

15A Protection and support services — attachment

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All jurisdictions data

Table 15A.1 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services, Australia (dollars 2000-01) (\$ (a), (b))**

	<i>Total real expenditure</i>			<i>Real expenditure per child (c)</i>		
	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$	\$	\$
Child protection services						
NSW	97 903	102 865	114 039	65.52	68.96	76.34
Vic (d)	47 880	56 284	73 962	44.51	52.32	68.64
Qld	81 969	45 927	65 937	96.10	53.66	76.48
WA	8 226	7 407	9 843	18.19	16.35	21.74
SA	na	na	18 988	na	na	57.49
Tas	2 893	2 094	2 561	25.19	18.47	22.90
ACT	na	4 716	4 882	na	64.25	66.77
NT	na	na	na	na	na	na
Australia (f)	238 872	219 293	290 212	59.86	53.97	65.94
Out-of-home care						
NSW	136 540	142 596	163 896	86.24	89.90	103.42
Vic (d)	100 797	140 753	108 501	88.33	123.29	94.85
Qld	na	53 105	60 433	na	58.50	66.12
WA (e)	39 159	40 427	42 699	81.80	84.11	88.73
SA	na	na	20 527	na	na	58.35
Tas	7 195	6 072	7 053	58.80	50.40	59.35
ACT	na	7 604	8 235	na	96.62	105.68
NT	na	na	na	na	na	na
Australia (f)	283 691	390 557	411 344	85.31	90.50	88.03
Child protection and out-of-home care services						
NSW	234 443	245 461	277 935	148.08	154.74	175.38
Vic	148 677	197 037	182 463	130.29	172.59	159.50
Qld	na	99 031	126 370	na	109.10	138.26
WA	47 385	47 835	52 542	98.98	99.52	109.19
SA	38 421	39 889	39 515	107.95	112.64	112.32
Tas	10 089	8 166	9 614	82.44	67.79	80.91
ACT	12 514	12 320	13 117	158.20	156.54	168.33
NT	8 829	9 745	10 569	148.78	162.44	176.84
Australia (f)	500 359	659 484	712 125	130.99	139.44	150.48

Table 15A.1 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services, Australia (dollars 2000-01) (\$)** (a), (b)

	<i>Total real expenditure</i>			<i>Real expenditure per child (c)</i>		
	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>
Family preservation services						
NSW	23 635	23 223	30 937	14.93	14.64	19.52
Vic	na	3 524	4 382	na	3.09	3.83
Qld	na	671	662	na	0.74	0.72
WA	1 383	1 299	1 282	2.89	2.70	2.66
SA	na	na	1 530	na	na	4.35
Tas	na	537	270	na	4.46	2.27
ACT	na	41	95	na	0.52	1.22
NT	na	na	na	na	na	na
Australia (f)	25 018	29 295	39 158	12.13	6.79	8.38

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

(b) Numbers may not calculate exactly due to rounding errors.

(c) For child protection services, expenditure per child age relates to children aged 16 years and under in the residential population. For out-of-home care and total child protection and out-of-home care services, expenditure per child age relates to children aged 17 years and under in the residential population.

(d) One Region incorrectly charged about \$7 million in Salaries in 1999-2000 to Out of Home Care services instead of child protection services.

(e) Out-of-home care equates to the departments Care for Children output. Significant increase in 2000-2001 is due the department reclassifying one of it's services (Adolescent Child Support Service) as being directly related to the Care for Children Output. Previously the costs of this service were allocated to all departmental outputs.

(f) Australia figure for total real expenditure represents the sum of figures for those jurisdictions able to provide data. Australia figure for real expenditure per child represents the sum of expenditure for those jurisdictions able to provide data divided by the sum of the residential population for the target groups (0-16 of 0-17 years) for those jurisdictions able to provide expenditure data.

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments; table 15A.21.

Table 15A.2 State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection services, per notification, per investigation and per substantiation, Australia (dollars 2000-01) (\$) (a)

	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
Real expenditure on child protection services per notification			
NSW	3 107	3 384	2 786
Vic	1 381	1 529	2 001
Qld	4 378	2 410	2 988
WA	3 203	2 801	3 452
SA	na	na	1 901
Tas	4 431	4 963	8 130
ACT	na	3 967	6 149
NT	na	na	na
Real expenditure on child protection services per investigation			
NSW	4 945	5 681	4 509
Vic	3 493	4 365	5 601
Qld	5 461	3 002	3 639
WA	3 358	2 874	3 568
SA	na	na	3 683
Tas	4 705	5 511	9 212
ACT	na	4 574	7 137
NT	na	na	na
Real expenditure on child protection services per substantiation			
NSW	12 984	15 882	15 203
Vic	6 603	7 648	9 722
Qld	12 862	6 638	7 854
WA	6 771	6 336	8 264
SA	na	na	9 504
Tas	22 604	21 590	24 864
ACT	na	20 241	21 991
NT	na	na	na

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

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

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

Table 15A.3 State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on out-of-home care services, Australia (dollars 2000-01) (\$) (a), (b)

	<i>Real expenditure</i>			<i>Real expenditure per child in care (c)</i>		
	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$	\$	\$
Residential out-of-home care services						
NSW	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	na	na	49 858	na	na	106 081
Qld (d)	na	na	9 706	na	na	119 827
WA	na	na	27 680	na	na	190 897
SA	na	na	3 152	na	na	73 302
Tas	na	na	na	na	na	na
ACT	na	na	1 561	na	na	97 563
NT	na	na	na	na	na	na
Non-residential out-of-home care services						
NSW	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	na	na	58 643	na	na	17 187
Qld (d)	na	na	50 727	na	na	17 313
WA	na	na	15 019	na	na	11 634
SA	na	na	17 375	na	na	15 349
Tas	na	na	na	na	na	na
ACT	na	na	6 674	na	na	33 538
NT	na	na	na	na	na	na
All out-of-home care services						
NSW	136 540	142 596	163 896	21 472	20 252	21 050
Vic	100 797	140 753	108 501	28 148	36 398	27 950
Qld	na	53 105	60 433	na	20 161	20 071
WA	39 159	40 427	42 699	32 852	30 488	29 735
SA	na	na	20 527	na	na	17 470
Tas	7 195	6 072	7 053	13 500	11 081	12 330
ACT	na	7 604	8 235	na	38 021	38 302
NT	na	na	na	na	na	na

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

(b) Numbers may not calculate exactly due to rounding errors.

(c) Expenditure per child age 17 years and under in the residential population.

(d) This figure is an Estimated Breakdown only.

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

Source: State and Territory governments; table 15A.21.

Table 15A.4 Comparability of expenditure — items included, 2000-01

	NSW	Vic (a)	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT
Superannuation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
basis of estimate	Accrual	na	Accrual	Accrual	Accrual	Funding	Accrual	Funding
Workers' compensat	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓
Payroll tax	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓
Termination and long	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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 departmen	✓	na	✓	x	✓	x	✓	✓
basis of apportion	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.

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

Source: State and Territory governments.

Table 15A.5 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations in 2000-01 by Indigenous status, Australia (a)

	NSW		Vic		Qld		WA		SA		Tas		ACT		NT	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations																
Indigenous children																
Notifications investigated																
Investigations finalised by 31 August																
Substantiated	1 023	22.7	650	32.3	946	45.5	383	48.5	438	25.9	2	15.4	24	30.0	167	26.8
Child at risk	815	18.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	—	—	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	779	17.3	353	17.5	295	14.2	254	32.2	536	31.7	5	38.5	49	61.3	181	29.1
Total finalised	2 617	58.1	1 003	49.8	1 241	59.7	637	80.6	974	57.6	7	53.8	73	91.3	348	55.9
Investigations not finalised	673	14.9	22	1.1	538	25.9	122	15.4	2	0.1	2	15.4	2	2.5	7	1.1
Total investigations	3 290	73.0	1 025	50.9	1 779	85.5	759	96.1	976	57.7	9	69.2	75	93.8	355	57.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	1 216	27.0	988	49.1	219	10.5	—	—	716	42.3	—	—	—	—	na	na
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	—	—	—	—	82	3.9	31	3.9	—	—	4	30.8	5	6.3	268	43.0
Total notifications	4 506	100.0	2 013	100.0	2 080	100.0	790	100.0	1 692	100.0	13	100.0	80	100.0	623	100.0
Non-Indigenous children																
Notifications investigated																
Investigations finalised by 31 August																
Substantiated	6 478	17.8	6 958	19.9	7 449	37.3	808	39.2	1 560	18.8	101	33.4	198	27.7	182	19.6
Child at risk	3 785	10.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	9.3	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	7 033	19.3	4 949	14.2	3 657	18.3	947	45.9	2 590	31.2	132	43.7	306	42.9	225	24.2
Total finalised	17 296	47.5	11 907	34.1	11 106	55.6	1 755	85.2	4 150	50.0	261	86.4	504	70.6	407	43.9
Investigations not finalised	4 706	12.9	273	0.8	5 237	26.2	245	11.9	30	0.4	8	2.6	105	14.7	7	0.8
Total investigations	22 002	60.4	12 180	34.8	16 343	81.8	2 000	97.0	4 180	50.4	269	89.1	609	85.3	414	44.6
Notifications dealt with by other means	14 429	39.6	22 773	65.2	2 925	14.6	—	—	4 116	49.6	7	2.3	—	—	na	na
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	—	—	—	—	721	3.6	61	3.0	—	—	26	8.6	105	14.7	514	55.4
Total notifications	36 431	100.0	34 953	100.0	19 989	100.0	2 061	100.0	8 296	100.0	302	100.0	714	100.0	928	100.0

Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations in 2000-01 by Indigenous status, Australia (a)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT								
All children																
Notifications investigated																
Investigations finalised by 31 August																
Substantiated	7 501	18.3	7 608	20.6	8 395	38.0	1 191	41.8	1 998	20.0	103	32.7	222	28.0	349	22.5
Child at risk	4 600	11.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	8.9	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	7 812	19.1	5 302	14.3	3 952	17.9	1 201	42.1	3 126	31.3	137	43.5	355	44.7	406	26.2
Total finalised	19 913	48.6	12 910	34.9	12 347	55.9	2 392	83.9	5 124	51.3	268	85.1	577	72.7	755	48.7
Investigations not finalised	5 379	13.1	295	0.8	5 775	26.2	367	12.9	32	0.3	10	3.2	107	13.5	14	0.9
Total investigations	25 292	61.8	13 205	35.7	18 122	82.1	2 759	96.8	5 156	51.6	278	88.3	684	86.1	769	49.6
Notifications dealt with by other means	15 645	38.2	23 761	64.3	3 144	14.2	–	–	4 832	48.4	7	2.2	–	–	na	na
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	–	–	–	–	803	3.6	92	3.2	–	–	30	9.5	110	13.9	782	50.4
Total notifications	40 937	100.0	36 966	100.0	22 069	100.0	2 851	100.0	9 988	100.0	315	100.0	794	100.0	1 551	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. **na** Not available.

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

Table 15A.6 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders in 2000-01 by Indigenous status, Australia (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Indigenous									
Children admitted to orders									
Children admitted for the first time	%	65.3	53.6	50.9	91.5	46.2	20.0	56.0	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	34.7	46.4	49.1	8.5	53.8	80.0	44.0	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.	813	308	212	129	93	20	25	138
Children discharged from orders	no.	553	199	249	36	116	10	28	101
Non-Indigenous									
Children admitted to orders									
Children admitted for the first time	%	69.5	57.1	61.2	97.6	52.1	29.3	58.2	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	30.5	42.9	38.8	2.4	47.9	70.7	41.8	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.	2 660	2 304	1 185	287	399	461	134	128
Children discharged from orders	no.	1 818	1 833	929	127	448	228	89	130
All children									
Children admitted to orders									
Children admitted for the first time	%	68.6	56.7	59.6	95.7	51.0	28.9	57.9	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	31.4	43.3	40.4	4.3	49.0	71.1	42.1	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.	3 473	2 612	1 397	416	492	481	159	266
Children discharged from orders	no.	2 371	2 032	1 178	163	564	238	117	231

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

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

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

Table 15A.7 **Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June 2001 by type of order and Indigenous status, Australia (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of Indigenous children on orders								
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	1 798	370	752	346	215	20	22	111
Finalised supervisory orders	na	108	5	..	..	5	1	2
Interim and temporary orders	264	34	46	9	6	2	9	13
Other/not stated	8	–	–	na	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	2 070	512	803	355	221	27	32	126
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders								
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	5 244	3 168	2 549	788	995	354	156	70
Finalised supervisory orders	na	942	63	..	..	45	13	3
Interim and temporary orders	775	160	158	43	44	27	18	6
Other/not stated	16	–	–	–	–	–	na	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	6 035	4 270	2 770	831	1 039	426	187	79
Number of all children on orders								
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	7 042	3 538	3 301	1 134	1 210	374	178	181
Finalised supervisory orders	na	1 050	68	..	..	50	14	5
Interim and temporary orders	1 039	194	204	52	50	29	27	19
Other/not stated	24	–	–	na	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	8 105	4 782	3 573	1 186	1 260	453	219	205

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

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

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

Table 15A.8 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders in 2000-01: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Australia (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications									
Number of children									
Indigenous	3 085	1 398	1 364	702	1 062	10	68	491	8 180
Non-Indigenous	27 925	26 378	14 834	1 886	6 018	290	606	695	78 632
All children	31 010	27 776	16 198	2 588	7 080	300	674	1 186	86 812
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	58.3	134.8	26.3	26.9	102.8	1.4	46.5	21.6	44.8
Non-Indigenous	19.4	24.7	18.3	4.4	18.8	2.8	8.5	20.4	18.4
All children	20.7	25.7	18.8	5.7	21.4	2.7	9.2	20.9	19.5
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Indigenous	1 988	880	867	576	664	6	64	300	5 345
Non-Indigenous	14 161	10 705	8 577	1 607	3 286	217	450	364	39 367
All children	16 149	11 585	9 444	2 183	3 950	223	514	664	44 712
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	37.6	84.9	16.7	22.1	64.3	0.9	43.8	13.2	29.3
Non-Indigenous	9.8	10.0	10.6	3.8	10.2	2.1	6.3	10.7	9.2
All children	10.8	10.7	11.0	4.8	11.9	2.0	7.0	11.7	10.0
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Indigenous	875	602	680	355	317	2	20	153	3 004
Non-Indigenous	5 655	6 547	5 690	760	1 334	99	183	177	20 445
All children	6 530	7 149	6 370	1 115	1 651	101	203	330	23 449

Table 15A.8 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders in 2000-01: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Australia (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	16.5	58.0	13.1	13.6	30.7	0.3	13.7	6.7	16.4
Non-Indigenous	3.9	6.1	7.0	1.8	4.2	0.9	2.6	5.2	4.8
All children	4.4	6.6	7.4	2.5	5.0	0.9	2.8	5.8	5.3
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders									
Number of children									
Indigenous	2 070	512	803	355	221	27	32	126	4 146
Non-Indigenous	6 035	4 270	2 770	831	1 039	426	187	79	15 637
All children	8 105	4 782	3 573	1 186	1 260	453	219	205	19 783
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years									
Indigenous	37.0	46.8	14.6	12.9	20.2	3.6	20.5	5.3	21.6
Non-Indigenous	4.0	3.8	3.2	1.8	3.1	3.8	2.5	2.2	3.4
All children	5.1	4.2	3.9	2.5	3.6	3.8	2.8	3.4	4.2

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

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

Source: Tables 15A.22, 15A.23, 15A.27, 15A.43, 15A.59, 15A.75, 15A.91, 15A.107, 15A.123 and 15A.139.

Table 15A.9 **Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year 1999-2000 and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Australia (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of children									
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	155	204	120	33	167	9	na	na
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	546	839	225	86	342	10	na	na
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation									
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	2	5	5	3	8	7	na	na
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	9	19	9	7	16	7	na	na

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

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.10 **Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year 1999-2000 and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Australia (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of children									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	212	199	496	55	263	7	21	na
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	600	960	1 247	119	408	13	34	na
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	4	3	9	5	15	9	11	na
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	10	14	23	11	24	16	18	na

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

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.11 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June 2001: Number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status, Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Indigenous	2 139	454	637	456	227	31	29	100	4 073
Non-Indigenous	5 647	3 428	2 374	980	948	541	186	64	14 168
All children	7 786	3 882	3 011	1 436	1 175	572	215	164	18 241
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Indigenous	38.3	41.5	11.6	16.6	20.7	4.2	18.6	4.2	21.2
Non-Indigenous	3.7	3.0	2.8	2.2	2.8	4.9	2.4	1.8	3.1
All children	4.9	3.4	3.3	3.0	3.3	4.8	2.8	2.7	3.9
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Indigenous	2 818	730	823	681	444	50	72	193	5 811
Non-Indigenous	8 417	6 145	3 108	1 437	1 702	943	420	190	22 362
All children	11 235	6 875	3 931	2 118	2 146	993	492	383	28 173
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Indigenous	50.7	67.1	15.1	24.9	40.9	6.7	46.5	8.1	30.3
Non-Indigenous	5.5	5.4	3.6	3.2	5.0	8.5	5.5	5.3	4.9
All children	7.1	6.0	4.3	4.4	6.1	8.4	6.3	6.4	6.0

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

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

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

Table 15A.12 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June 2001 by Indigenous status and placement type, Australia (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								
Facility based care	66	44	19	57	4	8	2	7
Home based care								
Foster care/community care	555	257	377	168	176	11	14	61
Relative/kinship care	1 458	141	241	223	47	11	11	29
Other home based	–	12	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	2 013	410	618	391	223	22	25	90
Independent living-includes private board	17	–	–	5	–	–	1	–
Other (includes unknown living arrangements)	43	–	–	3	–	1	1	3
Total Indigenous children	2 139	454	637	456	227	31	29	100
Non-Indigenous								
Facility based care	275	426	62	88	39	64	14	2
Home based care								
Foster care/community care	2 232	1 939	1 834	623	799	209	126	48
Relative/kinship care	2 821	905	478	214	100	208	44	9
Other home based	–	157	–	–	10	13	–	–
Total home based	5 053	3 001	2 312	837	909	430	170	57
Independent living-includes private board	103	1	–	52	–	21	1	2
Other (includes unknown living arrangements)	216	–	–	3	–	26	1	3
Total non-Indigenous children	5 647	3 428	2 374	980	948	541	186	64
All children								
Facility based care	341	470	81	145	43	72	16	9
Home based care								
Foster care/community care	2 787	2 196	2 211	791	975	220	140	109

Table 15A.12 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June 2001 by Indigenous status and placement type, Australia (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>
Relative/kinship care	4 279	1 046	719	437	147	219	55	38
Other home based	–	169	–	–	10	13	–	–
Total home based	7 066	3 411	2 930	1 228	1 132	452	195	147
Independent living-includes private board	120	1	–	57	–	21	2	2
Other (includes unknown living arrangements)	259	–	–	6	–	27	2	6
Total all children	7 786	3 882	3 011	1 436	1 175	572	215	164

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data was 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.31, 15A.47, 15A.63, 15A.79, 15A.95, 15A.111, 15A.127 and 15A.143.

Table 15A.13 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June 2001 by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Australia (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Indigenous								
On a care and protection order	1 814	316	607	325	na	27	29	100
On another type of order	–	–	1	–	na	3	–	..
Not on an order	325	138	29	131	na	–	–	..
Total Indigenous children	2 139	454	637	456	–	30	29	100
Non-Indigenous								
On a care and protection order	5 138	2 830	2 196	731	na	426	164	64
On another type of order	–	17	4	–	na	116	7	..
Not on an order	509	581	174	249	na	–	15	..
Total non-Indigenous children	5 647	3 428	2 374	980	–	542	186	64
All children								
On a care and protection order	6 952	3 146	2 803	1 056	na	453	193	164
On another type of order	–	17	5	–	na	119	7	..
Not on an order	834	719	203	380	na	–	15	..
Total all children	7 786	3 882	3 011	1 436	–	572	215	164

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data was 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. .. Not applicable. **na** Not available.

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

Table 15A.14 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June 2001 by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT
Indigenous								
Respite	252	21	na	na	3	na	–	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	31	19	51	9	23	6	–	2
1 to less than 6 months	184	102	131	51	36	8	1	9
6 months to less than 1 year	242	62	98	37	22	10	–	16
1 to less than 2 years	369	114	106	79	32	2	7	34
2 to less than 5 years	648	83	140	142	55	–	12	20
5 years or more	408	45	111	138	52	5	9	19
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 882	425	637	456	220	31	29	100
Not stated/unknown	5	8	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	2 139	454	637	456	223	31	29	100
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	669	128	na	na	6	na	9	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	155	177	264	28	96	153	3	–
1 to less than 6 months	524	671	538	130	169	131	21	7
6 months to less than 1 year	615	529	363	101	122	122	15	13
1 to less than 2 years	936	694	345	171	112	52	40	16
2 to less than 5 years	1 559	717	472	255	168	22	35	21
5 years or more	1 185	426	392	295	236	28	63	7
Not stated/unknown	–	8	–	–	–	33	–	–
Total non-respite	4 974	3 222	2 374	980	903	541	177	64
Not stated/unknown	4	78	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	5 647	3 428	2 374	980	909	541	186	64
All children								
Respite	921	149	na	na	9	na	9	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	186	196	315	37	119	159	3	2
1 to less than 6 months	708	773	669	181	205	139	22	16
6 months to less than 1 year	857	591	461	138	144	132	15	29
1 to less than 2 years	1 305	808	451	250	144	54	47	50
2 to less than 5 years	2 207	800	612	397	223	22	47	41
5 years or more	1 593	471	503	433	288	33	72	26
Not stated/unknown	–	8	–	–	–	33	–	–
Total non-respite	6 856	3 647	3 011	1 436	1 123	572	206	164
Not stated/unknown	9	86	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	7 786	3 882	3 011	1 436	1 132	572	215	164

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data was 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 – Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available.

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

Table 15A.15 Number of children who exited care during the year 2000-01 by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Australia (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	246	46	44	28	51	na	14	8
6 months to less than 1 year	102	36	23	10	3	na	–	1
1 to less than 2 years	78	48	49	4	7	na	2	2
2 to less than 5 years	73	20	29	11	3	na	7	1
5 years or more	52	4	29	11	8	na	2	3
Total Indigenous children	551	154	174	64	72	–	25	15
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	549	513	238	98	224	na	31	23
6 months to less than 1 year	180	339	83	33	44	na	4	4
1 to less than 2 years	225	298	98	34	21	na	4	5
2 to less than 5 years	214	275	110	37	25	na	5	10
5 years or more	170	118	78	38	33	na	4	1
Total non-Indigenous children	1 338	1 543	607	240	347	–	48	43
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	795	559	282	126	275	na	45	31
6 months to less than 1 year	282	375	106	43	47	na	4	5
1 to less than 2 years	303	346	147	38	28	na	6	7
2 to less than 5 years	287	295	139	48	28	na	12	11
5 years or more	222	122	107	49	41	na	6	4
Total all children	1 889	1 697	781	304	419	–	73	58

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data was 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.34, 15A.50, 15A.66, 15A.82, 15A.98, 15A.114, 15A.130 and 15A.146.

Table 15A.16 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June 2001 placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, Australia (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of children at 30 June									
Indigenous	no.	1 458	141	241	223	47	11	11	29
Non-Indigenous	no.	2 821	905	478	214	100	208	44	9
All children	no.	4 279	1 046	719	437	147	219	55	38
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June									
Indigenous	%	68.2	31.1	37.8	48.9	20.7	35.5	37.9	29.0
Non-Indigenous	%	50.0	26.4	20.1	21.8	10.5	38.4	23.7	14.1
All children	%	55.0	26.9	23.9	30.4	12.5	38.3	25.6	23.2

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data was 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.35, 15A.51, 15A.67, 15A.83, 15A.99, 15A.115, 15A.131 and 15A.147.

Table 15A.17 Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Australia (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June									
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>									
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	1 187	89	155	195	34	5	9	38
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	271	52	86	28	13	6	2	na
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	395	115	185	136	111	1	6	29
Total placed in accordance with principle	no.	1 853	256	426	359	158	12	17	67
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>									
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	224	154	192	64	65	10	8	29
In facility based care/independent/unknown	no.	62	44	19	33	4	9	4	4
Total not placed in accordance with principle	no.	286	198	211	97	69	19	12	33
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	2 139	454	637	456	227	31	29	100
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>									
Indigenous relative/kin	%	55.5	19.6	24.3	42.8	15.0	16.1	31.0	38.0
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	12.7	11.5	13.5	6.1	5.7	19.4	6.9	na
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	18.5	25.3	29.0	29.8	48.9	3.2	20.7	29.0
Total placed in accordance with principle	%	86.6	56.4	66.9	78.7	69.6	38.7	58.6	67.0
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>									
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	10.5	33.9	30.1	14.0	28.6	32.3	27.6	29.0
In facility based care/independent/unknown	%	2.9	9.7	3.0	7.2	1.8	29.0	13.8	4.0
Total not placed in accordance with principle	%	13.4	43.6	33.1	21.3	30.4	61.3	41.4	33.0
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

(c) Data do not include Indigenous children in facility-based care, living independently and for whom no details are known.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.18 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June 2001 an in a home based placement by Indigenous status, Australia (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of children at 30 June									
Indigenous	no.	1 520	305	397	314	153	13	19	76
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 785	1 899	1 540	570	538	267	116	39
All children	no.	5 305	2 204	1 937	884	691	280	135	115
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Indigenous	%	96.7	94.1	96.6	90.2	100.0	76.5	95.0	90.5
Non-Indigenous	%	96.9	96.2	98.9	93.1	99.8	88.7	98.3	95.1
All children	%	96.8	95.9	98.4	92.1	99.9	88.1	97.8	92.0

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data was 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.37, 15A.53, 15A.69, 15A.85, 15A.101, 15A.117, 15A.133 and 15A.149.

Table 15A.19 **Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year 2000-01 by number of placement by the length of time in out-of-home care, Australia (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care								
1 placement	653	326	210	90	123	na	33	21
2-3 placements	107	189	69	34	132	na	12	10
4-5 placement	-	42	3	2	18	na	-	-
6-10 placements	-	2	-	-	2	na	-	-
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-	na	-	-
Total children	760	559	282	126	275	na	45	31
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care								
1 placement	197	124	62	22	12	na	2	-
2-3 placements	68	172	40	18	16	na	2	2
4-5 placement	1	67	4	3	14	na	-	2
6-10 placements	-	12	-	-	5	na	-	1
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-	na	-	-
Total children	266	375	106	43	47	na	4	5
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care								
1 placement	216	67	83	17	3	na	2	1
2-3 placements	66	164	49	21	11	na	2	2
4-5 placement	4	77	15	-	8	na	2	2
6-10 placements	-	32	-	-	6	na	-	2
11 or more placements	-	6	-	-	-	na	-	-
Total children	286	346	147	38	28	na	6	7
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care								
1 placement	144	32	46	10	5	na	1	2
2-3 placements	116	100	71	29	14	na	9	3
4-5 placement	14	81	16	8	3	na	1	4
6-10 placements	1	72	6	-	6	na	1	2
11 or more placements	-	10	-	1	-	na	-	-
Total children	275	295	139	48	28	na	12	11
5 years or more in out-of-home care								
1 placement	51	18	43	18	27	na	3	-
2-3 placements	52	40	47	14	10	na	2	1
4-5 placement	18	20	9	7	4	na	1	1
6-10 placements	-	34	7	7	-	na	-	-
11 or more placements	-	10	1	3	-	na	-	2
Total children	121	122	107	49	41	na	6	4
Total children exiting out-of-home care	1 708	1 697	781	304	419	na	73	58

(a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data was 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.38, 15A.54, 15A.70, 15A.86, 15A.102, 15A.118, 15A.134 and 15A.150.

Table 15A.20 Children in out-of-home care during the year 2000-01 by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, Australia

	<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	3	140	13	na	1	2	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	0.1	3.6	0.6	na	0.1	0.4	na
Other children									
Number of children	no.	na	3 167	3 791	2 105	na	992	490	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	99.9	96.4	99.4	na	99.9	99.6	na
All children in out-of-home care	no.	–	3 170	3 931	2 118	–	993	492	–

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

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

Source: Tables 15A.39, 15A.55, 15A.71, 15A.87, 15A.103, 15A.119, 15A.135 and 15A.151.

Table 15A.21 **Family preservation services, 2000-01**

	NSW (a)	Vic	Qld	WA (b)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT
Number of children aged 0–17 years in family preservation service by Indigenous status (a)								
Indigenous	32	na	13	47	136	10	na	na
Non-Indigenous	156	na	51	377	311	40	na	na
All children	188	na	64	424	447	50	74	na
Number of children aged 0–17 years in family preservation services by sex								
Male	106	na	40	252	136	34	na	na
Female	82	na	24	172	311	16	na	na
Total	188	na	64	424	447	50	74	na
Number of children aged 0–17 years in family preservation services by age								
0–4	66	na	31	182	148	10	na	na
5–9	69	na	14	145	145	9	na	na
10–14	43	na	15	n.a.	134	7	na	na
15–17	9	na	4	n.a.	17	1	na	na
Unknown	1	na	–	97	3	23	na	na
Total	188	na	64	424	447	50	74	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)	157	na	28	na	80	50	na	na
Child living with other relatives/l	5	na	6	na	na	–	na	na
Child in out-of-home care	26	na	21	na	367	–	na	na
Child in shared care	–	na	8	na	na	–	na	na
Other	–	na	1	na	na	–	na	na
Not available	–	na	–	na	–	–	na	na
Total	188	na	64	424	447	50	74	na

(a) NSW data exclude 2 family preservation services. The number of clients for 2000-01 provided by one service in NSW is lower than previous year due to changes in operation and staffing levels this year.

(b) Western Australian data may include some children who received an average length of service of less than 8 hours per week.

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

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

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

	<i>Children aged 0–16 years</i>					<i>Children aged 0–17 years</i>				
	<i>Dec 1996</i>	<i>Dec 1997</i>	<i>Dec 1998</i>	<i>Dec 1999</i>	<i>Dec 2000</i>	<i>Dec 1996</i>	<i>Dec 1997</i>	<i>Dec 1998</i>	<i>Dec 1999</i>	<i>Dec 2000</i>
<i>NSW</i>										
Indigenous	47.6	50.8	51.6	52.3	52.9	49.6	53.0	54.0	54.8	55.6
Non-Indigenous	1 440.3	1 441.7	1 443.8	1 445.0	1 442.7	1 523.0	1 525.7	1 529.3	1 531.4	1 529.2
All children	1 488.0	1 492.4	1 495.4	1 497.3	1 495.6	1 572.6	1 578.7	1 583.3	1 586.2	1 584.8
<i>Vic</i>										
Indigenous	9.6	9.9	10.1	10.2	10.4	10.0	10.3	10.5	10.7	10.9
Non-Indigenous	1 063.7	1 065.0	1 066.9	1 066.6	1 068.3	1 126.4	1 127.8	1 130.6	1 130.9	1 133.1
All children	1 073.3	1 074.9	1 077.0	1 076.8	1 078.7	1 136.4	1 138.2	1 141.1	1 141.6	1 144.0
<i>Qld</i>										
Indigenous	45.0	48.7	49.9	50.9	51.8	47.0	50.9	52.2	53.3	54.4
Non-Indigenous	793.2	796.8	801.0	804.1	808.7	839.4	844.2	849.8	854.4	859.6
All children	838.2	845.6	850.9	854.9	860.5	886.4	895.1	902.0	907.8	914.0
<i>WA</i>										
Indigenous	23.8	25.3	25.6	25.9	26.1	24.8	26.4	26.8	27.1	27.4
Non-Indigenous	422.4	423.2	426.3	427.3	427.1	447.0	448.1	451.9	453.5	453.8
All children	446.2	448.5	451.9	453.1	453.2	471.8	474.5	478.7	480.6	481.2
<i>SA</i>										
Indigenous	9.2	9.9	10.0	10.2	10.3	9.6	10.3	10.5	10.7	10.9
Non-Indigenous	329.4	327.2	325.9	323.6	320.8	348.3	346.3	345.4	343.4	341.0
All children	338.6	337.1	336.0	333.8	331.1	357.9	356.7	355.9	354.1	351.8
<i>Tas</i>										
Indigenous	6.7	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.0	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4
Non-Indigenous	112.7	110.6	108.3	106.4	104.8	119.1	117.1	115.0	113.0	111.4
All children	119.4	117.6	115.4	113.4	111.8	126.2	124.5	122.4	120.5	118.8

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

	Children aged 0–16 years					Children aged 0–17 years				
	Dec 1996	Dec 1997	Dec 1998	Dec 1999	Dec 2000	Dec 1996	Dec 1997	Dec 1998	Dec 1999	Dec 2000
<i>ACT</i>										
Indigenous	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Non-Indigenous	75.4	74.0	72.9	72.4	71.7	80.2	78.8	77.6	77.2	76.4
All children	76.7	75.4	74.3	73.9	73.2	81.6	80.2	79.1	78.7	77.9
<i>NT</i>										
Indigenous	21.0	22.3	22.5	22.6	22.7	22.3	23.5	23.7	23.9	23.9
Non-Indigenous	33.8	33.6	33.9	34.0	34.1	35.3	35.2	35.6	36.1	35.8
All children	54.8	55.9	56.4	56.6	56.8	57.6	58.7	59.3	60.0	59.8
<i>Australia</i>										
Indigenous	na	175.3	178.1	180.5	182.7	171.7	183.4	186.6	189.6	192.0
Non-Indigenous	na	4 272.1	4 279.1	4 279.3	4 278.2	4 518.8	4 523.2	4 535.2	4 540.0	4 540.3
All children	na	4 447.4	4 457.2	4 459.8	4 460.8	4 690.5	4 706.6	4 721.9	4 729.6	4 732.3

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

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

	<i>Children aged 0–16 years</i>					<i>Children aged 0–17 years</i>				
	<i>Mar 1997</i>	<i>Mar 1998</i>	<i>Mar 1999</i>	<i>Mar 2000</i>	<i>Mar 2001</i>	<i>Mar 1997</i>	<i>Mar 1998</i>	<i>Mar 1999</i>	<i>Mar 2000</i>	<i>Mar 2001</i>
<i>NSW</i>										
Indigenous	50.3	51.2	51.9	52.6	52.6	49.6	53.0	54.0	54.8	55.6
Non-Indigenous	1 438.7	1 439.5	1 442.3	1 439.2	1 441.2	1 523.0	1 525.7	1 529.3	1 531.4	1 529.2
All children	1 489.0	1 490.7	1 494.2	1 491.8	1 493.8	1 572.6	1 578.7	1 583.3	1 586.2	1 584.8
<i>Vic</i>										
Indigenous	9.8	10.0	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.0	10.3	10.5	10.7	10.9
Non-Indigenous	1 064.6	1 064.9	1 065.6	1 065.4	1 067.2	1 126.4	1 127.8	1 130.6	1 130.9	1 133.1
All children	1 074.4	1 074.9	1 075.8	1 075.7	1 077.5	1 136.4	1 138.2	1 141.1	1 141.6	1 144.0
<i>Qld</i>										
Indigenous	48.1	49.3	50.4	51.3	51.3	47.0	50.9	52.2	53.3	54.4
Non-Indigenous	790.8	797.0	802.6	804.5	810.9	839.4	844.2	849.8	854.4	859.6
All children	838.9	846.4	853.0	855.8	862.2	886.4	895.1	902.0	907.8	914.0
<i>WA</i>										
Indigenous	25.1	25.4	25.7	26.0	26.0	24.8	26.4	26.8	27.1	27.4
Non-Indigenous	422.3	424.2	426.6	427.1	426.8	447.0	448.1	451.9	453.5	453.8
All children	447.4	449.6	452.3	453.1	452.7	471.8	474.5	478.7	480.6	481.2
<i>SA</i>										
Indigenous	9.8	10.0	10.1	10.3	10.3	9.6	10.3	10.5	10.7	10.9
Non-Indigenous	328.3	327.1	325.4	323.1	320.0	348.3	346.3	345.4	343.4	341.0
All children	338.1	337.0	335.5	333.4	330.3	357.9	356.7	355.9	354.1	351.8
<i>Tas</i>										
Indigenous	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4
Non-Indigenous	112.0	109.9	107.8	106.3	104.8	119.1	117.1	115.0	113.0	111.4
All children	119.0	116.9	114.9	113.4	111.8	126.2	124.5	122.4	120.5	118.8

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

	Children aged 0–16 years					Children aged 0–17 years				
	Mar 1997	Mar 1998	Mar 1999	Mar 2000	Mar 2001	Mar 1997	Mar 1998	Mar 1999	Mar 2000	Mar 2001
<i>ACT</i>										
Indigenous	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Non-Indigenous	75.1	73.6	72.7	72.0	71.7	80.2	78.8	77.6	77.2	76.4
All children	76.4	75.0	74.2	73.4	73.1	81.6	80.2	79.1	78.7	77.9
<i>NT</i>										
Indigenous	22.2	22.4	22.5	22.7	22.7	22.3	23.5	23.7	23.9	23.9
Non-Indigenous	33.3	33.8	33.9	33.9	34.3	35.3	35.2	35.6	36.1	35.8
All children	55.4	56.1	56.4	56.6	57.0	57.6	58.7	59.3	60.0	59.8
<i>Australia</i>										
Indigenous	173.7	176.8	179.4	181.6	181.6	171.7	183.4	186.6	189.6	192.0
Non-Indigenous	4 265.0	4 269.8	4 276.9	4 271.4	4 276.9	4 518.8	4 523.2	4 535.2	4 540.0	4 540.3
All children	4 438.7	4 446.6	4 456.3	4 453.0	4 458.5	4 690.5	4 706.6	4 721.9	4 729.6	4 732.3

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

Single jurisdiction data -- NSW

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

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	na	na	749	31.7	1 026	28.9	839	25.3	1 023	22.7
Child at risk	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..	815	18.1
Not substantiated	na	na	769	32.6	..	..	..	..	779	17.3
Total investigations finalised	na	na	1 518	64.3	na	na	na	na	2 617	58.1
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	na	na	253	10.7	..	..	..	..	673	14.9
Total notifications investigated	na	na	1 771	75.0	2 673	75.4	2 522	76.1	3 290	73.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	na	na	590	25.0	872	24.6	790	23.9	1 216	27.0
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	4 506	100.0
Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	na	na	7 657	26.5	6 514	23.3	5 638	20.8	6 478	17.8
Child at risk	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 785	10.4
Not substantiated	na	na	9 822	34.0	..	..	..	..	7 033	19.3
Total investigations finalised	na	na	17 479	60.6	na	na	na	na	17 296	47.5
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	na	na	2 933	10.2	..	..	..	..	4 706	12.9
Total notifications investigated	na	na	20 412	70.7	17 125	61.2	15 585	57.5	22 002	60.4
Notifications dealt with by other means	na	na	8 450	29.3	10 843	38.8	11 501	42.5	14 429	39.6
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	36 431	100.0

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

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
Number of notifications involving all children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	na	na	8 406	26.9	7 540	23.9	6 477	21.3	7 501	18.3
Child at risk	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 600	11.2
Not substantiated	na	na	10 591	33.9	8 761	27.8	7 628	25.1	7 812	19.1
Total investigations finalised	na	na	18 997	60.8	16 301	51.7	14 105	46.4	19 913	48.6
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	na	na	3 186	10.2	3 497	11.1	4 002	13.2	5 379	13.1
Total notifications investigated	na	na	22 183	71.0	19 798	62.8	18 107	59.6	25 292	61.8
Notifications dealt with by other means	na	na	9 040	29.0	11 715	37.2	12 291	40.4	15 645	38.2
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	40 937	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 between 1997-98 and 1999-2000.

(h) In 2000-01, children in the 'child at risk' category include children where no actual harm is determined but carer/family issues were involved

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

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

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

		<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	na	75.9	65.3	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	na	24.1	34.7	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	502	558	891	833	813	
Children discharged from orders	no.	436	433	610	555	553	
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	na	78.2	69.5	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	na	21.8	30.5	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	2 828	2 896	3 008	2 784	2 660	
Children discharged from orders	no.	2 743	2 113	2 153	1 984	1 818	
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	na	77.7	68.6	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	na	22.3	31.4	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	3 330	3 454	3 899	3 617	3 473	
Children discharged from orders	no.	3 179	2 546	2 763	2 539	2 371	

(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 (unpublished).

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

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	679	813	1 330	1 512	1 798
Finalised supervisory orders	–	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	122	161	224	304	264
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	209	216	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	5	8	10	8
Total Indigenous children on orders	1 010	1 195	1 562	1 826	2 070
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	3 222	3 583	4 398	4 837	5 244
Finalised supervisory orders	723	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	598	817	960	974	775
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	211	371	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	21	28	24	16
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	4 754	4 792	5 386	5 835	6 035
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	3 901	4 396	5 728	6 349	7 042
Finalised supervisory orders	723	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	720	978	1 184	1 278	1 039
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	420	587	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	26	36	34	24
Total all children on orders	5 764	5 987	6 948	7 661	8 105

(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. .. Not applicable. na Not available.

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

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

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	na	1 799	2 545	2 466	3 085
Non-Indigenous	na	23 661	22 739	22 113	27 925
All children	na	25 460	25 284	24 579	31 010
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (c)					
Indigenous	na	35.4	49.3	47.2	58.3
Non-Indigenous	na	16.4	15.7	15.3	19.4
All children	na	17.1	16.9	16.4	20.7
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	na	1 262	1 802	1 671	1 988
Non-Indigenous	na	14 925	12 015	10 334	14 161
All children	na	16 187	13 817	12 005	16 149
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (c)					
Indigenous	na	24.9	34.9	32.0	37.6
Non-Indigenous	na	10.4	8.3	7.2	9.8
All children	na	10.8	9.2	8.0	10.8
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	na	655	858	761	875
Non-Indigenous	na	6 841	5 821	5 054	5 655
All children	na	7 496	6 679	5 815	6 530
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (c)					
Indigenous	na	12.9	16.6	14.6	16.5
Non-Indigenous	na	4.7	4.0	3.5	3.9
All children	na	5.0	4.5	3.9	4.4
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 010	1 195	1 562	1 826	2 070
Non-Indigenous	4 754	4 792	5 386	5 835	6 035
All children	5 764	5 987	6 948	7 661	8 105
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years (d)					
Indigenous	20.4	22.3	28.7	33.1	37.0
Non-Indigenous	3.1	3.1	3.5	3.8	4.0
All children	3.7	3.8	4.4	4.8	5.1

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

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

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

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>
Number of children					
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	160	236	167	155
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	600	783	625	546
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	2.5
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	7.3	9.1	8.7	8.8

(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 (unpublished).

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>
Number of children					
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	212	297	267	212
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	680	819	661	600
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	3.6
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	10.2	10.8	9.8	10.2

(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 (unpublished).

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

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June (d)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	1 270	1 153	1 591	1 815	2 139
Non-Indigenous	4 147	4 450	4 768	5 226	5 647
All children	5 417	5 603	6 359	7 041	7 786
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population					
Indigenous	25.6	21.5	29.2	32.9	38.3
Non-Indigenous	2.7	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.7
All children	3.4	3.6	4.0	4.5	4.9
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year (e)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	1 919	1 402	1 848	2 303	2 818
Non-Indigenous	7 673	6 652	6 269	7 451	8 417
All children	9 592	8 054	8 117	9 754	11 235
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population					
Indigenous	38.7	26.5	34.2	42.0	50.7
Non-Indigenous	5.0	4.4	4.1	4.9	5.5
All children	6.1	5.1	5.1	6.1	7.1

(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 Population and Housing* data.

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.31 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and placement type, New South Wales (a), (b), (c)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
Facility based care	36	31	47	46	66
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	452	361	380	434	555
Relative/kinship care	759	720	1 115	1 282	1 458
Other home based	23	na	–	–	–
Total home based	1 234	1 081	1 495	1 716	2 013
Independent living-includes private board	..	16	13	15	17
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	25	36	38	43
Total Indigenous children	1 270	1 153	1 591	1 815	2 139
Non-Indigenous					
Facility based care	275	320	295	260	275
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	2 131	2 034	1 958	2 076	2 232
Relative/kinship care	1 616	1 787	2 138	2 530	2 821
Other home based	125	na	–	–	–
Total home based	3 872	3 821	4 096	4 606	5 053
Independent living-includes private board	..	131	133	119	103
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	178	244	241	216
Total non-Indigenous children	4 147	4 450	4 768	5 226	5 647
All children					
Facility based care	311	351	342	306	341
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	2 583	2 395	2 338	2 510	2 787
Relative/kinship care	2 375	2 507	3 253	3 812	4 279
Other home based	148	–	–	–	–
Total home based	5 106	4 902	5 591	6 322	7 066
Independent living-includes private board	..	147	146	134	120
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	203	280	279	259
Total all children	5 417	5 603	6 359	7 041	7 786

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

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

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

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	1 009	1 043	1 334	1 555	1 814
On another type of order	111	..	–	–	–
Not on an order	150	110	257	260	325
Total Indigenous children	1 270	1 153	1 591	1 815	2 139
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	3 706	4 294	4 448	4 856	5 138
On another type of order	233	..	–	–	–
Not on an order	208	156	320	370	509
Total non-Indigenous children	4 147	4 450	4 768	5 226	5 647
All children					
On a care and protection order	4 715	5 337	5 782	6 411	6 952
On another type of order	344	..	–	–	–
Not on an order	358	266	577	630	834
Total all children	5 417	5 603	6 359	7 041	7 786

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.33 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, New South Wales (a), (b), (c)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
Respite	135	106	162	174	252
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	41	18	35	61	31
1 to less than 6 months	169	134	227	213	184
6 months to less than 1 year	138	177	207	211	242
1 to less than 2 years	138	185	300	308	369
2 to less than 5 years	646	532	320	481	648
5 years or more	..	..	338	365	408
Not stated/unknown	3	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 135	1 046	1 427	1 639	1 882
Not stated/unknown	–	1	2	2	5
Total Indigenous children	1 270	1 153	1 591	1 815	2 139
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	402	455	448	541	669
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	153	165	162	160	155
1 to less than 6 months	550	645	631	622	524
6 months to less than 1 year	472	550	575	583	615
1 to less than 2 years	622	708	761	878	936
2 to less than 5 years	1 944	1 921	1 166	1 381	1 559
5 years or more	..	..	1 023	1 059	1 185
Not stated/unknown	4	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	3 745	3 989	4 318	4 683	4 974
Not stated/unknown	–	6	2	2	4
Total non-Indigenous children	4 147	4 450	4 768	5 226	5 647
All children					
Respite	537	561	610	715	921
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	194	183	197	221	186
1 to less than 6 months	719	779	858	835	708
6 months to less than 1 year	610	727	782	794	857
1 to less than 2 years	760	893	1 061	1 186	1 305
2 to less than 5 years	2 590	2 453	1 486	1 862	2 207
5 years or more	..	..	1 361	1 424	1 593
Not stated/unknown	7	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	4 880	5 035	5 745	6 322	6 856
Not stated/unknown	–	7	4	4	9
Total all children	5 417	5 603	6 359	7 041	7 786

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

Table 15A.33 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, New South Wales (a), (b), (c)**

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

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

Table 15A.34 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, New South Wales (a)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	..	na	na	249	246
6 months to less than 1 year	..	na	na	99	102
1 to less than 2 years	..	na	na	68	78
2 to less than 5 years	..	na	na	40	73
5 years or more	..	na	na	17	52
Total Indigenous children	..	na	na	473	551
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	..	na	na	511	549
6 months to less than 1 year	..	na	na	178	180
1 to less than 2 years	..	na	na	161	225
2 to less than 5 years	..	na	na	144	214
5 years or more	..	na	na	51	170
Total non-Indigenous children	..	na	na	1 045	1 338
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	..	na	na	760	795
6 months to less than 1 year	..	na	na	277	282
1 to less than 2 years	..	na	na	229	303
2 to less than 5 years	..	na	na	184	287
5 years or more	..	na	na	68	222
Total all children	..	na	na	1 518	1 889

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

(b) Separate data on children who exited care provided by NGO's is in development but not currently available. Estimate figures are provided for these children exiting care. Data on these children are estimated using data already available.

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

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

Table 15A.35 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	759	720	1 115	1 282	1 458
Non-Indigenous	no.	1 616	1 787	2 138	2 530	2 821
All children	no.	2 375	2 507	3 253	3 812	4 279
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	68.2
Non-Indigenous	%	39.0	40.2	44.8	48.4	50.0
All children	%	43.8	44.7	51.2	54.1	55.0

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

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

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

Table 15A.36 Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, New South Wales (a), (b), (c),

	<i>Unit</i>	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	579	568	869	999	1 187
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	180	152	246	–	271
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	488	383	430	462	395
Total place in accordance with principle	no.	1 247	1 103	1 545	1 461	1 853
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	23	50	46	354	224
In facility based care/independent/unknown	no.	..	..	..	..	62
Total not place in accordance with principle	no.	23	50	46	354	286
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	1 270	1 153	1 591	1 815	2 139
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	45.6	49.3	54.6	55.0	55.5
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	14.2	13.2	15.5	–	12.7
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	38.4	33.2	27.0	25.5	18.5
Total place in accordance with principle	%	98.2	95.7	97.1	80.5	86.6
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	1.8	4.3	2.9	19.5	10.5
In facility based care/independent/unknown	%	..	..	..	..	2.9
Total not place in accordance with principle	%	1.8	4.3	2.9	19.5	13.4
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	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. 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.

(c) In 2000 there were 12 children where the Indigenous status of the caregiver was unknown. These children were included in the category 'facility based care/independent/unknown'. 2000 data have been updated and differ from previously published data.

(d) In 2001 children in facility based care with Indigenous caregivers were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'. In 2000-01, Indigenous children in facility based care/independent living/unknown include 41 children in facility-based care, 17 children living independently and 4 children for whom no details are known.

(e) Prior to 2001, children in facility based care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.

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

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

Table 15A.37 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	820	730	1 095	1 295	1 520
Non-Indigenous	no.	2 530	2 630	2 950	3 405	3 785
All children	no.	3 350	3 360	4 045	4 700	5 305
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	96.7
Non-Indigenous	%	97.5	95.6	94.2	95.4	96.9
All children	%	97.6	95.9	94.9	95.8	96.8

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

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

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

Table 15A.38 Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of different placements by length of time in out-of-home care, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	652	653
2-3 placements	na	108	107
4-5 placement	na	-	-
6-10 placements	na	-	-
11 or more placements	na	-	-
Total children	na	760	760
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	229	197
2-3 placements	na	48	68
4-5 placement	na	-	1
6-10 placements	na	-	-
11 or more placements	na	-	-
Total children	na	277	266
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	172	216
2-3 placements	na	53	66
4-5 placement	na	4	4
6-10 placements	na	-	-
11 or more placements	na	-	-
Total children	na	229	286
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	99	144
2-3 placements	na	68	116
4-5 placement	na	16	14
6-10 placements	na	1	1
11 or more placements	na	-	-
Total children	na	184	275
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	33	51
2-3 placements	na	23	52
4-5 placement	na	12	18
6-10 placements	na	-	-
11 or more placements	na	-	-
Total children	na	68	121
Total children exiting out-of-home care	na	1 518	1 708

(a) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously been placed were counted.

(b) These data were not collected prior to 1998-99. NSW could not provide these data in 1998-99.

- (c) 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.
- (d) The placement events of children prior to July 1995 are not included in this analysis for children who entered care before July 1995.
- (e) In 2000-01, data exclude 181 children for whom placements could not be calculated. Data is calculated from July 1996 to the present. Separate data on children who exited care provided by NGO's is in development but not currently available. Estimate figures are provided for these children exiting care. Data on these children are estimated using data already available.
 - Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable. **na** Not available.

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

Table 15A.39 **Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, New South Wales (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</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	na
Other children						
Number of children	no.	..	na	na	na	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	na	na	na
All children in out-of-home care	no.	..	na	na	na	—

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

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

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

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Table 15A.40 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	380	32.8	514	35.8	na	na	629	31.3	650	32.3
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	345	29.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	353	17.5
Total investigations finalised	725	62.6	na	na	na	na	na	na	1 003	49.8
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	22	1.1
Total notifications investigated	725	62.6	958	66.7	na	na	1 028	51.2	1 025	50.9
Notifications dealt with by other means	334	28.8	479	33.3	na	na	980	48.8	988	49.1
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	2 013	100.0
Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	6 654	21.8	6 843	38.0	na	na	6 730	29.3	6 958	19.9
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	6 627	21.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 949	14.2
Total investigations finalised	13 281	43.5	na	na	na	na	na	na	11 907	34.1
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	410	1.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	273	0.8
Total notifications investigated	13 691	44.8	na	na	na	na	na	na	12 180	34.8
Notifications dealt with by other means	11 857	38.8	17 991	100.0	na	na	22 932	100.0	22 773	65.2

Table 15A.40 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	5 000	16.4	–	–	na	na	–	–	–	–
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	30 548	100.0	17 991	100.0	na	na	22 932	100.0	34 953	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	7 034	na	7 357	22.2	7 251	20.9	7 359	20.0	7 608	20.6
Child at risk	..	na	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	6 972	na	7 074	21.3	6 134	17.7	5 223	14.2	5 302	14.3
Total investigations finalised	14 006	na	14 431	43.5	13 385	38.6	12 582	34.2	12 910	34.9
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	410	na	262	0.8	323	0.9	311	0.8	295	0.8
Total notifications investigated	14 416	na	14 693	44.3	13 708	39.5	12 893	35.0	13 205	35.7
Notifications dealt with by other means	12 191	na	18 470	55.7	20 971	60.5	23 912	65.0	23 761	64.3
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	5 100	na	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total notifications all children	31 707	na	33 163	100.0	34 679	100.0	36 805	100.0	36 966	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. .. Not applicable. **na** Not available.

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

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

		<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%		82.4	73.6	na	60.5	53.6
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%		17.6	26.4	na	39.5	46.4
Total children admitted to orders	no.		188	284	na	271	308
Children discharged from orders	no.		142	231	na	174	199
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%		71.2	68.0	na	56.0	57.1
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%		28.8	32.0	na	44.0	42.9
Total children admitted to orders	no.		2 747	3 319	na	2 336	2 304
Children discharged from orders	no.		2 718	3 036	na	1 803	1 833
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%		71.9	68.4	62.6	56.4	56.7
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%		28.1	31.6	37.4	43.6	43.3
Total children admitted to orders	no.		2 935	3 603	2 606	2 607	2 612
Children discharged from orders	no.		2 860	3 267	2 768	1 977	2 032

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

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

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.42 Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	167	198	na	347	370
Finalised supervisory orders	51	74	na	75	108
Interim and temporary orders	8	22	na	26	34
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	na	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	226	294	na	448	512
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	2 535	2 714	na	3 135	3 168
Finalised supervisory orders	946	1 038	na	982	942
Interim and temporary orders	158	169	na	187	160
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	na	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	3 639	3 921	na	4 304	4 270
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	2 702	2 912	3 085	3 482	3 538
Finalised supervisory orders	997	1 112	1 121	1 057	1 050
Interim and temporary orders	166	191	152	213	194
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	3 865	4 215	4 358	4 752	4 782

(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. .. Not applicable. na Not available.

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

Table 15A.43 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	887	1 122	na	1 285	1 398
Non-Indigenous	23 538	24 635	na	25 552	26 378
All children	24 425	25 757	26 646	26 837	27 776
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (b)					
Indigenous	92.6	113.2	na	125.5	134.8
Non-Indigenous	22.1	23.1	na	24.0	24.7
All children	22.8	24.0	24.7	24.9	25.7
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	625	802	na	825	880
Non-Indigenous	11 971	11 142	na	10 208	10 705
All children	12 596	11 944	11 958	11 033	11 585
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (b)					
Indigenous	65.3	80.9	na	80.6	84.9
Non-Indigenous	11.3	10.5	na	9.6	10.0
All children	11.7	11.1	11.1	10.2	10.7
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	365	460	na	568	602
Non-Indigenous	6 245	5 932	na	6 218	6 547
All children	6 610	6 392	6 823	6 786	7 149
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (b)					
Indigenous	38.1	46.4	na	55.5	58.0
Non-Indigenous	5.9	5.6	na	5.8	6.1
All children	6.2	5.9	6.3	6.3	6.6
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	226	294	na	448	512
Non-Indigenous	3 639	3 921	na	4 304	4 270
All children	3 865	4 215	4 358	4 752	4 782
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years (c)					
Indigenous	22.7	28.2	na	41.4	46.8
Non-Indigenous	3.2	3.5	na	3.8	3.8
All children	3.4	3.7	3.8	4.2	4.2

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

Table 15A.43 **Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a)**

(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.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.44 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Victoria

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>
Number of children					
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	271	270	208	204
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	888	867	779	839
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	4.7
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	14.8	15.6	15.1	19.3

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

Table 15A.45 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Victoria

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>
Number of children					
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	197	153	132	199
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	946	885	893	960
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	2.9
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	14.3	13.8	13.1	14.0

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

Table 15A.46 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status, Victoria (a)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	na	na	na	297	454
Non-Indigenous	na	na	na	3 570	3 428
All children	3 393	3 615	3 581	3 867	3 882
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	na	na	na	27.5	41.5
Non-Indigenous	na	na	na	3.2	3.0
All children	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.4
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year (c)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	na	na	na	na	730
Non-Indigenous	na	na	na	na	6 145
All children	na	na	na	na	6 875
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population					
Indigenous	na	na	na	na	67.1
Non-Indigenous	na	na	na	na	5.4
All children	na	na	na	na	6.0

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.47 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and placement type, Victoria (a), (b), (c)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
Facility based care	na	na	na	38	44
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	na	na	na	na	257
Relative/kinship care	na	na	na	na	141
Other home based	na	na	na	na	12
Total home based	na	na	na	259	410
Independent living-includes private board	..	na	na	na	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	–	–	–	297	454
Non-Indigenous					
Facility based care	na	na	na	483	426
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	na	na	na	na	1 939
Relative/kinship care	na	na	na	na	905
Other home based	na	na	na	na	157
Total home based	na	na	na	3 081	3 001
Independent living-includes private board	..	na	na	na	1
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	–	–	–	3 564	3 428
All children					
Facility based care	689	619	568	521	470
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	1 893	1 988	2 048	2 237	2 196
Relative/kinship care	737	888	817	962	1 046
Other home based	74	105	139	141	169
Total home based	2 704	2 981	3 004	3 340	3 411
Independent living-includes private board	..	15	9	6	1
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	3 393	3 615	3 581	3 867	3 882

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

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

Table 15A.48 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Victoria (a), (b), (c)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	na	na	na	na	316
On another type of order	na	na	na	na	–
Not on an order	na	na	na	na	138
Total Indigenous children	na	na	na	na	454
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	na	na	na	na	2 830
On another type of order	na	na	na	na	17
Not on an order	na	na	na	na	581
Total non-Indigenous children	na	na	na	na	3 428
All children					
On a care and protection order	2 316	2 462	2 848	3 285	3 146
On another type of order	16	..	38	25	17
Not on an order	1 061	1 153	695	557	719
Total all children	3 393	3 615	3 581	3 867	3 882

(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 (there were 86 of these .. Not applicable. **na** Not available.

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

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

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	21
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	na	na	na	na	19
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	102
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	62
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	114
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	83
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	45
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	–
Total non-respite	na	na	na	na	425
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	8
Total Indigenous children	na	na	na	na	454
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	128
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	na	na	na	na	177
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	671
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	529
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	694
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	717
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	426
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	8
Total non-respite	na	na	na	na	3 222
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	78
Total non-Indigenous children	na	na	na	na	3 428
All children					
Respite	80	na	80	134	149
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	51	na	345	269	196
1 to less than 6 months	351	na	691	911	773
6 months to less than 1 year	381	na	324	559	591
1 to less than 2 years	543	na	286	595	808
2 to less than 5 years	1 149	na	225	646	800
5 years or more	..	na	140	382	471
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	8
Total non-respite	2 475	na	2 011	3 362	3 647
Not stated/unknown	–	na	1 490	371	86
Total all children	2 555	na	3 581	3 867	3 882

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

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

Table 15A.50 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Victoria (a), (b)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	46
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	36
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	48
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	20
5 years or more	na	na	4
Total Indigenous children	na	na	154
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	513
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	339
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	298
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	275
5 years or more	na	na	118
Total non-Indigenous children	na	na	1 543
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	559
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	375
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	346
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	295
5 years or more	na	na	122
Total all children	na	na	1 697

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.51 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	na	na	na	na	141
Non-Indigenous	no.	na	na	na	na	905
All children	no.	737	888	817	962	1 046
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	na	na	na	na	31.1
Non-Indigenous	%	na	na	na	na	26.4
All children	%	21.7	24.6	22.8	24.9	26.9

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.52 Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Victoria (a), (b), (c)

	<i>Unit</i>	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	na	na	na	na	89
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	na	na	na	na	52
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	na	na	na	na	115
Total place in accordance with principle	no.	na	na	na	na	256
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	na	na	na	na	154
In facility based care/independent/unknown	no.	..	..	..	..	44
Total not place in accordance with principle	no.	na	na	na	na	198
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	na	na	na	297	454
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	na	na	na	na	19.6
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	na	na	na	na	11.5
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	na	na	na	na	25.3
Total place in accordance with principle	%	na	na	na	na	56.4
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	na	na	na	na	33.9
In facility based care/independent/unknown	%	..	..	..	..	9.7
Total not place in accordance with principle	%	na	na	na	na	43.6
Total Indigenous children in care	%	na	na	na	100.0	100.0

(a) Victoria was unable to provide data for this indicator prior to 2001.

(b) Data for 2001 may include some children in the category 'facility based care/independent living who had Indigenous caregivers in facility based care.

(c) Prior to 2001, children in facility based care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver.

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

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

Table 15A.53 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	na	na	na	na	305
Non-Indigenous	no.	na	na	na	na	1 899
All children	no.	1 644	1 714	1 883	2 153	2 204
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	na	na	na	na	94.1
Non-Indigenous	%	na	na	na	na	96.2
All children	%	87.9	92.0	91.3	94.2	95.9

(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.

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

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.54 **Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of different placements by length of time in out-of-home care, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	na	326
2-3 placements	na	na	189
4-5 placement	na	na	42
6-10 placements	na	na	2
11 or more placements	na	na	-
Total children	na	na	559
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	na	124
2-3 placements	na	na	172
4-5 placement	na	na	67
6-10 placements	na	na	12
11 or more placements	na	na	-
Total children	na	na	375
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	na	67
2-3 placements	na	na	164
4-5 placement	na	na	77
6-10 placements	na	na	32
11 or more placements	na	na	6
Total children	na	na	346
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	na	32
2-3 placements	na	na	100
4-5 placement	na	na	81
6-10 placements	na	na	72
11 or more placements	na	na	10
Total children	na	na	295
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	na	18
2-3 placements	na	na	40
4-5 placement	na	na	20
6-10 placements	na	na	34
11 or more placements	na	na	10
Total children	na	na	122
Total children exiting out-of-home care	na	na	1 697

(a) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously been placed were counted.

(b) These data were not collected prior to 1998-99.

(c) Victoria was unable to provide data for this indicator in 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

(d) In 2000-01, data were available only for July 2000 to May 2001. Data has been adjusted for full year effect.

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

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

Table 15A.55 **Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, Victoria (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</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	3
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	..	na	na	na	0.1
Other children						
Number of children	no.	..	na	na	na	3 167
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	..	na	na	na	99.9
All children in out-of-home care	no.	..	na	na	na	3 170

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

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

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

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Table 15A.56 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	818	41.5	1 085	43.5	856	45.3	770	43.9	946	45.5
Child at risk	216	11.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	582	29.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	295	14.2
Total investigations finalised	1 616	82.0	na	na	na	na	na	na	1 241	59.7
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	18	0.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	538	25.9
Total notifications investigated	1 634	82.9	2 167	87.0	1 630	86.3	1 475	84.1	1 779	85.5
Notifications dealt with by other means	167	8.5	213	8.5	189	10.0	200	11.4	219	10.5
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	170	8.6	112	4.5	70	3.7	78	4.4	82	3.9
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	1 971	100.0	2 492	100.0	1 889	100.0	1 753	100.0	2 080	100.0
Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	4 077	30.2	5 238	35.5	5 517	32.8	6 149	35.5	7 449	37.3
Child at risk	1 254	9.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	4 716	34.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 657	18.3
Total investigations finalised	10 047	74.4	na	na	na	na	na	na	11 106	55.6
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	1 245	9.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 237	26.2
Total notifications investigated	11 292	83.6	12 317	83.6	13 380	79.5	13 823	79.9	16 343	81.8
Notifications dealt with by other means	1 380	10.2	1 775	12.0	2 643	15.7	2 680	15.5	2 925	14.6

Table 15A.56 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	835	6.2	649	4.4	809	4.8	801	4.6	721	3.6
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	13 507	100.0	14 741	100.0	16 832	100.0	17 304	100.0	19 989	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	4 895	na	6 323	36.7	6 373	34.0	6 919	36.3	8 395	38.0
Child at risk	1 470	na	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	5 298	na	5 405	31.4	4 465	23.9	3 985	20.9	3 952	17.9
Total investigations finalised	11 663	na	11 728	68.1	10 838	57.9	10 904	57.2	12 347	55.9
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	1 263	na	2 756	16.0	4 172	22.3	4 394	23.1	5 775	26.2
Total notifications investigated	12 926	na	14 484	84.0	15 010	80.2	15 298	80.3	18 122	82.1
Notifications dealt with by other means	1 547	na	1 988	11.5	2 832	15.1	2 880	15.1	3 144	14.2
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	1 005	na	761	4.4	879	4.7	879	4.6	803	3.6
Total notifications all children	15 478	na	17 233	100.0	18 721	100.0	19 057	100.0	22 069	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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.57 Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Queensland (a)

		<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%		64.1	70.8	61.5	57.5	50.9
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%		35.9	29.2	38.5	42.5	49.1
Total children admitted to orders	no.		181	192	195	174	212
Children discharged from orders	no.		98	105	122	143	249
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%		66.3	70.5	68.8	71.7	61.2
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%		33.7	29.5	31.2	28.3	38.8
Total children admitted to orders	no.		727	777	850	805	1 185
Children discharged from orders	no.		406	449	488	660	929
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%		65.9	70.6	67.5	69.2	59.6
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%		34.1	29.4	32.5	30.8	40.4
Total children admitted to orders	no.		908	969	1 045	979	1 397
Children discharged from orders	no.		504	554	610	803	1 178

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

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

Table 15A.58 Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Queensland (a)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	715	710	736	772	752
Finalised supervisory orders	61	93	90	71	5
Interim and temporary orders	32	49	54	13	46
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	–	–	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	808	852	880	856	803
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	2 094	2 157	2 288	2 428	2 549
Finalised supervisory orders	196	226	212	217	63
Interim and temporary orders	151	198	229	111	158
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	2 441	2 581	2 729	2 756	2 770
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	2 809	2 867	3 024	3 200	3 301
Finalised supervisory orders	257	319	302	288	68
Interim and temporary orders	183	247	283	124	204
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	–	–	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	3 249	3 433	3 609	3 612	3 573

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.59 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 506	1 829	1 221	1 260	1 364
Non-Indigenous	10 394	11 102	12 833	13 154	14 834
All children	11 900	12 931	14 054	14 414	16 198
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (c)					
Indigenous	33.5	37.5	24.5	24.8	26.3
Non-Indigenous	13.1	13.9	16.0	16.4	18.3
All children	14.2	15.3	16.5	16.9	18.8
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 227	1 279	736	705	867
Non-Indigenous	7 648	7 309	7 152	7 218	8 577
All children	8 875	8 588	7 888	7 923	9 444
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (c)					
Indigenous	27.3	26.2	14.8	13.9	16.7
Non-Indigenous	9.6	9.2	8.9	9.0	10.6
All children	10.6	10.2	9.3	9.3	11.0
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	565	771	492	502	680
Non-Indigenous	2 922	3 582	3 880	4 303	5 690
All children	3 487	4 353	4 372	4 805	6 370
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (c)					
Indigenous	12.6	15.8	9.9	9.9	13.1
Non-Indigenous	3.9	4.5	4.8	5.4	7.0
All children	4.1	5.1	5.1	5.6	7.4
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	808	852	880	856	803
Non-Indigenous	2 441	2 581	2 729	2 756	2 770
All children	3 249	3 433	3 609	3 612	3 573
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years (d)					
Indigenous	17.2	16.5	16.7	15.9	14.6
Non-Indigenous	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2
All children	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.9

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

Table 15A.59 **Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b)**

- (b) Data for children who were the subject of investigations and children who were subjects of substantiations in 2000-01 are not directly comparable with data from previous years due to system amendments which allows for more accurate reporting of children who were the subject of more than one notification.
- (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.

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

Table 15A.60 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Queensland (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>
Number of children					
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	na	na	na	120
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	na	na	na	225
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation					
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	na	na	na	4.9
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	na	na	na	9.2

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

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

Table 15A.61 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Queensland (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>
Number of children					
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	na	na	na	496
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	na	na	na	1 247
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation					
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	na	na	na	9.0
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	na	na	na	22.6

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

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

Table 15A.62 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	549	522	579	592	637
Non-Indigenous	1 662	1 824	2 034	2 042	2 374
All children	2 211	2 346	2 613	2 634	3 011
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population					
Indigenous	11.7	10.1	11.0	11.0	11.6
Non-Indigenous	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.8
All children	2.5	2.6	2.9	2.9	3.3
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	759	749	721	763	823
Non-Indigenous	2 262	2 395	2 516	2 909	3 108
All children	3 021	3 144	3 237	3 672	3 931
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population					
Indigenous	16.1	14.7	13.8	14.3	15.1
Non-Indigenous	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.4	3.6
All children	3.4	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.3

(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.

(c) Data for 2001 includes children who were not on orders and is not comparable with data from previous years.

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

Table 15A.63 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and placement type, Queensland (a), (b), (c)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
Facility based care	29	18	20	18	19
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	520	304	355	357	377
Relative/kinship care	..	200	204	217	241
Other home based	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	520	504	559	574	618
Independent living-includes private board	..	–	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	549	522	579	592	637
Non-Indigenous					
Facility based care	138	102	92	67	62
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	1 524	1 425	1 567	1 553	1 834
Relative/kinship care	..	297	375	422	478
Other home based	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	1 524	1 722	1 942	1 975	2 312
Independent living-includes private board	..	–	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	1 662	1 824	2 034	2 042	2 374
All children					
Facility based care	167	120	112	85	81
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	2 044	1 729	1 922	1 910	2 211
Relative/kinship care	..	497	579	639	719
Other home based	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	2 044	2 226	2 501	2 549	2 930
Independent living-includes private board	..	–	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 211	2 346	2 613	2 634	3 011

(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'.

(c) 2000-01 data includes children who are not on orders and hence is not comparable to previous years.

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

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

Table 15A.64 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Queensland (a), (b)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	532	521	577	590	607
On another type of order	17	1	2	2	1
Not on an order	na	na	na	na	29
Total Indigenous children	549	522	579	592	637
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	1 658	1 817	2 028	2 040	2 196
On another type of order	4	7	6	2	4
Not on an order	na	na	na	na	174
Total non-Indigenous children	1 662	1 824	2 034	2 042	2 374
All children					
On a care and protection order	2 190	2 338	2 605	2 630	2 803
On another type of order	21	8	8	4	5
Not on an order	na	na	na	na	203
Total all children	2 211	2 346	2 613	2 634	3 011

(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.

(b) Data for 2001 includes children who were not on orders and is not comparable with data from previous years.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.65 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Queensland (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	31	13	17	39	51
1 to less than 6 months	100	76	103	92	131
6 months to less than 1 year	94	66	88	87	98
1 to less than 2 years	87	95	93	123	106
2 to less than 5 years	237	272	131	124	140
5 years or more	..	..	147	127	111
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	549	522	579	592	637
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	549	522	579	592	637
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	108	98	93	125	264
1 to less than 6 months	337	366	447	445	538
6 months to less than 1 year	232	274	290	271	363
1 to less than 2 years	316	339	347	370	345
2 to less than 5 years	669	747	498	459	472
5 years or more	..	..	359	372	392
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 662	1 824	2 034	2 042	2 374
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	1 662	1 824	2 034	2 042	2 374
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	139	111	110	164	315
1 to less than 6 months	437	442	550	537	669
6 months to less than 1 year	326	340	378	358	461
1 to less than 2 years	403	434	440	493	451
2 to less than 5 years	906	1 019	629	583	612
5 years or more	..	..	506	499	503
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	2 211	2 346	2 613	2 634	3 011
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 211	2 346	2 613	2 634	3 011

(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.
- (d) 2000-01 data includes children who are not on orders and hence is not comparable to previous years
 - Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable. **na** Not available.

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

Table 15A.66 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Queensland (a)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	..	74	38	64	44
6 months to less than 1 year	..	37	23	21	23
1 to less than 2 years	..	21	24	14	49
2 to less than 5 years	..	50	15	15	29
5 years or more (b)	22	23	29
Total Indigenous children	..	182	122	137	174
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	..	202	182	246	238
6 months to less than 1 year	..	57	57	86	83
1 to less than 2 years	..	72	60	82	98
2 to less than 5 years	..	172	82	66	110
5 years or more (b)	54	64	78
Total non-Indigenous children	..	503	435	544	607
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	..	276	220	310	282
6 months to less than 1 year	..	94	80	107	106
1 to less than 2 years	..	93	84	96	147
2 to less than 5 years	..	222	97	81	139
5 years or more (b)	76	87	107
Total all children	..	685	557	681	781

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.67 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, Queensland (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	..	200	204	217	241
Non-Indigenous	no.	..	297	375	422	478
All children	no.	..	497	579	639	719
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	..	38.3	35.2	36.7	37.8
Non-Indigenous	%	..	16.3	18.4	20.7	20.1
All children	%	..	21.2	22.2	24.3	23.9

(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, 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 (unpublished).

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

	<i>Unit</i>	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	na	149	136	138	155
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	na	51	68	79	86
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	na	190	195	188	185
Total placed in accordance with principle	no.	na	390	399	405	426
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	na	132	180	187	192
In facility based care/independent/unknown	no.	..	..	..	..	19
Total not placed in accordance with principle	no.	na	132	180	187	211
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	549	522	579	592	637
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	na	28.5	23.5	23.3	24.3
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	na	9.8	11.7	13.3	13.5
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	na	36.4	33.7	31.8	29.0
Total placed in accordance with principle	%	na	74.7	68.9	68.4	66.9
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	na	25.3	31.1	31.6	30.1
In facility based care/independent/unknown	%	..	..	..	..	3.0
Total not placed in accordance with principle	%	na	25.3	31.1	31.6	33.1
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	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) There may be some children in the category 'facility based care/independent living who had Indigenous caregivers in facility based care.

(c) Prior to 2001, children in facility based care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver.

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

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

Table 15A.69 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June by Indigenous status, Queensland (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	325	320	368	364	397
Non-Indigenous	no.	924	1 051	1 223	1 289	1 540
All children	no.	1 249	1 371	1 591	1 653	1 937
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	96.6
Non-Indigenous	%	96.7	98.0	99.1	98.8	98.9
All children	%	97.1	97.8	98.6	98.4	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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.70 **Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of different placements by length of time in out-of-home care, Queensland (a)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	176	236	210
2-3 placements	44	73	69
4-5 placement	-	1	3
6-10 placements	-	-	-
11 or more placements	-	-	-
Total children	220	310	282
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	40	61	62
2-3 placements	34	44	40
4-5 placement	5	2	4
6-10 placements	1	-	-
11 or more placements	-	-	-
Total children	80	107	106
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	45	45	83
2-3 placements	32	36	49
4-5 placement	5	15	15
6-10 placements	2	-	-
11 or more placements	-	-	-
Total children	84	96	147
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	27	23	46
2-3 placements	38	34	71
4-5 placement	20	15	16
6-10 placements	12	9	6
11 or more placements	-	-	-
Total children	97	81	139
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	34	31	43
2-3 placements	28	38	47
4-5 placement	7	11	9
6-10 placements	7	6	7
11 or more placements	-	1	1
Total children	76	87	107
Total children exiting out-of-home care	557	681	781

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

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

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

Table 15A.71 **Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, Queensland (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</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	140
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	..	na	na	2.0	3.6
Other children						
Number of children	no.	..	na	na	3 599	3 791
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	..	na	na	98.0	96.4
All children in out-of-home care	no.	..	3 144	3 237	3 672	3 931

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

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

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Table 15A.72 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	224	47.3	302	56.2	327	59.5	365	51.5	383	48.5
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	120	25.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	254	32.2
Total investigations finalised	344	72.6	na	na	na	na	na	na	637	80.6
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	90	19.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	122	15.4
Total notifications investigated	434	91.6	506	94.2	532	96.7	692	97.6	759	96.1
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	31	3.9
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	474	100.0	537	100.0	550	100.0	709	100.0	790	100.0
Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	758	46.6	833	43.6	888	44.0	804	41.5	808	39.2
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	609	37.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	947	45.9
Total investigations finalised	1 367	84.1	na	na	na	na	na	na	1 755	85.2
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	132	8.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	245	11.9
Total notifications investigated	1 499	92.2	1 779	93.1	1 918	95.0	1 885	97.4	2 000	97.0
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	61	3.0

Table 15A.72 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	1 625	100.0	1 910	100.0	2 018	100.0	1 936	100.0	2 061	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	982	na	1 135	46.4	1 215	47.3	1 169	44.2	1 191	41.8
Child at risk	..	na	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	729	na	961	39.3	1 139	44.4	1 196	45.2	1 201	42.1
Total investigations finalised	1 711	na	2 096	85.7	2 354	91.7	2 365	89.4	2 392	83.9
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	222	na	189	7.7	96	3.7	212	8.0	367	12.9
Total notifications investigated	1 933	na	2 285	93.4	2 450	95.4	2 577	97.4	2 759	96.8
Notifications dealt with by other means	166	na	..	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	–	na	162	6.6	118	4.6	68	2.6	92	3.2
Total notifications all children	2 099	na	2 447	100.0	2 568	100.0	2 645	100.0	2 851	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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.73 Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b)

		<i>Unit</i>	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	na	97.0	91.5	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	na	3.0	8.5	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	47	35	110	134	129	
Children discharged from orders	no.	38	17	41	47	36	
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	na	98.6	97.6	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	na	1.4	2.4	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	85	85	269	276	287	
Children discharged from orders	no.	91	83	156	139	127	
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	na	98.0	95.7	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	na	2.0	4.3	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	132	120	379	410	416	
Children discharged from orders	no.	129	100	197	186	163	

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.74 Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	203	215	258	297	346
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	40	30	9
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	..	—	—	na
Total Indigenous children on orders	203	215	298	327	355
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	582	584	637	718	788
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	84	60	43
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	..	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	582	584	721	778	831
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	785	799	895	1 015	1 134
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	124	90	52
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	..	—	—	na
Total all children on orders	785	799	1 019	1 105	1 186

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

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

Table 15A.75 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Western Australia

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	431	475	482	630	702
Non-Indigenous	1 473	1 720	1 832	1 738	1 886
All children	1 904	2 195	2 314	2 368	2 588
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	18.1	18.8	18.8	24.4	26.9
Non-Indigenous	3.5	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.4
All children	4.3	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.7
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	331	412	449	559	576
Non-Indigenous	1 310	1 483	1 685	1 561	1 607
All children	1 641	1 895	2 134	2 120	2 183
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	14.4	16.3	17.5	21.6	22.1
Non-Indigenous	3.2	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.8
All children	3.8	4.2	4.7	4.7	4.8
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	217	272	298	329	355
Non-Indigenous	728	783	832	724	760
All children	945	1 055	1 130	1 053	1 115
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	9.4	10.8	11.6	12.7	13.6
Non-Indigenous	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.7	1.8
All children	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.5
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	203	215	298	327	355
Non-Indigenous	582	584	721	778	831
All children	785	799	1 019	1 105	1 186
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years (b)					
Indigenous	8.2	8.1	11.0	12.0	12.9
Non-Indigenous	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.7	1.8
All children	1.7	1.7	2.1	2.3	2.5

Table 15A.75 **Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Western Australia**

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

Table 15A.76 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Western Australia

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>
Number of children					
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	24	17	24	33
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	55	60	63	86
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	2.7
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	7.9	7.1	6.2	6.9

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

Table 15A.77 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Western Australia

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>
Number of children					
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	47	43	43	55
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	103	117	104	119
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	4.9
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	10.8	11.0	9.1	10.5

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

Table 15A.78 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June (b), (c)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	318	310	369	420	456
Non-Indigenous	732	783	823	906	980
All children	1 050	1 093	1 192	1 326	1 436
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population					
Indigenous	12.8	11.6	13.7	15.4	16.6
Non-Indigenous	1.6	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.2
All children	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.8	3.0
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year (d), (e), (f)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	687	632	613	621	681
Non-Indigenous	1 445	1 437	1 384	1 398	1 437
All children	2 132	2 069	1 997	2 019	2 118
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population					
Indigenous	27.7	23.9	22.9	22.9	24.9
Non-Indigenous	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.2
All children	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.4

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.79 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and placement type, Western Australia (a), (b)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
Facility based care	61	55	67	75	57
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	130	144	141	154	168
Relative/kinship care	124	109	150	184	223
Other home based	–	–	5	–	–
Total home based	254	253	296	338	391
Independent living-includes private	..	1	2	1	5
Other-includes unknown living	3	1	4	6	3
Total Indigenous children	318	310	369	420	456
Non-Indigenous					
Facility based care	116	103	97	100	88
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	519	545	568	615	623
Relative/kinship care	92	117	127	157	214
Other home based	–	–	14	–	–
Total home based	611	662	709	772	837
Independent living-includes private	..	12	16	31	52
Other-includes unknown living	5	6	1	3	3
Total non-Indigenous children	732	783	823	906	980
All children					
Facility based care	177	158	164	175	145
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	649	689	709	769	791
Relative/kinship care	216	226	277	341	437
Other home based	–	–	19	–	–
Total home based	865	915	1 005	1 110	1 228
Independent living-includes private	..	13	18	32	57
Other-includes unknown living	8	7	5	9	6
Total all children	1 050	1 093	1 192	1 326	1 436

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.80 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Western Australia (a)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	185	215	269	246	325
On another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	133	95	100	174	131
Total Indigenous children	318	310	369	420	456
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	498	584	619	691	731
On another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	234	199	204	215	249
Total non-Indigenous children	732	783	823	906	980
All children					
On a care and protection order	683	799	888	937	1 056
On another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	367	294	304	389	380
Total all children	1 050	1 093	1 192	1 326	1 436

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.81 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	33	5	13	19	9
1 to less than 6 months	71	42	52	44	51
6 months to less than 1 year	40	37	37	44	37
1 to less than 2 years	55	36	67	69	79
2 to less than 5 years	119	188	88	122	142
5 years or more	..	..	100	120	138
Not stated/unknown	–	2	12	2	–
Total non-respite	318	310	369	420	456
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	318	310	369	420	456
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	57	25	46	36	28
1 to less than 6 months	181	125	108	117	130
6 months to less than 1 year	109	86	89	110	101
1 to less than 2 years	108	93	123	138	171
2 to less than 5 years	277	451	197	192	255
5 years or more	..	..	256	307	295
Not stated/unknown	–	3	4	6	–
Total non-respite	732	783	823	906	980
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	732	783	823	906	980
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	90	30	59	55	37
1 to less than 6 months	252	167	160	161	181
6 months to less than 1 year	149	123	126	154	138
1 to less than 2 years	163	129	190	207	250
2 to less than 5 years	396	639	285	314	397
5 years or more	..	..	356	427	433
Not stated/unknown	–	5	16	8	–
Total non-respite	1 050	1 093	1 192	1 326	1 436
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 050	1 093	1 192	1 326	1 436

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

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

Table 15A.82 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	..	20	33	33	28
6 months to less than 1 year	..	10	6	4	10
1 to less than 2 years	..	6	10	11	4
2 to less than 5 years	..	19	8	13	11
5 years or more	..	na	10	12	11
Total Indigenous children	..	55	67	73	64
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	..	45	107	117	98
6 months to less than 1 year	..	29	32	52	33
1 to less than 2 years	..	30	28	29	34
2 to less than 5 years	..	70	44	41	37
5 years or more	..	na	34	30	38
Total non-Indigenous children	..	174	245	269	240
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	..	65	140	150	126
6 months to less than 1 year	..	39	38	56	43
1 to less than 2 years	..	36	38	40	38
2 to less than 5 years	..	89	52	54	48
5 years or more	..	na	44	42	49
Total all children	..	229	312	342	304

(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.

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

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

Table 15A.83 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	124	109	150	184	223
Non-Indigenous	no.	92	117	127	157	214
All children	no.	216	226	277	341	437
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	48.9
Non-Indigenous	%	12.6	14.9	15.4	17.3	21.8
All children	%	20.6	20.7	23.2	25.7	30.4

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

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

Table 15A.84 Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Western Australia (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	122	94	135	169	195
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	2	10	21	22	28
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	119	169	141	135	136
Total place in accordance with principle	no.	243	273	297	326	359
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	75	37	72	94	64
In facility based care/independent/unknown	no.	..	..	..	..	33
Total not place in accordance with principle	no.	75	37	72	94	97
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	318	310	369	420	456
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	38.4	30.3	36.6	40.2	42.8
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	0.6	3.2	5.7	5.2	6.1
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	37.4	54.5	38.2	32.1	29.8
Total place in accordance with principle	%	76.4	88.1	80.5	77.6	78.7
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	23.6	11.9	19.5	22.4	14.0
In facility based care/independent/unknown	%	..	..	..	..	7.2
Total not place in accordance with principle	%	23.6	11.9	19.5	22.4	21.3
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	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'.

(b) Children in facility based care with Indigenous caregivers were included in the category 'Other Indigenous caregiver'.

(c) Prior to 2001, children in facility based care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.

.. Not applicable.

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

Table 15A.85 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	182	182	221	260	314
Non-Indigenous	no.	421	448	477	524	570
All children	no.	603	630	698	784	884
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	90.2
Non-Indigenous	%	90.9	92.4	93.8	91.9	93.1
All children	%	87.4	88.9	89.0	87.9	92.1

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

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

Table 15A.86 Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of different placements by length of time in out-of-home care, Western Australia (a), (b), (c)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	106	93	90
2-3 placements	34	54	34
4-5 placement	—	3	2
6-10 placements	—	—	—
11 or more placements	—	—	—
Total children	140	150	126
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	12	24	22
2-3 placements	21	29	18
4-5 placement	3	3	3
6-10 placements	1	—	—
11 or more placements	1	—	—
Total children	38	56	43
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	14	17	17
2-3 placements	13	15	21
4-5 placement	9	7	—
6-10 placements	2	1	—
11 or more placements	—	—	—
Total children	38	40	38
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	19	10	10
2-3 placements	16	23	29
4-5 placement	10	15	8
6-10 placements	6	6	—
11 or more placements	1	—	1
Total children	52	54	48
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	25	13	18
2-3 placements	11	15	14
4-5 placement	5	6	7
6-10 placements	3	6	7
11 or more placements	—	2	3
Total children	44	42	49
Total children exiting out-of-home care	312	342	304

(a) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously been placed were counted.

(b) These data were not collected prior to 1998–99.

(c) For number of placements, only new placements in which the child has not been placed previously were counted.

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

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

Table 15A.87 Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, Western Australia

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</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	13
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.6
Other children						
Number of children	no.	na	2 052	1 989	2 017	2 105
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	99.2	99.6	99.9	99.4
All children in out-of-home care	no.	na	2 069	1 997	2 019	2 118

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.88 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	326	32.1	330	25.5	337	19.1	435	19.3	438	25.9
Child at risk	3	0.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	354	34.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	536	31.7
Total investigations finalised	683	67.4	na	na	na	na	na	na	974	57.6
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	44	4.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	0.1
Total notifications investigated	727	71.7	663	51.3	730	41.3	876	38.8	976	57.7
Notifications dealt with by other means	–	–	..	..	313	17.7	1 379	61.2	716	42.3
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	287	28.3	630	48.7	723	40.9	–	–	–	–
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	1 014	100.0	1 293	100.0	1 766	100.0	2 255	100.0	1 692	100.0
Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	2 201	24.2	1 585	15.3	1 777	15.6	1 650	12.8	1 560	18.8
Child at risk	44	0.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	4 058	44.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 590	31.2
Total investigations finalised	6 303	69.4	na	na	na	na	na	na	4 150	50.0
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	293	3.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	0.4
Total notifications investigated	6 596	72.6	4 178	40.3	4 468	39.3	4 142	32.0	4 180	50.4
Notifications dealt with by other means	–	–	..	..	1 317	11.6	704	5.4	4 116	49.6

Table 15A.88 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	2 484	27.4	6 180	59.7	5 581	49.1	8 080	62.5	–	–
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	9 080	100.0	10 358	100.0	11 366	100.0	12 926	100.0	8 296	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	2 527	na	1 915	16.4	2 114	16.1	2 085	13.7	1 998	20.0
Child at risk	47	na	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	4 412	na	2 862	24.6	3 029	23.1	2 917	19.2	3 126	31.3
Total investigations finalised	6 986	na	4 777	41.0	5 143	39.2	5 002	32.9	5 124	51.3
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	337	na	64	0.5	55	0.4	16	0.1	32	0.3
Total notifications investigated	7 323	na	4 841	41.6	5 198	39.6	5 018	33.1	5 156	51.6
Notifications dealt with by other means	–	na	..	..	1 630	12.4	2 083	13.7	4 832	48.4
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	2 771	na	6 810	58.4	6 304	48.0	8 080	53.2	–	–
Total notifications all children	10 094	na	11 651	100.0	13 132	100.0	15 181	100.0	9 988	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) Up to and including 1999-00 notifications also included 'notifier concern reports', that is reports which do not meet the criteria for reasonable suspicion of abuse or neglect. From 2000-01 'notifier concern reports' are excluded from the count of total notifications".

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

Table 15A.88 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.89 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, South Australia**

		<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	54.5	na	46.2	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	45.5	na	53.8	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	36	50	44	na	93	
Children discharged from orders	no.	33	70	33	na	116	
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	66.7	na	52.1	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	33.3	na	47.9	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	199	268	192	na	399	
Children discharged from orders	no.	267	286	198	na	448	
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	64.4	na	51.0	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	35.6	na	49.0	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	235	318	236	na	492	
Children discharged from orders	no.	300	356	231	na	564	

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.90 **Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	164	na	na	na	215
Finalised supervisory orders	12	na	na	na	..
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	na	na	6
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	–	na	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	na	na	na	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	176	160	158	174	221
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	899	na	na	na	995
Finalised supervisory orders	59	na	na	na	..
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	na	na	44
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	38	na	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	na	na	na	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	996	942	866	769	1 039
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	1 063	na	na	na	1 210
Finalised supervisory orders	71	na	na	na	..
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	na	na	50
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	38	na	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	na	na	na	–
Total all children on orders	1 172	1 102	1 024	943	1 260

(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 between 1998–98 and 1999–2000.

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

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

Table 15A.91 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, South Australia

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications (a)					
Number of children					
Indigenous	582	806	1 078	1 270	1 062
Non-Indigenous	6 022	6 765	7 433	8 230	6 018
All children	6 604	7 571	8 511	9 500	7 080
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (b)					
Indigenous	63.2	81.5	107.3	124.5	102.8
Non-Indigenous	18.3	20.7	22.8	25.4	18.8
All children	19.5	22.5	25.3	28.5	21.4
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	479	462	536	619	664
Non-Indigenous	4 897	3 077	3 342	3 174	3 286
All children	5 376	3 539	3 878	3 793	3 950
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (b)					
Indigenous	52.0	46.7	53.3	60.7	64.3
Non-Indigenous	14.9	9.4	10.3	9.8	10.2
All children	15.9	10.5	11.5	11.4	11.9
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	239	260	269	337	317
Non-Indigenous	1 861	1 309	1 489	1 354	1 334
All children	2 100	1 569	1 758	1 691	1 651
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (b)					
Indigenous	25.9	26.3	26.8	33.0	30.7
Non-Indigenous	5.6	4.0	4.6	4.2	4.2
All children	6.2	4.7	5.2	5.1	5.0
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	176	160	158	174	221
Non-Indigenous	996	942	866	769	1 039
All children	1 172	1 102	1 024	943	1 260
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years (c)					
Indigenous	18.4	15.3	14.9	16.1	20.2
Non-Indigenous	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.2	3.1
All children	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.7	3.6

Table 15A.91 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, South Australia

- (a) In 2000-01, South Australia included in 'notifications' only those reports which have met the criteria for a reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect.
- (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 (unpublished), AIHW *Children on care and protection orders Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.92 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, South Australia

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>
Number of children					
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	na	na	na	167
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	na	na	na	342
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation					
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	na	na	na	7.7
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	na	na	na	15.7

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.93 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, South Australia

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>
Number of children					
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	241	211	242	263
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	382	337	387	408
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation					
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	11.3	13.4	13.7	15.4
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	18.0	21.4	21.9	23.9

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.94 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	219	188	197	211	227
Non-Indigenous	930	819	848	920	948
All children	1 149	1 007	1 045	1 131	1 175
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population					
Indigenous	22.9	18.0	18.5	19.5	20.7
Non-Indigenous	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.8
All children	3.2	2.8	2.9	3.2	3.3
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	406	381	404	na	444
Non-Indigenous	1 996	1 834	1 898	na	1 702
All children	2 402	2 215	2 302	na	2 146
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population					
Indigenous	42.4	36.9	38.3	na	40.9
Non-Indigenous	5.7	5.3	5.5	na	5.0
All children	6.7	6.2	6.5	na	6.1

(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.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.95 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and placement type, South Australia (a), (b), (c)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
Facility based care	na	na	3	3	4
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	187	162	157	na	176
Relative/kinship care	32	26	37	na	47
Other home based	–	–	–	na	–
Total home based	219	188	194	208	223
Independent living-includes private	..	–	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	219	188	197	211	227
Non-Indigenous					
Facility based care	na	na	33	33	39
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	866	745	740	na	799
Relative/kinship care	64	60	66	na	100
Other home based	–	14	9	na	10
Total home based	930	819	815	887	909
Independent living-includes private	..	–	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	930	819	848	920	948
All children					
Facility based care	–	–	36	36	43
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	1 053	907	897	na	975
Relative/kinship care	96	86	103	na	147
Other home based	–	14	9	na	10
Total home based	1 149	1 007	1 009	1 095	1 132
Independent living-includes private	..	–	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 149	1 007	1 045	1 131	1 175

(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. .. Not applicable. na Not available.

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

Table 15A.96 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, South Australia (a), (b)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	119	132	171	na	na
On another type of order	–	..	1	na	na
Not on an order	100	56	25	na	na
Total Indigenous children	219	188	197	211	–
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	511	548	767	na	na
On another type of order	–	..	7	na	na
Not on an order	419	271	74	na	na
Total non-Indigenous children	930	819	848	920	–
All children					
On a care and protection order	630	680	938	na	na
On another type of order	–	..	8	na	na
Not on an order	519	327	99	na	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 2000 or 2001.

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

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

Table 15A.97 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, South Australia (a)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	3
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	15	18	16	24	23
1 to less than 6 months	43	27	38	34	36
6 months to less than 1 year	30	19	31	22	22
1 to less than 2 years	14	33	22	34	32
2 to less than 5 years	117	91	21	11	55
5 years or more	..	..	69	83	52
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	219	188	197	208	220
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	3	–
Total Indigenous children	219	188	197	211	223
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	6
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	50	53	96	111	96
1 to less than 6 months	153	169	144	173	169
6 months to less than 1 year	81	82	96	81	122
1 to less than 2 years	121	85	109	115	112
2 to less than 5 years	525	430	69	61	168
5 years or more	..	..	334	346	236
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	930	819	848	887	903
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	33	–
Total non-Indigenous children	930	819	848	920	909
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	9
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	65	71	112	135	119
1 to less than 6 months	196	196	182	207	205
6 months to less than 1 year	111	101	127	103	144
1 to less than 2 years	135	118	131	149	144
2 to less than 5 years	642	521	90	72	223
5 years or more	..	..	403	429	288
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 149	1 007	1 045	1 095	1 123
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	36	–
Total all children	1 149	1 007	1 045	1 131	1 132

Table 15A.97 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, South Australia (a)**

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

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

Table 15A.98 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, South Australia (a)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	..	32	19	na	51
6 months to less than 1 year	..	4	8	na	3
1 to less than 2 years	..	3	5	na	7
2 to less than 5 years	..	3	7	na	3
5 years or more	11	na	8
Total Indigenous children	..	42	50	na	72
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	..	240	145	na	224
6 months to less than 1 year	..	61	34	na	44
1 to less than 2 years	..	38	19	na	21
2 to less than 5 years	..	115	26	na	25
5 years or more	48	na	33
Total non-Indigenous children	..	454	272	na	347
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	..	272	164	na	275
6 months to less than 1 year	..	65	42	na	47
1 to less than 2 years	..	41	24	na	28
2 to less than 5 years	..	118	33	na	28
5 years or more	59	na	41
Total all children	..	496	322	na	419

(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'.

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

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

Table 15A.99 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, South Australia (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	32	26	37	na	47
Non-Indigenous	no.	64	60	66	na	100
All children	no.	96	86	103	na	147
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	20.7
Non-Indigenous	%	6.9	7.3	7.8	na	10.5
All children	%	8.4	8.5	9.9	na	12.5

(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.

na Not available.

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

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

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	na	15	23	na	34
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	na	11	14	na	13
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	na	103	91	na	111
Total place in accordance with principle	no.	na	129	128	na	158
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	na	59	69	na	65
In facility based care/independent/unknown	no.	..	..	..	..	4
Total not place in accordance with principle	no.	na	59	69	na	69
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	219	188	197	211	227
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	na	8.0	11.7	na	15.0
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	na	5.9	7.1	na	5.7
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	na	54.8	46.2	na	48.9
Total place in accordance with principle	%	na	68.6	65.0	na	69.6
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	na	31.4	35.0	na	28.6
In facility based care/independent/unknown	%	..	..	..	..	1.8
Total not place in accordance with principle	%	na	31.4	35.0	na	30.4
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	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) Prior to 2001, children in facility based care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.

(c) Prior to 2001, children in facility based care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.

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

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

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

Table 15A.101 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June by Indigenous status, South Australia (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	138	125	136	144	153
Non-Indigenous	no.	543	458	453	519	538
All children	no.	681	583	589	663	691
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	100.0
Non-Indigenous	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.8	99.8
All children	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.8	99.9

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.102 **Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of different placements by length of time in out-of-home care, South Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	46	na	123
2-3 placements	84	na	132
4-5 placement	24	na	18
6-10 placements	9	na	2
11 or more placements	1	na	-
Total children	164	na	275
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	12	na	12
2-3 placements	16	na	16
4-5 placement	9	na	14
6-10 placements	5	na	5
11 or more placements	-	na	-
Total children	42	na	47
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	10	na	3
2-3 placements	7	na	11
4-5 placement	6	na	8
6-10 placements	1	na	6
11 or more placements	-	na	-
Total children	24	na	28
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	11	na	5
2-3 placements	9	na	14
4-5 placement	6	na	3
6-10 placements	6	na	6
11 or more placements	1	na	-
Total children	33	na	28
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	35	na	27
2-3 placements	9	na	10
4-5 placement	12	na	4
6-10 placements	3	na	-
11 or more placements	-	na	-
Total children	59	na	41
Total children exiting out-of-home care	322	na	419

(a) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously been placed were counted.

(b) These data were not collected prior to 1998-99.

(c) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously been placed were counted.

(d) For number of placements, only new placements in which the child had not been placed previously were counted.

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

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

Table 15A.103 **Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, South Australia (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household						
Number of children	no.	na	na	na	na	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	na	na	na
Other children						
Number of children	no.	na	na	na	na	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	na	na	na
All children in out-of-home care	no.	na	na	na	na	—

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

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.104 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	17	20.5	3	27.3	8	32.0	5	31.3	2	15.4
Child at risk	12	14.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	—	—
Not substantiated	21	25.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	38.5
Total investigations finalised	50	60.2	na	na	na	na	na	na	7	53.8
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	31	37.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	15.4
Total notifications investigated	81	97.6	10	90.9	23	92.0	14	87.5	9	69.2
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	4	30.8
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	83	100.0	11	100.0	25	100.0	16	100.0	13	100.0
Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	227	10.0	132	13.1	120	19.1	92	22.7	101	33.4
Child at risk	386	16.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	9.3
Not substantiated	1 169	51.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	132	43.7
Total investigations finalised	1 782	78.2	na	na	na	na	na	na	261	86.4
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	15	0.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	2.6
Total notifications investigated	1 797	78.8	599	59.6	592	94.3	366	90.1	269	89.1
Notifications dealt with by other means	483	21.2	..	..	9	1.4	9	2.2	7	2.3

Table 15A.104 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	–	–	406	40.4	27	4.3	31	7.6	26	8.6
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	2 280	100.0	1 005	100.0	628	100.0	406	100.0	302	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	244	na	135	13.3	128	19.6	97	23.0	103	32.7
Child at risk	398	na	146	14.4	88	13.5	77	18.2	28	8.9
Not substantiated	1 190	na	304	29.9	315	48.2	182	43.1	137	43.5
Total investigations finalised	1 832	na	585	57.6	531	81.3	356	84.4	268	85.1
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	46	na	24	2.4	84	12.9	24	5.7	10	3.2
Total notifications investigated	1 878	na	609	59.9	615	94.2	380	90.0	278	88.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	485	na	..	..	10	1.5	9	2.1	7	2.2
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	–	na	407	40.1	28	4.3	33	7.8	30	9.5
Total notifications all children	2 363	na	1 016	100.0	653	100.0	422	100.0	315	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.

Table 15A.104 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%

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

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

Table 15A.105 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Tasmania**

		<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%		100.0	77.8	20.0	20.0	20.0
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%		–	22.2	80.0	80.0	80.0
Total children admitted to orders	no.		11	9	10	10	20
Children discharged from orders	no.		11	6	21	10	10
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%		88.5	63.8	64.8	56.4	29.3
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%		11.5	36.2	35.2	43.6	70.7
Total children admitted to orders	no.		235	130	108	163	461
Children discharged from orders	no.		183	182	150	110	228
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%		89.0	64.7	61.0	54.3	28.9
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%		11.0	35.3	39.0	45.7	71.1
Total children admitted to orders	no.		246	139	118	173	481
Children discharged from orders	no.		194	188	171	120	238

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.106 **Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Tasmania (a)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	24	23	21	21	20
Finalised supervisory orders	12	10	13	10	5
Interim and temporary orders	2	1	–	–	2
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	–	–	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	38	34	34	31	27
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	277	295	274	289	354
Finalised supervisory orders	134	144	120	134	45
Interim and temporary orders	36	33	12	16	27
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	23	14	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	470	486	406	439	426
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	301	318	295	310	374
Finalised supervisory orders	146	154	133	144	50
Interim and temporary orders	38	34	12	16	29
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	23	14	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	508	520	440	470	453

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.107 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	69	11	17	8	10
Non-Indigenous	1 709	822	388	225	290
All children	1 778	833	405	233	300
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (c)					
Indigenous	10.0	1.6	2.4	1.1	1.4
Non-Indigenous	15.0	7.4	3.6	2.1	2.8
All children	15.0	7.1	3.5	2.1	2.7
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	47	11	17	8	6
Non-Indigenous	1 456	555	336	207	217
All children	1 503	566	353	215	223
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (c)					
Indigenous	7.0	1.6	2.4	1.1	0.9
Non-Indigenous	13.0	5.0	3.1	1.9	2.1
All children	13.0	4.8	3.1	1.9	2.0
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	16	3	8	4	2
Non-Indigenous	207	127	114	73	99
All children	223	130	122	77	101
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (c)					
Indigenous	2.4	0.4	1.1	0.6	0.3
Non-Indigenous	1.8	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.9
All children	1.9	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.9
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	38	34	34	31	27
Non-Indigenous	470	486	406	439	426
All children	508	520	440	470	453
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years (d)					
Indigenous	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.2	3.6
Non-Indigenous	4.0	4.2	3.5	3.9	3.8
All children	4.0	4.2	3.6	3.9	3.8

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

Table 15A.108 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Tasmania

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>
Number of children					
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	11	–	4	9
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	23	8	13	10
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation					
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	0.9	–	1.7	6.6
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	1.8	1.8	5.5	7.4

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.109 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Tasmania

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>
Number of children					
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	33	1	6	7
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	41	7	10	13
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	8.9
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	18.4	5.3	8.2	16.5

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

Table 15A.110 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	39	34	43	38	31
Non-Indigenous	422	408	490	510	541
All children	461	442	533	548	572
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population					
Indigenous	5.5	4.6	5.8	5.1	4.2
Non-Indigenous	3.6	3.5	4.3	4.5	4.9
All children	3.7	3.6	4.4	4.6	4.8
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	74	80	116	95	50
Non-Indigenous	1 033	1 085	1 378	1 157	943
All children	1 107	1 165	1 494	1 252	993
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population					
Indigenous	10.5	10.8	15.7	12.8	6.7
Non-Indigenous	8.7	9.3	12.0	10.2	8.5
All children	8.8	9.4	12.2	10.4	8.4

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.111 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and placement type, Tasmania (a), (b)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
Facility based care	11	11	9	11	8
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	11	6	10	11	11
Relative/kinship care	17	17	17	13	11
Other home based	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	28	23	27	24	22
Independent living-includes private	..	–	5	2	–
Other-includes unknown living	–	–	2	1	1
Total Indigenous children	39	34	43	38	31
Non-Indigenous					
Facility based care	82	63	65	57	64
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	202	196	184	182	209
Relative/kinship care	138	149	158	207	208
Other home based	–	–	16	12	13
Total home based	340	345	358	401	430
Independent living-includes private	..	–	40	30	21
Other-includes unknown living	–	–	27	22	26
Total non-Indigenous children	422	408	490	510	541
All children					
Facility based care	93	74	74	68	72
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	213	202	194	193	220
Relative/kinship care	155	166	175	220	219
Other home based	–	–	16	12	13
Total home based	368	368	385	425	452
Independent living-includes private	..	–	45	32	21
Other-includes unknown living	–	–	29	23	27
Total all children	461	442	533	548	572

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.112 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Tasmania (a), (b), (c)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	38	17	25	23	27
On another type of order	na	..	na	–	3
Not on an order	1	17	18	15	–
Total Indigenous children	39	34	43	38	30
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	320	259	282	308	426
On another type of order	na	..	na	19	116
Not on an order	102	149	208	183	–
Total non-Indigenous children	422	408	490	510	542
All children					
On a care and protection order	358	276	307	331	453
On another type of order	na	..	na	19	119
Not on an order	103	166	226	198	–
Total all children	461	442	533	548	572

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

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

Table 15A.113 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	2	–	1	4	6
1 to less than 6 months	9	4	8	11	8
6 months to less than 1 year	5	5	6	3	10
1 to less than 2 years	7	10	5	4	2
2 to less than 5 years	15	15	4	5	–
5 years or more	..	..	4	11	5
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	38	34	28	38	31
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	38	34	28	38	31
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	49	44	31	70	153
1 to less than 6 months	86	87	152	167	131
6 months to less than 1 year	48	50	60	72	122
1 to less than 2 years	89	54	83	63	52
2 to less than 5 years	151	173	104	55	22
5 years or more	..	..	89	83	28
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	33
Total non-respite	423	408	519	510	541
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	423	408	519	510	541
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	51	44	32	74	159
1 to less than 6 months	95	91	160	178	139
6 months to less than 1 year	53	55	66	75	132
1 to less than 2 years	96	64	88	67	54
2 to less than 5 years	166	188	108	60	22
5 years or more	..	..	93	94	33
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	33
Total non-respite	461	442	547	548	572
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	461	442	547	548	572

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

Table 15A.113 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d)**

(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 the total number of children in out-of-home care as some children were double counted.

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

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

Table 15A.114 **Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Tasmania (a)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Indigenous					
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
Total Indigenous children	..	na	na	na	-
Non-Indigenous					
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
Total non-Indigenous children	..	na	na	na	-
All children					
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
Total all children	..	na	na	na	-

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

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

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

Table 15A.115 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	17	17	17	13	11
Non-Indigenous	no.	138	149	158	207	208
All children	no.	155	166	175	220	219
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	35.5
Non-Indigenous	%	32.7	36.5	32.2	40.6	38.4
All children	%	33.6	37.6	32.8	40.1	38.3

(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.

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

Table 15A.116 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Tasmania (a), (b)**

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	–	7	9	4	5
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	15	10	8	9	6
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	2	–	–	3	1
Total place in accordance with principle	no.	17	17	17	16	12
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	22	17	26	22	10
In facility based care/independent/unknown	no.	..	..	..	..	9
Total not place in accordance with principle	no.	22	17	26	22	19
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	39	34	43	38	31
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	–	20.6	20.9	10.5	16.1
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	38.5	29.4	18.6	23.7	19.4
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	5.1	–	–	7.9	3.2
Total place in accordance with principle	%	43.6	50.0	39.5	42.1	38.7
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	56.4	50.0	60.5	57.9	32.3
In facility based care/independent/unknown	%	..	..	..	..	29.0
Total not place in accordance with principle	%	56.4	50.0	60.5	57.9	61.3
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	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) Prior to 2001, children in facility based care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.
– Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable.

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

Table 15A.117 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	18	17	20	16	13
Non-Indigenous	no.	190	204	208	245	267
All children	no.	208	221	228	261	280
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	76.5
Non-Indigenous	%	83.0	86.8	83.2	89.1	88.7
All children	%	82.9	86.3	82.6	88.5	88.1

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

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

Table 15A.118 **Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of different placements by length of time in out-of-home care, Tasmania (a), (b), (c)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	na	na
2-3 placements	na	na	na
4-5 placement	na	na	na
6-10 placements	na	na	na
11 or more placements	na	na	na
Total children	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	na	na
2-3 placements	na	na	na
4-5 placement	na	na	na
6-10 placements	na	na	na
11 or more placements	na	na	na
Total children	na	na	na
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	na	na
2-3 placements	na	na	na
4-5 placement	na	na	na
6-10 placements	na	na	na
11 or more placements	na	na	na
Total children	na	na	na
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	na	na
2-3 placements	na	na	na
4-5 placement	na	na	na
6-10 placements	na	na	na
11 or more placements	na	na	na
Total children	na	na	na
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	na	na
2-3 placements	na	na	na
4-5 placement	na	na	na
6-10 placements	na	na	na
11 or more placements	na	na	na
Total children	na	na	na
Total children exiting out-of-home care	na	na	na

(a) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously been placed were counted.

(b) These data were not collected prior to 1998-99.

(c) Tasmania could not provide data for this indicator in 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01.

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

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

Table 15A.119 Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, Tasmania

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</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	–	1
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	0.1	0.1	–	0.1
Other children						
Number of children	no.	na	1 164	1 493	1 252	992
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	99.9	99.9	100.0	99.9
All children in out-of-home care	no.	na	1 165	1 494	1 252	993

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

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

Single jurisdiction data -- ACT

Table 15A.120 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	34	41.0	44	43.6	25	39.1	19	18.6	24	30.0
Child at risk	10	12.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	22	26.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	49	61.3
Total investigations finalised	66	79.5	na	na	na	na	na	na	73	91.3
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	5	6.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2.5
Total notifications investigated	71	85.5	79	78.2	59	92.2	97	95.1	75	93.8
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	5	6.3
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	83	100.0	101	100.0	64	100.0	102	100.0	80	100.0
Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	342	30.1	367	35.8	417	32.2	214	19.7	198	27.7
Child at risk	87	7.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	449	39.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	306	42.9
Total investigations finalised	878	77.2	na	na	na	na	na	na	504	70.6
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	50	4.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	105	14.7
Total notifications investigated	928	81.6	833	81.3	1 133	87.6	934	85.9	609	85.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	–	–	..	..	–	–	–	–	–	–

Table 15A.120 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	209	18.4	191	18.7	161	12.4	153	14.1	105	14.7
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	1 137	100.0	1 024	100.0	1 294	100.0	1 087	100.0	714	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	376	na	411	36.5	442	32.5	233	19.6	222	28.0
Child at risk	97	na	60	5.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	471	na	365	32.4	649	47.8	685	57.6	355	44.7
Total investigations finalised	944	na	836	74.3	1 091	80.3	918	77.2	577	72.7
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	55	na	76	6.8	101	7.4	113	9.5	107	13.5
Total notifications investigated	999	na	912	81.1	1 192	87.8	1 031	86.7	684	86.1
Notifications dealt with by other means	–	na	..	..	–	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	221	na	213	18.9	166	12.2	158	13.3	110	13.9
Total notifications all children	1 220	na	1 125	100.0	1 358	100.0	1 189	100.0	794	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.

Table 15A.120 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

		1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01	
		Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
		no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%

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

Table 15A.121 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)**

		<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	–	83.3	56.0	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	100.0	16.7	44.0	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	na	22	9	6	25	
Children discharged from orders	no.	na	14	9	2	28	
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	na	54.7	80.7	58.2	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	na	45.3	19.3	41.8	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	na	129	75	57	134	
Children discharged from orders	no.	na	123	89	55	89	
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%	na	84.1	48.8	81.0	57.9	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%	na	15.9	51.2	19.0	42.1	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	na	151	84	63	159	
Children discharged from orders	no.	na	137	98	57	117	

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.122 **Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	25	40	36	35	22
Finalised supervisory orders	3	1	–	1	1
Interim and temporary orders	1	2	–	4	9
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	–	3	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	29	46	36	40	32
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	168	150	176	133	156
Finalised supervisory orders	46	38	18	17	13
Interim and temporary orders	7	9	6	42	18
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	14	12	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	na
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	235	209	200	192	187
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	193	190	212	168	178
Finalised supervisory orders	49	39	18	18	14
Interim and temporary orders	8	11	6	46	27
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	14	15	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	264	255	236	232	219

(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. na Not available.

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

Table 15A.123 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	57	73	63	71	68
Non-Indigenous	870	835	1 225	886	606
All children	927	908	1 288	957	674
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (b)					
Indigenous	43.9	52.4	44.4	49.2	46.5
Non-Indigenous	11.5	11.3	16.8	12.2	8.5
All children	12.1	12.0	17.3	13.0	9.2
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	66	54	59	54	64
Non-Indigenous	876	642	1 112	711	450
All children	942	696	1 171	765	514
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (b)					
Indigenous	34.6	38.7	41.6	37.4	43.8
Non-Indigenous	8.9	8.7	15.3	9.8	6.3
All children	9.3	9.2	15.8	10.4	7.0
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	34	33	23	6	20
Non-Indigenous	341	324	365	184	183
All children	375	357	388	190	203
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (b)					
Indigenous	17.7	23.7	16.2	4.2	13.7
Non-Indigenous	3.9	4.4	5.0	2.5	2.6
All children	4.1	4.7	5.2	2.6	2.8
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	29	46	36	40	32
Non-Indigenous	235	209	200	192	187
All children	264	255	236	232	219
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years (c)					
Indigenous	21.5	31.2	24.0	26.0	20.5
Non-Indigenous	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.5
All children	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.8

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

Table 15A.124 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Australian Capital

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>
Number of children					
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	25	12	19	na
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	34	20	38	na
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	na
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	7.2	5.8	4.8	na

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

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

Table 15A.125 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Australian Capital Territory

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>
Number of children					
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	26	20	17	21
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	43	28	28	34
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	11.1
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	11.4	7.8	7.1	17.9

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

Table 15A.126 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	28	36	24	29	29
Non-Indigenous	145	143	150	171	186
All children	173	179	174	200	215
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population					
Indigenous	20.8	24.4	16.0	18.9	18.6
Non-Indigenous	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.2	2.4
All children	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.8
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	64	59	49	53	72
Non-Indigenous	533	515	375	519	420
All children	597	574	424	572	492
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population					
Indigenous	47.4	40.3	32.9	34.9	46.5
Non-Indigenous	6.6	6.5	4.8	6.7	5.5
All children	7.3	7.2	5.4	7.3	6.3

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.127 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and placement type, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
Facility based care	3	5	1	3	2
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	17	21	14	17	14
Relative/kinship care	8	10	9	9	11
Other home based	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	25	31	23	26	25
Independent living-includes private	..	–	–	–	1
Other-includes unknown living	–	–	–	–	1
Total Indigenous children	28	36	24	29	29
Non-Indigenous					
Facility based care	8	11	17	15	14
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	108	97	90	113	126
Relative/kinship care	29	30	41	42	44
Other home based	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	137	127	131	155	170
Independent living-includes private	..	5	–	–	1
Other-includes unknown living	–	–	2	1	1
Total non-Indigenous children	145	143	150	171	186
All children					
Facility based care	11	16	18	18	16
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	125	118	104	130	140
Relative/kinship care	37	40	50	51	55
Other home based	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	162	158	154	181	195
Independent living-includes private	..	5	–	–	2
Other-includes unknown living	–	–	2	1	2
Total all children	173	179	174	200	215

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.128 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Australian Capital Territory (a)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	28	35	24	24	29
On another type of order	–	..	–	5	–
Not on an order	–	1	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	28	36	24	29	29
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	131	133	131	145	164
On another type of order	–	na	–	14	7
Not on an order	14	10	19	12	15
Total non-Indigenous children	145	143	150	171	186
All children					
On a care and protection order	159	168	155	169	193
On another type of order	–	na	–	19	7
Not on an order	14	11	19	12	15
Total all children	173	179	174	200	215

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.129 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
Respite	–	–	–	–	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	1	1	–	–	–
1 to less than 6 months	2	6	1	6	1
6 months to less than 1 year	8	4	2	2	–
1 to less than 2 years	8	9	7	5	7
2 to less than 5 years	9	16	11	13	12
5 years or more	..	..	3	3	9
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	28	36	24	29	29
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	28	36	24	29	29
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	3	9	2	–	9
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	11	6	5	13	3
1 to less than 6 months	24	18	15	37	21
6 months to less than 1 year	18	21	20	22	15
1 to less than 2 years	32	18	25	22	40
2 to less than 5 years	57	71	48	42	35
5 years or more	..	..	35	35	63
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	142	134	148	171	177
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	145	143	150	171	186
All children					
Respite	3	9	2	–	9
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	12	7	5	13	3
1 to less than 6 months	26	24	16	43	22
6 months to less than 1 year	26	25	22	24	15
1 to less than 2 years	40	27	32	27	47
2 to less than 5 years	66	87	59	55	47
5 years or more	..	..	38	38	72
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	170	170	172	200	206
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	173	179	174	200	215

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

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

Table 15A.130 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	..	3	13	8	14
6 months to less than 1 year	..	2	1	–	–
1 to less than 2 years	..	2	3	–	2
2 to less than 5 years	..	1	–	–	7
5 years or more	–	–	2
Total Indigenous children	..	8	17	8	25
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	..	30	58	84	31
6 months to less than 1 year	..	7	11	22	4
1 to less than 2 years	..	10	11	14	4
2 to less than 5 years	..	8	4	4	5
5 years or more	4	4	4
Total non-Indigenous children	..	55	88	128	48
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	..	33	71	92	45
6 months to less than 1 year	..	9	12	22	4
1 to less than 2 years	..	12	14	14	6
2 to less than 5 years	..	9	4	4	12
5 years or more	4	4	6
Total all children	..	63	105	136	73

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.131 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	8	10	9	9	11
Non-Indigenous	no.	29	30	41	42	44
All children	no.	37	40	50	51	55
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	37.9
Non-Indigenous	%	20.0	21.0	27.3	24.6	23.7
All children	%	21.4	22.3	28.7	25.5	25.6

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

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

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

Table 15A.132 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Australian Capital Territory (a),**

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	8	9	7	7	9
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	–	1	3	2	2
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	4	6	5	11	6
Total place in accordance with principle	no.	12	16	15	20	17
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	16	20	9	9	8
In facility based care/independent/unknown	no.	..	..	..	..	4
Total not place in accordance with principle	no.	16	20	9	9	12
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	28	36	24	29	29
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	28.6	25.0	29.2	24.1	31.0
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	–	2.8	12.5	6.9	6.9
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	14.3	16.7	20.8	37.9	20.7
Total place in accordance with principle	%	42.9	44.4	62.5	69.0	58.6
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	57.1	55.6	37.5	31.0	27.6
In facility based care/independent/unknown	%	..	..	..	..	13.8
Total not place in accordance with principle	%	57.1	55.6	37.5	31.0	41.4
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	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'.

(b) Prior to 2001, children in facility based care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver.'
– Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable.

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

Table 15A.133 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	19	24	19	21	19
Non-Indigenous	no.	83	82	88	109	116
All children	no.	102	106	107	130	135
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	95.0
Non-Indigenous	%	100.0	99.9	96.4	99.1	98.3
All children	%	99.0	99.0	97.0	99.2	97.8

(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.

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

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

Table 15A.134 **Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of different placements by length of time in out-of-home care, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	49	na	33
2-3 placements	21	na	12
4-5 placement	-	na	-
6-10 placements	1	na	-
11 or more placements	-	na	-
Total children	71	na	45
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	5	na	2
2-3 placements	6	na	2
4-5 placement	1	na	-
6-10 placements	-	na	-
11 or more placements	-	na	-
Total children	12	na	4
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	10	na	2
2-3 placements	4	na	2
4-5 placement	-	na	2
6-10 placements	-	na	-
11 or more placements	-	na	-
Total children	14	na	6
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	4	na	1
2-3 placements	-	na	9
4-5 placement	-	na	1
6-10 placements	-	na	1
11 or more placements	-	na	-
Total children	4	na	12
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	3	na	3
2-3 placements	1	na	2
4-5 placement	-	na	1
6-10 placements	-	na	-
11 or more placements	-	na	-
Total children	4	na	6
Total children exiting out-of-home care	105	na	73

(a) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously been placed were counted.

(b) These data were not collected prior to 1998-99.

(c) 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.

(d) ACT could not provide 1999-2000 data.

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

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

Table 15A.135 Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, Australian Capital Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</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	–	–	2
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	0.7	–	–	0.4
Other children						
Number of children	no.	..	570	424	572	490
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	99.3	100.0	100.0	99.6
All children in out-of-home care	no.	..	574	424	572	492

(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 (unpublished).

Single jurisdiction data -- NT

Table 15A.136 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	131	64.2	178	54.4	na	na	194	31.8	167	26.8
Child at risk	–	–	..	..	na	na	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	70	34.3	..	..	na	na	..	..	181	29.1
Total investigations finalised	201	98.5	na	na	na	na	..	..	348	55.9
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	–	–	..	..	na	na	..	..	7	1.1
Total notifications investigated	201	98.5	314	96.0	na	na	371	60.8	355	57.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	–	–	..	..	na	na	–	–	na	na
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	3	1.5	13	4.0	na	na	239	39.2	268	43.0
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	204	100.0	327	100.0	na	na	610	100.0	623	100.0
Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	121	43.7	165	43.1	na	na	199	24.1	182	19.6
Child at risk	–	–	..	..	na	na	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	151	54.5	..	..	na	na	..	..	225	24.2
Total investigations finalised	272	98.2	na	na	na	na	..	..	407	43.9
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	–	–	..	..	na	na	..	..	7	0.8
Total notifications investigated	272	98.2	370	96.6	na	na	408	49.3	414	44.6
Notifications dealt with by other means	–	–	..	..	na	na	–	–	na	na
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	5	1.8	13	3.4	na	na	419	50.7	514	55.4
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	277	100.0	383	100.0	na	na	827	100.0	928	100.0

Table 15A.136 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Number of notifications involving all children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	252	na	343	48.3	na	na	393	27.3	349	22.5
Child at risk	–	na	1	0.1	na	na	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	221	na	339	47.7	na	na	382	26.6	406	26.2
Total investigations finalised	473	na	683	96.2	na	na	775	53.9	755	48.7
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	–	na	1	0.1	na	na	4	0.3	14	0.9
Total notifications investigated	473	na	684	96.3	na	na	779	54.2	769	49.6
Notifications dealt with by other means	–	na	..	..	na	na	–	–	na	na
Notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means	8	na	26	3.7	na	na	658	45.8	782	50.4
Total notifications all children	481	na	710	100.0	na	na	1 437	100.0	1 551	100.0

(a) The NT includes child concern reports in child protection notifications.

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

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

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

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

(f) Data on the number of investigations finalised and not finalised by Indigenous status were not collected between 1997-98 and 1999-2000.

(g) The NT cannot reliably count notifications dealt with by other means and such matters are included under 'notifications not investigated/dealt with by other means'.

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

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

Table 15A.137 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b)**

		<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%		59.5	60.7	na	na	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%		40.5	39.3	na	na	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.		131	140	na	138	138
Children discharged from orders	no.		142	138	na	97	101
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%		54.8	60.4	na	na	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%		45.2	39.6	na	na	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.		115	101	na	127	128
Children discharged from orders	no.		129	109	na	79	130
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	%		57.3	60.6	na	na	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	%		42.7	39.4	na	na	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.		246	241	na	265	266
Children discharged from orders	no.		271	247	na	176	231

(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 or 2000-01.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.138 Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	41	46	85	95	111
Finalised supervisory orders	12	16	5	–	2
Interim and temporary orders	2	3	3	23	13
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	3	7	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	58	72	93	118	126
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	32	38	68	77	70
Finalised supervisory orders	7	22	2	3	3
Interim and temporary orders	6	1	14	22	6
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	8	5	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	53	66	84	102	79
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	73	84	153	172	181
Finalised supervisory orders	19	38	7	3	5
Interim and temporary orders	8	4	17	45	19
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	11	12	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	111	138	177	220	205

(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. na Not available.

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

Table 15A.139 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	197	291	na	471	491
Non-Indigenous	259	320	na	663	695
All children	456	611	–	1 134	1 186
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (c)					
Indigenous	9.4	13.1	na	20.8	21.6
Non-Indigenous	7.7	9.5	na	19.5	20.4
All children	8.3	10.9	–	20.0	20.9
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	195	279	na	261	300
Non-Indigenous	256	308	na	306	364
All children	451	587	na	567	664
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (c)					
Indigenous	9.3	12.5	na	11.6	13.2
Non-Indigenous	7.6	9.2	na	9.0	10.7
All children	8.2	10.5	na	10.0	11.7
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	128	163	na	172	153
Non-Indigenous	114	148	na	179	177
All children	242	311	na	351	330
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (c)					
Indigenous	6.1	7.3	na	7.6	6.7
Non-Indigenous	3.3	4.4	na	5.3	5.2
All children	4.4	5.6	na	6.2	5.8
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	58	72	93	118	126
Non-Indigenous	53	66	84	102	79
All children	111	138	177	220	205
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years (d)					
Indigenous	2.6	3.1	3.9	4.9	5.3
Non-Indigenous	1.5	1.9	2.4	2.9	2.2
All children	1.9	2.4	3.0	3.7	3.4

(a) The NT include child concern reports in child protection notifications.

Table 15A.139 **Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
(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.					
– Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable. na Not available.					
<i>Source: AIHW Child protection notification, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection (unpublished), AIHW Children on care and protection orders Australia data collection (unpublished).</i>					

Table 15A.140 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Northern Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>
Number of children					
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	na	na	na	na
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	na	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	na
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	na	na	na	na

(a) NT could not provide these data.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.141 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year, who were the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Northern Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>
Number of children					
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	na	na	na	na
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	na	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	na
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	na	na	na	na

(a) NT could not provide these data.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.142 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	58	71	93	94	100
Non-Indigenous	53	66	84	82	64
All children	111	137	177	176	164
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population					
Indigenous	2.6	3.0	3.9	3.9	4.2
Non-Indigenous	1.5	1.9	2.4	2.3	1.8
All children	1.9	2.3	3.0	3.0	2.7
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	158	154	na	147	193
Non-Indigenous	138	126	na	160	190
All children	296	280	na	307	383
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population					
Indigenous	7.1	6.6	na	6.1	8.1
Non-Indigenous	3.9	3.6	na	4.4	5.3
All children	5.1	4.8	na	5.1	6.4

(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

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.143 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and placement type, Northern Territory (a), (b)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
Facility based care	9	11	na	6	7
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	34	37	na	62	61
Relative/kinship care	12	18	na	22	29
Other home based	3	3	na	–	–
Total home based	49	58	na	84	90
Independent living-includes private board	..	1	na	1	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	1	na	3	3
Total Indigenous children	58	71	–	94	100
Non-Indigenous					
Facility based care	8	18	na	7	2
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	34	24	na	59	48
Relative/kinship care	8	18	na	4	9
Other home based	3	4	na	–	–
Total home based	45	46	na	63	57
Independent living-includes private board	..	2	na	3	2
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	na	9	3
Total non-Indigenous children	53	66	–	82	64
All children					
Facility based care	17	29	na	13	9
Home based care					
Foster care/community care	68	61	na	121	109
Relative/kinship care	20	36	na	26	38
Other home based	6	7	na	–	–
Total home based	94	104	na	147	147
Independent living-includes private board	..	3	na	4	2
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	1	na	12	6
Total all children	111	137	–	176	164

(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. na Not available.

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

Table 15A.144 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Northern Territory (a), (b)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	58	71	93	94	100
On another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
Total Indigenous children	58	71	93	94	100
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	53	66	84	82	64
On another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
Total non-Indigenous children	53	66	84	82	64
All children					
On a care and protection order	111	137	177	176	164
On another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
Total all children	111	137	177	176	164

(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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.145 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	1	6	na	8	2
1 to less than 6 months	8	5	na	14	9
6 months to less than 1 year	6	10	na	30	16
1 to less than 2 years	3	11	na	13	34
2 to less than 5 years	40	39	na	13	20
5 years or more	..	..	na	16	19
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–
Total non-respite	58	71	na	94	100
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	58	71	93	94	100
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	1	2	na	11	–
1 to less than 6 months	3	9	na	11	7
6 months to less than 1 year	7	5	na	16	13
1 to less than 2 years	15	14	na	15	16
2 to less than 5 years	27	36	na	24	21
5 years or more	..	..	na	5	7
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–
Total non-respite	53	66	na	82	64
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	53	66	84	82	64
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	2	8	na	19	2
1 to less than 6 months	11	14	na	25	16
6 months to less than 1 year	13	15	na	46	29
1 to less than 2 years	18	25	na	28	50
2 to less than 5 years	67	75	na	37	41
5 years or more	..	..	na	21	26
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–
Total non-respite	111	137	na	176	164
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	111	137	177	176	164

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

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

Table 15A.146 Number of children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	10	na	14	8
6 months to less than 1 year	na	2	na	4	1
1 to less than 2 years	na	3	na	2	2
2 to less than 5 years	na	3	na	2	1
5 years or more	..	..	na	1	3
Total Indigenous children	na	18	na	23	15
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	20	na	13	23
6 months to less than 1 year	na	2	na	1	4
1 to less than 2 years	na	1	na	6	5
2 to less than 5 years	na	6	na	2	10
5 years or more	..	..	na	2	1
Total non-Indigenous children	na	29	na	24	43
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	na	30	na	27	31
6 months to less than 1 year	na	4	na	5	5
1 to less than 2 years	na	4	na	8	7
2 to less than 5 years	na	9	na	4	11
5 years or more	..	..	na	3	4
Total all children	na	47	na	47	58

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

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

Table 15A.147 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	12	18	na	22	29
Non-Indigenous	no.	8	18	na	4	9
All children	no.	20	36	na	26	38
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	29.0
Non-Indigenous	%	15.1	27.3	na	4.9	14.1
All children	%	18.0	26.3	na	14.8	23.2

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

(b) NT could not provide data for 1999.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.148 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c),**

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	na	na	na	28	38
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	na	na	na	na	na
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	na	na	na	26	29
Total place in accordance with principle	no.	na	na	na	54	67
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	na	na	na	40	29
In facility based care/independent/unknown	no.	..	..	..	..	4
Total not place in accordance with principle	no.	na	na	na	40	33
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	58	71	93	94	100
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	na	na	na	29.8	38.0
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	na	na	na	na	na
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	na	na	na	27.7	29.0
Total place in accordance with principle	%	na	na	na	57.4	67.0
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	na	na	na	42.6	29.0
In facility based care/independent/unknown	%	..	..	..	..	4.0
Total not place in accordance with principle	%	na	na	na	42.6	33.0
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	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) Data on the relationship of the caregiver to children placed with non-Indigenous carers could not be provided and these children were included in the category 'other non-Indigenous carer'.

(d) Prior to 2001, children in facility based care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver.

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

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

Table 15A.149 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	35	46	na	73	76
Non-Indigenous	no.	26	33	na	52	39
All children	no.	61	79	na	125	115
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	90.5
Non-Indigenous	%	96.2	78.6	na	92.9	95.1
All children	%	91.0	84.0	na	89.3	92.0

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

(b) NT could not provide data for 1999.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.150 **Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of different placements by length of time in out-of-home care, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c)**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	15	21
2-3 placements	na	10	10
4-5 placement	na	1	-
6-10 placements	na	1	-
11 or more placements	na	-	-
Total children	na	27	31
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	3	-
2-3 placements	na	2	2
4-5 placement	na	-	2
6-10 placements	na	-	1
11 or more placements	na	-	-
Total children	na	5	5
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	1	1
2-3 placements	na	6	2
4-5 placement	na	1	2
6-10 placements	na	-	2
11 or more placements	na	-	-
Total children	na	8	7
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	-	2
2-3 placements	na	-	3
4-5 placement	na	2	4
6-10 placements	na	2	2
11 or more placements	na	-	-
Total children	na	4	11
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	1	-
2-3 placements	na	-	1
4-5 placement	na	-	1
6-10 placements	na	2	-
11 or more placements	na	-	2
Total children	na	3	4
Total children exiting out-of-home care	na	47	58

(a) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously been placed were counted.

(b) These data were not collected prior to 1998-99. The NT could not provide for this indicator in 1997-98.

(c) For number of placements, only new placements in which the child has not been placed previously were counted.

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

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

Table 15A.151 **Children in out-of-home care by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, Northern Territory (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household						
Number of children	no.	na	na	na	na	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	na	na	na
Other children						
Number of children	no.	na	na	na	na	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	na	na	na
All children in out-of-home care	no.	na	na	na	na	—

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

na Not available.

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

SAAP data

Table 15A.152 **Composition of support in SAAP support periods, Australia (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic (c)</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
2000-01 (d)										
Housing/accommodation	%	83.9	51.9	79.7	83.6	70.0	71.4	93.8	85.0	73.8
Financial assistance/ employment assistance	%	25.8	39.6	47.5	34.2	32.9	33.9	51.2	38.8	36.5
Counselling	%	32.2	45.7	53.1	46.7	49.0	55.5	67.3	49.8	44.6
General support/advocacy	%	66.2	77.3	71.2	57.0	78.1	64.8	83.4	69.3	70.4
Specialist services	%	22.4	18.0	43.2	34.5	19.1	14.5	42.8	37.1	27.5
Other	%	79.8	42.6	74.2	70.6	58.9	63.7	87.9	80.9	66.7
Total number	'000	48.7	42.3	38.5	15.0	10.8	5.0	2.8	5.2	168.3

(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.

(d) Preliminary data.

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

Table 15A.153 **SAAP agencies by primary target group, Australia (a)**

<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</i>	<i>2000-01 (b)</i>
Young people	%	38.9	38.6	38.4	38.6
Single men only	%	8.4	8.0	8.6	8.0
Single women only	%	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.5
Families	%	7.7	8.2	8.5	8.8
Women escaping domestic violence	%	21.1	21.9	22.4	22.5
Cross target/multiple/general	%	20.3	19.7	18.3	18.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	1 215	1 207	1 200	1 222

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

(b) Preliminary data. Relates only to those to agencies participating in the collection.

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

Table 15A.154 **SAAP agencies by service delivery model, Australia (a)**

<i>Primary target group</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Proportion of SAAP agencies targeting client group</i>			
		<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>	<i>2000-01 (b)</i>
Crisis/short term accommodation	%	33.8	33.1	33.6	32.7
Medium/long term accommodation	%	40.4	40.2	39.5	38.9
Day support	%	2.3	2.2	1.9	2.0
Outreach support	%	4.6	5.2	5.4	5.6
Telephone information/referral	%	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.5
Agency support	%	2.1	1.7	1.3	1.1
Multiple	%	11.2	12.3	12.8	13.4
Other	%	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	No.	1 215.0	1 207.0	1 200.0	1 222.0

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

(b) Preliminary data. Relates only to those to agencies participating in the collection.

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

Table 15A.155 Recurrent SAAP program funding by Commonwealth, State and Territory allocation, Australia (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
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										
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
2000-01 (b)										
Level of funding										
Commonwealth allocation	'000	50.8	33.8	26.1	15.3	15.0	6.7	5.3	4.5	157.4
State/Territory allocation	'000	41.1	22.2	16.9	10.4	9.1	4.5	4.3	2.7	111.2
Total	'000	91.9	56.0	43.0	25.7	24.0	11.2	9.6	7.2	268.5
Proportion of total funding										
Commonwealth allocation	%	55.3	60.3	60.8	59.5	62.2	59.6	55.3	62.1	58.6
State/Territory allocation	%	44.7	39.7	39.2	40.5	37.8	40.4	44.7	37.9	41.4
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

(b) Preliminary data.

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

Table 15A.156 **Total recurrent SAAP program funding, Australia (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Nominal funding										
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
2000-01	\$m	91.9	56.0	43.0	25.7	24.0	11.2	9.6	7.2	268.5
Real funding (2000-01 dollars) (b)										
1995-96	\$m	81.2	50.9	32.9	19.1	22.6	7.5	7.4	5.3	226.8
1996-97	\$m	86.9	52.5	33.7	19.2	22.7	10.5	7.5	5.3	238.3
1997-98	\$m	87.4	52.8	33.9	19.3	22.8	10.5	7.6	5.4	239.5
1998-99	\$m	89.2	53.9	34.8	19.9	23.5	11.0	7.7	5.8	245.7
1999-2000	\$m	88.9	53.7	41.3	24.8	23.5	10.9	7.7	6.4	257.1
2000-01	\$m	91.9	56.0	43.0	25.7	24.0	11.2	9.6	7.2	268.5

(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 2000-01 = 100.

Source: Table 15A.155, ABS *National Incomes, Expenditure and Product, Australian National Accounts*, Cat. No. 5206.0 and table 15A.155.

Table 15A.157 Recurrent SAAP program funding per person in the total population, Australia (2000-01 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	\$	13.09	11.16	9.85	10.82	15.35	15.83	24.01	29.11	12.39
1996-97	\$	13.85	11.40	9.93	10.68	15.32	22.24	24.30	28.42	12.86
1997-98	\$	13.79	11.34	9.83	10.54	15.35	22.23	24.68	28.18	12.79
1998-99	\$	13.91	11.44	9.91	10.67	15.73	23.39	24.79	29.86	12.95
1999-2000	\$	13.70	11.24	11.56	13.13	15.64	23.16	24.51	32.74	13.38
2000-01	\$	13.99	11.59	11.83	13.35	15.96	23.94	30.49	36.04	13.81

(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: Table 15A.156, ABS *National Incomes, Expenditure and Product, Australian National Accounts*, Cat. No. 5206.0.

Table 15A.158 **Change in client's income source after SAAP support, Australia (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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)										
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
2000-01 (b), (c)										
From no income to some income	%	3.4	3.1	2.3	2.6	3.0	1.6	3.1	2.0	2.9
Obtained own benefit/extra benefit/wages	%	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.2	1.5	1.0	1.4	2.2	1.6
No substantive change	%	86.0	89.3	86.9	91.8	88.8	91.1	86.2	90.6	88.4
No income before or after support	%	7.7	4.8	8.3	3.7	5.7	6.0	9.0	4.3	6.2
From wage to govt payments/ some income to no income	%	1.0	1.2	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	21 300	22 300	13 900	9 700	5 500	3 500	2 200	3 700	82 100

(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. Data excludes 28 224 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

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

Table 15A.159 **Change in clients' type of housing 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										
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 (b)	%	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 (c)	%	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 (d)										
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 (b)	%	14.4	11.6	15.3	8.7	13.6	9.4	21.3	25.6	13.5
Non-independent housing										
SAAP crisis/short term	%	11.4	12.6	6.9	5.3	7.1	5.6	10.8	5.2	9.6
SAAP medium/short term	%	5.1	4.7	2.5	2.4	4.0	3.0	8.9	2.8	4.1
Other (c)	%	12.9	9.2	10.4	18.7	10.7	11.2	20.2	13.7	11.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	17 500	23 300	11 700	7 100	4 600	3 300	1 600	3 200	72 300
1999-2000 (d)										
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 (b)	%	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 (c)	%	13.8	7.7	10.9	19.0	10.3	9.5	21.1	18.1	11.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	16 500	23 200	10 300	7 600	4 600	3 300	1 700	2 600	69 800
2000-01 (d), (e)										
Independent housing										
Private rental	%	36.6	41.5	46.2	35.3	39.0	46.1	15.9	26.6	39.3
Owner-occupied	%	3.0	4.9	2.2	3.9	6.0	2.9	2.1	1.9	3.7
Public housing	%	12.5	17.8	11.3	22.1	22.4	18.3	19.2	19.4	16.4
Other (b)	%	15.2	13.7	17.7	11.3	12.1	13.3	18.7	23.2	14.9

Table 15A.159 **Change in clients' type of housing 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>
Non-independent housing										
SAAP crisis/short term	%	12.8	7.7	10.0	7.7	5.5	6.0	14.1	6.8	9.2
SAAP medium/short term	%	5.4	5.2	2.9	2.5	4.9	2.5	10.1	2.1	4.4
Other (c)	%	14.4	9.1	9.6	17.3	10.1	10.8	19.8	19.9	12.3
Total	%	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.2
Total number	no.	17 000	21 100	12 200	8 400	4 800	2 800	1 600	2 900	70 800

(a) Excluded high volume records because not all items were included in high volume forms.

(b) 'Other' independent housing may include living rent free in a house or flat.

(c) '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.

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

(e) Preliminary data. Data excludes 39 602 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

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

Table 15A.160 Labour force status of clients before SAAP support, Australia (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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										
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)										
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
2000-01 (b), (c)										
Employed full time	%	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.0	2.2	1.3	3.6	5.0	2.9
Employed part time	%	2.0	3.0	2.6	3.3	2.1	1.5	2.3	2.8	2.6
Employed on casual basis	%	3.4	3.5	3.3	2.9	4.8	2.3	3.5	3.0	3.4
Unemployed	%	35.8	31.4	32.9	34.7	27.9	30.1	37.0	42.0	33.4
Not in labour force	%	55.7	59.0	58.6	56.0	62.9	64.8	53.7	47.2	57.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	28 300	32 000	17 800	12 600	7 600	4 600	2 700	4 300	109 900

(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. Data excludes 13 213 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

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

Table 15A.161 **Change in labour force status of clients after SAAP support, Australia (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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)										
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

Table 15A.161 **Change in labour force status of clients after SAAP support, Australia (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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
2000-01 (c), (d)										
Employed										
Full time	%	3.7	2.3	2.6	2.5	1.6	0.9	2.2	2.8	2.7
Part time	%	1.2	1.8	1.7	0.7	1.2	1.3	1.8	1.6	1.4
Casual	%	3.7	2.8	2.1	2.7	3.0	1.3	2.8	3.8	2.9
Sub-total	%	8.6	6.9	6.4	6.0	5.7	3.6	6.7	8.2	7.0
Unemployed										
Studying	%	4.4	4.0	3.4	2.6	4.2	3.3	6.2	2.8	3.8
Not studying	%	77.6	81.9	78.6	83.6	75.0	84.0	83.0	82.4	80.1
Sub-total	%	82.0	85.8	82.1	86.2	79.2	87.3	89.2	85.2	83.9
Not in labour force										
Studying	%	1.7	1.3	1.9	0.8	3.3	1.1	1.4	0.9	1.5
Not studying	%	7.7	6.0	9.7	7.1	11.8	8.1	2.6	5.7	7.6
Sub-total	%	9.4	7.3	11.6	7.9	15.1	9.1	4.1	6.7	9.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	6 900	6 500	4 600	3 100	1 500	900	800	1 500	25 800

(a) Data are for support periods 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. Data excludes 19 539 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

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

Table 15A.162 **SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year, Australia**

	<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
2000-01 (a), (b), (c)										
1	%	77.7	79.8	79.4	75.6	81.8	80.3	78.2	76.5	78.8
2	%	12.3	12.5	11.6	13.8	13.1	12.6	15.0	13.5	12.5
3	%	4.2	3.8	3.9	5.3	3.0	3.9	3.3	4.5	4.1
4	%	2.0	1.7	1.6	2.6	1.1	1.9	2.2	2.6	1.8
5	%	1.1	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.9
6+	%	2.7	1.5	2.6	1.7	0.4	0.7	0.5	1.8	1.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	24 100	26 300	16 900	9 100	6 900	3 300	1 800	2 800	91 200

Table 15A.162 SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year, Australia

	<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>
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
1998-99a	%	24.2	19.6	16.7	20.6	19.5	18.6	19.5	24.9	20.7
1999-2000 (a)	%	26.0	22.5	23.6	23.6	23.0	24.6	27.8	24.0	24.0
2000-01 (a), (b), (c)	%	22.3	20.2	20.6	24.4	18.2	19.7	21.8	23.5	21.2

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

(b) Only support periods with consent have been included in the analysis.

(c) Preliminary data.

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

Table 15A.163 Indicative estimates of clients exiting to independent housing and not returning within six months, Australia (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total clients (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)										
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
1999-00 (f)	no.	24 512	27 327	15 026	8 158	6 955	3 340	1 888	2 810	90 162
2000-01 (f), (g)	no.	24 100	26 300	16 900	9 100	6 900	3 300	1 800	2 800	91 200
Clients who provide information on accommodation on exit from support (h), (l), (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
1999-00 (f)	no.	9 200	14 400	5 500	4 400	2 800	1 700	1 100	1 500	40 700
2000-01 (f), (g)	no.	9 900	13 400	6 200	5 000	3 000	1 700	1 100	1 600	42 000
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 (f)	%	38.2	51.3	42.1	55.3	48.4	53.0	59.9	53.2	46.5
1999-00 (f)	%	37.5	52.7	36.6	53.9	40.3	50.9	58.3	53.4	45.1
2000-01 (f), (g)	%	41.1	51.0	36.7	54.9	43.5	51.5	61.1	57.1	46.1
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
1999-00 (f)	no.	3 768	6 308	2 576	1 703	1 243	851	355	759	17 563
2000-01 (f), (g)	no.	3 600	6 300	2 600	1 900	1 300	800	400	700	17 600
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 (f)	%	44.6	45.9	46.6	47.1	48.6	46.9	36.7	47.3	45.9
1999-00 (f)	%	41.0	43.8	46.8	38.7	44.4	50.1	32.3	50.6	43.2
2000-01 (f), (g)	%	36.4	47.0	41.9	38.0	43.3	47.1	36.4	43.8	41.9

(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.

(l) 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. 2000-01 data refers to clients whose support period ends on or after 1 January 2000 and before 1 January 2001.

- (j) Caution should be applied when interpreting these figures. Consent and valid alpha codes are required for each support period for the clients; after support information is not commonly completed; and particular client groups (for example, women escaping domestic violence) may be under represented in this calculation because of a higher incidence of non-consent.
- (k) A client may receive two or more periods of support in the year. To minimise double counting of individual clients, only one record per client which has exit information has been included in the analysis.
- (l) Care needs to be taken when interpreting these figures. The number of clients that can be identified as leaving to independent housing and not returning within six months is unreliable for a number of reasons:
- consent and valid alpha codes are required for each support period for the clients;
 - a client may give consent in one support period and not give consent or an alpha code in the next and therefore is not identified as returning to a SAAP agency within six months;
 - type of housing/accommodation after support is not collected on high volume forms (excluding 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
- (o) SAAP agencies that had no completed support periods leaving to independent housing are included in the analysis.

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

Table 15A.164 **Support periods, by existence of a support plan, Australia (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
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)										
Support plan	%	58.8	70.1	54.8	58.1	73.2	57.5	62.4	64.1	62.7
No support plan	%	16.6	6.4	22.8	14.9	11.6	21.2	9.7	12.8	13.9
Support plan not appropriate	%	24.6	23.5	22.4	27.0	15.2	21.3	27.9	23.1	23.4
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	27 700	33 300	17 900	11 100	7 100	5 000	2 800	3 900	108 900
2000-01 (b), (c)										
Support plan	%	60.5	67.1	61.7	56.5	75.4	65.6	65.3	65.9	63.6
No support plan	%	19.1	10.3	17.6	19.7	9.2	17.5	7.4	21.7	15.6
Support plan not appropriate	%	20.4	22.5	20.7	23.8	15.3	16.8	27.3	12.4	20.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	26 100	28 600	17 200	12 700	6 900	4 100	2 500	4 200	102 300

(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. Data excludes 20 816 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

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

Table 15A.165 Potential clients unable to be supported, main reason for support not provided, Australia (a), (b), (c)

Main reason support not provided	Unit	Proportion of potential clients			
		13–26 Nov 1997	12–25 Nov 1998	11–24 Nov 1999	Nov-Dec 2000 and May 2001 (c), (d)
Insufficient staff	%	5.2	4.1	6.4	3.3
No accommodation available	%	80.1	81.3	82.0	88.7
Facilities for disability needs not available	%	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.2
Facilities for cultural needs not available	%	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.1
Facilities for other special needs not available	%	2.2	1.8	2.0	0.9
Age of male child	%	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2
Other	%	11.3	11.6	8.6	6.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	3 161	2 834	3 360	4 950

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

(b) A two-week 'unmet demand collection' is conducted annually to gather information about homeless people who were not accepted as clients of SAAP agencies. In 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.

(c) 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.

(d) Preliminary data. Collected for the periods 29 Nov–5 Dec 2000 and 9–15 May 2001.

(e) Data from 2000-01 and the earlier years are not comparable. In collections prior to 2000-01, unmet requests related to individuals requesting either accommodation and/or support within the collection fortnight. However, for 2000-01 unmet requests corresponded to family groups (including individuals) requesting accommodation on the day of request. The client collection data is not comparable with the unmet demand data.

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

Table 15A.166 SAAP support periods as a proportion of estimated total SAAP service requests, Australia (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>
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	no.	5 800	7 700	3 700	2 100	2 100	800	500	500	23 300
Nov-Dec 2000 and May 2001 (f), (g)	no.	4 900	5 800	3 000	1 700	1 600	700	300	400	18 400
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	no.	920	950	710	280	290	70	90	70	3 360
Nov-Dec 2000 and May 2001 (f), (g)	no.	1 270	1 570	1 030	410	310	100	190	70	4 950
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	no.	6 700	8 600	4 400	2 400	2 400	900	600	500	26 700
Nov-Dec 2000 and May 2001 (f), (g)	no.	6 100	7 400	4 100	2 100	1 900	800	500	500	23 400
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	%	86.6	89.5	84.1	87.5	87.5	88.9	83.3	100.0	87.3
Nov-Dec 2000 and May 2001 (f), (g)	%	80.3	78.4	73.2	81.0	84.2	87.5	60.0	80.0	78.6

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

(b) Data should be interpreted with extreme caution.

(c) Data for unmet demand are estimates only based on information collected in the two-week period each year (12–25 November 1998, 11–24 November 1999 and 29 Nov–5 Dec 2000 and 9–15 May 2001).

(d) Unmet requests excludes those where the person refused an offer of assistance; those where a similar request was made at a SAAP funded agency within the collection period (to limit double counting); and those where the reason their request was not met was either inappropriate referral (wrong target group) or where the service requested was not provided by the agency.

(e) Data on unmet demand should be interpreted with caution for several reasons. First, a person can make a request on more than one occasion and to more than one SAAP agency. While double counting has been limited through the exclusion of those requests where the person had made a similar request to a SAAP agency within the collection period, this information may not have been available to record. 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.

(f) Preliminary data.

(g) Data from 2000-01 and the earlier years are not comparable. In collections prior to 2000-01, unmet requests related to individuals requesting either accommodation and/or support within the collection fortnight. However, for 2000-01 unmet requests corresponded to family groups (including individuals) requesting accommodation on the day of request. The client collection data is not comparable with the unmet demand data.

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

Table 15A.167 Indigenous people among SAAP clients and among people unable to be provided with a SAAP service, Australia (per cent) (a), (b), (c)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Representation among SAAP clients									
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	15.0	4.5	15.9	31.5	12.4	8.7	9.2	44.8	13.8
2000-01 (d), (e)	16.0	4.8	20.5	34.5	14.0	8.9	9.9	46.4	15.9
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	12.4	4.0	15.4	26.3	15.4	3.1	8.1	38.8	12.0
2000-01 (d), (e)	16.5	1.6	16.6	32.8	12.8	7.5	20.6	55.3	13.4

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

(b) Unmet requests exclude those where the person refused an offer of assistance; those where a similar request was made at a SAAP funded agency within the collection period (to limit double counting); and those where the reason their request was not met was either that the referral was inappropriate (wrong target group) or that the service requested was not provided by the agency.

(c) Data on unmet requests should be interpreted with caution for several reasons. First, a person can make request on more than one occasion and to more than one SAAP agency. While double counting has been limited through the exclusion of those requests where the person had made a similar request to a SAAP agency within the collection period, this information may not have been available to record. Therefore, the total numbers do not represent actual people. Second, a number of people may receive the ongoing support or accommodation from a SAAP agency at a later time, quite possibly soon after their initial request. As a result, this estimate may overstate the actual level of unmet demand. Third, a number of potential clients have their needs met by other means and do not return to a SAAP agency. And finally, there are shortfalls in pro-rating from a two-week collection period to the full year. It was not possible to identify a two-week period which is 'typical' for all SAAP agencies.

(d) Preliminary data.

(e) Data from 2000-01 and the earlier years are not comparable. Figures for SAAP clients exclude accompanying children, while figures for people with unmet requests include accompanying children. The client collection data is not comparable with the unmet demand data.

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

Table 15A.168 Representation of people from non-English speaking backgrounds among SAAP clients and among people unable to be provided with a SAAP service, Australia (per cent) (a), (b), (c)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Representation among SAAP clients									
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	11.2	15.7	6.4	12.2	9.4	2.5	12.1	5.0	11.2
2000-01 (d), (e)	11.0	14.6	5.5	10.4	9.3	5.0	12.0	6.5	10.5
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	5.2	9.2	2.3	7.8	3.7	3.1	13.5	10.2	6.2
2000-01 (d), (e)	6.5	10.7	1.3	6.6	1.4	0.8	10.3	4.4	6.3

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

(b) Unmet requests exclude those where the person refused an offer of assistance; those where a similar request was made at a SAAP funded agency within the collection period (to limit double counting); and those where the reason their request was not met was either that the referral was inappropriate (wrong target group) or that the service requested was not provided by the agency.

(c) Data on unmet requests should be interpreted with caution for several reasons. First, a person can make request on more than one occasion and to more than one SAAP agency. While double counting has been limited through the exclusion of those requests where the person had made a similar request to a SAAP agency within the collection period, this information may not have been available to record. Therefore, the total numbers do not represent actual people. Second, a number of people may receive the ongoing support or accommodation from a SAAP agency at a later time, quite possibly soon after their initial request. As a result, this estimate may overstate the actual level of unmet demand. Third, a number of potential clients have their needs met by other means and do not return to a SAAP agency. And finally, there are shortfalls in pro-rating from a two-week collection period to the full year. It was not possible to identify a two-week period which is 'typical' for all SAAP agencies.

(d) Preliminary data.

(e) Data from 2000-01 and the earlier years are not comparable. Figures for SAAP clients exclude accompanying children, while figures for people with unmet requests include accompanying children. The client collection data is not comparable with the unmet demand data.

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

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

Table 15A.169 Support needs of SAAP clients, met and unmet, Australia

	<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	%	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)										
Provided only	%	82.1	65.1	85.7	83.9	76.5	77.1	76.5	82.6	77.4
Referred only	%	4.4	11.7	3.8	3.5	6.2	6.8	5.1	6.8	6.6
Provided & referred	%	6.2	10.1	4.9	6.1	9.9	8.7	10.7	4.3	7.5
Unmet	%	7.3	13.2	5.6	6.5	7.4	7.4	7.6	6.3	8.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	311.0	273.4	158.0	83.4	74.4	34.0	27.0	33.9	995.0
2000-01 (a), (b)										
Provided only	%	83.5	69.2	85.4	87.0	78.6	79.1	76.7	85.9	80.0
Referred only	%	4.6	11.2	4.0	3.3	6.6	7.2	6.0	5.4	6.3
Provided & referred	%	6.0	8.7	5.5	5.1	8.2	7.2	12.2	5.1	6.9
Unmet	%	5.9	10.8	5.1	4.6	6.6	6.4	5.1	3.6	6.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	307.1	243.6	174.3	89.3	70.3	30.0	26.9	35.9	977.3

(a) 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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.170 Support needs of indigenous clients, met and unmet, Australia

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
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)										
Provided only	%	82.7	67.4	85.5	84.2	76.4	77.9	75.8	83.9	81.6
Referred only	%	4.2	11.8	3.2	2.8	5.7	5.8	5.0	6.3	4.9
Provided & referred	%	5.1	10.4	4.4	6.5	8.8	7.7	9.9	4.4	6.0
Unmet	%	8.1	10.4	7.0	6.4	9.1	8.7	9.3	5.3	7.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	46.7	12.7	24.1	26.4	8.7	3.1	2.8	18.1	142.7
2000-01 (a), (b)										
Provided only	%	83.6	69.2	87.3	87.8	80.9	79.7	76.7	86.9	84.2
Referred only	%	4.3	14.2	3.6	2.9	5.5	6.0	6.2	4.4	4.8
Provided & referred	%	6.1	9.3	4.4	4.9	6.3	7.7	11.9	6.0	5.9
Unmet	%	5.9	7.4	4.7	4.3	7.3	6.5	5.2	2.6	5.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	44.2	11.9	35.3	30.2	9.2	3.0	3.1	20.1	157.2

(a) 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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.171 **Support needs of clients from non-English speaking backgrounds, met and unmet, Australia**

	<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	.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	.9	3.1	1.5	110.0
1999-2000 (a)										
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	.8	3.2	1.5	109.9
2000-01 (a), (b)										
Provided only	%	79.0	69.4	83.0	84.4	77.1	78.4	69.8	80.5	75.9
Referred only	%	6.6	11.0	5.4	5.8	10.7	7.6	8.5	7.8	8.4
Provided & referred	%	9.4	8.6	7.4	3.5	9.1	8.7	15.9	6.9	8.5
Unmet	%	5.0	11.0	4.2	6.3	3.1	5.3	5.8	4.8	7.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	29.8	37.2	9.9	8.8	6.0	1.5	3.0	1.9	98.3

(a) 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 (unpublished).

Table 15A.172 Real recurrent cost per day of support for homeless clients, Australia (2000-01 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 (2000-01 dollars)										
1997-98	\$m	85.9	50.3	32.1	19.2	21.7	10.0	7.3	5.3	231.9
1998-99 (f)	\$m	84.9	51.1	33.7	23.2	23.4	10.2	7.3	5.4	239.1
1999-2000 (f)	\$m	84.2	48.9	40.0	24.5	21.8	10.0	7.3	5.9	242.6
2000-01 (f), (g)	\$m	84.7	53.0	42.3	24.8	21.9	9.7	7.2	6.4	250.0
Number of support days										
1997-98	'000	1 426	2 075	692	350	559	230	175	105	5 612
1998-99 (f)	'000	1 376	2 182	794	331	544	215	143	111	5 696
1999-2000 (f)	'000	1 428	2 351	741	472	586	228	167	92	6 064
2000-01 (f), (g)	'000	1 472	2 370	797	522	644	192	149	133	6 278
Cost per support day (2000-01 dollars)										
1997-98	\$	60	24	46	55	39	43	42	50	41
1998-99 (f)	\$	62	23	42	70	43	47	51	49	42
1999-2000 (f)	\$	59	21	54	52	37	44	44	65	40
2000-01 (f), (g)	\$	58	22	53	47	34	50	49	48	40

(a) The length of support excludes any dates outside the reference period. For instance, if a support period started in December 1998 and ended in September 1999, only the support dates between July and September 1999 were included.

(b) Clients whose support period was ongoing on 30 June were included.

(c) Only agency level recurrent allocations were included in this analysis.

(d) There was a small number of SAAP agencies that received recurrent funding but did not send in any client forms. These agencies were included in the analysis.

(e) There was a small number of participating SAAP agencies that did not receive recurrent funding. These agencies were included in the analysis.

(f) Figures for number of support days have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.

(g) Preliminary data.

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

Table 15A.173 **Recurrent cost per completed support period, Australia (2000-01 dollars) (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Recurrent allocation										
1997-98	\$m	85.9	50.3	32.1	19.2	21.7	10.0	7.3	5.3	231.9
1998-99 (d)	\$m	84.9	51.1	33.7	23.2	23.4	10.2	7.3	5.4	239.1
1999-2000 (d)	\$m	84.2	48.9	40.0	24.5	21.8	10.0	7.3	5.9	242.6
2000-01 (d), (e)	\$m	84.7	53.0	42.3	24.8	21.9	9.7	7.2	6.4	250.0
Closed support periods (h)										
1997-98	no.	50 800	36 400	24 500	11 200	11 300	5 700	2 900	5 200	147 900
1998-99 (d)	no.	52 000	38 400	23 900	10 800	9 600	5 100	2 600	5 400	147 700
1999-2000 (d)	no.	47 400	37 300	23 200	11 500	9 000	5 100	2 700	4 300	140 500
2000-01 (d), (e)	no.	45 000	38 200	35 900	13 400	9 200	4 300	2 400	4 900	153 300
Cost per completed support period (h)										
1997-98	\$	1 690	1 380	1 310	1 720	1 920	1 750	2 520	1 010	1 570
1998-99 (d)	\$	1 630	1 330	1 410	2 150	2 430	2 000	2 800	1 000	1 620
1999-2000 (d)	\$	1 780	1 310	1 720	2 130	2 430	1 950	2 690	1 380	1 730
2000-01 (d), (e)	\$	1 880	1 390	1 180	1 850	2 380	2 250	3 010	1 310	1 630

(a) Only agency level recurrent allocations were included in the analysis.

(b) There was a small number of participating SAAP agencies that did not receive recurrent funding. These agencies were included in the analysis.

(c) There was a small number of SAAP agencies that received recurrent funding but did not send in any client forms. These agencies were included in the analysis.

(d) Figures for closed support periods have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.

(e) Preliminary data.

(f) Numbers have been rounded.

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

Table 15A.174 Recurrent cost per client accessing services, Australia (2000-01 dollars)
(a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Recurrent allocation										
1997-98	\$m	85.9	50.3	32.1	19.2	21.7	10.0	7.3	5.3	231.9
1998-99 (e)	\$m	84.9	51.1	33.7	23.2	23.4	10.2	7.3	5.4	239.1
1999-2000 (e)	\$m	84.2	48.9	40.0	24.5	21.8	10.0	7.3	5.9	242.6
2000-01 (e), (f)	\$m	84.7	53.0	42.3	24.8	21.9	9.7	7.2	6.4	250.0
Reported number of clients (g)										
1997-98	no.	27 700	27 000	15 500	7 800	7 900	3 600	1 900	2 800	94 100
1998-99 (e)	no.	26 000	27 900	14 400	7 500	6 900	3 300	1 800	3 000	90 700
1999-2000 (e)	no.	24 500	27 400	15 000	8 200	6 900	3 300	1 900	2 800	90 000
2000-01 (e), (f)	no.	24 100	26 300	16 900	9 100	6 900	3 300	1 800	2 800	91 200
Estimated total number of clients										
1997-98	no.	27 659	26 973	15 428	7 802	7 868	3 591	1 916	2 794	94 095
1998-99 (e)	no.	26 021	27 864	14 375	7 507	6 857	3 258	1 778	3 021	90 712
1999-2000 (e)	no.	24 512	27 327	15 026	8 158	6 955	3 340	1 888	2 810	90 162
2000-01 (e), (f)	no.	24 100	26 300	16 900	9 100	6 900	3 300	1 800	2 800	91 200
Estimated cost per client (g)										
1997-98	\$	3 100	1 860	2 070	2 460	2 750	2 770	3 850	1 880	2 460
1998-99 (e)	\$	3 270	1 830	2 340	3 090	3 380	3 080	4 040	1 790	2 640
1999-2000 (e)	\$	3 440	1 790	2 660	2 990	3 170	3 020	3 830	2 120	2 700
2000-01 (e), (f)	\$	3 510	2 010	2 500	2 720	3 180	2 940	4 020	2 300	2 740

(a) Ongoing clients were included in the analysis.

(b) Only agency level recurrent allocations were included in this analysis.

(c) There was a small number of participating SAAP agencies that did not receive recurrent funding. These agencies were included in the analysis.

(d) There was a small number of SAAP agencies that received recurrent funding but did not send in any client forms. These agencies were included in the analysis.

(e) Figures for clients have been weighted for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

(f) Preliminary data.

(g) Numbers have been rounded.

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

Table 15A.175 **Average accommodation load and caseload per day, Australia (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Average accommodation load per day									
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	8.2	8.6	7.0	6.8	11.4	7.0	12.7	4.7	8.2
2000-01 (c)	6.6	6.4	6.9	6.6	10.1	6.8	10.8	5.5	6.9
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	11.2	21.3	11.6	12.8	21.8	15.7	15.4	8.6	15.0
2000-01 (c)	10.2	21.0	11.6	14.1	22.9	13.5	14.3	12.7	14.8

(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.

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

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