

15A Protection and support services — attachment

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 15.12 of the Report. Unsourced information was obtained from the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments.

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All jurisdictions data

Table 15A.1 State and Territory Government recurrent expenditure on child protection and supported placements^{a, b}

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas ^c	ACT	NT	Aust
Child protection and out-of-home care										
Recurrent expenditure										
1998-99										
Child protection	\$'000	91 735	44 864	na	7 708	na	2 711	na	na	147 018
Out-of-home care	\$'000	127 938	94 447	na	36 692	na	6 742	na	na	265 819
Child protection and out-of-home care	\$'000	219 673	139 311	76 805	44 400	36 001	9 453	11 726	8 273	545 641
1999-2000										
Child protection ^d	\$'000	98 236	53 751	51 191	7 074	na	2 000	4 505	na	216 757
Out-of-home care	\$'000	136 179	134 419	50 715	38 608	na	5 799	7 262	na	372 982
Child protection and out-of-home care	\$'000	234 415	188 170	101 906	45 682	38 094	7 799	11 767	8 762	636 595
Family preservation services										
1998-99	\$'000	22 146	–	–	1 296	–	–	–	–	23 442
1999-2000 ^e	\$'000	22 178	3 365	641	1 241	–	513	39	–	27 977
Number of children										
March 1999										
Aged 0–16 years	'000	1 494	1 076	853	336	452	115	56	74	4 457
Aged 0–17 years	'000	1 582	1 140	905	479	356	122	79	59	4 723
March 2000										
Aged 0–16 years	'000	1 492	1 076	856	333	453	113	57	73	4 454
Aged 0–17 years	'000	1 581	1 141	909	481	354	120	78	59	4 724
Estimated recurrent expenditure per child										
1998-99										
Child protection (per child aged 0–16 years)	\$	61.39	41.70	na	22.97	na	23.60	na	na	32.98
Supported placement (per child aged 0–17 years)	\$	80.85	82.83	na	76.53	na	55.31	na	na	56.29
Child protection and out-of-home care (per child aged 0–17 years)	\$	138.82	122.17	84.91	92.61	101.23	77.54	148.44	139.41	115.54
1999-2000										
Child protection (per child aged 0–16 years)	\$	65.85	49.97	59.82	21.22	na	17.64	79.66	na	48.67
Out-of-home care (per child aged 0–17 years)	\$	86.13	117.83	55.79	80.31	na	48.15	92.83	na	78.96
Child protection and out-of-home care (per child aged 0–17 years)	\$	148.27	164.94	112.09	95.02	107.69	64.76	150.42	147.36	134.77

^a Refer to table 15A.2 for information on the comparability of expenditure data.

^b Numbers may not calculate exactly due to rounding errors.

^c Overall funding reduction is due to change in counting rules and clarity of scope. Previous financial information included funds to non-government organisations and some funding for universal services.

^d Reduction in expenditure for Tasmanian between 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is due to transfer of data to Family Preservation Services category.

^e Funding increase for Tasmania is due to transfer of data from Child Protection category. Tasmania proclaimed the *Children, Young Persons and their Families Act 1997* on 1 July 2000 moving from a coercive, interventionist approach to a more supportive approach that recognises and builds on the strengths within families. It is anticipated that movement will begin to occur between the funding categories outlined in this Report over the next two financial periods.

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments; table 15A.20.

Table 15A.2 Comparability of expenditure — items included, 1999-2000

	NSW	Vic ^a	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT
Superannuation	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
basis of estimate	Accrual	na	Accrual	Accrual	Accrual	Funding	Accrual	Funding
Workers' compensation	✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓
Payroll tax	✓	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓
Termination and long service l	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
basis of estimate	Actual & accruing	Actual	Actual	Accrual	Accrual	Actual	Accrual	Actual & accruing ^b
Sick leave	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
basis of estimate	Actual	Actual	na	Actual	Accrual	Actual	Accrual	Accrual
Depreciation	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x
Rent	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
Utilities	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
Umbrella department costs	✓	na	✓	x	✓	x	✓	✓
basis of apportionment	Dept Formula	na	Dept Formula	..	Dept Formula	..	Dept Formula	Budget

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

^b Terminations have been included as actual amounts. Long service leave liability has been calculated as a percentage of salary.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory governments.

Table 15A.3 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, 1999-2000^a

	NSW		VIC		Qld		WA		SA		Tas		ACT		NT	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children																
<i>Notifications investigated</i>																
Investigations finalised by 31 August																
Substantiated	839	25.3	629	31.3	770	43.9	365	51.5	435	19.3	5	31.3	19	18.6	194	31.8
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total investigations finalised	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total notifications investigated	2 522	76.1	1 028	51.2	1 475	84.1	692	97.6	876	38.8	14	87.5	97	95.1	371	60.8
Notifications dealt with by other means	790	23.9	980	48.8	200	11.4	–	–	350	15.6	–	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	–	–	–	–	78	4.4	17	2.4	1 029	45.6	2	12.5	5	4.9	239	39.2
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	3 312	100.0	2 008	100.0	1 753	100.0	709	100.0	2 255	100.0	16	100.0	102	100.0	610	100.0
Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children																
<i>Notifications investigated</i>																
Investigations finalised by 31 August																
Substantiated	5 638	20.8	6 730	19.3	6 149	35.5	804	41.5	1 650	12.8	92	22.7	214	19.7	199	24.1
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total investigations finalised	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total notifications investigated	15 585	57.5	11 865	34.1	13 823	79.9	1 885	97.4	4 142	32.0	366	90.1	934	85.9	408	49.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	11 501	42.5	22 932	65.9	2 680	15.5	–	–	1 733	13.5	9	2.2	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	–	–	–	–	801	4.6	51	2.6	7 051	54.5	31	7.6	153	14.1	419	50.7
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	27 086	100.0	34 797	100.0	17 304	100.0	1 936	100.0	12 926	100.0	406	100.0	1 087	100.0	827	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children																
<i>Notifications investigated</i>																
Investigations finalised by 31 August																
Substantiated	6 477	21.3	7 359	20.0	6 919	36.3	1 169	44.2	2 085	13.7	97	23.0	233	19.6	393	27.3
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	77	18.2	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	7 628	25.1	5 223	14.2	3 985	20.9	1 196	45.2	2 917	19.2	182	43.1	685	57.6	382	26.6
Total investigations finalised	14 105	46.4	12 582	34.2	10 904	57.2	2 365	89.4	5 002	32.9	356	84.4	918	77.2	775	53.9
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	4 002	13.2	311	0.8	4 394	23.1	212	8.0	16	0.1	24	5.7	113	9.5	4	0.3
Total notifications investigated	18 107	59.6	12 893	35.0	15 298	80.3	2 577	97.4	5 018	33.1	380	90.0	1 031	86.7	779	54.2
Notifications dealt with by other means	12 291	40.4	23 912	65.0	2 880	15.1	–	–	2 083	13.7	9	2.1	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	–	–	–	–	879	4.6	68	2.6	8 080	53.2	33	7.8	158	13.3	658	45.8
Total notifications all children	30 398	100.0	36 805	100.0	19 057	100.0	2 645	100.0	15 181	100.0	422	100.0	1 189	100.0	1 437	100.0

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

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

Source: tables 15A.21, 15A.37, 15A.53, 15A.69, 15A.85, 15A.101, 15A.117 and 15A.133.

Table 15A.4 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, 1999-2000^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Indigenous									
Children admitted to orders									
Children admitted for the first time	%	75.9	60.5	57.5	97.0	na	20.0	62.5	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	24.1	39.5	42.5	3.0	na	80.0	37.5	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.	833	271	174	134	na	10	8	138
Children discharged from orders	no.	555	174	143	47	na	10	2	97
Non-Indigenous									
Children admitted to orders									
Children admitted for the first time	%	78.2	56.0	71.7	98.6	na	56.4	80.9	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	21.8	44.0	28.3	1.4	na	43.6	19.1	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.	2 784	2 336	805	276	na	163	47	127
Children discharged from orders	no.	1 984	1 803	660	139	na	110	44	79
All children									
Children admitted to orders									
Children admitted for the first time	%	77.7	56.4	69.2	98.0	na	54.3	78.2	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	22.3	43.6	30.8	2.0	na	45.7	21.8	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.	3 617	2 607	979	410	na	173	55	265
Children discharged from orders	no.	2 539	1 977	803	186	na	120	46	176

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

na Not available.

Source: tables 15A.22, 15A.38, 15A.54, 15A.70, 15A.86, 15A.102, 15A.118 and 15A.134.

Table 15A.5 **Children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status, June 2000^a**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of Indigenous children on orders								
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	1 512	347	772	297	na	21	35	95
Finalised supervisory orders	na	75	71	..	na	10	1	–
Interim and temporary orders	304	26	13	30	na	–	4	23
Other/not stated	10	–	–	–	na	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	1 826	448	856	327	174	31	40	118
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders								
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	4 837	3 135	2 428	718	na	289	133	77
Finalised supervisory orders	na	982	217	..	na	134	17	3
Interim and temporary orders	974	187	111	60	na	16	42	22
Other/not stated	24	–	–	–	na	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	5 835	4 304	2 756	778	769	439	192	102
Number of all children on orders								
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	6 349	3 482	3 200	1 015	na	310	168	172
Finalised supervisory orders	na	1 057	288	..	na	144	18	3
Interim and temporary orders	1 278	213	124	90	na	16	46	45
Other/not stated	34	–	–	–	na	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	7 661	4 752	3 612	1 105	943	470	232	220

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

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

Source: tables 15A.23, 15A.39, 15A.55, 15A.71, 15A.87, 15A.103, 15A.119 and 15A.135.

Table 15A.6 **Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, 1999-2000^a**

	<i>Number of children</i>			<i>Rate per 1000 children^{b, c}</i>		
	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Non-Indigenous</i>	<i>All children</i>	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Non-Indigenous</i>	<i>All children</i>
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications						
NSW	2 466	22 113	24 579	47.2	15.3	16.4
Vic	1 285	25 552	26 837	125.5	24.0	24.9
Qld	1 260	13 154	14 414	24.8	16.4	16.9
WA	630	1 738	2 368	24.4	4.1	5.2
SA	1 270	8 230	9 500	124.5	25.4	28.5
Tas	8	225	233	1.1	2.1	2.1
ACT	71	886	957	49.2	12.2	13.0
NT	471	663	1 134	20.8	19.5	20.0
Aust	7 461	72 561	80 022	41.3	17.0	17.9
Children aged 0–16 years in investigations						
NSW	1 671	10 334	12 005	32.0	7.2	8.0
Vic	825	10 208	11 033	80.6	9.6	10.2
Qld	705	7 218	7 923	13.9	9.0	9.3
WA	559	1 561	2 120	21.6	3.7	4.7
SA	619	3 174	3 793	60.7	9.8	11.4
Tas	8	207	215	1.1	1.9	1.9
ACT	54	711	765	37.4	9.8	10.4
NT	261	306	567	11.6	9.0	10.0
Aust	4 702	33 719	38 421	26.1	7.9	8.6
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations						
NSW	761	5 054	5 815	14.6	3.5	3.9
Vic	568	6 218	6 786	55.5	5.8	6.3
Qld	502	4 303	4 805	9.9	5.4	5.6
WA	329	724	1 053	12.7	1.7	2.3
SA	337	1 354	1 691	33.0	4.2	5.1
Tas	4	73	77	0.6	0.7	0.7
ACT	6	184	190	4.2	2.5	2.6
NT	172	179	351	7.6	5.3	6.2
Aust	2 679	18 089	20 768	14.8	4.2	4.7
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders						
NSW	1 826	5 835	7 661	33.1	3.8	4.8
Vic	448	4 304	4 752	41.4	3.8	4.2
Qld	856	2 756	3 612	15.9	3.2	4.0
WA	327	778	1 105	12.0	1.7	2.3
SA	174	769	943	16.1	2.2	2.7
Tas	31	439	470	4.2	3.9	3.9
ACT	26	116	142	16.9	1.5	1.8
NT	118	102	220	4.9	2.9	3.7
Aust	3 806	15 099	18 905	19.9	3.3	4.0

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

^b Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated), divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 ABS Census of Population and Housing data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a popu

of the relevant year.

- ° Rates for children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 30 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June which are based on the 1996 Census data.

na Not available.

Source: tables 15A.24, 15A.40, 15A.56, 15A.72, 15A.88, 15A.104, 15A.120 and 15A.136.

Table 15A.7 **Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, 1998-99^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of children									
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	167	208	21	24	na	4	19	na
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	625	779	263	63	na	13	38	na
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation									
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	2.3	4.0	0.4	2.4	na	1.7	2.4	na
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	8.7	15.1	5.4	6.2	na	5.5	4.8	na

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

na Not available.

Source: tables 15A.25, 15A.41, 15A.57, 15A.73, 15A.89, 15A.105, 15A.121 and 15A.137.

Table 15A.8 **Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, 1998-99^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of children									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	267	132	109	43	na	6	17	na
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	661	893	682	104	na	10	28	na
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	4.0	1.9	2.3	3.8	na	4.9	4.3	na
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	9.8	13.1	14.1	9.1	na	8.2	7.1	na

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

na Not available.

Source: tables 15A.26, 15A.42, 15A.58, 15A.74, 15A.90, 15A.106, 15A.122 and 15A.138.

Table 15A.9 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status, 1999-2000^a**

	<i>Number of children in care</i>			<i>Rate per 1000 children^{b, c}</i>		
	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Non-Indigenous</i>	<i>All children</i>	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Non-Indigenous</i>	<i>All children</i>
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June 2000						
NSW	1 815	5 226	7 041	32.9	3.4	4.5
Vic	297	3 570	3 867	27.5	3.2	3.4
Qld	592	2 042	2 634	11.0	2.4	2.9
WA	420	906	1 326	15.4	2.0	2.8
SA	211	920	1 131	19.5	2.7	3.2
Tas	38	510	548	5.1	4.5	4.6
ACT	29	171	200	18.9	2.2	2.6
NT	94	82	176	3.9	2.3	3.0
Aust	3 496	13 427	16 923	18.3	3.0	3.6
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year						
NSW	2 303	7 451	9 754	42.0	4.9	6.1
Vic	na	na	na	na	na	na
Qld	763	2 909	3 672	14.3	3.4	4.0
WA	621	1 398	2 019	22.9	3.1	4.2
SA	na	na	na	na	na	na
Tas	95	1 157	1 252	12.8	10.2	10.4
ACT	53	519	572	34.9	6.7	7.3
NT	147	160	334	6.1	4.4	5.6
Aust	3 982	13 594	17 603	20.9	3.0	3.7

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

^b Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were in out of home care at 30 June each year, divided by estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 30 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated using ABS population projections for June of the relevant year which are based on the 1996 Census data.

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

na Not available.

Source: tables 15A.27, 15A.43, 15A.59, 15A.75, 15A.91, 15A.107, 15A.123 and 15A.139.

Table 15A.10 **Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type, June 2000^{a, b, c}**

<i>Indigenous status/placement type</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Indigenous								
Facility based care	46	38	18	75	3	11	3	6
Home based care								
Foster care/community care	434	na	357	154	na	11	17	62
Relative/kinship care	1 282	na	217	184	na	13	9	22
Other home based	–	na	–	–	na	–	–	–
Total home based	1 716	259	574	338	208	24	26	84
Independent living-includes private board	15	na	–	1	–	2	–	1
Other (includes unknown living arrangements)	38	–	–	6	–	1	–	3
Total Indigenous children	1 815	297	592	420	211	38	29	94
Non-Indigenous								
Facility based care	260	483	67	100	33	57	15	7
Home based care								
Foster care/community care	2 076	na	1 553	615	na	182	113	59
Relative/kinship care	2 530	na	422	157	na	207	42	4
Other home based	–	na	–	–	na	12	–	–
Total home based	4 606	3 081	1 975	772	887	401	155	63
Independent living-includes private board	119	na	–	31	–	30	–	3
Other (includes unknown living arrangements)	241	–	–	3	–	22	1	9
Total non-Indigenous children	5 226	3 564	2 042	906	920	510	171	82
All children								
Facility based care	306	521	85	175	36	68	18	13
Home based care								
Foster care/community care	2 510	2 237	1 910	769	na	193	130	121
Relative/kinship care	3 812	962	639	341	na	220	51	26
Other home based	–	141	–	–	na	12	–	–
Total home based	6 322	3 340	2 549	1 110	1 095	425	181	147
Independent living-includes private board	134	6	–	32	–	32	–	4
Other (includes unknown living arrangements)	279	–	–	9	–	23	1	12
Total all children	7 041	3 867	2 634	1 326	1 131	548	200	176

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

^b Facility based care includes family group homes.

^c The categories for home based care were changed in 1997-98. In 1996-97 the category 'other home based care' included children who were living independently. These children were included in a separate category from 1997-98 onwards.

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

Source: tables 15A.28, 15A.44, 15A.60, 15A.76, 15A.92, 15A.108, 15A.124 and 15A.140.

Table 15A.11 **Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, June 2000^{a, b}**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Indigenous								
On a care and protection order	1 555	na	590	246	na	23	24	94
On another type of order	–	na	2	–	na	–	5	..
Not on an order	260	na	na	174	na	15	–	..
Total Indigenous children	1 815	na	592	420	211	38	29	94
Non-Indigenous								
On a care and protection order	4 856	na	2 040	691	na	308	145	82
On another type of order	–	na	2	–	na	19	14	..
Not on an order	370	na	na	215	na	183	12	..
Total non-Indigenous children	5 226	na	2 042	906	920	510	171	82
All children								
On a care and protection order	6 411	3 285	2 630	937	na	331	169	176
On another type of order	–	25	4	–	na	19	19	..
Not on an order	630	557	na	389	na	198	12	..
Total all children	7 041	3 867	2 634	1 326	1 131	548	200	176

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

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

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

Source: tables 15A.29, 15A.45, 15A.61, 15A.77, 15A.93, 15A.109, 15A.125 and 15A.141.

Table 15A.12 **Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, June 2000^{a, b, c}**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT
Indigenous								
Respite	174	na	na	na	na	na	–	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	61	na	39	19	24	4	–	8
1 to less than 6 months	213	na	92	44	34	11	6	14
6 months to less than 1 year	211	na	87	44	22	3	2	30
1 to less than 2 years	308	na	123	69	34	4	5	13
2 to less than 5 years	481	na	124	122	11	5	13	13
5 years or more	365	na	127	120	83	11	3	16
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	2	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 639	na	592	420	208	38	29	94
Not stated/unknown	2	na	–	–	3	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	1 815	na	592	420	211	38	29	94
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	541	na	na	na	na	na	–	–
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	160	na	125	36	111	70	13	11
1 to less than 6 months	622	na	445	117	173	167	37	11
6 months to less than 1 year	583	na	271	110	81	72	22	16
1 to less than 2 years	878	na	370	138	115	63	22	15
2 to less than 5 years	1 381	na	459	192	61	55	42	24
5 years or more	1 059	na	372	307	346	83	35	5
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	6	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	4 683	na	2 042	906	887	510	171	82
Not stated/unknown	2	na	–	–	33	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	5 226	na	2 042	906	920	510	171	82
All children								
Respite	715	134	na	na	na	na	–	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	221	269	164	55	135	74	13	19
1 to less than 6 months	835	911	537	161	207	178	43	25
6 months to less than 1 year	794	559	358	154	103	75	24	46
1 to less than 2 years	1 186	595	493	207	149	67	27	28
2 to less than 5 years	1 862	646	583	314	72	60	55	37
5 years or more	1 424	382	499	427	429	94	38	21
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	8	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	6 322	3 362	2 634	1 326	1 095	548	200	176
Not stated/unknown	4	371	–	–	36	–	–	–
Total all children	7 041	3 867	2 634	1 326	1 131	548	200	176

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

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

^c Data for the category '5 years or more' were not collected prior to 1998-99. In 1996-97 and 1997-98 children who had been in care for more than 5 years were therefore included in the category '2 to less than 5 years'.

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

Source: tables 15A.30, 15A.46, 15A.62, 15A.78, 15A.94, 15A.110, 15A.126 and 15A.142.

Table 15A.13 **Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, 1999-2000^{a, b, c}**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	249	na	64	33	na	na	8	14
6 months to less than 1 year	99	na	21	4	na	na	–	4
1 to less than 2 years	68	na	14	11	na	na	–	2
2 to less than 5 years	40	na	15	13	na	na	–	2
5 years or more	17	na	23	12	na	na	–	1
Total Indigenous children	473	na	137	73	na	na	8	23
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	511	na	246	117	na	na	84	13
6 months to less than 1 year	178	na	86	52	na	na	22	1
1 to less than 2 years	161	na	82	29	na	na	14	6
2 to less than 5 years	144	na	66	41	na	na	4	2
5 years or more	51	na	64	30	na	na	4	2
Total non-Indigenous children	1 045	na	544	269	na	na	128	24
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	760	na	310	150	na	na	92	27
6 months to less than 1 year	277	na	107	56	na	na	22	5
1 to less than 2 years	229	na	96	40	na	na	14	8
2 to less than 5 years	184	na	81	54	na	na	4	4
5 years or more	68	na	87	42	na	na	4	3
Total all children	1 518	na	681	342	na	na	136	47

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

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

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

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

Source: tables 15A.31, 15A.47, 15A.63, 15A.79, 15A.95, 15A.111, 15A.127 and 15A.143.

Table 15A.14 **Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, June 2000^{a, b}**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of children at 30 June									
Indigenous	no.	1 282	na	217	184	na	13	9	22
Non-Indigenous	no.	2 530	na	422	157	na	207	42	4
All children	no.	3 812	962	639	341	na	220	51	26
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June									
Indigenous	%	70.6	na	36.7	43.8	na	34.2	31.0	23.4
Non-Indigenous	%	48.4	na	20.7	17.3	na	40.6	24.6	4.9
All children	%	54.1	24.9	24.3	25.7	na	40.1	25.5	14.8

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

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

na Not available.

Source: tables 15A.32, 15A.48, 15A.64, 15A.80, 15A.96, 15A.112, 15A.128 and 15A.144.

Table 15A.15 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, June 2000^{a, b}**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June									
Placed with an Indigenous caregiver									
Relative/kin	no.	999	na	138	169	na	4	7	28
Other Indigenous caregivers	no.	462	na	188	135	na	3	11	26
Total with an Indigenous caregiver	no.	1 461	na	326	304	na	7	18	54
Placed with a non-Indigenous caregiver									
Relative/kin	no.	283	na	79	22	na	9	2	na
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	71	na	169	94	na	22	9	31
Total with a non-Indigenous caregiver	no.	354	na	248	116	na	31	11	31
Total Indigenous children	no.	1 815	na	574	420	211	38	29	85
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Placed with an Indigenous caregiver									
Relative/kin	%	55.0	na	24.0	40.2	na	10.5	24.1	32.9
Other Indigenous caregivers	%	25.5	na	32.8	32.1	na	7.9	37.9	30.6
Total with an Indigenous caregiver	%	80.5	na	56.8	72.4	na	18.4	62.1	63.5
Placed with a non-Indigenous caregiver									
Relative/kin	%	15.6	na	13.8	5.2	na	23.7	6.9	na
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	3.9	na	29.4	22.4	na	57.9	31.0	36.5
Total with a non-Indigenous caregiver	%	19.5	na	43.2	27.6	na	81.6	37.9	36.5
Total Indigenous children	%	100.0	na	100.0	100.0	na	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

^b The percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous caregivers was calculated using as the denominator the total number of Indigenous children in out of home placement at 30 June.

na Not available.

Source: tables 15A.33, 15A.49, 15A.65, 15A.81, 15A.97, 15A.113, 15A.129 and 15A.145.

Table 15A.16 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement by Indigenous status, June 2000^{a, b}

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of children at 30 June									
Indigenous	no.	1 295	na	364	260	144	16	21	73
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 405	na	1 289	524	519	245	109	52
All children	no.	4 700	2 153	1 653	784	663	261	130	125
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Indigenous	%	96.8	na	96.8	80.7	100.0	80.0	100.0	86.9
Non-Indigenous	%	95.4	na	98.8	91.9	99.8	89.1	99.1	92.9
All children	%	95.8	94.2	98.4	87.9	99.8	88.5	99.2	89.3

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

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

na Not available.

Source: tables 15A.34, 15A.50, 15A.66, 15A.82, 15A.98, 15A.114, 15A.130 and 15A.146.

Table 15A.17 **Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placement by the length of time in out-of-home care, 1999-2000^{a, b}**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care								
1 placement	652	na	236	93	na	na	na	15
2-3 placements	108	na	73	54	na	na	na	10
4-5 placement	-	na	1	3	na	na	na	1
6-10 placements	-	na	-	-	na	na	na	1
11 or more placements	-	na	-	-	na	na	na	-
Total children	760	na	310	150	na	na	na	27
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care								
1 placement	229	na	61	24	na	na	na	3
2-3 placements	48	na	44	29	na	na	na	2
4-5 placement	-	na	2	3	na	na	na	-
6-10 placements	-	na	-	-	na	na	na	-
11 or more placements	-	na	-	-	na	na	na	-
Total children	277	na	107	56	na	na	na	5
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care								
1 placement	172	na	45	17	na	na	na	1
2-3 placements	53	na	36	15	na	na	na	6
4-5 placement	4	na	15	7	na	na	na	1
6-10 placements	-	na	-	1	na	na	na	-
11 or more placements	-	na	-	-	na	na	na	-
Total children	229	na	96	40	na	na	na	8
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care								
1 placement	99	na	23	10	na	na	na	-
2-3 placements	68	na	34	23	na	na	na	-
4-5 placement	16	na	15	15	na	na	na	2
6-10 placements	1	na	9	6	na	na	na	2
11 or more placements	-	na	-	-	na	na	na	-
Total children	184	na	81	54	na	na	na	4
5 years or more in out-of-home care								
1 placement	33	na	31	13	na	na	na	1
2-3 placements	23	na	38	15	na	na	na	-
4-5 placement	12	na	11	6	na	na	na	-
6-10 placements	-	na	6	6	na	na	na	2
11 or more placements	-	na	1	2	na	na	na	-
Total children	68	na	87	42	na	na	na	3
Total children exiting out-of-home care	1 518	na	681	342	na	na	na	47

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

^b In the 2000 Report data was included for both the number of 'care situations' and the number of 'placements'. For the 2001 Report these indicators have been combined. The revised indicator is the number of 'placements'. Placements are defined as the number of different carers the child had over a given period.

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

Source: tables 15A.35, 15A.51, 15A.67, 15A.83, 15A.99, 15A.115, 15A.131 and 15A.147.

Table 15A.18 **Children in out-of-home care during the year by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, 1999-2000**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	na	na	73	2	na	–	–	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	2.0	0.1	na	–	–	na
Other children									
Number of children	no.	na	na	3 599	2 017	na	1 252	572	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	98.0	99.9	na	100.0	100.0	na
All children in out-of-home care	no.	na	na	3 672	2 019	na	1 252	572	na

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

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

Source: tables 15A.36, 15A.52, 15A.68, 15A.84, 15A.100, 15A.116, 15A.132 and 15A.148.

Table 15A.19 Family preservation services, 1999-2000

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of children aged 0–17 years in family preservation service by Indigenous status								
Indigenous	66	na	na	22	na	4	9	na
Non-Indigenous	68	na	na	410	na	54	11	na
All children	134	1 137	na	432	na	58	20	na
Number of children aged 0–17 years in family preservation services by sex								
Male	74	na	na	203	na	33	10	na
Female	60	na	na	229	na	25	10	na
Total	134	1 137	na	432	na	58	20	na
Number of children aged 0–17 years in family preservation services by age								
0–4	53	na	na	na	na	20	6	na
5–9	51	na	na	na	na	25	8	na
10–14	26	na	na	na	na	13	6	na
15–17	4	na	na	na	na	–	–	na
Unknown	–	na	na	na	na	–	–	na
Total	134	1 137	na	432	na	58	20	na
Number of children aged 0–17 years in family preservation services by living situation at commencement of the program								
Family care								
Child living with parent(s)	115	na	na	na	na	57	15	na
Child living with other relatives/kin	11	na	na	na	na	–	3	na
Child in out-of-home care	7	na	na	na	na	1	2	na
Child in shared care	1	na	na	na	na	–	–	na
Other	–	na	na	na	na	–	–	na
Not available	–	na	na	na	na	–	–	na
Total	134	1 137	na	432	na	58	20	na

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

Source: AIHW *Family preservation services, Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.20 Target population data ('000)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Population weights used for annual data									
Children aged 0–16 years									
December 1996									
Indigenous	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Non-Indigenous	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All children	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
December 1997									
Indigenous	50.8	9.9	48.7	25.3	9.9	7.0	1.4	22.3	175.3
Non-Indigenous	1 441.7	1 065.0	796.8	423.2	327.2	110.6	74.0	33.6	4 272.1
All children	1 492.4	1 074.9	845.6	448.5	337.1	117.6	75.4	55.9	4 447.4
December 1998									
Indigenous	51.6	10.1	49.9	25.6	10.0	7.0	1.4	22.5	178.1
Non-Indigenous	1 443.8	1 066.9	801.0	426.3	325.9	108.3	72.9	33.9	4 279.1
All children	1 495.4	1 077.0	850.9	451.9	336.0	115.4	74.3	56.4	4 457.2
December 1999									
Indigenous	52.3	10.2	50.9	25.9	10.2	7.0	1.4	22.6	180.5
Non-Indigenous	1 445.0	1 066.6	804.1	427.3	323.6	106.4	72.4	34.0	4 279.3
All children	1 497.3	1 076.8	854.9	453.1	333.8	113.4	73.9	56.6	4 459.8
Children aged 0–17 years									
December 1996									
Indigenous	49.6	na	47.0	24.8	9.6	7.0	1.3	22.3	161.8
Non-Indigenous	1 523.0	na	839.4	447.0	348.3	119.1	80.2	35.3	3 392.4
All children	1 572.6	1 131.0	886.4	471.8	357.9	126.2	81.6	57.6	4 685.2
December 1997									
Indigenous	53.0	10.3	50.9	26.4	10.3	7.4	1.5	23.5	183.4
Non-Indigenous	1 525.7	1 127.8	844.2	448.1	346.3	117.1	78.8	35.2	4 523.2
All children	1 578.7	1 138.2	895.1	474.5	356.7	124.5	80.2	58.7	4 706.6
December 1998									
Indigenous	54.0	10.5	52.2	26.8	10.5	7.4	1.5	23.7	186.6
Non-Indigenous	1 529.3	1 130.6	849.8	451.9	345.4	115.0	77.6	35.6	4 535.2
All children	1 583.3	1 141.1	902.0	478.7	355.9	122.4	79.1	59.3	4 721.9
December 1999									
Indigenous	54.8	10.7	53.3	27.1	10.7	7.4	1.5	23.9	189.6
Non-Indigenous	1 531.4	1 130.9	854.4	453.5	343.4	113.0	77.2	36.1	4 540.0
All children	1 586.2	1 141.6	907.8	480.6	354.1	120.5	78.7	60.0	4 729.6
Population weights used for end of financial year data									
Children aged 0–16 years									
March 1997									
Indigenous	50.3	9.8	48.1	9.8	25.1	7.0	22.2	1.4	173.8
Non-Indigenous	1 438.7	1 064.6	790.8	328.3	422.3	112.0	33.3	75.1	4 266.0
All children	1 489.0	1 074.4	838.9	338.1	447.4	119.0	55.4	76.4	4 439.7
March 1998									
Indigenous	51.2	10.0	49.3	10.0	25.4	7.0	22.4	1.4	176.8
Non-Indigenous	1 439.5	1 064.9	797.0	327.1	424.2	109.9	33.8	73.6	4 270.8
All children	1 490.7	1 074.9	846.4	337.0	449.6	116.9	56.1	75.0	4 447.6
March 1999									
Indigenous	51.9	10.2	50.4	10.1	25.7	7.0	22.5	1.4	179.5
Non-Indigenous	1 442.3	1 065.6	802.6	325.4	426.6	107.8	33.9	72.7	4 277.9
All children	1 494.2	1 075.8	853.0	335.5	452.3	114.9	56.4	74.2	4 457.4
March 2000									
Indigenous	52.6	10.3	51.3	10.3	26.0	7.0	22.7	1.5	181.6
Non-Indigenous	1 439.2	1 065.4	804.5	323.1	427.1	106.3	33.9	72.0	4 272.4
All children	1 491.8	1 075.7	855.8	333.4	453.1	113.4	56.6	73.4	4 454.0
Children aged 0–17 years									
March 1997									
Indigenous	49.6	10.0	47.0	24.8	9.6	7.1	1.3	22.3	171.8
Non-Indigenous	1 524.2	1 126.4	842.8	447.9	348.0	118.7	80.6	35.3	4 523.8
All children	1 573.8	1 136.4	889.8	472.7	357.6	125.7	81.5	57.6	4 695.1
March 1998									
Indigenous	53.5	10.4	51.6	26.6	10.4	7.4	1.5	23.5	185.0

Non-Indigenous	1 526.0	1 130.1	844.9	449.6	346.2	116.4	78.4	35.2	4 526.8
All children	1 579.5	1 140.6	896.4	476.2	356.7	123.8	79.9	58.7	4 711.7
March 1999									
Indigenous	54.5	10.6	52.8	27.0	10.6	7.4	1.5	23.7	188.1
Non-Indigenous	1 528.0	1 129.6	851.8	452.5	345.0	114.5	77.5	35.6	4 534.5
All children	1 582.5	1 140.3	904.6	479.4	355.6	121.9	79.0	59.3	4 722.6
March 2000									
Indigenous	55.2	10.8	53.9	27.3	10.8	7.4	1.5	23.9	190.8
Non-Indigenous	1 525.8	1 130.0	855.2	453.5	342.9	113.0	76.7	35.6	4 532.7
All children	1 581.0	1 140.8	909.1	480.7	353.7	120.4	78.2	59.5	4 723.5

na Not available.

Source: ABS *Population by age and sex 31 March estimates*; ABS *Population by age and sex 31 December estimates*; ABS *Indigenous population by age and sex, 30 June estimates*.

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Table 15A.21 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, by Indigenous status**^{a, b, c, d, e, f, g}

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	na	na	749	31.7	1 026	28.9	839	25.3
Child at risk	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	na	na	769	32.6	..	..	..	..
Total investigations finalised	na	na	1 518	64.3	..	..	..	..
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	na	na	253	10.7	..	..	..	..
Total notifications investigated	na	na	1 771	75.0	2 673	75.4	2 522	76.1
Notifications dealt with by other means	na	na	590	25.0	872	24.6	790	23.9
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	na	na	..	..	–	–	–	–
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	na	na	2 361	100.0	3 545	100.0	3 312	100.0
Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	na	na	7 657	26.5	6 514	23.3	5 638	20.8
Child at risk	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	na	na	9 822	34.0	..	..	..	..
Total investigations finalised	na	na	17 479	60.6	..	..	..	..
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	na	na	2 933	10.2	..	..	..	..
Total notifications investigated	na	na	20 412	70.7	17 125	61.2	15 585	57.5
Notifications dealt with by other means	na	na	8 450	29.3	10 843	38.8	11 501	42.5
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	na	na	..	..	–	–	–	–
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	na	na	28 862	100.0	27 968	100.0	27 086	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	na	na	8 406	26.9	7 540	23.9	6 477	21.3
Child at risk	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	na	na	10 591	33.9	8 761	27.8	7 628	25.1
Total investigations finalised	na	na	18 997	60.8	16 301	51.7	14 105	46.4
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	na	na	3 186	10.2	3 497	11.1	4 002	13.2
Total notifications investigated	na	na	22 183	71.0	19 798	62.8	18 107	59.6
Notifications dealt with by other means	na	na	9 040	29.0	11 715	37.2	12 291	40.4
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	na	na	..	..	–	–	–	–
Total notifications all children	na	na	31 223	100.0	31 513	100.0	30 398	100.0

^a In 1996-97 NSW could not provide full year data on notifications, investigations and substantiations.

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

^c If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these was counted.

^d From 1998-99 the definition of an investigation was changed to include the interviewing or sighting of a child where practicable.

^e Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised.

^f Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.

^g Data on the number of investigations finalised and not finalised by Indigenous status were not collected after 1997-98.

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

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

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Table 15A.22 Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status^{a, b}

	Unit	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	na	75.9
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	na	24.1
Total children admitted to orders	no.	502	558	891	833
Children discharged from orders	no.	436	433	610	555
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	na	78.2
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	na	21.8
Total children admitted to orders	no.	2 828	2 896	3 008	2 784
Children discharged from orders	no.	2 743	2 113	2 153	1 984
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	na	77.7
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	na	22.3
Total children admitted to orders	no.	3 330	3 454	3 899	3 617
Children discharged from orders	no.	3 179	2 546	2 763	2 539

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

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

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.23 Number of children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status^{a, b, c}

	June 1997	June 1998	June 1999	June 2000
Number of Indigenous children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	679	813	1 330	1 512
Finalised supervisory orders	–	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	122	161	224	304
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	209	216	..	..
Other/not stated	–	5	8	10
Total Indigenous children on orders	1 010	1 195	1 562	1 826
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	3 222	3 583	4 398	4 837
Finalised supervisory orders	723	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	598	817	960	974
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	211	371	..	..
Other/not stated	..	21	28	24
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	4 754	4 792	5 386	5 835
Number of all children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	3 901	4 396	5 728	6 349
Finalised supervisory orders	723	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	720	978	1 184	1 278
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	420	587	..	..
Other/not stated	..	26	36	34
Total all children on orders	5 764	5 987	6 948	7 661

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

^b The categories for care and protection orders were changed slightly in 1998-99 so that administrative arrangements were only included if they had the effect of transferring custody or guardianship. From 1998-99 these administrative arrangements were included in the category 'finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements'.

^c The NSW data on children on care and protection orders from 1997-98 onwards are not comparable with the 1996-97 data. The data from 1997-98 onwards do not include children on 'finalised supervisory orders' because this information is no longer provided to the Department of Community Services by the Children's Court. In 1996-97 there were 723 children in this category.

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

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

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Table 15A.24 **Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, 1996-97 to 1999-2000^{a, b}**

	Number of children			Rate per 1000 children ^{c, d}		
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications						
1996-97	na	na	na	na	na	na
1997-98	1 799	23 661	25 460	35.4	16.4	17.1
1998-99	2 545	22 739	25 284	49.3	15.7	16.9
1999-2000	2 466	22 113	24 579	47.2	15.3	16.4
Children aged 0–16 years in investigations						
1996-97	na	na	na	na	na	na
1997-98	1 262	14 925	16 187	24.9	10.4	10.8
1998-99	1 802	12 015	13 817	34.9	8.3	9.2
1999-2000	1 671	10 334	12 005	32.0	7.2	8.0
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations						
1996-97	na	na	na	na	na	na
1997-98	655	6 841	7 496	12.9	4.7	5.0
1998-99	858	5 821	6 679	16.6	4.0	4.5
1999-2000	761	5 054	5 815	14.6	3.5	3.9
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders						
30 June 1997	1 010	4 754	5 764	20.4	3.1	3.7
30 June 1998	1 195	4 792	5 987	22.3	3.1	3.8
30 June 1999	1 562	5 386	6 948	28.7	3.5	4.4
30 June 2000	1 826	5 835	7 661	33.1	3.8	4.8

^a In 1996-97 NSW could not provide full year data on notifications, investigations and substantiations.

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

^c Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated), divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

^d Rates for children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 30 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June which are based on the 1996 Census data.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notification, investigations and substantiations Australia* data collection, AIHW *Children on care and protection orders Australia* data collection.

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Table 15A.25 **Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Number of children				
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	160	236	167
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	600	783	625
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation				
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	2.0	2.7	2.3
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	7.3	9.1	8.7

^a The 1996-97 data are estimates based on the data for April to June 1997.

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

New South Wales**Table 15A.26 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Number of children				
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	212	297	267
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	680	819	661
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation				
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	3.2	3.9	4.0
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	10.2	10.8	9.8

^a The 1996-97 data are estimates based on the data for April to June 1997.

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

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Table 15A.27 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status^{a, b, c}**

	Number of children in care			Rate per 1000 children in population		
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June ^d						
30 June 1997	1 270	4 147	5 417	25.6	2.7	3.4
30 June 1998	1 153	4 450	5 603	21.5	2.9	3.5
30 June 1999	1 591	4 768	6 359	29.2	3.1	4.0
30 June 2000	1 815	5 226	7 041	32.9	3.4	4.5
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year ^e						
1996-97	1 919	7 673	9 592	38.7	5.0	6.1
1997-98	1 402	6 652	8 054	26.5	4.4	5.1
1998-99	1 848	6 269	8 117	34.2	4.1	5.1
1999-2000	2 303	7 451	9 754	42.0	4.9	6.1

^a The data on children in out of home care include the following categories of children even if they do not meet the definition of 'out of home care': wards, children under a guardianship order, protected persons (including overseas adoptees) and pre-adoption placements.

^b The 1996-97 data may have included a small number of children placed with caregivers who were not reimbursed.

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

^d Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were in out of home care at 30 June each year, divided by estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 30 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated using ABS population projections for June of the relevant year which are based on the 1996 ABS Census of Popula

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

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

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Table 15A.28 Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type^{a, b, c}

<i>Indigenous status/placement type</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Indigenous				
Facility based care	36	31	47	46
Home based care				
Foster care/community care	452	361	380	434
Relative/kinship care	759	720	1 115	1 282
Other home based	23	na	–	–
Total home based	1 234	1 081	1 495	1 716
Independent living-includes private board	..	16	13	15
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	25	36	38
Total Indigenous children	1 270	1 153	1 591	1 815
Non-Indigenous				
Facility based care	275	320	295	260
Home based care				
Foster care/community care	2 131	2 034	1 958	2 076
Relative/kinship care	1 616	1 787	2 138	2 530
Other home based	125	na	–	–
Total home based	3 872	3 821	4 096	4 606
Independent living-includes private board	..	131	133	119
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	178	244	241
Total non-Indigenous children	4 147	4 450	4 768	5 226
All children				
Facility based care	311	351	342	306
Home based care				
Foster care/community care	2 583	2 395	2 338	2 510
Relative/kinship care	2 375	2 507	3 253	3 812
Other home based	148	–	–	–
Total home based	5 106	4 902	5 591	6 322
Independent living-includes private board	..	147	146	134
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	203	280	279
Total all children	5 417	5 603	6 359	7 041

^a Facility based care includes family group homes.

^b The categories for home based care were changed in 1997-98. In 1996-97 the category 'other home based care' included children who were living independently. These children were included in a separate category from 1997-98 onwards.

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

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

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

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Table 15A.29 **Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order^{a, b}**

	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Indigenous				
On a care and protection order	1 009	1 043	1 334	1 555
On another type of order	111	..	–	–
Not on an order	150	110	257	260
Total Indigenous children	1 270	1 153	1 591	1 815
Non-Indigenous				
On a care and protection order	3 706	4 294	4 448	4 856
On another type of order	233	..	–	–
Not on an order	208	156	320	370
Total non-Indigenous children	4 147	4 450	4 768	5 226
All children				
On a care and protection order	4 715	5 337	5 782	6 411
On another type of order	344	..	–	–
Not on an order	358	266	577	630
Total all children	5 417	5 603	6 359	7 041

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

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

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

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

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Table 15A.30 Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care^{a, b, c}

	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Indigenous				
Respite	135	106	162	174
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	41	18	35	61
1 to less than 6 months	169	134	227	213
6 months to less than 1 year	138	177	207	211
1 to less than 2 years	138	185	300	308
2 to less than 5 years	646	532	320	481
5 years or more	..	..	338	365
Not stated/unknown	3	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 135	1 046	1 427	1 639
Not stated/unknown	–	1	2	2
Total Indigenous children	1 270	1 153	1 591	1 815
Non-Indigenous				
Respite	402	455	448	541
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	153	165	162	160
1 to less than 6 months	550	645	631	622
6 months to less than 1 year	472	550	575	583
1 to less than 2 years	622	708	761	878
2 to less than 5 years	1 944	1 921	1 166	1 381
5 years or more	..	..	1 023	1 059
Not stated/unknown	4	–	–	–
Total non-respite	3 745	3 989	4 318	4 683
Not stated/unknown	–	6	2	2
Total non-Indigenous children	4 147	4 450	4 768	5 226
All children				
Respite	537	561	610	715
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	194	183	197	221
1 to less than 6 months	719	779	858	835
6 months to less than 1 year	610	727	782	794
1 to less than 2 years	760	893	1 061	1 186
2 to less than 5 years	2 590	2 453	1 486	1 862
5 years or more	..	..	1 361	1 424
Not stated/unknown	7	–	–	–
Total non-respite	4 880	5 035	5 745	6 322
Not stated/unknown	–	7	4	4
Total all children	5 417	5 603	6 359	7 041

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

^b Data for the category '5 years or more' were not collected prior to 1998-99. In 1996-97 and 1997-98 children who had been in care for more than 5 years were therefore included in the category '2 to less than 5 years'.

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

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

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

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Table 15A.31 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care^a

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Indigenous				
1 to less than 6 months	..	na	na	249
6 months to less than 1 year	..	na	na	99
1 to less than 2 years	..	na	na	68
2 to less than 5 years	..	na	na	40
5 years or more	..	na	na	17
Total Indigenous children	..	na	na	473
Non-Indigenous				
1 to less than 6 months	..	na	na	511
6 months to less than 1 year	..	na	na	178
1 to less than 2 years	..	na	na	161
2 to less than 5 years	..	na	na	144
5 years or more	..	na	na	51
Total non-Indigenous children	..	na	na	1 045
All children				
1 to less than 6 months	..	na	na	760
6 months to less than 1 year	..	na	na	277
1 to less than 2 years	..	na	na	229
2 to less than 5 years	..	na	na	184
5 years or more	..	na	na	68
Total all children	..	na	na	1 518

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

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

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

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Table 15A.32 Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status^{a, b}

	Unit	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Number of children at 30 June					
Indigenous	no.	759	720	1 115	1 282
Non-Indigenous	no.	1 616	1 787	2 138	2 530
All children	no.	2 375	2 507	3 253	3 812
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June					
Indigenous	%	59.8	62.4	70.1	70.6
Non-Indigenous	%	39.0	40.2	44.8	48.4
All children	%	43.8	44.7	51.2	54.1

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

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

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

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Table 15A.33 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver^{a, b}

	Unit	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June					
Placed with an Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	no.	579	568	869	999
Other Indigenous caregivers	no.	488	383	430	462
Total with an Indigenous caregiver	no.	1 067	951	1 299	1 461
Placed with a non-Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	no.	180	152	246	283
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	23	50	46	71
Total with a non-Indigenous caregiver	no.	203	202	292	354
Total Indigenous children	no.	1 270	1 153	1 591	1 815
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Placed with an Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	%	45.6	49.3	54.6	55.0
Other Indigenous caregivers	%	38.4	33.2	27.0	25.5
Total with an Indigenous caregiver	%	84.0	82.5	81.6	80.5
Placed with a non-Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	%	14.2	13.2	15.5	15.6
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	1.8	4.3	2.9	3.9
Total with a non-Indigenous caregiver	%	16.0	17.5	18.4	19.5
Total Indigenous children	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

^a The percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous caregivers was calculated using as the denominator the total number of Indigenous children in out of home placement at 30 June. In 1999-2000 there were 12 children where the Indigenous status of the caregiver was unknown. These children were included in the category 'Other non-Indigenous caregivers'.

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

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

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Table 15A.34 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement by Indigenous status^{a, b}**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Number of children at 30 June					
Indigenous	no.	820	730	1 095	1 295
Non-Indigenous	no.	2 530	2 630	2 950	3 405
All children	no.	3 350	3 360	4 045	4 700
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Indigenous	%	98.2	97.2	96.8	96.8
Non-Indigenous	%	97.5	95.6	94.2	95.4
All children	%	97.6	95.9	94.9	95.8

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

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

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

New South Wales

Table 15A.35 **Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements by the length of time in out-of-home care**^{a, b, c, d}

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care				
1 placement	na	652
2-3 placements	na	108
4-5 placement	na	-
6-10 placements	na	-
11 or more placements	na	-
Total children	na	760
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care				
1 placement	na	229
2-3 placements	na	48
4-5 placement	na	-
6-10 placements	na	-
11 or more placements	na	-
Total children	na	277
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care				
1 placement	na	172
2-3 placements	na	53
4-5 placement	na	4
6-10 placements	na	-
11 or more placements	na	-
Total children	na	229
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care				
1 placement	na	99
2-3 placements	na	68
4-5 placement	na	16
6-10 placements	na	1
11 or more placements	na	-
Total children	na	184
5 years or more in out-of-home care				
1 placement	na	33
2-3 placements	na	23
4-5 placement	na	12
6-10 placements	na	-
11 or more placements	na	-
Total children	na	68
Total children exiting out-of-home care	na	1 518

^a For number of care situations only new placements in which the child has not been placed previously

were counted. These data were not collected in 1996-97 and 1997-98. NSW could not provide these data in 1998-99.

- b These are estimate figures of children who exited care by number of placements. The figures are based on the data available from DoCS. Data on children who exited care by number of placements provided by Community Partners is not currently available.
- c The placement events of children prior to July 1995 are not included in this analysis for children who entered care before July 1995.
- d In the 2000 Report data was included for both the number of 'care situations' and the number of 'placements'. For the 2001 Report these indicators have been combined. The revised indicator is the number of 'placements'. Placements are defined as the number of different carers the child had over a given period.

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

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

New South Wales

Table 15A.36 **Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household					
Number of children	no.	..	na	na	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	..	na	na	na
Other children					
Number of children	no.	..	na	na	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	..	na	na	na
All children in out-of-home care	no.	..	na	na	na

^a NSW could not provide data for this indicator.

na Not available. **..** Not applicable.

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

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Table 15A.37 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, by Indigenous status^{a, b, c, d}**

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	380	32.8	514	35.8	na	na	629	31.3
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	345	29.8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total investigations finalised	725	62.6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Investigations not finalised by 31 August								
Total notifications investigated	725	62.6	958	66.7	na	na	1 028	51.2
Notifications dealt with by other means	334	28.8	479	33.3	na	na	980	48.8
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	100	8.6	–	–	na	na	–	–
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	1 159	100.0	1 437	100.0	na	na	2 008	100.0
Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	6 654	21.8	6 843	21.6	na	na	6 730	19.3
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	6 627	21.7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total investigations finalised	13 281	43.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Investigations not finalised by 31 August								
Total notifications investigated	13 691	44.8	13 735	43.3	na	na	11 865	34.1
Notifications dealt with by other means	11 857	38.8	17 991	56.7	na	na	22 932	65.9
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	5 000	16.4	–	–	na	na	–	–
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	30 548	100.0	31 726	100.0	na	na	34 797	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	7 034	22.2	7 357	22.2	7 251	20.9	7 359	20.0
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	6 972	22.0	7 074	21.3	6 134	17.7	5 223	14.2
Total investigations finalised	14 006	44.2	14 431	43.5	13 385	38.6	12 582	34.2
Investigations not finalised by 31 August								
Total notifications investigated	14 416	45.5	14 693	44.3	13 708	39.5	12 893	35.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	12 191	38.4	18 470	55.7	20 971	60.5	23 912	65.0
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	5 100	16.1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total notifications all children	31 707	100.0	33 163	100.0	34 679	100.0	36 805	100.0

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Table 15A.38 Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status^{a, b}

	Unit	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	82.4	73.6	na	60.5
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	17.6	26.4	na	39.5
Total children admitted to orders	no.	188	284	na	271
Children discharged from orders	no.	142	231	na	174
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	71.2	68.0	na	56.0
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	28.8	32.0	na	44.0
Total children admitted to orders	no.	2 747	3 319	na	2 336
Children discharged from orders	no.	2 718	3 036	na	1 803
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	71.9	68.4	62.6	56.4
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	28.1	31.6	37.4	43.6
Total children admitted to orders	no.	2 935	3 603	2 606	2 607
Children discharged from orders	no.	2 860	3 267	2 768	1 977

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

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

na Not available.

Source: AIHW Child protection notification, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection.

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Table 15A.39 **Number of children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indig status^{a, b, c}**

	June 1997	June 1998	June 1999	June 2000
Number of Indigenous children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	167	198	na	347
Finalised supervisory orders	51	74	na	75
Interim and temporary orders	8	22	na	26
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	na	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	226	294	na	448
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	2 535	2 714	na	3 135
Finalised supervisory orders	946	1 038	na	982
Interim and temporary orders	158	169	na	187
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	na	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	3 639	3 921	na	4 304
Number of all children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	2 702	2 912	3 085	3 482
Finalised supervisory orders	997	1 112	1 121	1 057
Interim and temporary orders	166	191	152	213
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	3 865	4 215	4 358	4 752

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

^b The categories for care and protection orders were changed slightly in 1998-99 so that administrative arrangements were only included if they had the effect of transferring custody or guardianship. From 1998-99 these administrative arrangements were included in the category 'finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements'.

^c Permanent care orders are included in the category 'finalised guardianship and custody orders'.

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

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

Victoria

Table 15A.40 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, 1996-97 to 1999-2000^a

	Number of children			Rate per 1000 children ^{b, c}		
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications						
1996-97	887	23 538	24 425	92.6	22.0	22.8
1997-98	1 122	24 635	25 757	113.2	23.1	24.0
1998-99	na	na	26 646	na	na	24.7
1999-2000	1 285	25 552	26 837	125.5	24.0	24.9
Children aged 0–16 years in investigations						
1996-97	625	11 971	12 596	65.3	11.1	11.8
1997-98	802	11 142	11 944	80.9	10.5	11.1
1998-99	na	na	11 958	na	na	11.1
1999-2000	825	10 208	11 033	80.6	9.6	10.2
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations						
1996-97	365	6 245	6 610	38.1	5.8	6.2
1997-98	460	5 932	6 392	46.4	5.6	5.9
1998-99	na	na	6 823	na	na	6.3
1999-2000	568	6 218	6 786	55.5	5.8	6.3
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders						
30 June 1997	226	3 639	3 865	22.7	3.2	3.4
30 June 1998	294	3 921	4 215	28.2	3.5	3.7
30 June 1999	na	na	4 358	na	na	3.8
30 June 2000	448	4 304	4 752	41.4	3.8	4.2

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

^b Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated), divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated using ABS population projections ABS Census of Population and Housing data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

^c Rates for children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 30 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June which are based on the 1996 Census data.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notification, investigations and substantiations Australia* data collection, AIHW *Children on care and protection orders Australia* data collection.

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Table 15A.41 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Number of children				
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	271	270	208
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	888	867	779
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation				
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	4.5	4.9	4.0
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	14.8	15.6	15.1

Source: AIHW Child protection notification, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection.

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Table 15A.42 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Number of children				
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	197	153	132
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	946	885	893
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation				
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	3.0	2.4	1.9
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	14.3	13.8	13.1

Source: AIHW Child protection notification, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection.

Victoria

Table 15A.43 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status^a**

	Number of children in care			Rate per 1000 children in population ^b		
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June						
30 June 1997	na	na	3 393	na	na	3.0
30 June 1998	na	na	3 615	na	na	3.2
30 June 1999	na	na	3 581	na	na	3.1
30 June 2000	297	3 570	3 867	27.5	3.2	3.4
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year ^c						
1996-97	na	na	na	na	na	na
1997-98	na	na	na	na	na	na
1998-99	na	na	na	na	na	na
1999-2000	na	na	na	na	na	na

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

^b Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were in out of home care at 30 June, divided by estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 30 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated using ABS population projections for June which are based on the 1996 ABS Census of Population and Housing data. Children of unknown Indigenous status in 1999-2000 were distributed across the Indigenous/non-Indigenous categories on the same pro-rata basis as those whose Indigenous status was known.

^c Victoria was unable to provide data for this indicator.

na Not available.

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

Victoria

Table 15A.44 **Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type**^{a, b, c, d, e}

<i>Indigenous status/placement type</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Indigenous				
Facility based care	na	na	na	38
Home based care				
Foster care/community care	na	na	na	na
Relative/kinship care	na	na	na	na
Other home based	na	na	na	na
Total home based	na	na	na	259
Independent living-includes private board	..	na	na	na
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	–	na	na	297
Non-Indigenous				
Facility based care	na	na	na	483
Home based care				
Foster care/community care	na	na	na	na
Relative/kinship care	na	na	na	na
Other home based	na	na	na	na
Total home based	na	na	na	3 081
Independent living-includes private board	..	na	na	na
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	–	na	na	3 564
All children				
Facility based care	689	619	568	521
Home based care				
Foster care/community care	1 893	1 988	2 048	2 237
Relative/kinship care	737	888	817	962
Other home based	74	105	139	141
Total home based	2 704	2 981	3 004	3 340
Independent living-includes private board	..	15	9	6
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–
Total all children	3 393	3 615	3 581	3 867

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

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

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

^d Facility based care includes family group homes.

^e The categories for home based care were changed in 1997-98. In 1996-97 the category 'other home based care' included children who were living independently. These children were included in a separate category from 1997-98 onwards.

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

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

Victoria

Table 15A.45 Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order^{a, b, c}

	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Indigenous				
On a care and protection order	na	na	na	na
On another type of order	na	na	na	na
Not on an order	na	na	na	na
Total Indigenous children	na	na	na	na
Non-Indigenous				
On a care and protection order	na	na	na	na
On another type of order	na	na	na	na
Not on an order	na	na	na	na
Total non-Indigenous children	na	na	na	na
All children				
On a care and protection order	2 316	2 462	2 848	3 285
On another type of order	16	..	38	25
Not on an order	1 061	1 153	695	557
Total all children	3 393	3 615	3 581	3 867

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

^b Data on Indigenous status were not available.

^c For those children for whom it was not known whether they were on an order were distributed across the categories on the same prorata basis as those whose order status was known.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

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

Victoria

Table 15A.46 Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care^{a, b, c}

	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Indigenous				
Respite	na	na	na	na
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na
Total non-respite	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na
Total Indigenous children	na	na	na	na
Non-Indigenous				
Respite	na	na	na	na
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na
Total non-respite	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na
Total non-Indigenous children	na	na	na	na
All children				
Respite	80	na	80	134
Non-respite	–	–	–	–
Less than 1 month	51	na	345	269
1 to less than 6 months	351	na	691	911
6 months to less than 1 year	381	na	324	559
1 to less than 2 years	543	na	286	595
2 to less than 5 years	1 149	na	225	646
5 years or more	..	na	140	382
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–
Total non-respite	2 475	na	2 011	3 362
Not stated/unknown	–	na	1 490	371
Total all children	2 555	na	3 581	3 867

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

^b Data for the category '5 years or more' were not collected in 1996-97 or 1997-98. Children who had been in care for more than 5 years were therefore included in the category '2 to less than 5 years'.

^c Data for 1997-98 on length of time in out-of-home care were not available for Victoria. The 1996-97 data only counts length of time in continuous care for children on an order.
– Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

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

Victoria

Table 15A.47 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care^a

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Indigenous				
1 to less than 6 months	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na
5 years or more	na	na
Total Indigenous children	na	na
Non-Indigenous				
1 to less than 6 months	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na
5 years or more	na	na
Total non-Indigenous children	na	na
All children				
1 to less than 6 months	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na
5 years or more	na	na
Total all children	na	na

^a Victoria was unable to provide data for this indicator.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

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

Victoria**Table 15A.48 Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status^{a, b}**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Number of children at 30 June					
Indigenous	no.	na	na	na	na
Non-Indigenous	no.	na	na	na	na
All children	no.	737	888	817	962
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June					
Indigenous	%	na	na	na	na
Non-Indigenous	%	na	na	na	na
All children	%	21.7	24.6	22.8	24.9

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

^b Victoria was unable to provide data on Indigenous children.

na Not available.

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

Victoria

Table 15A.49 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver^a

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June					
Placed with an Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	no.	na	na	na	na
Other Indigenous caregivers	no.	na	na	na	na
Total with an Indigenous caregiver	no.	na	na	na	na
Placed with a non-Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	no.	na	na	na	na
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	na	na	na	na
Total with a non-Indigenous caregiver	no.	na	na	na	na
Total Indigenous children	no.	na	na	na	na
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Placed with an Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	%	na	na	na	na
Other Indigenous caregivers	%	na	na	na	na
Total with an Indigenous caregiver	%	na	na	na	na
Placed with a non-Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	%	na	na	na	na
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	na	na	na	na
Total with a non-Indigenous caregiver	%	na	na	na	na
Total Indigenous children	%	na	na	na	na

^a Victoria was unable to provide data for this indicator.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.50 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement by Indigenous status^{a, b}**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Number of children at 30 June					
Indigenous	no.	na	na	na	na
Non-Indigenous	no.	na	na	na	na
All children	no.	1 644	1 714	1 883	2 153
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Indigenous	%	na	na	na	na
Non-Indigenous	%	na	na	na	na
All children	%	87.9	92.0	91.3	94.2

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

^b Victoria was unable to provide data on Indigenous children.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.51 Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements by the length of time in out-of-home care^{a, b}

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care				
1 placement	na	na
2-3 placements	na	na
4-5 placement	na	na
6-10 placements	na	na
11 or more placements	na	na
Total children	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care				
1 placement	na	na
2-3 placements	na	na
4-5 placement	na	na
6-10 placements	na	na
11 or more placements	na	na
Total children	na	na
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care				
1 placement	na	na
2-3 placements	na	na
4-5 placement	na	na
6-10 placements	na	na
11 or more placements	na	na
Total children	na	na
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care				
1 placement	na	na
2-3 placements	na	na
4-5 placement	na	na
6-10 placements	na	na
11 or more placements	na	na
Total children	na	na
5 years or more in out-of-home care				
1 placement	na	na
2-3 placements	na	na
4-5 placement	na	na
6-10 placements	na	na
11 or more placements	na	na
Total children	na	na
Total children exiting out-of-home care	na	na

^a Victoria was unable to provide data for this indicator.

^b In the 2000 Report data was included for both the number of 'care situations' and the number of 'placements'. For the 2001 Report these indicators have been combined. The revised indicator is the number of 'placements'. Placements are defined as the number of different carers the child had over a given

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

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

Victoria

Table 15A.52 Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household^a

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household					
Number of children	no.	..	na	na	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	..	na	na	na
Other children					
Number of children	no.	..	na	na	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	..	na	na	na
All children in out-of-home care	no.	..	na	na	na

^a Victoria was unable to provide data for this indicator.

na Not available. **..** Not applicable.

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

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Table 15A.53 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, by Indigenous status^{a, b, c, d}**

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	818	41.5	1 085	43.5	856	45.3	770	43.9
Child at risk	216	11.0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	582	29.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total investigations finalised	1 616	82.0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Investigations not finalised by 31 August								
Total notifications investigated	1 634	82.9	2 167	87.0	1 630	86.3	1 475	84.1
Notifications dealt with by other means	167	8.5	213	8.5	189	10.0	200	11.4
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	170	8.6	112	4.5	70	3.7	78	4.4
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	1 971	100.0	2 492	100.0	1 889	100.0	1 753	100.0
Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	4 077	30.2	5 238	35.5	5 517	32.8	6 149	35.5
Child at risk	1 254	9.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	4 716	34.9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total investigations finalised	10 047	74.4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Investigations not finalised by 31 August								
Total notifications investigated	11 292	83.6	12 317	83.6	13 380	79.5	13 823	79.9
Notifications dealt with by other means	1 380	10.2	1 775	12.0	2 643	15.7	2 680	15.5
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	835	6.2	649	4.4	809	4.8	801	4.6
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	13 507	100.0	14 741	100.0	16 832	100.0	17 304	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	4 895	31.6	6 323	36.7	6 373	34.0	6 919	36.3
Child at risk	1 470	9.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	5 298	34.2	5 405	31.4	4 465	23.9	3 985	20.9
Total investigations finalised	11 663	75.4	11 728	68.1	10 838	57.9	10 904	57.2
Investigations not finalised by 31 August								
Total notifications investigated	12 926	83.5	14 484	84.0	15 010	80.2	15 298	80.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	1 547	10.0	1 988	11.5	2 832	15.1	2 880	15.1
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	1 005	6.5	761	4.4	879	4.7	879	4.6
Total notifications all children	15 478	100.0	17 233	100.0	18 721	100.0	19 057	100.0

^a The 1996-97 data on child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations are for the period 1 January to 31 December 1996.

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

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

^d Data on the number of investigations finalised and not finalised by Indigenous status were not collected after 1996-97.

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

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

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Table 15A.54 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status^{a, b}**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	64.1	70.8	61.5	57.5
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	35.9	29.2	38.5	42.5
Total children admitted to orders	no.	181	192	195	174
Children discharged from orders	no.	98	105	122	143
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	66.3	70.5	68.8	71.7
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	33.7	29.5	31.2	28.3
Total children admitted to orders	no.	727	777	850	805
Children discharged from orders	no.	406	449	488	660
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	65.9	70.6	67.5	69.2
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	34.1	29.4	32.5	30.8
Total children admitted to orders	no.	908	969	1 045	979
Children discharged from orders	no.	504	554	610	803

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

^b The data on children discharged from orders during 1999-2000 are preliminary only.

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

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Table 15A.55 **Number of children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status^a**

	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Number of Indigenous children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	715	710	736	772
Finalised supervisory orders	61	93	90	71
Interim and temporary orders	32	49	54	13
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	–	–	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	808	852	880	856
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	2 094	2 157	2 288	2 428
Finalised supervisory orders	196	226	212	217
Interim and temporary orders	151	198	229	111
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	–	–	–	–
Other/not stated	–	–	..	..
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	2 441	2 581	2 729	2 756
Number of all children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	2 809	2 867	3 024	3 200
Finalised supervisory orders	257	319	302	288
Interim and temporary orders	183	247	283	124
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	–	–	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	3 249	3 433	3 609	3 612

^a The categories for care and protection orders were changed slightly in 1998-99 so that administrative arrangements were only included if they had the effect of transferring custody or guardianship. From 1998-99 these administrative arrangements were included in the category 'finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements'.

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

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

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Table 15A.56 **Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, 1996-97 to 1999-2000^a**

	Number of children			Rate per 1000 children ^{b, c}		
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications						
1996-97	1 506	10 394	11 900	33.5	13.1	14.2
1997-98	1 829	11 102	12 931	37.5	13.9	15.3
1998-99	1 221	12 833	14 054	24.5	16.0	16.5
1999-2000	1 260	13 154	14 414	24.8	16.4	16.9
Children aged 0–16 years in investigations						
1996-97	1 227	7 648	8 875	27.3	9.6	10.6
1997-98	1 279	7 309	8 588	26.2	9.2	10.2
1998-99	736	7 152	7 888	14.8	8.9	9.3
1999-2000	705	7 218	7 923	13.9	9.0	9.3
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations						
1996-97	565	2 922	3 487	12.6	3.9	4.1
1997-98	771	3 582	4 353	15.8	4.5	5.1
1998-99	492	3 880	4 372	9.9	4.8	5.1
1999-2000	502	4 303	4 805	9.9	5.4	5.6
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders						
30 June 1997	808	2 441	3 249	17.2	2.9	3.7
30 June 1998	852	2 581	3 433	16.5	3.1	3.8
30 June 1999	880	2 729	3 609	16.7	3.2	4.0
30 June 2000	856	2 756	3 612	15.9	3.2	4.0

^a The 1996-97 data on child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations are for the period 1 January to 31 December 1996.

^b Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated), divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

^c Rates for children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 30 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June which are based on the 1996 Census data.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notification, investigations and substantiations Australia* data collection, AIHW *Children on care and protection orders Australia* data collection.

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Table 15A.57 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months^a

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Number of children				
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	30	17	21
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	313	289	263
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation				
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	0.7	0.4	0.4
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	7.2	6.6	5.4

^a The data for Queensland was calculated retrospectively, where the child was substantiated during the following year and there was a prior decision not to substantiate in the previous 3 and/or 12 months.

The percentage was calculated using the later year as the denominator.

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

Queensland**Table 15A.58 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Number of children				
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	74	107	109
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	528	604	682
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation				
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	1.7	2.4	2.3
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	12.1	13.8	14.1

^a The data for Queensland was calculated retrospectively, where the child was substantiated during the following year and there was a prior substantiation in the previous 3 and/or 12 months. The percentage was calculated using the later year as the denominator.

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

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Table 15A.59 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status**

	Number of children in care			Rate per 1000 children in population ^{a, b}		
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June						
30 June 1997	549	1 662	2 211	11.7	2.0	2.5
30 June 1998	522	1 824	2 346	10.1	2.2	2.6
30 June 1999	579	2 034	2 613	11.0	2.4	2.9
30 June 2000	592	2 042	2 634	11.0	2.4	2.9
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year						
1996-97	759	2 262	3 021	16.1	2.7	3.4
1997-98	749	2 395	3 144	14.7	2.8	3.5
1998-99	721	2 516	3 237	13.8	3.0	3.6
1999-2000	763	2 909	3 672	14.3	3.4	4.0

^a Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were in out of home care at 30 June, divided by estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 30 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated using ABS population projections for June which are based on the 1996 Census data. Children of unknown Indigenous status are included in 'Non-indigenous'.

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

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

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Table 15A.60 Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type^{a, b}

<i>Indigenous status/placement type</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Indigenous				
Facility based care	29	18	20	18
Home based care				
Foster care/community care	520	304	355	357
Relative/kinship care	..	200	204	217
Other home based	–	–	–	–
Total home based	520	504	559	574
Independent living-includes private board	..	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	549	522	579	592
Non-Indigenous				
Facility based care	138	102	92	67
Home based care				
Foster care/community care	1 524	1 425	1 567	1 553
Relative/kinship care	..	297	375	422
Other home based	–	–	–	–
Total home based	1 524	1 722	1 942	1 975
Independent living-includes private board	..	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	1 662	1 824	2 034	2 042
All children				
Facility based care	167	120	112	85
Home based care				
Foster care/community care	2 044	1 729	1 922	1 910
Relative/kinship care	..	497	579	639
Other home based	–	–	–	–
Total home based	2 044	2 226	2 501	2 549
Independent living-includes private board	..	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 211	2 346	2 613	2 634

^a Facility based care includes family group homes.

^b The categories for home based care were changed in 1997-98. In 1996-97 the category 'other home based care' included children who were living independently. These children were included in a separate category from 1997-98 onwards. For 1996-97, children in home based care living with relatives/kin were included in the category 'foster/community care'.

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

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

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Table 15A.61 Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order^a

	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Indigenous				
On a care and protection order	532	521	577	590
On another type of order	17	1	2	2
Not on an order	na	na	na	na
Total Indigenous children	549	522	579	592
Non-Indigenous				
On a care and protection order	1 658	1 817	2 028	2 040
On another type of order	4	7	6	2
Not on an order	na	na	na	na
Total non-Indigenous children	1 662	1 824	2 034	2 042
All children				
On a care and protection order	2 190	2 338	2 605	2 630
On another type of order	21	8	8	4
Not on an order	na	na	na	na
Total all children	2 211	2 346	2 613	2 634

^a In Queensland all children counted in out-of-home care are on some type of order or are remanded in temporary custody awaiting the outcome of an order. 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; supervision orders; and those on interim or temporary orders. 'On another type of order' includes offence orders or other orders.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.62 Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care^{a, b, c}

	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Indigenous				
Respite	na	na	na	na
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	31	13	17	39
1 to less than 6 months	100	76	103	92
6 months to less than 1 year	94	66	88	87
1 to less than 2 years	87	95	93	123
2 to less than 5 years	237	272	131	124
5 years or more	..	..	147	127
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	549	522	579	592
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	549	522	579	592
Non-Indigenous				
Respite	na	na	na	na
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	108	98	93	125
1 to less than 6 months	337	366	447	445
6 months to less than 1 year	232	274	290	271
1 to less than 2 years	316	339	347	370
2 to less than 5 years	669	747	498	459
5 years or more	..	..	359	372
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 662	1 824	2 034	2 042
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	1 662	1 824	2 034	2 042
All children				
Respite	na	na	na	na
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	139	111	110	164
1 to less than 6 months	437	442	550	537
6 months to less than 1 year	326	340	378	358
1 to less than 2 years	403	434	440	493
2 to less than 5 years	906	1 019	629	583
5 years or more	..	..	506	499
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	2 211	2 346	2 613	2 634
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 211	2 346	2 613	2 634

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

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

^c Queensland is unable to distinguish between respite and non-respite care. As a result, both types of placement are included if they satisfy the general definition of out-of-home care.

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

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

Queensland

Table 15A.63 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care^{a, b}

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
Indigenous				
1 to less than 6 months	..	74	38	64
6 months to less than 1 year	..	37	23	21
1 to less than 2 years	..	21	24	14
2 to less than 5 years	..	50	15	15
5 years or more	22	23
Total Indigenous children	..	182	122	137
Non-Indigenous				
1 to less than 6 months	..	202	182	246
6 months to less than 1 year	..	57	57	86
1 to less than 2 years	..	72	60	82
2 to less than 5 years	..	172	82	66
5 years or more	54	64
Total non-Indigenous children	..	503	435	544
All children				
1 to less than 6 months	..	276	220	310
6 months to less than 1 year	..	94	80	107
1 to less than 2 years	..	93	84	96
2 to less than 5 years	..	222	97	81
5 years or more	76	87
Total all children	..	685	557	681

^a This indicates the length of time a child had been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis for those children who exited care during the year. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement. These data were not collected for 1996-97.

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

.. Not applicable.

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

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Table 15A.64 **Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Number of children at 30 June					
Indigenous	no.	na	200	204	217
Non-Indigenous	no.	na	297	375	422
All children	no.	..	497	579	639
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June					
Indigenous	%	na	38.3	35.2	36.7
Non-Indigenous	%	na	16.3	18.4	20.7
All children	%	na	21.2	22.2	24.3

^a The percentage of children in out of home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out of home placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known. These data were not available for 1996-97.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.65 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver^{a, b}

	Unit	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June					
Placed with an Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	no.	na	149	136	138
Other Indigenous caregivers	no.	na	190	195	188
Total with an Indigenous caregiver	no.	381	339	331	326
Placed with a non-Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	no.	na	51	68	79
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	na	114	160	169
Total with a non-Indigenous caregiver	no.	139	165	228	248
Total Indigenous children	no.	520	504	559	574
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Placed with an Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	%	na	29.6	24.3	24.0
Other Indigenous caregivers	%	na	37.7	34.9	32.8
Total with an Indigenous caregiver	%	73.3	67.3	59.2	56.8
Placed with a non-Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	%	na	10.1	12.2	13.8
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	na	22.6	28.6	29.4
Total with a non-Indigenous caregiver	%	26.7	32.7	40.8	43.2
Total Indigenous children	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

^a The percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous caregivers was calculated using as the denominator the total number of Indigenous children in out of home placement at 30 June. Caregivers whose Indigenous status was unknown were included in 'non-Indigenous'.

^b The data exclude Indigenous children in facility based care where the Indigenous status of the carer was not recorded (29 Indigenous children in 1996-97; 18 Indigenous children in 1997-98; 20 Indigenous children in 1998-99 and 18 Indigenous children in 1999-2000).

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.66 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement by Indigenous status^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Number of children at 30 June					
Indigenous	no.	325	320	368	364
Non-Indigenous	no.	924	1 051	1 223	1 289
All children	no.	1 249	1 371	1 591	1 653
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Indigenous	%	98.5	97.0	96.8	96.8
Non-Indigenous	%	96.7	98.0	99.1	98.8
All children	%	97.1	97.8	98.6	98.4

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

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

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Table 15A.67 Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements by the length of time in out-of-home care^{a, b}

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care				
1 placement	176	236
2-3 placements	44	73
4-5 placement	-	1
6-10 placements	-	-
11 or more placements	-	-
Total children	220	310
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care				
1 placement	40	61
2-3 placements	34	44
4-5 placement	5	2
6-10 placements	1	-
11 or more placements	-	-
Total children	80	107
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care				
1 placement	45	45
2-3 placements	32	36
4-5 placement	5	15
6-10 placements	2	-
11 or more placements	-	-
Total children	84	96
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care				
1 placement	27	23
2-3 placements	38	34
4-5 placement	20	15
6-10 placements	12	9
11 or more placements	-	-
Total children	97	81
5 years or more in out-of-home care				
1 placement	34	31
2-3 placements	28	38
4-5 placement	7	11
6-10 placements	7	6
11 or more placements	-	1
Total children	76	87
Total children exiting out-of-home care	557	681

^a For number of placements, only new placements in which the child has not been placed previously were counted. Data were not collected in 1996-97 and 1997-98.

^b In the 2000 Report data was included for both the number of 'care situations' and the number of 'placements'. For the 2001 Report these indicators have been combined. The revised indicator is the number of 'placements'. Placements are defined as the number of different carers the child had over a given period.

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

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

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Table 15A.68 **Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household					
Number of children	no.	..	na	na	73
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	..	na	na	2.0
Other children					
Number of children	no.	..	na	na	3 599
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	..	na	na	98.0
All children in out-of-home care	no.	..	3 144	3 237	3 672

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

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

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

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Table 15A.69 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, by Indigenous status^{a, b, c, d, e}**

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	224	47.3	302	56.2	327	59.5	365	51.5
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	120	25.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total investigations finalised	344	72.6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	90	19.0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total notifications investigated	434	91.6	506	94.2	532	96.7	692	97.6
Notifications dealt with by other means	40	8.4	..	..	—	—	—	—
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	—	—	31	5.8	18	3.3	17	2.4
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	474	100.0	537	100.0	550	100.0	709	100.0
Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	758	46.6	833	43.6	888	44.0	804	41.5
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	609	37.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total investigations finalised	1 367	84.1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	132	8.1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total notifications investigated	1 499	92.2	1 779	93.1	1 918	95.0	1 885	97.4
Notifications dealt with by other means	126	7.8	..	..	—	—	—	—
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	—	—	131	6.9	100	5.0	51	2.6
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	1 625	100.0	1 910	100.0	2 018	100.0	1 936	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	982	46.8	1 135	46.4	1 215	47.3	1 169	44.2
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	729	34.7	961	39.3	1 139	44.4	1 196	45.2
Total investigations finalised	1 711	81.5	2 096	85.7	2 354	91.7	2 365	89.4
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	222	10.6	189	7.7	96	3.7	212	8.0
Total notifications investigated	1 933	92.1	2 285	93.4	2 450	95.4	2 577	97.4
Notifications dealt with by other means	166	7.9	..	..	—	—	—	—
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	—	—	162	6.6	118	4.6	68	2.6
Total notifications all children	2 099	100.0	2 447	100.0	2 568	100.0	2 645	100.0

^a If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these was counted.

From 1998-99 the definition of an investigation was changed to include the interviewing or sighting of a child where practicable. For WA, however, investigations may include some situations where the child was not sighted.

^b Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. For 1996-97 and 1997-98, however, the cut-off date used was 16 July so that the number of 'investigations not finalised' was higher in these years.

^c Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.

^d Notifications investigated' and 'Investigations not finalised' includes 18 cases for 1998-99 and 24 cases for 1999-2000 where it was not known whether there would be an investigation at the time the data were extracted.

^e Data on the number of investigations finalised and not finalised by Indigenous status were not collected after 1997-98.

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

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

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Table 15A.70 Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status^{a, b}

	Unit	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	na	97.0
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	na	3.0
Total children admitted to orders	no.	47	35	110	134
Children discharged from orders	no.	38	17	41	47
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	na	98.6
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	na	1.4
Total children admitted to orders	no.	85	85	269	276
Children discharged from orders	no.	91	83	156	139
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	na	98.0
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	na	2.0
Total children admitted to orders	no.	132	120	379	410
Children discharged from orders	no.	129	100	197	186

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

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

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.71 Number of children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status^{a, b}

	June 1997	June 1998	June 1999	June 2000
Number of Indigenous children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	203	215	258	297
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	40	30
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	..	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	203	215	298	327
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	582	584	637	718
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	84	60
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	..	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	582	584	721	778
Number of all children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	785	799	895	1 015
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	124	90
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	..	–	–
Total all children on orders	785	799	1 019	1 105

^a The categories for care and protection orders were changed slightly in 1998-99 so that administrative arrangements were only included if they had the impact of transferring custody or guardianship. From 1998-99 these administrative arrangements were included in the category 'finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements'.

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

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

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

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Table 15A.72 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, 1996-97 to 1999-2000

	Number of children			Rate per 1000 children ^{a, b}		
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications						
1996-97	431	1 473	1 904	18.1	3.5	4.3
1997-98	475	1 720	2 195	18.8	4.1	4.9
1998-99	482	1 832	2 314	18.8	4.3	5.1
1999-2000	630	1 738	2 368	24.4	4.1	5.2
Children aged 0–16 years in investigations						
1996-97	331	1 310	1 641	14.4	3.2	3.8
1997-98	412	1 483	1 895	16.3	3.5	4.2
1998-99	449	1 685	2 134	17.5	4.0	4.7
1999-2000	559	1 561	2 120	21.6	3.7	4.7
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations						
1996-97	217	728	945	9.4	1.8	2.2
1997-98	272	783	1 055	10.8	1.9	2.4
1998-99	298	832	1 130	11.6	2.0	2.5
1999-2000	329	724	1 053	12.7	1.7	2.3
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders						
30 June 1997	203	582	785	8.2	1.3	1.7
30 June 1998	215	584	799	8.1	1.3	1.7
30 June 1999	298	721	1 019	11.0	1.6	2.1
30 June 2000	327	778	1 105	12.0	1.7	2.3

^a Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated), divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

^b Rates for children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 30 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June which are based on the 1996 Census data.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notification, investigations and substantiations Australia* data collection, AIHW *Children on care and protection orders Australia* data collection.

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Table 15A.73 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Number of children				
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	24	17	24
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	55	60	63
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation				
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	3.4	2.0	2.4
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	7.9	7.1	6.2

Source: AIHW Child protection notification, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

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Table 15A.74 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Number of children				
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	47	43	43
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	103	117	104
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation				
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	4.9	4.0	3.8
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	10.8	11.0	9.1

Source: AIHW Child protection notification, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

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Table 15A.75 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status^a**

	Number of children in care			Rate per 1000 children in population		
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June ^{b, c}						
30 June 1997	318	732	1 050	12.8	1.6	2.2
30 June 1998	310	783	1 093	11.6	1.7	2.3
30 June 1999	369	823	1 192	13.7	1.8	2.5
30 June 2000	420	906	1 326	15.4	2.0	2.8
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year ^{c, d, e, f}						
1996-97	687	1 445	2 132	27.7	3.2	4.5
1997-98	632	1 437	2 069	23.9	3.2	4.4
1998-99	613	1 384	1 997	22.9	3.1	4.2
1999-2000	621	1 398	2 019	22.9	3.1	4.2

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

^b Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 30 March, multiplied by 1000.

^c Rates for Indigenous children were calculated using ABS population projections for June which are based on the 1996 Census data. Children of unknown Indigenous status are included in 'non-Indigenous'.

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

^e Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were in at least one out-of-home placement during the year, divided by estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 31 December of the relevant year, multiplied by 1000.

^f Rates for Indigenous children were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

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

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Table 15A.76 Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type

<i>Indigenous status/placement type</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Indigenous				
Facility based care ^a	61	55	67	75
Home based care ^b				
Foster care/community care	130	144	141	154
Relative/kinship care	124	109	150	184
Other home based	–	–	5	–
Total home based	254	253	296	338
Independent living-includes private board	..	1	2	1
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	3	1	4	6
Total Indigenous children	318	310	369	420
Non-Indigenous				
Facility based care ^a	116	103	97	100
Home based care ^b				
Foster care/community care	519	545	568	615
Relative/kinship care	92	117	127	157
Other home based	–	–	14	–
Total home based	611	662	709	772
Independent living-includes private board	..	12	16	31
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	5	6	1	3
Total non-Indigenous children	732	783	823	906
All children				
Facility based care ^a	177	158	164	175
Home based care ^b				
Foster care/community care	649	689	709	769
Relative/kinship care	216	226	277	341
Other home based	–	–	19	–
Total home based	865	915	1 005	1 110
Independent living-includes private board	..	13	18	32
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	8	7	5	9
Total all children	1 050	1 093	1 192	1 326

^a Facility based care includes family group homes.

^b The categories for home based care were changed in 1997-98. In 1996-97 the category 'other home based care' included children who were living independently. These children were included in a separate category from 1997-98 onwards.

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

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

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Table 15A.77 Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order^a

	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Indigenous				
On a care and protection order	185	215	269	246
On another type of order	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	133	95	100	174
Total Indigenous children	318	310	369	420
Non-Indigenous				
On a care and protection order	498	584	619	691
On another type of order	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	234	199	204	215
Total non-Indigenous children	732	783	823	906
All children				
On a care and protection order	683	799	888	937
On another type of order	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	367	294	304	389
Total all children	1 050	1 093	1 192	1 326

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

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

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Table 15A.78 Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care^a

	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Indigenous				
Respite	na	na	na	na
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	33	5	13	19
1 to less than 6 months	71	42	52	44
6 months to less than 1 year	40	37	37	44
1 to less than 2 years	55	36	67	69
2 to less than 5 years	119	188	88	122
5 years or more	..	..	100	120
Not stated/unknown	–	2	12	2
Total non-respite	318	310	369	420
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	318	310	369	420
Non-Indigenous				
Respite	na	na	na	na
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	57	25	46	36
1 to less than 6 months	181	125	108	117
6 months to less than 1 year	109	86	89	110
1 to less than 2 years	108	93	123	138
2 to less than 5 years	277	451	197	192
5 years or more	..	..	256	307
Not stated/unknown	–	3	4	6
Total non-respite	732	783	823	906
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	732	783	823	906
All children				
Respite	na	na	na	na
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	90	30	59	55
1 to less than 6 months	252	167	160	161
6 months to less than 1 year	149	123	126	154
1 to less than 2 years	163	129	190	207
2 to less than 5 years	396	639	285	314
5 years or more	..	..	356	427
Not stated/unknown	–	5	16	8
Total non-respite	1 050	1 093	1 192	1 326
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 050	1 093	1 192	1 326

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

^b Data for 1996-97 are based on length of time in current placement rather than total length of time in continuous out-of-home care.

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

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

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

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

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Table 15A.79 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care^{a, b, c}

	1996-97 ^d	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Indigenous				
1 to less than 6 months	..	20	33	33
6 months to less than 1 year	..	10	6	4
1 to less than 2 years	..	6	10	11
2 to less than 5 years	..	19	8	13
5 years or more	..	na	10	12
Total Indigenous children	..	55	67	73
Non-Indigenous				
1 to less than 6 months	..	45	107	117
6 months to less than 1 year	..	29	32	52
1 to less than 2 years	..	30	28	29
2 to less than 5 years	..	70	44	41
5 years or more	..	na	34	30
Total non-Indigenous children	..	174	245	269
All children				
1 to less than 6 months	..	65	140	150
6 months to less than 1 year	..	39	38	56
1 to less than 2 years	..	36	38	40
2 to less than 5 years	..	89	52	54
5 years or more	..	na	44	42
Total all children	..	229	312	342

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

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

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

^d These data were not collected for 1996-97.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

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

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Table 15A.80 Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status^a

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Number of children at 30 June					
Indigenous	no.	124	109	150	184
Non-Indigenous	no.	92	117	127	157
All children	no.	216	226	277	341
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June					
Indigenous	%	39.0	35.2	40.7	43.8
Non-Indigenous	%	12.6	14.9	15.4	17.3
All children	%	20.6	20.7	23.2	25.7

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

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

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Table 15A.81 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver^a

	Unit	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June					
Placed with an Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	no.	122	94	135	169
Other Indigenous caregivers	no.	119	169	141	135
Total with an Indigenous caregiver	no.	241	263	276	304
Placed with a non-Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	no.	2	10	21	22
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	75	37	72	94
Total with a non-Indigenous caregiver	no.	77	47	93	116
Total Indigenous children	no.	318	310	369	420
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Placed with an Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	%	38.4	30.3	36.6	40.2
Other Indigenous caregivers	%	37.4	54.5	38.2	32.1
Total with an Indigenous caregiver	%	75.8	84.8	74.8	72.4
Placed with a non-Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	%	0.6	3.2	5.7	5.2
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	23.6	11.9	19.5	22.4
Total with a non-Indigenous caregiver	%	24.2	15.2	25.2	27.6
Total Indigenous children	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

^a The percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous caregivers was calculated using as the denominator the total number of Indigenous children in out-of-home placement at 30 June. Caregivers whose Indigenous status was unknown were included in 'non-Indigenous'. Children living independently or whose whereabouts were unknown were included in the category 'relatives/kin'.

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

Western Australia**Table 15A.82 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement by Indigenous status^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Number of children at 30 June					
Indigenous	no.	182	182	221	260
Non-Indigenous	no.	421	448	477	524
All children	no.	603	630	698	784
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Indigenous	%	80.2	81.3	80.1	80.7
Non-Indigenous	%	90.9	92.4	93.8	91.9
All children	%	87.4	88.9	89.0	87.9

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

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

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Table 15A.83 Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements by the length of time in out-of-home care^{a, b}

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care				
1 placement	106	93
2-3 placements	34	54
4-5 placement	-	3
6-10 placements	-	-
11 or more placements	-	-
Total children	140	150
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care				
1 placement	12	24
2-3 placements	21	29
4-5 placement	3	3
6-10 placements	1	-
11 or more placements	1	-
Total children	38	56
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care				
1 placement	14	17
2-3 placements	13	15
4-5 placement	9	7
6-10 placements	2	1
11 or more placements	-	-
Total children	38	40
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care				
1 placement	19	10
2-3 placements	16	23
4-5 placement	10	15
6-10 placements	6	6
11 or more placements	1	-
Total children	52	54
5 years or more in out-of-home care				
1 placement	25	13
2-3 placements	11	15
4-5 placement	5	6
6-10 placements	3	6
11 or more placements	-	2
Total children	44	42
Total children exiting out-of-home care	312	342

^a For number of placements, only new placements in which the child has not been placed previously were counted. These data were not collected in 1996-97 and 1997-98.

^b In the 2000 Report data was included for both the number of 'care situations' and the number of 'placements'. For the 2001 Report these indicators have been combined. The revised indicator is the number of 'placements'. Placements are defined as the number of different carers the child had over a given period.

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

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

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Table 15A.84 **Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household					
Number of children	no.	na	17	8	2
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	0.8	0.4	0.1
Other children					
Number of children	no.	na	2 052	1 989	2 017
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	99.2	99.6	99.9
All children in out-of-home care	no.	na	2 069	1 997	2 019

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.85 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, by Indigenous status^{a, b, c, d, e}**

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	326	32.1	330	25.5	337	19.1	435	19.3
Child at risk	3	0.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	354	34.9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total investigations finalised	683	67.4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	44	4.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total notifications investigated	727	71.7	663	51.3	730	41.3	876	38.8
Notifications dealt with by other means	—	—	..	..	313	17.7	350	15.6
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	287	28.3	630	48.7	723	40.9	1 029	45.6
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	1 014	100.0	1 293	100.0	1 766	100.0	2 255	100.0
Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	2 201	24.2	1 585	15.3	1 777	15.6	1 650	12.8
Child at risk	44	0.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	4 058	44.7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total investigations finalised	6 303	69.4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	293	3.2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total notifications investigated	6 596	72.6	4 178	40.3	4 468	39.3	4 142	32.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	—	—	..	..	1 317	11.6	1 733	13.5
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	2 484	27.4	6 180	59.7	5 581	49.1	7 051	54.5
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	9 080	100.0	10 358	100.0	11 366	100.0	12 926	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	2 527	25.0	1 915	16.4	2 114	16.1	2 085	13.7
Child at risk	47	0.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	4 412	43.7	2 862	24.6	3 029	23.1	2 917	19.2
Total investigations finalised	6 986	69.2	4 777	41.0	5 143	39.2	5 002	32.9
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	337	3.3	64	0.5	55	0.4	16	0.1
Total notifications investigated	7 323	72.5	4 841	41.6	5 198	39.6	5 018	33.1
Notifications dealt with by other means	—	—	..	..	1 630	12.4	2 083	13.7
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	2 771	27.5	6 810	58.4	6 304	48.0	8 080	53.2
Total notifications all children	10 094	100.0	11 651	100.0	13 132	100.0	15 181	100.0

^a If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these were counted.

^b In SA notifications also includes 'notifier concern reports', that is reports which do not meet the criteria for reasonable suspicion of abuse or neglect.

^c Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police. The category 'notifications dealt with by other means' was not used by SA in 1996-97 and 1997-98.

^d Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. From 1998-99 the definition of an investigation was changed to include the interviewing or sighting of a child where practicable. In 1996-97 the category 'notifications investigated' included cases where the investigation was conducted by others. These cases were included in 'notifications not investigated' in 1997-98 and in 'notifications dealt with by other means' in 1998-99.

^e Data on the number of investigations finalised and not finalised by Indigenous status were not collected after 1997-98.

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

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

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Table 15A.86 Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status^a

	Unit	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	45.5	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	45.5	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.	36	50	44	na
Children discharged from orders	no.	33	70	33	na
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	66.7	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	33.3	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.	199	268	192	na
Children discharged from orders	no.	267	286	198	na
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	64.4	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	35.6	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.	235	318	236	na
Children discharged from orders	no.	300	356	231	na

^a SA was unable to provide 1999-2000 data in time for inclusion in the 2001 Report. It is expected that these data will be made available on the Review website when available.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.87 Children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status^{a, b}

	June 1997	June 1998	June 1999	June 2000
Number of Indigenous children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	164	na	na	na
Finalised supervisory orders	12	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	na	na
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	–	na	..	..
Other/not stated	–	na	na	na
Total Indigenous children on orders	176	160	158	174
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	899	na	na	na
Finalised supervisory orders	59	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	na	na
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	38	na	..	..
Other/not stated	–	na	na	na
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	996	942	866	769
Number of all children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	1 063	na	na	na
Finalised supervisory orders	71	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	na	na
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	38	na	..	..
Other/not stated	–	na	na	na
Total all children on orders	1 172	1 102	1 024	943

^a The categories for care and protection orders were changed slightly in 1998-99 so that administrative arrangements were only included if they had the impact of transferring custody or guardianship. From 1998-99 these administrative arrangements were included in the category 'finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements'.

^b SA could not provide data on type of order after 1996-97.

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

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

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Table 15A.88 **Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, 1996-97 to 1999-2000**

	Number of children			Rate per 1000 children ^{a, b}		
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications						
1996-97	582	6 022	6 604	63.2	18.3	19.5
1997-98	806	6 765	7 571	81.5	20.7	22.5
1998-99	1 078	7 433	8 511	107.3	22.8	25.3
1999-2000	1 270	8 230	9 500	124.5	25.4	28.5
Children aged 0–16 years in investigations						
1996-97	479	4 897	5 376	52.0	14.9	15.9
1997-98	462	3 077	3 539	46.7	9.4	10.5
1998-99	536	3 342	3 878	53.3	10.3	11.5
1999-2000	619	3 174	3 793	60.7	9.8	11.4
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations						
1996-97	239	1 861	2 100	25.9	5.6	6.2
1997-98	260	1 309	1 569	26.3	4.0	4.7
1998-99	269	1 489	1 758	26.8	4.6	5.2
1999-2000	337	1 354	1 691	33.0	4.2	5.1
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders						
30 June 1997	176	996	1 172	18.4	2.9	3.3
30 June 1998	160	942	1 102	15.3	2.7	3.1
30 June 1999	158	866	1 024	14.9	2.5	2.9
30 June 2000	174	769	943	16.1	2.2	2.7

^a Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated), divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

^b Rates for children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 30 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June which are based on the 1996 Census data.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notification, investigations and substantiations Australia* data collection, AIHW *Children on care and protection orders Australia* data collection.

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Table 15A.89 **Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Number of children				
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	na	na	na
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	na	na	na
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation				
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	na	na	na
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	na	na	na

^a SA was unable to provide data for this indicator for inclusion in the 2001 Report. It is expected that this data will be made available on the Review website when available.

na Not available.

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

Southern Australia**Table 15A.90 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Number of children				
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	241	211	na
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	382	337	na
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation				
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	11.3	13.4	na
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	18.0	21.4	na

^a SA was unable to provide 1998-99 data in time for inclusion in the 2001 Report. It is expected that this data will be made available on the Review website when available.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.91 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status^a**

	Number of children in care			Rate per 1000 children ^{b, c}		
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June						
30 June 1997	219	930	1 149	22.9	2.7	3.2
30 June 1998	188	819	1 007	18.0	2.4	2.8
30 June 1999	197	848	1 045	18.5	2.5	2.9
30 June 2000	211	920	1 131	19.5	2.7	3.2
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year ^d						
1996-97	406	1 996	2 402	42.4	5.7	6.7
1997-98	381	1 834	2 215	36.9	5.3	6.2
1998-99	404	1 898	2 302	38.3	5.5	6.5
1999-2000	na	na	na	na	na	na

^a The 1997-98 data for children in out of home care only includes children in home based care. There were an additional 48 children in facility based care for whom no other details were known.

^b Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were in out of home care at 30 June, divided by estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 30 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated using ABS population projections for June which are based on the 1996 Census data. Children of unknown Indigenous status were included in 'non-Indigenous'.

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

^d SA was unable to provide 1999-2000 data in time for inclusion in the 2001 Report. It is expected that this data will be made available on the Review website when available.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.92 Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type^{a, b, c}

<i>Indigenous status/placement type</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Indigenous				
Facility based care	na	na	3	3
Home based care				
Foster care/community care	187	162	157	na
Relative/kinship care	32	26	37	na
Other home based	–	–	–	na
Total home based	219	188	194	208
Independent living-includes private board	..	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	219	188	197	211
Non-Indigenous				
Facility based care	na	na	33	33
Home based care				
Foster care/community care	866	745	740	na
Relative/kinship care	64	60	66	na
Other home based	–	14	9	na
Total home based	930	819	815	887
Independent living-includes private board	..	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	930	819	848	920
All children				
Facility based care	na	na	36	36
Home based care				
Foster care/community care	1 053	907	897	na
Relative/kinship care	96	86	103	na
Other home based	–	14	9	na
Total home based	1 149	1 007	1 009	1 095
Independent living-includes private board	..	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 149	1 007	1 045	1 131

^a Facility based care includes family group homes.

^b The categories for home based care were changed in 1997-98. In 1996-97 the category 'other home based care' included children who were living independently. These children were included in a separate category from 1997-98 onwards.

^c SA could not provide data on the different types of home based care for 1999-2000.

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

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

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Table 15A.93 Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order^{a, b}

	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Indigenous				
On a care and protection order	119	132	171	na
On another type of order	–	..	1	na
Not on an order	100	56	25	na
Total Indigenous children	219	188	197	211
Non-Indigenous				
On a care and protection order	511	548	767	na
On another type of order	–	..	7	na
Not on an order	419	271	74	na
Total non-Indigenous children	930	819	848	920
All children				
On a care and protection order	630	680	938	na
On another type of order	–	..	8	na
Not on an order	519	327	99	na
Total all children	1 149	1 007	1 045	1 131

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

^b SA could not provide detailed data for 1999-2000.

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

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

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Table 15A.94 Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care^a

	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Indigenous				
Respite	na	na	na	na
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	15	18	16	24
1 to less than 6 months	43	27	38	34
6 months to less than 1 year	30	19	31	22
1 to less than 2 years	14	33	22	34
2 to less than 5 years	117	91	21	11
5 years or more	..	..	69	83
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	219	188	197	208
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	3
Total Indigenous children	219	188	197	211
Non-Indigenous				
Respite	na	na	na	na
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	50	53	96	111
1 to less than 6 months	153	169	144	173
6 months to less than 1 year	81	82	96	81
1 to less than 2 years	121	85	109	115
2 to less than 5 years	525	430	69	61
5 years or more	..	..	334	346
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	930	819	848	887
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	33
Total non-Indigenous children	930	819	848	920
All children				
Respite	na	na	na	na
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	65	71	112	135
1 to less than 6 months	196	196	182	207
6 months to less than 1 year	111	101	127	103
1 to less than 2 years	135	118	131	149
2 to less than 5 years	642	521	90	72
5 years or more	..	..	403	429
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 149	1 007	1 045	1 095
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	36
Total all children	1 149	1 007	1 045	1 131

^a This indicates the length of time a child has been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement. Data for the category '5 years or more' were not collected in 1996-97 or 1997-98. Children who had been in care for more than 5 years were therefore included in the category '2 to less than 5 years'.

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

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

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Table 15A.95 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care^{a, b}

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Indigenous				
1 to less than 6 months	..	32	19	na
6 months to less than 1 year	..	4	8	na
1 to less than 2 years	..	3	5	na
2 to less than 5 years	..	3	7	na
5 years or more	11	na
Total Indigenous children	..	42	50	na
Non-Indigenous				
1 to less than 6 months	..	240	145	na
6 months to less than 1 year	..	61	34	na
1 to less than 2 years	..	38	19	na
2 to less than 5 years	..	115	26	na
5 years or more	48	na
Total non-Indigenous children	..	454	272	na
All children				
1 to less than 6 months	..	272	164	na
6 months to less than 1 year	..	65	42	na
1 to less than 2 years	..	41	24	na
2 to less than 5 years	..	118	33	na
5 years or more	59	na
Total all children	..	496	322	na

^a This indicates the length of time a child had been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis for those children who exited care during the year. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement. Data for the category '5 years or more' were not collected prior to 1998-99. Children who had been in care for more than 5 years were therefore included in the category '2 to less than 5 years'.

^b SA was unable to provide 1999-2000 data in time for inclusion in the 2001 Report. It is expected that these data will be made available on the Review website when available.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

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

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Table 15A.96 **Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status^{a, b}**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Number of children at 30 June					
Indigenous	no.	32	26	37	na
Non-Indigenous	no.	64	60	66	na
All children	no.	96	86	103	na
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June					
Indigenous	%	14.6	13.8	18.8	na
Non-Indigenous	%	6.9	7.3	7.8	na
All children	%	8.4	8.5	9.9	na

^a In 1996-97 and 1997-98 the percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in home based out-of-home care 30 June by Indigenous status. In 1998-99, the denominator used was the total number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status.

^b SA was unable to provide 1999-2000 data in time for inclusion in the 2001 Report. It is expected that these data will be made available on the Review website when available.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.97 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver^{a, b}

	Unit	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June					
Placed with an Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	no.	na	15	23	na
Other Indigenous caregivers	no.	na	103	91	na
Total with an Indigenous caregiver	no.	138	118	114	na
Placed with a non-Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	no.	na	11	14	na
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	na	59	69	na
Total with a non-Indigenous caregiver	no.	81	70	83	na
Total Indigenous children	no.	219	188	197	211
As a per cent of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Placed with an Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	%	na	8.0	11.7	na
Other Indigenous caregivers	%	na	54.8	46.2	na
Total with an Indigenous caregiver	%	63.0	62.8	57.9	na
Placed with a non-Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	%	na	5.9	7.1	na
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	na	31.4	35.0	na
Total with a non-Indigenous caregiver	%	37.0	37.2	42.1	na
Total Indigenous children	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	na

^a The percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous caregivers was calculated using as the denominator the total number of Indigenous children in out-of-home placement at 30 June. Caregivers whose Indigenous status was unknown were included in 'non-Indigenous'.

^b SA was unable to provide 1999-2000 data in time for inclusion in the 2001 Report. It is expected that these data will be made available on the Review website when available.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.98 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement by Indigenous status^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Number of children at 30 June					
Indigenous	no.	138	125	136	144
Non-Indigenous	no.	543	458	453	519
All children	no.	681	583	589	663
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Indigenous	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.8
All children	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.8

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

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

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Table 15A.99 Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements by the length of time in out-of-home care^{a, b, c}

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care				
1 placement	46	na
2-3 placements	84	na
4-5 placement	24	na
6-10 placements	9	na
11 or more placements	1	na
Total children	164	na
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care				
1 placement	12	na
2-3 placements	16	na
4-5 placement	9	na
6-10 placements	5	na
11 or more placements	-	na
Total children	42	na
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care				
1 placement	10	na
2-3 placements	7	na
4-5 placement	6	na
6-10 placements	1	na
11 or more placements	-	na
Total children	24	na
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care				
1 placement	11	na
2-3 placements	9	na
4-5 placement	6	na
6-10 placements	6	na
11 or more placements	1	na
Total children	33	na
5 years or more in out-of-home care				
1 placement	35	na
2-3 placements	9	na
4-5 placement	12	na
6-10 placements	3	na
11 or more placements	-	na
Total children	59	na
Total children exiting out-of-home care	322	na

^a For number of placements, only new placements in which the child had not been placed previously were counted.

^b SA was unable to provide 1999-2000 data in time for inclusion in the 2001 Report. It is expected that these data will be made available on the Review website when available.

c In the 2000 Report data was included for both the number of 'care situations' and the number of 'placements'. For the 2001 Report these indicators have been combined. The revised indicator is the number of 'placements'. Placements are defined as the number of different carers the child had over a given period.

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

Source: AIHW Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection.

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Table 15A.100 **Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household					
Number of children	no.	na	na	na	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	na	na
Other children					
Number of children	no.	na	na	na	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	na	na
All children in out-of-home care	no.	na	na	na	na

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

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.101 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, by Indigenous status**^{a, b, c, d, e}

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	17	20.5	3	27.3	8	32.0	5	31.3
Child at risk	12	14.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	21	25.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total investigations finalised	50	60.2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Investigations not finalised by 31 August								
Total notifications investigated	81	97.6	10	90.9	23	92.0	14	87.5
Notifications dealt with by other means	2	2.4	..	..	1	4.0	–	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	–	–	1	9.1	1	4.0	2	12.5
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	83	100.0	11	100.0	25	100.0	16	100.0
Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	227	10.0	132	13.1	120	19.1	92	22.7
Child at risk	386	16.9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	1 169	51.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total investigations finalised	1 782	78.2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Investigations not finalised by 31 August								
Total notifications investigated	1 797	78.8	599	59.6	592	94.3	366	90.1
Notifications dealt with by other means	483	21.2	..	..	9	1.4	9	2.2
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	–	–	406	40.4	27	4.3	31	7.6
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	2 280	100.0	1 005	100.0	628	100.0	406	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	244	10.3	135	13.3	128	19.6	97	23.0
Child at risk	398	16.8	146	14.4	88	13.5	77	18.2
Not substantiated	1 190	50.4	304	29.9	315	48.2	182	43.1
Total investigations finalised	1 832	77.5	585	57.6	531	81.3	356	84.4
Investigations not finalised by 31 August								
Total notifications investigated	1 878	79.5	609	59.9	615	94.2	380	90.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	485	20.5	..	..	10	1.5	9	2.1
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	–	–	407	40.1	28	4.3	33	7.8
Total notifications all children	2 363	100.0	1 016	100.0	653	100.0	422	100.0

^a Tasmania introduced new intake and assessment guidelines, based on the WA model, in July 1997. These new guidelines are likely to be the main reason for the decline in the number of notifications and substantiations from 1997-98 onwards. There is also a growing trend in Tasmania to classify the less serious allegations as either consultations or child and family concerns, rather than child protection notifications.

^b If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiation, then each one of these were counted.

^c Investigations relate to notifications received during the financial year. If the investigation was completed by 31 August it is classified as finalised. If the investigation was not completed by 31 August it is classified as not finalised. From 1998-99 the definition of an investigation was changed to include the interviewing or sighting of a child where practicable.

^d Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.

^e Data on the number of investigations finalised and not finalised by Indigenous status were not collected after 1997-98.

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

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

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Table 15A.102 Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	100.0	77.8	80.0	20.0
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	–	22.2	80.0	80.0
Total children admitted to orders	no.	11	9	10	10
Children discharged from orders	no.	11	6	21	10
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	88.5	63.8	64.8	56.4
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	11.5	36.2	35.2	43.6
Total children admitted to orders	no.	235	130	108	163
Children discharged from orders	no.	183	182	150	110
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	89.0	64.7	61.0	54.3
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	11.0	35.3	39.0	45.7
Total children admitted to orders	no.	246	139	118	173
Children discharged from orders	no.	194	188	171	120

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

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Table 15A.103 Number of children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status^a

	June 1997	June 1998	June 1999	June 2000
Number of Indigenous children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	24	23	21	21
Finalised supervisory orders	12	10	13	10
Interim and temporary orders	2	1	–	–
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	–	–	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	38	34	34	31
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	277	295	274	289
Finalised supervisory orders	134	144	120	134
Interim and temporary orders	36	33	12	16
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	23	14	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	470	486	406	439
Number of all children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	301	318	295	310
Finalised supervisory orders	146	154	133	144
Interim and temporary orders	38	34	12	16
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	23	14	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	508	520	440	470

^a The categories for care and protection orders were changed slightly in 1998-99 so that administrative arrangements were only included if they had the impact of transferring custody or guardianship. From 1998-99 these administrative arrangements were included in the category 'finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements'.

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

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

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Table 15A.104 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, 1996-97 to 1999-2000^{a, b}

	Number of children			Rate per 1000 children ^{c, d}		
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications						
1996-97	69	1 709	1 778	10.0	15.0	15.0
1997-98	11	822	833	1.6	7.4	7.1
1998-99	17	388	405	2.4	3.6	3.5
1999-2000	8	225	233	1.1	2.1	2.1
Children aged 0–16 years in investigations						
1996-97	47	1 456	1 503	7.0	13.0	13.0
1997-98	11	555	566	1.6	5.0	4.8
1998-99	17	336	353	2.4	3.1	3.1
1999-2000	8	207	215	1.1	1.9	1.9
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations						
1996-97	16	207	223	2.4	1.8	1.9
1997-98	3	127	130	0.4	1.1	1.1
1998-99	8	114	122	1.1	1.1	1.1
1999-2000	4	73	77	0.6	0.7	0.7
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders						
30 June 1997	38	470	508	5.0	4.0	4.0
30 June 1998	34	486	520	4.6	4.2	4.2
30 June 1999	34	406	440	4.6	3.5	3.6
30 June 2000	31	439	470	4.2	3.9	3.9

^a Tasmania introduced new intake and assessment guidelines, based on the WA model, in July 1997. These new guidelines are likely to be the main reason for the decline in the number of notifications and substantiations from 1997-98 onwards. There is also a growing trend in Tasmania to classify the less serious allegations as either consultations or child and family concerns, rather than child protection notifications.

^b Care should be taken in interpreting the rates for Indigenous children due to the relatively small size of the Indigenous population.

^c Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated), divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

^d Rates for children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 30 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June which are based on the 1996 Census data.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notification, investigations and substantiations Australia* data collection, AIHW *Children on care and protection orders Australia* data collection.

Tasmania**Table 15A.105 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Number of children				
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	11	na	4
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	23	8	13
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation				
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	0.9	na	1.7
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	1.8	1.8	5.5

^a Tasmania introduced new intake and assessment guidelines, based on the WA model, in July 1997.

These new guidelines are likely to be the main reason for the decline in the number of notifications and substantiations from 1997-98 onwards. There is also a growing trend in Tasmania to classify the less serious allegations as either consultations or child and family concerns, rather than child protection notifications.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Tasmania**Table 15A.106 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Number of children				
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	33	1	6
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	41	7	10
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation				
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	14.8	0.8	4.9
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	18.4	5.3	8.2

^a Tasmania introduced new intake and assessment guidelines, based on the WA model, in July 1997. These new guidelines are likely to be the main reason for the decline in the number of notifications and substantiations from 1997-98 onwards. There is also a growing trend in Tasmania to classify the less serious allegations as either consultations or child and family concerns, rather than child protection notifications.

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

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Table 15A.107 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status**

	Number of children in care			Rate per 1000 children in population		
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June ^{a, b}						
30 June 1997	39	422	461	5.5	3.6	3.7
30 June 1998	34	408	442	4.6	3.5	3.6
30 June 1999	43	490	533	5.8	4.3	4.4
30 June 2000	38	510	548	5.1	4.5	4.6
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year ^{b, c, d}						
1996-97	74	1 033	1 107	10.5	8.7	8.8
1997-98	80	1 085	1 165	10.8	9.3	9.4
1998-99	116	1 378	1 494	15.7	12.0	12.2
1999-2000	95	1 157	1 252	12.8	10.2	10.4

^a Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were in out of home care at 30 June, divided by estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 30 March, multiplied by 1000.

^b Rates for Indigenous children were calculated using ABS population projections for June which are based on the 1996 Census data. Care should be taken in interpreting Indigenous rates due to the relatively small size of the Indigenous population in Tasmania.

^c A child is only counted once, regardless of the number of placements during the year.

^d Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were in at least one out of home placement during the year, divided by estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 31 December of the relevant year, multiplied by 1000.

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

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Table 15A.108 Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type^{a, b}

<i>Indigenous status/placement type</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Indigenous				
Facility based care	11	11	9	11
Home based care				
Foster care/community care	11	6	10	11
Relative/kinship care	17	17	17	13
Other home based	–	–	–	–
Total home based	28	23	27	24
Independent living-includes private board	..	–	5	2
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	2	1
Total Indigenous children	39	34	43	38
Non-Indigenous				
Facility based care	82	63	65	57
Home based care				
Foster care/community care	202	196	184	182
Relative/kinship care	138	149	158	207
Other home based	–	–	16	12
Total home based	340	345	358	401
Independent living-includes private board	..	–	40	30
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	27	22
Total non-Indigenous children	422	408	490	510
All children				
Facility based care	93	74	74	68
Home based care				
Foster care/community care	213	202	194	193
Relative/kinship care	155	166	175	220
Other home based	–	–	16	12
Total home based	368	368	385	425
Independent living-includes private board	..	–	45	32
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	29	23
Total all children	461	442	533	548

^a Facility based care includes family group homes.

^b The categories for home based care were changed in 1997-98. In 1996-97 the category 'other home based care' included children who were living independently. These children were included in a separate category from 1997-98 onwards.

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

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

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Table 15A.109 **Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order^{a, b, c}**

	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Indigenous				
On a care and protection order	38	17	25	23
On another type of order	na	..	na	–
Not on an order	1	17	18	15
Total Indigenous children	39	34	43	38
Non-Indigenous				
On a care and protection order	320	259	282	308
On another type of order	na	..	na	19
Not on an order	102	149	208	183
Total non-Indigenous children	422	408	490	510
All children				
On a care and protection order	358	276	307	331
On another type of order	na	..	na	19
Not on an order	103	166	226	198
Total all children	461	442	533	548

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

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

^c There is likely to be a small number of children in Tasmania who were on another type of order in 1996-97 and 1998-99 who were included in the category 'not on an order'.

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

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

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Table 15A.110 Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care^{a, b, c, d}

	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Indigenous				
Respite	na	na	na	na
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	2	–	1	4
1 to less than 6 months	9	4	8	11
6 months to less than 1 year	5	5	6	3
1 to less than 2 years	7	10	5	4
2 to less than 5 years	15	15	4	5
5 years or more	..	..	4	11
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	38	34	28	38
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	38	34	28	38
Non-Indigenous				
Respite	na	na	na	na
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	49	44	31	70
1 to less than 6 months	86	87	152	167
6 months to less than 1 year	48	50	60	72
1 to less than 2 years	89	54	83	63
2 to less than 5 years	151	173	104	55
5 years or more	..	..	89	83
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	423	408	519	510
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	423	408	519	510
All children				
Respite	na	na	na	na
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	51	44	32	74
1 to less than 6 months	95	91	160	178
6 months to less than 1 year	53	55	66	75
1 to less than 2 years	96	64	88	67
2 to less than 5 years	166	188	108	60
5 years or more	..	..	93	94
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	461	442	547	548
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total all children	461	442	547	548

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

^b Tasmania was unable to distinguish between respite and non-respite care. Both types of placement are included if they satisfy the general definition of out of home care.

^c Data for the category '5 years or more' were not collected prior to 1998-99. In 1996-97 and 1997-98 children who had been in care for more than 5 years were therefore included in the category '2 to less than 5 years'.

^d In 1998-99 the total for this indicator is not the same as the total number of children in out-of-home care as some children were double counted.

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

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

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Table 15A.111 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care^a

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
Indigenous				
1 to less than 6 months	..	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	..	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	..	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	..	na	na	na
5 years or more	..	na	na	na
Total Indigenous children	..	na	na	na
Non-Indigenous				
1 to less than 6 months	..	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	..	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	..	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	..	na	na	na
5 years or more	..	na	na	na
Total non-Indigenous children	..	na	na	na
All children				
1 to less than 6 months	..	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	..	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	..	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	..	na	na	na
5 years or more	..	na	na	na
Total all children	..	na	na	na

^a Tasmania could not provide data for this indicator.

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

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

Tasmania**Table 15A.112 Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Number of children at 30 June					
Indigenous	no.	17	17	17	13
Non-Indigenous	no.	138	149	158	207
All children	no.	155	166	175	220
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June					
Indigenous	%	43.6	50.0	39.5	34.2
Non-Indigenous	%	32.7	36.5	32.2	40.6
All children	%	33.6	37.6	32.8	40.1

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

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

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Table 15A.113 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver

	Unit	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June					
Placed with an Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	no.	–	7	9	4
Other Indigenous caregivers	no.	2	–	–	3
Total with an Indigenous caregiver	no.	2	7	9	7
Placed with a non-Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	no.	15	10	8	9
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	22	17	26	22
Total with a non-Indigenous caregiver	no.	37	27	34	31
Total Indigenous children	no.	39	34	43	38
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Placed with an Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	%	–	20.6	20.9	10.5
Other Indigenous caregivers	%	5.1	–	–	7.9
Total with an Indigenous caregiver	%	5.1	20.6	20.9	18.4
Placed with a non-Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	%	38.5	29.4	18.6	23.7
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	56.4	50.0	60.5	57.9
Total with a non-Indigenous caregiver	%	94.9	79.4	79.1	81.6
Total Indigenous children	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

^a The percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous caregivers was calculated using as the denominator the total number of Indigenous children in out of home placement at 30 June. Caregivers whose Indigenous status was unknown were included in 'non-Indigenous'.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Tasmania**Table 15A.114 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement by Indigenous status^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Number of children at 30 June					
Indigenous	no.	18	17	20	16
Non-Indigenous	no.	190	204	208	245
All children	no.	208	221	228	261
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Indigenous	%	81.8	81.0	76.9	80.0
Non-Indigenous	%	83.0	86.8	83.2	89.1
All children	%	82.9	86.3	82.6	88.5

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

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

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Table 15A.115 Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements by the length of time in out-of-home care^{a, b, c}

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care				
1 placement	na	na
2-3 placements	na	na
4-5 placement	na	na
6-10 placements	na	na
11 or more placements	na	na
Total children	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care				
1 placement	na	na
2-3 placements	na	na
4-5 placement	na	na
6-10 placements	na	na
11 or more placements	na	na
Total children	na	na
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care				
1 placement	na	na
2-3 placements	na	na
4-5 placement	na	na
6-10 placements	na	na
11 or more placements	na	na
Total children	na	na
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care				
1 placement	na	na
2-3 placements	na	na
4-5 placement	na	na
6-10 placements	na	na
11 or more placements	na	na
Total children	na	na
5 years or more in out-of-home care				
1 placement	na	na
2-3 placements	na	na
4-5 placement	na	na
6-10 placements	na	na
11 or more placements	na	na
Total children	na	na
Total children exiting out-of-home care	na	na

^a These data were not collected in 1996-97 and 1997-98.

^b Tasmania could not provide data for this indicator in 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

^c In the 2000 Report data was included for both the number of 'care situations' and the number of 'placements'. For the 2001 Report these indicators have been combined. The revised indicator is the number of 'placements'. Placements are defined as the number of different carers the child had over a given period.

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

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

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Table 15A.116 Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household					
Number of children	no.	na	1	1	–
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	0.1	0.1	–
Other children					
Number of children	no.	na	1 164	1 493	1 252
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	99.9	99.9	100.0
All children in out-of-home care	no.	na	1 165	1 494	1 252

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

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

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Table 15A.117 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, by Indigenous status**^{a, b, c, d}

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	34	41.0	44	43.6	25	39.1	19	18.6
Child at risk	10	12.0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	22	26.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total investigations finalised	66	79.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	5	6.0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total notifications investigated	71	85.5	79	78.2	59	92.2	97	95.1
Notifications dealt with by other means	–	–	..	..	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	12	14.5	22	21.8	5	7.8	5	4.9
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	83	100.0	101	100.0	64	100.0	102	100.0
Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	342	30.1	367	35.8	417	32.2	214	19.7
Child at risk	87	7.7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	449	39.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total investigations finalised	878	77.2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	50	4.4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total notifications investigated	928	81.6	833	81.3	1 133	87.6	934	85.9
Notifications dealt with by other means	–	–	..	..	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	209	18.4	191	18.7	161	12.4	153	14.1
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	1 137	100.0	1 024	100.0	1 294	100.0	1 087	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	376	30.8	411	36.5	442	32.5	233	19.6
Child at risk	97	8.0	60	5.3	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	471	38.6	365	32.4	649	47.8	685	57.6
Total investigations finalised	944	77.4	836	74.3	1 091	80.3	918	77.2
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	55	4.5	76	6.8	101	7.4	113	9.5
Total notifications investigated	999	81.9	912	81.1	1 192	87.8	1 031	86.7
Notifications dealt with by other means	–	–	..	..	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	221	18.1	213	18.9	166	12.2	158	13.3
Total notifications all children	1 220	100.0	1 125	100.0	1 358	100.0	1 189	100.0

^a In 1999-2000 child protection policies were changed to focus on the level of harm to a child rather than an incident. This change is likely to be the main reason for the decrease in the number of substantiations and the number of children on orders.

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

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

^d Data on the number of investigations finalised and not finalised by Indigenous status were not collected after 1996-97.

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

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

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Table 15A.118 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status^{a, b}**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	100.0	62.5
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	100.0	37.5
Total children admitted to orders	no.	na	22	9	8
Children discharged from orders	no.	na	14	9	2
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	54.7	80.9
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	45.3	19.1
Total children admitted to orders	no.	na	129	75	47
Children discharged from orders	no.	na	123	89	44
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	84.1	48.8	78.2
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	15.9	51.2	21.8
Total children admitted to orders	no.	na	151	84	55
Children discharged from orders	no.	na	137	98	46

^a In 1999-2000 child protection policies were changed to focus on the level of harm to a child rather than an incident. This change is likely to be the main reason for the decrease in the number of substantiations and the number of children on orders.

^b The ACT could not provide data for 1996-97.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.119 **Children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status^{a, b, c}**

	June 1997	June 1998	June 1999	June 2000
Number of Indigenous children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	25	40	36	35
Finalised supervisory orders	3	1	–	1
Interim and temporary orders	1	2	–	4
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	–	3	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	29	46	36	40
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	168	150	176	133
Finalised supervisory orders	46	38	18	17
Interim and temporary orders	7	9	6	42
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	14	12	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	235	209	200	192
Number of all children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	193	190	212	168
Finalised supervisory orders	49	39	18	18
Interim and temporary orders	8	11	6	46
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	14	15	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	264	255	236	232

^a In 1999-2000 child protection policies were changed to focus on the level of harm to a child rather than an incident. This change is likely to be the main reason for the decrease in the number of substantiations and the number of children on orders.

^b The categories for care and protection orders were changed slightly in 1998-99 so that administrative arrangements were only included if they had the impact of transferring custody or guardianship. From 1998-99 these administrative arrangements were included in the category 'finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements'.

^c The 1999-2000 data do not include children on 'interim or temporary orders' as this data could not be provided.

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

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

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Table 15A.120 **Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, 1996-97 to 1999-2000^a**

	Number of children			Rate per 1000 children ^{b, c}		
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications						
1996-97	57	870	927	43.9	11.5	12.1
1997-98	73	835	908	52.4	11.3	12.0
1998-99	63	1 225	1 288	44.4	16.8	17.3
1999-2000	71	886	957	49.2	12.2	13.0
Children aged 0–16 years in investigations						
1996-97	66	876	942	34.6	8.9	9.3
1997-98	54	642	696	38.7	8.7	9.2
1998-99	59	1 112	1 171	41.6	15.3	15.8
1999-2000	54	711	765	37.4	9.8	10.4
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations						
1996-97	34	341	375	17.7	3.9	4.1
1997-98	33	324	357	23.7	4.4	4.7
1998-99	23	365	388	16.2	5.0	5.2
1999-2000	6	184	190	4.2	2.5	2.6
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders						
30 June 1997	29	235	264	21.5	2.9	3.2
30 June 1998	46	209	255	31.2	2.7	3.2
30 June 1999	36	200	236	24.0	2.6	3.0
30 June 2000	26	116	142	16.9	1.5	1.8

^a In 1999-2000 child protection policies were changed to focus on the level of harm to a child rather than an incident. This change is likely to be the main reason for the decrease in the number of substantiations and the number of children on orders.

^b Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated), divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

^c Rates for children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 30 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June which are based on the 1996 Census data.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notification, investigations and substantiations Australia* data collection, AIHW *Children on care and protection orders Australia* data collection.

Table 15A.121 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Number of children				
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	25	12	19
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	34	20	38
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation				
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	5.3	3.5	2.4
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	7.2	5.8	4.8

Source: AIHW Child protection notification, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

Australian Capital Territory**Table 15A.122 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Number of children				
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	26	20	17
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	43	28	28
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation				
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	6.9	5.6	4.3
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	11.4	7.8	7.1

Source: AIHW Child protection notification, investigations and substantiations, Australia data collection.

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Table 15A.123 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status**

	Number of children in care			Rate per 1000 children in population		
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June ^{a, b}						
30 June 1997	28	145	173	20.8	1.8	2.1
30 June 1998	36	143	179	24.4	1.8	2.2
30 June 1999	24	150	174	16.0	1.9	2.2
30 June 2000	29	171	200	18.9	2.2	2.6
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year ^{b, c, d}						
1996-97	64	533	597	47.4	6.6	7.3
1997-98	59	515	574	40.3	6.5	7.2
1998-99	49	375	424	32.9	4.8	5.4
1999-2000	53	519	572	34.9	6.7	7.3

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

^b Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 30 March, multiplied by 1000.

^c Rates for Indigenous children were calculated using ABS population projections for June which are based on the 1996 Census data. Care should be taken in interpreting rates for the ACT as a result of the relatively small population, and in particular the small Indigenous population.

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

^e Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were in at least one out of home placement during the year, divided by estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 31 December of the relevant year, multiplied by 1000.

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

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Table 15A.124 **Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type^a**

<i>Indigenous status/placement type</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Indigenous				
Facility based care ^b	3	5	1	3
Home based care ^c				
Foster care/community care	17	21	14	17
Relative/kinship care	8	10	9	9
Other home based	–	–	–	–
Total home based	25	31	23	26
Independent living-includes private board	..	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	28	36	24	29
Non-Indigenous				
Facility based care ^b	8	11	17	15
Home based care ^c				
Foster care/community care	108	97	90	113
Relative/kinship care	29	30	41	42
Other home based	–	–	–	–
Total home based	137	127	131	155
Independent living-includes private board	..	5	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	2	1
Total non-Indigenous children	145	143	150	171
All children				
Facility based care ^b	11	16	18	18
Home based care ^c				
Foster care/community care	125	118	104	130
Relative/kinship care	37	40	50	51
Other home based	–	–	–	–
Total home based	162	158	154	181
Independent living-includes private board	..	5	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	2	1
Total all children	173	179	174	200

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

^b Facility based care includes family group homes.

^c The categories for home based care were changed in 1997-98. In 1996-97 the category 'other home based care' included children who were living independently. These children were included in a separate category from 1997-98 onwards.

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

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

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Table 15A.125 **Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order^a**

	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Indigenous				
On a care and protection order	28	35	24	24
On another type of order	–	na	–	5
Not on an order	–	1	–	–
Total Indigenous children	28	36	24	29
Non-Indigenous				
On a care and protection order	131	133	131	145
On another type of order	–	na	–	14
Not on an order	14	10	19	12
Total non-Indigenous children	145	143	150	171
All children				
On a care and protection order	159	168	155	169
On another type of order	–	na	–	19
Not on an order	14	11	19	12
Total all children	173	179	174	200

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

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

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

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Table 15A.126 **Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care^{a, b, c}**

	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Indigenous				
Respite	–	–	–	–
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	1	1	–	–
1 to less than 6 months	2	6	1	6
6 months to less than 1 year	8	4	2	2
1 to less than 2 years	8	9	7	5
2 to less than 5 years	9	16	11	13
5 years or more	..	..	3	3
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	28	36	24	29
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	28	36	24	29
Non-Indigenous				
Respite	3	9	2	–
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	11	6	5	13
1 to less than 6 months	24	18	15	37
6 months to less than 1 year	18	21	20	22
1 to less than 2 years	32	18	25	22
2 to less than 5 years	57	71	48	42
5 years or more	..	..	35	35
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	142	134	148	171
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	145	143	150	171
All children				
Respite	3	9	2	–
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	12	7	5	13
1 to less than 6 months	26	24	16	43
6 months to less than 1 year	26	25	22	24
1 to less than 2 years	40	27	32	27
2 to less than 5 years	66	87	59	55
5 years or more	..	..	38	38
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	170	170	172	200
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total all children	173	179	174	200

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

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

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

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

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

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Table 15A.127 **Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care^{a, b, c, d}**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Indigenous				
1 to less than 6 months	..	3	13	8
6 months to less than 1 year	..	2	1	–
1 to less than 2 years	..	2	3	–
2 to less than 5 years	..	1	–	–
5 years or more	–	–
Total Indigenous children	..	8	17	8
Non-Indigenous				
1 to less than 6 months	..	30	58	84
6 months to less than 1 year	..	7	11	22
1 to less than 2 years	..	10	11	14
2 to less than 5 years	..	8	4	4
5 years or more	4	4
Total non-Indigenous children	..	55	88	128
All children				
1 to less than 6 months	..	33	71	92
6 months to less than 1 year	..	9	12	22
1 to less than 2 years	..	12	14	14
2 to less than 5 years	..	9	4	4
5 years or more	4	4
Total all children	..	63	105	136

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

^b These data were not collected for 1996-97.

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

^d Children in respite care or temporary placements were not included.

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

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

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Table 15A.128 **Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status^{a, b}**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Number of children at 30 June					
Indigenous	no.	8	10	9	9
Non-Indigenous	no.	29	30	41	42
All children	no.	37	40	50	51
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June					
Indigenous	%	28.6	27.8	37.5	31.0
Non-Indigenous	%	20.0	21.0	27.3	24.6
All children	%	21.4	22.3	28.7	25.5

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

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

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

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Table 15A.129 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver

	Unit	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June					
Placed with an Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	no.	8	9	7	7
Other Indigenous caregivers	no.	4	6	5	11
Total with an Indigenous caregiver	no.	12	15	12	18
Placed with a non-Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	no.	–	1	3	2
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	16	20	9	9
Total with a non-Indigenous caregiver	no.	16	21	12	11
Total Indigenous children	no.	28	36	24	29
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Placed with an Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	%	28.6	25.0	29.2	24.1
Other Indigenous caregivers	%	14.3	16.7	20.8	37.9
Total with an Indigenous caregiver	%	42.9	41.7	50.0	62.1
Placed with a non-Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	%	–	2.8	12.5	6.9
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	57.1	55.6	37.5	31.0
Total with a non-Indigenous caregiver	%	57.1	58.3	50.0	37.9
Total Indigenous children	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

^a The percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous caregivers was calculated using as the denominator the total number of Indigenous children in out of home placement at 30 June. Caregivers who's Indigenous status was unknown were included in 'non-Indigenous'.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

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Table 15A.130 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement by Indigenous status^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Number of children at 30 June					
Indigenous	no.	19	24	19	21
Non-Indigenous	no.	83	82	88	109
All children	no.	102	106	107	130
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Indigenous	%	95.0	96.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous	%	100.0	100.0	96.7	99.1
All children	%	99.0	99.0	97.2	99.2

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

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

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Table 15A.131 **Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements by the length of time in out-of-home care**^{a, b, c, d}

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care				
1 placement	49	na
2-3 placements	21	na
4-5 placement	-	na
6-10 placements	1	na
11 or more placements	-	na
Total children	71	na
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care				
1 placement	5	na
2-3 placements	6	na
4-5 placement	1	na
6-10 placements	-	na
11 or more placements	-	na
Total children	12	na
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care				
1 placement	10	na
2-3 placements	4	na
4-5 placement	-	na
6-10 placements	-	na
11 or more placements	-	na
Total children	14	na
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care				
1 placement	4	na
2-3 placements	-	na
4-5 placement	-	na
6-10 placements	-	na
11 or more placements	-	na
Total children	4	na
5 years or more in out-of-home care				
1 placement	3	na
2-3 placements	1	na
4-5 placement	-	na
6-10 placements	-	na
11 or more placements	-	na
Total children	4	na
Total children exiting out-of-home care	105	na

^a For number of placements, only new placements in which the child has not been placed previously were counted as a separate placement. Children in respite care or temporary placements were not included.

^b These data were not collected in 1996-97 and 1997-98.

^c ACT could not provide 1999-2000 data.

d In the 2000 Report data was included for both the number of 'care situations' and the number of 'placements'. For the 2001 Report these indicators have been combined. The revised indicator is the number of 'placements'. Placements are defined as the number of different carers the child had over a given period.

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

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

Table 15A.132 Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household^a

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household					
Number of children	no.	..	4	–	–
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	..	0.7	–	–
Other children					
Number of children	no.	..	570	424	572
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	..	99.3	100.0	100.0
All children in out-of-home care	no.	..	574	424	572

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

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

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

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Table 15A.133 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations, by Indigenous status**^{a, b, c, d, e}

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	131	64.2	178	54.4	na	na	194	31.8
Child at risk	–	–	..	..	na	na	..	..
Not substantiated	70	34.3	..	..	na	na	..	..
Total investigations finalised	201	98.5	..	..	na	na	..	..
Investigations not finalised by 31 August								
Total notifications investigated	201	98.5	314	96.0	na	na	371	60.8
Notifications dealt with by other means								
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	3	1.5	13	4.0	na	na	239	39.2
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	204	100.0	327	100.0	na	na	610	100.0
Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	121	43.7	165	43.1	na	na	199	24.1
Child at risk	–	–	..	..	na	na	..	..
Not substantiated	151	54.5	..	..	na	na	..	..
Total investigations finalised	272	98.2	..	..	na	na	..	..
Investigations not finalised by 31 August								
Total notifications investigated	272	98.2	370	96.6	na	na	408	49.3
Notifications dealt with by other means								
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	5	1.8	13	3.4	na	na	419	50.7
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	277	100.0	383	100.0	na	na	827	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children								
<i>Notifications investigated</i>								
Investigations finalised by 31 August								
Substantiated	252	52.4	343	48.3	na	na	393	27.3
Child at risk	–	–	1	0.1	na	na	..	..
Not substantiated	221	45.9	339	47.7	na	na	382	26.6
Total investigations finalised	473	98.3	683	96.2	na	na	775	53.9
Investigations not finalised by 31 August								
Total notifications investigated	473	98.3	684	96.3	na	na	779	54.2
Notifications dealt with by other means								
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	8	1.7	26	3.7	na	na	658	45.8
Total notifications all children	481	100.0	710	100.0	na	na	1 437	100.0

^a The NT includes child concern reports in child protection notifications.

^b NT could not provide data for the full year for 1998-99 as a result of changes to their information system. The apparent increase in numbers of children in the child protection system from 1998-99 onwards is due to the design of the new information system which enables improved reporting of all reports received.

^c If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these were counted.

^d From 1998-99 the definition of an investigation was changed to include the interviewing or sighting of a child where practicable.

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

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

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

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Table 15A.134 Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status^{a, b}

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	59.5	60.7	na	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	40.5	39.3	na	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.	131	140	na	138
Children discharged from orders	no.	142	138	na	97
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	54.8	60.4	na	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	45.2	39.6	na	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.	115	101	na	127
Children discharged from orders	no.	129	109	na	79
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Children admitted for the first time	%	57.3	60.6	na	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	42.7	39.4	na	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.	246	241	na	265
Children discharged from orders	no.	271	247	na	176

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

^b NT could not provide data on children admitted to orders for the first time in 1999-2000.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.135 Number of children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status^{a, b}

	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Number of Indigenous children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	41	46	85	95
Finalised supervisory orders	12	16	5	–
Interim and temporary orders	2	3	3	23
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	3	7	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	58	72	93	118
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	32	38	68	77
Finalised supervisory orders	7	22	2	3
Interim and temporary orders	6	1	14	22
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	8	5	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	53	66	84	102
Number of all children on orders				
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	73	84	153	172
Finalised supervisory orders	19	38	7	3
Interim and temporary orders	8	4	17	45
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	11	12	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	111	138	177	220

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

^b The categories for care and protection orders were changed slightly in 1998-99 so that administrative arrangements were only included if they had the impact of transferring custody or guardianship. From 1998-99 these administrative arrangements were included in the category 'finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements'.

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

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

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Table 15A.136 **Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, 1996-97 to 1999-2000^{a, b, c, d, e}**

	Number of children			Rate per 1000 children		
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications						
1996-97	197	259	456	9.4	7.7	8.3
1997-98	291	320	611	13.1	9.5	10.9
1998-99	na	na	na	na	na	na
1999-2000	471	663	1 134	20.8	19.5	20.0
Children aged 0–16 years in investigations						
1996-97	195	256	451	9.3	7.6	8.2
1997-98	279	308	587	12.5	9.2	10.5
1998-99	na	na	na	na	na	na
1999-2000	261	306	567	11.6	9.0	10.0
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations						
1996-97	128	114	242	6.1	3.3	4.4
1997-98	163	148	311	7.3	4.4	5.6
1998-99	na	na	na	na	na	na
1999-2000	172	179	351	7.6	5.3	6.2
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders						
30 June 1997	58	53	111	2.6	1.5	1.9
30 June 1998	72	66	138	3.1	1.9	2.4
30 June 1999	93	84	177	3.9	2.4	3.0
30 June 2000	118	102	220	4.9	2.9	3.7

^a The NT include child concern reports in child protection notifications.

^b NT could not provide data for the full year for 1998-99 as a result of changes to their information system. The apparent increase in numbers of children in the child protection system from 1998-99 onwards is due to the design of the new information system which enables improved reporting of all reports received.

^c Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated), divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated using ABS population projections based on the 1996 Census data. The June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

^d Rates for children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 30 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June which are based on the 1996 Census data.

^e NT population data exclude 'Other Territories'.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notification, investigations and substantiations Australia* data collection, AIHW *Children on care and protection orders Australia* data collection.

Northern Territory**Table 15A.137 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Number of children				
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	na	na	na
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	na	na	na
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation				
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	na	na	na
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	na	na	na

^a NT could not provide these data.

na Not available.

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

Northern Territory**Table 15A.138 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months^a**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>
Number of children				
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	na	na	na
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	na	na	na
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation				
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	na	na	na
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	na	na	na

^a NT could not provide these data.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.139 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status^{a, b, c}**

	Number of children in care			Rate per 1000 children ^d		
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	All children
Children aged 0–17 years in out-of-home care at 30 June						
30 June 1997	58	53	111	2.6	1.5	1.9
30 June 1998	71	66	137	3.0	1.9	2.3
30 June 1999	93	84	177	3.9	2.4	3.0
30 June 2000	94	82	176	3.9	2.3	3.0
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year						
1996-97	158	138	296	7.1	3.9	5.1
1997-98	154	126	280	6.6	3.6	4.8
1998-99	na	na	na	na	na	na
1999-2000	147	160	334	6.1	4.4	5.6

^a For the first time in 1999-2000, the data does not include children placed with parents or relatives who were not reimbursed. In the NT all children in out-of-home care are also on a legal order.

^b Children of unknown Indigenous status are included in 'non-Indigenous'.

^c Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were in out of home care at 30 June, divided by estimated population of children aged 0–17 years at 30 March, multiplied by 1000. Rates for Indigenous children were calculated using ABS population projections for June which are based on the 1996 Census data.

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

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.140 Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type^{a, b}

<i>Indigenous status/placement type</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Indigenous				
Facility based care	9	11	na	6
Home based care				
Foster care/community care	34	37	na	62
Relative/kinship care	12	18	na	22
Other home based	3	3	na	–
Total home based	49	58	na	84
Independent living-includes private board	..	1	–	1
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	1	na	3
Total Indigenous children	58	71	–	94
Non-Indigenous				
Facility based care	8	18	na	7
Home based care				
Foster care/community care	34	24	na	59
Relative/kinship care	8	24	na	4
Other home based	3	18	na	–
Total home based	45	4	na	63
Independent living-includes private board	..	2	–	3
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	na	9
Total non-Indigenous children	53	24	–	82
All children				
Facility based care	17	29	na	13
Home based care				
Foster care/community care	45	61	na	121
Relative/kinship care	–	36	na	26
Other home based	68	7	na	–
Total home based	20	104	na	147
Independent living-includes private board	..	3	–	4
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	1	na	12
Total all children	37	137	–	176

^a Facility based care includes family group homes.

^b The categories for home based care were changed in 1997-98. In 1996-97 the category 'other home based care' included children who were living independently. These children were included in a separate category from 1997-98 onwards.

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

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

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Table 15A.141 Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order^{a, b}

	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Indigenous				
On a care and protection order	58	71	93	94
On another type of order	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..
Total Indigenous children	58	71	93	94
Non-Indigenous				
On a care and protection order	53	66	84	82
On another type of order	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..
Total non-Indigenous children	53	66	84	82
All children				
On a care and protection order	111	137	177	176
On another type of order	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..
Total all children	111	137	177	176

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

^b In the NT, all children in out-of-home care are on a care and protection order.

.. Not applicable.

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

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Table 15A.142 Number of children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care^{a, b, c, d}

	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Indigenous				
Respite	na	na	na	na
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	1	6	na	8
1 to less than 6 months	8	5	na	14
6 months to less than 1 year	6	10	na	30
1 to less than 2 years	3	11	na	13
2 to less than 5 years	40	39	na	13
5 years or more	..	..	na	16
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–
Total non-respite	58	71	na	94
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	58	71	93	94
Non-Indigenous				
Respite	na	na	na	–
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	1	2	na	11
1 to less than 6 months	3	9	na	11
6 months to less than 1 year	7	5	na	16
1 to less than 2 years	15	14	na	15
2 to less than 5 years	27	36	na	24
5 years or more	..	..	na	5
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–
Total non-respite	53	66	na	82
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	53	66	84	82
All children				
Respite	na	na	na	na
Non-respite				
Less than 1 month	2	8	na	19
1 to less than 6 months	11	14	na	25
6 months to less than 1 year	13	15	na	46
1 to less than 2 years	18	25	na	28
2 to less than 5 years	67	75	na	37
5 years or more	..	..	na	21
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–
Total non-respite	111	137	na	176
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–
Total all children	111	137	177	176

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

^b The data for 1996-97 is based on length of time in current placement rather than total length of time in continuous out-of-home care.

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

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

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

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

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Table 15A.143 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care^{a, b, c, d}

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Indigenous				
1 to less than 6 months	na	10	na	14
6 months to less than 1 year	na	2	na	4
1 to less than 2 years	na	3	na	2
2 to less than 5 years	na	3	na	2
5 years or more	..	..	na	1
Total Indigenous children	na	18	na	23
Non-Indigenous				
1 to less than 6 months	na	20	na	13
6 months to less than 1 year	na	2	na	1
1 to less than 2 years	na	1	na	6
2 to less than 5 years	na	6	na	2
5 years or more	..	..	na	2
Total non-Indigenous children	na	29	na	24
All children				
1 to less than 6 months	na	30	na	27
6 months to less than 1 year	na	4	na	5
1 to less than 2 years	na	4	na	8
2 to less than 5 years	na	9	na	4
5 years or more	..	..	na	3
Total all children	na	47	na	47

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

^b NT could not provide data for 1996-97 and 1998-99.

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

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

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

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

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Table 15A.144 Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status^{a, b}

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Number of children at 30 June					
Indigenous	no.	12	18	na	22
Non-Indigenous	no.	8	18	na	4
All children	no.	20	36	na	26
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June					
Indigenous	%	20.7	25.4	na	23.4
Non-Indigenous	%	15.1	27.3	na	4.9
All children	%	18.0	26.3	na	14.8

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

^b NT could not provide data for 1999.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.145 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver^{a, b, c, d}

	Unit	30 June 1997	30 June 1998	30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June					
Placed with an Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	no.	na	na	na	28
Other Indigenous caregivers	no.	na	na	na	26
Total with an Indigenous caregiver	no.	na	na	na	54
Placed with a non-Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	no.	na	na	na	na
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	na	na	na	31
Total with a non-Indigenous caregiver	no.	na	na	na	31
Total Indigenous children	no.	na	na	na	85
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Placed with an Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	%	na	na	na	32.9
Other Indigenous caregivers	%	na	na	na	30.6
Total with an Indigenous caregiver	%	na	na	na	63.5
Placed with a non-Indigenous caregiver					
Relative/kin	%	na	na	na	na
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	na	na	na	36.5
Total with a non-Indigenous caregiver	%	na	na	na	36.5
Total Indigenous children	%	na	na	na	100.0

^a NT could not provide these data prior to 1999-2000.

^b The definition of 'relative/kin' used for this table is broader than the definition used in other tables because it includes the extended family.

^c In 1999-2000 nine children were not included in this table because the caregiver's Indigenous status and relationship to the child were unknown. The relationship of the caregiver to children placed with non-Indigenous caregivers was not available and these children were placed in the category "other non-Indigenous carer".

^d The percentages for 1999-2000 were calculated using as the denominator the total number of Indigenous children in out-of-home care minus the nine children where the caregiver's Indigenous status and relationship to the child was unknown.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.146 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement by Indigenous status^{a, b}**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>30 June 1997</i>	<i>30 June 1998</i>	<i>30 June 1999</i>	<i>30 June 2000</i>
Number of children at 30 June					
Indigenous	no.	35	46	na	73
Non-Indigenous	no.	26	33	na	52
All children	no.	61	79	na	125
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Indigenous	%	87.5	88.5	na	86.9
Non-Indigenous	%	96.2	78.6	na	92.9
All children	%	91.0	84.0	na	89.3

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

^b NT could not provide data for 1999.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.147 Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements by the length of time in out-of-home care^{a, b, c}

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care				
1 placement	na	15
2-3 placements	na	10
4-5 placement	na	1
6-10 placements	na	1
11 or more placements	na	-
Total children	na	27
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care				
1 placement	na	3
2-3 placements	na	2
4-5 placement	na	-
6-10 placements	na	-
11 or more placements	na	-
Total children	na	5
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care				
1 placement	na	1
2-3 placements	na	6
4-5 placement	na	1
6-10 placements	na	-
11 or more placements	na	-
Total children	na	8
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care				
1 placement	na	-
2-3 placements	na	-
4-5 placement	na	2
6-10 placements	na	2
11 or more placements	na	-
Total children	na	4
5 years or more in out-of-home care				
1 placement	na	1
2-3 placements	na	-
4-5 placement	na	-
6-10 placements	na	2
11 or more placements	na	-
Total children	na	3
Total children exiting out-of-home care	na	47

^a For number of placements, only new placements in which the child has not been placed previously were counted.

^b These data were not collected in 1996-97 and NT could not provide in 1997-98.

- In the 2000 Report data was included for both the number of 'care situations' and the number of 'placements'. For the 2001 Report these indicators have been combined. The revised indicator is the number of 'placements'. Placements are defined as the number of different carers the child had over a given period.

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

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

Table 15A.148 Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household^a

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household					
Number of children	no.	na	na	na	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	na	na
Other children					
Number of children	no.	na	na	na	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	na	na
All children in out-of-home care	no.	na	na	na	na

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

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.149 **Composition of SAAP support periods**^{a, b, c}

<i>Support services provided</i>	<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>
1997-98										
Housing/accommodation	%	89.2	60.2	76.3	88.7	73.2	70.3	86.2	77.4	77.2
Financial assistance/ employment assistance	%	26.6	42.0	32.5	32.7	31.2	28.0	42.2	35.6	33.0
Counselling	%	24.4	45.8	40.7	43.1	36.8	47.1	48.2	44.3	36.9
General support/advocacy	%	61.6	78.6	71.1	65.1	79.6	69.0	83.5	78.1	70.4
Specialist services	%	20.5	18.9	20.8	35.9	18.4	14.3	33.8	41.2	21.8
Other	%	87.9	47.1	71.1	78.0	64.1	61.9	85.3	79.6	70.8
Total number	'000	55.0	41.8	26.8	12.5	12.9	6.4	3.3	5.5	164.3
1998-99 ^b										
Housing/accommodation	%	84.2	59.9	77.5	86.7	70.3	75.0	85.2	77.1	75.2
Financial assistance/ employment assistance	%	26.3	38.1	30.8	28.8	33.7	30.8	43.7	49.9	32.2
Counselling	%	25.4	47.0	41.8	38.7	45.2	49.7	51.2	52.7	38.5
General support/advocacy	%	63.0	80.5	69.5	53.0	81.6	70.0	80.4	78.1	70.4
Specialist services	%	18.7	19.7	21.3	34.3	24.9	14.9	29.0	49.2	22.1
Other	%	86.4	43.7	71.9	75.5	62.7	65.4	82.3	78.6	69.0
Total number	'000	55.4	44.2	25.8	12.4	11.1	5.6	3.0	5.6	163.2
1999-2000 ^b										
Housing/accommodation	%	82.2	55.2	77.0	81.2	70.5	69.7	87.2	82.6	72.8
Financial assistance/ employment assistance	%	24.9	37.7	31.7	31.4	33.3	34.7	45.8	37.3	31.8
Counselling	%	26.7	47.6	38.4	45.7	47.5	52.0	52.2	41.4	39.2
General support/advocacy	%	65.0	79.9	63.8	58.7	76.4	67.1	82.7	68.4	69.6
Specialist services	%	19.3	19.6	22.4	33.9	23.5	11.7	29.9	33.2	21.8
Other	%	83.6	42.5	67.1	72.7	61.4	56.4	85.4	80.4	66.2
Total number	'000	51.2	42.7	26.1	13.1	10.9	5.8	3.2	4.7	157.6

^a A client may require more than one type of service within the broad type of assistance so percentages do not total to 100.

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

^c Data for Victoria does not include the 2600 Transitional Housing Managed (THM) properties, the majority of which are the main source of transitional housing assistance to SAAP clients in Victoria.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections*.

SAAP**Table 15A.150 SAAP agencies, primary target group**

<i>Primary target group</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Proportion of SAAP agencies targeting client group</i>		
		<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000^a</i>
Young people	%	38.9	38.6	38.4
Single men only	%	8.4	8.0	8.6
Single women only	%	3.6	3.6	3.8
Families	%	7.7	8.2	8.5
Women escaping domestic violence	%	21.1	21.9	22.4
Cross target/multiple/general	%	20.3	19.7	18.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	1 215	1 207	1 200

^a Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections.

SAAPTable 15A.151 **SAAP agencies, service delivery model**

<i>Service delivery model</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Proportion of SAAP agencies with service delivery model</i>		
		<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000^a</i>
Crisis/short term accommodation	%	33.8	33.1	33.6
Medium/long term accommodation	%	40.4	40.2	39.5
Day support	%	2.3	2.2	1.9
Outreach support	%	4.6	5.2	5.4
Telephone information/referral	%	1.5	1.3	1.4
Agency support	%	2.1	1.7	1.3
Multiple	%	11.2	12.3	12.8
Other	%	4.0	4.0	4.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	No.	1 215	1 207	1 200

^a Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections.

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Table 15A.152 Recurrent SAAP program funding^a

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
1997-98										
Level of funding										
Commonwealth allocation	'000	43.0	28.4	18.2	10.3	12.7	5.6	3.7	2.9	124.8
State/Territory allocation	'000	38.5	20.9	13.4	7.8	8.6	4.3	3.4	2.0	98.9
Total	'000	81.6	49.3	31.7	18.0	21.3	9.8	7.1	5.0	223.7
Proportion of total funding										
Commonwealth allocation	%	52.7	57.5	57.6	56.9	59.7	56.6	51.8	59.3	55.8
State/Territory allocation	%	47.3	42.5	42.4	43.1	40.3	43.4	48.2	40.7	44.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1998-99										
Level of funding										
Commonwealth allocation	'000	44.2	29.1	18.9	10.7	13.3	5.9	3.7	3.3	129.1
State/Territory allocation	'000	39.4	21.4	13.7	7.9	8.7	4.4	3.5	2.1	101.1
Total	'000	83.6	50.5	32.6	18.6	22.0	10.3	7.2	5.4	230.2
Proportion of total funding										
Commonwealth allocation	%	52.9	57.6	58.0	57.5	60.5	57.3	51.4	61.1	56.1
State/Territory allocation	%	47.1	42.4	42.0	42.5	39.5	42.7	48.6	38.9	43.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1999-2000 ^b										
Level of funding										
Commonwealth allocation	'000	44.9	29.6	22.9	13.6	13.5	6.0	3.8	3.8	138.0
State/Territory allocation	'000	40.0	21.7	16.5	10.1	8.9	4.4	3.5	2.4	107.5
Total	'000	84.9	51.2	39.4	23.7	22.4	10.4	7.3	6.1	245.5
Proportion of total funding										
Commonwealth allocation	%	52.9	57.7	58.2	57.2	60.4	57.3	51.8	61.4	56.2
State/Territory allocation	%	47.1	42.3	41.8	42.8	39.6	42.7	48.2	38.6	43.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

^a Includes State and Territory level allocations for program administration.

^b Preliminary data.

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

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Table 15A.153 Recurrent SAAP program funding, 1995-96 to 1999-2000^a

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Nominal funding										
1995-96	\$m	73.6	46.1	29.8	17.3	20.5	6.8	6.7	4.8	205.5
1996-97	\$m	80.1	48.4	31.1	17.7	20.9	9.7	6.9	4.9	219.7
1997-98	\$m	81.6	49.3	31.7	18.0	21.3	9.8	7.1	5.0	223.7
1998-99	\$m	83.6	50.5	32.6	18.6	22.0	10.3	7.2	5.4	230.2
1999-2000	\$m	84.9	51.2	39.4	23.7	22.4	10.4	7.3	6.1	245.5
Real funding (1999-2000 dollars) ^b										
1995-96	\$m	76.7	48.1	31.1	18.0	21.4	7.1	7.0	5.0	214.3
1996-97	\$m	82.5	49.8	32.0	18.2	21.5	10.0	7.1	5.0	226.3
1997-98	\$m	83.1	50.2	32.3	18.3	21.7	10.0	7.2	5.1	227.8
1998-99	\$m	85.0	51.3	33.1	18.9	22.4	10.5	7.3	5.5	233.9
1999-2000	\$m	84.9	51.2	39.4	23.7	22.4	10.4	7.3	6.1	245.5

^a Total SAAP recurrent allocations (including State/Territory level allocations for program administration) were included in the analysis.

^b Real recurrent funded calculated using ABS GDP Expenditure Implicit Price Deflators 1999-2000 = 100.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections, ABS National Incomes, Expenditure and Product, Australian National Accounts, Cat. No. 5206.0 and table 15A.152.

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Table 15A.154 **Recurrent SAAP program funding per person in the total population, 1995-96 to 1999-2000 (1999-2000 dollars)^{a, b}**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
1995-96	\$	12.37	10.54	9.31	10.22	14.50	14.95	22.66	27.52	11.70
1996-97	\$	13.15	10.82	9.43	10.14	14.55	21.10	23.07	27.00	12.21
1997-98	\$	13.12	10.79	9.35	10.02	14.59	21.16	23.47	26.81	12.16
1998-99	\$	13.25	10.89	9.43	10.16	14.97	22.26	23.59	28.45	12.33
1999-2000	\$	13.10	10.78	11.02	12.54	14.95	22.08	23.55	31.04	12.80

^a Total SAAP recurrent allocations (including State/Territory level allocations for program administration) were included in the analysis.

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

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections*, ABS *National Incomes, Expenditure and Product, Australian National Accounts*, Cat. No. 5206.0.

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Table 15A.155 Change in client's income source after SAAP support^a

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
1997-98										
From no income to some income	%	5.2	5.9	5.1	3.6	5.2	3.2	4.7	4.1	5.0
Obtained own benefit/extra benefit/wages	%	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.0	1.0	2.1	3.2	2.3
No substantive change	%	82.4	84.9	82.1	88.7	85.2	92.4	83.9	83.6	84.5
No income before or after support	%	9.4	4.7	9.2	4.3	6.5	2.9	8.2	8.3	6.9
From wage to govt payments/ some income to no income	%	0.8	2.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.5	1.0	0.9	1.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	23 500	24 500	15 200	9 000	6 900	4 600	2 500	3 600	89 800
1998-99 ^b										
From no income to some income	%	3.6	3.4	3.3	2.3	2.9	2.6	3.7	2.9	3.2
Obtained own benefit/extra benefit/wages	%	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.4	2.1	0.8	1.5	2.2	1.7
No substantive change	%	85.3	88.2	85.2	91.9	88.7	92.0	84.7	85.1	87.3
No income before or after support	%	8.9	5.1	8.9	3.3	5.4	4.1	9.7	9.0	6.8
From wage to govt payments/ some income to no income	%	0.6	1.5	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.9	1.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	23 300	25 400	14 500	8 700	5 700	4 100	2 100	4 100	87 900
1999-2000 ^{b,c}										
From no income to some income	%	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.3	2.7	2.2	1.9	2.6	2.6
Obtained own benefit/extra benefit/wages	%	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.6	2.2	0.6	1.2	2.9	1.8
No substantive change	%	86.7	89.0	85.8	90.9	89.9	93.6	87.0	87.8	88.3
No income before or after support	%	7.9	5.0	8.6	3.9	4.0	3.3	9.2	5.3	6.2
From wage to govt payments/ some income to no income	%	0.8	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.4	0.7	1.5	1.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	21 700	25 000	13 100	9 100	5 300	4 200	2 300	3 400	84 000

^a Excludes high volume records because income source after support was not collected.

^b Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

^c Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections.

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Table 15A.156 Change in clients' type of housing after SAAP support^{a, b}

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
1997-98										
Independent housing										
Private rental	%	38.8	47.1	49.8	41.7	38.2	51.4	23.3	29.9	43.2
Owner-occupied	%	3.2	4.7	2.4	4.9	4.0	2.1	2.4	0.9	3.6
Public housing	%	14.4	11.7	12.3	21.3	21.6	17.0	20.9	31.3	15.4
Other ^c	%	15.1	11.6	14.0	8.4	13.7	10.1	17.0	17.2	13.0
Non-independent housing										
SAAP crisis/short term	%	10.6	12.0	7.6	5.0	6.6	6.8	11.5	4.5	9.3
SAAP medium/short term	%	5.9	4.7	3.2	2.9	3.4	3.6	5.1	1.8	4.3
Other ^d	%	12.2	8.2	10.7	15.9	12.5	9.0	19.8	14.4	11.3
Total	%	28.7	25.0	21.6	23.8	22.5	19.4	36.4	20.7	24.9
Total number	no.	18 300	23 000	12 200	7 300	5 800	3 800	1 900	2 900	75 400
1998-99										
Independent housing										
Private rental	%	41.1	43.7	49.3	38.4	39.4	52.4	19.3	26.8	42.3
Owner-occupied	%	2.3	4.1	3.4	4.0	3.4	2.2	3.0	1.4	3.3
Public housing	%	12.9	14.2	12.2	22.4	21.8	16.2	16.4	24.6	15.4
Other ^c	%	14.4	11.6	15.3	8.7	13.6	9.4	21.3	25.6	13.5
Non-independent housing										
SAAP crisis/short term	%	11.4	12.6	6.9	5.3	7.1	5.6	10.8	5.2	9.6
SAAP medium/short term	%	5.1	4.7	2.5	2.4	4.0	3.0	8.9	2.8	4.1
Other ^d	%	12.9	9.2	10.4	18.7	10.7	11.2	20.2	13.7	11.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	17 500	23 300	11 700	7 100	4 600	3 300	1 600	3 200	72 300
1999-2000										
Independent housing										
Private rental	%	38.8	41.6	48.1	38.0	39.3	52.1	15.1	30.0	40.8
Owner-occupied	%	2.6	4.4	2.8	5.5	4.8	2.4	2.9	1.3	3.7
Public housing	%	11.7	16.2	10.3	19.3	24.2	14.9	20.7	23.3	15.5
Other ^c	%	14.6	12.0	16.7	9.3	11.8	12.7	18.2	20.5	13.5
Non-independent housing										
SAAP crisis/short term	%	12.4	13.4	8.6	6.1	5.9	5.9	14.3	4.7	10.5
SAAP medium/short term	%	6.1	4.6	2.7	2.7	3.7	2.6	7.7	2.1	4.3
Other ^d	%	13.8	7.7	10.9	19.0	10.3	9.5	21.1	18.1	11.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	16 500	23 200	10 300	7 600	4 600	3 300	1 700	2 600	69 800

^a Excluded high volume records because not all items were included in high volume forms.

^b Preliminary data.

^c 'Other' independent housing may include living rent free in a house or flat.

^d 'Other' non-independent housing may include SAAP funded accommodation at hostels, hotels or community placements; non-SAAP emergency accommodation; a car, tent or squat; or an institutional setting.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections.

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Table 15A.157 Labour force status of clients before SAAP support^a

<i>Labour force status</i>	<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>
1997-98										
Employed full time	%	3.1	3.5	3.8	4.1	2.5	2.0	5.1	7.1	3.5
Employed part time	%	2.4	3.1	3.2	3.8	2.8	1.9	2.3	4.4	3.0
Employed on casual basis	%	2.8	3.4	3.3	2.7	3.0	2.5	3.6	4.7	3.1
Unemployed	%	36.9	34.0	38.7	34.9	34.4	44.0	40.5	42.0	36.7
Not in labour force	%	54.8	56.0	51.1	54.5	57.2	49.5	48.5	41.8	53.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	29 700	31 500	18 700	11 700	9 100	5 900	3 200	4 200	113 900
1998-99 ^b										
Employed full time	%	2.7	2.7	3.9	4.1	2.2	1.7	3.4	6.3	3.1
Employed part time	%	2.2	2.9	2.8	4.1	3.3	2.0	3.4	4.2	2.8
Employed on casual basis	%	2.5	3.2	3.2	2.5	3.8	1.7	4.8	3.6	3.0
Unemployed	%	37.2	33.8	36.3	33.9	33.4	40.3	41.9	42.7	35.9
Not in labour force	%	55.4	57.5	53.8	55.4	57.4	54.3	46.5	43.2	55.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	29 600	35 300	18 700	10 800	7 700	5 300	3 000	4 600	114 800
1999-2000 ^{b, c}										
Employed full time	%	3.3	2.8	2.7	4.3	2.5	1.6	3.4	4.6	3.1
Employed part time	%	2.2	3.1	2.4	3.7	2.7	1.7	2.8	2.9	2.7
Employed on casual basis	%	3.1	3.6	3.3	2.9	3.6	2.2	4.1	4.4	3.3
Unemployed	%	35.6	31.9	34.9	34.0	29.3	32.5	38.6	44.4	34.0
Not in labour force	%	55.9	58.5	56.7	55.1	62.0	62.1	51.2	43.7	56.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	28 600	34 700	17 800	11 700	7 700	5 400	2 900	4 000	112 800

^a Excludes high volume records because not all items were included on high volume forms.

^b Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

^c Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections.

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Table 15A.158 Change in labour force status of clients after SAAP support^{a, b}

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
1997-98										
Employed										
Full time	%	3.1	2.9	2.3	3.6	2.2	0.8	1.6	4.6	2.8
Part time	%	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.3	1.8	1.3	0.9	1.0	1.6
Casual	%	2.3	2.7	2.7	2.1	2.1	1.4	2.3	2.8	2.4
Sub-total	%	7.0	7.4	6.8	7.0	6.1	3.6	4.8	8.4	6.8
Unemployed										
Studying	%	4.6	4.0	3.6	4.0	4.1	3.1	2.8	4.0	4.0
Not studying	%	85.4	84.7	87.2	84.9	85.6	91.9	87.8	85.6	86.0
Sub-total	%	90.0	88.7	90.8	88.9	89.7	94.9	90.6	89.6	90.0
Not in labour force										
Studying	%	1.0	1.1	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.5	0.9
Not studying	%	2.0	2.8	1.7	3.3	3.3	0.8	3.5	1.5	2.3
Sub-total	%	3.0	3.9	2.4	4.1	4.2	1.5	4.6	1.9	3.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	7 900	7 800	5 400	2 700	2 200	1 900	1 000	1 400	30 300
1998-99 ^c										
Employed										
Full time	%	2.5	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.8	0.8	1.5	2.4	2.0
Part time	%	1.3	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.4	0.4	0.9	1.4
Casual	%	2.0	3.0	2.6	2.3	3.0	1.4	4.5	2.9	2.6
Sub-total	%	5.8	6.5	6.4	6.0	6.6	2.6	6.4	6.2	6.0
Unemployed										
Studying	%	3.9	3.9	2.5	3.0	4.5	2.8	4.7	3.1	3.5
Not studying	%	86.7	84.6	87.4	82.9	82.9	90.2	82.1	88.0	85.8
Sub-total	%	90.6	88.5	89.9	85.9	87.3	93.0	86.8	91.1	89.3
Not in labour force										
Studying	%	0.9	1.5	0.9	1.1	1.4	0.8	1.7	0.3	1.1
Not studying	%	2.7	3.6	2.9	7.0	4.8	3.6	5.1	2.4	3.6
Sub-total	%	3.6	5.0	3.8	8.1	6.1	4.4	6.8	2.7	4.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	8 200	8 100	5 100	2 600	1 800	1 500	800	1 700	29 800
1999-2000 ^{c, d}										
Employed										
Full time	%	3.6	2.2	2.8	2.5	2.9	0.3	1.5	4.2	2.7
Part time	%	1.6	1.9	2.3	0.9	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.7	1.6
Casual	%	2.7	2.8	2.4	2.4	3.2	1.4	2.0	3.4	2.6
Sub-total	%	7.8	6.9	7.4	5.8	7.3	3.0	4.4	8.3	6.9
Unemployed										
Studying	%	4.5	4.5	2.9	3.0	3.5	5.3	5.3	4.2	4.1
Not studying	%	79.5	82.9	78.1	80.2	77.1	83.2	84.2	85.2	80.7
Sub-total	%	84.0	87.4	80.9	83.3	80.6	88.5	89.4	89.3	84.8
Not in labour force										
Studying	%	1.6	1.3	2.2	1.7	2.6	1.3	1.8	0.7	1.6
Not studying	%	6.7	4.4	9.4	9.2	9.5	7.2	4.3	1.7	6.7
Sub-total	%	8.3	5.7	11.6	10.9	12.1	8.5	6.1	2.4	8.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	7 500	7 700	4 800	3 000	1 600	1 400	900	1 500	28 300

^a Data are for people who were unemployed when entering SAAP services.

^b Excludes high volume records because not all items were included on high volume forms.

^c Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

^d Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections.

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Table 15A.159 SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total number of support periods										
1997-98										
1	%	60.1	69.0	65.3	64.8	65.9	67.9	66.3	63.5	64.9
2	%	22.0	20.0	22.2	22.4	20.4	21.6	19.1	20.3	21.2
3	%	7.6	5.9	6.8	6.9	6.8	5.7	8.1	7.9	6.8
4	%	3.7	2.4	2.8	3.0	3.3	2.2	2.6	3.1	3.0
5	%	1.8	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.4	0.9	1.1	2.2	1.4
6+	%	4.6	1.6	1.7	1.5	2.2	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	27 700	27 000	15 500	7 800	7 900	3 600	1 900	2 800	94 100
1998-99 ^a										
1	%	75.8	80.4	83.3	79.4	80.5	81.4	80.5	75.1	79.3
2	%	12.2	12.4	11.2	13.3	13.0	10.8	13.7	13.2	12.3
3	%	4.6	3.9	3.1	4.3	3.9	4.1	3.1	5.7	4.1
4	%	2.4	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.4	2.2	1.7
5	%	1.4	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.3	0.9
6+	%	3.6	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.5	2.4	1.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	27 300	29 100	15 300	7 900	7 500	3 500	2 100	3 300	96 000
1999-2000 ^{a, b}										
1	%	74.0	77.5	76.4	76.4	77.0	75.4	72.2	76.0	76.0
2	%	12.7	13.5	13.4	14.1	13.7	13.8	14.4	12.4	13.4
3	%	5.3	4.7	4.8	5.5	4.8	4.6	6.5	5.5	5.0
4	%	2.6	1.9	2.3	1.9	2.3	2.6	2.7	3.1	2.3
5	%	1.5	0.9	1.3	1.0	0.9	1.3	1.6	1.2	1.2
6+	%	3.9	1.4	1.8	1.2	1.3	2.3	2.6	1.8	2.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	24 400	27 400	15 000	8 100	7 000	3 300	1 900	2 800	90 000
Proportion of SAAP clients who return to SAAP within 12 months that is, clients having two or more support periods in 12 months										
1997-98	%	23.9	17.2	17.5	20.2	19.6	17.7	19.5	23.1	19.9
1998-99 ^a	%	24.2	19.6	16.7	20.6	19.5	18.6	19.5	24.9	20.7
1999-2000 ^{a, b}	%	26.0	22.5	23.6	23.6	23.0	24.6	27.8	24.0	24.0

^a Client figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

^b Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections.

Table 15A.160 Indicative estimates of clients exiting to independent housing and not returning within six months^a

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total clients ^{a, b, c, d, e}										
1997-98	no.	27 659	26 973	15 428	7 802	7 868	3 591	1 916	2 794	94 095
1998-99 ^f	no.	26 021	27 864	14 375	7 507	6 857	3 258	1 778	3 021	90 712
1999-2000 ^{f, g}	no.	24 512	27 327	15 026	8 158	6 955	3 340	1 888	2 810	90 162
Clients who provide information on accommodation on exit from support ^{h, i, j, k}										
1997-98	no.	9 389	11 795	5 201	3 569	2 967	1 487	1 169	1 007	36 584
1998-99 ^f	no.	9 931	14 303	6 055	4 149	3 318	1 728	1 065	1 607	42 156
1999-2000 ^{f, g}	no.	9 200	14 400	5 500	4 400	2 800	1 700	1 100	1 500	40 700
As a proportion of total clients										
1997-98	%	33.9	43.7	33.7	45.7	37.7	41.4	61.0	36.0	38.9
1998-99	%	38.2	51.3	42.1	55.3	48.4	53.0	59.9	53.2	46.5
1999-00	%	37.5	52.7	36.6	53.9	40.3	50.9	58.3	53.4	45.1
Clients recorded as exiting to independent accommodation and not returning within six months ^{c, d, e, l, m, n, o}										
1997-98	no.	3 397	5 015	2 007	1 334	1 080	618	442	377	14 270
1998-99 ^f	no.	4 429	6 566	2 823	1 956	1 611	811	391	760	19 347
1999-2000 ^{f, g}	no.	3 768	6 308	2 576	1 703	1 243	851	355	759	17 563
Indicative estimates of clients exiting to independent housing and not returning within six months										
1997-98	%	36.2	42.5	38.6	37.4	36.4	41.6	37.8	37.4	39.0
1998-99	%	44.6	45.9	46.6	47.1	48.6	46.9	36.7	47.3	45.9
1999-00	%	41.0	43.8	46.8	38.7	44.4	50.1	32.3	50.6	43.2

^a All participating SAAP agencies are included in the analysis.

^b Ongoing clients are included in the analysis.

^c Only agency level recurrent allocations are included in the analysis.

^d There is a small number of participating SAAP agencies that did not receive recurrent funding. These agencies are included in the analysis.

^e There is a small number of SAAP agencies that received recurrent funding but did not send in any client forms. These agencies are included in the analysis.

^f Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

^g Preliminary data.

- ^h Excludes high volume records as not all items are included on high volume forms.
- ⁱ 1997-98 data refers to clients whose support period ends on or after 1 January 1997 and before 1 January 1998. 1998-99 data refers to clients whose support period ends on or after 1 January 1998 and before 1 January 1999. 1999-2000 data refers to clients whose support period ends on or after 1 January 1999 and before 1 January 2000.
- ^j Caution should be applied when interpreting these figures. Consent and valid alpha codes are required for each support period for the clients; after support information is not commonly completed; and particular client groups (for example, women escaping domestic violence) may be under represented in this calculation because of a higher incidence of non-consent.
- ^k A client may receive two or more periods of support in the year. To minimise double counting of individual clients, only one record per client which has exit information has been included in the analysis.
- ^l Care needs to be taken when interpreting these figures. The number of clients that can be identified as leaving to independent housing and not returning within six months is unreliable for a number of reasons:
- consent and valid alpha codes are required for each support period for the clients;
 - a client may give consent in one support period and not give consent or an alpha code in the next and therefore is not identified as returning to a SAAP agency within six months;
 - type of housing/accommodation after support is not collected on high volume forms (excluding 33 410 support periods);
 - after support information is not commonly completed; and
 - particular client groups (for example, women escaping domestic violence) may be under represented in this calculation through a higher incidence of non-consent.
- ^m The 'not returning within six months' requirement excludes all clients whose support period ends on or after 1 January 1999. Reference has been made to 1998-99 client data to enable a calculation of these figures representing a full year. Clients whose support period begins on or after 1 January 1999 have been included in the analysis with no exclusions for support periods prior to this date.
- ⁿ For 1998-99 and 1999-2000, 'exiting to independent housing' includes 'not returning to SAAP within six months'. This data is not directly comparable to 1996-97 figures, which exclude 'not returning to SAAP within six months'.
- ^o SAAP agencies that had no completed support periods leaving to independent housing are included in the analysis.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections.

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Table 15A.161 Support periods, by existence of a support plan^a

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
1997-98										
Support plan	%	56.9	61.8	50.7	56.7	54.9	46.5	64.4	50.4	56.6
No support plan	%	17.5	13.3	17.7	18.3	21.9	22.2	9.0	20.0	16.8
Support plan not appropriate	%	25.6	24.9	31.6	25.1	23.1	31.3	26.6	29.6	26.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	28 700	31 400	18 000	11 100	8 800	5 500	3 200	4 400	111 100
1998-99 ^b										
Support plan	%	57.0	68.5	53.0	50.4	67.9	57.8	63.4	68.0	60.6
No support plan	%	15.2	8.2	17.9	22.4	12.5	17.0	10.9	10.7	13.9
Support plan not appropriate	%	27.7	23.3	29.0	27.2	19.6	25.1	25.8	21.3	25.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	28 800	34 000	18 100	11 100	7 400	5 000	2 800	4 700	111 900
1999-2000 ^{b, c}										
Support plan	%	58.8	70.1	54.8	58.1	73.2	57.5	62.4	64.1	62.7
No support plan	%	16.6	6.4	22.8	14.9	11.6	21.2	9.7	12.8	13.9
Support plan not appropriate	%	24.6	23.5	22.4	27.0	15.2	21.3	27.9	23.1	23.4
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	27 700	33 300	17 900	11 100	7 100	5 000	2 800	3 900	108 900

^a Excludes high volume records because not all items were included on high volume forms.

^b Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

^c Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections.

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Table 15A.162 **Potential clients unable to be supported, main reason for support not provided^{a, b}**

<i>Main reason support not provided</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Proportion of potential clients</i>		
		<i>13–26 Nov 1997</i>	<i>12–25 Nov 1998</i>	<i>11–24 Nov 1999^c</i>
Insufficient staff	%	5.2	4.1	6.4
No accommodation available	%	80.1	81.3	82.0
Facilities for disability needs not available	%	0.8	0.7	0.6
Facilities for cultural needs not available	%	0.1	0.4	0.3
Facilities for other special needs not available	%	2.2	1.8	2.0
Age of male child	%	0.4	0.1	0.1
Other	%	11.3	11.6	8.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	3 161	2 834	3 360

^a A two-week 'unmet demand collection' is conducted annually to gather information about homeless people who were not accepted as clients of SAAP agencies. In 1997-98, the collection was held between 13–26 November 1997 and, over the fortnight, agencies recorded 7240 unmet requests. In 1999-2000, the collection was held between 11–24 November 1999 and, over the fortnight, agencies recorded 7394 unmet requests. The calculation of the number of unmet requests for assistance has changed this year. In this table, unmet requests exclude those where the person refused an offer of assistance; those where a similar request was made at a SAAP funded agency within the collection period (to limit double counting); and those where the reason their request was not met was either that the referral was inappropriate (wrong target group) or that the service requested was not provided by the agency.

^b Data on unmet requests need to be interpreted with care for several reasons. First, a person can make requests on more than one occasion and to more than one SAAP agency. While double counting has been limited through the exclusion of those requests where the person had made a similar request to a SAAP agency within the collection period, this information may not have been available to record. Thus, the figure 82 186 does not represent actual people. Second, a number of people may receive the ongoing support or accommodation from a SAAP agency at a later time, quite possibly soon after their initial request. As a result, this estimate may overstate the actual level of unmet demand. Third, a number of potential clients have their needs met by other means and do not return to a SAAP agency. And finally, there are shortfalls in pro-rating from a two-week collection period to the full year. Many factors influence the capacity of individual SAAP agencies to meet day-to-day demand for their services: it is not possible to identify a two-week period which is 'typical' for all SAAP agencies.

^c Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections*.

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Table 15A.163 SAAP support periods as a proportion of estimated total SAAP service requests^{a, b, c, d}

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total active support periods										
12–25 November 1998	no.	5 600	7 800	3 100	1 600	2 100	800	600	500	22 000
11–24 November 1999 ^e	no.	5 800	7 700	3 700	2 100	2 100	800	500	500	23 300
Potential clients unable to be supported										
12–25 November 1998	no.	950	760	580	260	210	80	90	60	3 010
11–24 November 1999 ^e	no.	920	950	710	280	290	70	90	70	3360
Total estimated demand										
12–25 November 1998	no.	6 550	8 560	3 680	1 860	2 310	880	690	560	25 010
11–24 November 1999 ^e	no.	6 700	8 600	4 400	2 400	2 400	900	600	500	26 700
Active support periods as a proportion of total estimated demand										
12–25 November 1998	%	85.5	91.1	84.2	86.0	90.9	90.9	87.0	89.3	88.0
11–24 November 1999 ^e	%	86.6	89.5	84.1	87.5	87.5	88.9	83.3	100.0	87.3

^a Data should be interpreted with extreme caution.

^b Data for unmet demand are estimates only based on information collected in the two-week period each year (13–26 November 1997, 12–25 November 1998 and 11–24 November 1999).

^c Unmet requests excludes those where the person refused an offer of assistance; those where a similar request was made at a SAAP funded agency within the collection period (to limit double counting); and those where the reason their request was not met was either inappropriate referral (wrong target group) or where the service requested was not provided by the agency

^d Data on unmet demand should be interpreted with caution for several reasons. First, a person can make a request on more than one occasion and to more than one SAAP agency. While double counting has been limited through the exclusion of those requests where the person had made a similar request to a SAAP agency within the collection period, this information may not have been available to record. Therefore, the total numbers do not represent actual people. Second, a number of people may receive the ongoing support or accommodation from a SAAP agency at a later time, quite possibly soon after their initial request. As a result, this estimate may overstate the actual level of unmet demand. Third, a number of potential clients have their needs met by other means and do not return to a SAAP agency. Many factors influence the capacity of individual SAAP agencies to meet day-to-day demand for their services: it is not possible to identify a two-week period which is 'typical' for all SAAP agencies.

^e Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections*.

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Table 15A.164 **Indigenous people among SAAP clients and among people unable to be provided with a SAAP service, (per cent)^{a, b}**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Representation among SAAP clients									
1997-98	13.6	3.9	13.5	30.8	12.5	7.9	7.6	42.4	12.7
1998-99	13.5	4.4	14.2	30.6	13.2	8.8	8.2	47.2	13.0
1999-2000 ^c	15.0	4.5	15.9	31.5	12.4	8.7	9.2	44.8	13.8
Representation among people unable to be provided with a SAAP service									
1997-98	11.4	3.5	16.1	31.0	14.7	6.6	20.0	50.0	12.7
1998-99	15.7	2.0	14.7	17.6	9.0	7.8	7.5	36.8	11.7
1999-2000 ^c	12.4	4.0	15.4	26.3	15.4	3.1	8.1	38.8	12.0

^a Unmet requests exclude those where the person refused an offer of assistance; those where a similar request was made at a SAAP funded agency within the collection period (to limit double counting); and those where the reason their request was not met was either that the referral was inappropriate (wrong target group) or that the service requested was not provided by the agency.

^b Data on unmet requests should be interpreted with caution for several reasons. First, a person can make request on more than one occasion and to more than one SAAP agency. While double counting has been limited through the exclusion of those requests where the person had made a similar request to a SAAP agency within the collection period, this information may not have been available to record. Therefore, the total numbers do not represent actual people. Second, a number of people may receive the ongoing support or accommodation from a SAAP agency at a later time, quite possibly soon after their initial request. As a result, this estimate may overstate the actual level of unmet demand. Third, a number of potential clients have their needs met by other means and do not return to a SAAP agency. And finally, there are shortfalls in pro-rating from a two-week collection period to the full year. It was not possible to identify a two-week period which is 'typical' for all SAAP agencies.

^c Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections*.

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Table 15A.165 Representation of people from non-English speaking backgrounds among SAAP clients and among people unable to be provided with a SAAP service, (per cent)^{a, b}

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Representation among SAAP clients									
1997-98	10.4	12.6	5.8	13.3	7.8	2.3	11.5	4.6	9.8
1998-99	10.9	14.9	6.8	10.9	7.8	2.4	12.6	3.8	10.7
1999-2000 ^c	11.2	15.7	6.4	12.2	9.4	2.5	12.1	5.0	11.2
Representation among people unable to be provided with a SAAP service									
1997-98	9.8	7.9	3.3	9.2	2.2	3.3	2.5	4.2	6.9
1998-99	9.1	11.2	2.9	9.0	6.5	2.0	12.5	7.0	8.3
1999-2000 ^c	5.2	9.2	2.3	7.8	3.7	3.1	13.5	10.2	6.2

^a Unmet requests exclude those where the person refused an offer of assistance; those where a similar request was made at a SAAP funded agency within the collection period (to limit double counting); and those where the reason their request was not met was either that the referral was inappropriate (wrong target group) or that the service requested was not provided by the agency.

^b Data on unmet requests should be interpreted with caution for several reasons. First, a person can make request on more than one occasion and to more than one SAAP agency. While double counting has been limited through the exclusion of those requests where the person had made a similar request to a SAAP agency within the collection period, this information may not have been available to record. Therefore, the total numbers do not represent actual people. Second, a number of people may receive the ongoing support or accommodation from a SAAP agency at a later time, quite possibly soon after their initial request. As a result, this estimate may overstate the actual level of unmet demand. Third, a number of potential clients have their needs met by other means and do not return to a SAAP agency. And finally, there are shortfalls in pro-rating from a two-week collection period to the full year. It was not possible to identify a two-week period which is 'typical' for all SAAP agencies.

^c Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections.

SAAP

Table 15A.166 Support needs of SAAP clients, met and unmet

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
1997-98										
Provided only	%	81.4	66.5	82.2	80.3	72.8	76.2	72.6	78.4	76.4
Referred only	%	5.8	11.7	6.3	5.8	8.4	8.1	7.5	10.4	7.9
Provided & referred	%	6.3	11.6	5.5	6.2	11.6	6.1	11.3	5.6	8.1
Unmet	%	6.4	10.1	6.0	7.7	7.2	9.6	8.6	5.6	7.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	340.5	269.4	174.3	87.4	87.5	38.9	30.2	43.3	1 071.4
1998-99 ^a										
Provided only	%	80.9	66.2	83.7	84.0	76.1	76.7	73.4	83.3	77.1
Referred only	%	5.3	12.2	5.3	3.8	7.6	7.1	6.3	7.5	7.4
Provided & referred	%	6.2	11.1	5.6	6.7	10.0	6.8	11.6	4.7	7.8
Unmet	%	7.6	10.5	5.4	5.5	6.3	9.5	8.7	4.5	7.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	349.6	287.2	169.9	78.0	77.0	37.8	25.8	46.3	1 071.5
1999-2000 ^{a, b}										
Provided only	%	82.1	65.1	85.7	83.9	76.5	77.1	76.5	82.6	77.4
Referred only	%	4.4	11.7	3.8	3.5	6.2	6.8	5.1	6.8	6.6
Provided & referred	%	6.2	10.1	4.9	6.1	9.9	8.7	10.7	4.3	7.5
Unmet	%	7.3	13.2	5.6	6.5	7.4	7.4	7.6	6.3	8.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	311.0	273.4	158.0	83.4	74.4	34.0	27.0	33.9	995.0

^a Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.

^b Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections.

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Table 15A.167 Support needs of indigenous clients, met and unmet

	<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>
1997-98										
Provided only	%	80.9	66.0	80.5	82.4	74.1	73.9	73.0	81.4	79.1
Referred only	%	6.8	12.4	6.2	4.6	8.0	6.4	8.1	8.0	7.1
Provided & referred	%	5.2	11.1	6.4	5.3	11.1	6.5	12.8	6.0	6.6
Unmet	%	7.1	10.5	6.8	7.7	6.9	13.2	6.1	4.6	7.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	44.7	12.5	21.7	27.3	10.7	3.3	2.6	21.3	144.1
1998-99 ^a										
Provided only	%	80.5	69.7	82.9	83.9	75.7	74.1	71.8	83.8	80.4
Referred only	%	5.1	12.3	6.1	3.3	7.1	7.3	6.7	7.0	6.1
Provided & referred	%	4.8	9.4	5.6	6.5	8.5	6.3	13.0	4.8	6.0
Unmet	%	9.6	8.6	5.4	6.3	8.6	12.2	8.4	4.5	7.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	47.2	13.0	22.7	23.9	9.6	4.0	2.3	24.9	147.6
1999-2000 ^{a, b}										
Provided only	%	82.7	67.4	85.5	84.2	76.4	77.9	75.8	83.9	81.6
Referred only	%	4.2	11.8	3.2	2.8	5.7	5.8	5.0	6.3	4.9
Provided & referred	%	5.1	10.4	4.4	6.5	8.8	7.7	9.9	4.4	6.0
Unmet	%	8.1	10.4	7.0	6.4	9.1	8.7	9.3	5.3	7.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	46.7	12.7	24.1	26.4	8.7	3.1	2.8	18.1	142.7

^a Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.

^b Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections.

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Table 15A.168 **Support needs of clients from non-English speaking backgrounds, met and unmet**

	<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>
1997-98										
Provided only	%	78.2	66.7	77.5	75.4	71.6	75.0	68.0	77.1	73.0
Referred only	%	6.4	9.9	8.6	8.6	11.0	10.4	9.9	14.1	8.7
Provided & referred	%	9.1	13.4	8.7	4.7	12.4	6.9	12.8	5.7	10.4
Unmet	%	6.3	10.0	5.2	11.4	5.1	7.7	9.4	3.2	8.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	33.3	36.4	10.6	10.3	6.9	0.8	3.4	1.8	103.5
1998-99 ^a										
Provided only	%	79.3	68.4	79.9	80.9	75.4	77.2	69.9	81.6	74.6
Referred only	%	5.4	12.2	7.3	6.6	10.3	7.0	8.2	6.3	8.8
Provided & referred	%	8.1	9.6	8.3	6.6	9.7	5.7	17.4	7.9	9.0
Unmet	%	7.2	9.8	4.5	5.9	4.6	10.1	4.6	4.2	7.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	33.6	45.0	11.7	7.9	6.5	0.9	3.1	1.5	110.0
1999-2000 ^{a, b}										
Provided only	%	79.0	64.9	83.2	78.5	73.1	77.4	72.9	80.9	73.1
Referred only	%	5.6	11.9	4.5	6.4	10.5	7.0	5.7	7.8	8.5
Provided & referred	%	9.0	9.7	8.0	4.7	10.3	6.5	14.4	5.7	9.0
Unmet	%	6.4	13.4	4.4	10.4	6.0	9.1	7.1	5.6	9.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	32.3	45.0	10.3	10.2	6.7	0.8	3.2	1.5	109.9

^a Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.

^b Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections.

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Table 15A.169 Recurrent cost per day of support for homeless clients^{a, b, c, d, e, f, g}

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Recurrent allocation										
1997-98	\$m	80.3	47.0	30.0	18.0	20.3	9.3	6.8	4.9	216.6
1998-99 ^h	\$m	79.6	47.9	31.6	21.7	21.9	9.5	6.8	5.0	224.0
1999-2000 ^{h, i}	\$m	80.4	46.7	38.2	23.4	20.9	9.5	6.9	5.7	231.7
Number of support days										
1997-98	000	1 426	2 075	692	350	559	230	175	105	5 612
1998-99 ^h	000	1 376	2 182	794	331	544	215	143	111	5 696
1999-2000 ^{h, i}	000	1 428	2 351	741	472	586	228	167	92	6 064
Cost per support day										
1997-98	\$	55	22	43	50	36	40	38	46	38
1998-99 ^h	\$	57	22	39	65	40	44	47	45	39
1999-2000 ^{h, i}	\$	56	20	52	50	36	42	42	62	38

^a All participating SAAP agencies were included in the analysis.

^b The length of support excludes any dates outside the reference period. For instance, if a support period started in December 1998 and ended in September 1999, only the support dates between July and September 1999 were included.

^c Clients whose support period was ongoing on 30 June were included.

^d Only agency level recurrent allocations were included in this analysis.

^e There was a small number of SAAP agencies that received recurrent funding but did not send in any client forms. These agencies were included in the analysis.

^f There was a small number of participating SAAP agencies that did not receive recurrent funding. These agencies were included in the analysis.

^g Accompanying children in SAAP were included in the efficiency calculations.

^h Preliminary data.

ⁱ Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections.

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Table 15A.170 Recurrent cost per completed support period, 1999-2000 dollars^{a, b, c, d, e}

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Recurrent allocation										
1997-98	\$m	80.3	47.0	30.0	18.0	20.3	9.3	6.8	4.9	216.6
1998-99 ^f	\$m	79.6	47.9	31.6	21.7	21.9	9.5	6.8	5.0	224.0
1999-2000 ^{f, g}	\$m	80.4	46.7	38.2	23.4	20.9	9.5	6.9	5.7	231.7
Closed support periods										
1997-98	no.	50 800	36 400	24 500	11 200	11 300	5 700	2 900	5 200	147 900
1998-99 ^f	no.	52 000	38 400	23 900	10 800	9 600	5 100	2 600	5 400	147 700
1999-2000 ^{f, g}	no.	47 400	37 300	23 200	11 500	9 000	5 100	2 700	4 300	140 500
Cost per completed support period										
1997-98	\$	1 578	1 293	1 222	1 609	1 792	1 650	2 383	947	1 466
1998-99 ^f	\$	1 535	1 250	1 321	2 012	2 276	1 860	2 632	935	1 514
1999-2000 ^{f, g}	\$	1 700	1 250	1 640	2 040	2 320	1 860	2 560	1 310	1 650

^a All participating SAAP agencies were included in the analysis.

^b Only agency level recurrent allocations were included in the analysis.

^c There was a small number of participating SAAP agencies that did not receive recurrent funding. These agencies were included in the analysis.

^d There was a small number of SAAP agencies that received recurrent funding but did not send in any client forms. These agencies were included in the analysis.

^e Accompanying children in SAAP were included in the efficiency calculations.

^f Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.

^g Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections*.

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Table 15A.171 Recurrent cost per client accessing services, 1990-2000 dollars^{a, b, c, d, e, f, g}

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Recurrent allocation										
1997-98	\$m	81.7	47.8	30.6	18.3	20.6	9.5	7.0	5.0	220.5
1998-99 ^h	\$m	80.9	48.6	32.1	22.1	22.2	9.7	6.9	5.1	227.7
1999-2000 ^{h, i}	\$m	80.4	46.7	38.2	23.4	20.9	9.5	6.9	5.7	231.7
Reported number of clients										
1997-98	no.	27 700	27 000	15 500	7 800	7 900	3 600	1 900	2 800	94 100
1998-99 ^h	no.	26 000	27 900	14 400	7 500	6 900	3 300	1 800	3 000	90 700
1999-2000 ^{h, i}	no.	24 500	27 400	15 000	8 200	6 900	3 300	1 900	2 800	90 000
Estimated total number of clients ^h										
1997-98	no.	27 659	26 973	15 428	7 802	7 868	3 591	1 916	2 794	94 095
1998-99 ^h	no.	26 021	27 864	14 375	7 507	6 857	3 258	1 778	3 021	90 712
1999-2000 ^{h, i}	no.	24 512	27 327	15 026	8 158	6 955	3 340	1 888	2 810	90 162
Estimated cost per client										
1997-98	\$	2 902	1 741	1 945	2 301	2 576	2 597	3 564	1 762	2 301
1998-99 ^h	\$	3 059	1 717	2 195	2 896	3 191	2 927	3 831	1 667	2 470
1999-2000 ^{h, i}	\$	3 280	1 710	2 540	2 870	3 000	2 850	3 680	2 020	2 570

^a All participating SAAP agencies were included in the analysis.

^b Ongoing clients were included in the analysis.

^c Only agency level recurrent allocations were included in this analysis.

^d There was a small number of participating SAAP agencies that did not receive recurrent funding. These agencies were included in the analysis.

^e There was a small number of SAAP agencies that received recurrent funding but did not send in any client forms. These agencies were included in the analysis.

^f Accompanying children in SAAP were included in the efficiency calculations.

^g Estimate based on the following calculation: of 156 589 forms received nationally in 1997-98, 112 744 forms had a valid alpha code and related to 79 389 clients. This represented an average of 1.42 support periods per client. Assuming that clients who did not supply alpha codes were provided with the same number of support periods, it was estimated that the remaining 43 845 forms represent 30 874 individuals. Thus the best national estimate for the total number of clients was 79 389 + 30 874 = 110 263. This calculation has been applied to each State/Territory, using the relevant client and form numbers. The average number of support periods varies in each State and Territory. The national estimate varies from the total of each State/Territory estimate as a result of rounding.

^h Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.

ⁱ Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections.

SAAP**Table 15A.172 Average accommodation load and caseload per day^{a, b}**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Average accommodation load per day									
1997-98	8.4	8.7	7.7	6.9	13.8	7.3	12.6	5.9	8.5
1998-99	7.8	9.3	6.8	6.4	10.9	6.9	11.2	5.5	8.1
1999-2000 ^c	8.2	8.6	7.0	6.8	11.4	7.0	12.7	4.7	8.2
Average caseload per day									
1997-98	11.4	20.0	11.6	10.6	23.7	16.2	16.2	10.6	14.8
1998-99	10.3	24.5	12.3	9.1	21.0	14.7	13.7	10.6	15.4
1999-2000 ^c	11.2	21.3	11.6	12.8	21.8	15.7	15.4	8.6	15.0

^a The accommodation load of agencies was calculated by dividing the number of accommodation days by the number of days the agency was operational during the reporting period, where the number of accommodation days equals the sum of accommodation days for all clients of an agency who were supported during the reporting period. The average accommodation load was the mean value of all agencies' accommodation loads. Support periods without valid accommodation dates were assigned the inter-quartile modal duration of accommodation for agencies of the same service delivery model in the same jurisdiction.

^b The caseload of agencies was calculated by dividing the number of support days by the number of days the agency was operational during the reporting period, where the number of support days equals the sum of support days for all clients of the agency who were supported during the reporting period. The average caseload was the mean value of all agencies' caseloads. Support periods without valid support dates were assigned the inter-quartile modal duration of support for agencies of the same service delivery model in the same jurisdiction.

^c Preliminary data.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections.