

15A Protection and support services — attachment

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All jurisdictions data

Table 15A.1

Table 15A.1 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services, Australia (2001-02 dollars) (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>2001-02</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$	\$	\$	\$
Child protection services								
NSW	100 808	105 630	116 963	127 599	67.47	70.81	78.30	83.55
Vic (d)	49 301	57 797	75 858	79 364	45.83	53.73	70.40	72.46
Qld	84 401	47 161	53 793	59 539	98.95	55.11	62.39	67.30
WA	8 470	7 606	10 095	10 414	18.73	16.79	22.30	22.78
SA	na	na	19 475	19 820	na	na	58.96	59.69
Tas (e)	2 979	2 151	2 627	3 330	25.94	18.97	23.49	29.66
ACT	na	4 843	5 007	5 660	na	65.98	68.48	75.94
NT	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Australia (f)	245 959	225 188	283 818	305 726	61.64	55.42	64.48	68.19
Out-of-home care								
NSW	140 591	146 429	168 098	189 478	88.84	92.62	106.18	117.02
Vic (d)	103 788	144 537	111 283	122 595	91.02	126.70	97.36	105.47
Qld	na	54 532	61 850	70 175	na	59.98	67.55	74.81
WA (g)	40 321	41 514	43 794	55 101	84.10	86.35	91.07	113.42
SA	na	na	21 053	21 249	na	na	59.95	60.16
Tas (e)	7 409	6 235	7 234	11 650	60.78	51.78	60.88	97.67
ACT	na	7 809	8 446	9 105	na	99.82	108.47	114.59
NT	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Australia (f)	292 109	401 056	421 759	479 353	87.88	93.05	90.30	100.76
Child protection and out-of-home care services								
NSW	241 399	252 059	285 062	317 077	152.54	159.43	180.06	195.83
Vic	153 089	202 333	187 142	201 959	134.25	177.36	163.72	173.74
Qld	84 401	101 694	115 643	129 714	93.31	111.86	126.30	138.28
WA	48 791	49 120	53 889	65 515	101.77	102.18	112.06	134.86
SA	39 561	40 961	40 528	41 069	111.25	115.80	115.41	116.27
Tas (e)	10 388	8 386	9 861	14 980	85.21	69.64	82.99	125.59
ACT	12 886	12 652	13 453	14 765	163.12	161.73	172.77	185.83
NT	9 091	10 006	10 840	11 479	153.20	168.29	180.70	191.44
Australia (f)	599 606	677 212	716 417	796 558	126.96	143.37	151.45	165.35

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Table 15A.1 State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services, Australia (2001-02 dollars) (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>2001-02</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Family preservation services								
NSW	24 336	23 847	31 730	34 821	15.38	15.08	20.04	21.51
Vic	–	3 618	4 494	7 282	na	3.17	3.93	6.26
Qld	na	689	679	593	na	0.76	0.74	0.63
WA	1 424	1 334	1 315	1 317	2.97	2.78	2.73	2.71
SA	na	na	1 569	1 566	na	na	4.47	4.43
Tas (e)	na	552	277	560	na	4.58	2.33	4.69
ACT	na	42	97	105	na	0.54	1.25	1.32
NT	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Australia (f)	25 760	30 083	40 162	46 244	8.04	6.98	8.60	9.72

- (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 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 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) Prior to 2001-02, shared direct service delivery costs and corporate umbrella costs were not included in published data, hence the significant increase in 2001-02 figures.
- (f) The Australia figure for total real expenditure represents the sum of figures for those jurisdictions able to provide data. The 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 or 0–17 years) for those jurisdictions able to provide expenditure data.
- (g) Out-of-home care equates to the department's Care for Children output. The significant increase in 2000-2001 is due the department reclassifying one of its 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.

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

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

Table 15A.2

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

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Real expenditure on child protection services per notification				
NSW	3 199	3 475	2 857	3 117
Vic	1 422	1 570	2 052	2 147
Qld	4 508	2 475	2 437	2 698
WA	3 298	2 876	3 541	3 653
SA	na	na	1 950	1 984
Tas	4 562	5 096	8 339	10 571
ACT	na	4 073	6 306	7 128
NT	na	na	na	na
Real expenditure on child protection services per investigation				
NSW	5 092	5 834	4 625	5 045
Vic	3 597	4 483	5 745	6 010
Qld	5 623	3 083	2 968	3 285
WA	3 457	2 952	3 659	3 775
SA	na	na	3 777	3 844
Tas	4 844	5 659	9 448	11 978
ACT	na	4 697	7 320	8 275
NT	na	na	na	na
Real expenditure on child protection services per substantiation				
NSW	13 370	16 308	15 593	17 011
Vic	6 799	7 854	9 971	10 432
Qld	13 244	6 816	6 408	7 092
WA	6 971	6 507	8 476	8 744
SA	na	na	9 747	9 920
Tas	23 274	22 170	25 502	32 330
ACT	na	20 785	22 555	25 495
NT	na	na	na	na

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

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.3

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

	<i>Real expenditure</i>				<i>Real expenditure per child in care (c)</i>			
	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$	\$	\$	\$
Residential out-of-home care services								
NSW	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	na	na	51 136	61 062	na	na	108 801	137 218
Qld	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
WA (d)	na	na	15 404	19 285	na	na	106 235	125 227
SA	na	na	3 233	3 001	na	na	75 182	68 205
Tas	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
ACT	na	na	1 601	1 799	na	na	100 064	85 667
NT	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Non-residential out-of-home care services								
NSW	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	na	na	60 147	61 533	na	na	17 628	17 718
Qld	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
WA (d)	na	na	28 390	35 816	na	na	21 991	26 728
SA	na	na	17 821	18 248	na	na	15 743	15 840
Tas	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
ACT	na	na	6 845	7 306	na	na	34 398	35 990
NT	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All out-of-home care services								
NSW	140 591	146 429	168 098	189 478	22 109	20 797	21 590	23 439
Vic	103 788	144 537	111 283	122 595	28 983	37 377	28 666	31 290
Qld	na	54 532	61 850	70 175	na	na	na	na
WA	40 321	41 514	43 794	55 101	33 826	31 308	30 497	36 882
SA	na	na	21 053	21 249	na	na	17 918	17 767
Tas	7 409	6 235	7 234	11 650	13 900	11 379	12 647	21 415
ACT	na	7 809	8 446	9 105	na	39 043	39 284	40 647
NT	na	na	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) 2000-01 data for WA have been revised for residential out-of-home and non-residential out-of-home categories, because the previously published figures were allocated to the wrong categories.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.4

Table 15A.4	Comparability of expenditure — items included, 2001-02							
	NSW	Vic (a)	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT
Superannuation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Basis of estimate	Accrual	na	Accrual	Accrual	Accrual	Funding	Accrual	Funding
Workers compensation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Payroll tax	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
Termination and long service leave	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
Rent	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Utilities	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Umbrella department costs	✓	na	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
basis of apportionment	Dept formula	na	Dept formula	..	Dept formula	..	Dept formula	Budget

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

(b) Terminations are been included as actual amounts. Long service leave liability is calculated as a percentage of salary.

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

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 15A.5

	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	1 101	17.1	630	29.5	1 206	47.7	426	45.0	483	25.1	2	40.0	11	19.0	236	29.7
Child at risk	1 118	17.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	—	—	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	1 252	19.5	394	18.5	292	11.6	279	29.5	585	30.4	2	40.0	22	37.9	241	30.3
Total finalised	3 471	54.1	1 024	48.0	1 498	59.3	705	74.5	1 068	55.5	4	80.0	33	56.9	477	60.0
Investigations not finalised	971	15.1	28	1.3	682	27.0	208	22.0	1	0.1	1	20.0	17	29.3	2	0.3
Total investigations	4 442	69.2	1 052	49.3	2 180	86.3	913	96.5	1 069	55.5	5	100.0	50	86.2	479	60.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	1 979	30.8	1 082	50.7	226	8.9	—	—	857	44.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Notifications not investigated/ dealt with by other means	—	—	—	—	121	4.8	33	3.5	—	—	—	—	8	13.8	316	39.7
Total notifications	6 421	100.0	2 134	100.0	2 527	100.0	946	100.0	1 926	100.0	5	100.0	58	100.0	795	100.0
Non-Indigenous children																
Notifications investigated																
Investigations finalised by 31 August																
Substantiated	7 505	15.4	7 057	19.7	8 830	35.2	761	36.3	1 747	18.8	156	31.0	209	28.1	113	14.0
Child at risk	4 826	9.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	3.8	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	10 453	21.4	4 787	13.4	4 310	17.2	961	45.8	2 800	30.2	217	43.1	280	37.7	234	28.9
Total finalised	22 784	46.7	11 844	33.0	13 140	52.4	1 722	82.0	4 547	49.0	392	77.9	489	65.8	347	42.8
Investigations not finalised	6 392	13.1	315	0.9	7 714	30.8	302	14.4	17	0.2	56	11.1	111	14.9	9	1.1
Total investigations	29 176	59.8	12 159	33.9	20 854	83.2	2 024	96.4	4 564	49.2	448	89.1	600	80.8	356	44.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	19 611	40.2	23 683	66.1	3 263	13.0	—	—	4 713	50.8	11	2.2	18	2.4	—	—
Notifications not investigated/ dealt with by other means	—	—	—	—	948	3.8	75	3.6	—	—	44	8.7	125	16.8	454	56.0

Table 15A.5

Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations in 2001-02 by Indigenous status, Australia (a)**

	NSW		Vic		Qld		WA		SA		Tas		ACT		NT	
Total notifications	48 787	100.0	35 842	100.0	25 065	100.0	2 099	100.0	9 277	100.0	503	100.0	743	100.0	810	100.0
All children																
Notifications investigated																
Investigations finalised by 31 August																
Substantiated	8 606	15.6	7 687	20.2	10 036	36.4	1 187	39.0	2 230	19.9	158	31.1	220	27.5	349	21.7
Child at risk	5 944	10.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	3.7	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	11 705	21.2	5 181	13.6	4 602	16.7	1 240	40.7	3 385	30.2	219	43.1	302	37.7	475	29.6
Total finalised	26 255	47.6	12 868	33.9	14 638	53.1	2 427	79.7	5 615	50.1	396	78.0	522	65.2	824	51.3
Investigations not finalised	7 363	13.3	343	0.9	8 396	30.4	510	16.7	18	0.2	57	11.2	128	16.0	11	0.7
Total investigations	33 618	60.9	13 211	34.8	23 034	83.5	2 937	96.5	5 633	50.3	453	89.2	650	81.1	835	52.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	21 590	39.1	24 765	65.2	3 489	12.6	–	–	5 570	49.7	11	2.2	18	2.2	–	–
Notifications not investigated/ dealt with by other means	–	–	–	–	1 069	3.9	108	3.5	–	–	44	8.7	133	16.6	770	48.0
Total notifications	55 208	100.0	37 976	100.0	27 592	100.0	3 045	100.0	11 203	100.0	508	100.0	801	100.0	1 605	100.0

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

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

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

Table 15A.6

Table 15A.6 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders in 2001-02 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	no.	333	160	187	179	29	11	9	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	168	143	237	8	74	15	5	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.	501	303	424	187	103	26	14	159
Children discharged from orders	no.	401	235	266	52	130	15	10	126
Non-Indigenous									
Children admitted to orders									
Children admitted for the first time	no.	1 644	1 324	806	316	190	185	87	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	729	1 049	872	4	264	217	62	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.	2 373	2 373	1 678	320	454	402	150	87
Children discharged from orders	no.	1 860	1 719	964	197	516	165	95	81
All children									
Children admitted to orders									
Children admitted for the first time	no.	1 977	1 484	993	495	219	196	96	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	897	1 192	1 109	12	338	232	67	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.	2 874	2 676	2 102	507	557	428	164	246
Children discharged from orders	no.	2 261	1 954	1 230	249	646	180	105	207

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

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.7

Table 15A.7 **Number of children on care and protection orders at 30 June 2002 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	1 762	377	823	432	221	21	29	112
Finalised supervisory orders	na	114	20	..	..	–	2	–
Interim and temporary orders	223	19	37	36	12	2	1	14
Other/not stated	7	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	1 992	510	880	468	233	23	32	126
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders								
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	5 334	3 240	2 688	834	1 021	376	184	65
Finalised supervisory orders	na	1 043	86	..	..	23	23	1
Interim and temporary orders	870	182	111	82	32	41	22	2
Other/not stated	33	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	6 237	4 465	2 885	916	1 053	440	229	68
Number of all children on orders								
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	7 096	3 617	3 511	1 266	1 242	397	213	177
Finalised supervisory orders	na	1 157	106	..	..	23	25	1
Interim and temporary orders	1 093	201	148	118	44	43	23	16
Other/not stated	40	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	8 229	4 975	3 765	1 384	1 286	463	261	194

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

Table 15A.8 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders in 2001-02: 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	3 758	1 449	1 480	819	1 194	4	49	668	9 421
Non-Indigenous	35 010	26 983	17 888	1 901	6 567	444	635	675	90 103
All children	38 768	28 432	19 368	2 720	7 761	448	684	1 343	99 524
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	62.8	120.5	26.6	28.7	109.1	0.5	29.1	29.1	51.6
Non-Indigenous	23.8	24.9	21.6	4.4	20.4	4.2	8.7	19.7	21.1
All children	25.3	25.9	21.9	5.9	23.3	4.0	9.2	23.5	22.3
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Indigenous	2 479	859	965	620	721	4	30	437	6 115
Non-Indigenous	17 940	10 523	9 878	1 570	3 499	368	433	327	44 538
All children	20 419	11 382	10 843	2 190	4 220	372	463	764	50 653
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	41.4	71.4	17.4	21.8	65.9	0.5	17.8	19.1	33.5
Non-Indigenous	12.2	9.7	11.9	3.6	10.9	3.5	5.9	9.6	10.4
All children	13.3	10.4	12.3	4.8	12.7	3.3	6.2	13.4	11.4
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Indigenous	913	579	795	386	346	2	11	222	3 254
Non-Indigenous	6 361	6 569	6 553	718	1 407	151	191	109	22 059
All children	7 274	7 148	7 348	1 104	1 753	153	202	331	25 313

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	<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	15.3	48.1	14.3	13.5	31.6	0.3	6.5	9.7	17.8
Non-Indigenous	4.3	6.1	7.9	1.7	4.4	1.4	2.6	3.2	5.2
All children	4.8	6.5	8.3	2.4	5.3	1.4	2.7	5.8	5.7
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders									
Number of children									
Indigenous	1 992	510	880	468	233	23	32	126	4 264
Non-Indigenous	6 237	4 465	2 885	916	1 053	440	229	68	16 293
All children	8 229	4 975	3 765	1 384	1 286	463	261	194	20 557
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years									
Indigenous	31.9	40.6	15.1	15.7	20.3	2.8	18.1	5.2	22.1
Non-Indigenous	4.0	3.9	3.3	2.0	3.1	4.0	2.9	1.9	3.6
All children	5.1	4.3	4.0	2.8	3.6	3.9	3.3	3.2	4.3

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

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

Table 15A.9 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year 2000-01 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.	122	189	117	34	162	4	4	10
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	436	730	249	81	353	22	24	25
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation									
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	2.1	4.2	3.8	3.2	6.9	3.2	1.3	3.0
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	7.6	16.3	8.0	7.5	15.1	17.5	7.7	7.4

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

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

Table 15A.10

Table 15A.10 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year 2000-01 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.	326	139	664	32	286	5	18	8
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	738	984	1 587	98	401	8	25	20
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation									
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	4.9	1.9	10.4	2.8	17.2	5.0	8.9	2.4
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	11.1	13.7	24.8	8.7	24.2	7.9	12.3	6.0

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

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

Table 15A.11

Table 15A.11 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June 2002: Number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years 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 in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Number of children in care									
Indigenous	2 098	489	708	511	232	29	27	105	4 199
Non-Indigenous	5 986	3 429	2 549	983	964	515	197	58	14 681
All children	8 084	3 918	3 257	1 494	1 196	544	224	163	18 880
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Indigenous	33.5	39.0	12.2	17.1	20.2	3.6	15.3	4.4	21.7
Non-Indigenous	3.8	3.0	2.9	2.2	2.8	4.6	2.5	1.6	3.2
All children	5.0	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.4	4.6	2.8	2.7	4.0
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Indigenous	2 833	1 004	934	758	455	30	48	199	6 261
Non-Indigenous	8 670	6 547	3 363	1 412	1 618	699	445	125	22 879
All children	11 503	7 551	4 297	2 170	2 073	729	493	324	29 140
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Indigenous	45.3	80.0	16.1	25.4	39.6	3.7	27.2	8.3	32.6
Non-Indigenous	5.6	5.7	3.8	3.1	4.7	6.3	5.7	3.5	5.0
All children	7.1	6.5	4.6	4.5	5.9	6.1	6.2	5.4	6.2

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

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

Table 15A.12

Table 15A.12 Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June 2002 by Indigenous status and placement type, 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>
Indigenous								
Residential care	38	62	12	64	3	8	1	6
Home based care								
Foster care	511	268	409	162	174	9	18	72
Relative/kinship care	1 491	151	287	280	55	11	7	22
Other home based care	–	8	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	2 002	427	696	442	229	20	25	94
Independent living-includes private board	14	–	–	3	–	–	–	1
Other (includes unknown living arrangements)	44	–	–	2	–	1	1	4
Total Indigenous children	2 098	489	708	511	232	29	27	105
Non-Indigenous								
Residential care	231	383	36	90	41	62	20	–
Home based care			–					
Foster care	2 287	1 991	1 976	622	811	191	120	47
Relative/kinship care	3 109	880	537	228	104	214	56	7
Other home based care	–	138	–	–	8	10	–	–
Total home based	5 396	3 009	2 513	850	923	415	176	54
Independent living-includes private board	101	37	–	40	–	23	1	1
Other (includes unknown living arrangements)	258	–	–	3	–	15	–	3
Total non-Indigenous children	5 986	3 429	2 549	983	923	515	197	58
All children			–					
Residential care	269	445	48	154	44	70	21	6
Home based care			–					
Foster care	2 798	2 259	2 385	784	985	200	138	119
Relative/kinship care	4 600	1 031	824	508	159	225	63	29
Other home based care	–	146	–	–	8	10	–	–

Table 15A.12

Table 15A.12 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June 2002 by Indigenous status and placement type, 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>
Total home based	7 398	3 436	3 209	1 292	1 152	435	201	148
Independent living-includes private board	115	37	–	43	–	23	1	2
Other (includes unknown living arrangements)	302	–	–	5	–	16	1	7
Total all children	8 084	3 918	3 257	1 494	1 196	544	224	163

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

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.13

Table 15A.13 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June 2002 by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, 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>
Indigenous								
On a care and protection order	1 774	380	674	420	179	20	26	105
On another type of order	–	3	–	–	46	–	1	..
Not on an order	324	106	34	91	7	9	–	..
Total Indigenous children	2 098	489	708	511	232	29	27	105
Non-Indigenous								
On a care and protection order	5 449	2 809	2 307	795	810	351	187	58
On another type of order	–	19	1	–	130	12	5	..
Not on an order	537	601	241	188	24	152	5	..
Total non-Indigenous children	5 986	3 429	2 549	983	964	515	197	58
All children								
On a care and protection order	7 223	3 189	2 981	1 215	989	371	213	163
On another type of order	–	22	1	–	176	12	6	..
Not on an order	861	707	275	279	31	161	5	..
Total all children	8 084	3 918	3 257	1 494	1 196	544	224	163

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

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

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

Table 15A.14

Table 15A.14 **Number of children in out-of-home care at 30 June 2002 by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 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>
Indigenous								
Respite	209	14	na	na	–	na	–	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	21	51	57	13	18	3	–	7
1 to less than 6 months	143	117	167	51	29	8	1	11
6 months to less than 1 year	181	67	102	53	34	3	4	5
1 to less than 2 years	305	78	127	76	36	12	1	22
2 to less than 5 years	779	112	138	185	59	1	8	37
5 years or more	456	43	117	133	56	2	13	22
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Total non-respite	1 885	468	708	511	232	29	27	105
Not stated/unknown	4	7	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	2 098	489	708	511	232	29	27	105
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	700	92	na	na	4	na	2	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	124	320	260	26	69	63	9	–
1 to less than 6 months	535	848	650	67	192	130	25	1
6 months to less than 1 year	527	479	308	128	128	56	21	6
1 to less than 2 years	911	498	455	156	149	200	24	9
2 to less than 5 years	1 834	723	471	302	195	40	51	25
5 years or more	1 351	424	405	304	227	26	65	14
Not stated/unknown	–	9	–	–	–	–	–	3
Total non-respite	5 282	3 301	2 549	983	960	515	195	58
Not stated/unknown	4	36	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	5 986	3 429	2 549	983	964	515	197	58
All children								
Respite	909	106	na	na	4	na	2	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	145	371	317	39	87	66	9	7
1 to less than 6 months	678	965	817	118	221	138	26	12
6 months to less than 1 year	708	546	410	181	162	59	25	11
1 to less than 2 years	1 216	576	582	232	185	212	25	31
2 to less than 5 years	2 613	835	609	487	254	41	59	62
5 years or more	1 807	467	522	437	283	28	78	36
Not stated/unknown	–	9	–	–	–	–	–	4
Total non-respite	7 167	3 769	3 257	1 494	1 192	544	222	163
Not stated/unknown	8	43	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	8 084	3 918	3 257	1 494	1 196	544	224	163

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

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

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

Table 15A.15

Table 15A.15 **Number of children who exited care during the year 2001-02 by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, 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>
Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	166	146	85	22	59	na	6	15
6 months to less than 1 year	59	31	29	9	13	na	–	2
1 to less than 2 years	61	43	30	8	7	na	2	3
2 to less than 5 years	78	21	30	10	10	na	2	2
5 years or more	60	6	23	21	11	na	1	2
Total Indigenous children	424	247	197	70	100	na	11	24
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	589	587	392	92	177	na	25	7
6 months to less than 1 year	162	215	98	48	58	na	6	–
1 to less than 2 years	206	202	100	40	56	na	11	3
2 to less than 5 years	259	149	109	54	28	na	11	5
5 years or more	235	55	75	38	43	na	3	–
Total non-Indigenous children	1 451	1 208	774	272	362	na	56	15
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	755	733	477	114	236	na	31	22
6 months to less than 1 year	221	246	127	57	71	na	6	2
1 to less than 2 years	267	245	130	48	63	na	13	6
2 to less than 5 years	337	170	139	64	38	na	13	7
5 years or more	295	61	98	59	54	na	4	2
Total all children	1 875	1 455	971	342	462	na	67	39

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

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

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

Table 15A.16

Table 15A.16 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June 2002 placed with relatives/kin 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>
Number of children at 30 June									
Indigenous	no.	1 491	151	287	280	55	11	7	22
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 109	880	537	228	104	214	56	7
All children	no.	4 600	1 031	824	508	159	225	63	29
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June									
Indigenous	%	71.1	30.9	40.5	54.8	23.7	37.9	25.9	21.0
Non-Indigenous	%	51.9	25.7	21.1	23.2	10.8	41.6	28.4	12.1
All children	%	56.9	26.3	25.3	34.0	13.3	41.4	28.1	17.8

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

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

Table 15A.17

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 Aboriginal Child Placement Principle									
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	1 212	87	173	246	42	5	5	22
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	279	64	115	34	13	6	2	na
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	339	100	194	87	112	2	12	54
Indigenous residential care	no.	9	20	10	38	–	–	1	–
Total placed in accordance with principle	no.	1 839	271	492	405	167	13	20	76
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle									
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	215	176	214	75	62	8	7	21
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	29	42	2	26	3	8	–	6
Total not placed in accordance with principle	no.	244	218	216	101	65	16	7	27
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	2 083	489	708	506	232	29	27	103
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	%	58.2	17.8	24.4	48.6	18.1	17.2	18.5	21.4
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	13.4	13.1	16.2	6.7	5.6	20.7	7.4	na
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	16.3	20.4	27.4	17.2	48.3	6.9	44.4	52.4
Indigenous residential care	%	0.4	4.1	1.4	7.5	–	–	3.7	–
Total placed in accordance with principle	%	88.3	55.4	69.5	80.0	72.0	44.8	74.1	73.8
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle									
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	10.3	36.0	30.2	14.8	26.7	27.6	25.9	20.4
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.4	8.6	0.3	5.1	1.2	27.6	–	5.8
Total not placed in accordance with principle	%	11.7	44.6	30.5	20.0	27.9	55.2	25.9	26.2
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 15A.17

- (a) See notes to source tables for a description of how the data were defined and collected.
- (b) The denominator for calculating the percentage of children placed in accordance with the principle excludes Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.
- Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available.

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

Table 15A.18

Table 15A.18 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June 2002 in a home based placement 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>
Number of children at 30 June									
Indigenous	no.	1 494	304	476	347	152	8	20	83
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 004	1 923	1 705	569	479	257	119	38
All children	no.	5 498	2 227	2 181	916	660	265	139	121
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June									
Indigenous	%	98.1	94.1	97.9	87.8	99.3	61.5	95.2	93.3
Non-Indigenous	%	96.6	96.2	99.4	93.4	93.4	87.1	98.3	97.4
All children	%	97.0	95.9	99.0	91.2	99.1	86.0	97.9	94.5

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

Source: Tables 15A.37, 15A.53, 15A.69, 15A.85, 15A.101, 15A.117, 15A.133 and 15A.149.

Table 15A.19

Table 15A.19 Number of children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care during the year 2001-02 by number of placements by the length of time in out-of-home care, 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>
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care								
1 placement	227	194	187	19	16	na	21	15
2 placements	88	63	75	1	10	na	3	4
3 placements	28	25	16	1	4	na	2	3
4-5 placements	4	12	3	1	3	-	-	-
6-10 placements	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-	na	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	na	-	-
Total children	348	294	281	22	34	na	26	22
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care								
1 placement	76	87	62	24	4	na	3	-
2 placement	24	18	34	5	6	na	1	1
3 placement	5	33	20	2	6	na	1	-
4-5 placement	11	12	4	1	6	-	-	1
6-10 placements	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-	na	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	na	-	-
Total children	117	150	120	32	22	na	5	2
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care								
1 placement	107	109	57	11	8	na	4	2
2 placement	32	54	45	5	1	na	3	2
3 placement	13	24	16	3	-	na	2	2
4-5 placement	13	16	8	-	9	-	-	-
6-10 placements	-	13	-	-	4	-	3	-
11 or more placements	-	1	-	-	2	na	1	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	na	-	-
Total children	165	217	126	19	24	na	13	6
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care								
1 placement	89	76	46	14	1	na	2	-
2 placement	47	21	34	10	3	na	8	5
3 placement	35	15	25	6	7	na	-	-
4-5 placement	19	10	22	3	3	-	3	1
6-10 placements	9	16	5	5	7	-	-	-
11 or more placements	1	-	-	-	5	na	-	1
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	na	-	-
Total children	200	138	132	38	26	na	13	7
5 years or more in out-of-home care								
1 placement	183	32	45	16	17	na	1	-
2 placement	20	10	26	10	5	na	1	-

Table 15A.19

Table 15A.19 Number of children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care during the year 2001-02 by number of placements by the length of time in out-of-home care, Australia (a)

3 placement	7	5	10	7	3	na	–	1
4–5 placement	1	2	12	7	9	–	2	1
6–10 placements	5	1	5	6	6	–	–	–
11 or more placements	1	–	–	1	6	na	–	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–	na	–	–
Total children	217	50	98	47	46	na	4	2
Total children exiting out-of-home care	1 047	849	757	158	152	na	61	39

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

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

Source: Tables 15A.38, 15A.54, 15A.70, 15A.86, 15A.102, 15A.118, 15A.134 and 15A.150.

Table 15A.20

Table 15A.20 **Children in out-of-home care during the year 2001-02 by whether they were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household, 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>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household									
Number of children	no.	na	2	162	6	na	2	2	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	0.0	3.8	0.3	na	0.3	0.4	na
Other children									
Number of children	no.	na	7 549	4 135	2 164	na	727	491	na
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	100.0	96.2	99.7	na	99.7	99.6	na
All children in out-of-home care	no.	na	7 551	4 297	2 170	na	729	493	na

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

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

Table 15A.21 **Intensive family support services, 2001-02**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support service by Indigenous status								
Indigenous	25	111	23	56	44	3	27	na
Non-Indigenous	3	1 007	235	271	131	33	77	na
All children	28	1 118	258	327	175	36	104	na
Number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by sex								
Male	14	346	146	180	92	19	54	na
Female	14	301	112	147	83	17	50	na
Unknown	–	471	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	28	1 118	258	327	175	36	104	na
Number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by age								
0–4	5	687	130	137	55	17	25	na
5–9	9	221	82	99	53	14	35	na
10–14	12	169	46	na	57	5	39	na
15–17	2	25	–	na	10	–	5	na
Unknown	–	16	–	91	–	–	–	na
Total	28	1 118	258	327	175	36	104	na
Number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by living situation at commencement of the program								
Family care								
Child living with parent(s)	27	na	209	na	51	26	78	na
Child living with other relatives/kin	–	na	2	na	18	–	7	na
Child in out-of-home care	1	na	–	na	80	7	14	na
Child in shared care	–	na	24	na	1	3	5	na
Other	–	na	23	na	7	–	–	na
Not available	–	na	–	na	18	–	–	na
Total	28	1 118	258	327	175	36	104	na

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

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

Table 15A.22

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

	Children aged 0–16 years					Children aged 0–17 years				
	Dec 1997	Dec 1998	Dec 1999	Dec 2000	Dec 2001	Dec 1997	Dec 1998	Dec 1999	Dec 2000	Dec 2001
<i>NSW</i>										
Indigenous	50.8	51.6	52.3	52.9	59.8	53.0	54.0	54.8	55.6	62.5
Non-Indigenous	1 441.7	1 443.8	1 445.0	1 442.7	1 470.4	1 525.7	1 529.3	1 531.4	1 529.2	1 558.9
All children	1 492.4	1 495.4	1 497.3	1 495.6	1 530.2	1 578.7	1 583.3	1 586.2	1 584.8	1 621.5
<i>Vic</i>										
Indigenous	9.9	10.1	10.2	10.4	12.0	10.3	10.5	10.7	10.9	12.6
Non-Indigenous	1 065.0	1 066.9	1 066.6	1 068.3	1 084.5	1 127.8	1 130.6	1 130.9	1 133.1	1 150.3
All children	1 074.9	1 077.0	1 076.8	1 078.7	1 096.5	1 138.2	1 141.1	1 141.6	1 144.0	1 162.9
<i>Qld</i>										
Indigenous	48.7	49.9	50.9	51.8	55.6	50.9	52.2	53.3	54.4	58.1
Non-Indigenous	796.8	801.0	804.1	808.7	827.2	844.2	849.8	854.4	859.6	877.8
All children	845.6	850.9	854.9	860.5	882.7	895.1	902.0	907.8	914.0	935.9
<i>WA</i>										
Indigenous	25.3	25.6	25.9	26.1	28.5	26.4	26.8	27.1	27.4	29.8
Non-Indigenous	423.2	426.3	427.3	427.1	430.3	448.1	451.9	453.5	453.8	457.4
All children	448.5	451.9	453.1	453.2	458.8	474.5	478.7	480.6	481.2	487.2
<i>SA</i>										
Indigenous	9.9	10.0	10.2	10.3	10.9	10.3	10.5	10.7	10.9	11.5
Non-Indigenous	327.2	325.9	323.6	320.8	321.9	346.3	345.4	343.4	341.0	342.5
All children	337.1	336.0	333.8	331.1	332.8	356.7	355.9	354.1	351.8	354.0
<i>Tas</i>										
Indigenous	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.7	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	8.1
Non-Indigenous	110.6	108.3	106.4	104.8	104.9	117.1	115.0	113.0	111.4	111.4
All children	117.6	115.4	113.4	111.8	112.6	124.5	122.4	120.5	118.8	119.5

ACT

Table 15A.22

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 1997</i>	<i>Dec 1998</i>	<i>Dec 1999</i>	<i>Dec 2000</i>	<i>Dec 2001</i>	<i>Dec 1997</i>	<i>Dec 1998</i>	<i>Dec 1999</i>	<i>Dec 2000</i>	<i>Dec 2001</i>
Indigenous	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.8
Non-Indigenous	74.0	72.9	72.4	71.7	73.1	78.8	77.6	77.2	76.4	77.9
All children	75.4	74.3	73.9	73.2	74.7	80.2	79.1	78.7	77.9	79.7
<i>NT</i>										
Indigenous	22.3	22.5	22.6	22.7	22.9	23.5	23.7	23.9	23.9	24.1
Non-Indigenous	33.6	33.9	34.0	34.1	34.2	35.2	35.6	36.1	35.8	36.1
All children	55.9	56.4	56.6	56.8	57.1	58.7	59.3	60.0	59.8	60.1
<i>Australia</i>										
Indigenous	175.3	178.1	180.5	182.7	199.2	183.4	186.6	189.6	192.0	208.5
Non-Indigenous	4 272.1	4 279.1	4 279.3	4 278.2	4 346.3	4 523.2	4 535.2	4 540.0	4 540.3	4 612.2
All children	4 447.4	4 457.2	4 459.8	4 460.8	4 545.5	4 706.6	4 721.9	4 729.6	4 732.3	4 820.7

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

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 1998	Mar 1999	Mar 2000	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 1998	Mar 1999	Mar 2000	Mar 2001	Mar 2002
<i>NSW</i>										
Indigenous	51.2	51.9	52.6	52.6	59.8	53.5	54.5	55.2	55.9	62.5
Non-Indigenous	1 439.5	1 442.3	1 439.2	1 441.2	1 467.4	1 526.0	1 528.0	1 525.8	1 527.3	1 556.6
All children	1 490.7	1 494.2	1 491.8	1 493.8	1 527.2	1 579.5	1 582.5	1 581.0	1 583.2	1 619.2
<i>Vic</i>										
Indigenous	10.0	10.2	10.3	10.3	12.0	10.4	10.6	10.8	10.9	12.6
Non-Indigenous	1 064.9	1 065.6	1 065.4	1 067.2	1 083.3	1 130.1	1 129.6	1 130.0	1 132.1	1 149.9
All children	1 074.9	1 075.8	1 075.7	1 077.5	1 095.3	1 140.6	1 140.3	1 140.8	1 143.0	1 162.4
<i>Qld</i>										
Indigenous	49.3	50.4	51.3	51.3	55.6	51.6	52.8	53.9	54.8	58.1
Non-Indigenous	797.0	802.6	804.5	810.9	829.0	844.9	851.8	855.2	860.7	880.0
All children	846.4	853.0	855.8	862.2	884.6	896.4	904.6	909.1	915.6	938.1
<i>WA</i>										
Indigenous	25.4	25.7	26.0	26.0	28.5	26.6	27.0	27.3	27.5	29.8
Non-Indigenous	424.2	426.6	427.1	426.8	428.6	449.6	452.5	453.5	453.4	456.0
All children	449.6	452.3	453.1	452.7	457.1	476.2	479.4	480.7	480.9	485.8
<i>SA</i>										
Indigenous	10.0	10.1	10.3	10.3	10.9	10.4	10.6	10.8	10.9	11.5
Non-Indigenous	327.1	325.4	323.1	320.0	321.1	346.2	345.0	342.9	340.2	341.7
All children	337.0	335.5	333.4	330.3	332.1	356.7	355.6	353.7	351.2	353.2
<i>Tas</i>										
Indigenous	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.7	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	8.1
Non-Indigenous	109.9	107.8	106.3	104.8	104.6	116.4	114.5	113.0	111.4	111.1
All children	116.9	114.9	113.4	111.8	112.3	123.8	121.9	120.4	118.8	119.3

Table 15A.23

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 1998</i>	<i>Mar 1999</i>	<i>Mar 2000</i>	<i>Mar 2001</i>	<i>Mar 2002</i>	<i>Mar 1998</i>	<i>Mar 1999</i>	<i>Mar 2000</i>	<i>Mar 2001</i>	<i>Mar 2002</i>
<i>ACT</i>										
Indigenous	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.8
Non-Indigenous	73.6	72.7	72.0	71.7	72.9	78.4	77.5	76.7	76.3	77.7
All children	75.0	74.2	73.4	73.1	74.5	79.9	79.0	78.2	77.9	79.5
<i>NT</i>										
Indigenous	22.4	22.5	22.7	22.7	22.9	23.5	23.7	23.9	24.0	24.1
Non-Indigenous	33.8	33.9	33.9	34.3	34.0	35.2	35.6	35.6	36.0	35.9
All children	56.1	56.4	56.6	57.0	56.9	58.7	59.3	59.5	60.0	60.0
<i>Australia</i>										
Indigenous	176.8	179.4	181.6	181.6	199.2	185.0	188.1	190.8	193.1	208.5
Non-Indigenous	4 269.8	4 276.9	4 271.4	4 276.9	4 340.9	4 526.8	4 534.5	4 532.7	4 537.4	4 608.9
All children	4 446.6	4 456.3	4 453.0	4 458.5	4 540.2	4 711.7	4 722.6	4 723.5	4 730.5	4 817.4

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

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

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02	
	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	749	126.9	1 026	28.9	839	25.3	1 023	18.1	1 101	17.1
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	815	14.4	1 118	17.4
Not substantiated	769	130.3	..	..	..	..	779	13.8	1 252	19.5
Total investigations finalised	1 518	257.3	na	na	na	na	2 617	46.3	3 471	54.1
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	253	42.9	..	..	..	..	673	11.9	971	15.1
Total notifications investigated	–	–	2 673	75.4	2 522	76.1	4 442	78.5	4 442	69.2
Notifications dealt with by other means	590	100.0	872	24.6	790	23.9	1 216	21.5	1 979	30.8
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	..	..	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	590	100.0	3 545	100.0	3 312	100.0	5 658	100.0	6 421	100.0
<i>Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children</i>										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	7 657	26.5	6 514	23.3	5 638	20.8	6 478	17.8	7 505	15.4
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 785	10.4	4 826	9.9
Not substantiated	9 822	34.0	..	..	..	..	7 033	19.3	10 453	21.4
Total investigations finalised	17 479	60.6	na	na	na	na	17 296	47.5	22 784	46.7
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	2 933	10.2	..	..	..	..	4 706	12.9	6 392	13.1
Total notifications investigated	20 412	70.7	17 125	61.2	15 585	57.5	22 002	60.4	29 176	59.8
Notifications dealt with by other means	8 450	29.3	10 843	38.8	11 501	42.5	14 429	39.6	19 611	40.2
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	..	..	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	28 862	100.0	27 968	100.0	27 086	100.0	36 431	100.0	48 787	100.0

Table 15A.24

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

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
Number of notifications involving all children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	8 406	26.9	7 540	23.9	6 477	21.3	7 501	18.3	8 606	15.6
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 600	11.2	5 944	10.8
Not substantiated	10 591	33.9	8 761	27.8	7 628	25.1	7 812	19.1	11 705	21.2
Total investigations finalised	18 997	60.8	16 301	51.7	14 105	46.4	19 913	48.6	26 255	47.6
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	3 186	10.2	3 497	11.1	4 002	13.2	5 379	13.1	7 363	13.3
Total notifications investigated	22 183	71.0	19 798	62.8	18 107	59.6	25 292	61.8	33 618	60.9
Notifications dealt with by other means	9 040	29.0	11 715	37.2	12 291	40.4	15 645	38.2	21 590	39.1
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total notifications all children	31 223	100.0	31 513	100.0	30 398	100.0	40 937	100.0	55 208	100.0

- (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) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these was counted.
- (c) From 1998-99, the definition of an investigation was changed to include the interviewing or sighting of a child where practicable.
- (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.
- (e) 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 1999-00.
- (g) From 2000-01, the category 'child at risk' included 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 notifications, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.25

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

		<i>Unit 1997-98 1998-99 1999-00 2000-01 2001-02</i>				
Indigenous						
Children admitted to orders						
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na	na	632	531	333
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	na	201	282	168
Total children admitted to orders	no.	558	891	833	813	501
Children discharged from orders	no.	433	610	555	553	401
Non-Indigenous						
Children admitted to orders						
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na	na	2 177	1 850	1 644
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	na	607	810	729
Total children admitted to orders	no.	2 896	3 008	2 784	2 660	2 373
Children discharged from orders	no.	2 113	2 153	1 984	1 818	1 860
All children						
Children admitted to orders						
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na	na	2 809	2 381	1 977
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	na	808	1 092	897
Total children admitted to orders	no.	3 454	3 899	3 617	3 473	2 874
Children discharged from orders	no.	2 546	2 763	2 539	2 371	2 261

(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.

(c) Data on whether children had prior admissions to orders, only includes those who had prior admissions within the last five years.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.26

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)**

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	813	1 330	1 512	1 798	1 762
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	161	224	304	264	223
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	216	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	5	8	10	8	7
Total Indigenous children on orders	1 195	1 562	1 826	2 070	1 992
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	3 583	4 398	4 837	5 244	5 334
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	817	960	974	775	870
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	371	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	21	28	24	16	33
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	4 792	5 386	5 835	6 035	6 237
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	4 396	5 728	6 349	7 042	7 096
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	978	1 184	1 278	1 039	1 093
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	587	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	26	36	34	24	40
Total all children on orders	5 987	6 948	7 661	8 105	8 229

(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 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.

.. Not applicable. na Not available.

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

Table 15A.27

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), (c), (d)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 799	2 545	2 466	3 085	3 758
Non-Indigenous	23 661	22 739	22 113	27 925	35 010
All children	25 460	25 284	24 579	31 010	38 768
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	35.4	49.3	47.2	58.3	62.8
Non-Indigenous	16.4	15.7	15.3	19.4	23.8
All children	17.1	16.9	16.4	20.7	25.3
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 262	1 802	1 671	1 988	2 479
Non-Indigenous	14 925	12 015	10 334	14 161	17 940
All children	16 187	13 817	12 005	16 149	20 419
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	24.9	34.9	32.0	37.6	41.4
Non-Indigenous	10.4	8.3	7.2	9.8	12.2
All children	10.8	9.2	8.0	10.8	13.3
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	655	858	761	875	913
Non-Indigenous	6 841	5 821	5 054	5 655	6 361
All children	7 496	6 679	5 815	6 530	7 274
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	12.9	16.6	14.6	16.5	15.3
Non-Indigenous	4.7	4.0	3.5	3.9	4.3
All children	5.0	4.5	3.9	4.4	4.8
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 195	1 562	1 826	2 070	1 992
Non-Indigenous	4 792	5 386	5 835	6 035	6 237
All children	5 987	6 948	7 661	8 105	8 229
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	22.3	28.7	33.1	37.0	31.9
Non-Indigenous	3.1	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.0
All children	3.8	4.4	4.8	5.1	5.1

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), (c), (d)

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- (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 1 000. Prior to 2001-02 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 of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1 000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.
- (c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2003.
- (d) 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 *Child protection notifications, 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>	<i>2000-01</i>
Number of children						
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	160	236	167	155	122
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	600	783	625	546	436
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	2.1
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	7.3	9.1	8.7	8.8	7.6

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

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, 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>	<i>2000-01</i>
Number of children						
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	212	297	267	212	326
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	680	819	661	600	738
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	4.9
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	10.2	10.8	9.8	10.2	11.1

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

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

Table 15A.30

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)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002 (c)
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June (d)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	1 153	1 591	1 815	2 139	2 098
Non-Indigenous	4 450	4 768	5 226	5 647	5 986
All children	5 603	6 359	7 041	7 786	8 084
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	21.5	29.2	32.9	38.3	33.5
Non-Indigenous	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.7	3.8
All children	3.6	4.0	4.5	4.9	5.0
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year (e)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	1 402	1 848	2 303	2 818	2 833
Non-Indigenous	6 652	6 269	7 451	8 417	8 670
All children	8 054	8 117	9 754	11 235	11 503
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	26.5	34.2	42.0	50.7	45.3
Non-Indigenous	4.4	4.1	4.9	5.5	5.6
All children	5.1	5.1	6.1	7.1	7.1

- (a) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out of home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in out of home care were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.
- (b) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in at least one placement 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) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2003.
- (d) 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.
- (e) 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.

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

Table 15A.31

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)**

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
Residential care	31	47	46	66	38
Home based care					
Foster care	361	380	434	555	511
Relative/kinship care	720	1 115	1 282	1 458	1 491
Other home based care	na	–	–	–	–
Total home based	1 081	1 495	1 716	2 013	2 002
Independent living-includes private board	16	13	15	17	14
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	25	36	38	43	44
Total Indigenous children	1 153	1 591	1 815	2 139	2 098
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	320	295	260	275	231
Home based care					
Foster care	2 034	1 958	2 076	2 232	2 287
Relative/kinship care	1 787	2 138	2 530	2 821	3 109
Other home based care	na	–	–	–	–
Total home based	3 821	4 096	4 606	5 053	5 396
Independent living-includes private board	131	133	119	103	101
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	178	244	241	216	258
Total non-Indigenous children	4 450	4 768	5 226	5 647	5 986
All children					
Residential care	351	342	306	341	269
Home based care					
Foster care	2 395	2 338	2 510	2 787	2 798
Relative/kinship care	2 507	3 253	3 812	4 279	4 600
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based care	4 902	5 591	6 322	7 066	7 398
Independent living-includes private board	147	146	134	120	115
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	203	280	279	259	302
Total all children	5 603	6 359	7 041	7 786	8 084

(a) Residential care includes family group homes.

(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.

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

Table 15A.32

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)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	1 043	1 334	1 555	1 814	1 774
On another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	110	257	260	325	324
Total Indigenous children	1 153	1 591	1 815	2 139	2 098
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	4 294	4 448	4 856	5 138	5 449
On another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	156	320	370	509	537
Total non-Indigenous children	4 450	4 768	5 226	5 647	5 986
All children					
On a care and protection order	5 337	5 782	6 411	6 952	7 223
On another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	266	577	630	834	861
Total all children	5 603	6 359	7 041	7 786	8 084

(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.

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

Table 15A.33

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)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
Respite	106	162	174	252	209
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	18	35	61	31	21
1 to less than 6 months	134	227	213	184	143
6 months to less than 1 year	177	207	211	242	181
1 to less than 2 years	185	300	308	369	305
2 to less than 5 years	532	320	481	648	779
5 years or more	..	338	365	408	456
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 046	1 427	1 639	1 882	1 885
Not stated/unknown	1	2	2	5	4
Total Indigenous children	1 153	1 591	1 815	2 139	2 098
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	455	448	541	669	700
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	165	162	160	155	124
1 to less than 6 months	645	631	622	524	535
6 months to less than 1 year	550	575	583	615	527
1 to less than 2 years	708	761	878	936	911
2 to less than 5 years	1 921	1 166	1 381	1 559	1 834
5 years or more	..	1 023	1 059	1 185	1 351
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	3 989	4 318	4 683	4 974	5 282
Not stated/unknown	6	2	2	4	4
Total non-Indigenous children	4 450	4 768	5 226	5 647	5 986
All children					
Respite	561	610	715	921	909
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	183	197	221	186	145
1 to less than 6 months	779	858	835	708	678
6 months to less than 1 year	727	782	794	857	708
1 to less than 2 years	893	1 061	1 186	1 305	1 216
2 to less than 5 years	2 453	1 486	1 862	2 207	2 613
5 years or more	..	1 361	1 424	1 593	1 807
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	5 035	5 745	6 322	6 856	7 167
Not stated/unknown	7	4	4	9	8
Total all children	5 603	6 359	7 041	7 786	8 084

(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 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.

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

Table 15A.34

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), (b)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	249	246	166
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	99	102	59
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	68	78	61
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	40	73	78
5 years or more	na	na	17	52	60
Not stated/unknown	na	na	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	na	na	473	551	424
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	511	549	589
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	178	180	162
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	161	225	206
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	144	214	259
5 years or more	na	na	51	170	235
Not stated/unknown	na	na	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	na	na	1 045	1 338	1 451
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	760	795	755
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	277	282	221
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	229	303	267
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	184	287	337
5 years or more	na	na	68	222	295
Not stated/unknown	na	na	–	–	–
Total all children	na	na	1 518	1 889	1 875

(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 non government organisations (NGOs) 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. **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>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	720	1 115	1 282	1 458	1 491
Non-Indigenous	no.	1 787	2 138	2 530	2 821	3 109
All children	no.	2 507	3 253	3 812	4 279	4 600
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	62.4	70.1	70.6	68.2	71.1
Non-Indigenous	%	40.2	44.8	48.4	50.0	51.9
All children	%	44.7	51.2	54.1	55.0	56.9

- (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.
- (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

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), (d), (e)

	<i>Unit</i>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Indigenous relative/kin		568	869	999	1 187	1 212
Non-Indigenous relative/kin		152	246	–	271	279
Other Indigenous caregiver		383	430	462	395	339
Indigenous residential care		9
Total placed in accordance with principle		1 103	1 545	1 461	1 853	1 839
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers		50	46	342	224	215
In non-Indigenous residential care		41	29
Total not placed in accordance with principle		50	46	342	265	244
Total Indigenous children in care		1 153	1 591	1 803	2 118	2 083
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Indigenous relative/kin		49.3	54.6	55.4	56.0	58.2
Non-Indigenous relative/kin		13.2	15.5	–	12.8	13.4
Other Indigenous caregiver		33.2	27.0	25.6	18.6	16.3
Indigenous residential care		0.4
Total placed in accordance with principle		95.7	97.1	81.0	87.5	88.3
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers		4.3	2.9	19.0	10.6	10.3
In non-Indigenous residential care		1.9	1.4
Total not placed in accordance with principle		4.3	2.9	19.0	12.5	11.7
Total Indigenous children in care		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out of home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.
- (b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.
- (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.
- (d) In 2000 there were 12 children where the Indigenous status of the caregiver was unknown. These children were included in the category 'In non-Indigenous residential care'.
- (e) 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.
- Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable.

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

Table 15A.37

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>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	730	1 095	1 295	1 520	1 494
Non-Indigenous	no.	2 630	2 950	3 405	3 785	4 004
All children	no.	3 360	4 045	4 700	5 305	5 498
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	97.2	96.8	96.8	96.7	98.1
Non-Indigenous	%	95.6	94.2	95.4	96.9	96.6
All children	%	95.9	94.9	95.8	96.8	97.0

- (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) 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

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

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	227
2 placements	88
3 placements	28
4-5 placements	4
6-10 placements	1
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	348
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	76
2 placements	24
3 placements	5
4-5 placements	11
6-10 placements	1
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	117
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	107
2 placements	32
3 placements	13
4-5 placements	13
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	165
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	89
2 placements	47
3 placements	35
4-5 placements	19
6-10 placements	9
11 or more placements	1
Unknown	-
Total children	200
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	183

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2 placement	20
3 placement	7
2–3 placements
4–5 placement	1
6–10 placements	5
11 or more placements	..	..	..	..	1
Unknown	..	..	..	..	–
Total children	..	..	..	..	217
Total children exiting out-of-home care	..	..	..	..	1 047

(a) These data were not collected prior to 2001-02

(b) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(c) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

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

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>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</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	na

(a) NSW could not 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.40

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

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02	
	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	514	35.8	na	na	629	31.3	650	32.3	630	29.5
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	na	na	na	na	na	na	353	17.5	394	18.5
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	na	na	1 003	49.8	1 024	48.0
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	na	na	na	na	na	na	22	1.1	28	1.3
Total notifications investigated	958	66.7	na	na	1 028	51.2	1 025	50.9	1 052	49.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	479	33.3	na	na	980	48.8	988	49.1	1 082	50.7
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	—	—	na	na	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	1 437	100.0	na	na	2 008	100.0	2 013	100.0	2 134	100.0
<i>Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children</i>										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	6 843	38.0	na	na	6 730	29.3	6 958	19.9	7 057	19.7
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	na	na	na	na	na	na	4 949	14.2	4 787	13.4
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	na	na	11 907	34.1	11 844	33.0
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	na	na	na	na	na	na	273	0.8	315	0.9
Total notifications investigated	na	na	na	na	na	na	12 180	34.8	12 159	33.9
Notifications dealt with by other means	17 991	100.0	na	na	22 932	100.0	22 773	65.2	23 683	66.1
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	—	—	na	na	—	—	—	—	—	—

Table 15A.40

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

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	17 991	100.0	na	na	22 932	100.0	34 953	100.0	35 842	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	7 357	22.2	7 251	20.9	7 359	20.0	7 608	20.6	7 687	20.2
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	7 074	21.3	6 134	17.7	5 223	14.2	5 302	14.3	5 181	13.6
Total investigations finalised	14 431	43.5	13 385	38.6	12 582	34.2	12 910	34.9	12 868	33.9
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	262	0.8	323	0.9	311	0.8	295	0.8	343	0.9
Total notifications investigated	14 693	44.3	13 708	39.5	12 893	35.0	13 205	35.7	13 211	34.8
Notifications dealt with by other means	18 470	55.7	20 971	60.5	23 912	65.0	23 761	64.3	24 765	65.2
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total notifications all children	33 163	100.0	34 679	100.0	36 805	100.0	36 966	100.0	37 976	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.

(e) Data on the number of investigations finalised and not finalised by Indigenous status were not collected between 1997-98 and 1999-00.

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

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

Table 15A.41

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

		<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		209.0	na	164	165	160
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		75.0	na	107	143	143
Total children admitted to orders	no.		284	na	271	308	303
Children discharged from orders	no.		231	na	174	199	235
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		2 256.0	na	1 307	1 315	1 324
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		1 063.0	na	1 029	989	1 049
Total children admitted to orders	no.		3 319	na	2 336	2 304	2 373
Children discharged from orders	no.		3 036	na	1 803	1 833	1 719
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		2 465.0	1 632.0	1 471	1 480	1 484
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		1 138.0	974.0	1 136	1 132	1 192
Total children admitted to orders	no.		3 603	2 606	2 607	2 612	2 676
Children discharged from orders	no.		3 267	2 768	1 977	2 032	1 954

(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

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)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	198	na	347	370	377
Finalised supervisory orders	74	na	75	108	114
Interim and temporary orders	22	na	26	34	19
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	na	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	294	na	448	512	510
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	2 714	na	3 135	3 168	3 240
Finalised supervisory orders	1 038	na	982	942	1 043
Interim and temporary orders	169	na	187	160	182
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	na	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	3 921	na	4 304	4 270	4 465
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	2 912	3 085	3 482	3 538	3 617
Finalised supervisory orders	1 112	1 121	1 057	1 050	1 157
Interim and temporary orders	191	152	213	194	201
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	4 215	4 358	4 752	4 782	4 975

(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

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), (c), (d)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 122	na	1 285	1 398	1 449
Non-Indigenous	24 635	na	25 552	26 378	26 983
All children	25 757	26 646	26 837	27 776	28 432
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	113.2	na	125.5	134.8	120.5
Non-Indigenous	23.1	na	24.0	24.7	24.9
All children	24.0	24.7	24.9	25.7	25.9
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	802	na	825	880	859
Non-Indigenous	11 142	na	10 208	10 705	10 523
All children	11 944	11 958	11 033	11 585	11 382
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	80.9	na	80.6	84.9	71.4
Non-Indigenous	10.5	na	9.6	10.0	9.7
All children	11.1	11.1	10.2	10.7	10.4
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	460	na	568	602	579
Non-Indigenous	5 932	na	6 218	6 547	6 569
All children	6 392	6 823	6 786	7 149	7 148
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	46.4	na	55.5	58.0	48.1
Non-Indigenous	5.6	na	5.8	6.1	6.1
All children	5.9	6.3	6.3	6.6	6.5
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	294	na	448	512	510
Non-Indigenous	3 921	na	4 304	4 270	4 465
All children	4 215	4 358	4 752	4 782	4 975
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years (b)					
Indigenous	28.2	na	41.4	46.8	40.6
Non-Indigenous	3.5	na	3.8	3.8	3.9
All children	3.7	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.3

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), (c), (d)

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- (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 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 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 of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.
- (c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2003.
- (d) Victoria was not able to provide data on Indigenous children in 1998-99.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, 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>	<i>2000-01</i>
Number of children						
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	271	270	208	204	189
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	888	867	779	839	730
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	4.2
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	14.8	15.6	15.1	19.3	16.3

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

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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>	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Number of children							
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.		197	153	132	199	139
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.		946	885	893	960	984
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	1.9
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%		14.3	13.8	13.1	14.0	13.7

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, 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), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002 (c)
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June (d)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	na	na	297	454	489
Non-Indigenous	na	na	3 570	3 428	3 429
All children	3 615	3 581	3 867	3 882	3 918
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	na	na	27.5	41.5	39.0
Non-Indigenous	na	na	3.2	3.0	3.0
All children	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.4
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year (e)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	na	na	na	730	1 004
Non-Indigenous	na	na	na	6 145	6 547
All children	na	na	na	6 875	7 551
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	na	na	na	67.1	80.0
Non-Indigenous	na	na	na	5.4	5.7
All children	na	na	na	6.0	6.5

(a) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out of home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in out of home care were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.

(b) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in at least one placement 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) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2003.

(d) 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.

(e) Victoria was unable to provide data for this indicator for 1997-98 to 1999-200.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.47

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

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
Residential care	na	na	38	44	62
Home based care					
Foster care	na	na	na	257	268
Relative/kinship care	na	na	na	141	151
Other home based	na	na	na	12	8
Total home based	na	na	259	410	427
Independent living-includes private board	na	na	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	na	na	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	na	na	297	454	489
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	na	na	483	426	383
Home based care					
Foster care	na	na	na	1 939	1 991
Relative/kinship care	na	na	na	905	880
Other home based	na	na	na	157	138
Total home based	na	na	3 081	3 001	3 009
Independent living-includes private board	na	na	na	1	37
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	na	na	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	na	na	3 564	3 428	3 429
All children					
Residential care	619	568	521	470	445
Home based care					
Foster care	1 988	2 048	2 237	2 196	2 259
Relative/kinship care	888	817	962	1 046	1 031
Other home based	105	139	141	169	146
Total home based	2 981	3 004	3 340	3 411	3 436
Independent living-includes private board	15	9	6	1	37
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	3 615	3 581	3 867	3 882	3 918

(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 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) Residential care includes family group homes.

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

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

Table 15A.48

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)**

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	na	na	na	316	380
On another type of order	..	na	na	–	3
Not on an order	na	na	na	138	106
Total Indigenous children	na	na	na	454	489
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	na	na	na	2 830	2 809
On another type of order	..	na	na	17	19
Not on an order	na	na	na	581	601
Total non-Indigenous children	na	na	na	3 428	3 429
All children					
On a care and protection order	2 462	2 848	3 285	3 146	3 189
On another type of order	..	38	25	17	22
Not on an order	1 153	695	557	719	707
Total all children	3 615	3 581	3 867	3 882	3 918

(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) Prior to 2001 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 – Nil or rounded to zero. .. Not applicable. na Not available.

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

Table 15A.49

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)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	21	14
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	na	na	na	19	51
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	102	117
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	62	67
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	114	78
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	83	112
5 years or more	na	na	na	45	43
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	–	–
Total non-respite	na	na	na	425	468
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	8	7
Total Indigenous children	na	na	na	454	489
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	128	92
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	na	na	na	177	320
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	671	848
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	529	479
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	694	498
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	717	723
5 years or more	na	na	na	426	424
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	8	9
Total non-respite	na	na	na	3 222	3 301
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	78	36
Total non-Indigenous children	na	na	na	3 428	3 429
All children					
Respite	na	80	134	149	106
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	na	345	269	196	371
1 to less than 6 months	na	691	911	773	965
6 months to less than 1 year	na	324	559	591	546
1 to less than 2 years	na	286	595	808	576
2 to less than 5 years	na	225	646	800	835
5 years or more	na	140	382	471	467
Not stated/unknown	na	–	–	8	9
Total non-respite	na	2 011	3 362	3 647	3 769
Not stated/unknown	na	1 490	371	86	43
Total all children	na	3 581	3 867	3 882	3 918

(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.

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(b) Data for the category '5 years or more' were not collected in 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.

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

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

Table 15A.50

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)**

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	..	na	na	46	146
6 months to less than 1 year	..	na	na	36	31
1 to less than 2 years	..	na	na	48	43
2 to less than 5 years	..	na	na	20	21
5 years or more	..	na	na	4	6
Not stated/unknown	..	na	na	–	–
Total Indigenous children	..	na	na	154	247
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	..	na	na	513	587
6 months to less than 1 year	..	na	na	339	215
1 to less than 2 years	..	na	na	298	202
2 to less than 5 years	..	na	na	275	149
5 years or more	..	na	na	118	55
Not stated/unknown	..	na	na	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	..	na	na	1 543	1 208
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	..	na	na	559	733
6 months to less than 1 year	..	na	na	375	246
1 to less than 2 years	..	na	na	346	245
2 to less than 5 years	..	na	na	295	170
5 years or more	..	na	na	122	61
Not stated/unknown	..	na	na	–	–
Total all children	..	na	na	1 697	1 455

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

(b) In 2000-01 and 2001-02, data were available only for July to May. Data were adjusted for full year effect.

– Nil or rounded to zero. .. 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>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	na	na	na	141	151
Non-Indigenous	no.	na	na	na	905	880
All children	no.	888	817	962	1 046	1 031
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	na	na	na	31.1	30.9
Non-Indigenous	%	na	na	na	26.4	25.7
All children	%	24.6	22.8	24.9	26.9	26.3

(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, at 30 June where placement type was known.

(b) Prior to 2001, 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

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

	<i>Unit</i>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
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	89	87
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	na	na	na	52	64
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	na	na	na	115	100
Indigenous residential care	no.	na	na	na	..	20
Total placed in accordance with principle	no.	na	na	na	256	271
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	na	na	na	154	176
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	na	na	na	44	42
Total not placed in accordance with principle	no.	na	na	na	198	218
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	–	–	–	454	489
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	19.6	17.8
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	na	na	na	11.5	13.1
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	na	na	na	25.3	20.4
Indigenous residential care	%	na	na	na	..	4.1
Total placed in accordance with principle	%	na	na	na	56.4	55.4
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	na	na	na	33.9	36.0
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	na	na	na	9.7	8.6
Total not placed in accordance with principle	%	na	na	na	43.6	44.6
Total Indigenous children in care	%	na	na	na	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out of home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

(b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.

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

(d) Data for 2001 may include some children who were in Indigenous residential care in the category 'In non-Indigenous residential 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.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>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	na	na	na	305	304
Non-Indigenous	no.	na	na	na	1 899	1 923
All children	no.	1 714	1 883	2 153	2 204	2 227
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	na	na	na	94.1	94.1
Non-Indigenous	%	na	na	na	96.2	96.2
All children	%	92.0	91.3	94.2	95.9	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) Prior to 2001, 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

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

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	194
2 placements	63
3 placements	25
4-5 placements	12
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	294
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	87
2 placements	18
3 placements	33
4-5 placements	12
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	150
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	109
2 placements	54
3 placements	24
4-5 placements	16
6-10 placements	13
11 or more placements	1
Unknown	-
Total children	217
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	76
2 placements	21
3 placements	15
4-5 placements	10
6-10 placements	16
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	138
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	32
2 placements	10
3 placements	5
4-5 placements	2

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6–10 placements	1
11 or more placements	–
Unknown	–
Total children	50
Total children exiting out-of-home care	849

(a) These data were not collected prior to 2001-02.

(b) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(c) In 2001-02 data were only available from July to May. Data were adjusted for the full year effect.

(d) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

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

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), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</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	2
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	na	0.1	0.0
Other children						
Number of children	no.	na	na	na	3 167	7 549
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	na	99.9	100.0
All children in out-of-home care	no.	–	–	–	3 170	7 551

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

(b) Data for 2000-01 and 2001-02 is likely to underestimate the incidence of the number of children subject to a substantiation. This data set will be revised for 2002-03.

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

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

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Table 15A.56

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

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02	
	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	1 085	43.5	856	45.3	770	43.9	946	45.5	1 206	47.7
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..	..	..	295	14.2	292	11.6
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	na	na	1 241	59.7	1 498	59.3
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	..	..	538	25.9	682	27.0
Total notifications investigated	2 167	87.0	1 630	86.3	1 475	84.1	1 779	85.5	2 180	86.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	213	8.5	189	10.0	200	11.4	219	10.5	226	8.9
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	112	4.5	70	3.7	78	4.4	82	3.9	121	4.8
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	2 492	100.0	1 889	100.0	1 753	100.0	2 080	100.0	2 527	100.0
<i>Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children</i>										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	5 238	35.5	5 517	32.8	6 149	35.5	7 449	37.3	8 830	35.2
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 657	18.3	4 310	17.2
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	na	na	11 106	55.6	13 140	52.4
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 237	26.2	7 714	30.8
Total notifications investigated	12 317	83.6	13 380	79.5	13 823	79.9	16 343	81.8	20 854	83.2
Notifications dealt with by other means	1 775	12.0	2 643	15.7	2 680	15.5	2 925	14.6	3 263	13.0
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	649	4.4	809	4.8	801	4.6	721	3.6	948	3.8

Table 15A.56

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

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	14 741	100.0	16 832	100.0	17 304	100.0	19 989	100.0	25 065	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	6 323	36.7	6 373	34.0	6 919	36.3	8 395	38.0	10 036	36.4
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	5 405	31.4	4 465	23.9	3 985	20.9	3 952	17.9	4 602	16.7
Total investigations finalised	11 728	68.1	10 838	57.9	10 904	57.2	12 347	55.9	14 638	53.1
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	2 756	16.0	4 172	22.3	4 394	23.1	5 775	26.2	8 396	30.4
Total notifications investigated	14 484	84.0	15 010	80.2	15 298	80.3	18 122	82.1	23 034	83.5
Notifications dealt with by other means	1 988	11.5	2 832	15.1	2 880	15.1	3 144	14.2	3 489	12.6
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	761	4.4	879	4.7	879	4.6	803	3.6	1 069	3.9
Total notifications all children	17 233	100.0	18 721	100.0	19 057	100.0	22 069	100.0	27 592	100.0

(a) 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.

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

(c) Data on the number of investigations finalised and not finalised by Indigenous status were not collected between 1997-98 and 1999-00.

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

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

Table 15A.57

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

		<i>Unit</i>	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		136.0	120.0	100	108	187
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		56.0	75.0	74	104	237
Total children admitted to orders	no.		192	195	174	212	424
Children discharged from orders	no.		105	122	143	249	266
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		548.0	585.0	577	725	806
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		229.0	265.0	228	460	872
Total children admitted to orders	no.		777	850	805	1 185	1 678
Children discharged from orders	no.		449	488	660	929	964
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		684.0	705.0	677	833	993
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		285.0	340.0	302	564	1 109
Total children admitted to orders	no.		969	1 045	979	1 397	2 102
Children discharged from orders	no.		554	610	803	1 178	1 230

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

(b) The significant increase in the number of children who had prior admissions orders in 2001-02 is due to the use of short term (less than two years duration) orders. This practice resulted from the much wider range of orders and conditions made available in the Child Protection Act 1999.

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

Table 15A.58

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

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	710	736	772	752	823
Finalised supervisory orders	93	90	71	5	20
Interim and temporary orders	49	54	13	46	37
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	852	880	856	803	880
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	2 157	2 288	2 428	2 549	2 688
Finalised supervisory orders	226	212	217	63	86
Interim and temporary orders	198	229	111	158	111
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	2 581	2 729	2 756	2 770	2 885
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	2 867	3 024	3 200	3 301	3 511
Finalised supervisory orders	319	302	288	68	106
Interim and temporary orders	247	283	124	204	148
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	3 433	3 609	3 612	3 573	3 765

(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

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), (c), (d)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 829	1 221	1 260	1 364	1 480
Non-Indigenous	11 102	12 833	13 154	14 834	17 888
All children	12 931	14 054	14 414	16 198	19 368
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	37.5	24.5	24.8	26.3	26.6
Non-Indigenous	13.9	16.0	16.4	18.3	21.6
All children	15.3	16.5	16.9	18.8	21.9
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 279	736	705	867	965
Non-Indigenous	7 309	7 152	7 218	8 577	9 878
All children	8 588	7 888	7 923	9 444	10 843
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	26.2	14.8	13.9	16.7	17.4
Non-Indigenous	9.2	8.9	9.0	10.6	11.9
All children	10.2	9.3	9.3	11.0	12.3
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	771	492	502	680	795
Non-Indigenous	3 582	3 880	4 303	5 690	6 553
All children	4 353	4 372	4 805	6 370	7 348
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	15.8	9.9	9.9	13.1	14.3
Non-Indigenous	4.5	4.8	5.4	7.0	7.9
All children	5.1	5.1	5.6	7.4	8.3
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	852	880	856	803	880
Non-Indigenous	2 581	2 729	2 756	2 770	2 885
All children	3 433	3 609	3 612	3 573	3 765
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years (b)					
Indigenous	16.5	16.7	15.9	14.6	15.1
Non-Indigenous	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3
All children	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0

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), (c), (d)

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- (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 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 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 of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.
- (c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2003.
- (d) 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.
- Source:* AIHW *Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection* (unpublished), AIHW *Children on care and protection orders Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.60

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>	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Number of children							
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	na	na	na	na	120	117
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	na	na	na	na	225	249
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation							
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	na	na	na	na	4.9	3.8
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	na	na	na	na	9.2	8.0

(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.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.61

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>	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Number of children						
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	na	na	na	496	664
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	na	na	na	1 247	1 587
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	10.4
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	na	na	na	22.6	24.8

(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.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, 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), (d)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002 (c)
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June (d)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	522	579	592	637	708
Non-Indigenous	1 824	2 034	2 042	2 374	2 549
All children	2 346	2 613	2 634	3 011	3 257
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	10.1	11.0	11.0	11.6	12.2
Non-Indigenous	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.9
All children	2.6	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.5
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	749	721	763	823	934
Non-Indigenous	2 395	2 516	2 909	3 108	3 363
All children	3 144	3 237	3 672	3 931	4 297
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	14.7	13.8	14.3	15.1	16.1
Non-Indigenous	2.8	3.0	3.4	3.6	3.8
All children	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.3	4.6

(a) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out of home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in out of home care were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.

(b) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in at least one placement 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) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2003.

(d) Data prior to 2001 does not include children in out of home care who were not on an order and is not comparable with data from 2001 onwards.

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

Table 15A.63

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

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
Residential care	18	20	18	19	12
Home based care					
Foster care	304	355	357	377	409
Relative/kinship care	200	204	217	241	287
Other home based	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	504	559	574	618	696
Independent living-includes private board	–	–	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	522	579	592	637	708
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	102	92	67	62	36
Home based care					
Foster care	1 425	1 567	1 553	1 834	1 976
Relative/kinship care	297	375	422	478	537
Other home based	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	1 722	1 942	1 975	2 312	2 513
Independent living-includes private board	–	–	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	1 824	2 034	2 042	2 374	2 549
All children					
Residential care	120	112	85	81	48
Home based care					
Foster care	1 729	1 922	1 910	2 211	2 385
Relative/kinship care	497	579	639	719	824
Other home based	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	2 226	2 501	2 549	2 930	3 209
Independent living-includes private board	–	–	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 346	2 613	2 634	3 011	3 257

(a) Residential care includes family group homes.

(b) Data prior to 2001 does not include children in out of home care who were not on an order and is not comparable with data from 2001 onwards.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.64

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)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	521	577	590	607	674
On another type of order	1	2	2	1	–
Not on an order	na	na	na	29	34
Total Indigenous children	522	579	592	637	708
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	1 817	2 028	2 040	2 196	2 307
On another type of order	7	6	2	4	1
Not on an order	na	na	na	174	241
Total non-Indigenous children	1 824	2 034	2 042	2 374	2 549
All children					
On a care and protection order	2 338	2 605	2 630	2 803	2 981
On another type of order	8	8	4	5	1
Not on an order	na	na	na	203	275
Total all children	2 346	2 613	2 634	3 011	3 257

(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 prior to 2001 does not include children in out of home care who were not on an order and is not comparable with data from 2001 onwards.

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

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

Table 15A.65

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)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	13	17	39	51	57
1 to less than 6 months	76	103	92	131	167
6 months to less than 1 year	66	88	87	98	102
1 to less than 2 years	95	93	123	106	127
2 to less than 5 years	272	131	124	140	138
5 years or more	..	147	127	111	117
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	522	579	592	637	708
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	522	579	592	637	708
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	98	93	125	264	260
1 to less than 6 months	366	447	445	538	650
6 months to less than 1 year	274	290	271	363	308
1 to less than 2 years	339	347	370	345	455
2 to less than 5 years	747	498	459	472	471
5 years or more	..	359	372	392	405
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 824	2 034	2 042	2 374	2 549
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	1 824	2 034	2 042	2 374	2 549
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	111	110	164	315	317
1 to less than 6 months	442	550	537	669	817
6 months to less than 1 year	340	378	358	461	410
1 to less than 2 years	434	440	493	451	582
2 to less than 5 years	1 019	629	583	612	609
5 years or more	..	506	499	503	522
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	2 346	2 613	2 634	3 011	3 257
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	2 346	2 613	2 634	3 011	3 257

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

Table 15A.65

- (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) Data prior to 2001 does not include children in out of home care who were not on an order and is not comparable with data from 2001 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.66

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

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	74	38	64	44	85
6 months to less than 1 year	37	23	21	23	29
1 to less than 2 years	21	24	14	49	30
2 to less than 5 years	50	15	15	29	30
5 years or more	..	22	23	29	23
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	182	122	137	174	197
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	202	182	246	238	392
6 months to less than 1 year	57	57	86	83	98
1 to less than 2 years	72	60	82	98	100
2 to less than 5 years	172	82	66	110	109
5 years or more	..	54	64	78	75
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	503	435	544	607	774
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	276	220	310	282	477
6 months to less than 1 year	94	80	107	106	127
1 to less than 2 years	93	84	96	147	130
2 to less than 5 years	222	97	81	139	139
5 years or more	..	76	87	107	98
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	685	557	681	781	971

(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'.

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

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

Table 15A.67

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>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	200	204	217	241	287
Non-Indigenous	no.	297	375	422	478	537
All children	no.	497	579	639	719	824
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	40.5
Non-Indigenous	%	16.3	18.4	20.7	20.1	21.1
All children	%	21.2	22.2	24.3	23.9	25.3

(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.68

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>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	149	136	138	155	173
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	51	68	79	86	115
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	190	195	188	185	194
Indigenous residential care	no.	..	..	..	..	10
Total placed in accordance with principle	no.	390	399	405	426	492
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	132	180	187	192	214
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	..	..	..	19	2
Total not placed in accordance with principle	no.	132	180	187	211	216
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	522	579	592	637	708
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	%	28.5	23.5	23.3	24.3	24.4
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	9.8	11.7	13.3	13.5	16.2
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	36.4	33.7	31.8	29.0	27.4
Indigenous residential care	%	..	..	..	..	1.4
Total placed in accordance with principle	%	74.7	68.9	68.4	66.9	69.5
Not placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	25.3	31.1	31.6	30.1	30.2
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	..	..	..	3.0	0.3
Total not placed in accordance with principle	%	25.3	31.1	31.6	33.1	30.5
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out of home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

(b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.

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

.. Not applicable.

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

Table 15A.69

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>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	320	368	364	397	476
Non-Indigenous	no.	1 051	1 223	1 289	1 540	1 705
All children	no.	1 371	1 591	1 653	1 937	2 181
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	97.0	96.8	96.8	96.6	97.9
Non-Indigenous	%	98.0	99.1	98.8	98.9	99.4
All children	%	97.8	98.6	98.4	98.4	99.0

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

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

Table 15A.70

Table 15A.70 Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements by length of time in out-of-home care, Queensland (a), (b), (c)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	187
2 placements	75
3 placements	16
4-5 placements	3
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	281
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	62
2 placements	34
3 placements	20
4-5 placements	4
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	120
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	57
2 placements	45
3 placements	16
4-5 placements	8
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	126
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	46
2 placements	34
3 placements	25
4-5 placements	22
6-10 placements	5
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	132
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	45

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2 placements	26
3 placements	10
4–5 placements	12
6–10 placements	5
11 or more placements	–
Unknown	..	..	..	..	–
Total children	..	..	..	..	98
Total children exiting out-of-home care	..	..	..	..	757

(a) These data were not collected prior to 2001-02.

(b) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(c) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

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

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

Table 15A.71

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>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</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	162
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	2.0	3.6	3.8
Other children						
Number of children	no.	na	na	3 599	3 791	4 135
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	na	na	98.0	96.4	96.2
All children in out-of-home care	no.	3 144	3 237	3 672	3 931	4 297

(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.

na Not available.

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

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Table 15A.72

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

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02	
	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	302	56.2	327	59.5	365	51.5	383	48.5	426	45.0
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..	..	..	254	32.2	279	29.5
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	na	na	637	80.6	705	74.5
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	..	..	122	15.4	208	22.0
Total notifications investigated	506	94.2	532	96.7	692	97.6	759	96.1	913	96.5
Notifications dealt with by other means	..	..	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	31	5.8	18	3.3	17	2.4	31	3.9	33	3.5
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	537	100.0	550	100.0	709	100.0	790	100.0	946	100.0
<i>Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children</i>										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	833	43.6	888	44.0	804	41.5	808	39.2	761	36.3
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..	..	..	947	45.9	961	45.8
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	na	na	1 755	85.2	1 722	82.0
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	..	..	245	11.9	302	14.4
Total notifications investigated	1 779	93.1	1 918	95.0	1 885	97.4	2 000	97.0	2 024	96.4
Notifications dealt with by other means	..	..	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	131	6.9	100	5.0	51	2.6	61	3.0	75	3.6
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	1 910	100.0	2 018	100.0	1 936	100.0	2 061	100.0	2 099	100.0

Table 15A.72

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

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02	
	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	1 135	46.4	1 215	47.3	1 169	44.2	1 191	41.8	1 187	39.0
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	961	39.3	1 139	44.4	1 196	45.2	1 201	42.1	1 240	40.7
Total investigations finalised	2 096	85.7	2 354	91.7	2 365	89.4	2 392	83.9	2 427	79.7
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	189	7.7	96	3.7	212	8.0	367	12.9	510	16.7
Total notifications investigated	2 285	93.4	2 450	95.4	2 577	97.4	2 759	96.8	2 937	96.5
Notifications dealt with by other means	..	..	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	162	6.6	118	4.6	68	2.6	92	3.2	108	3.5
Total notifications all children	2 447	100.0	2 568	100.0	2 645	100.0	2 851	100.0	3 045	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 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 between 1997-98 and 1999-00.

(f) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

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

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

Table 15A.73

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

		<i>Unit</i>	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na	na	130	131	179	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	na	4	12	8	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	35	110	134	143	187	
Children discharged from orders	no.	17	41	47	36	52	
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na	na	272	280	316	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	na	4	7	4	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	85	269	276	287	320	
Children discharged from orders	no.	83	156	139	127	197	
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na	na	402	411	495	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	na	8	19	12	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	120	379	410	430	507	
Children discharged from orders	no.	100	197	186	163	249	

(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.

(c) Some data for 2000-01 have been revised.

(d) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.74

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), (c), (d)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	215	258	297	354	432
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	na	40	30	70	36
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	—	—	—	—
Total Indigenous children on orders	215	298	327	424	468
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	584	637	718	789	834
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	na	84	60	107	82
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	—	—	—	—
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	584	721	778	896	916
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	799	895	1 015	1 143	1 266
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	na	124	90	177	118
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	..	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	..	—	—	—	—
Total all children on orders	799	1 019	1 105	1 320	1 384

(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'.

(c) Some data for 2000-01 have been revised.

(d) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

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

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

Table 15A.75

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), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	475	482	630	702	819
Non-Indigenous	1 720	1 832	1 738	1 886	1 901
All children	2 195	2 314	2 368	2 588	2 720
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	18.8	18.8	24.4	26.9	28.7
Non-Indigenous	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.4	4.4
All children	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.7	5.9
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	412	449	559	576	620
Non-Indigenous	1 483	1 685	1 561	1 607	1 570
All children	1 895	2 134	2 120	2 183	2 190
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	16.3	17.5	21.6	22.1	21.8
Non-Indigenous	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.6
All children	4.2	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	272	298	329	355	386
Non-Indigenous	783	832	724	760	718
All children	1 055	1 130	1 053	1 115	1 104
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	10.8	11.6	12.7	13.6	13.5
Non-Indigenous	1.9	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.7
All children	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.4
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	215	298	327	424	468
Non-Indigenous	584	721	778	896	916
All children	799	1 019	1 105	1 320	1 384
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years (b)					
Indigenous	8.1	11.0	12.0	15.4	15.7
Non-Indigenous	1.3	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.0
All children	1.7	2.1	2.3	2.7	2.8

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), (b), (c), (d), (e)

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- (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 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 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 of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.
- (c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2003.
- (d) Some data for 2000-01 have been revised.
- (e) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

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

Table 15A.76

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>	<i>2000-01</i>
Number of children							
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.		24	17	24	33	34
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.		55	60	63	86	81
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	3.2
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%		7.9	7.1	6.2	6.9	7.5

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

Table 15A.77

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>	<i>2000-01</i>
Number of children						
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	47	43	43	55	32
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	103	117	104	119	98
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	2.8
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	10.8	11.0	9.1	10.5	8.7

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

Table 15A.78

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), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002 (c)
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June (d)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	310	369	420	456	511
Non-Indigenous	783	823	906	980	983
All children	1 093	1 192	1 326	1 436	1 494
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	11.6	13.7	15.4	16.6	17.1
Non-Indigenous	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.2
All children	2.3	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.1
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year (e)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	632	613	621	681	758
Non-Indigenous	1 437	1 384	1 398	1 437	1 412
All children	2 069	1 997	2 019	2 118	2 170
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	23.9	22.9	22.9	24.9	25.4
Non-Indigenous	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1
All children	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.5

(a) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out of home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in out of home care were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.

(b) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in at least one placement 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) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2003.

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

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

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

Table 15A.79

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

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
Residential care	55	67	75	57	64
Home based care					
Foster care	144	141	154	168	162
Relative/kinship care	109	150	184	223	280
Other home based	–	5	–	–	–
Total home based	253	296	338	391	442
Independent living-includes private board	1	2	1	5	3
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	1	4	6	3	2
Total Indigenous children	310	369	420	456	511
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	103	97	100	88	90
Home based care					
Foster care	545	568	615	623	622
Relative/kinship care	117	127	157	214	228
Other home based	–	14	–	–	–
Total home based	662	709	772	837	850
Independent living-includes private board	12	16	31	52	40
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	6	1	3	3	3
Total non-Indigenous children	783	823	906	980	983
All children					
Residential care	158	164	175	145	154
Home based care					
Foster care	689	709	769	791	784
Relative/kinship care	226	277	341	437	508
Other home based	–	19	–	–	–
Total home based	915	1 005	1 110	1 228	1 292
Independent living-includes private board	13	18	32	57	43
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	7	5	9	6	5
Total all children	1 093	1 192	1 326	1 436	1 494

(a) Residential care includes family group homes.

(b) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.80

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), (b)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	215	269	246	325	420
On another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	95	100	174	131	91
Total Indigenous children	310	369	420	456	511
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	584	619	691	731	795
On another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	199	204	215	249	188
Total non-Indigenous children	783	823	906	980	983
All children					
On a care and protection order	799	888	937	1 056	1 215
On another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	294	304	389	380	279
Total all children	1 093	1 192	1 326	1 436	1 494

(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) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.81

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)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	5	13	19	9	13
1 to less than 6 months	42	52	44	51	51
6 months to less than 1 year	37	37	44	37	53
1 to less than 2 years	36	67	69	79	76
2 to less than 5 years	188	88	122	142	185
5 years or more	–	100	120	138	133
Not stated/unknown	2	12	2	–	–
Total non-respite	310	369	420	456	511
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	310	369	420	456	511
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	25	46	36	28	26
1 to less than 6 months	125	108	117	130	67
6 months to less than 1 year	86	89	110	101	128
1 to less than 2 years	93	123	138	171	156
2 to less than 5 years	451	197	192	255	302
5 years or more	–	256	307	295	304
Not stated/unknown	3	4	6	–	–
Total non-respite	783	823	906	980	983
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	783	823	906	980	983
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	30	59	55	37	39
1 to less than 6 months	167	160	161	181	118
6 months to less than 1 year	123	126	154	138	181
1 to less than 2 years	129	190	207	250	232
2 to less than 5 years	639	285	314	397	487
5 years or more	–	356	427	433	437
Not stated/unknown	5	16	8	–	–
Total non-respite	1 093	1 192	1 326	1 436	1 494
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 093	1 192	1 326	1 436	1 494

(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.

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- (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) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.
 - Nil or rounded to zero. **na** Not available.

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

Table 15A.82

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)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	20	33	33	28	22
6 months to less than 1 year	10	6	4	10	9
1 to less than 2 years	6	10	11	4	8
2 to less than 5 years	19	8	13	11	10
5 years or more	..	10	12	11	21
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	55	67	73	64	70
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	45	107	117	98	92
6 months to less than 1 year	29	32	52	33	48
1 to less than 2 years	30	28	29	34	40
2 to less than 5 years	70	44	41	37	54
5 years or more	..	34	30	38	38
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	174	245	269	240	272
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	65	140	150	126	114
6 months to less than 1 year	39	38	56	43	57
1 to less than 2 years	36	38	40	38	48
2 to less than 5 years	89	52	54	48	64
5 years or more	..	44	42	49	59
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	229	312	342	304	342

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

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

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

(d) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an 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.83

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	109	150	184	223	280
Non-Indigenous	no.	117	127	157	214	228
All children	no.	226	277	341	437	508
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	35.2	40.7	43.8	48.9	54.8
Non-Indigenous	%	14.9	15.4	17.3	21.8	23.2
All children	%	20.7	23.2	25.7	30.4	34.0

(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 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

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

Table 15A.84

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

	Unit	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	94	135	169	195	246
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	10	21	22	28	34
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	169	141	135	104	87
Indigenous residential care	no.	..	..	..	32	38
Total placed in accordance with principle	no.	273	297	326	359	405
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	37	72	94	64	75
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	..	..	..	25	26
Total not placed in accordance with principle	no.	37	72	94	89	101
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	310	369	420	448	506
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	%	30.3	36.6	40.2	43.5	48.6
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	3.2	5.7	5.2	6.3	6.7
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	54.5	38.2	32.1	23.2	17.2
Indigenous residential care	%	..	..	..	7.1	7.5
Total placed in accordance with principle	%	88.1	80.5	77.6	80.1	80.0
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	11.9	19.5	22.4	14.3	14.8
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	..	..	..	5.6	5.1
Total not placed in accordance with principle	%	11.9	19.5	22.4	19.9	20.0
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out of home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

(b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.

(c) Children in residential care with Indigenous caregivers were included in the category 'Other Indigenous caregiver'.

(d) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

.. 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), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	182	221	260	314	347
Non-Indigenous	no.	448	477	524	570	569
All children	no.	630	698	784	884	916
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	81.3	80.1	80.7	90.2	87.8
Non-Indigenous	%	92.4	93.8	91.9	93.1	93.4
All children	%	88.9	89.0	87.9	92.1	91.2

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

(b) During 2001-02 new practices were introduced to improve the identification of Indigenous clients. Much of the increase in the number of Indigenous clients from 2001-02 is likely to be due to the improvements in the recording of Indigenous status rather than an increase in the number of Indigenous clients.

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

Table 15A.86

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

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	19
2 placements	1
3 placements	1
4-5 placements	1
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	22
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	24
2 placements	5
3 placements	2
4-5 placements	1
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	32
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	11
2 placements	5
3 placements	3
4-5 placements	-
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	19
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	14
2 placements	10
3 placements	6
4-5 placements	3
6-10 placements	5
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	38
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	16

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2 placements	10
3 placements	7
4–5 placements	7
6–10 placements	6
11 or more placements	1
Unknown	..	..	..	..	–
Total children	..	..	..	..	47
Total children exiting out-of-home care	..	..	..	..	158

(a) These data were not collected prior to 2001-02

(b) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(c) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

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

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

Table 15A.87

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 (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household						
Number of children	no.	17	8	2	13	6
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.3
Other children						
Number of children	no.	2 052	1 989	2 017	2 105	2 164
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	99.2	99.6	99.9	99.4	99.7
All children in out-of-home care	no.	2 069	1 997	2 019	2 118	2 170

(a) The data include abuse by parents or those in locos parentis status. The data do not include abuse by others living in the household

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

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Table 15A.88

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

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02	
	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	330	25.5	337	19.1	435	19.3	438	25.9	483	25.1
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..	..	..	536	31.7	585	30.4
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	na	na	974	57.6	1 068	55.5
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	0.1	1	0.1
Total notifications investigated	663	51.3	730	41.3	876	38.8	976	57.7	1 069	55.5
Notifications dealt with by other means	..	..	313	17.7	1 379	61.2	716	42.3	857	44.5
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	630	48.7	723	40.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	1 293	100.0	1 766	100.0	2 255	100.0	1 692	100.0	1 926	100.0
Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	1 585	15.3	1 777	15.6	1 650	12.8	1 560	18.8	1 747	18.8
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 590	31.2	2 800	30.2
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	na	na	4 150	50.0	4 547	49.0
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	0.4	17	0.2
Total notifications investigated	4 178	40.3	4 468	39.3	4 142	32.0	4 180	50.4	4 564	49.2
Notifications dealt with by other means	..	..	1 317	11.6	704	5.4	4 116	49.6	4 713	50.8
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	6 180	59.7	5 581	49.1	8 080	62.5	—	—	—	—

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

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	10 358	100.0	11 366	100.0	12 926	100.0	8 296	100.0	9 277	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	1 915	16.4	2 114	16.1	2 085	13.7	1 998	20.0	2 230	19.9
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	2 862	24.6	3 029	23.1	2 917	19.2	3 126	31.3	3 385	30.2
Total investigations finalised	4 777	41.0	5 143	39.2	5 002	32.9	5 124	51.3	5 615	50.1
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	64	0.5	55	0.4	16	0.1	32	0.3	18	0.2
Total notifications investigated	4 841	41.6	5 198	39.6	5 018	33.1	5 156	51.6	5 633	50.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	..	..	1 630	12.4	2 083	13.7	4 832	48.4	5 570	49.7
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	6 810	58.4	6 304	48.0	8 080	53.2	–	–	–	–
Total notifications all children	11 651	100.0	13 132	100.0	15 181	100.0	9 988	100.0	11 203	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) 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 1997-98.

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

(e) Data on the number of investigations finalised and not finalised by Indigenous status were not collected between 1997-98 and 1999-00.

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

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

Table 15A.89

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

		<i>Unit</i>	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na	24.0	na	na	43	29
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	20.0	na	na	50	74
Total children admitted to orders	no.	50	44	na	na	93	103
Children discharged from orders	no.	70	33	na	na	116	130
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na	128.0	na	na	208	190
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	64.0	na	na	191	264
Total children admitted to orders	no.	268	192	na	na	399	454
Children discharged from orders	no.	286	198	na	na	448	516
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na	152.0	na	na	251	219
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	84.0	na	na	241	338
Total children admitted to orders	no.	318	236	na	na	492	557
Children discharged from orders	no.	356	231	na	na	564	646

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.90

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)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	na	na	na	215	221
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	na	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	na	6	12
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	na	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	na	na	na	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	160	158	174	221	233
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	na	na	na	995	1 021
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	na	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	na	44	32
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	na	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	na	na	na	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	942	866	769	1 039	1 053
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	na	na	na	1 210	1 242
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	na	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	na	na	na	50	44
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	na	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	na	na	na	–	–
Total all children on orders	1 102	1 024	943	1 260	1 286

(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

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),(b),(c),(d)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	806	1 078	1 270	1 062	1 194
Non-Indigenous	6 765	7 433	8 230	6 018	6 567
All children	7 571	8 511	9 500	7 080	7 761
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	81.5	107.3	124.5	102.8	109.1
Non-Indigenous	20.7	22.8	25.4	18.8	20.4
All children	22.5	25.3	28.5	21.4	23.3
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	462	536	619	664	721
Non-Indigenous	3 077	3 342	3 174	3 286	3 499
All children	3 539	3 878	3 793	3 950	4 220
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	46.7	53.3	60.7	64.3	65.9
Non-Indigenous	9.4	10.3	9.8	10.2	10.9
All children	10.5	11.5	11.4	11.9	12.7
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	260	269	337	317	346
Non-Indigenous	1 309	1 489	1 354	1 334	1 407
All children	1 569	1 758	1 691	1 651	1 753
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	26.3	26.8	33.0	30.7	31.6
Non-Indigenous	4.0	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.4
All children	4.7	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.3
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	160	158	174	221	233
Non-Indigenous	942	866	769	1 039	1 053
All children	1 102	1 024	943	1 260	1 286
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years (b)					
Indigenous	15.3	14.9	16.1	20.2	20.3
Non-Indigenous	2.7	2.5	2.2	3.1	3.1
All children	3.1	2.9	2.7	3.6	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),(b),(c),(d)

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- (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 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 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
- (b) Rates of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.
- (c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2003.
- (d) From 2000-01 onwards, South Australia included in 'notifications' only those reports which have met the criteria for a reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, 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>	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Number of children							
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	na	na	na	na	167	162
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	na	na	na	na	342	353
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation							
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	na	na	na	na	7.7	6.9
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	na	na	na	na	15.7	15.1

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.93

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>	<i>2000-01</i>
Number of children						
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	241	211	242	263	286
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	382	337	387	408	401
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	17.2
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	18.0	21.4	21.9	23.9	24.2

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, 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), (d)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002 (c)
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June (d)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	188	197	211	227	232
Non-Indigenous	819	848	920	948	964
All children	1 007	1 045	1 131	1 175	1 196
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	18.0	18.5	19.5	20.7	20.2
Non-Indigenous	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.8
All children	2.8	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.4
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	381	404	na	444	455
Non-Indigenous	1 834	1 898	na	1 702	1 618
All children	2 215	2 302	na	2 146	2 073
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	36.9	38.3	na	40.9	39.6
Non-Indigenous	5.3	5.5	na	5.0	4.7
All children	6.2	6.5	na	6.1	5.9

- (a) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out of home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in out of home care were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.
- (b) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 31December, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in at least one placement 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) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2003.
- (d) 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.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.95

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

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
Residential care	na	3	3	4	3
Home based care					
Foster care	162	157	na	176	174
Relative/kinship care	26	37	na	47	55
Other home based	–	–	na	–	–
Total home based	188	194	208	223	229
Independent living-includes private board	–	–	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	188	197	211	227	232
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	na	33	33	39	41
Home based care					
Foster care	745	740	na	799	811
Relative/kinship care	60	66	na	100	104
Other home based	14	9	na	10	8
Total home based	819	815	887	909	923
Independent living-includes private board	–	–	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	819	848	920	948	923
All children					
Residential care	–	36	36	43	44
Home based care					
Foster care	907	897	na	975	985
Relative/kinship care	86	103	na	147	159
Other home based	14	9	na	10	8
Total home based	1 007	1 009	1 095	1 132	1 152
Independent living-includes private board	–	–	–	–	–
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 007	1 045	1 131	1 175	1 196

(a) Residential care includes family group homes.

(b) SA could not provide data on the different types of home based care for 1999-2000.

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

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

Table 15A.96

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)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	132	171	na	na	179
On another type of order	..	1	na	na	46
Not on an order	56	25	na	na	7
Total Indigenous children	188	197	211	227	232
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	548	767	na	na	810
On another type of order	..	7	na	na	130
Not on an order	271	74	na	na	24
Total non-Indigenous children	819	848	920	948	964
All children					
On a care and protection order	680	938	na	na	989
On another type of order	..	8	na	na	176
Not on an order	327	99	na	na	31
Total all children	1 007	1 045	1 131	1 175	1 196

(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.

.. Not applicable. na Not available.

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

Table 15A.97

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)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	3	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	18	16	24	23	18
1 to less than 6 months	27	38	34	36	29
6 months to less than 1 year	19	31	22	22	34
1 to less than 2 years	33	22	34	32	36
2 to less than 5 years	91	21	11	55	59
5 years or more	..	69	83	52	56
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	188	197	208	220	232
Not stated/unknown	–	–	3	–	–
Total Indigenous children	188	197	211	223	232
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	6	4
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	53	96	111	96	69
1 to less than 6 months	169	144	173	169	192
6 months to less than 1 year	82	96	81	122	128
1 to less than 2 years	85	109	115	112	149
2 to less than 5 years	430	69	61	168	195
5 years or more	..	334	346	236	227
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	819	848	887	903	960
Not stated/unknown	–	–	33	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	819	848	920	909	964
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	9	4
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	71	112	135	119	87
1 to less than 6 months	196	182	207	205	221
6 months to less than 1 year	101	127	103	144	162
1 to less than 2 years	118	131	149	144	185
2 to less than 5 years	521	90	72	223	254
5 years or more	..	403	429	288	283
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 007	1 045	1 095	1 123	1 192
Not stated/unknown	–	–	36	–	–
Total all children	1 007	1 045	1 131	1 132	1 196

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 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

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)**

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	32	19	na	51	59
6 months to less than 1 year	4	8	na	3	13
1 to less than 2 years	3	5	na	7	7
2 to less than 5 years	3	7	na	3	10
5 years or more	..	11	na	8	11
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–
Total Indigenous children	42	50	na	72	100
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	240	145	na	224	177
6 months to less than 1 year	61	34	na	44	58
1 to less than 2 years	38	19	na	21	56
2 to less than 5 years	115	26	na	25	28
5 years or more	..	48	na	33	43
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	454	272	na	347	362
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	272	164	na	275	236
6 months to less than 1 year	65	42	na	47	71
1 to less than 2 years	41	24	na	28	63
2 to less than 5 years	118	33	na	28	38
5 years or more	..	59	na	41	54
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–
Total all children	496	322	na	419	462

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

(b) South Australia could not provide data for 1999-00.

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

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

Table 15A.99

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	26	37	na	47	55
Non-Indigenous	no.	60	66	na	100	104
All children	no.	86	103	na	147	159
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	13.8	18.8	na	20.7	23.7
Non-Indigenous	%	7.3	7.8	na	10.5	10.8
All children	%	8.5	9.9	na	12.5	13.3

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

(b) South Australia could not provide data for 2000.

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

Table 15A.100

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

	Unit	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	15	12	na	34	42
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	11	14	na	13	13
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	103	91	na	111	112
Indigenous residential care	no.	..	..	na	..	–
Total placed in accordance with principle	no.	129	128	na	158	167
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	59	69	na	65	62
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	..	..	..	4	3
Total not placed in accordance with principle	no.	59	69	na	69	65
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	188	197	–	227	232
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	%	8.0	11.7	na	15.0	18.1
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	5.9	7.1	na	5.7	5.6
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	54.8	46.2	na	48.9	48.3
Indigenous residential care	%	..	..	na	..	–
Total placed in accordance with principle	%	68.6	65.0	na	69.6	72.0
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	31.4	35.0	na	28.6	26.7
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	..	..	..	1.8	1.2
Total not placed in accordance with principle	%	31.4	35.0	na	30.4	27.9
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	na	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out of home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and

(b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.

(c) South Australia could not provide data for 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.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>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	125	136	144	153	152
Non-Indigenous	no.	458	453	519	538	479
All children	no.	583	589	663	691	660
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	99.3
Non-Indigenous	%	100.0	100.0	99.8	99.8	93.4
All children	%	100.0	100.0	99.8	99.9	99.1

(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.102

Table 15A.102 Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements by length of time in out-of-home care, South Australia (a), (b), (c)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	16
2 placements	10
3 placements	4
4-5 placements	3
6-10 placements	1
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	34
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	4
2 placements	6
3 placements	6
4-5 placements	6
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	22
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	8
2 placements	1
3 placements	-
4-5 placements	9
6-10 placements	4
11 or more placements	2
Unknown	-
Total children	24
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	1
2 placements	3
3 placements	7
4-5 placements	3
6-10 placements	7
11 or more placements	5
Unknown	-
Total children	26
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	17

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2 placements	5
3 placements	3
4–5 placements	9
6–10 placements	6
11 or more placements	6
Unknown	..	..	..	..	–
Total children	..	..	..	..	46
Total children exiting out-of-home care	..	..	..	..	152

(a) These data were not collected prior to 2001-02

(b) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(c) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

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

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>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</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	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

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

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02	
	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	3	27.3	8	32.0	5	31.3	2	15.4	2	40.0
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	–	–	–	–
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	38.5	2	40.0
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	na	na	7	53.8	4	80.0
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	15.4	1	20.0
Total notifications investigated	10	90.9	23	92.0	14	87.5	9	69.2	5	100.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	..	..	1	4.0	–	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	1	9.1	1	4.0	2	12.5	4	30.8	–	–
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	11	100.0	25	100.0	16	100.0	13	100.0	5	100.0
<i>Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children</i>										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	132	13.1	120	19.1	92	22.7	101	33.4	156	31.0
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	9.3	19	3.8
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..	..	..	132	43.7	217	43.1
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	na	na	261	86.4	392	77.9
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	2.6	56	11.1
Total notifications investigated	599	59.6	592	94.3	366	90.1	269	89.1	448	89.1
Notifications dealt with by other means	..	..	9	1.4	9	2.2	7	2.3	11	2.2
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	406	40.4	27	4.3	31	7.6	26	8.6	44	8.7

Table 15A.104

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

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	1 005	100.0	628	100.0	406	100.0	302	100.0	503	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	135	13.3	128	19.6	97	23.0	103	32.7	158	31.1
Child at risk	146	14.4	88	13.5	77	18.2	28	8.9	19	3.7
Not substantiated	304	29.9	315	48.2	182	43.1	137	43.5	219	43.1
Total investigations finalised	585	57.6	531	81.3	356	84.4	268	85.1	396	78.0
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	24	2.4	84	12.9	24	5.7	10	3.2	57	11.2
Total notifications investigated	609	59.9	615	94.2	380	90.0	278	88.3	453	89.2
Notifications dealt with by other means	..	..	10	1.5	9	2.1	7	2.2	11	2.2
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	407	40.1	28	4.3	33	7.8	30	9.5	44	8.7
Total notifications all children	1 016	100.0	653	100.0	422	100.0	315	100.0	508	100.0

(a) Tasmania introduced new intake and assessment guidelines, based on the WA model, in July 1997. These new guidelines were likely to be the main reason for the decline in the number of notifications and substantiations between 1997-98 and 2000-01. 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 between 1997-98 and 1999-00.

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

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, 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>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		7	2	2	4	11
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		2	8	8	16	15
Total children admitted to orders	no.		9	10	10	20	26
Children discharged from orders	no.		6	21	10	10	15
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		83	70	92	135	185
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		47	38	71	326	217
Total children admitted to orders	no.		130	108	163	461	402
Children discharged from orders	no.		182	150	110	228	165
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		90.0	72.0	94	139	196
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		49.0	46.0	79	342	232
Total children admitted to orders	no.		139	118	173	481	428
Children discharged from orders	no.		188	171	120	238	180

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)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	23	21	21	20	21
Finalised supervisory orders	10	13	10	5	–
Interim and temporary orders	1	–	–	2	2
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	–	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	34	34	31	27	23
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	295	274	289	354	376
Finalised supervisory orders	144	120	134	45	23
Interim and temporary orders	33	12	16	27	41
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	14	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	486	406	439	426	440
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	318	295	310	374	397
Finalised supervisory orders	154	133	144	50	23
Interim and temporary orders	34	12	16	29	43
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	14	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	520	440	470	453	463

(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

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), (c), (d), (e)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	11	17	8	10	4
Non-Indigenous	822	388	225	290	444
All children	833	405	233	300	448
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	1.6	2.4	1.1	1.4	0.5
Non-Indigenous	7.4	3.6	2.1	2.8	4.2
All children	7.1	3.5	2.1	2.7	4.0
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	11	17	8	6	4
Non-Indigenous	555	336	207	217	368
All children	566	353	215	223	372
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	1.6	2.4	1.1	0.9	0.5
Non-Indigenous	5.0	3.1	1.9	2.1	3.5
All children	4.8	3.1	1.9	2.0	3.3
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	3	8	4	2	2
Non-Indigenous	127	114	73	99	151
All children	130	122	77	101	153
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	0.4	1.1	0.6	0.3	0.3
Non-Indigenous	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.9	1.4
All children	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.9	1.4
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	34	34	31	27	23
Non-Indigenous	486	406	439	426	440
All children	520	440	470	453	463
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years (b)					
Indigenous	4.6	4.6	4.2	3.6	2.8
Non-Indigenous	4.2	3.5	3.9	3.8	4.0
All children	4.2	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.9

Table 15A.107

- (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 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 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 of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.
- (c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2003.
- (d) Tasmania introduced new intake and assessment guidelines, based on the WA model, in July 1997. These new guidelines were likely to be the main reason for the decline in the number of notifications and substantiations between 1997-98 and 2000-01. 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.
- (e) Care should be taken in interpreting the rates for Indigenous children due to the relatively small size of the Indigenous population.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, 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>	<i>2000-01</i>
Number of children							
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.		11	–	4	9	4
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.		23	8	13	10	22
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation							
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%		0.9	0.0	1.7	6.6	3.2
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%		1.8	1.8	5.5	7.4	17.5

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW Child protection notifications, 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>	<i>2000-01</i>
Number of children							
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.		33	1	6	7	5
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.		41	7	10	13	8
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	5.0
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%		18.4	5.3	8.2	16.5	7.9

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, 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)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002 (c)
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June (d)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	34	43	38	31	29
Non-Indigenous	408	490	510	541	515
All children	442	533	548	572	544
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	4.6	5.8	5.1	4.2	3.6
Non-Indigenous	3.5	4.3	4.5	4.9	4.6
All children	3.6	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.6
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	80	116	95	50	30
Non-Indigenous	1 085	1 378	1 157	943	699
All children	1 165	1 494	1 252	993	729
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	10.8	15.7	12.8	6.7	3.7
Non-Indigenous	9.3	12.0	10.2	8.5	6.3
All children	9.4	12.2	10.4	8.4	6.1

(a) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out of home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in out of home care were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.

(b) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in at least one placement 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) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2003.

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

Table 15A.111

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

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
Residential care	11	9	11	8	8
Home based care					
Foster care	6	10	11	11	9
Relative/kinship care	17	17	13	11	11
Other home based	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	23	27	24	22	20
Independent living-includes pri	–	5	2	–	–
Other-includes unknown living	–	2	1	1	1
Total Indigenous children	34	43	38	31	29
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	63	65	57	64	62
Home based care					
Foster care	196	184	182	209	191
Relative/kinship care	149	158	207	208	214
Other home based	–	16	12	13	10
Total home based	345	358	401	430	415
Independent living-includes pri	–	40	30	21	23
Other-includes unknown living	–	27	22	26	15
Total non-Indigenous children	408	490	510	541	515
All children					
Residential care	74	74	68	72	70
Home based care					
Foster care	202	194	193	220	200
Relative/kinship care	166	175	220	219	225
Other home based	–	16	12	13	10
Total home based	368	385	425	452	435
Independent living-includes pri	–	45	32	21	23
Other-includes unknown living	–	29	23	27	16
Total all children	442	533	548	572	544

(a) Residential care includes family group homes.

(b) Of the children indicated as placed with relatives/kin, 174 were with relatives/kin on a voluntary basis, and received a relatives' allowance.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.112

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)**

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	17	25	23	27	20
On another type of order	..	na	–	3	–
Not on an order	17	18	15	–	9
Total Indigenous children	34	43	38	30	29
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	259	282	308	426	351
On another type of order	..	na	19	116	12
Not on an order	149	208	183	–	152
Total non-Indigenous children	408	490	510	542	515
All children					
On a care and protection order	276	307	331	453	371
On another type of order	..	na	19	119	12
Not on an order	166	226	198	–	161
Total all children	442	533	548	572	544

(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 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

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)**

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	–	1	4	6	3
1 to less than 6 months	4	8	11	8	8
6 months to less than 1 year	5	6	3	10	3
1 to less than 2 years	10	5	4	2	12
2 to less than 5 years	15	4	5	–	1
5 years or more	..	4	11	5	2
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	34	28	38	31	29
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	34	28	38	31	29
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	44	31	70	153	63
1 to less than 6 months	87	152	167	131	130
6 months to less than 1 year	50	60	72	122	56
1 to less than 2 years	54	83	63	52	200
2 to less than 5 years	173	104	55	22	40
5 years or more	..	89	83	28	26
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	33	–
Total non-respite	408	519	510	541	515
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	408	519	510	541	515
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	44	32	74	159	66
1 to less than 6 months	91	160	178	139	138
6 months to less than 1 year	55	66	75	132	59
1 to less than 2 years	64	88	67	54	212
2 to less than 5 years	188	108	60	22	41
5 years or more	..	93	94	33	28
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	33	–
Total non-respite	442	547	548	572	544
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	442	547	548	572	544

(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 1997-98 children who had been in care for more than 5 years were therefore included in the category '2 to less than 5 years'.

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

– Nil or rounded to zero. .. 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)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na
Total Indigenous children	na	na	na	na	na
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na
Total non-Indigenous children	na	na	na	na	na
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	na	na
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	na	na
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	na	na
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	na	na
5 years or more	na	na	na	na	na
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	na	na
Total all children	na	na	na	na	na

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

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>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	17	17	13	11	11
Non-Indigenous	no.	149	158	207	208	214
All children	no.	166	175	220	219	225
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	50.0	39.5	34.2	35.5	37.9
Non-Indigenous	%	36.5	32.2	40.6	38.4	41.6
All children	%	37.6	32.8	40.1	38.3	41.4

(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.116

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

	Unit	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
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	5
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	10	8	9	6	6
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	–	–	3	1	2
Indigenous residential care	no.	na	na	na	na	–
Total placed in accordance with principle	no.	17	17	16	12	13
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	17	26	22	10	8
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	..	..	..	9	8
Total not placed in accordance with principle	no.	17	26	22	19	16
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	34	43	38	31	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	%	20.6	20.9	10.5	16.1	17.2
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	29.4	18.6	23.7	19.4	20.7
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	–	–	7.9	3.2	6.9
Indigenous residential care	%	na	na	na	na	–
Total placed in accordance with principle	%	50.0	39.5	42.1	38.7	44.8
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	50.0	60.5	57.9	32.3	27.6
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	..	..	..	29.0	27.6
Total not placed in accordance with principle	%	50.0	60.5	57.9	61.3	55.2
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out of home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

(b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential 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.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>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	17	20	16	13	8
Non-Indigenous	no.	204	208	245	267	257
All children	no.	221	228	261	280	265
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	81.0	76.9	80.0	76.5	61.5
Non-Indigenous	%	86.8	83.2	89.1	88.7	87.1
All children	%	86.3	82.6	88.5	88.1	86.0

(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.

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, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements by length of time in out-of-home care, Tasmania (a), (b), (c)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na
2 placements	na
3 placements	na
4-5 placements	-
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	na
Unknown	na
Total children	na
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na
2 placements	na
3 placements	na
4-5 placements	-
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	na
Unknown	na
Total children	na
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na
2 placements	na
3 placements	na
4-5 placements	-
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	na
Unknown	na
Total children	na
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na
2 placements	na
3 placements	na
4-5 placements	-
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	na
Unknown	na
Total children	na
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na

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2 placements	na
3 placements	na
4–5 placements	–
6–10 placements	–
11 or more placements	na
Unknown	..	..	..	..	na
Total children	..	..	..	..	na
Total children exiting out-of-home care	..	..	..	..	na

(a) These data were not collected prior to 2001-02

(b) Tasmania could not provide data for this indicator

(c) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting 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.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>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household						
Number of children	no.	1	1	–	1	2
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	0.1	0.1	–	0.1	0.3
Other children						
Number of children	no.	1 164	1 493	1 252	992	727
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	99.9	99.9	100.0	99.9	99.7
All children in out-of-home care	no.	1 165	1 494	1 252	993	729

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

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Table 15A.120

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

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02	
	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	44	43.6	25	39.1	19	18.6	24	30.0	11	19.0
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..	..	..	49	61.3	22	37.9
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	na	na	73	91.3	33	56.9
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2.5	17	29.3
Total notifications investigated	79	78.2	59	92.2	97	95.1	75	93.8	50	86.2
Notifications dealt with by other means	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	22	21.8	5	7.8	5	4.9	5	6.3	8	13.8
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	101	100.0	64	100.0	102	100.0	80	100.0	58	100.0
<i>Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children</i>										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	367	35.8	417	32.2	214	19.7	198	27.7	209	28.1
Child at risk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	..	..	..	..	..	..	306	42.9	280	37.7
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	na	na	504	70.6	489	65.8
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	..	..	..	..	105	14.7	111	14.9
Total notifications investigated	833	81.3	1 133	87.6	934	85.9	609	85.3	600	80.8
Notifications dealt with by other means	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	2.4
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	191	18.7	161	12.4	153	14.1	105	14.7	125	16.8

Table 15A.120

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

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	1 024	100.0	1 294	100.0	1 087	100.0	714	100.0	743	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	411	36.5	442	32.5	233	19.6	222	28.0	220	27.5
Child at risk	60	5.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	365	32.4	649	47.8	685	57.6	355	44.7	302	37.7
Total investigations finalised	836	74.3	1 091	80.3	918	77.2	577	72.7	522	65.2
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	76	6.8	101	7.4	113	9.5	107	13.5	128	16.0
Total notifications investigated	912	81.1	1 192	87.8	1 031	86.7	684	86.1	650	81.1
Notifications dealt with by other means	..	..	–	–	–	–	–	–	18	2.2
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	213	18.9	166	12.2	158	13.3	110	13.9	133	16.6
Total notifications all children	1 125	100.0	1 358	100.0	1 189	100.0	794	100.0	801	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.

(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 'non-abuse' notifications relating to serious incompatibility or self damaging behaviour where advise and/or referrals were followed up.

(d) Data on the number of investigations finalised and not finalised by Indigenous status were not collected between 1997-98 and 1999-00.

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

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, 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)**

		<i>Unit</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na	–	5	14	9	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	9	1	11	5	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	22	9	6	25	14	
Children discharged from orders	no.	14	9	2	28	10	
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	na	41	46	78	87	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	na	34	11	56	62	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	129	75	57	134	150	
Children discharged from orders	no.	123	89	55	89	95	
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.	127	41	51	92	96	
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.	24	43	12	67	67	
Total children admitted to orders	no.	151	84	63	159	164	
Children discharged from orders	no.	137	98	57	117	105	

(a) The introduction of the new Children and Young People Act 1999 provided for short term orders which has impacted on the number of children admitted to orders.

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

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

Table 15A.122

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)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	40	36	35	22	29
Finalised supervisory orders	1	–	1	1	2
Interim and temporary orders	2	–	4	9	1
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	3	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	46	36	40	32	32
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	150	176	133	156	184
Finalised supervisory orders	38	18	17	13	23
Interim and temporary orders	9	6	42	18	22
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	12	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	209	200	192	187	229
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	190	212	168	178	213
Finalised supervisory orders	39	18	18	14	25
Interim and temporary orders	11	6	46	27	23
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	15	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	255	236	232	219	261

(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.123

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), (b)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00 (c)	2000-01	2001-02
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	73	63	71	68	49
Non-Indigenous	835	1 225	886	606	635
All children	908	1 288	957	674	684
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous (d)	52.4	44.4	49.2	46.5	29.1
Non-Indigenous	11.3	16.8	12.2	8.5	8.7
All children	12.0	17.3	13.0	9.2	9.2
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	54	59	54	64	30
Non-Indigenous	642	1 112	711	450	433
All children	696	1 171	765	514	463
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous (d)	38.7	41.6	37.4	43.8	17.8
Non-Indigenous	8.7	15.3	9.8	6.3	5.9
All children	9.2	15.8	10.4	7.0	6.2
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	33	23	6	20	11
Non-Indigenous	324	365	184	183	191
All children	357	388	190	203	202
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous (d)	23.7	16.2	4.2	13.7	6.5
Non-Indigenous	4.4	5.0	2.5	2.6	2.6
All children	4.7	5.2	2.6	2.8	2.7
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	46	36	40	32	32
Non-Indigenous	209	200	192	187	229
All children	255	236	232	219	261
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years (b)					
Indigenous (d)	31.2	24.0	26.0	20.5	18.1
Non-Indigenous	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.9
All children	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.8	3.3

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- (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 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 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 of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.
- (c) 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.
- (d) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2003.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, 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 Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Number of children						
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	25	12	19	na	4
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	34	20	38	na	24
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	1.3
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	7.2	5.8	4.8	na	7.7

(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>	<i>2000-01</i>
Number of children						
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	26	20	17	21	18
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	43	28	28	34	25
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	8.9
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	11.4	7.8	7.1	17.9	12.3

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)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002 (c)
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June (d)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	36	24	29	29	27
Non-Indigenous	143	150	171	186	197
All children	179	174	200	215	224
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	24.4	16.0	18.9	18.6	15.3
Non-Indigenous	1.8	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.5
All children	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.8	2.8
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year (e)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	59	49	53	72	48
Non-Indigenous	515	375	519	420	445
All children	574	424	572	492	493
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	40.3	32.9	34.9	46.5	27.2
Non-Indigenous	6.5	4.8	6.7	5.5	5.7
All children	7.2	5.4	7.3	6.3	6.2

- (a) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out of home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in out of home care were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.
- (b) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 31December, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in at least one placement 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) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2003.
- (d) A child is only counted once, regardless of the number of placements during the year.
- (e) SAAP placements were counted as out-of-home care placements where Family Services made a financial payment.

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

Table 15A.127

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)**

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
Residential care	5	1	3	2	1
Home based care					
Foster care	21	14	17	14	18
Relative/kinship care	10	9	9	11	7
Other home based	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	31	23	26	25	25
Independent living-includes pri	–	–	–	1	–
Other-includes unknown living	–	–	–	1	1
Total Indigenous children	36	24	29	29	27
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	11	17	15	14	20
Home based care					
Foster care	97	90	113	126	120
Relative/kinship care	30	41	42	44	56
Other home based	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	127	131	155	170	176
Independent living-includes pri	5	–	–	1	1
Other-includes unknown living	–	2	1	1	–
Total non-Indigenous children	143	150	171	186	197
All children					
Residential care	16	18	18	16	21
Home based care					
Foster care	118	104	130	140	138
Relative/kinship care	40	50	51	55	63
Other home based	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	158	154	181	195	201
Independent living-includes pri	5	–	–	2	1
Other-includes unknown living	–	2	1	2	1
Total all children	179	174	200	215	224

(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) Residential care includes family group homes.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	35	24	24	29	26
On another type of order	..	–	5	–	1
Not on an order	1	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	36	24	29	29	27
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	133	131	145	164	187
On another type of order	na	–	14	7	5
Not on an order	10	19	12	15	5
Total non-Indigenous children	143	150	171	186	197
All children					
On a care and protection order	168	155	169	193	213
On another type of order	na	–	19	7	6
Not on an order	11	19	12	15	5
Total all children	179	174	200	215	224

(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.

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

Table 15A.129

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)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
Respite	–	–	–	–	–
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	1	–	–	–	–
1 to less than 6 months	6	1	6	1	1
6 months to less than 1 year	4	2	2	–	4
1 to less than 2 years	9	7	5	7	1
2 to less than 5 years	16	11	13	12	8
5 years or more	..	3	3	9	13
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	36	24	29	29	27
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	36	24	29	29	27
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	9	2	–	9	2
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	6	5	13	3	9
1 to less than 6 months	18	15	37	21	25
6 months to less than 1 year	21	20	22	15	21
1 to less than 2 years	18	25	22	40	24
2 to less than 5 years	71	48	42	35	51
5 years or more	..	35	35	63	65
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	134	148	171	177	195
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	143	150	171	186	197
All children					
Respite	9	2	–	9	2
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	7	5	13	3	9
1 to less than 6 months	24	16	43	22	26
6 months to less than 1 year	25	22	24	15	25
1 to less than 2 years	27	32	27	47	25
2 to less than 5 years	87	59	55	47	59
5 years or more	..	38	38	72	78
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	170	172	200	206	222
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	179	174	200	215	224

(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.

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- (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

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)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	3	13	8	14	6
6 months to less than 1 year	2	1	–	–	–
1 to less than 2 years	2	3	–	2	2
2 to less than 5 years	1	–	–	7	2
5 years or more	..	–	–	2	1
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	8	17	8	25	11
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	30	58	84	31	25
6 months to less than 1 year	7	11	22	4	6
1 to less than 2 years	10	11	14	4	11
2 to less than 5 years	8	4	4	5	11
5 years or more	..	4	4	4	3
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	55	88	128	48	56
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	33	71	92	45	31
6 months to less than 1 year	9	12	22	4	6
1 to less than 2 years	12	14	14	6	13
2 to less than 5 years	9	4	4	12	13
5 years or more	..	4	4	6	4
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	63	105	136	73	67

(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) 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>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	10	9	9	11	7
Non-Indigenous	no.	30	41	42	44	56
All children	no.	40	50	51	55	63
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	27.8	37.5	31.0	37.9	25.9
Non-Indigenous	%	21.0	27.3	24.6	23.7	28.4
All children	%	22.3	28.7	25.5	25.6	28.1

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

(b) 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), (b)

	Unit	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	9	7	7	9	5
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	1	3	2	2	2
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	6	5	11	6	12
Indigenous residential care	no.	..	..	..	..	1
Total placed in accordance with principle	no.	16	15	20	17	20
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	20	9	9	8	7
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	..	..	..	4	–
Total not placed in accordance with principle	no.	20	9	9	12	7
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	36	24	29	29	27
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	%	25.0	29.2	24.1	31.0	18.5
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	2.8	12.5	6.9	6.9	7.4
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	16.7	20.8	37.9	20.7	44.4
Indigenous residential care	%	..	..	..	..	3.7
Total placed in accordance with principle	%	44.4	62.5	69.0	58.6	74.1
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	55.6	37.5	31.0	27.6	25.9
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	..	..	..	13.8	–
Total not placed in accordance with principle	%	55.6	37.5	31.0	41.4	25.9
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out of home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

(b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential 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>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	24	19	21	19	20
Non-Indigenous	no.	82	88	109	116	119
All children	no.	106	107	130	135	139
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	96.0	100.0	100.0	95.0	95.2
Non-Indigenous	%	99.9	96.4	99.1	98.3	98.3
All children	%	99.0	97.0	99.2	97.8	97.9

(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.134 Number of children exiting out-of-home care during the year, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements by length of time in out-of-home care, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	21
2 placements	3
3 placements	2
4-5 placements	-
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	26
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	3
2 placements	1
3 placements	1
4-5 placements	-
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	5
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	4
2 placements	3
3 placements	2
4-5 placements	-
6-10 placements	3
11 or more placements	1
Unknown	-
Total children	13
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	2
2 placements	8
3 placements	-
4-5 placements	3
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	13
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	1

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2 placements	1
3 placements	–
4–5 placements	2
6–10 placements	–
11 or more placements	–
Unknown	..	..	..	..	–
Total children	..	..	..	..	4
Total children exiting out-of-home care	..	..	..	..	61

(a) These data were not collected prior to 2001-02

(b) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(c) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

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

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>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</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	2
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	0.7	–	–	0.4	0.4
Other children						
Number of children	no.	570	424	572	490	491
Proportion of all children in out-of-home care	%	99.3	100.0	100.0	99.6	99.6
All children in out-of-home care	no.	574	424	572	492	493

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

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Single jurisdiction data — NT

Table 15A.136

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

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02	
	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	178	54.4	na	na	194	31.8	167	26.8	236	29.7
Child at risk	..	..	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	..	..	na	na	..	..	181	29.1	241	30.3
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	..	..	348	55.9	477	60.0
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	na	na	..	..	7	1.1	2	0.3
Total notifications investigated	314	96.0	na	na	371	60.8	355	57.0	479	60.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	..	..	na	na	—	—	—	—	—	—
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	13	4.0	na	na	239	39.2	268	43.0	316	39.7
Total notifications involving Indigenous children	327	100.0	na	na	610	100.0	623	100.0	795	100.0
Number of notifications involving non-Indigenous children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	165	43.1	na	na	199	24.1	182	19.6	113	14.0
Child at risk	..	..	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	..	..	na	na	..	..	225	24.2	234	28.9
Total investigations finalised	na	na	na	na	..	..	407	43.9	347	42.8
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	..	..	na	na	..	..	7	0.8	9	1.1
Total notifications investigated	370	96.6	na	na	408	49.3	414	44.6	356	44.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	..	..	na	na	—	—	—	—	—	—
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	13	3.4	na	na	419	50.7	514	55.4	454	56.0

Table 15A.136

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

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02	
	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.	Number	Prop.
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Total notifications involving non-Indigenous children	383	100.0	na	na	827	100.0	928	100.0	810	100.0
Number of notifications involving all children										
Notifications investigated										
Investigations finalised by 31 August										
Substantiated	343	48.3	na	na	393	27.3	349	22.5	349	21.7
Child at risk	1	0.1	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	339	47.7	na	na	382	26.6	406	26.2	475	29.6
Total investigations finalised	683	96.2	na	na	775	53.9	755	48.7	824	51.3
Investigations not finalised by 31 August	1	0.1	na	na	4	0.3	14	0.9	11	0.7
Total notifications investigated	684	96.3	na	na	779	54.2	769	49.6	835	52.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	..	..	na	na	–	–	–	–	–	–
Notifications not investigated/not dealt with by other means	26	3.7	na	na	658	45.8	782	50.4	770	48.0
Total notifications all children	710	100.0	na	na	1 437	100.0	1 551	100.0	1 605	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 1999-00.

(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 notifications, investigations and substantiations Australia data collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.137

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

		<i>Unit</i>	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		85.0	na	na	na	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		55.0	na	na	na	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.		140	na	138	138	159
Children discharged from orders	no.		138	na	97	101	126
Non-Indigenous							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		61.0	na	na	na	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		40.0	na	na	na	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.		101	na	127	128	87
Children discharged from orders	no.		109	na	79	130	81
All children							
Children admitted to orders							
Children admitted for the first time	no.		146.0	na	na	na	na
Children who had prior admissions to orders	no.		95.0	na	na	na	na
Total children admitted to orders	no.		241	na	265	266	246
Children discharged from orders	no.		247	na	176	231	207

(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 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-01 or 2001-02.

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)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	46	85	95	111	112
Finalised supervisory orders	16	5	–	2	–
Interim and temporary orders	3	3	23	13	14
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	7	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children on orders	72	93	118	126	126
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	38	68	77	70	65
Finalised supervisory orders	22	2	3	3	1
Interim and temporary orders	1	14	22	6	2
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	5	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children on orders	66	84	102	79	68
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	84	153	172	181	177
Finalised supervisory orders	38	7	3	5	1
Interim and temporary orders	4	17	45	19	16
Administrative/voluntary arrangements	12	..	..	..	..
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children on orders	138	177	220	205	194

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

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

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

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

Table 15A.139

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), (c), (d), (e)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	291	na	471	491	668
Non-Indigenous	320	na	663	695	675
All children	611	–	1 134	1 186	1 343
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	13.1	na	20.8	21.6	29.1
Non-Indigenous	9.5	na	19.5	20.4	19.7
All children	10.9	–	20.0	20.9	23.5
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	279	na	261	300	437
Non-Indigenous	308	na	306	364	327
All children	587	na	567	664	764
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	12.5	na	11.6	13.2	19.1
Non-Indigenous	9.2	na	9.0	10.7	9.6
All children	10.5	na	10.0	11.7	13.4
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	163	na	172	153	222
Non-Indigenous	148	na	179	177	109
All children	311	na	351	330	331
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (a)					
Indigenous	7.3	na	7.6	6.7	9.7
Non-Indigenous	4.4	na	5.3	5.2	3.2
All children	5.6	na	6.2	5.8	5.8
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	72	93	118	126	126
Non-Indigenous	66	84	102	79	68
All children	138	177	220	205	194
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years (b)					
Indigenous	3.1	3.9	4.9	5.3	5.2
Non-Indigenous	1.9	2.4	2.9	2.2	1.9
All children	2.4	3.0	3.7	3.4	3.2

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), (c), (d), (e)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
(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 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 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 of children on care and protection orders were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) who were on a care and protection order at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children on care and protection orders were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.					
(c) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2003.					
(d) The NT include child concern reports in child protection notifications.					
(e) 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. – Nil or rounded to zero. na Not available.					

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

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>	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Number of children							
Subject of a substantiation within three months	no.	na	na	na	na	na	10
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	no.	na	na	na	na	na	25
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation							
Subject of a substantiation within three months	%	na	na	na	na	na	3.0
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months	%	na	na	na	na	na	7.4

(a) NT could not provide these data for 1996-97 to 1999-2000.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, 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>	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Number of children							
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	no.	na	na	na	na	na	8
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	no.	na	na	na	na	na	20
As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation							
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months	%	na	na	na	na	na	2.4
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months	%	na	na	na	na	na	6.0

(a) NT could not provide these data for 1996-97 to 1999-2000.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child protection notifications, 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)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002 (c)
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June (d)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	71	93	94	100	105
Non-Indigenous	66	84	82	64	58
All children	137	177	176	164	163
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	3.0	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.4
Non-Indigenous	1.9	2.4	2.3	1.8	1.6
All children	2.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.7
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year (e)					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	154	na	147	193	199
Non-Indigenous	126	na	160	190	125
All children	280	na	307	383	324
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	6.6	na	6.1	8.1	8.3
Non-Indigenous	3.6	na	4.4	5.3	3.5
All children	4.8	na	5.1	6.4	5.4

(a) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out of home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 30 March, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in out of home care were calculated using ABS population projections for June based on the 1996 Census data.

(b) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0-17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in at least one out of home care placement during the year, divided by the estimated population aged 0-17 at 31 December, multiplied by 1,000. Prior to 2001-02 rates for Indigenous children in at least one placement 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) The Indigenous rates for 2001-02 were calculated using the estimated Indigenous population at 30 June 2001 from the 2001 Census data. These rates should not be compared with the Indigenous rates for previous years. All Indigenous rates will be updated when Indigenous population projections from the 2001 Census are released in 2003.

(d) 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.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.143

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

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
Residential care	11	na	6	7	6
Home based care					
Foster care	37	na	62	61	72
Relative/kinship care	18	na	22	29	22
Other home based	3	na	–	–	–
Total home based	58	na	84	90	94
Independent living-includes private board	1	na	1	–	1
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	1	na	3	3	4
Total Indigenous children	71	na	94	100	105
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	18	na	7	2	–
Home based care					
Foster care	24	na	59	48	47
Relative/kinship care	18	na	4	9	7
Other home based	4	na	–	–	–
Total home based	46	na	63	57	54
Independent living-includes private board	2	na	3	2	1
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	–	na	9	3	3
Total non-Indigenous children	66	na	82	64	58
All children					
Residential care	29	na	13	9	6
Home based care					
Foster care	61	na	121	109	119
Relative/kinship care	36	na	26	38	29
Other home based	7	na	–	–	–
Total home based	104	na	147	147	148
Independent living-includes private board	3	na	4	2	2
Other-includes unknown living arrangements	1	na	12	6	7
Total all children	137	na	176	164	163

(a) Residential care includes family group homes.

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

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

Table 15A.144

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)**

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	71	93	94	100	105
On another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
Total Indigenous children	71	93	94	100	105
Non-Indigenous					
On a care and protection order	66	84	82	64	58
On another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
Total non-Indigenous children	66	84	82	64	58
All children					
On a care and protection order	137	177	176	164	163
On another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
Total all children	137	177	176	164	163

(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)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	6	na	8	2	7
1 to less than 6 months	5	na	14	9	11
6 months to less than 1 year	10	na	30	16	5
1 to less than 2 years	11	na	13	34	22
2 to less than 5 years	39	na	13	20	37
5 years or more	..	na	16	19	22
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	1
Total non-respite	71	na	94	100	105
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	71	93	94	100	105
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	2	na	11	–	–
1 to less than 6 months	9	na	11	7	1
6 months to less than 1 year	5	na	16	13	6
1 to less than 2 years	14	na	15	16	9
2 to less than 5 years	36	na	24	21	25
5 years or more	..	na	5	7	14
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	3
Total non-respite	66	na	82	64	58
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	66	84	82	64	58
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	8	na	19	2	7
1 to less than 6 months	14	na	25	16	12
6 months to less than 1 year	15	na	46	29	11
1 to less than 2 years	25	na	28	50	31
2 to less than 5 years	75	na	37	41	62
5 years or more	..	na	21	26	36
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	4
Total non-respite	137	na	176	164	163
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	–
Total all children	137	177	176	164	163

(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.

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- (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) 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), (d)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	10	na	14	8	15
6 months to less than 1 year	2	na	4	1	2
1 to less than 2 years	3	na	2	2	3
2 to less than 5 years	3	na	2	1	2
5 years or more	..	na	1	3	2
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	18	na	23	15	24
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	20	na	13	23	7
6 months to less than 1 year	2	na	1	4	–
1 to less than 2 years	1	na	6	5	3
2 to less than 5 years	6	na	2	10	5
5 years or more	..	na	2	1	–
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	29	na	24	43	15
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	30	na	27	31	22
6 months to less than 1 year	4	na	5	5	2
1 to less than 2 years	4	na	8	7	6
2 to less than 5 years	9	na	4	11	7
5 years or more	..	na	3	4	2
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	–
Total all children	47	na	47	58	39

(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 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>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	18	na	22	29	22
Non-Indigenous	no.	18	na	4	9	7
All children	no.	36	na	26	38	29
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	25.4	na	23.4	29.0	21.0
Non-Indigenous	%	27.3	na	4.9	14.1	12.1
All children	%	26.3	na	14.8	23.2	17.8

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

(b) NT could not provide data for 1999.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in out-of-home care, Australia data collection* (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), (d), (e), (f)

	Unit	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	na	na	28	38	22
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	na	na	na	na	na
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	na	na	26	29	54
Indigenous residential care	no.	..	..	..	..	–
Total placed in accordance with principle	no.	na	na	54	67	76
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	no.	na	na	40	29	21
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	..	..	..	4	6
Total not placed in accordance with principle	no.	na	na	40	33	27
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	–	–	94	100	103
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	29.8	38.0	21.4
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	na	na	na	na	na
Other Indigenous caregiver	%	na	na	27.7	29.0	52.4
Indigenous residential care	%	na	na	na	na	–
Total placed in accordance with principle	%	–	–	57.4	67.0	73.8
Not placed in accordance with the <i>Aboriginal Child Placement Principle</i>						
Other non-Indigenous caregivers	%	na	na	42.6	29.0	20.4
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	na	na	na	4.0	5.8
Total not placed in accordance with principle	%	–	–	42.6	33.0	26.2
Total Indigenous children in care	%	–	–	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed in accordance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle was calculated using the total number of Indigenous children in out of home care as the denominator. From 2002 the denominator excluded Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

(b) Prior to 2001 Indigenous children in Indigenous residential care were included in the category 'other Indigenous caregiver'.

(c) NT could not provide these data prior to 1999-2000.

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

(e) 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'.

(f) For 2001-02 the number of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative /kin may be under-enumerated due to data entry error.

– 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>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	46	na	73	76	83
Non-Indigenous	no.	33	na	52	39	38
All children	no.	79	na	125	115	121
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	88.5	na	86.9	90.5	93.3
Non-Indigenous	%	78.6	na	92.9	95.1	97.4
All children	%	84.0	na	89.3	92.0	94.5

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

(b) 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, who were on a care and protection order, by number of different placements by length of time in out-of-home care, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	15
2 placements	4
3 placements	3
4-5 placements	-
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	22
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	-
2 placements	1
3 placements	-
4-5 placements	1
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	2
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	2
2 placements	2
3 placements	2
4-5 placements	-
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	-
Unknown	-
Total children	6
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	-
2 placements	5
3 placements	-
4-5 placements	1
6-10 placements	-
11 or more placements	1
Unknown	-
Total children	7
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	-

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2 placements	—
3 placements	1
4–5 placements	1
6–10 placements	—
11 or more placements	—
Unknown	..	..	..	..	—
Total children	..	..	..	..	2
Total children exiting out-of-home care	..	..	..	..	39

(a) These data were not collected prior to 2001-02

(b) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.

(c) This table includes all children exiting care who had been in care for 1 month or more and who had been on a care and protection order at some point in the six months prior to exiting care.

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

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>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-00</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</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	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

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

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2001-02

Housing/accommodation	%	81.7	55.1	84.6	83.1	64.3	65.4	87.8	87.6	74.0
Financial assistance/ employment assistance	%	28.0	41.4	53.1	35.9	31.5	35.7	56.0	43.2	39.3
Counselling	%	35.8	46.8	58.5	47.0	58.8	53.5	75.3	49.5	48.3
General support/advocacy	%	68.3	74.1	75.8	57.4	80.2	65.8	87.8	71.4	71.9
Specialist services	%	22.3	19.2	50.9	33.3	18.7	10.6	44.4	39.0	29.2
Other	%	78.4	40.3	77.9	71.9	50.0	55.7	86.4	85.8	65.3
Total number	'000	47.9	45.2	41.4	14.7	14.4	5.8	2.7	4.8	177.0

(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) Clients were able to receive multiple services so percentages do not total 100.

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 ' 1</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Young people	%	38.9	38.6	38.4	38.6	37.0
Single men only	%	8.4	8.0	8.6	8.0	7.5
Single women only	%	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.6
Families	%	7.7	8.2	8.5	8.8	9.4
Women escaping domestic violence	%	21.1	21.9	22.4	22.5	22.5
Cross target/multiple/general	%	20.3	19.7	18.3	18.5	20.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	1 215	1 207	1 200	1 222	1 286

(a) Analysis excludes agencies not participating in the SAAP National Data 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</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
Crisis/short term accommodation	%	33.8	33.1	33.6	32.7	34.1
Medium/long term accommodation	%	40.4	40.2	39.5	38.9	37.6
Day support	%	2.3	2.2	1.9	2.0	1.9
Outreach support	%	4.6	5.2	5.4	5.6	5.4
Telephone information/referral	%	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.3
Agency support	%	2.1	1.7	1.3	1.1	1.8
Multiple	%	11.2	12.3	12.8	13.4	13.1
Other	%	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.7	4.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	1 215	1 207	1 200	1 222	1 286

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

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

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Table 15A.155 Recurrent SAAP program funding by Commonwealth, State and Territory allocation, 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										
Level of funding										
Commonwealth allocation	\$m	43.0	28.4	18.2	10.3	12.7	5.6	3.7	2.9	124.8
State/Territory allocation	\$m	38.5	20.9	13.4	7.8	8.6	4.3	3.4	2.0	98.9
Total	\$m	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	\$m	44.2	29.1	18.9	10.7	13.3	5.9	3.7	3.3	129.1
State/Territory allocation	\$m	39.4	21.4	13.7	7.9	8.7	4.4	3.5	2.1	101.1
Total	\$m	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	\$m	44.9	29.6	22.9	13.6	13.5	6.0	3.8	3.8	138.0
State/Territory allocation	\$m	40.0	21.7	16.5	10.1	8.9	4.4	3.5	2.4	107.5
Total	\$m	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										
Level of funding										
Commonwealth allocation	\$m	50.8	33.8	26.1	15.3	15.0	6.7	5.3	4.5	157.4
State/Territory allocation	\$m	41.1	22.2	16.9	10.4	9.1	4.5	4.3	2.7	111.2
Total	\$m	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

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2001-02

Level of funding

Commonwealth allocation	\$m	52.3	34.7	26.9	16.0	15.4	6.9	5.5	4.6	162.3
State/Territory allocation	\$m	42.2	22.9	17.7	10.9	9.4	4.7	4.4	2.8	114.9
Total	\$m	94.5	57.6	44.6	26.9	24.7	11.6	9.9	7.4	277.2

Proportion of total funding

Commonwealth allocation	%	55.3	60.3	60.3	59.5	62.2	59.6	55.3	62.1	58.5
State/Territory allocation	%	44.7	39.7	39.2	40.5	37.8	40.4	44.7	37.9	41.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	99.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

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

Table 15A.156

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										
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
2001-02	\$m	94.5	57.6	44.6	26.9	24.7	11.6	9.9	7.4	277.2
Real funding (2001-02 dollars) (b)										
1997-98	\$m	89.8	54.2	34.9	19.8	23.4	10.8	7.8	5.5	246.1
1998-99	\$m	91.9	55.5	35.8	20.4	24.2	11.3	7.9	5.9	253.0
1999-2000	\$m	91.3	55.1	42.4	25.5	24.1	11.2	7.9	6.6	264.0
2000-01	\$m	94.2	57.4	44.1	26.3	24.7	11.5	9.9	7.4	275.4
2001-02	\$m	94.5	57.6	44.6	26.9	24.7	11.6	9.9	7.4	277.2

(a) Includes total SAAP recurrent allocations (including State and Territory allocations for program administration).

(b) Real recurrent funded calculated using ABS GDP Expenditure Implicit Price Deflators 2001-02 = 100.

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

Table 15A.157

Table 15A.157 Recurrent SAAP program funding per person in the total population, Australia (2001-02 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>
1997-98	\$	14.17	11.71	10.16	10.91	15.76	22.79	25.20	28.95	13.18
1998-99	\$	14.33	11.85	10.27	11.08	16.16	23.98	25.28	30.75	13.38
1999-2000	\$	14.06	11.63	11.94	13.64	16.00	23.64	24.93	33.62	13.79
2000-01	\$	14.32	11.96	12.20	13.88	16.31	24.40	30.89	36.96	14.20
2001-02	\$	14.25	11.81	12.05	13.77	16.35	24.64	31.09	36.35	14.09

(a) Includes SAAP recurrent allocations (including State and Territory allocations for program administration).

(b) The total population figure is not indicative of the demand for SAAP services.

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

Table 15A.158

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/ 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/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/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)										
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

Table 15A.158

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/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
2001-02 (b), (c)										
From no income to some income	%	3.2	2.7	2.1	2.1	2.6	2.2	3.5	2.1	2.6
Obtained own benefit/extra benefit/wages	%	1.4	1.5	1.5	0.9	2	0.8	0.9	1.6	1.4
No substantive change	%	87.7	90.8	88.6	92.7	90.3	93	84.9	92.6	89.8
No income before or after support	%	6.8	3.9	6.8	3.7	3.9	3.6	9.9	2.9	5.2
From wage to govt payments/income to no income	%	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.6	1.1	0.5	0.9	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.	22 900	24 700	15 000	10 000	6 100	3 900	2 000	3 400	88 000

(a) Excludes high volume records because income source after support was not collected.

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

(c) Data excludes 29 474 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

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

Table 15A.159 **Change in Indigenous client's income source after SAAP support in Australia (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>
2001-02									
From no income to some income	%	2.2	1.5	0.8	0.5	1.3	1.0	2.0	0.6
Obtained own benefit/extra benefit/wages	%	0.4	1.2	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	–	0.6
No substantive change	%	91.5	94.4	92.4	97.1	94.4	92.1	84.5	95.7
No income before or after support	%	5.5	2.3	6.0	1.9	3.6	6.6	12.6	2.5
From wage to govt payments/ some income to no income	%	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	–	0.9	0.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	3 700	1 200	4 500	3 700	1 000	400	200	2 100

(a) Excludes high volume records as not all items were included on high volume form.

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

(c) Preliminary data. Data excludes 4610 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

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

Table 15A.159

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Table 15A.160

Table 15A.160 **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

Table 15A.160

Table 15A.160 **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>
Other (b)	%	15.2	13.7	17.7	11.3	12.1	13.3	18.7	23.2	14.9
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
2001-02 (d) (e)										
Independent housing										
Private rental	%	37.0	43.4	42.6	34.0	37.5	45.3	17.5	25.4	39.2
Owner-occupied	%	3.2	4.5	2.7	3.2	5.9	1.9	1.6	1.8	3.6
Public housing	%	14.0	18.1	10.3	22.3	21.6	17.7	22.1	31.5	17.0
Other (b)	%	15.6	12.2	13.7	11.6	12.9	13.3	20.6	17.4	13.7
Non-independent housing										
SAAP crisis/short term	%	11.1	6.7	7.5	11.6	5	6.8	11.6	5.1	8.3
SAAP medium/short term	%	5.5	5.7	1.8	2.4	7.1	2.5	10.9	2.2	4.6
Other (c)	%	13.5	9.4	21.4	15.1	10	12.5	15.6	16.5	13.6
Total	%	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.0
Total number	no.	18 300	23 200	12 900	7 900	5 500	3 300	1 600	2 600	75 300

(a) Excludes 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 42 167 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

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

Table 15A.161 Change in type of housing after SAAP support, Indigenous (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>
2001-02									
Independent housing									
Private rental	%	35.3	37.0	24.1	24.2	21.1	37.3	13.0	15.8
Owner-occupied	%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	1.3	–	0.4
Public housing	%	20.8	28.6	12.7	40.3	33.7	17.1	19.6	45.9
Other (d)	%	15.2	10.9	10.8	14.2	19.9	19.4	26.1	18.7
Non-independent housing									
SAAP crisis/short term	%	11.7	6.7	5.2	8.9	7.1	8.0	9.8	4.2
SAAP medium/short term	%	3.5	4.0	1.0	1.3	4.7	3.4	11.2	1.8
Other (d)	%	12.9	12.2	45.6	10.3	13.1	13.6	20.2	13.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	3 000	1 200	4 200	2 900	900	300	200	1 500

(a) Excludes high volume records as not all items were included on high volume form.

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

(c) Preliminary data. Data excludes 7174 (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(d) 'Other' independent housing may include living rent free in a house or flat. 'Other' non-independent housing may include: SAAP funded accommodation at hostels, hotels or community placement; SAAP emergency accommodation; a car, tent or squat; or an institutional setting.

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

Table 15A.161

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Table 15A.162

Table 15A.162 **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 casually	%	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 casually	%	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 casually	%	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)										
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 casually	%	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
2001-02 (b) (c)										
Employed full time	%	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.5	1.6	3.5	4.4	2.9
Employed part time	%	2.2	3.0	2.6	2.8	2.7	1.5	2.6	3.5	2.6
Employed casually	%	3.4	3.4	3.2	2.9	3.9	2.2	5.3	2.7	3.3
Unemployed	%	32.8	31.5	37.4	37.4	26.2	32.1	34.2	38.7	33.3
Not in labour force	%	58.7	59.1	53.8	54.3	64.7	62.6	54.5	50.8	57.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.1	99.9
Total number	no.	30 300	35 400	18 600	12 900	8 800	5 500	2 600	4 000	118 100

Table 15A.162

- (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 15 696 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

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

Table 15A.163

Table 15A.163 **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.163

Table 15A.163 **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)										
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
2001-02 (c) (d)										
Employed										
Full time	%	3.6	2.7	2.1	1.4	2.4	0.4	1.7	4.0	2.6
Part time	%	1.5	1.6	2.1	0.8	2.0	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.5
Casual	%	3.6	3.2	3.7	1.8	4.0	2.2	4.1	2.3	3.2
Sub-total	%	8.8	7.5	7.9	4.0	8.4	3.7	6.6	7.6	7.3
Unemployed										
Studying	%	5.0	4.8	3.9	2.6	3.9	3.2	6.2	4.2	4.3
Not studying	%	72.6	78.8	77.6	82.9	70.9	81.0	82.4	81.7	77.3
Sub-total	%	77.6	83.6	81.5	85.5	74.8	84.2	88.5	85.9	81.6
Not in labour force										
Studying	%	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.2	2.5	1.6	1.7	0.7	1.7
Not studying	%	11.7	7.1	9	9.3	14.4	10.5	3.1	5.9	9.4
Sub-total	%	13.6	8.9	10.7	10.5	16.9	12.1	4.8	6.5	11.1

Table 15A.163 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>
Total	%	100	100	100.1	100	100.1	100	99.9	100	100
Total number	no.	7 300	7 100	4 400	3 600	1 700	1 200	700	1 300	27 300

(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 21 976 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

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

Table 15A.164

Table 15A.164 **Change in labour force status of after SAAP support, Indigenous client (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>
2001-02										
Employed										
Full time	%	1.4	3.0	1.2	0.6	1.1	–	1.6	1.3	1.3
Part time	%	1.2	1.6	1.6	0.3	–	–	3.2	1.0	1.0
Casual	%	2.6	2.0	2.4	0.3	1.7	5.4	1.4	0.7	1.7
Sub-total	%	5.2	6.5	5.1	1.2	2.9	5.4	6.2	3.0	4.1
Unemployed										
Studying	%	5.4	4.2	5.9	2.7	9.3	1.0	6.7	2.1	4.4
Not studying	%	76.5	81.3	75.2	82.6	65.4	74.1	85.7	85.7	78.9
Sub-total	%	81.9	85.5	81.1	85.3	74.7	75.2	92.4	87.8	83.4
Not in labour force										
Studying	%	1.8	1.4	0.6	1.1	3.0	3.1	1.4	0.6	1.3
Not studying	%	11.0	6.6	13.1	12.5	19.4	16.4	–	8.6	11.3
Sub-total	%	12.8	8.0	13.7	13.5	22.4	19.5	1.4	9.2	12.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	1 000	400	700	800	200	100	100	600	3 900

(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 4403 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

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

Table 15A.165

Table 15A.165 **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)										
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.165 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>
2001-02 (a), (b), (c)										
1	%	67.3	69.1	68.4	65.1	70.4	70.6	69.1	66.8	68.2
2	%	17.4	18.0	16.4	18.6	17.5	16.5	18.4	18.5	17.5
3	%	7.1	6.4	6.4	8.1	6.1	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.7
4	%	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.3	2.8	3.2	2.5	2.9	2.9
5	%	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.9	1.1	1.6	1.3	2.3	1.5
6+	%	3.5	2.4	4.6	3.0	2.1	1.7	2.2	3.1	3.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	25 200	28 200	17 300	8 600	8 200	3 500	1 800	2 900	95 600
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)	%	22.3	20.2	20.6	24.4	18.2	19.7	21.8	23.5	21.2
2001-02 (a), (b), (c)	%	32.7	30.9	31.6	34.9	29.6	29.4	30.9	33.2	31.8

(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) Caution should be taken when comparing 2001-02 data with previous years as 2001-02 figures are based on estimated support periods for each client rather than observed support periods for each client as reported on in previous years.

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

Table 15A.166 Indigenous SAAP clients who exited from the service and returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year (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>
Total number of support periods									
2001-02 (b)									
1	%	66.4	69.5	65.2	61.1	63.0	63.7	67.6	64.8
2	%	17.6	19.4	15.5	19.8	20.7	18.1	17.1	19.3
3	%	7.6	5.9	6.2	9.3	8.7	8.4	9.3	6.6
4	%	2.8	2.0	2.4	3.6	4.1	3.7	3.3	3.0
5	%	1.8	1.3	1.7	2.4	1.5	2.5	1.7	3.0
6+	%	3.6	1.9	9.0	3.8	1.9	3.6	1.1	3.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	4 000	1 400	4 100	2 800	1 100	300	200	1 600
Proportion of SAAP clients who return to SAAP within 12 months that is, clients having two or more periods in 12 months									
2001-02	%	33.4	30.5	34.8	38.9	36.9	36.3	32.5	35.2

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

(b) Preliminary data.

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

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Table 15A.167 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
2001-02 (f), (g)	no.	25 200	28 200	17 300	8 600	8 200	3 500	1 800	2 900	95 600
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
2001-02 (f), (g)	no.	11 500	15 900	6 900	4 900	3 400	2 000	1 100	1 700	47 300
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
2001-02 (f), (g)	%	45.6	56.4	39.9	57.0	41.5	57.1	61.1	58.6	49.5
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
2001-02 (f), (g)	no.	4 200	6 600	2 800	2 400	1 400	800	400	800	19 300
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
2001-02 (f), (g)	%	36.5	41.5	40.6	49.0	41.2	40.0	36.4	47.1	40.8

(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.

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- (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 42 531 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'.
- (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.168

Table 15A.168 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)										
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
2001-02 (b), (c)										
Support plan	%	59.9	63.1	62.8	49.7	75.5	67.2	69.5	63.9	61.9
No support plan	%	17.8	13.1	16.3	24.6	9.2	15.1	9.3	15.1	15.9
Support plan not appropriate	%	22.4	23.8	20.9	25.7	15.3	17.7	21.2	21.0	22.2
Total	%	26.3	30.2	15.4	11.1	7.0	4.3	2.1	3.5	100.0
Total number	no.	31 200	35 700	18 300	13 100	8 300	5 100	2 500	4 100	118 400

(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 15 337 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

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

Table 15A.169

Table 15A.169 **Support periods, by existence of a support plan, Indigenous clients (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>
2001-02										
Support plan	%	57.5	65.3	71.0	48.5	72.1	73.6	74.4	71.8	62.6
No support plan	%	17.0	15.9	12.1	24.5	11.1	13.2	9.5	16.3	16.8
Support plan not appropriate	%	25.5	18.8	16.9	27.0	16.8	13.2	16.0	11.9	20.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	4 200	1 500	4 300	4 100	1 100	400	300	2 200	18 200

(a) Excludes 13 004 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 1793 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

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

Table 15A.170

Table 15A.170 **Potential clients unable to be supported, main reason for support not provided, Australia (a), (b)**

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)	August 2001 and May 2002 (c), (d)
Insufficient staff	%	5.2	4.1	6.4	3.3	2.4
No accommodation available	%	80.1	81.3	82.0	88.7	88.5
Facilities for disability needs not available	%	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.5
Facilities for cultural needs not available	%	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3
Facilities for other special needs not available	%	2.2	1.8	2.0	0.9	1.1
Age of male child	%	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3
Other	%	11.3	11.6	8.6	6.6	7.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	no.	3 161	2 834	3 360	4 950	5 040

- (a) A two-week 'unmet demand collection' is conducted annually to gather information about homeless people who were not accepted as clients of SAAP agencies. In 2001-02, the collection was held between 22–28 August 2001 and 8-14 May 2002, agencies recorded 6 725 unmet requests. In this table, requests exclude those where the person refused an offer of assistance; those where a similar request was made at a SAAP funded agency at the same day 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.
- (b) Caution should be applied when interpreting numbers of unmet requests, for several reasons. Firstly, person (s) 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(s) had made a similar request to a SAAP agency at the same day within the collection period, this information may not have been available to record. Thus the figure 5040 does not represent the actual number of forms with valid requests. Secondly, 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. Thirdly, a number of people have their needs met by other means and do not return to a SAAP agency. 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. As a consequence of this latter reason, figures for 2001-02 are not weighted by 26 as was done in 1997-98.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand Collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.171

Table 15A.171 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
22-28 August 2001 and 8-14 May 2002 (f), (g)	no.	10 500	13 400	6 200	3 100	4 300	1 800	800	800	40 800
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
22-28 August 2001 and 8-14 May 2002 (f), (g)	no.	1 300	1 460	1 140	400	320	160	200	70	5 040
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
22-28 August 2001 and 8-14 May 2002 (f), (g)	no.	11 800	14 800	7 300	3 500	4 600	2 000	1 000	900	45 900
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
22-28 August 2001 and 8-14 May 2002 (f), (g)	%	88.9	90.2	84.5	88.6	93.2	91.9	79.3	92.1	89.0

(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 (22–28 August 2001 and 8–14 May 2002).

(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.

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- (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 onwards are not comparable to earlier years. 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 onwards 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 Unmet Need and Client Collections (unpublished).

Table 15A.172

Table 15A.172 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
2001-02 (d), (e)	16.4	5.0	24.3	33.4	14.0	9.4	12.3	54.5	16.7
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
2001-02 (d), (e)	13.4	3.1	14.1	34.8	21.1	2.4	11.0	63.2	13.3

(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 onwards are not comparable to earlier years. 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.173 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
2001-02 (d), (e)	11.1	14.9	5.6	10.2	8.4	3.4	11.3	4.7	10.4
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
2001-02 (d), (e)	8.2	13.2	1.8	7.1	1.2	1.6	4.9	–	6.8

(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 onwards are not comparable to earlier years. 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.

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

Table 15A.174

Table 15A.174 **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
2001-02 (a), (b)										
Provided only	%	84.4	72.0	82.6	89	78.8	82.8	75.1	90.2	81.1
Referred only	%	4.2	10.7	2	2.9	7.2	6.6	5.5	4.2	5.2
Provided & referred	%	6.7	9.4	3.7	4.7	7.9	4.6	15.2	3.3	6.4
Unmet	%	4.7	7.9	11.6	3.5	6.2	6	4.2	2.3	7.3
Total	%	100	100	99.9	100.1	100.1	100	100	100	100
Total number	'000	268.8	214.2	288.7	80.3	78.6	27.8	24.1	33.0	1 015.6

(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.175

Table 15A.175 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
2001-02 (a), (b)										
Provided only	%	84.2	72.2	81.4	88.8	80.2	83.5	73.1	91.5	83.0
Referred only	%	4.4	12.5	0.9	3.4	6.4	6.0	6.4	3.1	2.7
Provided & referred	%	7.0	8.6	1.2	4.1	7.3	4.8	16.0	3.6	3.5
Unmet	%	4.4	6.7	16.5	3.7	6.1	5.6	4.5	1.9	10.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.0
Total number	'000	41.2	10.3	137.0	27.0	11.0	2.8	3.1	21.6	254.0

(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.176

Table 15A.176 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	'000	33.3	36.4	10.6	10.3	6.9	0.8	3.4	1.8	103.5
1998-99 (a)										
Provided only	%	79.3	68.4	79.9	80.9	75.4	77.2	69.9	81.6	74.6
Referred only	%	5.4	12.2	7.3	6.6	10.3	7.0	8.2	6.3	8.8
Provided & referred	%	8.1	9.6	8.3	6.6	9.7	5.7	17.4	7.9	9.0
Unmet	%	7.2	9.8	4.5	5.9	4.6	10.1	4.6	4.2	7.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total number	'000	33.6	45.0	11.7	7.9	6.5	0.9	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	'000	32.3	45.0	10.3	10.2	6.7	0.8	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	'000	29.8	37.2	9.9	8.8	6.0	1.5	3.0	1.9	98.3
2001-02										
Provided only	%	79.3	70.4	83.8	86.9	78.9	78.8	73.1	85.6	76.9
Referred only	%	5.4	11.3	4.2	4.0	7.9	9.3	4.9	7.8	7.7
Provided & referred	%	11.1	9.5	8.6	4.9	9.3	6.0	15.2	3.0	9.5
Unmet	%	4.2	8.8	3.4	4.2	3.9	5.9	6.8	3.5	5.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0
Total number	'000	24.9	31.0	8.7	6.8	5.2	1.1	2.2	1.1	81.0

(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.177

Table 15A.177 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 (2001-02 dollars)										
1997-98	\$m	88.3	51.7	33.0	19.8	22.3	10.3	7.5	5.4	238.2
1998-99 (f)	\$m	87.5	52.6	34.7	23.9	24.0	10.5	7.5	5.5	246.2
1999-2000 (f)	\$m	80.4	50.2	41.0	25.2	22.4	10.2	7.5	6.1	249.2
2000-01 (f), (g)	\$m	86.8	54.3	43.4	25.4	22.5	9.9	7.4	6.6	256.4
2001-02 (f), (g)	\$m	88.4	61.1	43.0	26.0	23.1	11.1	7.9	7.0	267.5
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
2001-02 (f), (g)	'000	1 827	2 453	907	421	771	278	176	104	6 936
Cost per support day (2001-02 dollars)										
1997-98	\$	62	25	48	56	40	45	43	51	42
1998-99 (f)	\$	64	24	44	72	44	49	52	50	43
1999-2000 (f)	\$	56	21	55	53	38	45	45	67	41
2000-01 (f), (g)	\$	59	23	54	49	35	52	50	50	41
2001-02 (f), (g)	\$	48	25	47	62	30	40	45	67	39

(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.178 Recurrent cost per completed support period, Australia (2001-02 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 (2001-02)										
1997-98	\$m	88.3	51.7	33.0	19.8	22.3	10.3	7.5	5.4	238.2
1998-99 (d)	\$m	87.5	52.6	34.7	23.9	24.0	10.5	7.5	5.5	246.2
1999-2000 (d)	\$m	80.4	50.2	41.0	25.2	22.4	10.2	7.5	6.1	249.2
2000-01 (d), (e)	\$m	86.8	54.3	43.4	25.4	22.5	9.9	7.4	6.6	256.4
2001-02	\$m	88.4	61.1	43.0	26.0	23.1	11.1	7.9	7.0	267.5
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
2001-02		43 000	39 100	38 900	13 000	12 100	5 000	2 300	4 500	158 000
Cost per completed support period (h) (2001-02 dollars)										
1997-98	\$	1 740	1 420	1 350	1 760	1 970	1 800	2 590	1 040	1 610
1998-99 (d)	\$	1 680	1 370	1 450	2 210	2 500	2 050	2 880	1 020	1 670
1999-2000 (d)	\$	1 700	1 350	1 770	2 190	2 490	2 010	2 770	1 420	1 770
2000-01 (d), (e)	\$	1 930	1 420	1 210	1 890	2 440	2 310	3 090	1 350	1 670
2001-02 (d), (e)	\$	2 050	1 560	1 100	2 000	1 910	2 230	3 450	1 550	1 690

(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.179

Table 15A.179 Recurrent cost per client accessing services, Australia (2001-02 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 (2001-02 dollars)										
1997-98	\$m	88.3	51.7	33.0	19.8	22.3	10.3	7.5	5.4	238.2
1998-99 (e)	\$m	87.5	52.6	34.7	23.9	24.0	10.5	7.5	5.5	246.2
1999-2000 (e)	\$m	80.4	50.2	41.0	25.2	22.4	10.2	7.5	6.1	249.2
2000-01 (e), (f)	\$m	86.8	54.3	43.4	25.4	22.5	9.9	7.4	6.6	256.4
2001-02	\$m	88.4	61.1	43.0	26.0	23.1	11.1	7.9	7.0	267.5
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
2001-02		25 200	28 200	17 300	8 600	8 200	3 500	1 800	2 900	95 600
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
2001-02	no.	25 200	28 200	17 300	8 600	8 200	3 500	1 800	2 900	95 600
Estimated cost per client (g) (2001-02 dollars)										
1997-98	\$	3 190	1 910	2 130	2 530	2 820	2 850	3 950	1 930	2 530
1998-99 (e)	\$	3 360	1 880	2 410	3 190	3 480	3 170	4 160	1 840	2 710
1999-2000 (e)	\$	3 280	1 830	2 740	3 070	3 250	3 100	3 930	2 180	2 770
2000-01 (e), (f)	\$	3 600	2 070	2 570	2 790	3 260	3 010	4 120	2 360	2 810
2001-02 (e), (f)	\$	3 510	2 170	2 480	3 020	2 810	3 180	4 410	2 410	2 800

(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.180 **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
2001-02 (c)	7.6	6.6	8.1	6.6	11.8	6.5	12.1	5.4	7.6
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
2001-02 (c)	13.2	19.3	13.1	11.4	25.7	20.2	15.7	9.5	15.8

(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.

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