disaggregated data were not available for before and after school hours care services. <sup>c</sup> Vacation care data were in days not hours. **na** Not available.

**Table 13A.19 Commonwealth and State and Territory government recurrent expenditure (dollars per hour)<sup>a</sup>**

		<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Centre based long day care	1995-96	1.95	2.10 <sup>b</sup>	2.39	2.22	2.08	1.85	0.90	1.65
	1997-98	2.00	1.89 <sup>b</sup>	2.20	1.99	na	1.99	na	2.39
Family day care	1995-96	1.95	2.07	2.34	2.33 <sup>c</sup>	3.37	2.32	1.74	2.02
	1997-98	2.31	2.50	2.52	2.87	3.10	2.67	2.35	2.33
Vacation care	1995-96	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1997-98	na	na	1.33	0.78 <sup>d</sup>	na	na	0.85	0.49 <sup>e</sup>
Outside school hours care <sup>f</sup>	1995-96	1.04	na	1.04	1.35	0.97	1.11	0.60	0.70
	1997-98	2.46	na	2.43	3.13	2.46	2.65	1.77	2.78
Occasional care	1995-96	na	na	na	4.16	2.46	na	0.32	16.47
	1997-98	1.55	na	2.36	4.10 <sup>d</sup>	na	na	1.55	10.80
Other care	1995-96	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1997-98	28.74	19.02	na	11.28	28.38	32.82	na	4.05

<sup>a</sup> Commonwealth Government expenditure data did not include administration expenditure. Data were not available for 1996-97. <sup>b</sup> Data does not include State expenditure as only incomplete data were available. <sup>c</sup> Expenditure by the State government on family day care included costs associated with licensing private home-based carers not attached to a family day care scheme. <sup>d</sup> Refers to funded hours for State administered services, not total number of hours provided by these services. <sup>e</sup> Represents funding between 1 July 1997 and 27 April 1998. <sup>f</sup> Disaggregated data were not available for before school hours care and after school hours care. **na** Not available.

**Table 13A.20 Commonwealth and State and Territory government real recurrent expenditure, (\$1997-98 per hour)<sup>a</sup>**

		<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Centre based long day care	1995-96	2.01	2.16 <sup>b</sup>	2.47	2.29	2.14	1.90	0.93	1.70
	1997-98	2.00	1.89 <sup>b</sup>	2.20	1.99	na	1.99	na	2.39
Family day care	1995-96	2.00	2.13	2.41	2.40 <sup>c</sup>	3.47	2.39	1.79	2.09
	1997-98	2.31	2.50	2.52	2.87	3.10	2.67	2.35	2.33
Vacation care	1995-96	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1997-98	na	na	1.33	0.78 <sup>d</sup>	na	na	0.85	0.49 <sup>e</sup>
Outside school hours care <sup>f</sup>	1995-96	1.07	na	1.07	1.39	1.00	1.14	0.62	0.72
	1997-98	2.46	na	2.43	3.13	2.46	2.65	1.77	2.78
Occasional care	1995-96	na	na	na	4.29	2.54	na	0.33	16.97
	1997-98	1.55	na	2.36	4.10 <sup>d</sup>	na	na	1.55	10.80
Other care	1995-96	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1997-98	28.74	19.02	na	11.28	28.38	32.82	na	4.05

<sup>a</sup> Commonwealth Government expenditure data does not include administration expenditure. Data were not available for 1996-97. <sup>b</sup> Data do not include State expenditure as only incomplete data were available. <sup>c</sup> Expenditure by the State government on family day care included costs associated with licensing private home-based carers not attached to a family day care scheme. <sup>d</sup> Refers to funded hours for State administered services, not total number of hours provided by these services. <sup>e</sup> Represents funding between 1 July 1997 and 27 April 1998. <sup>f</sup> Disaggregated data were not available for before school hours care and after school hours care. **na** Not available.

**Table 13A.21 Out-of-pocket costs as a proportion of weekly disposable income before and after child care subsidies, by gross annual family incomes, national average (per cent)<sup>a</sup>**

	\$27 000	\$35 000	\$45 000	\$55 000	\$65 000
<i>One child in full time care</i>					
Before subsidies	34	28	23	19	17
After subsidies	11	11	12	12	13
<i>Two children in full time care</i>					
Before subsidies	60	54	45	38	33
After subsidies	16	18	19	19	21

<sup>a</sup> Fees at December 1998.

Source: FACS (1999).

**Table 13A.22 Out-of-pocket costs of centre based long day care (after subsidies), as a proportion of weekly disposable income, by gross annual family incomes (per cent)<sup>a</sup>**

<i>Annual income</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
<i>One child in care</i>								
\$27 000	12	11	10	11	12	13	14	10
\$35 000	12	11	10	11	12	13	13	10
\$45 000	12	12	11	11	12	13	14	11
\$55 000	13	13	11	12	13	14	15	11
\$65 000	14	14	13	13	14	15	15	12
<i>Two children in care</i>								
\$27 000	18	16	14	15	17	19	21	13
\$35 000	20	18	16	17	19	21	22	16
\$45 000	20	19	17	18	20	21	22	17
\$55 000	21	19	18	19	20	22	24	18
\$65 000	23	21	19	20	22	24	25	19

<sup>a</sup> Attendance based on each child attending 50 hours of centre based long day care per week. Fees at June 1999. Childcare Rebate and Childcare Rebate payments at 1 April 1999. Disposable income is based on 20 September 1999 taxation and social security parameters.

**Table 13A.23 Out-of-pocket costs of family day care (after subsidies), as a proportion of weekly disposable income, by gross annual family incomes (per cent)<sup>a</sup>**

<i>Annual income</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
<b>One child in care</b>								
\$27 000	9	6	6	9	11	11	11	7
\$35 000	9	7	7	10	11	11	11	8
\$45 000	10	8	8	10	11	11	11	9
\$55 000	11	9	9	11	12	12	12	9
\$65 000	12	10	10	12	13	13	13	10
<b>Two children in care</b>								
\$27 000	12	7	7	13	15	15	15	8
\$35 000	15	10	10	15	17	17	17	11
\$45 000	16	12	12	16	18	18	18	13
\$55 000	17	14	13	17	19	19	19	15
\$65 000	18	15	15	19	21	20	20	16

<sup>a</sup> Attendance based on each child attending 50 hours of family day care per week. Fees at June 1999. Childcare Rebate and Childcare Rebate payments at 1 April 1999. Disposable income is based on 20 September 1999 taxation and social security parameters.

## 13A.2 Single jurisdiction data

### New South Wales

#### Descriptors

Table 13A.24 **Children and staff included in services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care**

	Unit	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
<i>Children</i>				
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	no.	na	54 500 <sup>a</sup>	88 859 <sup>b</sup>
Children aged 12 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	no.	35 428	60 600 <sup>c</sup>	na <sup>d</sup>
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services:				
–In the year prior to commencing full time schooling	no.	62 266	44 700 <sup>e</sup>	80 318 <sup>f</sup>
–Younger children	no.	na	15 900	14 285 <sup>g</sup>
<i>Staff</i>				
Paid primary contact staff	FTE	3 466	2 763	6 636 <sup>h</sup>
Paid administrative staff	FTE	276 <sup>i</sup>	49	146 <sup>h</sup>
Other paid staff	FTE	0	76	1 225 <sup>h</sup>
Family day carers	FTE	..	..	..
Unpaid staff	FTE	..	..	28 <sup>h</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Includes children attending occasional care and preschool services only. <sup>b</sup> Excludes children using preschool, school age care and vacation care services. <sup>c</sup> Excludes children attending vacation care. <sup>d</sup> Children's services are provided for children up to 6 years old. <sup>e</sup> Excludes children participating in preschool programs in long day care centres. <sup>f</sup> Includes children aged 4 years and older using NSW Departments of Community Services and Education and Training preschool services during the sample week. Some 37 976 children aged 4 years using government funded or provided child care services (excluding vacation care) are also included. <sup>g</sup> Includes children aged 4 years and under using NSW Department of Community Services preschool services. Services providing both preschool and occasional care are also included. <sup>h</sup> Includes child care and preschool services but excludes family day carers employed as employees or contractors. <sup>i</sup> Excludes paid administrative staff in preschools funded by the Department of Education. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

**Table 13A.25 Primary paid contact staff in children's services with training or experience**

	<i>Child care</i>		<i>Preschool<sup>a</sup></i>	
	no.	%	no.	%
1997-98				
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	1 050	55.7	1 406	55.1
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	0	0.0	103	4.0
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time work experience	605	32.1	825	32.3
<b>Total paid primary contact staff</b>	<b>1 886</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2 554</b>	<b>100.0</b>
1998-99				
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	3 619	52.1	1 939	56.7
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	2 504	36.0	1 150	33.6
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time work experience	na	na	na	na
<b>Total paid primary contact staff</b>	<b>6 950<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3 421<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>a</sup> Details on qualifications and experience were not available for all primary paid contact staff in preschools. <sup>b</sup> Due to missing information on qualifications, this does not represent the sum of the totals above. **na** Not available.

Table 13A.26 Description of services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care

	Places			Average fees			Average attendance		
	no.			\$			Hours		
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Centre based long day care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Family day care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vacation care	12 652 <sup>a</sup>	13 200 <sup>b</sup>	10 202	1.6 <sup>c</sup>	na	na	6.0	na	na
Before school hours care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occasional care	2 729	3 500	1 824 <sup>d</sup>	3.6 <sup>c</sup>	3.93 <sup>c</sup>	3.55 <sup>e</sup>	6.4	7.5	7.0
Other care	0	0	771 <sup>f</sup>	0	0	1.65 <sup>e</sup>	0	0	0
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full time schooling)	27 663	23 900	31 280 <sup>g</sup>	3.0 <sup>d</sup>	3.48 <sup>h</sup>	1.64 <sup>e, i, j</sup>	6.2	9.4 <sup>k</sup>	8.0
Preschool (for younger children)	na	8 300	na	na	3.48 <sup>d</sup>	na	na	10.1	na

<sup>a</sup> Average number of places throughout the year. <sup>b</sup> Based on adjusted figures for October vacation period. <sup>c</sup> Average fee per hour. <sup>d</sup> Occasional care places provided at services offering centre based long day care and occasional care are reported under centre based long day care. Places provided at services offering preschool and occasional care are reported under preschool and therefore may underestimate the total number of occasional care places. <sup>e</sup> Based on valid cases only. <sup>f</sup> Includes multipurpose services only. <sup>g</sup> Data can not be dissected into children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full time schooling and those who are younger. However the data includes 29 050 places at Department of Community Services preschool services and 2230 places at Department of Education and Training preschool services. <sup>h</sup> Average fee per hour. Refers to Department of Community Services preschools only. <sup>i</sup> Data can not be dissected into children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full time schooling and those who are younger. <sup>j</sup> The calculation is based on 'gap fees'. In previous years 'total fees' have been used which includes a component of Commonwealth contribution. <sup>k</sup> Refers to both Department of Community Services and Department of Education and Training preschool services. **na** Not available.

**Table 13A.27 Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Administrative expenditure	9 818	9 051	10 149
Other expenditure on service provision:			
Child care	22 871	23 298	25 162
Preschool	70 643	60 448	62 081
Expenditure on assets	3 002	8 400 <sup>a</sup>	3 019
Financial support to families	0	0	152
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>106 334</b>	<b>101 197</b>	<b>100 563</b>

<sup>a</sup> Data refers to expenditure on assets for child care only.

**Table 13A.28 Services by management type, 1998-99 (number)**

	Community managed <sup>a</sup>	Privately managed <sup>b</sup>	Employer sponsored	Government managed <sup>c</sup>	Total <sup>d</sup>
Centre based long day care	301	939	na	301	1 796
Family day care	42	11	na	55	134
Vacation care	68	31	na	190	386
Before school hours care	0	0	na	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	na	0	0
Occasional care	42	9	na	69	144
'Other' care	11	5	na	11	29
Preschool	528	228	na	299	1 188

<sup>a</sup> Services where the ownership was classified as 'organisation'. Includes not for profit services provided by parents. <sup>b</sup> Services where the ownership is classified as private. <sup>c</sup> Includes Commonwealth, State and local government owned services. <sup>d</sup> Totals may not add up to total of categories due to missing data on management type. **na** Not available.

### Effectiveness

**Table 13A.29 Proportion of children's services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care providing nonstandard hours of service (per cent)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99 <sup>a</sup>
Centre based long day care	0	0	0
Family day care	0	0	0
Vacation care	na	3.7 <sup>b</sup>	0.3 <sup>c</sup>
Before school hours care	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0
Occasional care	11.9	7.6 <sup>b</sup>	13.0
Other care	0	0	24
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full time schooling)	91.9	5.3 <sup>d</sup>	40.1

<sup>a</sup> Monday was chosen as the reference period for determining nonstandard hours. <sup>b</sup> Defined as those services that operated more than 40 hours during the sample week. <sup>c</sup> The December vacation period was the reference period for this calculation. <sup>d</sup> Refers to Department of Education and Training preschool services only. **na** Not available.

Table 13A.30 **Proportion of attendees of services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care from special needs groups (per cent)**

	<i>Children from non-English speaking backgrounds</i>	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children</i>	<i>Children from single parent families</i>	<i>Children with disabilities</i>	<i>Children from rural/remote areas</i>
Representation in attendees of child care services					
1995-96	10.7	0.7	12.3	2.5	29.5
1996-97	7.6	0.9	11.0	2.6	23.3
1997-98 <sup>a</sup>	7.3	1.0	8.1	4.7	na
1998-99 <sup>b</sup>	5.4	1.3	8.8	1.7	14.7
Representation in attendees of preschool services					
1995-96	8.2	2.3	12.2	7.7	43.1
1996-97	8.3	2.1	11.0	8.2	42.8
1997-98	11.2	3.1	11.4	8.9	na
1998-99 <sup>b</sup>	7.5	2.5	10.1	8.4	52.3
Representation in community					
1996 <sup>c</sup>	12.6 <sup>d</sup>	3.3	15.9	6.6 <sup>e</sup>	29.0 <sup>f</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Data refers to occasional care services only. <sup>b</sup> Includes Department of Community Service children's services only. <sup>c</sup> Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. <sup>d</sup> Data were obtained from the 1996 Survey of Child Care. Australian average was used as data were not available by jurisdiction. <sup>e</sup> Data on children with a disability were obtained from the 1998 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, and refer to children aged 14 years and younger. Population data were estimated residential population at June 1998. <sup>f</sup> Refers to children aged 14 and under. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS *Census of Population and Housing, Australia*, (cat. no. 2020.0 unpublished); *Child Care, Australia*, (cat. no. 4402.0); *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia*, (cat. no. 4430.0 unpublished); *Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories*, (cat. no. 3201.0, unpublished); NSW Government unpublished.

## Efficiency

Table 13A.31 **Unit cost of State government recurrent expenditure on children's services (dollars)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Government recurrent expenditure per hour of service			
Preschool	1.79 <sup>a</sup>	1.63 <sup>b</sup>	na

<sup>a</sup> Data excludes preschools funded by the Department of Education. <sup>b</sup> Includes both preschool for children in the year immediately before commencing full time schooling and younger children. **na** Not available.

*Quality*

**Table 13A.32 Number of serious injuries sustained per registered or licensed service, by service type (number)<sup>a</sup>**

	<i>Serious injuries<sup>b</sup></i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Injuries per service</i>
1997-98			
Occasional care	4	171	0.02
Preschool	20	902	0.02
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	22	424	0.05
Vacation care	2	337	0.01
Occasional care	0	94	0.00
Other care	0	20	0.00
Preschool	13	817	0.02

<sup>a</sup> Relates to funded and licensed funded services. <sup>b</sup> Number of potential fatalities and major injuries in the past 12 months, based on valid cases.

**Table 13A.33 Number of notifiable outbreaks of disease per registered or licensed service, by service type (number)<sup>a</sup>**

	<i>Outbreaks of disease</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Outbreaks per service</i>
1997-98			
Occasional care	25 <sup>b</sup>	171	0.15
Preschool	342 <sup>b</sup>	902	0.38
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	352 <sup>c</sup>	424	0.83
Vacation care	30 <sup>c</sup>	337	0.09
Occasional care	111 <sup>c</sup>	94	1.18
Other care	15 <sup>c</sup>	20	0.75
Preschool	292 <sup>c</sup>	817	0.36

<sup>a</sup> Relates to funded and licensed funded services. <sup>b</sup> Number of children with notifiable infectious disease in funded licensed child care services in the 12 months to July 1998. <sup>c</sup> Based on the number of valid cases only.

## Victoria

### Descriptors

Table 13A.34 **Children and staff included in Victorian services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care**

	Unit	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
<i>Children</i>				
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	no.	na <sup>a</sup>	na <sup>a</sup>	2 199 <sup>b</sup>
Children aged 12 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	no.	na <sup>a</sup>	na <sup>a</sup>	2 266 <sup>b</sup>
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services:				
–In the year prior to commencing full time schooling <sup>c</sup>	no.	59 415	60 101	60 725
<i>Staff</i>				
Paid primary contact staff	FTE	1 920 <sup>d</sup>	na	2 442 <sup>d</sup>
Paid administrative staff	FTE	na	na	na
Other paid staff	FTE	na	na	na
Family day carers	FTE	..	..	na
Unpaid staff	FTE	na	na	na

<sup>a</sup> Victoria collected data on attendances of children at some vacation care, before and after school hours care and occasional care services, not individual children. <sup>b</sup> Data refers to funded ACFE services only and are based on a low response rate (around 70 per cent). Does not include TAB services where attendances can not be accurately counted. <sup>c</sup> Data includes children attending preschool in a range of settings, including stand-alone preschools and long day care centres. Data for 1997-98 were current at 12 March 1998. Data for 1998-99 were current at 18 March 1999. <sup>d</sup> Data excludes paid primary contact staff in child care services receiving State government preschool funding. Full time equivalent (FTE) calculated using 40 hours as the standard working week. Data relate to stand-alone preschools only and excludes long day care centres. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

Table 13A.35 Description of services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care

	Places			Average fees			Average attendance		
	no.			\$			Hours		
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Centre based long day care <sup>a</sup>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Family day care	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vacation care	7 515 <sup>b</sup>	7 425 <sup>c</sup>	..	75 <sup>d</sup>	75 <sup>d</sup>	..	na	na	..
Before school hours care	885 <sup>b</sup>	885 <sup>e</sup>	..	4.00 <sup>f</sup>	4.00 <sup>f</sup>	..	na	na	..
After school hours care	4 275 <sup>b</sup>	4 245 <sup>e</sup>	..	6.00 <sup>f</sup>	6.00 <sup>f</sup>	..	na	na	..
Occasional care	325	325 <sup>g</sup>	314 <sup>h</sup>	1.66 <sup>i</sup>	2.00 <sup>j</sup>	2.00 <sup>j</sup>	na	na	na
Other care	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full time schooling)	59 415 <sup>k</sup>	60 101 <sup>k</sup>	60 725 <sup>k</sup>	9.76 <sup>l, m</sup>	1.03 <sup>m, n</sup>	1.10 <sup>m, n</sup>	na	na	na

<sup>a</sup> Data were provided by the Commonwealth for State funded TAFE child care services. <sup>b</sup> At 30 June 1997. <sup>c</sup> A place was defined as providing a whole day of care. Places included 240 State funded places and 7185 block grant places. Places at 27 April 1998. <sup>d</sup> Standard weekly fee in State funded services only. <sup>e</sup> Places at 27 April 1998. <sup>f</sup> Standard sessional fee. <sup>g</sup> At 30 June 1998. <sup>h</sup> At 30 June 1999 and includes 235 ACFE places and 78 State funded TAB places. <sup>i</sup> Average hourly fee. <sup>j</sup> Median hourly fee paid by most children. <sup>k</sup> Includes children attending funded preschool services in a range of settings, including stand-alone preschools and long day care centres. <sup>l</sup> Median weekly fee. <sup>m</sup> The Victorian Government provides a health card grant to services for families on low incomes. This grant was used to reduce the term fee for those families. All fees were voluntary. <sup>n</sup> Median hourly fee calculated by dividing term fee by 10 weeks and then dividing the hours offered per week, as there is a variation in the number of hours offered for the term fee. Data relate to stand-alone preschools only and excludes long day care centres. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

**Table 13A.36 Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Administrative expenditure <sup>a</sup>	3 496	3 927 <sup>b</sup>	3 396
Other expenditure on service provision:			
Child care	6 971	6 638	3 417 <sup>c</sup>
Preschool	54 544	59 076	59 978
Expenditure on assets:			
Child care	0	0	0
Preschool	7 073	2 809	728
Financial support to families	0	0	0
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>72 084</b>	<b>72 450</b>	<b>67 519</b>

<sup>a</sup> Administrative expenditure cannot be split by service type as the children's services program is administered as an integrated program at both the regional and central office level. <sup>b</sup> Includes additional one-off expenditure to finalise new children's services legislation, prepare for implementation and support the sector immediately after implementation. Included administration for all licensed services not just funded services. <sup>c</sup> Includes expenditure on occasional care and TAFE child care as well as expenditure to the Commonwealth for the administration of school age child care funding.

**Table 13A.37 Services by management type, 1998-99 (number)**

	<i>Community managed<sup>a, b</sup></i>	<i>Privately managed<sup>c</sup></i>	<i>Employer sponsored</i>	<i>Government managed<sup>d</sup></i>	<i>Total</i>
Centre based long day care	na	na	na	na	na
Family day care	..	..	..	..	..
Vacation care	..	..	..	..	..
Before school hours care	..	..	..	..	..
After school hours care	..	..	..	..	..
Occasional care	220	0	0	4	224
'Other' care	..	..	..	..	..
Preschool	1 038	379	0	261	1 678

<sup>a</sup> Includes not for profit services provided by parents. <sup>b</sup> Includes services which are coded as having a management type of incorporated association, church, catholic school, government school, cooperative or other. <sup>c</sup> Includes services that have a management type of company, college/university, non-government school or private individuals. <sup>d</sup> Refers to local government managed services. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

## Effectiveness

**Table 13A.38 Proportion of children's services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care providing nonstandard hours of service (per cent)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Centre based long day care	..	..	..
Family day care	..	..	..
Vacation care	60.0	60.0 <sup>a</sup>	..
Before school hours care	0	3.1 <sup>b</sup>	..
After school hours care	0.9	1.9 <sup>b</sup>	..
Occasional care	na	na	2.7 <sup>c</sup>
Other care	..	..	..
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full time schooling)	na	na	na

<sup>a</sup> Refers to State funded services only. Data not available on Block Grant funded services. <sup>b</sup> Proportion of funded services at 27 April 1998. <sup>c</sup> Refers to funded ACFE services only. Excludes State funded TAB services as they cannot be accurately counted. The data are based on a low response rate (around 70 per cent). **na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

**Table 13A.39 Proportion of attendees of services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care from special needs groups**

	<i>Children from non-English speaking backgrounds</i>	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children</i>	<i>Children from single parent families</i>	<i>Children with disabilities</i>	<i>Children from rural/remote areas</i>
Representation in attendees of child care services					
1996-97	na	na	na	na	na
1997-98	na	na	na	na	na
1998-99	21 <sup>a</sup>	0.5 <sup>a</sup>	14.7 <sup>a</sup>	3.5 <sup>b</sup>	na
Representation in attendees of preschool services					
1996-97	na	0.4	na	na	na
1997-98	na	0.4	na	na	na
1998-99	14.9	0.5	11.6	3.8 <sup>c</sup>	na
Representation in community					
1996	12.6 <sup>d</sup>	0.9 <sup>e</sup>	14.4 <sup>e</sup>	6.6 <sup>f</sup>	28.0 <sup>e, g</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Based on low response rates (around 67 per cent) and refers to funded ACFE services only. Excludes State funded TAB services. <sup>b</sup> Refers to 79 children attending ACFE occasional care services who had a developmental delay or disability or who had parents with a disability. This figure is based on a low response rate (around 67 per cent) and refers to funded ACFE services only. <sup>c</sup> Refers to 2283 children attending funded preschools who had a developmental delay or disability or who had parents with a disability. <sup>d</sup> Data were obtained from 1996 Survey Child Care. Australian average was used as data were not available by jurisdiction. <sup>e</sup> Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. <sup>f</sup> Data on children with a disability were obtained from the 1998 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, and refer to children aged 14 years and younger. Population data were estimated residential population at June 1998. <sup>g</sup> Refers to children aged 14 years and younger. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS *Census of Population and Housing, Australia*, (cat. no. 2020.0 unpublished); *Child Care, Australia*, (cat. no. 4402.0); *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia*, (cat. no. 4430.0 unpublished); *Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories*, (cat. no. 3201.0, unpublished); Victorian Government unpublished.

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## Efficiency

Table 13A.40 **Unit cost of State government recurrent expenditure on children's services (dollars)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Government recurrent expenditure per hour of service			
Preschool	na	na	2.39 <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Does not include preschool provided at long day care centres. Data at 18 March 1999.

## Quality

Table 13A.41 **Number of serious injuries sustained per registered or licensed service, 1998-99 (number)**

	Serious injuries	Services	Injuries per service
All services	315	2 858	0.11

Table 13A.42 **Substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service and against which action was taken, 1998-99**

	Substantiated complaints	Services	Substantiated complaints per service	Proportion against which action was taken
	no.	no.	no.	%
All licensed services	194	2 858	0.07	100.0

## Queensland

Data were not available for the 26 services receiving funding under the Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care Program (RAATSIC). Vacation care data are incomplete. Limited data were available for this service type as a result of the small number of responses received.

*Descriptors*

**Table 13A.43 Children and staff in services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care<sup>a</sup>**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
<i>Children</i>				
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	no.	na	na	2 231 <sup>b</sup>
Children aged 12 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	no.	14 203	3 132 <sup>c</sup>	2 327 <sup>b</sup>
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services				
–In the year prior to commencement of full time schooling	no.	40 768	46 078	58 740
–Younger children	no.	9 313	10 972 <sup>d</sup>	10 684 <sup>e</sup>
<i>Staff</i>				
Paid primary contact staff	no.	3 100	3 800 <sup>f</sup>	3 228 <sup>g</sup>
Paid administrative staff	no.	969	na	75 <sup>h</sup>
Other paid staff	no.	8	na	306 <sup>i</sup>
Family day carers	FTE	na	na	..
Unpaid staff	no.	na	92 <sup>j</sup>	92 <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Excludes children and staff using unlicensed services under the Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care program. <sup>b</sup> Relates to occasional care services only, based on an average calculated by using data from 40 of the 66 services. <sup>c</sup> Represents average attendance for a two-week vacation care period only. Underestimates the true figure as data were unavailable for other service types. <sup>d</sup> Relates to community based kindergartens only. <sup>e</sup> Relates to children attending community kindergartens and preschools associated with the Creche and Kindergarten Association. <sup>f</sup> Relates to staff in vacation care services for a two-week period, community based kindergartens and preschools, and Education Queensland preschools. <sup>g</sup> Includes 188 staff in vacation care and occasional care services and 3040 staff in preschool services. Excludes non-State preschools. <sup>h</sup> Includes 36 staff in occasional care services and 39 staff in community kindergartens and preschools associated with the Creche and Kindergarten Association. <sup>i</sup> Relates to staff in community kindergartens and preschools associated with the Creche and Kindergarten Association only. <sup>j</sup> Relates to unpaid staff for a two week vacation period. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

Table 13A.44 Description of services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care

	Places			Average weekly fees			Average attendance		
	no.			\$			Hours		
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Centre based long day care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Family day care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vacation care	6 509	6 671	882	40.65	51.68	6.75 <sup>a</sup>	17.5	na	na
Before school hours care	0	0	0	0	0	na	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0	0	0	na	0	0	0
Occasional care	1 168	1 193 <sup>b</sup>	1 277 <sup>b</sup>	2.14 <sup>c</sup>	na	3.31	7.6	na	7.6
Other care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full time schooling)	38 837	51 405 <sup>d</sup>	50 397 <sup>e</sup>	28.00 <sup>f</sup>	1.75 <sup>c, f</sup>	1.85 <sup>c, f</sup>	13.1	14.4	12.8
Preschool (for younger children)	na	12 260 <sup>d</sup>	11 850 <sup>g</sup>	21.00 <sup>f</sup>	1.7 <sup>c, f</sup>	1.75 <sup>c, f</sup>	11.0	11	11

<sup>a</sup> Data relates to the 26 State funded vacation care services. Average fees based on 6 of the 26 services. <sup>b</sup> Licensed capacity. <sup>c</sup> Average hourly fee. <sup>d</sup> Underestimates the true figure as the number of non-state preschool places was not available. <sup>e</sup> Some children attending Creche and Kindergarten Association services are in 3–5 year old groupings. Excludes data from non-State preschools. <sup>f</sup> Fees relate to kindergartens and preschools associated with Creche and Kindergarten. Preschools provided by Education Queensland are free. No data are available for non-State preschools. <sup>g</sup> Data relate to children attending community kindergartens and preschools associated with the Creche and Kindergarten Association. Some children attending these services are in 3–5 year old groupings. **na** Not available.

Table 13A.45 **Primary paid contact staff in children's services with training or experience**

	<i>Child care</i>		<i>Preschool</i>	
	no.	%	no.	%
1997-98				
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	236 <sup>a</sup>	39.0	1 945 <sup>b</sup>	60.9
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience <sup>c</sup>	369 <sup>a</sup>	61.0	267 <sup>b</sup>	8.4
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time relevant work experience	na	na	na	na
<b>Total paid primary contact staff</b>	<b>605<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3 195<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>
1998-99				
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	84 <sup>d</sup>	40.8	1 872 <sup>b</sup>	61.6
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience <sup>c</sup>	48 <sup>d</sup>	23.3	215 <sup>e</sup>	7.1
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time relevant work experience	74 <sup>d</sup>	35.9	na	na
<b>Total paid primary contact staff</b>	<b>188<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3 040<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>a</sup> Data represent average daily attendance for a two-week vacation care period in 1997-98. Data were unavailable for the other types of care funded/provided. In 1998-99, data refer to occasional care. <sup>b</sup> Data unavailable for staff in non-State preschools. <sup>c</sup> Includes the number of paid primary contact staff without a formal qualification for child care and preschool, irrespective of relevant work experience. <sup>d</sup> Data relate to staff working in occasional care services only. Missing data calculated by using averages of supplied data. <sup>e</sup> Data relate to community kindergartens and preschools associated with the Creche and Kindergarten Association. Includes staff with no formal qualifications and less than three years experience in early childhood services. **na** Not available.

**Table 13A.46 Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Administrative expenditure			
Child care	2 714	5 095 <sup>a</sup>	5 978 <sup>b</sup>
Preschool	3 800	4 089	7 741 <sup>c</sup>
Other expenditure on service provision			
Child care	5 375	5 114	5 089
Preschool	87 401	97 354	101 273
Expenditure on assets			
Child care	7 459	7 800	6 093
Preschool	4 920	5 422	2 237
Financial support to families	0	0	0
<b>Total expenditure</b>			
<b>Child care</b>	<b>15 548</b>	<b>22 801<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>23 689<sup>d</sup></b>
<b>Preschool</b>	<b>96 121</b>	<b>106 865</b>	<b>111 251</b>

<sup>a</sup> Different methods were used to calculate administration expenditure on child care services in 1996-97.

<sup>b</sup> These figures were based on activity based costing (an accrual accounting method) whereas they were previously based on cash accounting. This inflates the expenses from previous years as this model attributes regional and corporate expenses more comprehensively. Includes expenditure on the Outside School Hours Care Activities for Young People Program which targets 13 to 15 year olds. <sup>c</sup> Excludes Queensland's costs in administering funding for Creche and Kindergarten Association community kindergartens and preschools.

<sup>d</sup> Includes expenditure on items additional to those listed above.

**Table 13A.47 Services by management type, 1998-99<sup>a</sup> (number)**

	<i>Community managed<sup>b</sup></i>	<i>Privately managed</i>	<i>Employer sponsored</i>	<i>Government managed</i>	<i>Total</i>
Centre based long day care	170	729	na	22	921
Family day care	70	0	0	18	88
Vacation care	27	0	0	0	27
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	59	na	na	7	66
'Other' care <sup>c</sup>	26	0	0	0	26
Preschool	538	0	0	780	1 318

<sup>a</sup> Data at 16 November 1999. <sup>b</sup> Includes not for profit services provided by parents. <sup>c</sup> Services funded under the Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (RAATSICC) Program. **na** Not available.

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*Effectiveness*

Table 13A.48 **Proportion of children's services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care providing nonstandard hours of service (per cent)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Centre based long day care	0	0	..
Family day care	0	0	..
Vacation care	50.0	37.8	na
Before school hours care	0	0	..
After school hours care	0	0	..
Occasional care	1.7	1.5	0
Other care	9.1	na	na
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to commencement of full time schooling)	na	4.3 <sup>a</sup>	0.9 <sup>b</sup>
Preschool (for younger children)	na	na	na

<sup>a</sup> Relates to community based preschools only. Excludes data from Education Queensland as a result of definitional differences. <sup>b</sup> Proportion of community kindergartens and preschools associated with the Creche and Kindergarten Association offering a licensed outside kindergarten hours care program. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

**Table 13A.49 Proportion of attendees of services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care from special needs groups (per cent)**

	<i>Children from non-English speaking backgrounds</i>	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children</i>	<i>Children from single parent families</i>	<i>Children with disabilities</i>	<i>Children from rural/remote areas<sup>a</sup></i>
Representation in attendees of child care services					
1995-96	na	na	na	na	na
1996-97 <sup>b</sup>	2.1	10.7	na	2.3	33.8
1997-98 <sup>c</sup>	6.3	11.6	na	6.8	65.0
1998-99 <sup>d</sup>	5.9	8.9	6.4	2.3	33.8
Representation in attendees of preschool services					
1995-96	na	na	na	na	na
1996-97	na	na	na	na	na
1997-98 <sup>e</sup>	1.3	4.7	1.0	0.4	10.8
1998-99	1.1 <sup>f</sup>	4.8	1.3 <sup>g</sup>	0.5 <sup>f</sup>	9.9 <sup>f</sup>
Representation in community					
1996	12.6 <sup>h</sup>	5.5 <sup>i</sup>	16.7 <sup>i</sup>	8.3 <sup>j</sup>	36.9 <sup>i, k</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Data were estimated from the number of enrolments in centres in rural and remote areas. <sup>b</sup> Excludes children using services funded under the Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care program. <sup>c</sup> Represents the enrolments in a two-week vacation care period only. Underestimates the true figure as data were unavailable for other service types. <sup>d</sup> Refers to occasional care only. Excludes 5 year olds. <sup>e</sup> Relates to community based kindergartens and preschools and children from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander backgrounds accessing Education Queensland preschools. <sup>f</sup> Data relate to non-State preschools and community kindergartens and preschools associated with the Creche and Kindergarten Association. <sup>g</sup> Data relate to children attending community kindergartens and preschools associated with the Creche and Kindergarten Association. <sup>h</sup> Data were obtained from 1996 Survey of Child Care. Australian average was used as data were not available by jurisdiction. <sup>i</sup> Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. <sup>j</sup> Data were obtained from the 1998 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, and refer to children aged 14 years and younger. Population data were estimated residential population at June 1998. <sup>k</sup> Refers to children aged 14 years and younger. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS *Census of Population and Housing, Australia*, (cat. no. 2020.0 unpublished); *Child Care, Australia*, (cat. no. 4402.0); *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia*, (cat. no. 4430.0 unpublished); *Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories*, (cat. no. 3201.0, unpublished); Queensland Government unpublished.

## Efficiency

**Table 13A.50 Unit cost of State government recurrent expenditure on children's services (dollars)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Government recurrent expenditure per hour of service			
Preschool <sup>a</sup>	3.43	3.32	3.45

<sup>a</sup> Includes both preschool for children in the year immediately before commencing full time schooling and younger children.

Quality

Table 13A.51 **Number of serious injuries sustained per registered or licensed service, by service type (number)**

	<i>Serious injuries</i>	<i>Services<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Injuries per service</i>
1997-98			
Centre based long day care	27	912	0.03
Family day care	5	114	0.04
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	26	891	0.03
Family day care	4	89	0.04
Occasional care	1	68	0.01

<sup>a</sup> Data from Commonwealth Child Care Census.

Table 13A.52 **Substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service, by service type and against which action was taken, 1998-99**

	<i>Substantiated complaints</i>	<i>Services<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Substantiated complaints per service</i>	<i>Proportion against which action was taken</i>
	no.	no.	no.	%
Centre based long day care	231	891	0.26	100.0
Family day care	23	89	0.26	100.0
Outside school hours care <sup>b</sup>	7	974	0.01	100.0
Occasional care	0	68	0.00	..
Other care	4 <sup>c</sup>	26 <sup>d</sup>	na	100.0

<sup>a</sup> Data from Commonwealth Child Care Census. <sup>b</sup> Includes three substantiated complaints against vacation care services and four against after school hours care services. <sup>c</sup> Includes unlicensed adjunct care services. <sup>d</sup> Does not include unlicensed adjunct care services. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

## Western Australia

### Descriptors

Table 13A.53 **Children and staff included in services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care**

	Unit	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
<i>Children</i>				
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	no.	na	na	na
Children aged 12 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services <sup>a</sup>	no.	na	na	na
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services:				
–In the year prior to commencement of full time schooling	no.	20 244	20 872	20 797
–Younger children	no.	9 407	22 122	16 674
<i>Staff</i>				
Paid primary contact staff	FTE	1 834	1 896 <sup>b</sup>	1 788.4
Paid administrative staff	FTE	66 <sup>c</sup>	59 <sup>b</sup>	37 <sup>d</sup>
Other paid staff	no.	na	na	na
Family day carers	FTE	na	na	na
Unpaid staff	FTE	na	na	na

<sup>a</sup> WA collected data on attendances of children at some vacation care services, not individual children.

<sup>b</sup> Excludes paid primary contact staff in some vacation care services. <sup>c</sup> Excludes paid administrative staff in preschools funded by the Department of Education. <sup>d</sup> Refers to the number of staff in the Department of Family and Children's Services' four year old program only. These services were provided for the first six months of the financial year only, prior to being transferred to the Education Department. **na** Not available.

Table 13A.54 Description of services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care

	<i>Places</i>			<i>Average fees</i>			<i>Average attendance</i>		
	<i>no.</i>			<i>\$</i>			<i>Hours</i>		
	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Centre based long day care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Family day care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vacation care	9 630	9 850	na	100 <sup>a</sup>	na	na	50	50	na
Before school hours care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occasional care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full time schooling)	20 244	20 872	20 797	0.23 <sup>b</sup>	0.23 <sup>b</sup>	0.23 <sup>b</sup>	17.2	22.1	24.0
Preschool (for younger children)	16 245	22 122	16 674	5.00 <sup>c</sup>	5.00 <sup>c</sup>	1.00 <sup>d</sup>	5.5	4.7	5.5 <sup>e</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Average weekly fee. <sup>b</sup> Average weekly fee. Children attending Education Department preschools may make a voluntary contribution of \$9 per year (\$0.23 per week).  
<sup>c</sup> Average weekly fee in Department of Family and Children's Services preschools only. Department of Education preschools charge an average fee of \$1 per week.  
<sup>d</sup> The lowering of average fees in 1998-99 reflects the transfer of this program from Family and Children's Services to the Education Department. <sup>e</sup> Includes Education Department preschool services only. **na** Not available.

Table 13A.55 **Primary paid contact staff in children's services with training or experience, 1998-99**

	<i>Child care</i>		<i>Preschool</i>	
	no.	%	no.	%
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	na	na	894	100.0
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	na	na	0	0.0
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification of the equivalent of three years full time relevant work experience	na	na	0	0.0
<b>Total paid primary contact staff</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>100.0</b>

na Not available.

Table 13A.56 **Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Administrative expenditure			
Child care	701 <sup>a</sup>	754	726 <sup>b</sup>
Preschool <sup>c</sup>	728	784	754
Other expenditure on service provision			
Child care <sup>d</sup>	1 719	1 457	292 <sup>e</sup>
Preschool <sup>c</sup>	4 971	3 430	634
Expenditure on assets			
Child care	552	19	502
Preschool <sup>c</sup>	0.2	0	40
Financial support to families	0	0	0
<b>Total expenditure</b>			
<b>Child care</b>	<b>2 972</b>	<b>2 230</b>	<b>1 520</b>
<b>Preschool<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>5 701</b>	<b>4 214</b>	<b>1 428</b>

<sup>a</sup> Different methods were used to calculate administrative expenditure on child care services between 1995-96 and 1996-97. Administrative expenditure also includes the costs of licensing private home based carers not attached to a family day care scheme. <sup>b</sup> Includes expenditure associated with the work of the District Children's Services Officers, who provide support to services at the local level. <sup>c</sup> Excludes expenditure on preschools funded by the Department of Education. <sup>d</sup> Includes funding for the Child Care Services Board and grants to services from the Lotteries Commission. <sup>e</sup> Includes expenditure on the Child Care Services Board, which is a regulatory body. Excludes data on the Lotteries Commission grants as they are no longer available.

**Table 13A.57 Services by management type, 1998-99<sup>a</sup> (number)**

	<i>Community managed<sup>b</sup></i>	<i>Privately managed</i>	<i>Employer sponsored</i>	<i>Government managed</i>	<i>Total</i>
Centre based long day care	99	259	na	7	na
Family day care <sup>c</sup>	727	399	na	0	na
Vacation care services	na	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	63	8	na	7	na
'Other' care	16	0	na	0	na
Preschool	37 <sup>d</sup>	0	na	na	na

<sup>a</sup> Refers to State government supported services and services included in the Commonwealth Child Care Census. <sup>b</sup> Includes not for profit services provided by parents. <sup>c</sup> Refers to individual carers. <sup>d</sup> These services transferred to the Education Department after the first six months of 1998-99. **na** Not available.

### *Effectiveness*

**Table 13A.58 Proportion of children's services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care providing nonstandard hours of care (per cent)**

	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Centre based long day care	0	0	0
Family day care	0	0	0
Vacation care	50.0	na	na
Before school hours care	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0
Occasional care	0	0	0
Other care	0	0	0
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full time schooling)	43.3 <sup>a</sup>	18.7 <sup>a</sup>	na
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..

<sup>a</sup> Includes preschool services for younger children. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

**Table 13A.59 Proportion of attendees of services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care from special needs groups (per cent)**

	<i>Children from non-English speaking backgrounds</i>	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children</i>	<i>Children from single parent families</i>	<i>Children with disabilities</i>	<i>Children from rural/remote areas</i>
Representation in attendees of child care services					
1995-96	na	na	na	na	na
1996-97	na	na	na	na	na
1997-98	na	na	na	na	na
1998-99	na	na	na	na	na
Representation in attendees of preschool services					
1995-96	na	7.7 <sup>a</sup>	na	na	na
1996-97	na	7.6 <sup>a</sup>	na	1.1 <sup>b</sup>	na
1997-98	na	6.9 <sup>a</sup>	na	1.2 <sup>b</sup>	na
1998-99	na	6.7 <sup>a</sup>	na	1.5 <sup>c</sup>	na
Representation in community					
1996	12.6 <sup>d</sup>	5.3 <sup>e</sup>	15.4 <sup>e</sup>	10.3 <sup>f</sup>	30.6 <sup>e, g</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Excludes non-government preschools or younger children attending preschool. <sup>b</sup> Excludes preschools funded by the Department of Family and Children's Services. <sup>c</sup> Excludes children attending community preschools. <sup>d</sup> Data were obtained from 1996 Survey of Child Care. Australian average was used as data were not available by jurisdiction. <sup>e</sup> Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. <sup>f</sup> Data on children with a disability were obtained from the 1998 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, and refer to children aged 14 years and younger. Population data were estimated residential population at June 1998. <sup>g</sup> Refers to children aged 14 years and younger. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS *Census of Population and Housing, Australia*, (cat. no. 2020.0 unpublished); *Child Care, Australia*, (cat. no. 4402.0); *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia*, (cat. no. 4430.0 unpublished); *Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories*, (cat. no. 3201.0, unpublished); Western Australian Government unpublished.

## Efficiency

**Table 13A.60 Unit cost of State government recurrent expenditure on children's services (dollars)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Government recurrent expenditure per hour of service			
Preschool <sup>a</sup>	4.18	2.62	3.77 <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Excludes preschools funded by the Department of Education. <sup>b</sup> Based on first six months of 1998-99 financial year.

*Quality*

**Table 13A.61 Number of serious injuries sustained per registered or licensed service, by service type (number)**

	<i>Serious injuries</i>	<i>Services<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Injuries per service</i>
1997-98			
Centre based long day care	4	353	0.01
Family day care <sup>b</sup>	2	20	0.10
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	6	346	0.02
Family day care <sup>b</sup>	2	19	0.11

<sup>a</sup> Data from Commonwealth child care census. <sup>b</sup> Family day care figures refer only to services where carers are members of coordination units and excludes 399 private family day carers licensed at 1 June 1999.

**Table 13A.62 Substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service, by service type and against which action was taken, 1998-99**

	<i>Substantiated complaints<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Services<sup>b</sup></i>	<i>Substantiated complaints per service</i>	<i>Proportion against which action was taken</i>
	no.	no.	no.	%
Centre based long day care	122	346	0.35	100.0
Family day care <sup>c</sup>	12	19	0.63	100.0
Occasional care	0	285	0.00	..
Other care	0	76	0.00	..
Preschool <sup>d</sup>	0	37	0.00	..

<sup>a</sup> Refers to the number of complaints involving alleged breaches of regulations made to the Child Care Services Board and excludes services that do not fall under the board's mandate. <sup>b</sup> Data from Commonwealth child care census. <sup>c</sup> Family day care figures refer only to carers who are members of coordination units and excludes 399 private family day carers licensed at 1 June 1999. <sup>d</sup> Excludes services provided by the Education Department. .. Not applicable.

## South Australia

### Descriptors

Table 13A.63 **Children and staff included in services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care**

	Unit	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
<i>Children</i>				
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	no.	na	na	1 006
Children aged 12 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services <sup>a</sup>	no.	9 056	na	1 006
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services				
–In the year prior to commencement of full time schooling	no.	18 423	18 199	18 343
–Younger children	no.	4 540	4 703	4 769
<i>Staff</i>				
Paid primary contact staff				
–Child care <sup>b</sup>	no.	290	na	93
–Preschool	FTE	948	na	852
Paid administrative staff	FTE	na	na	na
Other paid staff	FTE	na	na	na
Family day carers	FTE	na	na	na
Unpaid staff	FTE	na	na	na

<sup>a</sup> Data refer to some children attending some centre based long day care, vacation care and occasional care services. <sup>b</sup> Data refer to total paid employees. **na** Not available.

Table 13A.64 Description of services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care

	<i>Places</i>			<i>Average fees</i>			<i>Average attendance</i>		
	<i>no.</i>			<i>\$</i>			<i>Hours</i>		
	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Centre based long day care	470	na	na	0	na	na	50	na	na
Family day care	0	na	na	0	na	na	0	na	na
Vacation care	3 134	na	na	90.00 <sup>a</sup>	na	na	34.7	na	na
Before school hours care	0	na	na	0	na	na	0	na	na
After school hours care	0	na	na	0	na	na	0	na	na
Occasional care	3 810	na	3 745	1.00 <sup>b</sup>	na	na	3	na	7.3
Other care	0	na	na	0.50 <sup>a</sup>	na	na	0	na	na
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full time schooling)	18 423	18 199	18 343	3.70 <sup>a</sup>	3.70 <sup>a</sup>	3.70 <sup>a</sup>	11.0	11.0	11.0
Preschool (for younger children)	4 540	4 703	4 769	1.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.23 <sup>c</sup>	0.23 <sup>c</sup>	2.6	0.7 <sup>d</sup>	2.6

<sup>a</sup> Average weekly fee (voluntary contribution). <sup>b</sup> Average hourly fee. <sup>c</sup> Average hourly fee (voluntary contribution). <sup>d</sup> Pre-entry program provides one session of preschool for 10 weeks in the year before preschool. **na** Not available.

**Table 13A.65 Primary paid contact staff in children's services with training or experience, 1998-99**

	<i>Child care</i>		<i>Preschool</i>	
	no.	%	no.	%
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	64	68.8	753	63.0
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	23	24.7	293	24.5
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification of the equivalent of three years full time relevant work experience	6	6.5	149	12.5
<b>Total paid primary contact staff</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1 195</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 13A.66 Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)**

	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Administrative expenditure	3 174	3 077	3 361
Other expenditure on service provision			
Child care	8 605	8 762	9 965
Preschool	41 338	43 366	46 161
Expenditure on assets			
Child care	3 234	1 419	1 040
Preschool	1 643	210	184
Financial support to families	0	na	na
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>57 994</b>	<b>56 834</b>	<b>60 711</b>

na Not available.

**Table 13A.67 Services by management type, 1998-99 (number)**

	<i>Community managed<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Privately managed</i>	<i>Employer sponsored</i>	<i>Government managed</i>	<i>Total</i>
All licensed child care services	128	92	2	13	235
Occasional care	0	0	0	67	67
Preschool	19	0	0	431	450

<sup>a</sup> Includes not for profit services provided by parents.

## Effectiveness

**Table 13A.68 Proportion of children's services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care providing nonstandard hours of service (per cent)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Centre based long day care	0	na	na
Family day care	0	na	na
Vacation care	0	na	na
Before school hours care	0	na	na
After school hours care	0	na	na
Occasional care	0	na	na
Other care	0	na	na
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full time schooling)	78.1 <sup>a</sup>	77.3 <sup>a</sup>	na
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..

<sup>a</sup> Includes preschool services for younger children. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

**Table 13A.69 Proportion of attendees of services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care from special needs groups**

	<i>Children from non-English speaking backgrounds</i>	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children</i>	<i>Children from single parent families</i>	<i>Children with disabilities</i>	<i>Children from rural/remote areas</i>
Representation in attendees of child care services					
1995-96	12.1	8.8	na	na	27.2
1996-97	5.2	1.5	na	na	17.5
1997-98	na	na	na	na	na
1998-99	14.9	3.0	na	24.9	56.7
Representation in attendees of preschool services					
1995-96	8.2	4.2	17.1	13.4	34.3
1996-97	8.2	4.5	na	na	34.1
1997-98	8.4	4.3	15.5	11.9	33.3
1998-99	8.4	4.5	15.3	12.9	33.2
Representation in community					
1996	12.6 <sup>a</sup>	2.8 <sup>b</sup>	16.9 <sup>b</sup>	9.6 <sup>c</sup>	30.2 <sup>b, d</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. <sup>b</sup> Data were obtained from the 1996 Survey of Child Care. Australian average was used as data were not available by jurisdiction. <sup>c</sup> Data on children with a disability were obtained from the 1998 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, and refer to children aged 14 years and younger. Population data were estimated residential population at June 1998. <sup>d</sup> Refers to children aged 14 years and younger. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS *Census of Population and Housing, Australia*, (cat. no. 2020.0 unpublished); *Child Care, Australia*, (cat. no. 4402.0); *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia*, (cat. no. 4430.0 unpublished); *Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories*, (cat. no. 3201.0, unpublished); South Australian Government unpublished.

## Quality

Table 13A.70 **Number of serious injuries sustained per registered or licensed service, 1998-99 (number)**

	<i>Serious injuries</i>	<i>Services<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Injuries per service</i>
Centre based long day care	3	187	0.02

<sup>a</sup> Data from Commonwealth Child Care Census.

Table 13A.71 **Substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service, by service type and against which action was taken, 1998-99**

	<i>Substantiated complaints</i>	<i>Services<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Substantiated complaints per service</i>	<i>Proportion against which action was taken</i>
	no.	no.	no.	%
Centre based long day care	17	187	0.09	100.0
Family day care	26	13	2.00	100.0

<sup>a</sup> Data from Commonwealth Child Care Census.

## Tasmania

### Descriptors

Table 13A.72 **Children and staff included in services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
<i>Children</i>				
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	no.	na	5 310 <sup>a</sup>	1 707
Children aged 12 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services <sup>b</sup>	no.	na	6 561	1 707
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services:				
–In the year prior to commencement of full time schooling	no.	5 781 <sup>c</sup>	6 013 <sup>d</sup>	5 758
<i>Staff</i>				
Paid primary contact staff				
–Child care	FTE	na	na	128 <sup>e</sup>
–Preschool	FTE	146 <sup>c</sup>	148 <sup>d</sup>	145 <sup>f</sup>
Paid administrative staff	FTE	na	na	4 <sup>e</sup>
Other paid staff	FTE	na	na	na
Family day carers	FTE	na	na	na
Unpaid staff	FTE	na	na	na

<sup>a</sup> Based on responses by 75 per cent of services. <sup>b</sup> Data refer to some children attending vacation and occasional care services. <sup>c</sup> At August 1996. <sup>d</sup> At August 1997. <sup>e</sup> Number of paid child care staff only. <sup>f</sup> At August 1998. **na** Not available.

Table 13A.73 Description of services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care

	Places			Average fees			Average attendance		
	no.			\$			Hours		
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>a</sup>	1998-99 <sup>a</sup>
Centre based long day care	0	0	0	0	3.23 <sup>b</sup>	na	0	10.1 <sup>c</sup>	na
Family day care	0	na	na	0	na	na	0	na	na
Vacation care	577	180	na	27	3.24 <sup>b</sup>	na	na	3.4 <sup>d</sup>	na
Before school hours care	0	0	na	0	0	na	0	0	na
After school hours care	0	0	na	0	0	na	0	0	na
Occasional care	na	338	1 046 <sup>e</sup>	na	3.15 <sup>b</sup>	1.70	na	5.8 <sup>f</sup>	3.7
Other care	0	725	0	0	4.28 <sup>b</sup>	na	0	1.8 <sup>g</sup>	na
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full time schooling)	5 781 <sup>h</sup>	6 013 <sup>i</sup>	5 758	na	na	na <sup>j</sup>	10	10	10
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

<sup>a</sup> Average weekly hours. <sup>b</sup> Average hourly fees. <sup>c</sup> Fifty per cent of services did not respond to this item. <sup>d</sup> Thirty-three per cent of services did not respond to this item. <sup>e</sup> Includes playschool places that were included in other care in 1997-98. <sup>f</sup> Twelve per cent of services did not respond to this item. <sup>g</sup> Forty-five per cent of services did not respond to this item. <sup>h</sup> At August 1996. <sup>i</sup> At August 1997. <sup>j</sup> Not available due to low response rate. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

**Table 13A.74 Primary paid contact staff in children's services with training or experience, 1998-99**

	<i>Child care</i>		<i>Preschool</i>	
	no.	%	no.	%
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	60	46.9	na	na
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	64	50	na	na
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time relevant work experience	4	3.1	na	na
<b>Total paid primary contact staff</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>

na Not available.

**Table 13A.75 Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)**

	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Administrative expenditure			
Child care	na	515	592
Preschool	na	na	na
Other expenditure on service provision			
Child care	na	1	863
Preschool	na	na	na
Expenditure on assets			
Child care	na	na	0
Preschool	na	na	na
Financial support to families	na	na	0
<b>Total expenditure</b>			
<b>Child care</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>1 583</b>	<b>1 455</b>
<b>Preschool</b>	<b>12 477<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>13 776<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>15 082</b>

<sup>a</sup> At August 1996. <sup>b</sup> At August 1997. na Not available.

**Table 13A.76 Services by management type, 1998-99 (number)**

	<i>Community managed<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Privately managed</i>	<i>Employer sponsored</i>	<i>Government managed</i>	<i>Total</i>
Centre based long day care	50	14	1	1	66
Family day care	11	0	na	0	11
Vacation care	10	na	na	0	10
Before school hours care	na	na	na	0	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	0	na
Occasional care	63	3	na	0	66
'Other' care	na	na	na	0	na
Preschool	na	na	na	170	170

<sup>a</sup> Includes not for profit services provided by parents. na Not available.

## Effectiveness

**Table 13A.77 Proportion of children's services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care providing nonstandard hours of service (per cent)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Centre based long day care	0	2.9	4.6
Family day care	0	na	72.7
Vacation care	0	na	na
Before school hours care	0	0	na
After school hours care	0	0	na
Occasional care	0	na	0
Other care	0	na	na
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full time schooling)	na	na	na
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

**Table 13A.78 Proportion of attendees of services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care from special needs groups**

	Children from non-English speaking backgrounds	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	Children from single parent families	Children with disabilities	Children from rural/remote areas
Representation in attendees of child care services					
1995-96	na	na	na	na	na
1996-97	na	na	na	na	na
1997-98	2.9	1.1	na	0.2	na
1998-99	1.0	1.1	na	1.1	50.8
Representation in attendees of preschool services					
1995-96	na	4.5 <sup>a</sup>	na	na	41.4
1996-97	na	4.8 <sup>b</sup>	na	na	41.7
1997-98	na	5.1 <sup>c</sup>	na	na	41.3
1998-99	na	5.8	na	na	42.1
Representation in community					
1996	12.6 <sup>d</sup>	5.4 <sup>e</sup>	16.9 <sup>e</sup>	7.2 <sup>f</sup>	39.9 <sup>e, f</sup>

<sup>a</sup> At August 1995. <sup>b</sup> At August 1996. <sup>c</sup> At August 1997. <sup>d</sup> Data were obtained from 1996 Survey of Child Care. Australian average was used as data were not available by jurisdiction. <sup>e</sup> Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. <sup>f</sup> Data on children with a disability were obtained from the 1998 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, and refer to children aged 14 years and younger. Population data were estimated residential population at June 1998. <sup>f</sup> Refers to children aged 14 years and younger. na Not available.

Sources: ABS *Census of Population and Housing, Australia*, (cat. no. 2020.0 unpublished); *Child Care, Australia*, (cat. no. 4402.0); *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia*, (cat. no. 4430.0 unpublished); *Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories*, (cat. no. 3201.0, unpublished); Tasmanian Government, unpublished.

## Quality

Table 13A.79 **Number of serious injuries sustained per registered or licensed service, by service type, 1998-99 (number)**

	<i>Serious injuries</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Injuries per service</i>
Centre based long day care	2	65	0.03
Family day care	3	11	0.27
Vacation care	0	10	0.00
Occasional care	0	66	0.00

Table 13A.80 **Substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service, by service type and against which action was taken, 1998-99**

	<i>Substantiated complaints</i>		<i>Substantiated complaints per service</i>	<i>Proportion against which action was taken</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
Centre based long day care	4	65	0.06	100.0
Family day care	2	11	0.18	100.0

## Australian Capital Territory

### Descriptors

Table 13A.81 **Children and staff included in services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
<i>Children</i>				
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	no.	na	1 538	1 476
Children aged 12 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	no.	2 278	2 156	1 476
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services:				
– In the year prior to commencement of full time schooling	no.	3 894	3 857	3 836
– Younger children	no.	387	143	144
<i>Staff</i>				
Paid primary contact staff	FTE <sup>a</sup>	305.6	293.6	225
Paid administrative staff	FTE <sup>a</sup>	19.1	14.4	20
Other paid staff	FTE <sup>a</sup>	5.5	6.8	4
Family day carers	FTE <sup>a</sup>	0	0	na
Unpaid staff	FTE <sup>a</sup>	0	5	4

<sup>a</sup> Full time equivalent staff numbers were based on the following definitions: centre based long day care — 10 hours per day; occasional care — 8 hours per day; vacation care — 10 hours per day; preschool — 36.5 hours per week. **na** Not available.

Table 13A.82 Description of services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care

	Places			Average fees			Average attendance		
	no.			\$			Hours		
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Centre based long day care	76	0	0	140 <sup>a</sup>	na	na	37	0	0
Family day care	0	0	0	0	na	na	0	0	0
Vacation care	617	569	0	90 <sup>a</sup>	95	na	24	24.8	0
Before school hours care	0	0	0	0	na	na	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0	0	na	na	0	0	0
Occasional care	376	376	406	3 <sup>b</sup>	3.39 <sup>b</sup>	3.50	8	7.7 <sup>c</sup>	11.0
Other care	na	na	0	na	na	na	na	na	0
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full time schooling)	4 599	4 450	4 207	4 <sup>a, d</sup>	na	0.56 <sup>d</sup>	10.5	10.5	10.5
Preschool (for younger children)	387	66	144	2 <sup>a, d</sup>	na	0.56 <sup>d</sup>	5.5	5.5	5.25 <sup>e</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Average weekly fee. <sup>b</sup> Average hourly fee. <sup>c</sup> This figure excludes Commonwealth or block funded occasional care. <sup>d</sup> Preschool contributions were voluntary. <sup>e</sup> Preschool for younger children includes early entry for preschool. **na** Not available.

**Table 13A.83 Primary paid contact staff in children's services with training or experience, 1998-99**

	<i>Child care</i>		<i>Preschool</i>	
	no.	%	no.	%
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	62	59.0	110	48.7
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	24	22.9	110	48.7
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full-time relevant work experience	19	18.1	6	2.7
<b>Total paid primary contact staff</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 13A.84 Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)**

	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Administrative expenditure			
Child care	405	430	452
Preschool	221	283 <sup>a</sup>	350
Other expenditure on service provision			
Child care	1 991	1 483	1 356
Preschool	7 366	7 151	7 017
Expenditure on assets			
Child care	728	25 <sup>b</sup>	119
Preschool	744	332 <sup>b</sup>	115
Financial support to families	0	0	0
<b>Total expenditure</b>			
<b>Child care</b>	<b>3 125</b>	<b>1 937</b>	<b>1 927</b>
<b>Preschool</b>	<b>8 331</b>	<b>7 766</b>	<b>7 482</b>

<sup>a</sup> Refers to preschool administration salaries. <sup>b</sup> Expenditure on assets is an estimate as no breakdown was available.

**Table 13A.85 Services by management type, 1998-99 (number)**

	<i>Community managed<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Privately managed</i>	<i>Employer sponsored</i>	<i>Government managed</i>	<i>Total</i>
Centre based long day care	55	24	0	0	79
Family day care	na	na	na	na	na
Vacation care <sup>b</sup>	87	15	0	0	102
Before school hours care	na	na	0	0	na
After school hours care	na	na	0	0	na
Occasional care	11	0	0	0	11
'Other' care <sup>c</sup>	27	18	0	0	45
Preschool	na	na	na	81	81

<sup>a</sup> Includes not for profit services provided by parents. <sup>b</sup> The ACT licenses school age care services that may provide one, two or three components of care including vacation care, before school hours care, and after school hours care. <sup>c</sup> The ACT licenses 45 other services not included in the descriptors, including independent preschools, adjunct services and playschools.

## Effectiveness

**Table 13A.86 Proportion of children's services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care providing nonstandard hours of service (per cent)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Centre based long day care	50	0	na
Family day care	0	0	na
Vacation care	na	9.1	na
Before school hours care	0	0	na
After school hours care	0	0	na
Occasional care	23	36.4	36.4
Other care	0	0	na
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full time schooling)	na	0	0
Preschool (for younger children)	na	0	0

na Not available.

**Table 13A.87 Proportion of attendees of services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care from special needs groups**

	Children from non-English speaking backgrounds	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	Children from single parent families	Children with disabilities	Children from rural/remote areas
Representation in attendees of child care services					
1995-96	7.8	1.0	7.8	7.5	na
1996-97	10.7	0.7	na	1.8	0.0
1997-98	11.9	0.6	na	2.2	0.0
1998-99	8.7	0.8	4.7	1.2	0.0
Representation in attendees of preschool services					
1995-96	6.0	1.6	21.3	4.8	0.5
1996-97	8.5	2.1 <sup>a</sup>	na	6.8	0.5
1997-98	7.9	1.4	na	7.3	0.7
1998-99	9.6	1.7	0.0	8.1	0.6
Representation in community					
1996	12.6 <sup>b</sup>	1.9 <sup>c</sup>	15.4 <sup>c</sup>	na <sup>d</sup>	0.2 <sup>c, e</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Includes children attending early entry program and mainstream program. <sup>b</sup> Data were obtained from the 1996 Survey of Child Care. Australian average was used as data were not available by jurisdiction. <sup>c</sup> Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. <sup>d</sup> Data on ACT children with a disability were not available for publication. The national average, obtained from the 1998 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers and referring to children aged 14 years and younger, was 7.6 per cent. <sup>e</sup> Refers to children aged 14 years and younger. na Not available.

Sources: ABS *Census of Population and Housing, Australia*, (cat. no. 2020.0 unpublished); *Child Care, Australia*, (cat. no. 4402.0); *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia*, (cat. no. 4430.0 unpublished); *Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories*, (cat. no. 3201.0, unpublished); Australian Capital Territory Government, unpublished.

## Quality

Table 13A.88 **Number of serious injuries sustained per registered or licensed service, by service type, 1998-99 (number)<sup>a</sup>**

	<i>Serious injuries</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Injuries per service</i>
Centre based long day care	3	79	0.04
School age care <sup>b</sup>	3	102	0.03
Occasional care	0	11	0.00
Preschool	0	81	0.00

<sup>a</sup> Data are limited to reports provided by child care and preschool providers and therefore may not be a true indication of the number of injuries. <sup>b</sup> Includes services which offer either vacation care, before school hours care and/or after school hours care.

Table 13A.89 **Notifiable outbreaks of disease per registered or licensed service, by service type, 1998-99 (number)<sup>a</sup>**

	<i>Outbreaks of disease</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Outbreaks per service</i>
Centre based long day care	7	79	0.09
Occasional care	2	11	0.18
Preschool	2	81	0.02

<sup>a</sup> These data represent the number of reported cases of notifiable diseases from March 1999 to 30 June 1999.

Table 13A.90 **Substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service, by service type and against which action was taken, 1998-99**

	<i>Substantiated complaints</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Substantiated complaints per service</i>	<i>Proportion against which action was taken</i>
	no.	no.	no.	%
Centre based long day care	5	79	0.06	100.0
Outside school hours care	0	102	0.00	..
Occasional care	0	11	0.00	..
Preschool	0	81	0.00	..

.. Not applicable.

## Efficiency

Table 13A.91 **Unit cost of State government recurrent expenditure on children's services (dollars)**

	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Government recurrent expenditure per hour of service			
Preschool <sup>a</sup>	4.28	4.28	4.49

<sup>a</sup> Includes all preschool expenditure — unable to split between expenditure for preschools for children in the year immediately prior to commencing full time schooling and preschool for younger children.

## Northern Territory

### Descriptors

Table 13A.92 **Children and staff included in services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care**

	<i>Unit</i>	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
<i>Children</i>				
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	no.	na	273 <sup>a</sup>	290 <sup>b</sup>
Children aged 12 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	no.	na	2 221 <sup>c</sup>	290 <sup>b</sup>
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services:				
–In the year prior to commencement of full time schooling	no.	3 237 <sup>d</sup>	3 535 <sup>e</sup>	3 599 <sup>f</sup>
<i>Staff</i>				
Paid primary contact staff	FTE	na	102 <sup>g</sup>	102
Paid administrative staff	FTE	na	na	na
Other paid staff	FTE	na	na	na
Family day carers	FTE	0	0	0
Unpaid staff	FTE	na	24 <sup>h</sup>	0

<sup>a</sup> Refers to children attending three year old kindy. Not available for vacation care. <sup>b</sup> Refers to children attending three year old kindy. <sup>c</sup> Data referred to children attending block funded vacation care and three year old kindy services. <sup>d</sup> At August 1996. <sup>e</sup> Data for the calendar year ending 1997. <sup>f</sup> Data are for the calendar year ending 1998. <sup>g</sup> Refers to preschool services only as there were no FTE employees in NT Government supported child care services. <sup>h</sup> Data refer to three year old kindy only. **na** Not available.

Table 13A.93 Description of services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care

	Places			Average fees			Average attendance		
	no.			\$			Hours		
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Centre based long day care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Family day care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vacation care	850	1 948	0	75 <sup>a</sup>	64	0	0.2	39.9 <sup>b</sup>	0
Before school hours care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occasional care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other care	0	100	136	0	12	12	0	10.3 <sup>b</sup>	6.7 <sup>c</sup>
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full time schooling)	4 050 <sup>d</sup>	4 780 <sup>e</sup>	4 380	na	0	0.28 <sup>f</sup>	na	na	12.5 <sup>g</sup>
Preschool (for younger children)	0	na	na	0	0	0	0	na	na

<sup>a</sup> Average weekly fee. <sup>b</sup> No sample week data available; figures represent best information based on number of places and number of hours available for each service type. <sup>c</sup> No sample data were available; this figure represents the best information on the number of places and number of hours available for three year old kindy services. <sup>d</sup> At August 1996. <sup>e</sup> At August 1997. <sup>f</sup> Average voluntary contribution which equates to \$3.50 per week. <sup>g</sup> This is an estimate based on the average sessional hours provided and total number of children attending. **na** Not available.

**Table 13A.94 Primary paid contact staff in children's services with training or experience, 1998-99**

	<i>Child care</i>		<i>Preschool</i>	
	no.	%	no.	%
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	7	77.8	97	100.0
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	2	22.2	0	0.0
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification of the equivalent nor three years full time relevant work experience	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Total paid primary contact staff</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 13A.95 Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)**

	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Administrative expenditure			
Child care	291	242	618
Preschool	na	1 831 <sup>a</sup>	1 573
Other expenditure on service provision			
Child care	1 238	2 609	2 161 <sup>b</sup>
Preschool	na	11 765 <sup>a</sup>	12 055
Expenditure on assets			
Child care	673	520	1 341
Preschool	na	1 892 <sup>a</sup>	1 077
Financial support to families	0	0	0
<b>Total expenditure</b>			
<b>Child care</b>	<b>2 202</b>	<b>3 371</b>	<b>4 120</b>
<b>Preschool</b>	<b>10 188</b>	<b>15 488<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>14 705</b>

<sup>a</sup> Data were for 1997-98 financial year (attendance figures were for calendar year 1997). <sup>b</sup> Includes expenditure on the NT Child Day Care subsidy which provides \$12.40 per week per EFT child over two years and \$19.40 per EFT child under two years to all licensed child care centres to minimise the cost of care for families. An operational subsidy and establishment funding are also provided for extended hours care. **na** Not available.

**Table 13A.96 Services by management type, 1998-99 (number)**

	<i>Community managed<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Privately managed</i>	<i>Employer sponsored</i>	<i>Government managed</i>	<i>Total</i>
Centre based long day care	40 <sup>b</sup>	9 <sup>b</sup>	0	0	0
Family day care	0	0	0	0	0
Vacation care	0	0	0	0	0
Before school hours care	0	0	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0	0	0
Occasional care	1	0	0	0	0
'Other' care	5	0	0	0	5
Preschool	0	0	0	99 <sup>c</sup>	99

<sup>a</sup> Includes not for profit services provided by parents. <sup>b</sup> Represents all categories of NT child care centres except occasional and other care. <sup>c</sup> Preschool education is directly provided by the NT Department of Education, however a range of management functions are devolved to school councils and preschool parent management committees.

## Effectiveness

**Table 13A.97 Proportion of children's services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care providing nonstandard hours of service (per cent)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Centre based long day care	0	0	0
Family day care	0	0	0
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	0	0	0
After school hours care	0	0	0
Occasional care	0	0	0
Other care	0	0	0
Preschool (for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full time schooling)	0	na	na
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

**Table 13A.98 Proportion of attendees of services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care from special needs groups (per cent)**

	<i>Children from non-English speaking backgrounds</i>	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children</i>	<i>Children from single parent families</i>	<i>Children with disabilities</i>	<i>Children from rural/remote areas</i>
Representation in attendees of child care services					
1995-96	na	na	na	na	na
1996-97	na	na	na	na	na
1997-98 <sup>a</sup>	7.3	0	4.0	0	20.1
1998-99	na	na	na	na	na
Representation in attendees of preschool services					
1995-96	na	33.0	na	na	26.8
1996-97	na	32.2	na	na	26.9
1997-98 <sup>b</sup>	na	35.7	na	na	30.4
1998-99	na	36.5	na	na	29.7
Representation in community					
1996	12.6 <sup>c</sup>	35.9 <sup>d</sup>	18.9 <sup>d</sup>	na <sup>e</sup>	59.8 <sup>d, f</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Data refer to three year old kindy services only. <sup>b</sup> Data refer to calendar year ending 1997. <sup>c</sup> Data were obtained from 1996 Survey of Child Care. Australian average was used as data were not available by jurisdiction. <sup>d</sup> Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. <sup>e</sup> Data on NT children with a disability were not available for publication. The national average, obtained from the 1998 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers and referring to children aged 14 years and younger, was 7.6 per cent. <sup>f</sup> Refers to children aged 14 years and younger. na Not available.

Sources: ABS *Census of Population and Housing, Australia*, (cat. no. 2020.0, unpublished); *Child Care, Australia*, (cat. no. 4402.0); *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia*, (cat. no. 4430.0, unpublished); *Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories*, (cat. no. 3201.0, unpublished); Northern Territory Government, unpublished.

## Quality

**Table 13A.99 Number of serious injuries sustained per registered or licensed service, by service type (number)**

	<i>Serious injuries</i>	<i>Services<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Injuries per service</i>
1997-98			
Centre based long day care	34	42	0.8
Family day care	5	10	0.5
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	7	43	0.16
Occasional care	1	3	0.33
Other care	0	7	0.00

<sup>a</sup> Data from Commonwealth Child Care Census.

**Table 13A.100 Notifiable outbreaks of disease per registered or licensed service, by service type (number), 1998-99**

	<i>Outbreaks of disease</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Outbreaks per service</i>
Centre based long day care	2	43	0.05
Occasional care	0	3	0.00
Other care	0	7	0.00

**Table 13A.101 Substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service, by service type and against which action was taken, 1998-99**

	<i>Substantiated complaints</i>		<i>Substantiated complaints per service</i>	<i>Proportion against which action was taken</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
Centre based long day care	30	43	0.68	100.0
Occasional care	0	3	0.00	..
Other care	0	7	0.00	..

.. Not applicable.

## Efficiency

**Table 13A.102 Unit cost of State government recurrent expenditure on children's services (dollars)**

	<i>1998-99</i>
Government recurrent expenditure per hour of service	
Preschool <sup>a</sup>	6.70

<sup>a</sup> The total hours of preschool were an estimate based on the average sessional hours provided, total number of children attending, and number of weeks per year the service is available.

Table 13A.103 Treatment of assets by Children's Services agencies

		<i>Cwlth</i>	<i>NSW<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT<sup>b</sup></i>
Revaluation method <sup>c</sup>	Land	na	Deprival	Market	Deprival	na	Deprival	Deprival	Market	..
	Buildings	na	Deprival	Market	Deprival	na	Deprival	Deprival	DRC	..
	Other assets	na	DRC	na	na	na	Deprival	na	na	..
Frequency of revaluations	Land, buildings	2 yrs	every 3 yrs	every 5 yrs	every 5 yrs	na	every 3 yrs	every 1-5 years	every 5 yrs	..
	Other assets	0 to 7 yrs	every 3 yrs	every 5 yrs	every 5 yrs	na	every 3 yrs	every 5 yrs	every 5 yrs	..
Useful asset lives <sup>d, e</sup>	Buildings	25 yrs	40 yrs	na	40 yrs	25 yrs	15 to 60	50	50	..
	Plant & equip.	3 to 7 yrs	4 to 7 yrs	5 to 10 yrs	10 yrs	5 yrs	5 to 10	5 to 16	5 to 20	..
	IT equip.	na	4 yrs	4 yrs	3 yrs	3 to 4 yrs	3	na	na	..
	Vehicles	na	2 to 7 yrs	na	4 yrs	10 yrs	na	5	na	..
	Office equip. <sup>f</sup>	na	na	10 yrs	na	5 to 15 yrs	5 to 10	5 to 10	na	..
	Intel't Property	na	na	na	10 yrs	na	na	na	na	..
Threshold capitalisation levels	Buildings	na	na	na	1 000	na	10 000	na	2 000	..
	IT equip.	500	5 000	na	1 000	na	10 000	5 000	2 000	..
	Other assets	2 000	5 000	na	1 000	na	10 000	5 000	2 000	..

<sup>a</sup> Recognition threshold for revaluation of Queensland and NSW assets is \$50 000 for assets with lives of three or more years. <sup>b</sup> Northern Territory services currently report under a cash-based accounting system. <sup>c</sup> DRC is the depreciated replacement cost; *Market* value is the current (net) value market selling price or exchange value; and *Deprival* value may be either the DRC of an asset of a similar service potential or the stream of its future economic benefits. <sup>d</sup> Estimated as (1/depreciation rate). <sup>e</sup> Asset lives for some assets have been grouped with other classifications. <sup>f</sup> For some jurisdictions office equipment includes furniture and fittings. **na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: Department annual reports.

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## 13A.3 Definitions

Table 13A.104 **Terms**

<i>Term</i>	<i>Definition</i>
Approved	Preschool care that meets State and Territory government licensing requirements (where such requirements exist)
Centre based long day care	Child care services provided at a centre, usually by qualified staff. Age appropriate development programs and curricula are provided
Child care	Care provided to a child by a person other than the child's parent or guardian
Children	All resident male and female Australians aged 12 years and younger as at 30 June of each year
Children from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander backgrounds	Children of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and are accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives
Children from non-English speaking backgrounds	Children living in situations where the main language spoken is not English
Children from single parent families	Children of one parent families
Children's services	All government funded and/or provided child care and preschool services (unless otherwise stated)
Disability related care	Care of children who had a developmental delay or disability (including intellectual, sensory or physical impairment) or parent(s) with a disability
Family day care	Care provided for children in the carer's own home. It is largely aimed at 0–5 year olds, but primary school children may also receive care before and after school and during school vacations. Central coordination units in all States and Territories organise and support a network of carers.
Financial support to families	Any form of fee relief paid by governments to the users of children's services (for example, Childcare Assistance and the Childcare Rebate)

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<i>Term</i>	<i>Definition</i>
Formal child care	Organised care provided by a person other than the child's parent or guardian usually outside of the child's home — for example, centre based long day care, family day care, outside school hours care, vacation care and occasional care (not including babysitting)
Formal qualifications	Early childhood related teaching degree (three or four years), a child care certificate or associate diploma (two years), and/or other relevant qualifications (for example, a diploma or degree in child care [three years or more], a basic child care certificate [1 year], primary teaching, other teaching, nursing [including mothercraft nursing], psychology and social work)
Government funded or/and provided	All government financed services; that is, services that received government contributions towards providing a specified service (including private services receiving Childcare Assistance and the Childcare Rebate) and/or services for which the government had primary responsibility for delivery
Informal child care	Child care arrangements provided privately (for example, by friends, relatives, nannies) for which no government assistance was provided other than the Commonwealth's Childcare Cash Rebate. It was unregulated in most States and Territories.
Licensed services	Those services that comply with the relevant State or Territory licensing regulations. These cover matters such as the number of children the service can care for, safety requirements and the qualifications of carers.
Metropolitan areas	Defined as per the 1994 Human Services and Health and Department of Primary Industry and Energy publication <i>Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Areas Classification 1991 Census Edition</i> . In this publication, metropolitan areas are defined as areas which have an urban centre of 100 000 people or more. Jurisdictions were provided with a table indicating the classification assigned to 1996 statistical local areas (SLAs). Jurisdictions used this table to establish the total number of rural and remote places receiving government funding.
Nonstandard hours of care	Nonstandard hours of care by service type were defined as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• centre based long day care — services providing service for more than 10 hours a day on Monday to Friday and/or providing service on weekends;</li> <li>• family day care — services providing service for more than 10 hours a day on Monday to Friday and/or providing service overnight and/or on weekends;</li> <li>• vacation care — services providing service for more than 10 hours a day;</li> <li>• before school hours care — services providing service for more than two hours before school;</li> <li>• after school care — services providing service for more than three hours after school;</li> <li>• occasional care — services providing service for more than eight hours a day;</li> <li>• other — services providing service for more than 10 hours a day; and</li> <li>• preschool — services providing service for more than six hours a day.</li> </ul>

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<i>Term</i>	<i>Definition</i>
Notifiable outbreaks of disease	Situations where the relevant health department was notified
Occasional care	Child care usually provided at a centre on an hourly or sessional basis for short periods of time or at irregular intervals specifically for parents who need time to attend appointments, take care of personal matters, undertake casual and part time employment, study, or have temporary respite from full time parenting. These services are usually delivered by qualified staff and provide developmental activities for children.
Operational place	A licensed place (where a licensing system exists, or in receipt of government funding where not licensed) able to accept children as at 30 June each year
Other care	Government funded services to support children with additional needs or in particular situations (including children from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, children from non-English speaking backgrounds, children with a disability or of parents with a disability, and children living in remote and rural areas). It includes: multifunctional services; multifunctional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's services; mobiles; and toy libraries.
Other expenditure on service provision	Continuing payments to funded and/or provided services and one-off, noncapital payments to peak agencies
Outside school hours care	Care provided for school aged children (5–12 years old) outside school hours during term and vacations. Care may be provided on student free days and when school finishes early.
Preschools	Services usually provided by a qualified teacher on a sessional basis in dedicated preschools. Preschool programs or curriculum may also be provided in long day care centres and other settings.
Primary contact staff	Staff whose primary function is to provide care and/or preschool services to children
Program support activities	Administration expenditure associated with the licensing of services not in receipt of government funding
Real expenditure	Actual expenditure adjusted for changes in prices. Adjustments were made using the GDP (E) price deflator, and expressed in terms of final year prices.

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<i>Term</i>	<i>Definition</i>
Rural and remote areas	Areas defined as per the 1994 Human Services and Health and Department of Primary Industry and Energy publication, <i>Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Areas Classification 1991 Census Edition</i> . This publication assigned a measure of remoteness to each statistical local area (SLA) in Australia. Jurisdictions were provided with a table showing the classification assigned to each statistical local area in Australia. Jurisdictions were able to use this table to establish the total number of rural and remote places receiving government funding.
Serious injury	Injury requiring a visit to (or by) a doctor, or hospitalisation
Service	A certain type of activity, such as long day care. A location may offer a number of services, such as both preschool and occasional care services. Services might have been offered at a number of locations, such as after school hours care at different locations.
Service type	The categories for which data were collected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• centre based long day care;</li><li>• family day care;</li><li>• vacation care;</li><li>• outside school hours care;</li><li>• occasional care;</li><li>• 'other' care; and</li><li>• preschools.</li></ul>
Substantiated complaint	A substantiated complaint is an expression of concern, regarding a child care or preschool service made orally, in writing or in person, which constitutes a failure by the services to abide by the State or Territory legislation, regulations or conditions. This concern is investigated and subsequently considered to have substance by the regulatory body.
Vacation care	Care for school age children over vacation periods only

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**Table 13A.105 Descriptors**

<i>Descriptor</i>	<i>Definition</i>
Administration expenditure	Direct salaries associated with providing the following support services: licensing, advice, policy development, grants administration and training. Administration expenditure should have been limited to that proportion of expenditure spent on government funded and/or provided services. Administration also includes direct salaries associated with licensing all services.
Expenditure on assets	Expenditure on major and minor capital works. Expenditure spent on leasing equipment was included as administrative expenditure.
Full time equivalent staff numbers (FTE)	Numbers of staff working standard hours in a working week
Recurrent expenditure	Gross expenditure on wages, salaries and supplements and purchases of goods and services (both from public enterprises and the private sector). It refers to expenditure that does not result in the creation or acquisition of fixed assets (new or second hand).

**Table 13A.106 Indicators**

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Definition</i>
Proportion of services providing nonstandard hours of care	The number of services providing nonstandard hours of care divided by the total number of services, by service type
Proportion of special needs groups using services relative to their population proportions	The number of children from special needs groups using children's services divided by the total number of children using children's services. Results were presented separately for child care and preschool services with special needs groups divided into children from a non-English speaking background, children from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island background, children from single parent families, children with disabilities, and children from remote or rural areas. These were compared with their representation in the community.
Serious injuries sustained/notifiable outbreaks of disease per registered or licensed service	The total number of serious injuries sustained by children and total number of notifiable outbreaks of disease divided by the total number of registered or licensed services
Substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service	The number of substantiated complaints divided by the total number of registered or licensed services. Results were presented separately by service type. The proportion of substantiated complaints against which action was taken was also reported.

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<i>Term</i>	<i>Definition</i>
Out-of-pocket costs relative to family income for children's services	Modelling undertaken by the Department of Family and Community Services for families with one child and two children respectively in full time care (defined as 50 hours per week for each child) for a range of indicative annual incomes. Out-of-pocket costs are based on the average weekly fee for one child and two children in full time care, and are calculated as a proportion of weekly disposable income, after the payment of child care subsidies. The annual income levels used are: \$27 000, \$35 000, \$45 000, \$55 000 and \$65 000.
Government recurrent expenditure per hour of service	Total government recurrent funding on children's services divided by the total hours of care provided by services receiving government funding
Administrative expenditure as a proportion of total government expenditure	Total government administrative expenditure divided by total government expenditure

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