

# 14A Children's services — attachment

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All jurisdictions' data

Table 14A.1 **Estimated resident population, children 12 years and younger ('000)<sup>a</sup>**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
<b>30 June 1997</b>									
0–2 years	261.6	186.1	144.3	75.9	57.3	19.7	13.0	10.8	768.9
3 years	88.2	63.9	49.2	25.6	19.5	6.9	4.3	3.5	261.2
4 years	88.7	63.8	49.6	25.5	19.8	6.8	4.4	3.5	262.2
5 years	88.2	63.7	49.9	25.6	19.7	6.9	4.4	3.6	261.9
6–12 years	614.1	444.4	345.3	188.3	140.5	49.5	31.5	22.6	1 836.6
<b>Total 0-12</b>	<b>1 140.8</b>	<b>821.8</b>	<b>638.3</b>	<b>341.0</b>	<b>256.9</b>	<b>89.7</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>3 390.8</b>
<b>30 June 1998</b>									
0–2 years	258.6	184.2	143.4	75.2	55.8	18.6	12.5	10.7	759.1
3 years	88.2	64.0	49.3	25.9	19.6	6.8	4.4	3.6	261.8
4 years	88.4	64.2	49.9	25.9	19.6	6.8	4.3	3.5	262.7
5 years	89.0	64.1	50.2	25.9	19.9	6.8	4.3	3.5	263.7
6–12 years	617.0	446.9	350.0	189.1	139.9	48.6	31.0	23.1	1 846.3
<b>Total 0-12</b>	<b>1 141.2</b>	<b>823.4</b>	<b>642.9</b>	<b>342.0</b>	<b>254.8</b>	<b>87.6</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>3 393.6</b>
<b>30 June 1999</b>									
0–2 years	256.1	180.9	142.4	74.9	55.1	18.0	12.7	10.5	750.8
3 years	87.3	62.1	49.4	26.0	19.3	6.6	4.3	3.6	258.6
4 years	88.4	64.3	50.0	26.2	19.6	6.7	4.4	3.5	263.2
5 years	88.6	64.4	50.7	26.2	19.6	6.8	4.3	3.5	263.9
6–12 years	620.4	449.5	354.5	189.2	139.4	47.9	30.6	23.3	1 855.3
<b>Total 0-12</b>	<b>1 140.8</b>	<b>821.2</b>	<b>647.0</b>	<b>342.5</b>	<b>253.0</b>	<b>86.0</b>	<b>56.2</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>3 391.8</b>

<sup>a</sup> Includes other Territories.

Source: ABS (unpublished) cat no. 3201.0.

Table 14A.2 **Number of children and staff from services included in the Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services, 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>	
1997 <sup>a</sup>										
Children (0–5 years) <sup>b</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>b</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>c</sup>	9 400	7 060	7 700	2 500	1 600	470	800	400	29 930
Paid administrative staff	FTE <sup>c</sup>	1 400	1 040	1 100	350	330	80	100	60	4 460
Other paid staff	FTE <sup>c</sup>	800	530	300	200	100	30	30	30	2 020
Family day carers	FTE <sup>c, d</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
1999 <sup>e</sup>										
Children (0–5 years) <sup>b</sup>	no.	140 300	81 600	92 000	29 500	23 600	9 000	7 500	3 900	387 400
Children (0–12 years) <sup>b, f</sup>	no.	192 600	130 000	133 600	42 900	43 300	13 500	12 300	6 700	574 900
Paid primary contact staff	FTE <sup>c</sup>	11 000	7 300	7 800	2 600	1 800	500	800	500	32 300
Paid administrative staff	FTE <sup>c</sup>	1 400	1 100	1 200	400	300	90	100	70	4 660
Other paid staff	FTE <sup>c</sup>	800	500	300	200	110	30	40	30	2 010
Family day carers	FTE <sup>c, d</sup>	4 200	3 700	3 500	900	1 400	500	500	200	15 000
Unpaid staff	no.	1 500	900	1 300	600	300	110	60	60	4 830

<sup>a</sup> Estimated from August 1996 and August 1997 Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services.

<sup>b</sup> Numbers of children in each age category included children in 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. Data include a small number of children older than 12 years.

<sup>c</sup> Full time equivalent staff was interpreted as staff working 38 hours per week. No information was available for Indigenous playgroups, mobiles, neighbourhood model and family day care schemes. These questions were not asked in the Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services.

<sup>d</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 Territory and between States and Territories.

<sup>e</sup> At May 1999.

<sup>f</sup> Does not include children attending neighbourhood model services as this service type was not included in the 1999 Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services. There were around 15 400 children attending neighbourhood model services who were included in the total for 1997.

Source: Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services, August 1996, August 1997 and May 1999.

**Table 14A.3 Number of places provided by services included in the Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services (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</i>
<b>1998<sup>a</sup></b>									
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
Outside school hours care	46 600	28 900	25 000	9 900	14 900	2 200	4 020	2 450	133 970
Occasional care	1 500	1 300	800	500	450	200	130	50	4 930
Other care	550	250	300	270	180	40	–	200	1 790
<b>1999<sup>a</sup></b>									
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	–	200	1 780
<b>2000<sup>a</sup></b>									
Centre based long day care	62 600	41 800	54 800	13 900	9 800	2 400	3 800	1 900	190 900
Family day care	21 800	16 800	12 400	4 400	5 400	2 100	2 600	900	66 300
Outside school hours care	54 400	49 100	34 600	11 300	19 700	3 400	4 400	2 800	179 700
Occasional care	1 490	1 230	730	500	410	170	130	40	4 700
Other care	500	270	260	280	200	30	–	260	1 800

<sup>a</sup> At June. Estimated from administrative data.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services, August 1996, August 1997 and May 1999.

Table 14A.4 **Average fees paid for services included in the Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services (dollars)**

	<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>
1997 <sup>a</sup>									
Centre based long day care <sup>b</sup>	161.00	157.00	146.00	152.00	165.00	174.00	172.00	149.00	na
Family day care <sup>b</sup>	139.00	121.00	121.00	140.00	134.00	152.00	151.00	123.00	na
Vacation care <sup>b</sup>	60.00	71.00	64.00	75.00	62.00	82.00	99.00	85.00	na
Before school hours care <sup>c</sup>	4.57	3.74	3.46	4.05	2.80	4.15	4.07	2.00	na
After school hours care <sup>c</sup>	6.48	5.53	5.51	6.18	4.97	6.32	7.85	7.93	na
Occasional care <sup>d</sup>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1999 <sup>e</sup>									
Centre based long day care <sup>f</sup>	172.00	164.00	155.00	160.00	168.00	176.00	182.00	153.00	166.00
Family day care <sup>b</sup>	149.00	128.00	127.00	151.00	161.00	160.00	163.00	134.00	139.00
Vacation care <sup>b</sup>	78.00	93.00	101.00	117.00	99.00	106.00	106.00	103.00	97.00
Before school hours care <sup>c</sup>	5.95	5.05	4.88	5.74	3.75	4.17	5.14	5.00	5.18
After school hours care <sup>c</sup>	8.79	7.49	8.06	9.07	7.98	8.61	10.04	9.66	8.23
Occasional care <sup>d</sup>	4.15	3.79	4.34	4.21	2.39	4.05	3.78	6.00	3.91
Other care	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	na	na
2000									
Centre based long day care <sup>g</sup>	177.00	168.00	157.00	163.00	170.00	177.00	186.00	155.00	169.00

a Estimated from August 1996 and August 1997 Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services.

b Average weekly fee.

c Average sessional fee.

d Average hourly fee.

e At May 1999.

f Fees estimated based on administration collections at June 1999.

g Fees estimated based on administration collections at June 2000.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services, August 1996, August 1997 and May 1999.

Table 14A.5 **Average hours per week attended at services included in the Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services (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>
<b>1997<sup>b</sup></b>								
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>c</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	–	29.0
<b>1999<sup>d</sup></b>								
Centre-based long day care	18.1	21.4	19.9	18.2	17.2	13.9	26.1	27.6
Family day care	19.3	16.5	21.1	16.9	16.4	13.9	21.2	25.7
Vacation care <sup>c</sup>	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.5	2.4	3.2	3.8
Before School Hours care	5.6	4.4	4.6	6.0	3.2	2.5	4.0	3.1
After School Hours care	7.8	6.0	6.8	8.2	5.6	4.8	8.1	10.8
Occasional care	8.0	6.4	8.4	7.2	5.6	9.0	7.7	5.4
Other care	17.2	14.0	25.6	21.6	16.1	24.5	–	25.8

<sup>a</sup> Average attendance hours were derived by summing hours attended within each sector and dividing by the number of children who attended in the reference week (excludes allowable absences).

<sup>b</sup> Estimated from August 1996 and August 1997 Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services.

<sup>c</sup> Average days of attendance.

<sup>d</sup> At May 1999.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services, August 1996, August 1997 and May 1999.

Table 14A.6 Commonwealth Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)

	<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>
1996-97									
Administrative expenditure	3 535	2 588	2 754	1 426	1 056	457	384	492	12 691
Other expenditure on service provision	61 973	45 792	34 982	17 173	17 808	6 072	5 498	4 869	194 168
Expenditure on assets	1 550	5 539	2 520	422	1 588	817	566	290	13 292
Financial support to families <sup>a</sup>	204 764	161 448	216 873	58 010	41 563	11 685	9 785	6 422	710 549
<b>Total</b>	<b>271 823</b>	<b>215 367</b>	<b>257 128</b>	<b>77 031</b>	<b>62 015</b>	<b>19 030</b>	<b>16 233</b>	<b>12 073</b>	<b>930 701</b>
1997-98									
Administrative expenditure	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	70 142
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>a</sup>	232 999	164 553	213 647	58 050	43 976	12 960	14 195	7 881	748 260
<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>1 191 173</b>
1998-99									
Administrative expenditure <sup>b</sup>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	80 512
Other expenditure on service provision <sup>c</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>d</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>
1999-2000 <sup>e</sup>									
Administrative expenditure	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	158 321
Other expenditure on service provision	42 758	29 566	29 738	13 256	13 678	4 668	4 122	4 568	142 354
Expenditure on assets	6 256	3 375	1 899	1 083	1 499	502	261	3 200	18 075
Financial support to families	226 441	168 800	220 875	58 694	50 124	13 397	13 750	7 770	759 851
<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>1 078 601</b>

<sup>a</sup> Data include families receiving Childcare Assistance and the Childcare Rebate for formal care and preschool services, but not for informal care services.

<sup>b</sup> Data represent an estimate of total administrative costs (as a result of transitional arrangements). Expenditure unable to be disaggregated by State.

<sup>c</sup> Total recurrent expenditure minus financial support to families.

<sup>d</sup> Data represents Childcare Assistance and the Childcare Rebate for formal care.

<sup>e</sup> The increase in expenditure is as a result of the revised attribution based on Centrelink Activity Based Costing Data (collected November 1999) which reflects current resources use differently to previous attribution data).

na Not available.

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



Table 14A.7 Commonwealth Government real expenditure on child care services (1999-2000 dollars, \$'000)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
1996-97									
Administrative expenditure	3 641	2 665	2 836	1 469	1 088	471	395	507	13 070
Other expenditure on service provision	63 824	47 160	36 027	17 686	18 340	6 253	5 662	5 014	199 967
Expenditure on assets	1 596	5 704	2 595	435	1 635	841	583	299	13 689
Financial support to families <sup>a</sup>	210 880	166 270	223 350	59 743	42 804	12 034	10 077	6 614	731 770
<b>Total</b>	<b>279 941</b>	<b>221 799</b>	<b>264 807</b>	<b>79 332</b>	<b>63 867</b>	<b>19 598</b>	<b>16 718</b>	<b>12 434</b>	<b>958 497</b>
1997-98									
Administrative expenditure	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	71 428
Other expenditure on service provision	53 210	37 441	32 290	16 029	15 321	5 448	4 827	4 463	169 027
Expenditure on assets	3 338	3 752	4 236	550	891	711	405	301	14 185
Financial support to families <sup>a</sup>	237 270	167 569	217 563	59 114	44 782	13 198	14 455	8 025	761 976
<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>1 016 616</b>
1998-99									
Administrative expenditure <sup>b</sup>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	81 821
Other expenditure on service provision <sup>c</sup>	40 548	30 852	30 402	13 223	12 937	4 523	3 583	3 955	136 975
Expenditure on assets	6 398	2 682	2 851	864	1 423	535	476	990	16 215
Financial support to families <sup>d</sup>	230 149	172 845	220 784	60 542	47 716	13 551	13 598	8 149	767 331
<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>1 002 342</b>
1999-2000 <sup>e</sup>									
Administrative expenditure	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	158 321
Other expenditure on service provision	42 758	29 566	29 738	13 256	13 678	4 668	4 122	4 568	142 354
Expenditure on assets	6 256	3 375	1 899	1 083	1 499	502	261	3 200	18 075
Financial support to families	226 441	168 800	220 875	58 694	50 124	13 397	13 750	7 770	759 851
<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>1 078 601</b>

<sup>a</sup> Data include families receiving Childcare Assistance and the Childcare Rebate for formal care and preschool services, but not for informal care services.

<sup>b</sup> Data represent estimate of total administrative costs (as a result of transitional arrangements). Expenditure unable to be disaggregated by State.

<sup>c</sup> Total recurrent expenditure minus financial support to families.

<sup>d</sup> Data represents Childcare Assistance and the Childcare Rebate for formal care.

<sup>e</sup> The increase in expenditure is as a result of the revised attribution based on Centrelink Activity Based Costing Data (collected November 1999) which reflects current resources use differently to previous attribution data).

na Not available.

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

Table 14A.8 **Paid primary contact staff in child care with qualifications or experience working in services included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services, 1997<sup>a</sup>**

	<i>Unit</i>	<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>	no.	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	no.	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	no.	3 700	2 900	3 900	1 200	800	200	500	200	13 400
<b>Total paid primary contact staff</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>13 500</b>	<b>10 100</b>	<b>10 700</b>	<b>3 350</b>	<b>2 700</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>1 400</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>43 050</b>
<i>Proportion</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
<b>Total paid primary contact staff</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<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.

Source: Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services, August 1997.

Table 14A.9 **Paid primary contact staff in child care with qualifications or experience working in services included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services, 1999<sup>a</sup>**

	<i>Unit</i>	<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>	no.	10 000	7 600	8 600	2 200	2 000	600	800	400	32 200
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	no.	3 300	1 800	1 200	600	600	200	200	100	8 000
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time work experience	no.	2 000	1 800	1 500	800	500	100	300	200	7 200
<b>Total paid primary contact staff</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>15 300</b>	<b>11 200</b>	<b>11 300</b>	<b>3 600</b>	<b>3 100</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>1 300</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>47 400</b>
<i>Proportion</i>										
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification <sup>b</sup>	%	65.4	67.9	76.1	61.1	64.5	66.7	61.5	57.1	67.9
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	%	21.6	16.1	10.6	16.7	19.4	22.2	15.4	14.3	16.9
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time work experience	%	13.1	16.1	13.3	22.2	16.1	11.1	23.1	28.6	15.2
<b>Total paid primary contact staff</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<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.

Source: Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services, May 1999.

Table 14A.10 **Children using services by labour force status of parents (per cent)<sup>a</sup>**

	<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
1999	73	49	65	27	51	35

<sup>a</sup> Information on children aged 0–11 years.

Source: ABS (1993, 1997 and 2000) cat. no. 4402.0.

Table 14A.11 Children using services by labour force status of parents (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>
<i>1996</i>									
Child care									
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
Preschool									
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
<i>1999</i>									
Child care									
Both parents in workforce	69	76	72	71	77	71 <sup>b</sup>	78 <sup>b</sup>	92 <sup>c</sup>	73
At least one parent not in workforce	31	24	28	29	23	29 <sup>b</sup>	22 <sup>b</sup>	8 <sup>c</sup>	27
Preschool									
Both parents in workforce	47	49	54	53	40	43 <sup>b</sup>	27 <sup>c</sup>	46 <sup>b</sup>	49
At least one parent not in workforce	53	51	46	47	60	57 <sup>b</sup>	73 <sup>c</sup>	54 <sup>b</sup>	51

<sup>a</sup> Information on children aged 0–11 years.

<sup>b</sup> Estimate has a relative standard error of between 25 per cent and 50 per cent and should be used with caution.

<sup>c</sup> Estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50 per cent and is considered too unreliable for general use.

Source: ABS (1993, 1997 and 2000) cat. no. 4402.0.

Table 14A.12 **Progress of centre based long day care services in the Quality Improvement and Accreditation System, 2000**<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>
Centres assessed under QIAS									
Centres accredited with:									
One year between reviews	174	111	81	59	20	3	4	11	463
Two years between reviews	76	55	27	10	7	–	4	9	188
Three years between reviews	1 220	579	690	212	148	47	65	18	2 979
<b>Total accredited centres</b>	<b>1 470</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>3 630</b>
Unaccredited <sup>c</sup>	84	37	59	43	4	–	2	4	233
<b>Total centres assessed under QIAS</b>	<b>1 554</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3 863</b>
Centres in self study, review or moderation, or awaiting council decision	69	28	41	14	9	–	2	4	167
<b>Total centres</b>	<b>1 623</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>4 030</b>

a At 14 July.

b Figures may change daily and are updated every six weeks following a Council meeting.

c The Council continues to work towards accreditation with these centres.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: National Childcare Accreditation Council Inc. (unpublished)

Table 14A.13 **Services providing nonstandard hours of care included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services (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>
<b>1996<sup>a</sup></b>									
Centre based long day care	48.3	94.0	80.5	35.3	87.9	43.1	47.4	37.5	69.2
Family day care <sup>b</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	–	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	–	–	12.5	14.3	–	..	–	5.9
<b>1998<sup>c</sup></b>									
Centre based long day care	50.0	84.4	77.8	77.1	75.0	50.0	50.0	25.0	66.8
Family day care <sup>d</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	–	15.0	38.3
Before school hours care	25.0	9.1	20.0	16.7	1.9	–	..	–	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	–	6.7	10.0	–	3.0
Other care	5.0	–	–	10.0	10.0	–	..	–	4.3
<b>1999<sup>e</sup></b>									
Centre based long day care	51.8	86.0	86.0	79.7	81.7	50.9	44.9	50.0	69.8
Family day care <sup>d</sup>	74.5	93.0	92.9	90.0	91.7	81.8	71.4	33.3	84.7
Vacation care	50.1	41.5	65.6	59.6	66.0	13.3	7.7	46.2	53.1
Before school hours care	26.4	10.0	22.2	18.4	1.4	–	–	–	16.7
Outside school hours care	38.8	8.8	37.2	20.2	10.9	18.4	–	35.5	23.8
Occasional care	12.2	33.3	38.5	35.3	7.7	75.0	–	100.0	25.4
Other care	8.3	–	60.0	–	14.3	–	..	–	10.6

<sup>a</sup> Estimated from August 1995 and August 1996 Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services.

<sup>b</sup> Proportion of children attending non-standard hours of care.

<sup>c</sup> At June.

<sup>d</sup> Proportion of schemes providing non-standard hours of care.

<sup>e</sup> At May 1999.

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

Source: Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services, May 1999.

Table 14A.14 **Proportion of children's services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services providing nonstandard hours of service (per cent)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT
1999-2000								
Centre based long day care	59.5 <sup>a</sup>	na	na	na	na	28.6	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vacation care	19.1	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	17.0	na	na	na	na	12.7	27.8	na
Other care	17.2	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Preschool	52.9	na	na	na	69.0 <sup>b</sup>	na	–	na

<sup>a</sup> Defined as a service operating for more than 50 hours during the sample week.

<sup>b</sup> Includes preschools providing full day sessions.

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

Sources: tables 14A.31, 14A.42, 14A.53, 14A.64, 14A.75, 14A.86, 14A.97 and 14A.108.



Table 14A.15 **Proportion of attendees of Commonwealth, 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 in the community</i>
	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>	
Children from non-English speaking backgrounds	10.7 <sup>b</sup>	10.7	8.5 <sup>g</sup>
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children	1.6 <sup>b</sup>	1.5	3.7 <sup>c</sup>
Children from single parent families	19.0 <sup>d</sup>	18.9	15.7 <sup>c</sup>
Children with disabilities	2.0 <sup>b</sup>	2.3	7.6 <sup>e</sup>
Children from rural and remote areas	21.3 <sup>e</sup>	21.2	30.7 <sup>c, f</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 and SA.

<sup>c</sup> Representation in the community related to 1996.

<sup>d</sup> Does not include children attending some services in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA, Tasmania and the ACT.

<sup>e</sup> Does not include children attending some services in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA, SA and Tasmania.

<sup>f</sup> Refers to children 14 years and younger.

<sup>g</sup> Refers to children 11 years and younger.

Source: ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 2020.0; ABS 2000, cat. no. 4402.0; ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 4430.0; ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 3201.0; Commonwealth Government (unpublished) and State and Territory governments (unpublished).

**Table 14A.16 Proportion of attendees at child care services from special needs groups included in the Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services (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>
Children from non-English speaking backgrounds <sup>b</sup>									
1997 <sup>c</sup>	15.2	12.5	6.0	8.3	5.9	3.1	12.2	7.3	10.7
1999 <sup>d</sup>	15.3	12.2	6.2	7.7	6.0	2.2	10.6	7.5	10.7
Representation in the community <sup>e</sup>	11.5	11.0	4.0	4.7	6.1	0.9	9.5	5.7	8.5 <sup>g</sup>
Indigenous children <sup>b, f</sup>									
1997 <sup>c</sup>	1.4	0.5	2.4	2.7	1.2	0.8	0.8	14.5	1.6
1999 <sup>d</sup>	1.4	0.6	2.1	2.1	1.2	0.7	0.8	10.4	1.5
Representation in the community <sup>f</sup>	3.3	0.9	5.5	5.3	2.8	5.4	1.9	35.9	3.7
Children from single parent families <sup>g</sup>									
1997 <sup>c</sup>	17.5	17.5	21.1	21.3	21.9	19.4	17.4	18.2	19.0
1999 <sup>d</sup>	17.0	18.2	21.3	20.7	21.2	19.3	16.3	14.9	18.9
Representation in the community <sup>f</sup>	15.9	14.4	16.7	15.4	16.9	16.9	15.4	18.9	15.7
Children with disabilities <sup>h</sup>									
1997 <sup>c</sup>	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.0	3.2	2.3	1.7	1.8	2.0
1999 <sup>d</sup>	2.3	2.2	1.9	1.9	3.9	2.2	1.6	1.5	2.3
Representation in the community <sup>i</sup>	6.6	6.6	8.3	10.3	9.6	7.2	na <sup>l</sup>	na <sup>l</sup>	7.6
Children from rural/remote areas <sup>b, j</sup>									
1997 <sup>c</sup>	21.8	21.7	22.5	21.3	17.5	20.2	–	43.6	21.3
1999 <sup>d</sup>	21.6	21.2	22.8	20.7	18.2	23.7	–	37.3	21.2
Representation in the community <sup>f, k</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> Includes vacation care, which overlapped with children in outside school hours care.

<sup>c</sup> Estimated from August 1996 and August 1997 Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services.

<sup>d</sup> At May 1999.

<sup>e</sup> Data were obtained from 1999 ABS Survey of Child Care. Estimate for Tasmania has a relative standard error of 25 to 50 per cent and should be used with caution.

<sup>f</sup> Data were obtained from the 1996 ABS Census of Population and Housing.

<sup>g</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>h</sup> The number of children with disabilities using child care did not include those children whose parents had a disability.

<sup>i</sup> Data were obtained from the 1998 ABS Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers.

<sup>j</sup> Does not include occasional care neighbourhood model for which data were not available.

<sup>k</sup> Refers to children 14 years and younger.

<sup>l</sup> Data on children with a disability were not available for publication.

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

Source: Commonwealth, Census of Child Care Services, ABS (unpublished) cat. No. 2020.0; ABS (unpublished, 1996, 2000) cat. No. 4402.0; ABS (unpublished) cat. No. 4430.0 ; ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 3201.0; Commonwealth Government (unpublished) and State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 14A.17 Commonwealth Government recurrent expenditure on child care services (dollars per hour)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
1997-98 <sup>a</sup>								
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
Outside school hours care <sup>b</sup>	1.80	1.46	1.65	1.84	1.60	2.07	1.66	1.65
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
1999-2000								
Centre based long day care	1.78	1.99	2.25	2.09	2.00	1.84	1.31	1.79
Family day care	2.57	2.79	2.79	3.12	3.89	2.94	2.49	1.82
Outside school hours care <sup>b</sup>	1.04	1.22	1.41	1.36	1.29	1.42	0.96	1.26
Occasional care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

a Data exclude expenditure on administration.

b Disaggregated data were not available for before and after school hours care services.

na Not available.

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

Table 14A.18 **Commonwealth Government real recurrent expenditure on child care services (1999-2000 dollars per hour)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
1997-98 <sup>a</sup>								
Centre based long day care	1.91	1.92	2.23	2.00	2.09	1.95	1.42	1.95
Family day care	2.35	2.55	2.57	2.84	2.98	2.72	2.39	2.37
Outside school hours care <sup>b</sup>	1.83	1.49	1.68	1.87	1.63	2.11	1.69	1.68
Occasional care	3.92	1.57	2.25	3.84	4.31	2.28	2.10	11.00
Other care	22.37	19.37	na	11.49	16.70	30.26	na	5.14
1999-2000								
Centre based long day care	1.78	1.99	2.25	2.09	2.00	1.84	1.31	1.79
Family day care	2.57	2.79	2.79	3.12	3.89	2.94	2.49	1.82
Outside school hours care <sup>b</sup>	1.04	1.22	1.41	1.36	1.29	1.42	0.96	1.26
Occasional care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other care	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

<sup>a</sup> Data exclude expenditure on administration.

<sup>b</sup> Disaggregated data were not available for before and after school hours care services.

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

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

Table 14A.19 **Out-of-pocket costs of child care 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
One child in full time centre based long day care					
Before subsidies	35.1	28.5	23.4	19.8	17.4
After subsidies	11.8	11.8	12.1	13.1	14.0
Two children in full time centre based long day care					
Before subsidies	61.8	55.5	45.8	38.9	34.2
After subsidies	17.4	19.2	19.8	20.5	22.3
One child in full time family day care					
Before subsidies	28.8	23.4	19.2	16.3	14.3
After subsidies	7.4	8.3	9.2	9.8	10.9
Two children in full time family day care					
Before subsidies	50.8	45.7	37.6	32.0	28.1
After subsidies	9.7	12.3	14.2	15.4	16.5

<sup>a</sup> The model is based on children attending full time (equal to 50 hours per child) centre based long day care at March 2000 and family day care at May 1999. Childcare Assistance and the Childcare Rebate payments at April 1999. Disposable income refers to the amount of after income tax and includes non-child care government benefits and rebates, at March 2000.

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

Table 14A.20 **Out-of-pocket costs of child care for families with children in full time centre based long day care (after the payment of subsidies), as a proportion of weekly disposable income, by gross annual family incomes (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>
One child in care									
\$27 000	12.8	11.5	10.1	10.8	12.0	13.0	14.3	9.6	11.8
\$35 000	12.6	11.6	10.4	11.0	11.9	12.7	13.8	10.0	11.8
\$45 000	13.0	11.9	10.9	11.4	12.2	13.2	14.4	10.6	12.1
\$55 000	13.9	12.9	11.7	12.3	13.2	14.0	15.1	11.3	13.1
\$65 000	14.7	13.8	12.8	13.3	14.1	14.9	15.8	12.5	14.0
Two children in care									
\$27 000	19.2	16.9	14.3	15.6	17.6	19.4	21.7	13.5	17.4
\$35 000	20.9	18.8	16.5	17.6	19.5	21.1	23.2	15.8	19.2
\$45 000	21.2	19.5	17.6	18.5	20.0	21.4	23.1	17.0	19.8
\$55 000	22.1	20.1	18.3	19.1	20.7	22.4	24.4	17.8	20.5
\$65 000	23.7	21.9	19.8	20.8	22.5	23.9	25.7	19.2	22.3

<sup>a</sup> The model is based on children attending full time centre based long day care (equal to 50 hours per child) at March 2000.

Childcare Assistance and the Childcare Rebate payments at April 1999. Disposable income refers to the amount of after income tax and includes non-child care government benefits and rebates, at March 2000.

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

**Table 14A.21 Out-of-pocket costs of child care for families with children in full time family day care (after the payment of subsidies), as a proportion of weekly disposable income, by gross annual family incomes (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>
One child in care									
\$27 000	8.9	5.9	5.7	9.2	10.6	10.5	10.9	6.7	7.4
\$35 000	9.4	7.0	6.8	9.7	10.9	10.7	11.1	7.7	8.3
\$45 000	10.2	8.1	8.0	10.3	11.3	11.2	11.5	8.7	9.2
\$55 000	10.8	8.9	8.8	11.0	12.2	12.0	12.4	9.4	9.8
\$65 000	12.0	9.8	9.7	12.2	13.2	13.1	13.4	10.4	10.9
Two children in care									
\$27 000	12.3	6.9	6.6	12.8	15.3	15.1	15.8	8.4	9.7
\$35 000	14.6	9.8	9.6	15.1	17.4	17.2	17.9	11.2	12.3
\$45 000	16.0	12.1	11.9	16.4	18.3	18.1	18.7	13.2	14.2
\$55 000	17.0	13.6	13.5	17.3	18.9	18.8	19.3	14.6	15.4
\$65 000	18.2	14.9	14.8	18.6	20.6	20.4	21.0	15.8	16.5

<sup>a</sup> The model is based on children attending full time family day care (equal to 50 hours per child) at March 2000. Childcare Assistance and the Childcare Rebate payments at April 1999. Disposable income refers to the amount of after income tax and includes non-child care government benefits and rebates, at March 2000.

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

Table 14A.22 Comparability of expenditure — items included, 1999-2000

	<i>Commonwealth</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Superannuation	na	na	na	†	na	†	†	na	na
basis of estimate	na	na	na	Accrual	na	Cash	Cash	na	na
Workers compensation	na	na	na	†	na	†	†	na	na
Payroll tax	na	na	na	†	na	†	†	na	na
Termination and long service leave	na	na	na	†	na	†	†	na	na
basis of estimate	na	na	na	..	na	Cash	Cash	na	na
Sick leave	na	na	na	†	na	†	†	na	na
basis of estimate	na	na	na	..	na	Cash	Cash	na	na
Depreciation	na	na	na	†	na	†	†	na	na
Rent	na	na	na	†	na	†	†	na	na
Utilities	na	na	na	†	na	†	†	na	na
Umbrella department costs	na	na	na	†	na	†	†	na	na
basis of estimate	na	na	na	Formula <sup>a</sup>	na	..	Formula <sup>b</sup>	na	na

a Activity based costing of corporate costs.

b Staff FTE for childcare and student FTE for preschools.

Source: Commonwealth, State and Territory governments (unpublished).



Table 14A.23 Total government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)<sup>a</sup>

	Commonwealth	State and Territory governments								Total	All government
	Government	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT		
1996-97											
Administrative expenditure	12 691	9 818	3 496	6 514	1 429	3 174	na	626	291	25 348	38 039
Other expenditure on service provision	194 168	93 514	61 515	92 776	6 690	49 943	na	9 357	1 238	315 033	509 201
Expenditure on assets	13 292	3 002	7 073	12 379	552	4 877	na	1 472	673	30 028	43 320
Financial support to families	710 549	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–	–	710 549
<b>Total</b>	<b>930 701</b>	<b>106 334</b>	<b>72 084</b>	<b>111 669</b>	<b>8 671</b>	<b>57 994</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>11 455</b>	<b>2 202</b>	<b>370 409</b>	<b>1 301 110</b>
1997-98											
Administrative expenditure	70 142	9 051	3 927	9 184	1 538	3 077	515	430	2 073	29 795	99 937
Other expenditure on service provision	165 985	83 746	65 714	102 468	4 887	52 128	1	8 634	14 374	331 952	497 937
Expenditure on assets	1 930	8 400 <sup>a</sup>	2 809	13 222	19	1 629	na	357	2 412	20 448	22 378
Financial support to families	748 260	–	–	–	–	na	na	–	–	–	748 260
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 191 173</b>	<b>101 197</b>	<b>72 450</b>	<b>124 874</b>	<b>6 444</b>	<b>56 834</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>9 421</b>	<b>18 859</b>	<b>390 238</b>	<b>1 581 411</b>
1998-99											
Administrative expenditure	80 512	10 149	3 396	13 719	1 480	3 361	592	802	2 191	35 690	116 202
Other expenditure on service provision	134 783	87 243	63 395	106 362	926	56 126	863	8 373	14 216	337 504	472 287
Expenditure on assets	15 956	3 019	728	8 330	542	1 224	na	234	2 418	16 495	32 451
Financial support to families	755 054	152	–	–	–	na	–	–	–	152	755 206
<b>Total</b>	<b>986 305</b>	<b>100 563</b>	<b>67 519</b>	<b>128 411</b>	<b>2 948</b>	<b>60 711</b>	<b>1 455</b>	<b>9 409</b>	<b>18 825</b>	<b>389 841</b>	<b>1 376 146</b>
1999-2000											
Administrative expenditure	158 321	10 298	2 973	4 717	1 550	3 555	782	823	797	25 495	183 816
Other expenditure on service provision	142 354	77 273	na	138 772	304	57 672	20 102	8 373	1 399	303 895 <sup>c</sup>	446 249 <sup>c</sup>
Expenditure on assets	18 075	1 254	na	8 005	160	2 276	268	572	1 509	14 044 <sup>c</sup>	32 119 <sup>c</sup>
Financial support to families	759 851	10 687	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10 687	770 538
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 078 601</b>	<b>99 512</b>	<b>70 440<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>151 494</b>	<b>2 014</b>	<b>63 503</b>	<b>21 152</b>	<b>9 768</b>	<b>3 705</b>	<b>421 588<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>1 500 189<sup>d</sup></b>

<sup>a</sup> See source tables for footnotes.

<sup>b</sup> Victoria was not able to separately determine other expenditure on service provision or expenditure on assets.

<sup>c</sup> Total excludes Victoria which was not able to separately determine other expenditure on service provision or expenditure on assets.

<sup>d</sup> Total includes Victoria.

– Nil or rounded to zero. na Not Available.

Source: Tables 14A.7, 14A.29, 14A.40, 14A.51, 14A.62, 14A.73, 14A.84, 14A.95, 14A.106.

Table 14A.24 Total government real expenditure on children's services (\$'000)<sup>a</sup>

	Commonwealth	State and Territory governments								All government	
	Government	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT		Total
1996-97											
Administrative expenditure	13 070	10 111	3 600	6 709	1 472	3 269	na	645	300	26 105	39 175
Other expenditure on service provision	199 967	96 307	63 352	95 547	6 890	51 435	na	9 636	1 275	324 442	524 409
Expenditure on assets	13 689	3 092	7 284	12 749	569	5 023	na	1 516	693	30 925	44 614
Financial support to families	731 770	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–	–	731 770
<b>Total</b>	<b>958 497</b>	<b>109 510</b>	<b>74 237</b>	<b>115 004</b>	<b>8 930</b>	<b>59 726</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>11 797</b>	<b>2 268</b>	<b>381 472</b>	<b>1 339 969</b>
1997-98											
Administrative expenditure	71 428	9 217	3 999	9 352	1 566	3 133	524	438	2 111	30 341	101 769
Other expenditure on service provision	169 027	85 281	66 919	104 346	4 977	53 084	1	8 792	14 637	338 037	507 064
Expenditure on assets	1 965	8554 <sup>a</sup>	2 860	13 464	19	1 659	na	364	2 456	20 823	22 788
Financial support to families	761 976	–	–	–	–	na	na	–	–	–	761 976
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 213 007</b>	<b>103 052</b>	<b>73 778</b>	<b>127 163</b>	<b>6 562</b>	<b>57 876</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>9 594</b>	<b>19 205</b>	<b>397 391</b>	<b>1 610 398</b>
1998-99											
Administrative expenditure	81 821	10 314	3 451	13 942	1 504	3 416	602	815	2 227	36 270	118 091
Other expenditure on service provision	136 975	88 662	64 426	108 091	941	57 039	877	8 509	14 447	342 992	479 966
Expenditure on assets	16 215	3 068	740	8 465	551	1 244	na	238	2 457	16 763	32 979
Financial support to families	767 331	154	–	–	–	na	–	–	–	154	767 486
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 002 342</b>	<b>102 198</b>	<b>68 617</b>	<b>130 499</b>	<b>2 996</b>	<b>61 698</b>	<b>1 479</b>	<b>9 562</b>	<b>19 131</b>	<b>396 180</b>	<b>1 398 522</b>
1999-2000											
Administrative expenditure	158 321	10 298	2 973	4 717	1 550	3 555	782	823	797	25 495	183 816
Other expenditure on service provision	142 354	77 273	na	138 772	304	57 672	20 102	8 373	1 399	303 895 <sup>c</sup>	446 249 <sup>c</sup>
Expenditure on assets	18 075	1 254	na	8 005	160	2 276	268	572	1 509	14 044 <sup>c</sup>	32 119 <sup>c</sup>
Financial support to families	759 851	10 687	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10 687	770 538
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 078 601</b>	<b>99 512</b>	<b>70 440<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>151 494</b>	<b>2 014</b>	<b>63 503</b>	<b>21 152</b>	<b>9 768</b>	<b>3 705</b>	<b>421 588<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>1 500 189<sup>d</sup></b>

<sup>a</sup> See source tables for footnotes.

<sup>b</sup> Victoria was not able to separately determine other expenditure on service provision or expenditure on assets.

<sup>c</sup> Total excludes Victoria which was not able to separately determine other expenditure on service provision or expenditure on assets.

<sup>d</sup> Total includes Victoria.

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

Source: Tables 14A.7, 14A.29, 14A.40, 14A.51, 14A.62, 14A.73, 14A.84, 14A.95, 14A.106.

Table 14A.25 Treatment of assets by children's services agencies

		<i>Cwth</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	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	Buildings	na	na	na	1 000	na	10 000	na	2 000	..
capitalisation	IT equip.	500	5 000	na	1 000	na	10 000	5 000	2 000	..
levels	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> In the NT, 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: Departmental Annual Reports.

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Table 14A.26 Data provided by States and Territories on children and staff

	Unit	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Children					
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>	87 146 <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>	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>	78 625
– Younger children	no.	na	15 900	14 285 <sup>g</sup>	17 264
Staff					
Paid primary contact staff	FTE	3 466	2 763	6 636 <sup>h</sup>	9 240 <sup>j</sup>
Paid administrative staff	FTE	276 <sup>i</sup>	49	146 <sup>h</sup>	211 <sup>j</sup>
Other paid staff	FTE	–	76	1 225 <sup>h</sup>	638 <sup>j</sup>
Family day carers	FTE	..	..	..	0 <sup>j</sup>
Unpaid staff	FTE	na	na	28 <sup>h</sup>	0 <sup>j</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. Also includes 36 735 children aged 4 years using government funded or provided child care services (excluding vacation care) are also included. The figure (78 625) also includes 4016 children who attended preschool operated by the Department of Education and Training in 1998-99.

<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.

<sup>j</sup> Primary contact staff includes child care workers, early childhood teachers, teaching authorised supervisor and untrained child care workers. Other staff included child development officers, cleaner/maintenance, non-teaching authorised supervisors and cooks. Preschools include mobile preschools, preschools funded only, preschools and preschools and occasional care. Other child care services included all children's services other than preschool services. Data on family day carer employed as employees or as contractors are not available in this collection.

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

**FTE** = Full time equivalent.

Source: NSW Department of Community Services (unpublished).

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Table 14A.27 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	–	–	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>
1999-2000				
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	5 034	51.3	2 180	55.8
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	3 914	39.9	1 398	35.8
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time work experience	872	8.9	329	8.4
<b>Total paid primary contact staff</b>	<b>9 820</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3 907</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> As a result of missing information on qualifications, this does not represent the sum of the totals above.

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

Source: NSW Department of Community Services (unpublished).

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Table 14A.28 Description of services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services

	<i>Places</i>	<i>Average fees</i>	<i>Average attendance</i>
	no.	\$	Hours
1996-97			
Centre based long day care	—	..	..
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	12 652 <sup>a</sup>	1.6 <sup>b</sup>	6.0
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	2 729	3.6 <sup>b</sup>	6.4
Other care	—	—	—
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling) <sup>c</sup>	27 663	3.0 <sup>d</sup>	6.2
Preschool (for younger children)	na	na	na
1997-98			
Centre based long day care	—	..	..
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	13 200 <sup>e</sup>	na	na
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	3 500	3.93 <sup>b</sup>	7.5
Other care	—	..	..
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling) <sup>c</sup>	23 900	3.48 <sup>h</sup>	9.4 <sup>l</sup>
Preschool (for younger children)	8 300	3.48 <sup>d</sup>	10.1
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	—	..	..
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	10 202	na	na
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	1 824 <sup>d</sup>	3.55 <sup>f</sup>	7.0
Other care	771 <sup>g</sup>	1.65 <sup>f</sup>	na
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling) <sup>c</sup>	31 280 <sup>h</sup>	1.64 <sup>f, j, k</sup>	8.0
Preschool (for younger children)	na	na	na
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	18 507	79.80	0.7
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	12 089	63.70	1.7
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	1 771	4.11	0.6
Other care	1 324	75.60	0.7
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling) <sup>c</sup>	24 946	1.86 <sup>f</sup>	15.4
Preschool (for younger children)	—	..	..

<sup>a</sup> Average number of places throughout the year.

<sup>b</sup> Average fee per hour.

<sup>c</sup> Preschool for children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full time schooling.

- d 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.
  - e Based on adjusted figures for October vacation period.
  - f Based on valid cases only.
  - g Includes multipurpose services only.
  - h Data can not be separated 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.
  - i Average fee per hour. Refers to Department of Community Services preschools only.
  - j Data can not be separated into children in the year immediately prior to the commencement of full time schooling and those who are younger.
  - k The calculation is based on 'gap fees'. In previous years 'total fees' have been used which includes a component of Commonwealth contribution.
  - l Refers to both Department of Community Services, and Department of Education and Training preschool services.
- Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.  
Source: NSW Department of Community Services (unpublished).



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Table 14A.29 Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)<sup>a</sup>

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Administrative expenditure				
Child care	na	na	na	7 661
Preschool	na	na	na	2 637
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>9 818</b>	<b>9 051</b>	<b>10 149</b>	<b>10 298</b>
Other expenditure on service provision:				
Child care	22 871	23 298	25 162	24 234
Preschool	70 643	60 448	62 081	53 039
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>93 514</b>	<b>83 746</b>	<b>87 243</b>	<b>77 273</b>
Expenditure on assets:				
Child care	na	na	na	1 254
Preschool	na	na	na	–
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>3 002</b>	<b>8 400<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>3 019</b>	<b>1 254</b>
Financial support to families	–	–	152	10 687
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>106 334</b>	<b>101 197</b>	<b>100 563</b>	<b>99 512</b>

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

– Nil or rounded to zero. na Not available.

Source: NSW Department of Community Services (unpublished).

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Table 14A.30 Services by management type (number)<sup>a</sup>

	<i>Community managed<sup>b</sup></i>	<i>Privately managed<sup>c</sup></i>	<i>Employer sponsored</i>	<i>Government managed<sup>d</sup></i>	<i>Total<sup>e</sup></i>
1998-99					
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	–	–	na	–	–
After school hours care	–	–	na	–	–
Occasional care	42	9	na	69	144
'Other' care	11	5	na	11	29
Preschool	528	228	na	299	1 188
1999-2000 <sup>f</sup>					
Centre based long day care	161	–	–	266	427
Family day care	–	–	–	–	–
Vacation care	109	–	–	231	340
Before school hours care	–	–	–	–	–
After school hours care	–	–	–	–	–
Occasional care	30	–	–	58	88
'Other' care	57	–	–	65	122
Preschool	520	–	–	291	811

<sup>a</sup> Data excludes Commonwealth services.

<sup>b</sup> Services where the ownership was classified as 'organisation'. Includes not for profit services provided by parents.

<sup>c</sup> Services where the ownership is classified as private.

<sup>d</sup> Includes Commonwealth, State and local government owned services.

<sup>e</sup> Totals may not add up to total of categories as a result of missing data on management type.

<sup>f</sup> Data on employer sponsored and privately managed services not available.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: NSW Department of Community Services (unpublished).

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Table 14A.31 Proportion of children's services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services providing nonstandard hours of service (per cent)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99 <sup>a</sup>	1999-2000
Centre based long day care	–	–	–	59.5 <sup>e</sup>
Family day care	–	–	–	–
Vacation care	na	3.7 <sup>b</sup>	0.3 <sup>c</sup>	19.1
Before school hours care	–	–	–	–
After school hours care	–	–	–	–
Occasional care	11.9	7.6 <sup>b</sup>	13.0	17.0
'Other' care	–	–	24.0	17.2
Preschool	91.9	5.3 <sup>d</sup>	40.1	52.9

<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.

<sup>e</sup> Defined as those services that operated more than 50 hours during the sample week.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: NSW Department of Community Services (unpublished).

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Table 14A.32 Proportion of attendees of services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services from special needs groups (per cent)

	<i>Children from non-English speaking backgrounds</i>	<i>Indigenous 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	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
1999-2000 <sup>b</sup>	6.5	1.2	7.3	1.6	9.3
Representation in attendees of preschool services					
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
1999-2000 <sup>b</sup>	4.0	1.6	5.7	3.6	13.5
Representation in community	11.5 <sup>c</sup>	3.3 <sup>d</sup>	15.9	6.6 <sup>e</sup>	29.0 <sup>f</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Data refer to occasional care services only.

<sup>b</sup> Includes Department of Community Service children's services only.

<sup>c</sup> Data on children from non-English speaking backgrounds were obtained from the 1999 ABS Child Care Survey.

<sup>d</sup> Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

<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.

Source: ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 2020.0 ; ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 4402.0; ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 4430.0; ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 3201.0; NSW Government (unpublished).

## New South Wales

Table 14A.33 **Unit cost of State government recurrent expenditure on children's services (dollars)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Government recurrent expenditure per hour of service				
Preschool	1.79 <sup>a</sup>	1.63 <sup>b</sup>	na	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.

Source: NSW Department of Community Services (unpublished).

## New South Wales

Table 14A.34 **Number of serious injuries sustained per registered or licensed service, 1998-99 (number)<sup>a</sup>**

	<i>Serious injuries<sup>b</sup></i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Injuries per service</i>
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	22	424	0.05
Family day care	na	na	na
Vacation care	2	337	0.01
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	–	94	–
'Other' care	–	20	–
Preschool	13	817	0.02
<b>All services</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1 692</b>	<b>0.02</b>
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	39	427	0.09
Family day care	–	–	–
Vacation care	1	340	0.00
Before school hours care	..	–	..
After school hours care	..	–	..
Occasional care	1	88	0.01
'Other' care	–	122	–
Preschool	24	811	0.03
<b>All services</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1 788</b>	<b>0.04</b>

<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.

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

Source: NSW Department of Community Services (unpublished).

## New South Wales

Table 14A.35 Number of notifiable outbreaks of disease per registered or licensed service by service type (number)<sup>a</sup>

	<i>Outbreaks of disease</i> <sup>b</sup>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Outbreaks per service</i>
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	352	424	0.83
Family day care	na	na	na
Vacation care	30	337	0.09
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	111	94	1.18
'Other' care	15	20	0.75
Preschool	292	817	0.36
<b>All services</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>1 692</b>	<b>0.47</b>
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	277	427	0.65
Family day care	..	–	..
Vacation care	–	340	–
Before school hours care	..	–	..
After school hours care	..	–	..
Occasional care	61	88	0.69
'Other' care	8	122	0.07
Preschool	387	811	0.48
<b>All services</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>1 788</b>	<b>0.41</b>

<sup>a</sup> Relates to funded and licensed funded services.

<sup>b</sup> Based on the number of valid cases only.

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

Source: NSW Department of Community Services (unpublished).

## New South Wales

Table 14A.36 **Substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service and against which action was taken**

	<i>Substantiated complaints</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Substantiated complaints per service</i>	<i>Proportion against which action was taken</i>
	no.	no.	no.	%
1999-2000				
Centre based long day care	na	427	na	na
Family day care	..	—	..	..
Vacation care	na	340	na	na
Before school hours care	..	—	..	..
After school hours care	..	—	..	..
Occasional care	na	88	na	na
'Other' care	na	122	na	na
Preschool	na	811	na	na
<b>All services</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>1 788</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>

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

Source: NSW Department of Community Services (unpublished).



**Single jurisdiction data – Vic**

## Victoria

Table 14A.37 Data provided by States and Territories on children and staff

	Unit	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Children					
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>	288 <sup>e</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>	403 <sup>e</sup>
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services:					
– In the year prior to commencing full time schooling	no.	59 415 <sup>c</sup>	60 101 <sup>c</sup>	60 725 <sup>c</sup>	61 503 <sup>f</sup>
– Younger children	no.	na	na	na	na
Staff					
Paid primary contact staff	FTE	1 920 <sup>d</sup>	na	2 442 <sup>d</sup>	1 953 <sup>g</sup>
Paid administrative staff	FTE	na	na	na	na
Other paid staff	FTE	na	na	na	na
Family day carers	FTE	..	..	na	na
Unpaid staff	FTE	na	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 refer to funded Adult Community Further Education (ACFE) services only and are based on a low response rate (around 70 per cent). Does not include Take a Break (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.

<sup>e</sup> Data refer to the number of children attending an occasional care service in receipt of ACFE funding. Occasional care services in receipt of TAB funding have not been included as they also may receive Commonwealth funding. The data is based on a response rate of 75 per cent.

<sup>f</sup> Includes eligible children attending State funded preschool services in centre based long day care services.

<sup>g</sup> Data refers to stand-alone preschools only and excludes paid contact staff in centre based long day care services receiving State government preschool funding.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

FTE = Full time equivalent.

Source: Victorian Department of Human Services (unpublished).

## Victoria

Table 14A.38 Primary paid contact staff in children's services with training or experience

	<i>Child care</i>		<i>Preschool</i>	
	no.	%	no.	%
1999-2000				
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	na	na	1 625	46.6 <sup>a</sup>
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	na	na	1 864	53.4 <sup>b</sup>
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>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>3 489</b>	<b>100.0</b>

a Data refer to stand-alone preschools only and exclude paid contact staff in centre based long day care services receiving State government preschool funding.

b Data refer to the number of paid staff without an approved qualification in a State funded stand-alone preschool only and excludes contact staff in centre based long day care services receiving State government preschool funding. Victoria does not collect data on the number of years a person has been employed.

na Not available.

Source: Victorian Department of Human Services (unpublished).

## Victoria

Table 14A.39 Description of services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services

	Places	Average fees	Average attendance
	no.	\$	Hours
1996-97			
Centre based long day care <sup>a</sup>	..	..	..
Family day care	..	..	..
Vacation care	7 515 <sup>b</sup>	75 <sup>d</sup>	na
Before school hours care	885 <sup>b</sup>	4.00 <sup>f</sup>	na
After school hours care	4 275 <sup>b</sup>	6.00 <sup>f</sup>	na
Occasional care	325	1.66 <sup>i</sup>	na
Other care	..	..	..
Preschool (year prior to commencing full time schooling)	59 415 <sup>k</sup>	9.76 <sup>l, m</sup>	na
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..
1997-98			
Centre based long day care <sup>a</sup>	..	..	..
Family day care	..	..	..
Vacation care	7 425 <sup>c, e</sup>	75 <sup>d</sup>	na
Before school hours care	885 <sup>e</sup>	4.00 <sup>f</sup>	na
After school hours care	4 245 <sup>e</sup>	6.00 <sup>f</sup>	na
Occasional care	325 <sup>g</sup>	2.00 <sup>j</sup>	na
Other care	..	..	..
Preschool (year prior to commencing full time schooling)	60 101 <sup>k</sup>	1.03 <sup>m, n</sup>	na
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..
1998-99			
Centre based long day care <sup>a</sup>	..	..	..
Family day care	..	..	..
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	314 <sup>g, h</sup>	2.00 <sup>j</sup>	na
Other care	..	..	..
Preschool (year prior to commencing full time schooling)	60 725 <sup>k</sup>	1.10 <sup>m, n</sup>	na
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	2.00 <sup>o</sup>	na
Other care	na	na	na
Preschool (year prior to commencing full time schooling)	na	1.15 <sup>p</sup>	na
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..

<sup>a</sup> Data were provided by the Commonwealth for State funded TAFE child care services.

<sup>b</sup> At 30 June 1997.

- c A place was defined as providing a whole day of care . Places included 240 State funded places and 7185 block grant places.
  - d Standard weekly fee in State funded services only.
  - e Places at 27 April 1998.
  - f Standard sessional fee.
  - g At 30 June 1999.
  - h Includes 235 Adult Community Further Education places and 78 State funded Take a Break places.
  - i Average hourly fee.
  - j Median hourly fee paid for most children.
  - k Includes children attending funded preschool services in a range of settings, including stand-alone preschools and long day care centres.
  - l Median weekly fee.
  - m 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.
  - n 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.
  - o Median hourly fee paid by most children attending an occasional care service in receipt of ACFE funding. Occasional care services in receipt of TAB funding have not been included as they also may receive Commonwealth funding. The data are based on a response rate of 75 per cent.
  - p 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 relates to stand-alone preschools only and excludes centre based long day care services. The Victorian Government provides a fee subsidy for eligible low income families to enable the term fee to be reduced. Fees are voluntary in Victorian preschools.
- na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source : Victorian Department of Human Services (unpublished).

## Victoria

Table 14A.40 Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Administrative expenditure	3 496	3 927	3 396	2 973
Other expenditure on service provision:				
Child care	6 971	6 638	3 417	na
Preschool	54 544	59 076	59 978	na
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>61 515</b>	<b>65 714</b>	<b>63 395</b>	<b>na</b>
Expenditure on assets:				
Child care	—	—	—	na
Preschool	7 073	2 809	728	na
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>7 073</b>	<b>2 809</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>na</b>
Financial support to families	—	—	—	—
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>72 084</b>	<b>72 450</b>	<b>67 519</b>	<b>70 440</b>

— Nil or rounded to zero. na Not available.

Source: Victorian Department of Human Services (unpublished).

## Victoria

Table 14A.41 Services by management type (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>
1998-99					
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	–	–	4	224
'Other' care	..	..	..	..	–
Preschool	1 038	379	–	261	1 678
1999-2000					
Centre based long day care	na	na	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na	na	na
Vacation care	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	207	–	na	6	213
'Other' care	na	na	na	na	na
Preschool	1 026	393	na	252	1 671

**a** Includes not for profit services provided by parents.

**b** Includes services which are coded as having a management type of incorporated association, church, catholic school, government school, cooperative or other.

**c** Includes services that have a management type of company, college/university, non-government school or private individuals.

**d** Refers to local government managed occasional care services in receipt of ACFE funding and does not include TAB funded services as they also may receive Commonwealth funding.

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

Source: Victorian Department of Human Services (unpublished).

## Victoria

Table 14A.42 Proportion of children's services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services providing nonstandard hours of service (per cent)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Centre based long day care	..	..	..	na
Family day care	..	..	..	na
Vacation care	60.0	60 <sup>a</sup>	..	na
Before school hours care	—	3.1 <sup>b</sup>	..	na
After school hours care	0.9	1.9 <sup>b</sup>	..	na
Occasional care	na	na	2.7 <sup>c</sup>	na
'Other' care	..	..	..	na
Preschool	na	na	na	na

<sup>a</sup> Refers to State funded services only. Data not available on block grant funded services.

<sup>b</sup> At 27 April 1998.

<sup>c</sup> Refers to funded Adult Community Further Education services only. Excludes State funded Take a Break services as they cannot be accurately counted. The data are based on a response rate of around 70 per cent.

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

Source: Victorian Department of Human Services (unpublished).



## Victoria

Table 14A.43 Proportion of attendees of services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services from special needs groups (per cent)

	<i>Children from non-English speaking backgrounds</i>	<i>Indigenous 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
1999-2000 <sup>h</sup>	68.2	1.2	57.6	12.9	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
1999-2000 <sup>i</sup>	11.2	0.7	11.8	3.7	na
Representation in the community	11.0 <sup>d</sup>	0.9 <sup>e</sup>	14.4 <sup>e</sup>	6.6 <sup>f</sup>	28 <sup>e, g</sup>

**a** Based on low response rates (around 67 per cent) and refers to funded Adult Community Further Education (ACFE) services only. Excludes State funded Take a Break services.

**b** Refers to 79 children attending ACFE occasional care services who had a developmental delay or disability or who had parents with a

**c** Refers to 2283 children attending funded preschools who had a developmental delay or disability or who had parents with a disability.

**d** Data were obtained from the 1999 ABS Child Care, Australia.

**e** Data were obtained from the 1996 ABS Census of Population and Housing.

**f** Data on children with a disability were obtained from the 1998 ABS Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, and refer to children aged 14 years and younger. Population data were estimated residential population at June 1998.

**g** Refers to children aged 14 years and younger.

**h** Refers to children attending an occasional care service in receipt of ACFE funding and does not include TAB funded services as they also may receive Commonwealth funding. The data is based on a response rate of 75 per cent.

**i** Refers to the number of children attending State funded preschool services including those operating in centre based long day care services.

**na** Not available.

Source: ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 2020.0 ; ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 4402.0; ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 4430.0; ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 3201.0; Victorian Government (unpublished).

**Victoria****Table 14A.44 Unit cost of State government recurrent expenditure on children's services (dollars)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Government recurrent expenditure per hour of service				
Preschool	na	na	2.39 <sup>a</sup>	na

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

na Not available.

Source: Victorian Department of Human Services (unpublished).

## Victoria

Table 14A.45 Number of serious injuries sustained per registered or licensed service, 1998-99 (number)

	<i>Serious injuries</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Injuries per person</i>
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	na	na
'Other' care	na	na	na
Preschool	na	na	na
<b>All services</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>2 858</b>	<b>0.11</b>
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	213	na
'Other' care	na	na	na
Preschool	na	1 671	na
<b>All services<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>340</b>	<b>2 786</b>	<b>0.12</b>

<sup>a</sup> Data refers to the 2786 children's services licensed in Victoria as at 25 September 2000 and includes all centre based long day care services, occasional care services and stand alone preschools. A serious injury is defined as an incident where medical attention was sought.

na Not available.

Source: Victorian Department of Human Services (unpublished).

## Victoria

Table 14A.46 **Number of notifiable outbreaks of disease per registered or licensed service by service type (number)**

	<i>Outbreaks of disease</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Outbreaks per person</i>
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	na	na
'Other' care	na	na	na
Preschool	na	na	na
<b>All services</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>2 858</b>	<b>na</b>
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	213	na
'Other' care	na	na	na
Preschool	na	1 671	na
<b>All services</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>2 786</b>	<b>na</b>

na Not available.

Source: Victorian Department of Human Services (unpublished).

## Victoria

Table 14A.47 **Substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service and against which action was taken**

	<i>Substantiated complaints</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Substantiated complaints per service</i>	<i>Proportion against which action was taken</i>
	no.	no.	no.	%
<b>1997-98</b>				
Centre based long day care	na	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	na	na	na
'Other' care	na	na	na	na
Preschool	na	na	na	na
<b>All services</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
<b>1998-99</b>				
Centre based long day care	na	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	na	na	na
'Other' care	na	na	na	na
Preschool	na	na	na	na
<b>All services</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>2 858</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>1999-2000</b>				
Centre based long day care	na	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	213	na	na
'Other' care	na	na	na	na
Preschool	na	1 671	na	na
<b>All services</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>2 786</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>a</sup> Data refers to the 2786 children's services licensed in Victoria as at 25 September 2000 and includes all centre based long day care services, occasional care services and stand alone preschools. Substantiated complaints are defined as complaints where action was taken and these include 11 prosecutions and 16 formal cautions.

na Not available.

Source: Victorian Department of Human Services (unpublished).

**Single jurisdiction data – Qld**

## Queensland

Table 14A.48 Data provided by States and Territories on children and staff <sup>a</sup>

	Unit	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Children					
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	no.	na	na	2 231 <sup>b</sup>	2 239 <sup>c</sup>
Children aged 12 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	no.	14 203	3 132 <sup>d</sup>	2 327 <sup>b</sup>	3 532 <sup>c</sup>
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services:					
– In the year prior to commencing full time schooling	no.	40 768	46 078	48 056	49 215
– Younger children	no.	9 313	10 972 <sup>e</sup>	10 684 <sup>e</sup>	10 740 <sup>e</sup>
Staff					
Paid primary contact staff	FTE	3 100	3 800 <sup>f</sup>	3 228 <sup>g</sup>	2 826 <sup>c, h</sup>
Paid administrative staff	FTE	969	na	75 <sup>i</sup>	33 <sup>c, j</sup>
Other paid staff	FTE	8	na	306 <sup>k</sup>	206 <sup>c, d</sup>
Family day carers	no.	na	na	..	2 860
Unpaid staff	FTE	na	92 <sup>l</sup>	92 <sup>b</sup>	63 <sup>c, m</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> For 1998-99 refers to occasional care services only, based on an average calculated by using data from 40 of the 66 services.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on averages calculated from returns received from 7 of 32 funded vacation care programs and 41 of 59 funded occasional care (limited hours care) centres. Data for the 35 services funded under the Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care Program (RAATSICC) are based on incomplete data.

<sup>d</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>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> Excludes non-State schools.

<sup>i</sup> Includes 36 staff in occasional care services and 39 staff in community kindergartens and preschools associated with the Creche and Kindergarten Association.

<sup>j</sup> Excludes state and non-State preschools.

<sup>k</sup> Relates to staff in community kindergartens and preschools associated with the Creche and Kindergarten Association only.

<sup>l</sup> Relates to unpaid staff for a two week vacation period.

<sup>m</sup> No data available for preschool

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

FTE = Full time equivalent.

Source: Department of Families, Youth and Community Care (unpublished).

## Queensland

Table 14A.49 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 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	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 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>
1999-2000				
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	na	na	na	na
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience <sup>c</sup>	na	na	na	na
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>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</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.

Source: Department of Families, Youth and Community Care (unpublished).



## Queensland

Table 14A.50 Description of services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services

	<i>Places</i>	<i>Average fees</i>	<i>Average attendance</i>
	no.	\$	Hours
1996-97			
Centre based long day care	—	..	..
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	6 509	40.65	17.5
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	1 168	2.14 <sup>c</sup>	7.6
Other care	na	na	na
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling) <sup>c</sup>	38 837	28.00 <sup>f</sup>	13.1
Preschool (for younger children)	na	21.00 <sup>f</sup>	11.0
1997-98			
Centre based long day care	—	..	..
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	6 671	51.68	na
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	1 193 <sup>b</sup>	na	na
Other care	na	na	na
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling) <sup>c</sup>	51 405 <sup>d</sup>	1.75 <sup>c, f</sup>	14.4
Preschool (for younger children)	12 260 <sup>d</sup>	1.7 <sup>c, f</sup>	11.0
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	—	..	..
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	882	6.75 <sup>a</sup>	na
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	1 277 <sup>b</sup>	3.31	7.6
Other care	na	na	na
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling) <sup>c</sup>	50 397 <sup>e</sup>	1.85 <sup>c, f</sup>	12.8
Preschool (for younger children)	11 850 <sup>g</sup>	1.75 <sup>c, f</sup>	11.0
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	—	..	..
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	873 <sup>h</sup>	6.29 <sup>i</sup>	10.7 <sup>i</sup>
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	638 <sup>j</sup>	2.88 <sup>c, j</sup>	7.0 <sup>j</sup>
Other care	na	8.00 <sup>k</sup>	na
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling) <sup>c</sup>	50 252 <sup>l</sup>	1.95 <sup>c, f</sup>	12.9 <sup>m</sup>
Preschool (for younger children)	12 752 <sup>n</sup>	1.80 <sup>c, f</sup>	11.0 <sup>o</sup>

<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 category. Excludes data from non-State preschools.

- f 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.
  - g 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 category.
  - h Based on an average of 7 of 32 returns.
  - i Per day, based on an average of 7 of 32 returns.
  - j Based on an average of 41 of 59 returns received.
  - k Per family per day. For many families no fees are charged. Data for services funded under the Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care Program (RAATSICC) are based on incomplete data
  - l Excludes non-State preschools.
  - m Based on the average hours the service operated rather than actual hours used in the sample week.
  - n Excludes State and non-State preschools.
  - o For community kindergartens only, based on average hours the service operated rather than actual hours used in the sample week and includes estimate of children in 3-5 age groups
- Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.
- Source:* Department of Families, Youth and Community Care (unpublished).

## Queensland

Table 14A.51 Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Administrative expenditure				
Child care	2 714	5 095 <sup>a</sup>	5 978 <sup>b</sup>	4 717 <sup>c</sup>
Preschool	3 800	4 089	7 741 <sup>d</sup>	na
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>6 514</b>	<b>9 184</b>	<b>13 719</b>	<b>4 717</b>
Other expenditure on service provision:				
Child care	5 375	5 114	5 089	8 972
Preschool	87 401	97 354	101 273	129 800 <sup>e</sup>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>92 776</b>	<b>102 468</b>	<b>106 362</b>	<b>138 772</b>
Expenditure on assets:				
Child care	7 459	7 800	6 093	8 005
Preschool	4 920	5 422	2 237	na <sup>f</sup>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>12 379</b>	<b>13 222</b>	<b>8 330</b>	<b>8 005</b>
Financial support to families	–	–	–	–
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>111 669</b>	<b>124 874<sup>g</sup></b>	<b>128 411<sup>g</sup></b>	<b>151 494</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> Includes expenses in administering the Young People's program for 13-15 year olds.

<sup>d</sup> Excludes Queensland's costs in administering funding for Creche and Kindergarten Association community kindergartens and preschools.

<sup>e</sup> Excludes administration expenses and expenditure on assets.

<sup>f</sup> Included on other expenditure on service provision.

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

– Nil or rounded to zero. na Not available.

Source: Department of Families, Youth and Community Care (unpublished).

## Queensland

Table 14A.52 Services by management type (number)

	<i>Community managed<sup>b</sup></i>	<i>Privately managed</i>	<i>Employer sponsored</i>	<i>Government managed</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>1998-99<sup>a</sup></b>					
Centre based long day care	170	729	na	22	<b>921</b>
Family day care	70	–	–	18	<b>88</b>
Vacation care	27	–	–	–	<b>27</b>
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na	<b>na</b>
After school hours care	na	na	na	na	<b>na</b>
Occasional care	59	na	na	7	<b>66</b>
Other care <sup>c</sup>	26	–	–	–	<b>26</b>
Preschool	538	–	–	780	<b>1 318</b>
<b>1999-2000<sup>d, e</sup></b>					
Centre based long day care	165	729	na	19	<b>913</b>
Family day care	68	–	–	20	<b>88</b>
Vacation care <sup>e</sup>	–	–	na	–	<b>–</b>
Before school hours care <sup>e</sup>	522	1	na	25	<b>548</b>
After school hours care <sup>e</sup>	–	–	na	–	<b>–</b>
Occasional care	69	3	na	9	<b>81</b>
Other care <sup>c</sup>	33	–	na	–	<b>33</b>
Preschool	557	7	na	801	<b>1 365</b>

<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.

<sup>d</sup> Data at 30 June 2000.

<sup>e</sup> Vacation care and after school care figures included in before school care.

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

Source: Department of Families, Youth and Community Care (unpublished).

## Queensland

Table 14A.53

**Proportion of children's services not included in Commonwealth Census of  
Child Care Services providing nonstandard hours of service (per cent)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Centre based long day care	-	-	..	-
Family day care	-	-	..	-
Vacation care	50.0	37.8	na	na
Before school hours care	-	-	..	-
After school hours care	-	-	..	-
Occasional care	1.7	1.5	-	-
'Other' care	9.1	na	na	na
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling)	na	4.3 <sup>a</sup>	0.9 <sup>b</sup>	na
Preschool (for younger children)	na	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.

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

Source: Department of Families, Youth and Community Care (unpublished).

## Queensland

Table 14A.54 Proportion of attendees of services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services from special needs groups (per cent)

	<i>Children from non-English speaking backgrounds</i>	<i>Indigenous 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					
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
1999-2000	2.6 <sup>e</sup>	52.9 <sup>e</sup>	5.7 <sup>f</sup>	2.4 <sup>e</sup>	80.0 <sup>e</sup>
Representation in attendees of preschool services					
1996-97	na	na	na	na	na
1997-98 <sup>g</sup>	1.3	4.7	1.0	0.4	10.8
1998-99	1.1 <sup>h</sup>	4.8	1.3 <sup>i</sup>	0.5 <sup>h</sup>	9.9 <sup>h</sup>
1999-2000	na	5.6	na	na	na
Representation in the community	4.0 <sup>j</sup>	5.5 <sup>k</sup>	16.7 <sup>k</sup>	8.3 <sup>l</sup>	36.9 <sup>k, m</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> Data based on averages calculated from returns received from 7 of 32 funded vacation programs and 41 of 59 funded occasional care (limited hours care) centres. Data for the 33 services funded under the Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care Program (RAATSICC) are based on incomplete data.

<sup>f</sup> Excludes services funded under the Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care Program. Other data based on averages calculated from 7 of 32 vacation care programs and 41 of 59 funded occasional care (limited hours care) centres.

<sup>g</sup> Relates to community based kindergartens and preschools and children from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander backgrounds accessing Education Queensland preschools.

<sup>h</sup> Data relate to non-State preschools and community kindergartens and preschools associated with the Creche and Kindergarten Association.

<sup>i</sup> Data relate to children attending community kindergartens and preschools associated with the Creche and Kindergarten Association.

<sup>j</sup> Data were obtained from the 1999 ABS Child Care Survey.

<sup>k</sup> Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

<sup>l</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>m</sup> Refers to children aged 14 years and younger.

na Not available.

Source: ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 2020.0; ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 4402.0; ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 4430.0; ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 3201.0; Department of Families, Youth and Community Care (unpublished).

## Queensland

Table 14A.55 **Unit cost of State government recurrent expenditure on children's services (dollars)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Government recurrent expenditure per hour of service				
Preschool <sup>a</sup>	3.43	3.32	3.45	na

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

Source: Department of Families, Youth and Community Care (unpublished).

## Queensland

Table 14A.56 Number of serious injuries sustained per registered or licensed service, 1998-99 (number)

	<i>Serious injuries</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Injuries per service</i>
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	26	891	0.03
Family day care	4	89	0.04
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	1	68	0.01
'Other' care	na	na	na
Preschool	na	na	na
All services	31	1 048	0.03
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	38	913	0.04
Family day care	1	88	0.01
Vacation care	..	–	..
Before school hours care	33	548 <sup>a</sup>	0.06
After school hours care	..	–	..
Occasional care	1	81	0.01
'Other' care	–	35 <sup>b</sup>	–
Preschool	na	1 365	na
All services	73	3 028	0.02

<sup>a</sup> Includes after school care and vacation care.

<sup>b</sup> Services funded under the Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care (RAATSICC) Program.

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

Source: Department of Families, Youth and Community Care (unpublished).



## Queensland

Table 14A.57 **Number of notifiable outbreaks of disease per registered or licensed service by service type (number)**

	<i>Outbreaks of disease</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Outbreaks per person</i>
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	na	913	na
Family day care	na	88	na
Vacation care	na	–	na
Before school hours care	na	548 <sup>a</sup>	na
After school hours care	na	–	na
Occasional care	na	81	na
'Other' care	na	35 <sup>b</sup>	na
Preschool	na	1 365	na
All services	na	3 028	na

<sup>a</sup> Includes after school care and vacation care.

<sup>b</sup> Services funded under the Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care (RAATSICC) Program.  
– Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available.

Source: Department of Families, Youth and Community Care (unpublished).

## Queensland

Table 14A.58 **Substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service and against which action was taken**

	<i>Substantiated complaints</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Substantiated complaints per service</i>	<i>Proportion against which action was taken<sup>a</sup></i>
	no.	no.	no.	%
1998-99				
Centre based long day care	231	891	0.26	100.0
Family day care	23	89	0.26	100.0
Vacation care	na	na	na	na
Outside school hours care <sup>b</sup>	7	974	0.01	100.0
Occasional care	–	68	na	na
'Other' care	4 <sup>c</sup>	26 <sup>d</sup>	na	100.0
Preschool	na	na	na	na
All services	261	2 022	0.13	na
1999-2000				
Centre based long day care	339	913	0.37	100.0
Family day care	28	88	0.32	100.0
Vacation care	..	–	..	..
Before school hours care <sup>e</sup>	3	548	0.01	100.0
After school hours care	..	–	..	..
Occasional care	5	59	0.08	100.0
'Other' care	–	33	–	..
Preschool	na	1 365	na	na
All services	375	3 028	0.12	100.0

<sup>a</sup> All substantiated complaints received are followed up by Department staff. Action taken is dependent on the severity of the complaint and the individual circumstances involved.

<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.

<sup>e</sup> Includes after school and vacation care. Outside school hours care services are not currently licensed.

<sup>f</sup> Services funded under the Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care (RAATSICC) Program.

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

Source: Department of Families, Youth and Community Care (unpublished).

**Single jurisdiction data – WA**

## Western Australia

Table 14A.59 Data provided by States and Territories on children and staff

	Unit	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Children					
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	no.	na	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	na
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services:					
– In the year prior to commencing full time schooling	no.	20 244	20 872	20 797	20 043
– Younger children	no.	9 407	22 122	16 674	17 102
Staff					
Paid primary contact staff	FTE	1 834	1 896 <sup>b</sup>	1 788	1 754
Paid administrative staff	FTE	66 <sup>c</sup>	59 <sup>b</sup>	37 <sup>d</sup>	na
Other paid staff	FTE	na	na	na	na
Family day carers	FTE	na	na	na	na
Unpaid staff	FTE	na	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.

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

**FTE** = Full time equivalent.

Source: Department of Family and Children's Services (unpublished).

## Western Australia

Table 14A.60 Primary paid contact staff in children's services with training or experience

	<i>Child care</i>		<i>Preschool</i>	
	no.	%	no.	%
1999-2000				
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	–	na	876	100.0
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	–	na	–	–
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time work experience	–	na	–	–
<b>Total paid primary contact staff</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Source: Department of Family and Children's Services (unpublished).

## Western Australia

Table 14A.61 Description of services not included in Commonwealth Government Census of Child Care

	<i>Places</i>	<i>Average fees</i>	<i>Average attendance</i>
	no.	\$	Hours
1996-97			
Centre based long day care	—	..	..
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	9 630	100 <sup>a</sup>	50.0
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	—	..	..
Other care	—	..	..
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling)	20 244	0.23 <sup>b</sup>	17.2
Preschool (for younger children)	16 245	5.00 <sup>c</sup>	5.5
1997-98			
Centre based long day care	—	..	..
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	9 850	na	50.0
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	—	..	..
Other care	—	..	..
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling)	20 872	0.23 <sup>b</sup>	22.1
Preschool (for younger children)	22 122	5.00 <sup>c</sup>	4.7
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	—	..	..
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	—	..	..
Other care	—	..	..
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling)	20 797	0.23 <sup>b</sup>	24.0
Preschool (for younger children)	16 674	1.00 <sup>d</sup>	5.5 <sup>e</sup>
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	—	..	..
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	—	..	..
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	—	..	..
Other care	—	..	..
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling)	20 394	0.01	24.0
Preschool (for younger children)	17 102	0.08	5.5

<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).

- c 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.
  - d The lowering of average fees in 1998-99 reflects the transfer of this program from Family and Children's Services to the Education Department.
  - e Includes Education Department preschool services only.
- Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available.  
Source: Department of Family and Children's Services (unpublished).

## Western Australia

Table 14A.62 Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Administrative expenditure				
Child care	701 <sup>a</sup>	754	726 <sup>b</sup>	1 550 <sup>c</sup>
Preschool <sup>d</sup>	728	784	754	na
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>1 429</b>	<b>1 538</b>	<b>1 480</b>	<b>1 550</b>
Other expenditure on service provision:				
Child care <sup>e</sup>	1 719	1 457	292 <sup>f</sup>	304
Preschool <sup>d</sup>	4 971	3 430	634	na
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>6 690</b>	<b>4 887</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>304</b>
Expenditure on assets:				
Child care	552	19	502	160
Preschool <sup>d</sup>	0.2	–	40	na
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>160</b>
Financial support to families	–	–	–	–
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>8 671</b>	<b>6 444</b>	<b>2 948</b>	<b>2 014</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> This figure includes regulation and monitoring of providers including non-scheme family day carers, providing support advice and training, planning and providing information and advice to parents.

<sup>d</sup> Excludes expenditure on preschools funded by the Department of Education.

<sup>e</sup> Includes funding for the Child Care Services Board and grants to services from the Lotteries Commission.

<sup>f</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.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Department of Family and Children's Services (unpublished).



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Table 14A.63 Services by management type (number)<sup>a</sup>

	<i>Community managed</i> <sup>b</sup>	<i>Privately managed</i>	<i>Employer sponsored</i>	<i>Government managed</i>	<i>Total</i>
1998-99					
Centre based long day care	99	259	na	7	na
Family day care <sup>c</sup>	727	399	na	–	na
Vacation care	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	–	na	–	na
Preschool	37 <sup>d</sup>	–	na	na	na
1999-2000					
Centre based long day care	92	243	–	6	341
Family day care <sup>c</sup>	778	301	–	–	1 079
Vacation care	104	14	1	39	158
Before school hours care	97	11	–	22	130
After school hours care	–	–	–	–	–
Occasional care	22	14	–	39	75
'Other' care	16	–	–	–	16
Preschool	na	na	na	na	598

<sup>a</sup> Refers to State government supported services and services included in the Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services.

<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.

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

Source: Department of Family and Children's Services (unpublished).

## Western Australia

Table 14A.64 Proportion of children's services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services providing nonstandard hours of service (per cent)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Centre based long day care	–	–	–	na
Family day care	–	–	–	na
Vacation care	50.0	na	na	na
Before school hours care	–	–	–	na
After school hours care	–	–	–	na
Occasional care	–	–	–	na
'Other' care	–	–	–	na
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling)	43.3 <sup>a</sup>	18.7 <sup>a</sup>	na	na
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..	..

<sup>a</sup> Includes preschool services for younger children.

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

Source: Department of Family and Children's Services (unpublished).

## Western Australia

Table 14A.65 Proportion of attendees of services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services from special needs groups (per cent)

	<i>Children from non-English speaking backgrounds</i>	<i>Indigenous 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	na	na	na	na	na
1999-2000	na	na	na	na	na
Representation in attendees of preschool services					
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
1999-2000	na	7.0	na	1.9	na
Representation in the community	4.7 <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 the 1999 ABS Survey of Child Care.

<sup>e</sup> Data were obtained from the 1996 ABS Census of Population and Housing.

<sup>f</sup> Data on children with a disability were obtained from the 1998 ABS 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.

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

Source: ABS (unpublished), cat. no. 2020.0 ; ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 4402.0; ABS (unpublished), cat. no. 4430.0; ABS (unpublished), cat. no. 3201.0; Department of Family and Children's Services (unpublished).

## Western Australia

Table 14A.66 **Unit cost of State government recurrent expenditure on children's services (dollars)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Government recurrent expenditure per hour of service				
Preschool <sup>a</sup>	4.18	2.62	3.77 <sup>b</sup>	na

<sup>a</sup> Excludes preschools funded by the Department of Education.

<sup>b</sup> Based on first six months of 1998-99 financial year.

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

Source: Department of Family and Children's Services (unpublished).

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Table 14A.67 **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>
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	6	346	0.02
Family day care <sup>b</sup>	2	19	0.11
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	na	na
'Other' care	na	na	na
Preschool	na	na	na
All services	na	na	na
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	3	341	0.01
Family day care <sup>b</sup>	1	1079 <sup>c</sup>	–
Vacation care	na	158	na
Before school hours care	na	130	na
After school hours care	na	–	na
Occasional care	–	75	–
'Other' care	–	16	–
Preschool	–	598	–
All services	4	2 397	–

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

<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.

<sup>c</sup> Refers to individual family day care providers.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Department of Family and Children's Services (unpublished).

## Western Australia

Table 14A.68 **Number of notifiable outbreaks of disease per registered or licensed service by service type (number)**

	<i>Outbreaks of disease</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Outbreaks per person</i>
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	na	341	na
Family day care	na	1 079	na
Vacation care	na	158	na
Before school hours care	na	130	na
After school hours care	..	–	..
Occasional care	na	75	na
'Other' care	na	16	na
Preschool	na	598	na
All services	na	2 397	na

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

Source: Department of Family and Children's Services (unpublished).

## Western Australia

Table 14A.69 Substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service and against which action was taken

	<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.	%
1998-99				
Centre based long day care	122	346	0.35	100.0
Family day care <sup>c</sup>	12	19	0.63	100.0
Vacation care	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	–	285	..	..
'Other' care	–	76	..	..
Preschool <sup>d</sup>	–	37	..	..
All services	134	763	0.18	na
1999-2000				
Centre based long day care	77	341	0.23	100.0
Family day care <sup>c</sup>	8	1 079	0.01	100.0
Vacation care	na	158	na	na
Before school hours care	na	130	na	na
After school hours care	..	–	..	..
Occasional care	–	75	..	..
'Other' care	–	16	..	..
Preschool <sup>d</sup>	–	598	..	..
All services	85	2 397	0.04	100.0

<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 Census of Child Care Services.

<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.

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

Source: Department of Family and Children's Services (unpublished) and Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services.

**Single jurisdiction data – SA**



## South Australia

Table 14A.70 Data provided by States and Territories on children and staff

	Unit	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Children					
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	no.	na	na	1 006	2 480
Children aged 12 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services <sup>a</sup>	no.	9 056	na	1 006	2 480
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services:					
– In the year prior to commencing full time schooling	no.	18 423	18 199	18 343	18 010
– Younger children	no.	4 540	4 703	4 769	4 660
Staff					
Paid primary contact staff					
–Child care	FTE	290 <sup>b</sup>	na	41	35
–Preschool	FTE	948	na	852	878
<b>Total</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>1 238</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>913</b>
Paid administrative staff	FTE	na	na	na	na
Other paid staff	FTE	na	na	na	na
Family day carers	FTE	na	na	na	na
Unpaid staff	FTE	na	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> Number, not full time equivalent.

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

**FTE** = Full time equivalent.

Source: Department of Education and Children's Services.

## South Australia

Table 14A.71 Primary paid contact staff in children's services with training or experience, 1999-2000<sup>a</sup>

	<i>Child care</i>		<i>Preschool</i>	
	no.	%	no.	%
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	56	71.8	906	64.9
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	15	19.2	347	24.9
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time work experience	7	9.0	143	10.2
<b>Total paid primary contact staff</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1 396</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>a</sup> Estimated data.

Source: Department of Education and Children's Services.

## South Australia

Table 14A.72 Description of services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services

	<i>Places</i>	<i>Average fees</i>	<i>Average attendance</i>
	no.	\$	Hours
1996-97			
Centre based long day care	470	–	50.0
Family day care	–	..	..
Vacation care	3 134	90.00 <sup>a</sup>	34.7
Before school hours care	–	..	..
After school hours care	–	..	..
Occasional care	3 810	1.00 <sup>b</sup>	3.0
Other care	–	0.50 <sup>a</sup>	–
Preschool (year prior to compulsory full time schooling)	18 423	3.70 <sup>a</sup>	11.0
Preschool (for younger children) <sup>d</sup>	4 540	1.00 <sup>a</sup>	2.6
1997-98			
Centre based long day care	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	na	na
Other care	na	na	na
Preschool (year prior to compulsory full time schooling)	18 199	3.70 <sup>a</sup>	11.0
Preschool (for younger children) <sup>d</sup>	4 703	0.23 <sup>c</sup>	0.7 <sup>d</sup>
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	3 745	na	3.0
Other care	na	na	na
Preschool (year prior to compulsory full time schooling)	18 343	3.70 <sup>a</sup>	11.0
Preschool (for younger children) <sup>d</sup>	4 769	0.23 <sup>c</sup>	2.6
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	na	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	3 730	1.60	3.0
Other care	–	..	..
Preschool (year prior to compulsory full time schooling)	18 010	0.45 <sup>c</sup>	11.0
Preschool (for younger children) <sup>d</sup>	4 660	0.35 <sup>c</sup>	2.6

<sup>a</sup> Average weekly fee (voluntary contribution).

- b Average hourly fee.
  - c Average hourly fee (voluntary contribution).
  - d Pre-entry program provides one session of preschool for 10 weeks in the term before preschool.  
– Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available.
- Source: Department of Education and Children's Services.

## South Australia

Table 14A.73 Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Administrative expenditure	3 174	3 077	3 361	3 555
Other expenditure on service provision:				
Child care	8 605	8 762	9 965	9 496
Preschool	41 338	43 366	46 161	48 176
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>49 943</b>	<b>52 128</b>	<b>56 126</b>	<b>57 672</b>
Expenditure on assets:				
Child care	3 234	1 419	1 040	483
Preschool	1 643	210	184	1 793
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>4 877</b>	<b>1 629</b>	<b>1 224</b>	<b>2 276</b>
Financial support to families	–	na	na	–
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>57 994</b>	<b>56 834</b>	<b>60 711</b>	<b>63 503</b>

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

Source: Department of Education and Children's Services.

## South Australia

Table 14A.74 Services by management type (number)

	<i>Community managed<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Privately managed</i>	<i>Employer sponsored</i>	<i>Government managed</i>	<i>Total</i>
1998-99					
All licensed child care services	128	92	2	13	235
Occasional care	–	–	–	67	67
Preschool	19	–	–	431	450
1999-2000					
Centre based long day care	–	–	–	–	–
Family day care	–	–	–	–	–
Vacation care	–	–	–	–	–
Before school hours care	–	–	–	–	–
After school hours care	–	–	–	–	–
Occasional care	–	–	–	66	66
'Other' care	–	–	–	–	–
Preschool	19	–	–	430	449

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

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Department of Education and Children's Services.

## South Australia

Table 14A.75 Proportion of children's services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services providing nonstandard hours of service (per cent)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Centre based long day care	–	na	na	–
Family day care	–	na	na	–
Vacation care	–	na	na	–
Before school hours care	–	na	na	–
After school hours care	–	na	na	–
Occasional care	–	na	na	–
'Other' care	–	na	na	–
Preschool	78.1 <sup>a</sup>	77.3 <sup>a</sup>	67.8 <sup>b</sup>	69.0 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Includes preschool services for younger children.

<sup>b</sup> Preschools are encouraged to offer back to back preschool services to assist parents in country locations who would otherwise be unable to access preschool. The take-up rate is most significant in country locations where to limit access to one session per day over four days per week would make it impractical for children who travel long distances. In these situations children generally access their preschool entitlement of four sessions over two days as opposed to the usual four half days.

<sup>c</sup> Includes preschools providing full day sessions.

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

Source: Department of Education and Children's Services.

## South Australia

Table 14A.76 Proportion of attendees of services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services from special needs groups (per cent)

	<i>Children from non-English speaking backgrounds</i>	<i>Indigenous 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	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
1999-2000	6.9	1.6	na	11.3	22.2
Representation in attendees of preschool services					
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
1999-2000	9.0	4.5	14.5	13.8	32.2
Representation in the community	6.1 <sup>a</sup>	2.8 <sup>b</sup>	16.9 <sup>c</sup>	9.6 <sup>c</sup>	30.2 <sup>b, d</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Data were obtained from the 1999 ABS Survey of Child Care.

<sup>b</sup> Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

<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.

Source: ABS (unpublished), cat. no. 2020.0; ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 4402.0; ABS (unpublished), cat. no. 4430.0; ABS (unpublished), cat. no. 3201.0; Department of Education and Children's Services (unpublished).



**South Australia****Table 14A.77 Unit cost of State government recurrent expenditure on children's services (dollars)**

	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>
Government recurrent expenditure per hour of service				
Preschool	na	na	na	na

**na** Not available.

*Source:* Department of Education and Children's Services.

## South Australia

Table 14A.78 **Number of serious injuries sustained per registered or licensed service (number)**

	<i>Serious injuries</i>	<i>Services<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Injuries per service</i>
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	3	187	0.02
Family day care	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	na	na
'Other' care	na	na	na
Preschool	na	na	na
All services	3	187	0.02
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	..	–	..
Family day care	..	–	..
Vacation care	..	–	..
Before school hours care	..	–	..
After school hours care	..	–	..
Occasional care	–	66	–
'Other' care	..	–	..
Preschool <sup>b</sup>	18	449	0.04
All services	18	515	0.03

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

<sup>b</sup> Estimate based on children referred to hospital or doctor in a six-month period.

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

Source: Department of Education and Children's Services.

## South Australia

Table 14A.79 **Number of notifiable outbreaks of disease per registered or licensed service by service type (number)**

	<i>Outbreaks of disease</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Outbreaks per service</i>
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	..	—	..
Family day care	..	—	..
Vacation care	..	—	..
Before school hours care	..	—	..
After school hours care	..	—	..
Occasional care	—	66	—
'Other' care	..	—	..
Preschool	—	449	—
All services	—	515	—

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

Source: Department of Education and Children's Services.

## South Australia

Table 14A.80 Substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service and against which action was taken

	<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.	%
1998-99				
Centre based long day care	17	187	0.09	100.0
Family day care	26	13	2.00	100.0
Vacation care	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	na	na	na
'Other' care	na	na	na	na
Preschool	na	na	na	na
All services	na	na	na	na
1999-2000				
Centre based long day care <sup>b</sup>	34	na	na	100.0
Family day care	..	–	..	..
Vacation care	..	–	..	..
Before school hours care	..	–	..	..
After school hours care	..	–	..	..
Occasional care	–	66	–	–
'Other' care	..	–	..	..
Preschool	–	449	–	–
All services	34	515	0.07	100.0

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

<sup>b</sup> Includes child care centres and family day care.

– Nil or rounded to zero. na Not available.

Source: Department of Education and Children's Services.

Single jurisdiction data – Tas

## Tasmania

Table 14A.81 Data provided by States and Territories on children and staff

	Units	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000 <sup>a</sup>
Children					
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	no.	na	5 310 <sup>b</sup>	1 707	1 237
Children aged 12 years and younger using government <sup>c</sup> funded and/or provided child care services	no.	na	6 561	1 707	1 240 <sup>d</sup>
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services:					
– In the year prior to commencing full time schooling	no.	5 781 <sup>e</sup>	6 013 <sup>f</sup>	5 758 <sup>g</sup>	6 400 <sup>h</sup>
– Younger children	no.	na	na	na	na
Staff					
Paid primary contact staff	FTE	146	148	273 <sup>i</sup>	227
Paid administrative staff	FTE	na	na	4 <sup>e</sup>	24
Other paid staff	FTE	na	na	na	na
Family day carers	FTE	na	na	na	na
Unpaid staff	FTE	na	na	na	–

<sup>a</sup> Figures in previous years may have included some Commonwealth funded services.

<sup>b</sup> Based on responses by 75 per cent of services. Includes some Commonwealth funded services.

<sup>c</sup> Data refer to some children attending vacation and occasional care services.

<sup>d</sup> Does not include children in vacation care.

<sup>e</sup> At August 1996.

<sup>f</sup> At August 1997. Includes some Commonwealth funded services.

<sup>g</sup> At August 1998.

<sup>h</sup> Includes funded non-government pre-school.

<sup>i</sup> Number of paid child care staff only.

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

**FTE** = Full time equivalent.

Source: Department of Education, Community and Cultural Development.

## Tasmania

Table 14A.82 **Primary paid contact staff in children's services with training or experience**

	<i>Child care</i>		<i>Preschool</i>	
	no.	%	no.	%
1999-2000				
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	52	46.0	na	na
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	61	54.0	na	na
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>113</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>

na Not available.

Source: Department of Education, Community and Cultural Development.

## Tasmania

Table 14A.83 Description of services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services

	<i>Places</i>	<i>Average fees</i>	<i>Average attendance</i>
	no.	\$	Hours
1996-97			
Centre based long day care	—	..	..
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	577	27.00	na
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	na	na	na
Other care	—	—	—
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling)	5 781 <sup>h</sup>	na	10.0
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..
1997-98			
Centre based long day care	—	3.23 <sup>b</sup>	10.1 <sup>a, c</sup>
Family day care	na	na	na
Vacation care	180	3.24 <sup>b</sup>	3.4 <sup>a, d</sup>
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	338	3.15 <sup>b</sup>	5.8 <sup>a, f</sup>
Other care	725	4.28 <sup>b</sup>	1.8 <sup>a, g</sup>
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling)	6 013 <sup>i</sup>	na	10.0
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	—	..	..
Family day care	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	1 046 <sup>e</sup>	1.70	3.7 <sup>a</sup>
Other care	—	..	..
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling) <sup>c</sup>	5 758	na <sup>j</sup>	10 <sup>a</sup>
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care <sup>h</sup>	2 529 <sup>k</sup>	na	na
Family day care	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	1 037	2.98	5.6
Other care	37	na	na
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling)	6 400	na	10.4
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.



- d** Thirty-three per cent of services did not respond to this item.
  - e** Includes playschool places that were include in other care in 1997-98.
  - f** Twelve per cent of services did not respond to this item.
  - g** Forty-five per cent of services did not respond to this item.
  - h** Includes private services and some Commonwealth funded services.
  - i** Includes private home-based care.
  - j** Includes funded non-government preschools.
  - k** Includes Commonwealth funded services.
- Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not Available. .. Not applicable.
- Source*: Department of Education, Community and Cultural Development.

## Tasmania

Table 14A.84 Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Administrative expenditure				
Child care	na	515	592	782
Preschool	na	na	na	na
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>782<sup>a</sup></b>
Other expenditure on service provision:				
Child care	na	1	863	672 <sup>b</sup>
Preschool	na	na	na	19 430
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>20 102</b>
Expenditure on assets:				
Child care	na	na	–	268
Preschool	na	na	na	–
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>268</b>
Financial support to families	na	na	–	–
<b>Total expenditure</b>				
Child care	<b>na</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>1 455</b>	<b>1 722</b>
Preschool	<b>12 477</b>	<b>13 776</b>	<b>15 082</b>	<b>19 430</b>

<sup>a</sup> Does not include preschool funding. Includes umbrella department costs.

<sup>b</sup> The previous years' figures included some Commonwealth funding.

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

Source: Department of Education, Community and Cultural Development.

## Tasmania

Table 14A.85 Services by management type (number)

	<i>Community managed</i>	<i>Privately managed</i>	<i>Employer sponsored</i>	<i>Government managed</i>	<i>Total</i>
1998-99					
Centre based long day care	50	14	1	1	66
Family day care	11	–	na	–	11
Vacation care	10	na	na	–	10
Before school hours care	na	na	na	–	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	–	na
Occasional care	63	3	na	–	66
'Other' care	na	na	na	–	na
Preschool	na	na	na	170	170
1999-2000 <sup>a</sup>					
Centre based long day care	30	20	–	13	63
Family day care	3	–	–	8	11
Vacation care	5	–	–	–	5
Before school hours care	na	–	–	–	–
After school hours care	na	–	–	–	–
Occasional care	48	5	–	10	63
'Other' care	–	13	–	–	13
Preschool	–	40	–	169	209

<sup>a</sup> Last year, local government and government managed services were included as community based services.

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

Source: Department of Education, Community and Cultural Development.

## Tasmania

Table 14A.86

**Proportion of children's services not included in Commonwealth Census of  
Child Care Services providing nonstandard hours of service (per cent)**

	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>
Centre based long day care	–	2.9	4.6	28.6
Family day care	–	na	72.7	na
Vacation care	–	na	na	na
Before school hours care	–	–	na	na
After school hours care	–	–	na	na
Occasional care	–	na	–	12.7
'Other' care	–	na	na	na
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling)	na	na	na	na
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..	..

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

*Source:* Department of Education, Community and Cultural Development.

## Tasmania

Table 14A.87 Proportion of attendees of services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services from special needs groups (per cent)

	<i>Children from non-English speaking backgrounds</i>	<i>Indigenous 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	2.9	1.1	na	0.2	na
1998-99	1.0	1.1	na	1.1	50.8
1999-2000	1.0	0.8	10.5	2.0	na
Representation in attendees of preschool services					
1996-97	na	4.8 <sup>a</sup>	na	na	41.7
1997-98	na	5.1 <sup>b</sup>	na	na	41.3
1998-99	na	5.8	na	na	42.1
1999-2000	na	4.4	na	na	37.5
Representation in community	0.9 <sup>c</sup>	5.4 <sup>d</sup>	16.9 <sup>d</sup>	7.2 <sup>e</sup>	39.9 <sup>d, f</sup>

<sup>a</sup> At August 1996.

<sup>b</sup> At August 1997.

<sup>c</sup> Data were obtained from the 1999 ABS Child Care Australia survey.

<sup>d</sup> Data were obtained from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

<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 years and younger.

na Not available.

Source: ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 2020.0; ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 4402.0; ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 4430.0; ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 3201.0; Department of Education, Community and Cultural Development (unpublished).

**Tasmania****Table 14A.88 Unit cost of State government recurrent expenditure on children's services (dollars)**

	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>
Government recurrent expenditure per hour of service				
Preschool	na	na	na	na

**na** Not available.

*Source:* Department of Education, Community and Cultural Development.

## Tasmania

Table 14A.89 **Number of serious injuries sustained per registered or licensed service, 1998-99 (number)**

	<i>Serious injuries</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Injuries per service</i>
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	2	65	0.03
Family day care	3	11	0.27
Vacation care	–	10	–
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	–	66	–
'Other' care	na	na	na
Preschool	na	na	na
All services	5	152	0.03
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	2	63	0.03
Family day care	–	11	–
Vacation care	–	5	–
Before school hours care	..	–	..
After school hours care	..	–	..
Occasional care	–	58	–
'Other' care	–	13	–
Preschool	na	209	na
All services	2	359	0.01

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

Source: Department of Education, Community and Cultural Development.

## Tasmania

Table 14A.90 **Number of notifiable outbreaks of disease per registered or licensed service by service type (number)**

	<i>Outbreaks of disease</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Outbreaks per person</i>
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	..	–	..
Family day care	..	–	..
Vacation care	na	5	na
Before school hours care	..	–	..
After school hours care	..	–	..
Occasional care	na	58	na
'Other' care	na	13	na
Preschool	na	209	na
All services	na	285	na

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

Source: Department of Education, Community and Cultural Development.



## Tasmania

Table 14A.91 **Substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service and against which action was taken**

	<i>Substantiated complaints</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Substantiated complaints per service</i>	<i>Proportion against which action was taken</i>
	no.	no.	no.	%
1998-99				
Centre based long day care	4	65	0.06	100.0
Family day care	2	11	0.18	100.0
Vacation care	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	na	na	na
'Other' care	na	na	na	na
Preschool	na	na	na	na
All services	6	76	0.08	na
1999-2000				
Centre based long day care	7	63	0.11	100.0
Family day care	4	11	0.36	100.0
Vacation care	–	5	–	..
Before school hours care	..	–	..	..
After school hours care	..	–	..	..
Occasional care	–	58	–	..
'Other' care	–	13	–	..
Preschool	na	209	na	na
All services	11	359	0.03	100.0

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

Source: Department of Education, Community and Cultural Development.

**Single jurisdiction data – ACT**

## ACT

Table 14A.92 Data provided by States and Territories on children and staff

	Unit	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Children					
Children aged 5 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	no.	na	1 538	1 476	1 486
Children aged 12 years and younger using government funded and/or provided child care services	no.	2 278	2 156	1 476	1 486
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services:					
– In the year prior to commencing full time schooling	no.	3 894	3 857	3 836	3 841
– Younger children	no.	387	143	144	131
Staff					
Paid primary contact staff	FTE <sup>a</sup>	306	294	225	230
Paid administrative staff	FTE <sup>a</sup>	19	14	20	18
Other paid staff	FTE <sup>a</sup>	6	7	4	2
Family day carers	FTE <sup>a</sup>	–	–	na	–
Unpaid staff	FTE <sup>a</sup>	–	5	4	–

<sup>a</sup> FTE Full time equivalent staff is defined as: for centre based long day care – 10 hours per day; for occasional care – 8 hours per day; for vacation care – 10 hours per day; and for preschools – 36.5 hours per week.

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

**FTE** = Full time equivalent.

Source: Department of Education and Community Services.

## ACT

Table 14A.93 **Primary paid contact staff in children's services with training or experience**

	<i>Child care</i>		<i>Preschool</i>	
	no.	%	no.	%
1999-2000				
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	57	62.6	105	50.7
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	20	22.0	102	49.3
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time work experience	14	15.4	–	–
<b>Total paid primary contact staff</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>100.0</b>

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Department of Education and Community Services.

## ACT

Table 14A.94 Description of services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services

	<i>Places</i>	<i>Average fees</i>	<i>Average attendance</i>
	no.	\$	Hours
1996-97			
Centre based long day care	76	140 <sup>a</sup>	37.0
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	617	90 <sup>a</sup>	24.0
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	376	3 <sup>b</sup>	8.0
Other care	na	na	na
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling) <sup>c</sup>	4 599	4 <sup>a, d</sup>	10.5
Preschool (for younger children)	387	2 <sup>a, d</sup>	5.5
1997-98			
Centre based long day care	—	..	..
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	569	95.00	24.8
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	376	3.39 <sup>b</sup>	7.7 <sup>c</sup>
Other care	na	na	na
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling)	4 450	na	10.5
Preschool (for younger children)	66	na	5.5
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	—	..	..
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	—	..	..
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	406	3.50	11.0
Other care	—	..	..
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling)	4 207	0.56 <sup>d</sup>	10.5
Preschool (for younger children)	144	0.56 <sup>d</sup>	5.25 <sup>e</sup>
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	—	..	..
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	—	..	..
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	403	3.80	8.2
Other care	na	na	na
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling)	4 170	0.47 <sup>d</sup>	10.5
Preschool (for younger children)	131	0.47 <sup>d</sup>	5.3

<sup>a</sup> Average weekly fee.

<sup>b</sup> Average hourly fee.

<sup>c</sup> This figures 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.
- Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available.

*Source:* Department of Education and Community Services.

## ACT

Table 14A.95 Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Administrative expenditure				
Child care	405	430	452	466
Preschool	221	283 <sup>a</sup>	350	357
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>823</b>
Other expenditure on service provision:				
Child care	1 991	1 483	1 356	1 429
Preschool	7 366	7 151	7 017	6 945
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>9 357</b>	<b>8 634</b>	<b>8 373</b>	<b>8 373</b>
Expenditure on assets:				
Child care	728	25 <sup>b</sup>	119	181
Preschool	744	332 <sup>b</sup>	115	391
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>1 472</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>572</b>
Financial support to families	–	–	–	–
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>11 455</b>	<b>9 421</b>	<b>9 409</b>	<b>9 768</b>

<sup>a</sup> Refers to preschool administration salaries.

<sup>b</sup> Expenditure on assets is an estimate as no breakdown was available.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Department of Education and Community Services.

## ACT

Table 14A.96 Services by management type (number)

	<i>Community managed<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Privately managed</i>	<i>Employer sponsored</i>	<i>Government managed</i>	<i>Total</i>
1998-99					
Centre based long day care	55	24	–	–	79
Family day care	na	na	na	na	na
Vacation care <sup>b</sup>	87	15	–	–	102
Before school hours care	na	na	–	–	na
After school hours care	na	na	–	–	na
Occasional care	11	–	–	–	11
'Other' care	27	18	–	–	45
Preschool	na	na	na	81	81
1999-2000					
Centre based long day care	55	23	–	–	78
Family day care	6	–	–	–	6
Vacation care	40	11	–	–	51
Before school hours care	30	1	–	–	31
After school hours care	72	2	–	–	74
Occasional care	18	–	–	–	18
'Other' care	32	11	–	–	43
Preschool	4	–	–	81	85

<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.

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

Source: Department of Education and Community Services.



## ACT

Table 14A.97 **Proportion of children's services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services providing nonstandard hours of service (per cent)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Centre based long day care	50.0	–	na	–
Family day care	–	–	na	–
Vacation care	na	9.1	na	–
Before school hours care	–	–	na	–
After school hours care	–	–	na	–
Occasional care	23.0	36.4	36.4	27.8
'Other' care	–	–	na	–
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling)	na	–	–	–
Preschool (for younger children)	na	–	–	na

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

Source: Department of Education and Community Services.

## ACT

Table 14A.98 **Proportion of attendees of services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services from special needs groups (per cent)**

	<i>Children from non-English speaking backgrounds</i>	<i>Indigenous 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	10.7	0.7	na	1.8	na
1997-98	11.9	0.6	na	2.2	na
1998-99	8.7	0.8	4.7	1.2	na
1999-2000	9.0	2.0	11.0	2.6	na
Representation in attendees of preschool services					
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	na	8.1	0.6
1999-2000	8.4	1.1	na	7.1	0.4
Representation in the community	9.5 <sup>b</sup>	1.9 <sup>c</sup>	15.4 <sup>c</sup>	na <sup>d</sup>	0.2 <sup>e, e</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Includes children attending early entry programs and mainstream programs.

<sup>b</sup> Data were obtained from the 1999 ABS Survey of Child Care.

<sup>c</sup> Data were obtained from the 1996 ABS Census of Population and Housing.

<sup>d</sup> Data on children with a disability were obtained from the 1998 ABS 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>e</sup> Refers to children aged 14 years and younger.

na Not available.

Source: ABS (unpublished), cat. no. 2020.0; ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 4402.0; ABS (unpublished), cat. no. 4430.0; ABS (unpublished), cat. no. 3201.0; Department of Education and Community Services (unpublished).

## ACT

Table 14A.99 **Unit cost of State government recurrent expenditure on children's services (dollars)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Government recurrent expenditure per hour of service				
Children's services <sup>a</sup>	na	na	na	2.07
Preschool	4.28	4.28	4.49	4.45

<sup>a</sup> Occasional care only.

na Not available.

Source: Department of Education and Community Services.

## ACT

Table 14A.100 **Number of serious injuries sustained per registered or licensed service, 1998-99 (number)<sup>a</sup>**

	<i>Serious injuries</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Injuries per person</i>
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	3	79	0.04
Family day care	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na
School age care <sup>b</sup>	3	102	0.03
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	–	11	–
'Other' care	na	na	na
Preschool	–	81	–
All services	6	273	0.02
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	1	88	0.01
Family day care	na	6	na
Vacation care	na	51	na
Before school hours care	na	31	na
After school hours care	2	74	0.03
Occasional care	1	11	0.09
'Other' care	na	43	na
Preschool	–	81	–
All services	4	385	0.01

<sup>a</sup> Data are limited to information taken from 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 care hours care and/or after school hours.

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

Source: Department of Education and Community Services.

## ACT

Table 14A.101 **Number of notifiable outbreaks of disease per registered or licensed service by service type (number)**

	<i>Outbreaks of disease</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Outbreaks per service</i>
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	7	79	0.09
Family day care	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	2	11	0.18
'Other' care	na	na	na
Preschool	2	81	0.02
All services	11	171	0.06
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	25	88	0.28
Family day care	na	6	na
Vacation care	na	51	na
Before school hours care	na	31	na
After school hours care	na	74	na
Occasional care	–	11	–
'Other' care	na	43	na
Preschool	–	81	–
All services	25	385	0.06

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

Source: Department of Education and Community Services.

## ACT

Table 14A.102 **Substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service and against which action was taken**

	<i>Substantiated complaints</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Substantiated complaints per service</i>	<i>Proportion against which action was taken</i>
	no.	no.	no.	%
1998-99				
Centre based long day care	5	79	0.06	100.0
Family day care	na	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na	na
Outside school hours care	–	102	–	..
After school hours care	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	–	11	–	..
'Other' care	na	na	na	na
Preschool	–	81	–	..
All services	5	273	0.02	na
1999-2000				
Centre based long day care	2	88	0.02	100.0
Family day care	na	6	na	na
Vacation care	na	51	na	na
Before school hours care	na	31	na	na
After school hours care	2	74	0.03	100.0
Occasional care	1	11	0.09	100.0
'Other' care	na	43	na	na
Preschool	–	81	–	..
All services	5	385	0.01	100.0

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

Source: Department of Education and Community Services.

**Single jurisdiction data – NT**

## Northern Territory

Table 14A.103 Data provided by States and Territories on children and staff

	Unit	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
<b>Children</b>					
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>	na
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>	na
Children using government funded and/or provided preschool services:					
– In the year prior to commencing full time schooling	no.	3 237 <sup>d</sup>	3 535 <sup>e</sup>	3 599 <sup>f</sup>	3 523 <sup>h</sup>
– Younger children	no.	na	na	na	na
<b>Staff</b>					
Paid primary contact staff	FTE	na	102 <sup>g</sup>	102	101 <sup>i</sup>
Paid administrative staff	FTE	na	na	na	na
Other paid staff	FTE	na	na	na	na
Family day carers	FTE	–	–	–	–
Unpaid staff	FTE	na	24 <sup>b</sup>	–	–

<sup>a</sup> Data refer to three year old kindergarten services only. Not available for vacation care.

<sup>b</sup> Data refer to three year old kindergarten services only.

<sup>c</sup> Data refers to children attending block funded vacation care and three year old kindergarten 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 the NT Government supported child care services.

<sup>h</sup> Data are for the calendar year ending 1999.

<sup>i</sup> Excludes teaching assistants.

**FTE** = Full time equivalent.

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

Source: Department of Family and Community Services.



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Table 14A.104 Primary paid contact staff in children's services with training or experience

	<i>Child care</i>		<i>Preschool</i>	
	no.	%	no.	%
1999-2000				
Paid primary contact staff with a relevant formal qualification	na	na	110 <sup>a</sup>	100.0 <sup>a</sup>
Paid primary contact staff with no relevant formal qualification but the equivalent of three years full time work experience	na	na	–	–
Paid primary contact staff with neither a relevant formal qualification nor the equivalent of three years full time work experience	na	na	–	–
<b>Total paid primary contact staff</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>110<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>100.0<sup>a</sup></b>

<sup>a</sup> Excludes teaching assistants.

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

Source: Department of Family and Community Services.

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Table 14A.105 Description of services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services

	Places	Average fees	Average attendance
	no.	\$	Hours
1996-97			
Centre based long day care	—	..	..
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	850	75 <sup>a</sup>	0.2
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	—	..	..
Other care	—	..	..
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling)	4 050 <sup>d</sup>	na	na
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..
1997-98			
Centre based long day care	—	..	..
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	1 948	64.00	39.9 <sup>b</sup>
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	—	..	..
Other care	100	12.00	10.3 <sup>b</sup>
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling)	4 780 <sup>e</sup>	—	na
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	—	..	..
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	—	..	..
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	—	..	..
Other care	136	12.00	6.7 <sup>c</sup>
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling)	4 380	0.28 <sup>f</sup>	12.5 <sup>g</sup>
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	—	..	..
Family day care	—	..	..
Vacation care	—	..	..
Before school hours care	—	..	..
After school hours care	—	..	..
Occasional care	—	..	..
Other care	124	9.50 <sup>g</sup>	na
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling)	na	0.28 <sup>f</sup>	12.5 <sup>h</sup>
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..

<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 week data available; figures represent best information based on number of places and number of hours available for three year old kindergarten.

<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> Represents the average sessional fee for two hours per week.

<sup>h</sup> This is an estimate based on the average sessional hours provided and total number of children attending.

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

Source: Department of Family and Community Services.

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Table 14A.106 Government expenditure on children's services (\$'000)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Administrative expenditure				
Child care	291	242	618	797
Preschool	na	1 831	1 573	na
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>2 073</b>	<b>2 191</b>	<b>797</b>
Other expenditure on service provision:				
Child care	1 238	2 609	2 161	1 399
Preschool	na	11 765	12 055	na
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>1 238</b>	<b>14 374</b>	<b>14 216</b>	<b>1 399</b>
Expenditure on assets:				
Child care	673	520	1 341	1 509
Preschool	na	1 892	1 077	na
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>2 412</b>	<b>2 418</b>	<b>1 509</b>
Financial support to families	–	–	–	–
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>2 202</b>	<b>18 859</b>	<b>18 825</b>	<b>3 705</b>

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

Source: Department of Family and Community Services.

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Table 14A.107 Services by management type (number)

	<i>Community managed<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Privately managed</i>	<i>Employer sponsored</i>	<i>Government managed</i>	<i>Total</i>
1998-99					
Centre based long day care	40 <sup>b</sup>	9 <sup>b</sup>	–	–	49
Family day care	–	–	–	–	–
Vacation care	–	–	–	–	–
Before school hours care	–	–	–	–	–
After school hours care	–	–	–	–	–
Occasional care	1	–	–	–	–
'Other' care	5	–	–	–	5
Preschool	–	–	–	99 <sup>c</sup>	99
1999-2000					
Centre based long day care	41	9	–	–	50
Family day care	7	–	–	–	7
Vacation care	–	–	–	–	–
Before school hours care	–	–	–	–	–
After school hours care	–	–	–	–	–
Occasional care	2	–	–	–	2
'Other' care	6	–	–	–	6
Preschool	9	–	–	97 <sup>c</sup>	106

a Includes not for profit services provided by parents.

b Represents all categories of NT child care centres except occasional and other care.

c Preschool education is directly provided by the NT Department of Education but a number of management functions are devolved to school councils and preschool parent management committees.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Department of Family and Community Services.

**Northern Territory****Table 14A.108 Proportion of children's services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services providing nonstandard hours of service (per cent)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Centre based long day care	–	–	–	–
Family day care	–	–	–	–
Vacation care	na	na	na	–
Before school hours care	–	–	–	–
After school hours care	–	–	–	–
Occasional care	–	–	–	–
'Other' care	–	–	–	–
Preschool (year prior to full time schooling)	–	na	na	na
Preschool (for younger children)	..	..	..	..

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

Source: Department of Family and Community Services.

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Table 14A.109 Proportion of attendees of services not included in Commonwealth Census of Child Care Services from special needs groups (per cent)

	<i>Children from non-English speaking backgrounds</i>	<i>Indigenous 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 <sup>a</sup>	7.3	–	4.0	–	20.1
1998-99	na	na	na	na	na
1999-2000	na	na	na	na	na
Representation in attendees of preschool services					
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
1999-2000	na	34.5	na	na	30.0
Representation in the community	5.7 <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 kindergarten services only.

<sup>b</sup> Data refer to calendar year ending 1997.

<sup>c</sup> Data were obtained from the 1999 ABS Child Care Australia survey.

<sup>d</sup> Data were obtained from the 1996 ABS Census of Population and Housing.

<sup>e</sup> Data on children with a disability were obtained from the 1998 ABS 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.

– Nil or rounded to zero. na Not available.

Source: ABS (unpublished), cat. no. 2020.0 ; ABS (unpublished) cat. no. 4402.0; ABS (unpublished), cat. no. 4430.0; ABS (unpublished), cat. no. 3201.0; Department of Family and Community Services (unpublished).

**Northern Territory****Table 14A.110 Unit cost of State government recurrent expenditure on children's services (dollars)**

	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>
Government recurrent expenditure per hour of service				
Preschool	na	na	6.70	na

na Not Available.

Source: Department of Family and Community Services.

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Table 14A.111 Number of serious injuries sustained per registered or licensed service, 1998-99 (number)

	<i>Serious injuries</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Injuries per service</i>
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	7	43	0.16
Family day care	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	1	3	0.33
'Other' care	–	7	–
Preschool	na	na	na
All services	8	53	0.15
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	na	50	na
Family day care	na	7	na
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	2	na
'Other' care	–	6	–
Preschool	na	106	na
All services	–	171	–

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

Source: Department of Family and Community Services.



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Table 14A.112 **Number of notifiable outbreaks of disease per registered or licensed service by service type (number)**

	<i>Outbreaks of disease</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Outbreaks per service</i>
1998-99			
Centre based long day care	2	43	0.05
Family day care	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	–	3	–
'Other' care	–	7	–
Preschool	na	na	na
All services	2	53	0.04
1999-2000			
Centre based long day care	na	50	na
Family day care	na	7	na
Vacation care	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	2	na
'Other' care	na	6	na
Preschool	na	106	na
All services	na	171	na

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

Source: Department of Family and Community Services.

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Table 14A.113 **Substantiated complaints per registered or licensed service and against which action was taken**

	<i>Substantiated complaints</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Substantiated complaints per service</i>	<i>Proportion against which action was taken</i>
	no.	no.	no.	%
1998-99				
Centre based long day care	30	43	0.70	100.0
Family day care	na	na	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	–	3	na	..
'Other' care	–	7	na	..
Preschool	na	na	na	na
All services	30	53	0.57	na
1999-2000				
Centre based long day care	9	50	0.18	100.0
Family day care	na	7	na	na
Vacation care	na	na	na	na
Before school hours care	na	na	na	na
After school hours care	na	na	na	na
Occasional care	na	2	na	na
'Other' care	–	6	–	..
Preschool	na	106	na	na
All services	9	171	0.05	100.0

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

Source: Department of Family and Community Services.