

15A Protection and support services — attachment

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Table 15A.202 The extent that clients case management goals have been achieved

All jurisdiction data

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**State and Territory Government real recurrent
expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care
services (2006-07 dollars) (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Total real expenditure						
Child protection services						
NSW	\$'000	171 284	188 531	203 573	221 543	240 496
Vic	\$'000	97 105	98 143	100 572	102 293	107 046
Qld (c)	\$'000	94 663	102 144	127 561	144 505	159 956
WA (d), (e)	\$'000	12 870	21 160	25 013	27 026	31 104
SA (f)	\$'000	23 988	25 860	30 110	30 351	30 530
Tas (g)	\$'000	5 064	5 527	5 973	7 067	13 265
ACT (h)	\$'000	8 124	10 933	13 549	12 220	10 945
NT (i), (j)	\$'000	6 902	7 538	9 833	8 729	8 609
Australia (k)	\$'000	420 000	459 835	516 183	553 734	601 951
Out-of-home care services						
NSW	\$'000	259 660	304 047	307 109	310 208	364 688
Vic (l)	\$'000	153 220	157 451	190 411	193 462	199 672
Qld (c)	\$'000	101 459	118 471	176 557	216 893	263 232
WA (m), (n)	\$'000	68 103	79 589	77 252	79 391	88 983
SA (f)	\$'000	25 718	26 301	37 658	42 452	73 098
Tas (g), (o), (q)	\$'000	14 730	16 993	19 808	25 135	28 836
ACT (p)	\$'000	11 333	15 013	22 188	19 496	18 692
NT (j)	\$'000	7 046	11 075	12 407	17 802	19 185
Australia (k)	\$'000	641 268	728 941	843 389	904 838	1 056 386
Child protection and out-of-home care services						
NSW	\$'000	430 945	492 578	510 682	531 751	605 184
Vic (l)	\$'000	250 325	255 595	290 983	295 755	306 718
Qld	\$'000	196 121	220 615	304 117	361 398	423 188
WA (d), (m)	\$'000	80 973	100 749	102 266	106 417	120 087
SA (f)	\$'000	49 706	52 161	67 767	72 803	103 628
Tas	\$'000	19 794	22 521	25 780	32 202	42 100
ACT	\$'000	19 456	25 945	35 738	31 716	29 637
NT	\$'000	13 948	18 640	22 240	26 530	27 794
Australia	\$'000	1 061 268	1 188 804	1 359 573	1 458 573	1 658 336
Intensive family support services						
NSW	\$'000	53 334	57 455	55 788	58 985	68 070
Vic	\$'000	8 759	14 368	15 137	18 543	22 399
Qld (c)	\$'000	14 974	14 857	37 279	41 587	51 413
WA	\$'000	2 195	2 586	3 139	3 128	3 133
SA	\$'000	1 885	2 290	1 622	1 600	1 688
Tas (r)	\$'000	481	591	948	1 080	174
ACT	\$'000	150	406	561	621	1 032
NT	\$'000	na	na	na	na	417
Australia (k)	\$'000	81 777	92 554	114 475	125 543	148 326

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**State and Territory Government real recurrent
expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care
services (2006-07 dollars) (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Real expenditure per child (s)						
Child protection services						
NSW	\$	113.15	125.30	135.55	148.22	158.25
Vic	\$	88.93	89.96	92.13	93.35	95.82
Qld	\$	106.25	113.03	139.39	155.54	166.10
WA (d)	\$	28.24	46.37	54.80	58.56	65.56
SA	\$	72.94	79.06	92.76	93.50	92.67
Tas	\$	45.50	49.76	54.09	64.00	120.09
ACT	\$	110.99	151.29	189.25	171.30	152.13
NT	\$	122.06	133.58	174.60	153.42	147.56
Australia (k)	\$	92.88	101.68	114.00	121.85	129.60
Out-of-home care services						
NSW	\$	161.71	190.64	192.93	195.60	226.07
Vic	\$	132.15	136.05	164.42	166.33	168.12
Qld	\$	107.35	123.70	182.10	220.15	257.74
WA (m)	\$	140.47	164.02	159.18	161.79	176.41
SA	\$	73.48	75.64	109.16	122.98	208.44
Tas	\$	124.59	144.02	169.02	214.26	245.78
ACT	\$	145.29	195.23	291.51	256.87	243.68
NT	\$	118.50	186.71	209.27	297.66	311.39
Australia (k)	\$	133.58	151.95	175.62	187.60	214.15
Child protection and out-of-home care services						
NSW	\$	268.38	308.84	320.82	335.29	375.16
Vic	\$	215.90	220.86	251.26	254.28	258.25
Qld	\$	207.51	230.36	313.67	366.83	414.36
WA (d), (m)	\$	167.01	207.62	210.73	216.87	238.07
SA	\$	142.03	150.00	196.44	210.90	295.50
Tas	\$	167.42	190.86	219.98	274.51	358.84
ACT	\$	249.44	337.40	469.54	417.88	386.37
NT	\$	234.59	314.25	375.13	443.60	451.13
Australia	\$	221.06	247.82	283.11	302.41	336.18
Intensive family support services						
NSW	\$	33.22	36.02	35.05	37.19	42.20
Vic	\$	7.55	12.41	13.07	15.94	18.86
Qld	\$	15.84	15.51	38.45	42.21	50.34
WA	\$	4.53	5.33	6.47	6.37	6.21
SA	\$	5.38	6.59	4.70	4.63	4.81
Tas	\$	4.07	5.01	8.09	9.20	1.49
ACT	\$	1.92	5.28	7.37	8.18	13.45
NT	\$	na	na	na	na	6.77
Australia (k)	\$	17.25	19.54	24.14	26.36	30.07

Table 15A.1 State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services (2006-07 dollars) (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
(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)	Queensland expenditure from 2004-05 onwards reflects full absorption costing on an accrual accounting basis.					
(d)	Increased expenditure between 2002-03 and 2003-04 relates to: a redirection of caseworker time away from general family support services towards child protection as demonstrated by the recent staff Labour Time Allocation Survey; new funding for services mainly as a result of the Gordon Inquiry; first time inclusion of non-government funded child protection services in non-salary expenditure.					
(e)	Increase in expenditure in 2006-07 due to WA's revised definitions of child protection notifications which includes previously out of scope expenditure, and additional funding for new caseworkers and support staff.					
(f)	Figures from 2004-05 adjusted for correction.					
(g)	Expenditure has increased in 2006-07 due to the inclusion of case management salary costs that were previously reported in out-of-home care.					
(h)	The decrease in expenditure on child protection costs in 2005-06 can be attributed to the refinement of the methodology used to determine the costs to be included in this category.					
(i)	A simplified method of calculating salary expenses and umbrella and other department expenditure has been introduced which may account for variation in expenditure from 2004-05 to 2005-06.					
(j)	The change in split of caes between out-of-home care and child protection from 2004-05 to 2005-06 may be attributed to cases previously counted as out-of-home care even if child protection activity is still occurring, growth in out-of-home care cases and expansion of care options for more difficult/complex children where costs are higher.					
(k)	The Australian figure for total real expenditure represents the sum of figures for those jurisdictions able to provide data. The Australian figure for real expenditure per child represents the sum of expenditure for those jurisdictions divided by the sum of the residential population for the target groups (0–16 or 0–17 years).					
(l)	Victorian expenditure for 2004-05 includes additional funding for Aboriginal Family Decision Making, Adolescent Medication and Diversion and Foster Care Initiatives and data revisions.					
(m)	Increased expenditure between 2002-03 and 2003-04 relates to new funding for carer subsidies; the costs of looking after children in care; homelessness taskforce - non-government leaving care services; and new staff as a result of the Gordon Inquiry.					
(n)	A higher level of expenditure in 2006-07 is due to a 20 per cent increase in the number of children in the CEO's care compared to 2005-06, and additional funding for new caseworkers and support staff.					
(o)	In 2005-06, there was an increase in operational employee costs due to a large increase in staff numbers and an increase in the number of out-of-home care placements during the year.					
(p)	The decreased expenditure on out-of-home care costs compared to 2004-05 relates primarily to the exclusion of certain services costs not associated with the provision of out-of-home care. These costs have been included in previous years.					
(q)	In 2006-07 case management salary costs were removed from out-of-home care, and a new rostered care workforce was included.					

Table 15A.1

**State and Territory Government real recurrent
expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care
services (2006-07 dollars) (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
(r)	In 2005-06 there was a dedicated team for Intensive family support services. This team was disbanded in 2006-07 as a general family support program was funded with the expectation that this area would be reduced.					
(s)	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.					

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); tables 15A.28, 15A.29 and AA.26.

Table 15A.2

Table 15A.2 State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection services, per notification, per investigation and per substantiation (2006-07 dollars) (a), (b), (c)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Annual real recurrent expenditure on all child protection activities per notification					
NSW (d)	1 564	1 632	1 523	1 450	1 266
Vic (e)	2 580	2 656	2 680	2 693	2 768
Qld (f)	3 047	2 916	3 124	4 299	5 597
WA (g)	5 613	8 755	7 802	8 153	4 039
SA	1 785	1 734	1 723	2 014	1 656
Tas (h)	6 834	763	554	542	915
ACT	3 825	2 053	1 862	1 515	1 257
NT	4 442	3 852	4 680	3 049	2 877
Annual real recurrent expenditure on all child protection activities per investigation					
NSW (d)	3 784	na	3 476	2 916	2 105
Vic (e)	7 605	8 006	8 460	8 600	9 473
Qld (f)	3 615	3 484	3 670	4 432	5 597
WA	5 829	9 128	7 911	8 472	7 971
SA	3 885	4 012	4 795	6 268	5 258
Tas (h)	7 900	4 272	3 258	1 848	2 898
ACT	6 515	4 597	4 491	3 712	3 966
NT	7 755	7 031	8 333	7 304	5 709
Annual real recurrent expenditure on all child protection activities per substantiation					
NSW (d)	10 217	na	13 140	7 432	6 483
Vic (e)	13 326	13 241	13 594	13 525	15 678
Qld (f)	7 757	5 846	7 370	10 961	18 950
WA	14 494	21 859	22 657	28 152	25 226
SA	9 900	10 385	12 630	16 362	13 617
Tas (h)	23 773	12 945	7 638	8 912	10 595
ACT	26 206	17 353	11 170	9 569	12 846
NT	21 107	14 303	20 789	18 184	13 863

- (a) These data need to be interpreted with care. These data are based on total expenditure on child protection activities, they do not represent and cannot be interpreted as unit costs for notifications, investigations or substantiations. These data cannot be added together to determine overall cost of child protection services.
- (b) Refer to the notes to table 15A.1 and to table 15A.4 for information on the comparability of expenditure data.
- (c) 2006-07 data for some jurisdictions for 'annual real expenditure per investigation' and 'annual real expenditure per notification' may not be strictly comparable with previous years, due to the introduction of a new investigation category 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' in 2006-07. Cases where an investigation was closed and where no outcome was possible may previously have been recorded as 'dealt with by other means' or 'investigations in process'.
- (d) NSW was able to provide limited data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.

Table 15A.2 State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on child protection services, per notification, per investigation and per substantiation (2006-07 dollars) (a), (b), (c)

	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
(e)	During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, <i>the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005</i> which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.				
(f)	Where 2006-07 data for Queensland are provided, these data are preliminary and will be revised in 2008.				
(g)	The number of notifications increased between 2005-06 and 2006-07 as all Concern for Child Wellbeing reports are now classified as a notification. Previously, only those that were followed by an investigation were counted as a notification. 'Expenditure per notification' in 2006-07 is therefore not comparable with previous years.				
(h)	Data on notifications, investigations and substantiations for 2003-04 should not be compared to previous years. This is because of a change in recording practices due to the centralisation of the intake service, known as the Child Protection Advice and Referral Service. Now every call about a child is recorded as a notification, whereas previously, workers made the decision locally about whether the call was in fact a notification based on the risk to the child.				
	na Not available.				

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table AA26.

Table 15A.3

Table 15A.3 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on out-of-home care services (2006-07 dollars) (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Real expenditure						
Residential out-of-home care services						
NSW	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	\$'000	71 355	75 000	81 821	80 958	83 442
Qld	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na
WA	\$'000	23 836	27 856	27 038	27 787	32 034
SA	\$'000	3 785	3 863	8 598	8 625	11 626
Tas	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na
ACT	\$'000	2 239	2 966	9 918	8 154	8 360
NT	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na
Non-residential out-of-home care services						
NSW	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	\$'000	81 865	82 451	108 590	112 505	116 230
Qld	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na
WA	\$'000	44 267	51 733	50 214	51 604	56 949
SA	\$'000	21 933	22 438	29 059	33 827	61 472
Tas	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na
ACT	\$'000	9 093	12 047	12 271	11 342	10 332
NT	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na
All out-of-home care services						
NSW	\$'000	259 660	304 047	307 109	310 208	364 688
Vic	\$'000	153 220	157 451	190 411	193 462	199 672
Qld	\$'000	101 459	118 471	176 557	216 893	263 232
WA	\$'000	68 103	79 589	77 252	79 391	88 983
SA	\$'000	25 718	26 301	37 658	42 452	73 098
Tas	\$'000	14 730	16 993	19 808	25 135	28 836
ACT	\$'000	11 333	15 013	22 188	19 496	18 692
NT	\$'000	7 046	11 075	12 407	17 802	19 185
Real expenditure per child in out-of-home care at 30 June (c)						
Residential out-of-home care services						
NSW	\$	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	\$	169 893	197 369	224 167	233 307	247 602
Qld	\$	na	na	na	na	na
WA	\$	175 265	173 020	218 052	248 100	230 460
SA	\$	82 277	83 979	214 956	172 495	82 454
Tas	\$	na	na	na	na	na
ACT	\$	60 524	114 067	177 101	189 630	190 000
NT	\$	na	na	na	na	na

Table 15A.3

Table 15A.3 **State and Territory Government real recurrent expenditure on out-of-home care services (2006-07 dollars) (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Non-residential out-of-home care services						
NSW	\$	na	na	na	na	na
Vic	\$	22 810	21 136	27 006	25 471	24 867
Qld	\$	na	na	na	na	na
WA	\$	30 677	34 978	31 015	29 089	26 574
SA	\$	18 293	19 597	23 530	24 655	41 932
Tas	\$	na	na	na	na	na
ACT	\$	38 368	45 980	43 361	33 456	29 520
NT	\$	na	na	na	na	na
All out-of-home care services						
NSW	\$	30 067	33 247	33 273	31 347	30 794
Vic	\$	37 870	36 540	43 197	40 355	39 523
Qld	\$	26 791	26 846	31 210	36 912	43 625
WA	\$	42 169	47 346	42 238	40 341	37 530
SA	\$	20 657	21 845	28 335	28 358	43 563
Tas	\$	31 474	34 894	34 389	36 801	43 232
ACT	\$	40 912	50 378	64 876	50 247	46 847
NT	\$	31 596	42 928	38 294	50 574	48 325

(a) Refer to the notes to table 15A.1 and to table 15A.4 for information on the comparability of expenditure data.

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

(c) These data need to be interpreted with care because they do not represent and cannot be interpreted as unit cost measures. Expenditure per child in care at 30 June overstates the cost per child because significantly more children are in care during a year than at a point in time. In addition, these data do not reflect the length of time that a child spends in care.

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table AA.26.

Table 15A.4

Table 15A.4 **Comparability of government recurrent expenditure — items included, 2006-07**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Superannuation								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Method	Accrual	Accrual	Accrual	Accrual	Accrual	Funding	Accrual	Funding
Workers compensation								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Payroll tax								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
Termination and long service leave								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Method	Other	Accruing	Accruing	Accruing	Actual	Actual	Accruing	Other
Sick leave								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Method	Actual	Actual	Actual	na	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
Depreciation								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	na
Rent								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	na
Utilities								
Included	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	na
Umbrella department costs								
Included	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Method	Dept formula	na	Dept formula	Dept formula	Budget	Other	Dept formula	Dept formula

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 15A.5

Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, 2006-07 (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>
Indigenous children									
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	9 401	730	1 454	479	625	47	151	454
Not substantiated	no.	11 200	365	na	447	965	19	164	287
Total finalised	no.	20 601	1 095	na	926	1 590	66	315	741
Investigations in process (c)	no.	593	82	na	379	13	61	28	181
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)	no.	3 470	–	na	48	–	26	26	95
Total investigations	no.	24 664	1 177	4 463	1 353	1 603	153	369	1 017
Dealt with by other means (e)	no.	8 612	1 709	na	1 246	2 457	292	566	851
Total notifications	no.	33 276	2 886	4 463	2 599	4 060	445	935	1 868
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	28.3	25.3	32.6	18.4	15.4	10.6	16.1	24.3
Not substantiated	%	33.7	12.6	na	17.2	23.8	4.3	17.5	15.4
Total finalised	%	61.9	37.9	na	35.6	39.2	14.8	33.7	39.7
Investigations in process (c)	%	1.8	2.8	na	14.6	0.3	13.7	3.0	9.7
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)	%	10.4	–	na	1.8	–	5.8	2.8	5.1
Total investigations	%	74.1	40.8	100.0	52.1	39.5	34.4	39.5	54.4
Dealt with by other means	%	25.9	59.2	na	47.9	60.5	65.6	60.5	45.6
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children									
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	27 693	6 098	6 987	754	1 617	1 205	701	167
Not substantiated	no.	44 435	3 344	na	1 252	2 524	566	1 400	197
Total finalised	no.	72 128	9 442	na	2 006	4 141	1 771	2 101	364
Investigations in process (c)	no.	2 653	684	na	441	62	1 742	240	69
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)	no.	14 809	–	na	102	–	911	50	58
Total investigations	no.	89 590	10 126	24 117	2 549	4 203	4 424	2 391	491
Dealt with by other means (e)	no.	67 062	25 663	na	2 552	10 171	9 629	5 384	633
Total notifications	no.	156 652	35 789	24 117	5 101	14 374	14 053	7 775	1 124
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	17.7	17.0	29.0	14.8	11.2	8.6	9.0	14.9
Not substantiated	%	28.4	9.3	na	24.5	17.6	4.0	18.0	17.5
Total finalised	%	46.0	26.4	na	39.3	28.8	12.6	27.0	32.4

Table 15A.5

Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, 2006-07 (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>
Investigations in process (c)	%	1.7	1.9	na	8.6	0.4	12.4	3.1	6.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)	%	9.5	–	na	2.0	–	6.5	0.6	5.2
Total investigations	%	57.2	28.3	100.0	50.0	29.2	31.5	30.8	43.7
Dealt with by other means (e)	%	42.8	71.7	na	50.0	70.8	68.5	69.2	56.3
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children									
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	no.	37 094	6 828	8 441	1 233	2 242	1 252	852	621
Not substantiated	no.	55 635	3 709	na	1 699	3 489	585	1 564	484
Total finalised	no.	92 729	10 537	na	2 932	5 731	1 837	2 416	1 105
Investigations in process (c)	no.	3 246	763	na	820	75	1 803	268	250
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)	no.	18 279	–	na	150	–	937	76	153
Total investigations	no.	114 254	11 300	28 580	3 902	5 806	4 577	2 760	1 508
Dealt with by other means (e)	no.	75 674	27 375	na	3 798	12 628	9 921	5 950	1 484
Total notifications	no.	189 928	38 675	28 580	7 700	18 434	14 498	8 710	2 992
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations									
Investigations finalised by 31 August									
Substantiated	%	19.5	17.7	29.5	16.0	12.2	8.6	9.8	20.8
Not substantiated	%	29.3	9.6	na	22.1	18.9	4.0	18.0	16.2
Total finalised	%	48.8	27.2	na	38.1	31.1	12.7	27.7	36.9
Investigations in process (c)	%	1.7	2.0	na	10.6	0.4	12.4	3.1	8.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)	%	9.6	–	na	1.9	–	6.5	0.9	5.1
Total investigations	%	60.2	29.2	100.0	50.7	31.5	31.6	31.7	50.4
Dealt with by other means (e)	%	39.8	70.8	na	49.3	68.5	68.4	68.3	49.6
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

(b) A number of changes have been made since the 2007 Report. See footnotes (c) - (e).

(c) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.

(d) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons. Prior to 2006-07, these cases may previously have been recorded as 'Dealt with by other means'.

(e) 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. Prior to 2006-07, some of the cases recorded as 'Dealt with by other means' may have been cases where the investigation was closed with no outcome possible. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'no investigation possible/no action'.

Table 15A.5 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, 2006-07 (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>
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na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tables 15A.31, 15A.48, 15A.65, 15A.82, 15A.99, 15A.116, 15A.133 and 15A.150.

Table 15A.6

Table 15A.6 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, 2006-07 (number) (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								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	556	236	na	502	125	33	23	147
Had prior admissions to orders	357	121	na	80	100	75	30	44
Total children admitted	913	357	na	582	225	108	53	191
Children discharged from orders	458	283	na	157	72	28	24	172
Non-Indigenous								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	1 870	1 651	na	661	307	266	98	76
Had prior admissions to orders	712	926	na	119	356	208	110	37
Total children admitted	2 582	2 577	na	780	663	474	208	113
Children discharged from orders	1 509	2 227	na	265	214	268	129	88
All children								
Children admitted to orders								
Admitted for the first time	2 426	1 887	na	1 163	432	299	121	223
Had prior admissions to orders	1 069	1 047	na	199	456	283	140	81
Total children admitted	3 495	2 934	na	1 362	888	582	261	304
Children discharged from orders	1 967	2 510	na	422	286	296	153	260

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

na Not available.

Source: Tables 15A.32, 15A.49, 15A.66, 15A.83, 15A.100, 15A.117, 15A.134 and 15A.151.

Table 15A.7

Table 15A.7 **Children on care and protection orders by type of order and Indigenous status, at 30 June 2007 (number) (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	2 505	436	na	818	416	134	98	274
Finalised supervisory orders	na	164	na	23	..	6	6	–
Interim and temporary orders	375	23	na	250	24	24	9	26
Other/not stated	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	2 880	623	1 690	1 091	440	164	113	300
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders								
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	6 614	3 905	na	1 206	1 379	620	337	134
Finalised supervisory orders	na	1 463	na	42	..	26	53	–
Interim and temporary orders	1 145	188	na	290	62	87	71	17
Other/not stated	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	7 759	5 556	4 466	1 538	1 441	733	461	151
Number of all children on orders								
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	9 119	4 341	na	2 024	1 795	754	435	408
Finalised supervisory orders	na	1 627	na	65	..	32	59	–
Interim and temporary orders	1 520	211	na	540	86	111	80	43
Other/not stated	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	10 639	6 179	6 156	2 629	1 881	897	574	451

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

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

Source: Tables 15A.33, 15A.50, 15A.67, 15A.84, 15A.101, 15A.118, 15A.135 and 15A.152.

Table 15A.8

Table 15A.8 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, 2006-07 (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 (b)									
Number of children									
Indigenous	13 534	2 058	3 502	2 262	2 222	146	382	1 632	25 738
Non-Indigenous	85 128	28 183	20 546	4 654	9 773	7 180	4 185	948	160 597
All children	98 662	30 241	24 048	6 916	11 995	7 326	4 567	2 580	186 335
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	221.0	167.1	59.2	77.3	197.6	18.8	210.4	69.6	124.8
Non-Indigenous	58.4	25.5	22.9	10.5	30.7	70.0	59.9	27.3	36.3
All children	64.9	27.1	25.2	14.6	36.4	66.4	63.7	44.3	40.2
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations									
Number of children									
Indigenous	8 568	1 012	na	922	1 036	42	159	782	12 521
Non-Indigenous	37 659	8 927	na	1 995	3 201	1 123	1 296	391	54 592
All children	46 227	9 939	na	2 917	4 237	1 165	1 455	1 173	67 113
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years (c)									
Indigenous	139.9	82.1	na	31.5	92.1	5.4	87.6	33.4	85.1
Non-Indigenous	25.8	8.1	na	4.5	10.1	11.0	18.5	11.3	15.5
All children	30.4	8.9	na	6.2	12.9	10.6	20.3	20.2	18.2
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations									
Number of children									
Indigenous	3 276	697	1 203	438	439	31	75	395	6 554
Non-Indigenous	10 414	5 891	6 138	716	1 314	768	483	145	25 869
All children	13 690	6 588	7 341	1 154	1 753	799	558	540	32 423
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years									
Indigenous	53.5	56.6	20.3	15.0	39.0	4.0	41.3	16.8	31.8
Non-Indigenous	7.1	5.3	6.9	1.6	4.1	7.5	6.9	4.2	5.8
All children	9.0	5.9	7.7	2.4	5.3	7.2	7.8	9.3	7.0
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders at 30 June 2007									
Number of children									
Indigenous	2 880	623	1 690	1 091	440	164	113	300	7 301
Non-Indigenous	7 759	5 556	4 466	1 538	1 441	733	461	151	22 105
All children	10 639	6 179	6 156	2 629	1 881	897	574	451	29 406
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years									
Indigenous	44.5	47.6	27.0	35.2	36.9	19.9	58.9	12.1	33.4
Non-Indigenous	5.0	4.7	4.7	3.2	4.3	6.7	6.2	4.1	4.7
All children	6.6	5.2	6.0	5.2	5.4	7.6	7.5	7.3	6.0

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

Table 15A.8 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, 2006-07 (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>
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(b) Data on the number of notifications by Indigenous status should be interpreted with care. These data are collected very early in the child protection process and often before the agency has full knowledge of the child's family circumstances. As a result of this lack of full knowledge and the other inherent difficulties in identifying Indigenous status, these data are not considered to have a high level of reliability.

(c) The Australian rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years for Indigenous, non-Indigenous and all children does not include Queensland.

na Not available.

Source: Tables 15A.28, 15A.29, 15A.34, 15A.51, 15A.68, 15A.85, 15A.102, 15A.119, 15A.136 and 15A.153.

Table 15A.9

Table 15A.9 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, 2005-06 (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>
Subject of a substantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 128	149	na	34	116	45	95	9
Proportion of children (d)	%	4.0	4.0	na	2.0	4.7	6.4	10.4	1.6
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 303	568	na	89	334	95	194	33
Proportion of children (d)	%	11.7	15.4	na	5.1	13.6	13.5	21.2	5.8

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

(b) Jurisdictions are now providing the denominator for this indicator. Previously the denominator was derived by the AIHW. Data in this Report may therefore differ from previous Reports.

(c) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

na Not available.

Source: Tables 15A.35, 15A.52, 15A.69, 15A.86, 15A.103, 15A.120, 15A.137 and 15A.150.

Table 15A.10

Table 15A.10 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, 2005-06 (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>
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months									
Number of children	no.	1 340	80	na	22	126	64	132	25
Proportion of children (c)	%	10.6	1.1	na	1.7	8.6	7.8	14.9	4.1
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months									
Number of children	no.	3 041	778	na	79	314	151	244	69
Proportion of children (c)	%	24.0	10.5	na	6.2	21.5	18.3	27.6	11.3

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

(b) Jurisdictions are now providing the denominator for this indicator. Previously the denominator was derived by the AIHW. Data in this Report may therefore differ from previous Reports.

(c) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

na Not available.

Source: Tables 15A.36, 15A.53, 15A.70, 15A.87, 15A.104, 15A.121, 15A.138 and 15A.155.

Table 15A.11 Proportion of children on guardianship/custody orders achieving the national reading and numeracy benchmarks, Year 3 level, 2003 (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>Reading</i>		<i>Numeracy</i>	
	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>
Victoria	94.8 (85.6–98.9)	90.4 (88.3–92.5)	93.5 (84.3–98.2)	95.8 (95.3–96.3)
Queensland	81.5 (73.9–87.6)	93.8 (92.2–95.4)	77.7 (69.9–84.3)	92.1 (90.5–93.7)
SA	60.0 (44.3–74.3)	89.7 (88.1–91.3)	75.6 (60.5–87.1)	90.1 (88.4–91.8)
Tasmania (e)	92.9 (66.1–99.8)	96.4 (95.6–97.2)	73.3 (44.9–92.2)	93.9 (92.5–95.3)
ACT (e)	57.1 (18.4–90.1)	96.2 (95.3–97.1)	100.0 (59.0–100.0)	95.2 (94.1–96.3)

- (a) Benchmark calculations for children on guardianship/custody orders include only government school students, whereas all students calculations include government school and non-government school students.
- (b) Benchmark calculations for children on guardianship/custody orders exclude students who were exempt from the tests, whereas all student calculations include exempted students and these students are reported as falling below the benchmark.
- (c) The methods used to calculate percentages and confidence intervals of children who are on guardianship/custody orders who have achieved national benchmark achievement levels is not the same as the method used by MCEETYA to report all student results. Confidence intervals have been calculated for children on guardianship/custody orders using the exact 95% confidence limits, which have been approximated to an F distribution. For the all students estimates, the methods used by MCEETYA for calculating confidence intervals involve specifically developed software, accounting for some sources of error in the measurement and estimation process, and are reliant on having data for large cohorts of students.
- (d) Data are only available for five jurisdictions (Victoria, Queensland, SA, Tasmania and the ACT).
- (e) Care should be taken when interpreting the results for Tasmania and the ACT, as the number of children on guardianship/custody orders in these jurisdictions are very small.

Source: AIHW (2007) *Educational outcomes of children on guardianship or custody orders. A pilot study.* AIHW cat.no. CWS 30.

Table 15A.12 Proportion of children on guardianship/custody orders achieving the national reading and numeracy benchmarks, Year 5 level, 2003 (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>Reading</i>		<i>Numeracy</i>	
	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>
Victoria	77.1 (62.7–88.0)	89.6 (88.4–90.8)	84.9 (72.4–93.3)	94.7 (94.0–95.4)
Queensland	52.2 (44.1–60.2)	81.4 (78.9–83.9)	63.6 (55.7–71.0)	86.3 (84.7–87.9)
SA	65.6 (52.3–77.3)	88.6 (87.2–90.0)	68.9 (55.7–80.1)	90.7 (89.5–91.9)
Tasmania (e)	94.4 (72.7–99.9)	95.2 (94.3–96.1)	66.7 (41.0–86.7)	92.4 (91.2–93.6)
ACT (e)	85.7 (42.1–99.6)	96.1 (95.0–97.2)	66.7 (22.3–95.7)	91.9 (90.2–93.6)

- (a) Benchmark calculations for children on guardianship/custody orders include only government school students, whereas all students calculations include government school and non-government school students.
- (b) Benchmark calculations for children on guardianship/custody orders exclude students who were exempt from the tests, whereas all student calculations include exempted students and these students are reported as falling below the benchmark.
- (c) The methods used to calculate percentages and confidence intervals of children who are on guardianship/custody orders who have achieved national benchmark achievement levels is not the same as the method used by MCEETYA to report all student results. Confidence intervals have been calculated for children on guardianship/custody orders using the exact 95% confidence limits, which have been approximated to an F distribution. For the all students estimates, the methods used by MCEETYA for calculating confidence intervals involve specifically developed software, accounting for some sources of error in the measurement and estimation process, and are reliant on having data for large cohorts of students.
- (d) Data are only available for five jurisdictions (Victoria, Queensland, SA, Tasmania and the ACT).
- (e) Care should be taken when interpreting the results for Tasmania and the ACT, as the number of children on guardianship/custody orders in these jurisdictions are very small.

Source: AIHW (2007) *Educational outcomes of children on guardianship or custody orders. A pilot study.* AIHW cat.no. CWS 30.

Table 15A.13 Proportion of children on guardianship/custody orders achieving the national reading and numeracy benchmarks, Year 7 level, 2003 (per cent) (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<i>Reading</i>		<i>Numeracy</i>	
	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>	<i>Children on orders</i>	<i>All students</i>
Victoria	78.1 (66.0–87.5)	90.3 (89.7–90.9)	53.5 (41.3–65.5)	85.8 (85.1–86.5)
Queensland	65.6 (57.6–73.0)	89.3 (88.2–90.4)	57.6 (49.5–65.4)	85.2 (84.6–85.8)
SA	79.0 (66.8–88.3)	92.9 (92.3–93.5)	61.3 (48.1–73.4)	85.2 (84.4–86.0)
Tasmania (e)	50.0 (27.2–72.8)	88.3 (87.2–89.4)	45.0 (23.1–68.5)	80.6 (79.5–81.7)
ACT (e)	100.0 (54.1–100.0)	91.4 (90.3–92.5)	42.9 (9.9–81.6)	86.4 (84.8–88.0)

- (a) Benchmark calculations for children on guardianship/custody orders include only government school students, whereas all students calculations include government school and non-government school students.
- (b) Benchmark calculations for children on guardianship/custody orders exclude students who were exempt from the tests, whereas all student calculations include exempted students and these students are reported as falling below the benchmark.
- (c) The methods used to calculate percentages and confidence intervals of children who are on guardianship/custody orders who have achieved national benchmark achievement levels is not the same as the method used by MCEETYA to report all student results. Confidence intervals have been calculated for children on guardianship/custody orders using the exact 95% confidence limits, which have been approximated to an F distribution. For the all students estimates, the methods used by MCEETYA for calculating confidence intervals involve specifically developed software, accounting for some sources of error in the measurement and estimation process, and are reliant on having data for large cohorts of students.
- (d) Data are only available for five jurisdictions (Victoria, Queensland, SA, Tasmania and the ACT).
- (e) Care should be taken when interpreting the results for Tasmania and the ACT, as the number of children on guardianship/custody orders in these jurisdictions are very small.

Source: AIHW (2007) *Educational outcomes of children on guardianship or custody orders. A pilot study.* AIHW cat.no. CWS 30.

Table 15A.14

Table 15A.14 **Children in out-of-home care: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years by Indigenous status, 2006-07 (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	3 689	626	1 724	978	405	113	89	268	7 892
Non-Indigenous	8 154	4 426	4 310	1 393	1 273	554	310	129	20 549
All children	11 843	5 052	6 034	2 371	1 678	667	399	397	28 441
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Indigenous	57.0	47.8	27.5	31.6	34.0	13.7	46.4	10.8	36.1
Non-Indigenous	5.3	3.8	4.5	2.9	3.8	5.1	4.1	3.5	4.4
All children	7.3	4.3	5.9	4.7	4.8	5.7	5.2	6.4	5.8
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year									
Number of children in care									
Indigenous	4 234	988	2 244	1 226	600	158	121	452	10 023
Non-Indigenous	9 832	6 797	5 836	1 765	1 669	806	551	228	27 484
All children	14 066	7 785	8 080	2 991	2 269	964	672	680	37 507
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population									
Indigenous	65.6	75.8	36.0	39.7	50.5	19.2	63.4	18.2	46.1
Non-Indigenous	6.4	5.8	6.1	3.7	4.9	7.4	7.4	6.2	5.8
All children	8.7	6.6	8.0	6.0	6.5	8.2	8.8	11.1	7.6

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

Source: Tables 15A.28, 15A.29, 15A.38, 15A.55, 15A.72, 15A.89, 15A.106, 15A.123, 15A.140 and 15A.157.

Table 15A.15

Table 15A.15 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and placement type, 30 June 2007 (number) (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	43	42	29	50	18	10	10	9
Family group homes	..	..	..	33	–	4	..	17
Home based care								
Foster care	1 107	296	1 046	304	199	69	36	169
Relative/kinship care	2 526	260	649	573	180	27	43	45
Other home based care	–	26	–	–	–	2	–	–
Total home based	3 633	582	1 695	877	379	98	79	214
Independent living (incl. private board)	13	2	–	5	4	–	–	1
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	13	4	1	–	27
Total Indigenous children	3 689	626	1 724	978	405	113	89	268
Non-Indigenous								
Residential care	220	295	152	89	123	25	34	–
Family group homes	..	..	..	14	–	26	..	4
Home based care								
Foster care	3 634	2 301	2 802	822	711	328	164	87
Relative/kinship care	4 254	1 521	1 356	444	373	128	107	13
Other home based care	–	270	–	–	3	43	–	–
Total home based	7 888	4 092	4 158	1 266	1 087	499	271	100
Independent living (incl. private board)	46	39	–	12	5	–	4	3
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	12	58	4	1	22
Total non-Indigenous children	8 154	4 426	4 310	1 393	1 273	554	310	129
All children								
Residential care	263	337	181	139	141	35	44	9
Family group homes	..	..	..	47	–	30	..	21
Home based care								
Foster care	4 741	2 597	3 848	1 126	910	397	200	256
Relative/kinship care	6 780	1 781	2 005	1 017	553	155	150	58
Other home based care	–	296	–	–	3	45	–	–
Total home based	11 521	4 674	5 853	2 143	1 466	597	350	314
Independent living (incl. private board)	59	41	–	17	9	–	4	4
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	25	62	5	1	49
Total children	11 843	5 052	6 034	2 371	1 678	667	399	397

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

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

Source: Tables 15A.39, 15A.56, 15A.73, 15A.90, 15A.107, 15A.124, 15A.141 and 15A.158.

Table 15A.16

Table 15A.16 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, 30 June 2007 (number) (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								
Care and protection order	2 719	475	na	935	354	111	86	268
Another type of order	–	7	–	–	15	–	–	..
Not on an order	970	144	na	43	36	2	3	..
Total Indigenous children	3 689	626	1 724	978	405	113	89	268
Non-Indigenous								
Care and protection order	7 100	3 322	na	1 327	1 109	547	292	129
Another type of order	–	219	–	–	83	2	4	..
Not on an order	1 054	885	na	66	81	5	14	..
Total non-Indigenous children	8 154	4 426	4 310	1 393	1 273	554	310	129
All children								
Care and protection order	9 819	3 797	na	2 262	1 463	658	378	397
Another type of order	–	226	–	–	98	2	4	..
Not on an order	2 024	1 029	na	109	117	7	17	..
Total all children	11 843	5 052	6 034	2 371	1 678	667	399	397

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

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

Source: Tables 15A.40, 15A.57, 15A.74, 15A.91, 15A.108, 15A.125, 15A.142 and 15A.159.

Table 15A.17

Table 15A.17 **Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June 2007 (number) (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	44	15	na	na	1	na	3	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	81	17	na	23	24	6	2	89
1 to less than 6 months	444	65	na	136	63	13	6	30
6 months to less than 1 year	445	112	na	125	60	14	12	34
1 to less than 2 years	584	130	na	154	71	32	18	35
2 to less than 5 years	921	171	na	256	103	30	27	55
5 years or more	1 170	116	na	284	83	18	21	25
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	3 645	611	na	978	404	113	86	268
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	3 689	626	1 724	978	405	113	89	268
Non-Indigenous								
Respite	71	68	na	na	7	na	6	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	206	92	na	33	73	21	4	59
1 to less than 6 months	890	379	na	174	224	50	45	18
6 months to less than 1 year	944	647	na	146	192	83	32	29
1 to less than 2 years	1 077	903	na	197	214	104	45	10
2 to less than 5 years	1 987	1 141	na	374	313	183	94	7
5 years or more	2 979	1 196	na	469	250	113	84	6
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	8 083	4 358	na	1 393	1 266	554	304	129
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	8 154	4 426	4 310	1 393	1 273	554	310	129
All children								
Respite	115	83	na	na	8	na	9	na
Non-respite								
Less than 1 month	287	109	na	56	97	27	6	148
1 to less than 6 months	1 334	444	na	310	287	63	51	48
6 months to less than 1 year	1 389	759	na	271	252	97	44	63
1 to less than 2 years	1 661	1 033	na	351	285	136	63	45
2 to less than 5 years	2 908	1 312	na	630	416	213	121	62
5 years or more	4 149	1 312	na	753	333	131	105	31
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	11 728	4 969	na	2 371	1 670	667	390	397
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	11 843	5 052	6 034	2 371	1 678	667	399	397

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

Table 15A.17 Children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, 30 June 2007 (number) (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>
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na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tables 15A.41, 15A.58, 15A.75, 15A.92, 15A.109, 15A.126, 15A.143 and 15A.160.

Table 15A.18

Table 15A.18 **Children who exited care during the year 2006-07 by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care (number) (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	159	181	na	20	56	12	2	na
6 months to less than 1 year	57	57	na	23	21	10	1	na
1 to less than 2 years	38	53	na	9	10	5	3	na
2 to less than 5 years	66	44	na	20	16	4	4	na
5 years or more	69	18	na	35	12	1	1	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	na
Total Indigenous children	389	353	na	107	115	32	11	na
Non-Indigenous								
1 to less than 6 months	424	748	na	39	101	79	35	na
6 months to less than 1 year	187	329	na	31	39	25	6	na
1 to less than 2 years	171	296	na	23	36	24	24	na
2 to less than 5 years	176	250	na	50	37	17	18	na
5 years or more	207	116	na	68	37	12	14	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	na
Total non-Indigenous children	1 165	1 739	na	211	250	157	97	na
All children								
1 to less than 6 months	583	929	na	59	157	91	37	na
6 months to less than 1 year	244	386	na	54	60	35	7	na
1 to less than 2 years	209	349	na	32	46	29	27	na
2 to less than 5 years	242	294	na	70	53	21	22	na
5 years or more	276	134	na	103	49	13	15	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	na
Total all children	1 554	2 092	na	318	365	189	108	na

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

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tables 15A.42, 15A.59, 15A.76, 15A.93, 15A.110, 15A.127, 15A.144 and 15A.161.

Table 15A.19

Table 15A.19 **Children in out-of-home care placed with relatives/kin by Indigenous status, 30 June (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>
2007										
Number of children at 30 June										
Indigenous	no.	2 526	260	649	573	180	27	43	45	4 303
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 254	1 521	1 356	444	373	128	107	13	8 196
All children	no.	6 780	1 781	2 005	1 017	553	155	150	58	12 499
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Indigenous	%	68.5	41.5	37.6	58.6	44.4	23.9	48.3	16.8	54.5
Non-Indigenous	%	52.2	34.4	31.5	31.9	29.3	23.1	34.5	10.1	39.9
All children	%	57.2	35.3	33.2	42.9	33.0	23.2	37.6	14.6	43.9
2006										
Number of children at 30 June										
Indigenous	no.	1 951	233	521	452	137	20	39	44	3 397
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 585	1 383	1 129	356	222	128	103	13	6 919
All children	no.	5 536	1 616	1 650	808	359	148	142	57	10 316
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Indigenous	%	67.3	42.2	34.8	59.0	38.2	20.4	47.6	17.8	52.3
Non-Indigenous	%	51.2	32.6	25.8	29.6	19.5	21.9	33.7	12.4	36.5
All children	%	55.9	33.7	28.1	41.1	24.0	21.7	36.6	16.2	40.5
2005										
Number of children at 30 June										
Indigenous	no.	1 751	214	458	400	82	19	21	45	2 990
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 541	1 121	1 053	337	182	107	92	12	6 445
All children	no.	5 292	1 335	1 511	737	264	126	113	57	9 435
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Indigenous	%	68.9	40.7	35.9	57.8	28.7	24.4	35.0	20.6	52.7
Non-Indigenous	%	53.0	28.9	24.0	29.6	17.4	21.5	32.6	11.3	35.8
All children	%	57.3	30.3	26.7	40.3	19.9	21.9	33.0	17.6	39.8
2004										
Number of children at 30 June										
Indigenous	no.	1 685	196	368	319	52	16	29	44	2 709
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 392	1 149	727	304	142	97	82	16	5 909
All children	no.	5 077	1 345	1 095	623	194	113	111	60	8 618
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June										
Indigenous	%	68.5	36.9	38.4	54.3	22.0	29.1	50.0	25.1	53.5
Non-Indigenous	%	50.7	30.4	21.0	27.8	14.7	22.5	34.2	19.3	35.3
All children	%	55.5	31.2	24.8	37.1	16.1	23.2	37.2	23.3	39.5

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

Source: Tables 15A.43, 15A.60, 15A.77, 15A.94, 15A.111, 15A.128, 15A.145 and 15A.162.

Table 15A.20

Table 15A.20 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June 2007 (a), (b)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June										
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care										
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	2 233	125	463	512	140	9	29	89	3 600
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	293	102	186	82	40	15	14	na	732
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	2 526	227	649	594	180	24	43	89	4 332
Other Indigenous carer	no.	637	103	403	156	136	16	16	61	1 528
Indigenous residential care	no.	12	19	3	21	—	—	2	—	57
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	649	122	406	177	136	16	18	61	1 585
Total children	no.	3 175	349	1 055	771	316	40	61	150	5 917
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care										
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	470	199	643	133	63	58	20	118	1 704
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	31	16	26	62	18	10	8	—	171
Total children	no.	501	215	669	195	81	68	28	118	1 875
Independent living/unknown	no.	13	62	—	12	8	5	—	—	100
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	3 689	626	1 724	978	405	113	89	268	7 892
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June										
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care										
Indigenous relative/kin	%	60.7	22.2	26.9	53.0	35.3	8.3	32.6	33.2	46.2
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	8.0	18.1	10.8	8.5	10.1	13.9	15.7	na	9.4
Total placed with relative/kin	%	68.7	40.2	37.6	61.5	45.3	22.2	48.3	33.2	55.6
Other Indigenous carer	%	17.3	18.3	23.4	16.1	34.3	14.8	18.0	22.8	19.6
Indigenous residential care	%	0.3	3.4	0.2	2.2	—	—	2.2	—	0.7
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	17.7	21.6	23.5	18.3	34.3	14.8	20.2	22.8	20.3
Total children	%	86.4	61.9	61.2	79.8	79.6	37.0	68.5	56.0	75.9
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care										

Table 15A.20

Table 15A.20 Indigenous children in out-of-home care by relationship of caregiver, 30 June 2007 (a), (b)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	12.8	35.3	37.3	13.8	15.9	53.7	22.5	44.0	21.9
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	0.8	2.8	1.5	6.4	4.5	9.3	9.0	–	2.2
Total children	%	13.6	38.1	38.8	20.2	20.4	63.0	31.5	44.0	24.1
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

(b) The denominator for calculating the proportion of children excludes Indigenous children living independently and those whose living arrangements were unknown.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tables 15A.44, 15A.61, 15A.78, 15A.95, 15A.112, 15A.129, 15A.146 and 15A.163.

Table 15A.21

Table 15A.21 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care and in a home-based placement by Indigenous status, 30 June 2007 (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>
Number of children										
Indigenous	no.	2 563	403	1 315	709	271	79	57	178	5 575
Non-Indigenous	no.	5 373	2 571	2 874	900	749	376	186	79	13 108
All children	no.	7 936	2 974	4 189	1 609	1 020	455	243	257	18 683
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care										
Indigenous	%	99.9	97.1	99.8	92.4	96.4	97.5	100.0	89.4	98.1
Non-Indigenous	%	99.6	97.7	98.7	94.9	89.8	94.7	97.4	84.0	97.8
All children	%	99.7	97.6	99.0	93.8	91.5	95.2	98.0	87.7	97.9

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

Source: Tables 15A.45, 15A.62, 15A.79, 15A.96, 15A.113, 15A.130, 15A.147 and 15A.164.

Table 15A.22

Table 15A.22 Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements, by the length of time in out-of-home care (number) (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>
2006-07									
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care									
1 placement	344	236	na	24	22	40	24	na	690
2 placements	90	84	na	8	4	25	6	na	217
3 placements	13	43	na	3	3	12	3	na	77
4-5 placements	9	17	na	1	4	12	3	na	46
6-10 placements	1	-	na	1	2	1	1	na	6
11 or more placements	-	-	na	-	-	-	-	na	-
Unknown	-	-	na	-	-	-	-	na	-
Total children	457	380	na	37	35	90	37	na	1 036
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care									
1 placement	110	117	na	14	14	13	5	na	273
2 placement	48	67	na	9	12	7	-	na	143
3 placement	20	36	na	11	3	8	1	na	79
4-5 placement	4	19	na	2	6	6	1	na	38
6-10 placements	-	5	na	-	2	1	-	na	8
11 or more placements	-	-	na	-	-	-	-	na	-
Unknown	-	-	na	-	-	-	-	na	-
Total children	182	244	na	36	37	35	7	na	541
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care									
1 placement	85	96	na	4	15	2	9	na	211
2 placement	36	54	na	8	4	4	8	na	114
3 placement	20	62	na	5	7	7	2	na	103
4-5 placement	12	42	na	2	6	10	5	na	77
6-10 placements	7	14	na	1	8	6	2	na	38
11 or more placements	-	-	na	-	-	-	-	na	-
Unknown	-	-	na	-	-	-	-	na	-
Total children	160	268	na	20	40	29	26	na	543
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care									
1 placement	68	47	na	11	14	2	8	na	150
2 placement	60	54	na	17	4	1	3	na	139
3 placement	34	40	na	12	9	3	2	na	100
4-5 placement	24	53	na	11	8	8	4	na	108
6-10 placements	14	48	na	6	12	7	3	na	90
11 or more placements	1	13	na	2	2	-	2	na	20
Unknown	-	-	na	-	-	-	-	na	-
Total children	201	255	na	59	49	21	22	na	607

Table 15A.22

Table 15A.22 Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements, by the length of time in out-of-home care (number) (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>
5 years or more in out-of-home care									
1 placement	44	33	na	8	9	–	2	na	96
2 placement	49	17	na	23	6	1	4	na	100
3 placement	43	18	na	18	6	1	–	na	86
4–5 placement	38	14	na	12	5	6	5	na	80
6–10 placements	39	18	na	17	13	3	3	na	93
11 or more placements	15	8	na	16	7	2	–	na	48
Unknown	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	na	–
Total children	228	108	na	94	46	13	14	na	503
All children									
1 placement	651	529	na	61	74	57	48	na	1 420
2 placements	283	276	na	65	30	38	21	na	713
3 placements	130	199	na	49	28	31	8	na	445
4–5 placements	87	145	na	28	29	42	18	na	349
6–10 placements	61	85	na	25	37	18	9	na	235
11 or more placements	16	21	na	18	9	2	2	na	68
Unknown	–	–	na	–	–	–	–	na	–
Total children	1 228	1 255	na	246	207	188	106	na	3 230
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	592	504	na	55	52	85	35	na	1 323
3 or more placements	47	120	na	18	20	40	9	na	254
Total children	639	624	na	73	72	125	44	na	1 577
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	92.6	80.8	na	75.3	72.2	68.0	79.5	na	83.9
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	342	301	na	71	52	10	34	na	810
3 or more placements	247	330	na	102	83	53	28	na	843
Total children	589	631	na	173	135	63	62	na	1 653
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	58.1	47.7	na	41.0	38.5	15.9	54.8	na	49.0

Table 15A.22

Table 15A.22 Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements, by the length of time in out-of-home care (number) (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>
2005-06									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	540	487	482	19	33	76	60	21	1 718
3 or more placements	48	76	79	4	16	37	15	25	300
Total children	588	563	561	23	49	113	75	46	2 018
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	91.8	86.5	85.9	82.6	67.3	67.3	80.0	45.7	85.1
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	364	300	319	68	70	23	36	7	1 187
3 or more placements	270	230	349	100	74	48	17	7	1 095
Total children	634	530	668	168	144	71	53	14	2 282
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	57.4	56.6	47.8	40.5	48.6	32.4	67.9	50.0	52.0
2004-05									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	560	585	526	21	29	na	89	24	1 834
3 or more placements	37	85	52	6	10	na	2	4	196
Total children	597	670	578	27	39	na	91	28	2 030
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	93.8	87.3	91.0	77.8	74.4	na	97.8	85.7	90.3
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	418	318	279	85	48	na	30	17	1 195
3 or more placements	294	245	212	92	76	na	13	12	944
Total children	712	563	491	177	124	na	43	29	2 139
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent	58.7	56.5	56.8	48.0	38.7	na	69.8	58.6	55.9

Table 15A.22

Table 15A.22 Children on a care and protection order and exiting out-of-home care during the year by number of placements, by the length of time in out-of-home care (number) (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>
2003-04									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	na	454	328	28	48	na	35	38	931
3 or more placements	na	72	77	3	12	na	11	10	185
Total children	na	526	405	31	60	na	46	48	1 116
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
	na	86.3	81.0	90.3	80.0	na	76.1	79.2	83.4
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	na	292	183	53	45	na	11	5	589
3 or more placements	na	148	179	72	98	na	6	3	506
Total children	na	440	362	125	143	na	17	8	1 095
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
	na	66.4	50.6	42.4	31.5	na	64.7	62.5	53.8
2002-03									
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	390	459	467	20	34	na	10	21	1 401
3 or more placements	58	62	62	2	15	na	12	2	213
Total children	448	521	529	22	49	na	22	23	1 614
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
	87.1	88.1	88.3	90.9	69.4	na	45.5	91.3	86.8
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements									
1–2 placements	372	263	228	69	48	na	10	5	995
3 or more placements	99	124	141	62	83	na	3	12	524
Total children	471	387	369	131	131	na	13	17	1 519
Proportion of children in 1–2 placements, per cent									
	79.0	68.0	61.8	52.7	36.6	na	76.9	29.4	65.5

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

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Tables 15A.46, 15A.63, 15A.80, 15A.97, 15A.114, 15A.131, 15A.148 and 15A.165.

Table 15A.23

Table 15A.23 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, 2006-07 (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	na	na	13	8	na	3	na
Proportion of children (b)	%	na	na	na	0.4	0.4	na	0.4	na
Other children									
Number of children	no.	na	na	na	2 978	2 261	na	669	na
Proportion of children (b)	%	na	na	na	99.6	99.6	na	99.6	na
All children in out-of-home care	no.	na	na	8 080	2 991	2 269	na	672	na

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

(b) Proportion of all children in out-of-home care.

na Not available.

Source: Tables 15A.47, 15A.64, 15A.81, 15A.98, 15A.115, 15A.132, 15A.149 and 15A.166.

Table 15A.24 Intensive family support services: total real recurrent expenditure, number of children aged 0-17 years commencing intensive family support services and real recurrent expenditure per child (2006-07 dollars) (a)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust (b)
Real recurrent expenditure on intensive family support services										
2002-03	\$'000	53 334	8 759	14 974	2 195	1 885	481	150	na	81 777
2003-04	\$'000	57 455	14 368	14 857	2 586	2 290	591	406	na	92 554
2004-05	\$'000	55 788	15 137	37 279	3 139	1 622	948	561	na	114 475
2005-06	\$'000	58 985	18 543	41 587	3 128	1 600	1 080	621	na	125 543
2006-07	\$'000	68 070	22 399	51 413	3 133	1 688	174	1 032	417	148 326
Number of children aged 0-17 years commencing intensive family support services										
2002-03	no.	138	1 115	128	387	255	71	123	na	2 217
2003-04	no.	128	1 392	99	296	250	63	116	na	2 344
2004-05	no.	151	1 502	290	446	89	45	128	na	2 651
2005-06	no.	229	2 008	288	449	99	52	na	57	3 182
2006-07	no.	265	1 741	1 240	498	60	53	418	61	4 336
Real recurrent expenditure per child commencing intensive family support services										
2002-03	\$'000	386.5	7.9	117.0	5.7	7.4	6.8	1.2	na	36.9
2003-04	\$'000	448.9	10.3	150.1	8.7	9.2	9.4	3.5	na	39.5
2004-05	\$'000	369.5	10.1	128.5	7.0	18.2	21.1	4.4	na	43.2
2005-06	\$'000	257.6	9.2	144.4	7.0	16.2	20.8	na	na	39.5
2006-07	\$'000	256.9	12.9	41.5	6.3	28.1	3.3	2.5	6.8	34.2

(a) The service must average at least 4 hours of service provision per week for a specified short-term period (usually less than six months).

(b) The Australian figure for total real expenditure represents the sum of figures for those jurisdictions able to provide data. The Australian figure for real expenditure per child represents the sum of expenditure for those jurisdictions able to provide data divided by the number of children aged 0-17 years commencing intensive family support services. In previous Reports, data were divided by the sum of the residential population for the target group.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW, *Intensive Family Support Services Australia* data collection (unpublished); Table 15A.1.

Table 15A.25

Table 15A.25 Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by Indigenous status and gender (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 children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support service by Indigenous status								
2002-03								
Indigenous	38	97	17	58	78	6	19	na
Non-Indigenous	100	1 018	111	329	177	65	104	na
All children	138	1 115	128	387	255	71	123	na
2003-04								
Indigenous	54	84	20	97	80	14	17	na
Non-Indigenous	74	1 308	79	199	170	49	99	na
All children	128	1 392	99	296	250	63	116	na
2004-05								
Indigenous	55	148	20	188	23	15	12	na
Non-Indigenous	96	839	79	258	66	30	116	na
All children	151	1 502	290	446	89	45	128	na
2005-06								
Indigenous	123	661	195	163	6	2	na	35
Non-Indigenous	106	1 347	93	286	93	50	na	22
All children	229	2 008	288	449	99	52	na	57
2006-07								
Indigenous	165	210	888	175	21	3	82	29
Non-Indigenous	100	1 531	352	323	39	50	336	32
All children	265	1 741	1 240	498	60	53	418	61
Number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by sex								
2002-03								
Male	64	390	64	193	142	33	65	na
Female	74	309	64	194	113	38	58	na
Unknown	–	416	–	–	–	–	–	na
Total	138	1 115	128	387	255	71	123	na
2003-04								
Male	68	345	42	128	128	31	61	na
Female	60	285	57	114	121	32	55	na
Unknown	–	762	–	54	1	–	–	na
Total	128	1 392	99	296	250	63	116	na
2004-05								
Male	84	552	57	249	35	29	17	na
Female	67	433	42	197	54	16	15	na
Unknown	–	517	–	–	–	–	96	na
Total	151	1 502	290	446	89	45	128	na

Table 15A.25 **Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by Indigenous status and gender (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>
2005-06								
Male	122	444	150	230	54	25	na	32
Female	107	387	138	217	45	27	na	25
Unknown	–	1 177	–	2	–	–	na	–
Total	229	2 008	288	449	99	52	na	57
2006-07								
Male	131	704	535	245	36	23	227	32
Female	134	610	620	246	24	30	191	29
Unknown	–	427	85	7	–	–	–	–
Total	265	1 741	1 240	498	60	53	418	61

(a) The service must average at least 4 hours of service provision per week for a specified short-term period (usually less than six months).

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), *Intensive Family Support Services Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.26

Table 15A.26 Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by age (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>
2002-03								
0–4	37	659	54	187	92	13	41	na
5–9	63	252	34	112	76	25	36	na
10–14	33	167	27	–	68	27	39	na
15–17	5	37	13	–	12	6	7	na
Unknown	–	–	–	88	7	–	–	na
Total	138	1 115	128	387	255	71	123	na
2003-04								
0–4	58	795	42	116	81	18	42	na
5–9	42	258	33	82	83	21	32	na
10–14	26	289	23	39	70	23	34	na
15–17	2	49	1	5	7	1	5	na
Unknown	–	1	–	54	9	–	3	na
Total	128	1 392	99	296	250	63	116	na
2004-05								
0–4	46	762	42	177	40	15	5	na
5–9	58	198	33	162	29	18	3	na
10–14	37	159	23	94	17	10	21	na
15–17	10	23	1	9	3	2	10	na
Unknown	–	360	–	4	–	–	89	na
Total	151	1 502	290	446	89	45	128	na
2005-06								
0–4	92	987	114	209	51	14	na	23
5–9	66	252	80	133	31	17	na	16
10–14	59	202	60	91	15	20	na	13
15–17	12	31	14	12	2	1	na	5
Unknown	–	536	20	4	–	–	na	–
Total	229	2 008	288	449	99	52	na	57
2006-07								
0–4	106	408	328	235	22	15	150	23
5–9	58	333	442	144	19	28	151	19
10–14	73	464	278	78	16	8	86	15
15–17	28	117	106	38	3	2	31	4
Unknown	–	419	86	3	–	–	–	–
Total	265	1 741	1 240	498	60	53	418	61

(a) The service must average at least 4 hours of service provision per week for a specified short-term period (usually less than six months).

(b) For WA, age is broken down by 0–4 years, 5–8 years, 9–12 years and 12 years and over. WA data for 9–12 years and 12 years and over are included in 'unknown'.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Table 15A.26 **Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years commencing intensive family support services by age (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>
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Source: AIHW, *Intensive Family Support Services Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.27

Table 15A.27 Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by living situation at commencement of the program (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>
2002-03								
Family care, child living with:								
Parent(s)	138	1 041	99	na	na	57	101	na
Other relatives/kin	–	1	8	na	na	3	12	na
Child in out-of-home care	–	26	–	na	na	3	8	na
Child in shared care	–	13	21	na	na	–	1	na
Other	–	13	–	na	na	8	1	na
Not available	–	39	–	na	na	–	–	na
Total	138	1 120	128	387	255	71	123	na
2003-04								
Family care, child living with:								
Parent(s)	104	1 122	58	150	na	60	91	na
Other relatives/kin	3	4	–	17	na	1	9	na
Child in out-of-home care	12	79	39	75	na	2	12	na
Child in shared care	–	1	2	–	na	–	4	na
Other	9	4	–	–	na	–	–	na
Not available	–	182	–	54	na	–	–	na
Total	128	1 392	99	296	na	63	116	na
2004-05								
Family care, child living with:								
Parent(s)	125	1 160	58	342	na	28	103	na
Other relatives/kin	17	44	–	17	na	–	11	na
Child in out-of-home care	9	291	39	84	na	12	–	na
Child in shared care	–	–	2	1	na	5	9	na
Other	–	5	–	2	na	–	4	na
Not available	–	8	–	–	na	–	1	na
Total	151	1 508	290	446	89	45	128	na
2005-06								
Family care, child living with:								
Parent(s)	186	1 430	207	329	–	30	na	49
Other relatives/kin	5	–	28	26	–	10	na	1
Child in out-of-home care	4	527	46	82	89	6	na	5
Child in shared care	34	2	–	4	–	6	na	–
Other	–	41	–	8	–	–	na	2
Not available	–	8	7	–	10	–	na	–
Total	229	2 008	288	449	99	52	na	57

Table 15A.27

Table 15A.27 Intensive family support services: number of children aged 0–17 years in intensive family support services by living situation at commencement of the program (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>
2006-07								
Family care, child living with:								
Parent(s)	239	1 103	556	415	–	43	403	59
Other relatives/kin	21	1	93	10	–	–	4	–
Child in out-of-home care	4	336	557	46	60	4	11	2
Child in shared care	–	4	14	1	–	6	–	–
Other	1	129	6	13	–	–	–	–
Not available	–	168	14	13	–	–	–	–
Total	265	1 741	1 240	498	60	53	418	61

(a) The service must average at least 4 hours of service provision per week for a specified short-term period (usually less than six months).

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW, *Intensive Family Support Services Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.28

Table 15A.28 Target population data used for annual data, December ('000) (a)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous children					
NSW	59.8	60.3	60.7	61.1	61.2
Vic	12.1	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.3
Qld	56.6	57.3	58.0	58.4	59.1
WA	28.5	28.7	28.9	29.1	29.3
SA	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.2	11.2
Tas	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.7
ACT	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.8
NT	22.9	23.1	23.3	23.3	23.4
Australia	200.3	202.1	203.7	204.8	206.2
Non-Indigenous children					
NSW	1 454.7	1 451.6	1 446.0	1 441.0	1 458.6
Vic	1 078.1	1 079.1	1 080.9	1 081.8	1 104.4
Qld	836.2	845.0	854.0	864.7	895.5
WA	426.9	427.0	428.5	430.0	443.1
SA	318.7	316.6	314.0	312.8	317.8
Tas	103.6	103.3	102.7	102.5	102.6
ACT	71.7	70.7	69.8	69.4	69.9
NT	31.2	33.2	33.1	33.4	34.7
Australia	4 321.2	4 326.5	4 329.0	4 335.7	4 426.6
All children					
NSW	1 514.6	1 511.9	1 506.6	1 502.0	1 519.8
Vic	1 090.2	1 091.2	1 093.2	1 094.1	1 116.7
Qld	892.8	902.3	912.0	923.1	954.6
WA	455.4	455.8	457.4	459.1	472.4
SA	329.6	327.6	325.2	323.9	329.1
Tas	111.2	111.0	110.4	110.3	110.3
ACT	73.4	72.4	71.6	71.2	71.7
NT	54.2	56.3	56.3	56.8	58.2
Australia	4 521.5	4 528.6	4 532.7	4 540.5	4 632.8
Children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous children					
NSW	62.8	63.3	63.8	64.2	64.6
Vic	12.7	12.8	12.9	13.0	13.0
Qld	59.2	60.1	60.9	61.2	62.3
WA	30.0	30.2	30.5	30.7	30.9
SA	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.9
Tas	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.2
ACT	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.9
NT	24.2	24.4	24.5	24.6	24.8
Australia	210.2	212.4	214.4	215.4	217.6

Table 15A.28

Table 15A.28 Target population data used for annual data, December ('000) (a)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Non-Indigenous children					
NSW	1 542.2	1 538.7	1 533.0	1 528.6	1 548.0
Vic	1 143.1	1 144.2	1 146.8	1 148.1	1 173.6
Qld	887.1	896.2	905.4	917.4	949.8
WA	453.8	454.3	455.9	457.5	471.2
SA	338.9	336.6	333.9	332.7	338.3
Tas	110.1	109.8	109.1	108.9	108.9
ACT	76.3	75.2	74.3	73.9	74.6
NT	32.8	34.9	34.8	35.1	36.6
Australia	4 584.4	4 589.9	4 593.2	4 602.1	4 700.9
All children					
NSW	1 605.0	1 602.0	1 596.8	1 592.8	1 612.6
Vic	1 155.7	1 157.0	1 159.7	1 161.0	1 186.6
Qld	946.4	956.3	966.3	978.6	1 012.1
WA	483.8	484.5	486.4	488.1	502.1
SA	350.5	348.3	345.6	344.4	350.2
Tas	118.2	117.9	117.3	117.1	117.1
ACT	78.1	77.1	76.2	75.7	76.5
NT	57.0	59.2	59.3	59.7	61.4
Australia	4 794.6	4 802.3	4 807.6	4 817.6	4 918.5

(a) Indigenous and non-Indigenous numbers have been supplied by AIHW derived from ABS data sources.

Source: ABS (unpublished) Australian demographic statistics 31 March and 31 December; ABS (unpublished) Australian population projections.

Table 15A.29

Table 15A.29 **Target population data used for end of financial year data, March ('000) (a)**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous children					
NSW	60.1	60.5	60.8	61.5	61.4
Vic	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.4	12.4
Qld	57.0	57.7	58.3	59.3	59.4
WA	28.6	28.8	29.0	29.3	29.3
SA	11.0	11.1	11.2	11.3	11.3
Tas	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.8
ACT	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
NT	23.0	23.2	23.3	23.5	23.5
Australia	201.2	202.9	204.5	206.8	206.8
Non-Indigenous children					
NSW	1 453.7	1 444.2	1 441.0	1 433.2	1 458.4
Vic	1 079.8	1 078.8	1 079.4	1 083.5	1 104.8
Qld	833.9	846.0	856.8	869.8	903.6
WA	427.0	427.5	427.5	432.3	445.1
SA	317.9	316.0	313.4	313.4	318.2
Tas	103.6	103.4	102.7	102.6	102.7
ACT	71.5	70.5	69.8	69.5	70.1
NT	33.5	33.2	33.0	33.4	34.9
Australia	4 320.9	4 319.6	4 323.6	4 337.6	4 437.8
All children					
NSW	1 513.8	1 504.7	1 501.9	1 494.7	1 519.8
Vic	1 091.9	1 091.0	1 091.6	1 095.9	1 117.2
Qld	890.9	903.7	915.1	929.1	963.0
WA	455.7	456.4	456.5	461.5	474.4
SA	328.9	327.1	324.6	324.6	329.4
Tas	111.3	111.1	110.4	110.4	110.5
ACT	73.2	72.3	71.6	71.3	71.9
NT	56.5	56.4	56.3	56.9	58.3
Australia	4 522.2	4 522.6	4 528.0	4 544.4	4 644.6
Children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous children					
NSW	63.1	63.5	64.0	64.8	64.7
Vic	12.7	12.8	12.9	13.1	13.1
Qld	59.7	60.5	61.3	62.4	62.6
WA	30.1	30.4	30.6	30.9	31.0
SA	11.6	11.7	11.8	11.9	11.9
Tas	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2
ACT	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9

Table 15A.29

Table 15A.29 **Target population data used for end of financial year data, March ('000) (a)**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
NT	24.2	24.5	24.6	24.8	24.8
Australia	211.3	213.4	215.3	218.0	218.3
Non-Indigenous children					
NSW	1 542.6	1 531.4	1 527.8	1 521.1	1 548.4
Vic	1 146.7	1 144.4	1 145.2	1 150.0	1 174.6
Qld	885.4	897.2	908.3	922.8	958.7
WA	454.7	454.9	454.7	459.8	473.4
SA	338.4	336.0	333.2	333.3	338.8
Tas	110.1	109.8	109.0	109.1	109.1
ACT	76.2	75.1	74.2	74.0	74.8
NT	35.2	34.9	34.7	35.0	36.8
Australia	4 589.4	4 583.7	4 587.0	4 605.2	4 714.5
All children					
NSW	1 605.7	1 594.9	1 591.8	1 585.9	1 613.1
Vic	1 159.4	1 157.3	1 158.1	1 163.1	1 187.7
Qld	945.1	957.7	969.6	985.2	1 021.3
WA	484.8	485.3	485.3	490.7	504.4
SA	350.0	347.7	345.0	345.2	350.7
Tas	118.2	118.0	117.2	117.3	117.3
ACT	78.0	76.9	76.1	75.9	76.7
NT	59.5	59.3	59.3	59.8	61.6
Australia	4 800.7	4 797.1	4 802.3	4 823.2	4 932.9

(a) Indigenous and non-Indigenous numbers have been supplied by AIHW derived from ABS data sources.

Source: ABS (unpublished) Australian demographic statistics 31 March and 31 December; ABS (unpublished) Australian population projections.

Table 15A.30

Table 15A.30 **Out-of-home care services unit costs, 2006-07 (a), (b)**

	NSW (c)	Vic	Qld (d)	WA	SA	Tas (e)	ACT	NT
Real expenditure on out-of-home care services (\$'000)	364 688	199 672	263 232	88 983	73 098	28 836	18 692	19 185
Placement days in out-of-home care (no.) (f)	na	1 900 120	na	783 609	594 451	235 828	141 613	134 057
Out-of-home care program expenditure per placement day (\$)	na	105.1	na	113.6	123.0	122.3	132.0	143.1

- (a) These data should not be interpreted as unit costs for Activity Group 8 (Provision of out-of-home care services) as they are derived using reported program expenditure and not activity group expenditure.
- (b) Caution should be used when interpreting results due to the variability of activities that are included in out-of-home care services.
- (c) Comparable data for NSW were not available.
- (d) Data on placement days were unable to be reported due to the recent transition to a new information management system.
- (e) Children in facility based care placements contribute to a significant proportion of out-of-home care services expenditure, and may inflate the average unit cost.
- (f) A placement day in out-of-home care only counts children who stay overnight in an out-of-home care placement.

na Not available.

Source: State and Territory Governments (unpublished).

Single jurisdiction data — NSW

Table 15A.31

Table 15A.31 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	3 051	na	3 140	6 868	9 401
Carer/family issues	no.	93	na	na	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	1 245	na	3 871	7 110	11 200
Total finalised	no.	4 389	na	7 011	13 978	20 601
Investigations in process (f)	no.	2 614	na	3 759	1 480	593
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	3 470
Total investigations	no.	7 003	na	10 770	15 458	24 664
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	..	..	8 612
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	6 586	na	9 560	9 531	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	–	na	–	–	..
Total notifications	no.	13 589	na	20 330	24 989	33 276
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	22.5	na	15.4	27.5	28.3
Carer/family issues	%	0.7	na	na	..	..
Not substantiated	%	9.2	na	19.0	28.5	33.7
Total finalised	%	32.3	na	34.5	55.9	61.9
Investigations in process (f)	%	19.2	na	18.5	5.9	1.8
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	10.4
Total investigations	%	51.5	na	53.0	61.9	74.1
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	..	..	25.9
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	48.5	na	47.0	38.1	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	–	na	–	–	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	na	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	13 714	na	12 353	22 941	27 693
Carer/family issues	no.	535	na	na	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	7 825	na	21 620	32 415	44 435
Total finalised	no.	22 074	na	33 973	55 356	72 128
Investigations in process (f)	no.	16 188	na	13 829	5 166	2 653
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	14 809

Table 15A.31

Table 15A.31 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Total investigations	no.	38 262	na	47 802	60 522	89 590
Dealt with by other means (h)		..	..	..	..	67 062
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	57 647	na	65 504	67 295	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	–	na	–	–	..
Total notifications	no.	95 909	na	113 306	127 817	156 652
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	14.3	na	10.9	17.9	17.7
Carer/family issues	%	0.6	na	na	..	..
Not substantiated	%	8.2	na	19.1	25.4	28.4
Total finalised	%	23.0	na	30.0	43.3	46.0
Investigations in process (f)	%	16.9	na	12.2	4.0	1.7
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	9.5
Total investigations	%	39.9	na	42.2	47.4	57.2
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	..	..	42.8
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	60.1	na	57.8	52.6	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	–	na	–	–	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	na	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	16 765	na	15 493	29 809	37 094
Carer/family issues	no.	628	na	na	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	9 070	na	25 491	39 525	55 635
Total finalised	no.	26 463	na	40 984	69 334	92 729
Investigations in process (f)	no.	18 802	na	17 588	6 646	3 246
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	18 279
Total investigations	no.	45 265	na	58 572	75 980	114 254
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	..	..	75 674
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	64 233	na	75 064	76 826	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	–	na	–	–	..
Total notifications	no.	109 498	115 541	133 636	152 806	189 928
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	15.3	na	11.6	19.5	19.5

Table 15A.31

Table 15A.31 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Carer/family issues	%	0.6	na	na	..	..
Not substantiated	%	8.3	na	19.1	25.9	29.3
Total finalised	%	24.2	na	30.7	45.4	48.8
Investigations in process (f)	%	17.2	na	13.2	4.3	1.7
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	9.6
Total investigations	%	41.3	na	43.8	49.7	60.2
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	39.8
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	58.7	na	56.2	50.3	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	–	na	–	–	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the 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.
- (c) Notifications 'dealt with by other means' includes the provision of advice, referral to support services or referral to the police.
- (d) NSW was able to provide limited data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.
- (e) 'Carer/family issues' includes children where no actual harm is determined but carer/family issues were involved.
- (f) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (g) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (h) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. Prior to 2006-07, some of the cases recorded as 'dealt with by other means' may have been cases where the investigation was closed with no outcome possible. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.

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

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.32

Table 15A.32 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, New South Wales (number) (a)**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	464	na	391	521	556
Had prior admissions to orders	262	na	231	302	357
Total children admitted	726	na	622	823	913
Children discharged from orders	507	na	505	545	458
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	1 471	na	1327	1556	1 870
Had prior admissions to orders	792	na	588	598	712
Total children admitted	2 263	na	1 915	2 154	2 582
Children discharged from orders	1 767	na	1 720	1 589	1 509
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	1 935	na	1718	2077	2 426
Had prior admissions to orders	1054	na	819	900	1 069
Total children admitted	2 989	na	2 537	2 977	3 495
Children discharged from orders	2 274	na	2 225	2 134	1 967

(a) In 2003-04, NSW was unable to provide data due to ongoing implementation of the new reporting system.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.33

Table 15A.33 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, New South Wales (number) (a), (b)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	1 958	na	1 914	2 114	2 505
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	292	na	199	295	375
Other/not stated	15	na	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	2 265	na	2 113	2 409	2 880
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	5 915	na	5 836	5 949	6 614
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	769	na	671	855	1 145
Other/not stated	26	na	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	6 710	na	6 507	6 804	7 759
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	7 873	na	7 750	8 063	9 119
Finalised supervisory orders	na	na	na	na	na
Interim and temporary orders	1 061	na	870	1 150	1 520
Other/not stated	41	na	–	–	–
Total all children	8 975	na	8 620	9 213	10 639

(a) Data exclude children on 'finalised supervisory orders'.

(b) In 2003-04, NSW was unable to provide data due to ongoing implementation of the new reporting system.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.34

Table 15A.34 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)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	6 328	na	9 310	11 063	13 534
Non-Indigenous	59 293	na	67 952	73 293	85 128
All children	65 621	70 571	77 262	84 356	98 662
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	105.7	na	153.5	181.2	221.0
Non-Indigenous	40.8	na	47.0	50.9	58.4
All children	43.3	46.7	51.3	56.2	64.9
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	2 675	na	3 946	6 326	8 568
Non-Indigenous	15 136	na	22 963	30 880	37 659
All children	17 811	na	26 909	37 206	46 227
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	44.7	na	65.1	103.6	139.9
Non-Indigenous	10.4	na	15.9	21.4	25.8
All children	11.8	na	17.9	24.8	30.4
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 910	na	1 642	2 696	3 276
Non-Indigenous	9 524	na	7 556	9 931	10 414
All children	11 434	na	9 198	12 627	13 690
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	31.9	na	27.1	44.2	53.5
Non-Indigenous	6.5	na	5.2	6.9	7.1
All children	7.5	na	6.1	8.4	9.0
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	2 265	na	2 113	2 409	2 880
Non-Indigenous	6 710	na	6 507	6 804	7 759
All children	8 975	na	8 620	9 213	10 639
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	35.9	na	33.0	37.2	44.5
Non-Indigenous	4.3	na	4.3	4.5	5.0
All children	5.6	na	5.4	5.8	6.6

Table 15A.34 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)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
(a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000.					
(c) NSW was able to provide limited data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.					

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Subject of a substantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	221	na	na	751	1 128
Proportion of children (c)	%	2.2	na	na	3.8	4.0
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	777	na	na	2 309	3 303
Proportion of children (c)	%	7.6	na	na	11.6	11.7

- (a) NSW was unable to provide data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system. As this indicator is calculated using two years of data, 2002-03 rates are also not available for NSW.
- (b) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years. Data for 2005-06 are not directly comparable to previous years.
- (c) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.
na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.36 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, New South Wales (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	394	na	na	692	1 340
Proportion of children (c)	%	5.3	na	na	7.5	10.6
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	976	na	na	1 825	3 041
Proportion of children (c)	%	13.2	na	na	19.8	24.0

(a) NSW was unable to provide data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system. As this indicator is calculated using two years of data, 2002-03 rates are also not available for NSW.

(b) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years. Data for 2005-06 are not directly comparable with previous years.

(c) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.37

Table 15A.37 Resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate, New South Wales (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Resubstantiation rate (b)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	5.3	na	na	7.5	10.6
Proportion within 12 months	%	13.2	na	na	19.8	24.0
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate (b)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	2.2	na	na	3.8	4.0
Proportion within 12 months	%	7.6	na	na	11.6	11.7

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	63.4	na	37.8	43.0	40.0

(a) NSW was unable to provide data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system. As this indicator is calculated using two years of data, 2002-03 rates are also not available for NSW.

(b) The counting rule for resubstantiation rate and substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years. Data for 2005-06 are not directly comparable with previous years.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.38

Table 15A.38 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)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	2 375	2 459	2 543	2 897	3 689
Non-Indigenous	6 261	6 686	6 687	6 999	8 154
All children	8 636	9 145	9 230	9 896	11 843
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)					
Indigenous	37.7	38.7	39.7	44.7	57.0
Non-Indigenous	4.1	4.4	4.4	4.6	5.3
All children	5.4	5.7	5.8	6.2	7.3
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	3 159	na	3 134	3 496	4 234
Non-Indigenous	9 153	na	8 530	8 707	9 832
All children	12 312	na	11 664	12 203	14 066
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)					
Indigenous	50.3	na	49.1	54.5	65.6
Non-Indigenous	5.9	na	5.6	5.7	6.4
All children	7.7	na	7.3	7.7	8.7

- (a) Data prior to 2004 on children in out-of-home care include the following categories of children even if they do not meet the definition of 'out-of-home care': wards, children under a guardianship order, protected persons (including overseas adoptees) and pre-adoption placements.
- (b) NSW was able to provide limited data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.
- (c) 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000.
- (d) 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 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.39

Table 15A.39 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, New South Wales (number) (a)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Residential care	44	46	49	52	43
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	594	710	734	886	1 107
Relative/kinship care	1 662	1 685	1 751	1 951	2 526
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	2 256	2 395	2 485	2 837	3 633
Independent living (incl. private board)	16	17	9	8	13
Other (incl. unknown)	59	1	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	2 375	2 459	2 543	2 897	3 689
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	223	250	219	206	220
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	2 374	2 923	2 886	3 173	3 634
Relative/kinship care	3 267	3 392	3 541	3 585	4 254
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	5 641	6 315	6 427	6 758	7 888
Independent living (incl. private board)	103	113	41	35	46
Other (incl. unknown)	294	8	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	6 261	6 686	6 687	6 999	8 154
All children					
Residential care	267	296	268	258	263
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	2 968	3 633	3 620	4 059	4 741
Relative/kinship care	4 929	5 077	5 292	5 536	6 780
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	7 897	8 710	8 912	9 595	11 521
Independent living (incl. private board)	119	130	50	43	59
Other (incl. unknown)	353	9	–	–	–
Total all children	8 636	9 145	9 230	9 896	11 843

(a) In 2002-03, the category 'Family group homes' was separated from the category 'Residential care'.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.40

Table 15A.40 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, New South Wales (number) (a), (b)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	2 016	na	2 008	2 289	2 719
Another type of order	–	na	–	–	–
Not on an order	359	na	535	608	970
Total Indigenous children	2 375	2 459	2 543	2 897	3 689
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	5 772	na	5 929	6 264	7 100
Another type of order	–	na	–	–	–
Not on an order	489	na	758	735	1 054
Total non-Indigenous children	6 261	6 686	6 687	6 999	8 154
All children					
Care and protection order	7 788	na	7 937	8 553	9 819
Another type of order	–	na	–	–	–
Not on an order	848	na	1 293	1 343	2 024
Total all children	8 636	9 145	9 230	9 896	11 843

(a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; 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) NSW was able to provide limited data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.41

Table 15A.41 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 (number) (a), (b)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Respite	233	na	75	38	44
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	38	na	36	21	81
1 to less than 6 months	226	na	234	848	444
6 months to less than 1 year	233	na	214	168	445
1 to less than 2 years	271	na	345	312	584
2 to less than 5 years	771	na	769	706	921
5 years or more	594	na	866	804	1 170
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	–
Total non-respite	2 133	na	2 464	2 859	3 645
Not stated/unknown	9	na	4	–	–
Total Indigenous children	2 375	2 459	2 543	2 897	3 689
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	622	na	105	88	71
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	96	na	118	85	206
1 to less than 6 months	595	na	586	1 793	890
6 months to less than 1 year	565	na	600	435	944
1 to less than 2 years	847	na	819	668	1 077
2 to less than 5 years	1 966	na	2 056	1 810	1 987
5 years or more	1 565	na	2 358	2 120	2 979
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	–
Total non-respite	5 634	na	6 537	6 911	8 083
Not stated/unknown	5	na	45	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	6 261	6 686	6 687	6 999	8 154
All children					
Respite	855	na	180	126	115
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	134	na	154	106	287
1 to less than 6 months	821	na	820	2 641	1 334
6 months to less than 1 year	798	na	814	603	1 389
1 to less than 2 years	1 118	na	1 164	980	1 661
2 to less than 5 years	2 737	na	2 825	2 516	2 908
5 years or more	2 159	na	3 224	2 924	4 149
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	–
Total non-respite	7 767	na	9 001	9 770	11 728
Not stated/unknown	14	na	49	–	–
Total all children	8 636	9 145	9 230	9 896	11 843

Table 15A.41 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 (number) (a), (b)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
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(a) This indicates the length of time a child has been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

(b) In 2003-04, NSW was unable to provide full data due to ongoing implementation of the new reporting system.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.42

Table 15A.42 **Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, New South Wales (number) (a), (b)**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	150	na	141	143	159
6 months to less than 1 year	50	na	64	50	57
1 to less than 2 years	69	na	67	58	38
2 to less than 5 years	82	na	107	69	66
5 years or more	46	na	84	105	69
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	397	na	463	425	389
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	516	na	443	395	424
6 months to less than 1 year	173	na	221	220	187
1 to less than 2 years	158	na	218	176	171
2 to less than 5 years	201	na	257	188	176
5 years or more	185	na	206	224	207
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	1 233	na	1 345	1 203	1 165
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	666	na	584	538	583
6 months to less than 1 year	223	na	285	270	244
1 to less than 2 years	227	na	285	234	209
2 to less than 5 years	283	na	364	257	242
5 years or more	231	na	290	329	276
Not stated/unknown	–	na	–	–	–
Total all children	1 630	na	1 808	1 628	1 554

(a) Prior to 2004-05, separate data on children who exited care provided by non government organisations (NGOs) was not available. Estimate figures were provided for these children exiting care.

(b) NSW was unable to provide data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.
na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.43

Table 15A.43 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, New South Wales (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	1 662	1 685	1 751	1 951	2 526
Non-Indigenous	no.	3 267	3 392	3 541	3 585	4 254
All children	no.	4 929	5 077	5 292	5 536	6 780
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	70.0	68.5	68.9	67.3	68.5
Non-Indigenous	%	52.2	50.7	53.0	51.2	52.2
All children	%	57.1	55.5	57.3	55.9	57.2

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.44

Table 15A.44 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, New South Wales (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	1 340	na	1 485	1 669	2 233
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	322	na	266	282	293
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	1 662	na	1 751	1 951	2 526
Other Indigenous carer	no.	371	na	443	512	637
Indigenous residential care	no.	11	na	7	9	12
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	382	na	450	521	649
Total children	no.	2 044	na	2 201	2 472	3 175
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carers	no.	281	na	291	374	470
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	33	na	42	43	31
Total children	no.	314	na	333	417	501
Independent living/unknown	no.	17	na	9	8	13
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	2 375	2 459	2 543	2 897	3 689
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	56.8	na	58.6	57.8	60.7
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	13.7	na	10.5	9.8	8.0
Total placed with relative/kin	%	70.5	na	69.1	67.5	68.7
Other Indigenous carer	%	15.7	na	17.5	17.7	17.3
Indigenous residential care	%	0.5	na	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	16.2	na	17.8	18.0	17.7
Total children	%	86.7	na	86.9	85.6	86.4
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	11.9	na	11.5	12.9	12.8
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.4	na	1.7	1.5	0.8
Total children	%	13.3	na	13.1	14.4	13.6
Total Indigenous children in care	%	100.0	na	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to 2002 the percentage of Indigenous children placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care 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) NSW was able to provide limited data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.45

Table 15A.45 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)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	1 663	1 769	1 794	2 042	2 563
Non-Indigenous	no.	4 122	4 477	4 515	4 723	5 373
All children	no.	5 785	6 246	6 309	6 765	7 936
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	97.8	99.3	99.0	99.5	99.9
Non-Indigenous	%	96.6	99.0	99.4	99.6	99.6
All children	%	97.0	99.1	99.2	99.5	99.7

(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 care 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.46

Table 15A.46 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 (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	193	na	336	306	344
2 placements	101	na	56	78	90
3 placements	32	na	12	13	13
4-5 placements	10	na	2	4	9
6-10 placements	-	na	-	-	1
11 or more placements	-	na	-	-	-
Unknown	-	na	-	-	-
Total children	336	na	406	401	457
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	73	na	124	103	110
2 placement	23	na	44	53	48
3 placement	12	na	18	24	20
4-5 placement	3	na	5	7	4
6-10 placements	1	na	-	-	-
11 or more placements	-	na	-	-	-
Unknown	-	na	-	-	-
Total children	112	na	191	187	182
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	76	na	84	82	85
2 placement	31	na	58	44	36
3 placement	19	na	31	27	20
4-5 placement	8	na	17	13	12
6-10 placements	-	na	5	4	7
11 or more placements	-	na	-	-	-
Unknown	-	na	-	-	-
Total children	134	na	195	170	160
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	73	na	93	63	68
2 placement	36	na	68	45	60
3 placement	31	na	51	30	34
4-5 placement	23	na	42	37	24
6-10 placements	2	na	26	15	14
11 or more placements	-	na	1	1	1
Unknown	-	na	-	-	-
Total children	165	na	281	191	201

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Table 15A.46 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 (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	139	na	51	71	44
2 placement	17	na	64	59	49
3 placement	8	na	34	34	43
4-5 placement	4	na	48	55	38
6-10 placements	4	na	33	45	39
11 or more placements	–	na	6	9	15
Unknown	–	na	–	–	–
Total children	172	na	236	273	228
All children					
1 placement	554	na	688	625	651
2 placements	208	na	290	279	283
3 placements	102	na	146	128	130
4-5 placements	48	na	114	116	87
6-10 placements	7	na	64	64	61
11 or more placements	–	na	7	10	16
Unknown	–	na	–	–	–
Total children	919	na	1 309	1 222	1 228
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements					
1-2 placements	390	..	560	540	592
3 or more placements	58	..	37	48	47
Total children	448	..	597	588	639
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements					
1-2 placements	372	..	418	364	342
3 or more placements	99	..	294	270	247
Total children	471	..	712	634	589

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

(b) 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.

(c) NSW was able to provide limited data for 2003-04 due to the introduction of a new client information system.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.47 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>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</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 children (b)	%	na	na	na	na	na
Other children						
Number of children	no.	na	na	na	na	na
Proportion of children (b)	%	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.

(b) Proportion of all children in out-of-home care.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

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Table 15A.48

Table 15A.48 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	725	749	816	859	730
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	470	483	396	338	365
Total finalised	no.	1 195	1 232	1 212	1 197	1 095
Investigations in process (f)	no.	26	31	39	20	82
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	—
Total investigations	no.	1 221	1 263	1 251	1 217	1 177
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	..	..	1 709
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	1 210	1 159	1 246	1 484	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	—	—	..
Total notifications	no.	2 431	2 422	2 497	2 701	2 886
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	29.8	30.9	32.7	31.8	25.3
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	19.3	19.9	15.9	12.5	12.6
Total finalised	%	49.2	50.9	48.5	44.3	37.9
Investigations in process (f)	%	1.1	1.3	1.6	0.7	2.8
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	—
Total investigations	%	50.2	52.1	50.1	45.0	40.8
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	..	..	59.2
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	49.8	47.9	49.9	55.0	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	—	—	—	—	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	6 562	6 663	6 582	6 704	6 098
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	4 643	3 979	3 692	3 429	3 344
Total finalised	no.	11 205	10 642	10 274	10 133	9 442
Investigations in process (f)	no.	343	354	363	544	684

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Table 15A.48 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	—
Total investigations	no.	11 548	10 996	10 637	10 678	10 126
Dealt with by other means (h)		..	..	..	..	25 663
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	23 656	23 538	24 389	24 608	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	—	—	—	—	..
Total notifications	no.	35 204	34 534	35 026	35 286	35 789
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	18.6	19.3	18.8	19.0	17.0
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	13.2	11.5	10.5	9.7	9.3
Total finalised	%	31.8	30.8	29.3	28.7	26.4
Investigations in process (f)	%	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.9
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	—
Total investigations	%	32.8	31.8	30.4	30.3	28.3
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	..	..	71.7
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	67.2	68.2	69.6	69.7	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	—	—	—	—	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	7 287	7 412	7 398	7 563	6 828
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	5 113	4 462	4 088	3 767	3 709
Total finalised	no.	12 400	11 874	11 486	11 330	10 537
Investigations in process (f)	no.	369	385	402	564	763
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	—
Total investigations	no.	12 769	12 259	11 888	11 894	11 300
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	..	..	27 375
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	24 866	24 697	25 635	26 093	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	—	—	..
Total notifications	no.	37 635	36 956	37 523	37 987	38 675

Table 15A.48

Table 15A.48 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	Unit	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	19.4	20.1	19.7	19.9	17.7
Carer/family issues	%
Not substantiated	%	13.6	12.1	10.9	9.9	9.6
Total finalised	%	32.9	32.1	30.6	29.8	27.2
Investigations in process (f)	%	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.5	2.0
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	–
Total investigations	%	33.9	33.2	31.7	31.3	29.2
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	70.8
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	66.1	66.8	68.3	68.7	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	–	–	–	–	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the 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.
- (c) In Victoria if a case is open following the first notification, no further notifications concerning the child are counted.
- (d) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (e) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (f) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (g) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (h) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. Prior to 2006-07, some of the cases recorded as 'dealt with by other means' may have been cases where the investigation was closed with no outcome possible. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.

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

Table 15A.48 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Source:	AIHW <i>Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia</i> data collection (unpublished).					

Table 15A.49

Table 15A.49 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Victoria (number) (a), (b), (c)**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	147	162	213	196	236
Had prior admissions to orders	131	157	197	201	121
Total children admitted	278	319	410	397	357
Children discharged from orders	220	229	226	257	283
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	1 270	1 337	1 516	1 458	1 651
Had prior admissions to orders	1 057	1 122	1 154	1 203	926
Total children admitted	2 327	2 459	2 670	2 661	2 577
Children discharged from orders	1 826	1 799	1 806	1 846	2 227
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	1 417	1 499	1 729	1 654	1 887
Had prior admissions to orders	1 188	1 279	1 351	1 404	1 047
Total children admitted	2 605	2 778	3 080	3 058	2 934
Children discharged from orders	2 046	2 028	2 032	2 103	2 510

- (a) Admissions to orders in other jurisdictions could not be counted.
- (b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (c) Data for 2006-07 are based on an extract from the new child protection system which only contains information relating to open cases and/or cases commenced after 1 July 2000. As the earliest history that can be traced back for a client is to 1 July 2000, if a child had been admitted to an order prior to 1 July 2000 they may be counted as admitted for the first time in 2006-07.

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.50

Table 15A.50 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Victoria (number) (a), (b)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	388	439	525	550	436
Finalised supervisory orders	119	111	137	157	164
Interim and temporary orders	27	24	20	33	23
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	534	574	682	740	623
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	3 262	3 355	3 572	3 772	3 905
Finalised supervisory orders	1 090	1 118	1 223	1 274	1 463
Interim and temporary orders	152	204	181	198	188
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	4 504	4 677	4 976	5 244	5 556
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	3 650	3 794	4 097	4 322	4 341
Finalised supervisory orders	1 209	1 229	1 360	1 431	1 627
Interim and temporary orders	179	228	201	231	211
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	5 038	5 251	5 658	5 984	6 179

(a) Permanent care orders are included in the category 'finalised guardianship and custody orders'.

(b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.51

Table 15A.51 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)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 638	1 673	1 855	2 007	2 058
Non-Indigenous	26 741	26 261	26 651	27 623	28 183
All children	28 379	27 934	28 506	29 630	30 241
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	135.8	137.8	151.8	163.0	167.1
Non-Indigenous	24.8	24.3	24.7	25.5	25.5
All children	26.0	25.6	26.1	27.1	27.1
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	999	1 064	1 090	1 107	1 012
Non-Indigenous	10 076	9 696	9 463	9 447	8 927
All children	11 075	10 760	10 553	10 554	9 939
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	82.8	87.6	89.2	89.9	82.1
Non-Indigenous	9.3	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.1
All children	10.2	9.9	9.7	9.6	8.9
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	667	700	770	834	697
Non-Indigenous	6 177	6 323	6 244	6 453	5 891
All children	6 844	7 023	7 014	7 287	6 588
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	55.3	57.7	63.0	67.7	56.6
Non-Indigenous	5.7	5.9	5.8	6.0	5.3
All children	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.7	5.9
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	534	574	682	740	623
Non-Indigenous	4 504	4 677	4 976	5 244	5 556
All children	5 038	5 251	5 658	5 984	6 179
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	42.0	44.7	52.8	56.4	47.6
Non-Indigenous	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.6	4.7
All children	4.3	4.5	4.9	5.1	5.2

Table 15A.51 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)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
(a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000.					
(c) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, <i>the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005</i> which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.					
<i>Source:</i> AIHW <i>Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia</i> data collection (unpublished); AIHW <i>Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia</i> data collection (unpublished).					

Table 15A.52 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Victoria (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Subject of a substantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	227	273	175	123	149
Proportion of children (c)	%	4.5	5.4	3.9	3.1	4.0
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	870	823	712	628	568
Proportion of children (c)	%	17.4	16.4	15.9	15.6	15.4

- (a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.
- (b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (c) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.53 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Victoria (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	174	123	104	79	80
Proportion of children (c)	%	2.4	1.8	1.5	1.1	1.1
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	1 089	949	876	904	778
Proportion of children (c)	%	14.9	13.5	12.3	12.4	10.5

- (a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.
- (b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (c) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.54

Table 15A.54 Resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate, Victoria (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Resubstantiation rate (b)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	2.4	1.8	1.5	1.1	1.1
Proportion within 12 months	%	14.9	13.5	12.3	12.4	10.5
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate (b)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	4.5	5.4	3.9	3.1	4.0
Proportion within 12 months	%	17.4	16.4	15.9	15.6	15.4

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	58.8	62.4	64.4	66.8	64.8

(a) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.

(b) The counting rule for resubstantiation rate and substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.55 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Victoria (a)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	507	531	526	552	626
Non-Indigenous	3 539	3 778	3 882	4 242	4 426
All children	4 046	4 309	4 408	4 794	5 052
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	39.9	41.4	40.7	42.1	47.8
Non-Indigenous	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.7	3.8
All children	3.5	3.7	3.8	4.1	4.3
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	956	1 043	1 035	1 103	988
Non-Indigenous	6 275	6 580	6 442	6 692	6 797
All children	7 231	7 623	7 477	7 795	7 785
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)					
Indigenous	75.6	81.7	80.4	85.2	75.8
Non-Indigenous	5.5	5.8	5.6	5.8	5.8
All children	6.3	6.6	6.4	6.7	6.6

- (a) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- (b) 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000.
- (c) 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 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.56

Table 15A.56 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Victoria (number) (a), (b), (c)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Residential care	53	48	35	48	42
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	245	269	247	252	296
Relative/kinship care	188	196	214	233	260
Other home based care	21	18	29	18	26
Total home based	454	483	490	503	582
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	1	1	2
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	507	531	526	552	626
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	367	332	330	299	295
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	1 927	2 074	2 201	2 269	2 301
Relative/kinship care	1 028	1 149	1 121	1 383	1 521
Other home based care	180	195	209	262	270
Total home based	3 135	3 418	3 531	3 914	4 092
Independent living (incl. private board)	37	28	21	29	39
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	3 539	3 778	3 882	4 242	4 426
All children					
Residential care	420	380	365	347	337
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	2 172	2 343	2 448	2 521	2 597
Relative/kinship care	1 216	1 345	1 335	1 616	1 781
Other home based care	201	213	238	280	296
Total home based	3 589	3 901	4 021	4 417	4 674
Independent living (incl. private board)	37	28	22	30	41
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	4 046	4 309	4 408	4 794	5 052

(a) 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.

(b) In 2002-03, the category 'Family group homes' was separated from the category 'Residential care'.

Table 15A.56 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Victoria (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
(c) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, <i>the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005</i> which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero					

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.57

Table 15A.57 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Victoria (number) (a), (b)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	358	385	422	409	475
Another type of order	7	7	5	6	7
Not on an order	142	139	99	137	144
Total Indigenous children	507	531	526	552	626
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	2 729	2 938	3 133	3 389	3 322
Another type of order	100	112	117	119	219
Not on an order	675	700	618	734	885
Total non-Indigenous children	3 504	3 750	3 868	4 242	4 426
All children					
Care and protection order	3 087	3 323	3 555	3 798	3 797
Another type of order	107	119	122	125	226
Not on an order	817	839	717	871	1 029
Total all children	4 011	4 281	4 394	4 794	5 052

- (a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; 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 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.58

Table 15A.58 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Victoria (number) (a), (b)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Respite	10	19	5	3	15
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	32	25	10	13	17
1 to less than 6 months	89	83	70	86	65
6 months to less than 1 year	59	77	66	82	112
1 to less than 2 years	86	73	107	94	130
2 to less than 5 years	163	158	125	147	171
5 years or more	66	94	142	126	116
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	495	510	520	548	611
Not stated/unknown	2	2	1	1	–
Total Indigenous children	507	531	526	552	626
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	27	21	9	9	68
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	133	164	97	68	92
1 to less than 6 months	514	525	483	499	379
6 months to less than 1 year	453	492	418	535	647
1 to less than 2 years	569	593	637	700	903
2 to less than 5 years	1 023	1 031	1 037	1 113	1 141
5 years or more	772	912	1 174	1 308	1 196
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	3 464	3 717	3 846	4 223	4 358
Not stated/unknown	48	42	27	10	–
Total non-Indigenous children	3 539	3 778	3 882	4 242	4 426
All children					
Respite	37	40	14	12	83
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	165	189	107	81	109
1 to less than 6 months	603	608	553	585	444
6 months to less than 1 year	512	569	484	617	759
1 to less than 2 years	655	666	744	794	1 033
2 to less than 5 years	1 186	1 189	1 162	1 260	1 312
5 years or more	838	1 006	1 316	1 434	1 312
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	3 959	4 227	4 366	4 771	4 969
Not stated/unknown	50	42	28	11	–
Total all children	4 046	4 309	4 408	4 794	5 052

Table 15A.58 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Victoria (number) (a), (b)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
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(a) Indicates the length of time a child has been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

(b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.59

Table 15A.59 **Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Victoria (number) (a)**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	106	99	157	158	181
6 months to less than 1 year	24	43	56	47	57
1 to less than 2 years	27	34	45	43	53
2 to less than 5 years	18	25	43	40	44
5 years or more	10	3	17	10	18
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	185	204	318	298	353
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	575	548	891	777	748
6 months to less than 1 year	216	228	351	323	329
1 to less than 2 years	171	203	271	277	296
2 to less than 5 years	171	190	255	213	250
5 years or more	75	87	101	143	116
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	1 208	1 256	1 869	1 733	1 739
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	681	647	1 048	935	929
6 months to less than 1 year	240	271	407	370	386
1 to less than 2 years	198	237	316	320	349
2 to less than 5 years	189	215	298	253	294
5 years or more	85	90	118	153	134
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 393	1 460	2 187	2 031	2 092

(a) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.60

Table 15A.60 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Victoria (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	188	196	214	233	260
Non-Indigenous	no.	1 028	1 149	1 121	1 383	1 521
All children	no.	1 216	1 345	1 335	1 616	1 781
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	37.1	36.9	40.7	42.2	41.5
Non-Indigenous	%	29.0	30.4	28.9	32.6	34.4
All children	%	30.1	31.2	30.3	33.7	35.3

- (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 care placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.61

Table 15A.61 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Victoria (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	104	98	133	152	125
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	65	81	71	80	102
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	169	179	204	232	227
Other Indigenous carer	no.	75	117	77	102	103
Indigenous residential care	no.	12	12	11	21	19
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	87	129	88	123	122
Total children	no.	256	308	292	355	349
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carers	no.	149	155	181	166	199
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	25	36	24	27	16
Total children	no.	174	191	205	193	215
Independent living/unknown	no.	77	32	29	4	62
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	507	531	526	552	626
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	24.2	19.6	26.8	27.7	22.2
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	15.1	16.2	14.3	14.6	18.1
Total placed with relative/kin	%	39.3	35.9	41.0	42.3	40.2
Other Indigenous carer	%	17.4	23.4	15.5	18.6	18.3
Indigenous residential care	%	2.8	2.4	2.2	3.8	3.4
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	20.2	25.9	17.7	22.4	21.6
Total children	%	59.5	61.7	58.8	64.8	61.9
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	34.7	31.1	36.4	30.3	35.3
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	5.8	7.2	4.8	4.9	2.8
Total children	%	40.5	38.3	41.2	35.2	38.1
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 with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care 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) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.62

Table 15A.62 **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>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	325	350	343	335	403
Non-Indigenous	no.	2 012	2 127	2 196	2 454	2 571
All children	no.	2 337	2 477	2 539	2 789	2 974
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	95.6	96.7	96.9	94.6	97.1
Non-Indigenous	%	97.0	97.0	97.5	98.0	97.7
All children	%	96.8	96.9	97.4	97.6	97.6

- (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 care placement, by Indigenous status, at 30 June where placement type was known.
- (b) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.

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Table 15A.63

Table 15A.63 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 (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	235	219	278	235	236
2 placements	76	74	108	89	84
3 placements	25	23	32	19	43
4-5 placements	10	8	6	9	17
6-10 placements	-	-	1	-	-
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	346	324	425	352	380
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	97	103	113	108	117
2 placement	51	58	86	55	67
3 placement	20	18	24	30	36
4-5 placement	6	20	19	15	19
6-10 placements	1	3	3	3	5
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	175	202	245	211	244
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	75	88	110	96	96
2 placement	49	46	57	56	54
3 placement	19	25	28	26	62
4-5 placement	14	18	37	30	42
6-10 placements	7	11	14	17	14
11 or more placements	-	-	-	1	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	164	188	246	226	268
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	66	62	66	62	47
2 placement	23	42	44	28	54
3 placement	27	28	43	27	40
4-5 placement	22	27	46	48	53
6-10 placements	15	19	25	33	48
11 or more placements	3	4	5	4	13
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	156	182	229	202	255
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	34	44	30	40	33

Table 15A.63

Table 15A.63 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 (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
2 placement	16	10	11	18	17
3 placement	3	3	10	6	18
4-5 placement	11	9	13	11	14
6-10 placements	2	4	16	19	18
11 or more placements	1	-	8	8	8
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	67	70	88	102	108
All children					
1 placement	507	516	597	541	529
2 placements	215	230	306	246	276
3 placements	94	97	137	108	199
4-5 placements	63	82	121	113	145
6-10 placements	25	37	59	72	85
11 or more placements	4	4	13	13	21
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	908	966	1 233	1 093	1 255
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements					
1-2 placements	459	454	585	487	504
3 or more placements	62	72	85	76	120
Total children	521	526	670	563	624
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements					
1-2 placements	263	292	318	300	301
3 or more placements	124	148	245	230	330
Total children	387	440	563	530	631

- (a) For number of different placements only new placements in which the child had previously not been placed were counted as a separate placement.
- (b) 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.
- (c) During 2006-07, Victoria introduced a major new data system, which will be rolled out across the State by mid 2008. In parallel, *the Children, Youth and Family's Act 2005* which commenced in April 2007, introduced new service pathways and processes in Victorian Child Protection and Family Services to support earlier intervention and prevention for vulnerable children and their families. Due to these new service and data reporting arrangements, the Victorian child protection data may not be fully comparable with previous years data.
- Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.64 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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</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 children (a)	%	na	na	na	na	na
Other children						
Number of children	no.	na	na	na	na	na
Proportion of children (a)	%	na	na	na	na	na
All children in out-of-home care	no.	na	na	na	na	na

(a) Proportion of all children in out-of-home care.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

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Table 15A.65

Table 15A.65 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	1 261	1 864	1 707	1 839	1 454
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	376	370	462	810	na
Total finalised (f)	no.	1 637	2 234	2 169	2 649	na
Investigations in process (g)	no.	634	653	1 352	1 582	na
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (h)	no.	..	..	..	..	na
Total investigations	no.	2 271	2 887	3 521	4 231	4 463
Dealt with by other means (i)	no.	..	..	..	..	na
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	226	252	291	—	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	91	93	124	81	..
Total notifications	no.	2 588	3 232	3 936	4 312	4 463
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	48.7	57.7	43.4	42.6	32.6
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	14.5	11.4	11.7	18.8	na
Total finalised (f)	%	63.3	69.1	55.1	61.4	na
Investigations in process (g)	%	24.5	20.2	34.3	36.7	na
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (h)	%	..	..	..	..	na
Total investigations	%	87.8	89.3	89.5	98.1	100.0
Dealt with by other means (i)	%	..	..	..	..	na
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	8.7	7.8	7.4	—	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	3.5	2.9	3.2	1.9	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	10 942	15 609	15 600	11 345	6 987
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	4 963	5 760	5 632	7 564	na
Total finalised (f)	no.	15 905	21 369	21 232	18 909	na
Investigations in process (g)	no.	8 011	5 059	10 005	9 466	na

Table 15A.65

Table 15A.65 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (h)	no.	..	..	..	..	na
Total investigations	no.	23 916	26 428	31 237	28 375	24 117
Dealt with by other means (i)		..	..	..	..	na
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	3 624	4 373	4 388	—	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	940	990	1 268	925	..
Total notifications	no.	28 480	31 791	36 893	29 300	24 117
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	38.4	49.1	42.3	38.7	29.0
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	17.4	18.1	15.3	25.8	na
Total finalised (f)	%	55.8	67.2	57.6	64.5	na
Investigations in process (g)	%	28.1	15.9	27.1	32.3	na
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (h)	%	..	..	..	..	na
Total investigations	%	84.0	83.1	84.7	96.8	100.0
Dealt with by other means (i)	%	..	..	..	..	na
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	12.7	13.8	11.9	—	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.2	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	12 203	17 473	17 307	13 184	8 441
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	5 339	6 130	6 094	8 374	na
Total finalised (f)	no.	17 542	23 603	23 401	21 558	na
Investigations in process (g)	no.	8 645	5 712	11 357	11 048	na
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (h)	no.	..	..	..	..	na
Total investigations	no.	26 187	29 315	34 758	32 606	28 580
Dealt with by other means (i)	no.	..	..	..	..	na
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	3 850	4 625	4 679	—	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	1 031	1 083	1 392	1 006	..
Total notifications	no.	31 068	35 023	40 829	33 612	28 580

Table 15A.65

Table 15A.65 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	Unit	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	39.3	49.9	42.4	39.2	29.5
Carer/family issues	%
Not substantiated	%	17.2	17.5	14.9	24.9	na
Total finalised (f)	%	56.5	67.4	57.3	64.1	na
Investigations in process (g)	%	27.8	16.3	27.8	32.9	na
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (h)	%	na
Total investigations	%	84.3	83.7	85.1	97.0	100.0
Dealt with by other means (i)	%	na
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	12.4	13.2	11.5	—	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.0	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the 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.
- (c) Where 2006-07 data for Queensland are provided, these data are preliminary and will be revised in 2008. Queensland data for 2006-07 have not been provided due to the recent transition to a new information management system.
- (d) 2006-07 notification figures for Queensland are affected by a change in recording practice. With the introduction of the Integrated Client Management System in March 2007, any new child protection concerns received by the department that relate to an open notification or investigation and assessment are recorded as an additional concern and linked to the open notification/investigation and assessment. Previously, any new child protection concerns received by the department were recorded as an additional notification.
- (e) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (f) This figure excludes those finalised investigations with an assessment outcome of 'No investigation and Assessment Outcome'. In these cases there was insufficient information to enable an assessment outcome of substantiated or not substantiated to be determined. This may occur in circumstances where a family was unable to be identified, located or has moved interstate and the investigation is therefore finalised and closed. For the 2007 Report, these finalised investigations have been included in the category 'No investigation possible/ no action'.
- (g) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (h) Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.

Table 15A.65 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
(i)	The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.					

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

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.66

Table 15A.66 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Queensland (number) (a), (b)**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	231	307	431	474	na
Had prior admissions to orders	161	271	331	615	na
Total children admitted	392	578	762	1 089	na
Children discharged from orders	290	324	454	640	na
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	1 056	1 443	1 851	1 651	na
Had prior admissions to orders	633	917	1 092	1 332	na
Total children admitted	1 689	2 360	2 943	2 983	na
Children discharged from orders	1 085	1 288	1 664	1 863	na
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	1 287	1 750	2 282	2 125	na
Had prior admissions to orders	794	1 188	1 423	1 947	na
Total children admitted	2 081	2 938	3 705	4 072	na
Children discharged from orders	1 375	1 612	2 118	2 503	na

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

(b) 2006-07 data have not been provided due to the recent transition to a new information management system.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.67

Table 15A.67 Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Queensland (number) (a)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	888	1 041	1 188	1 439	na
Finalised supervisory orders	24	44	65	85	na
Interim and temporary orders	41	61	89	143	na
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	na
Total Indigenous children	953	1 146	1 342	1 667	1 690
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	2 943	3 342	3 909	4 145	na
Finalised supervisory orders	111	172	220	265	na
Interim and temporary orders	100	290	386	369	na
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	na
Total non-Indigenous children	3 154	3 804	4 515	4 779	4 466
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	3 831	4 383	5 097	5 584	na
Finalised supervisory orders	135	216	285	350	na
Interim and temporary orders	141	351	475	512	na
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	na
Total all children	4 107	4 950	5 857	6 446	6 156

(a) Where 2006-07 data for Queensland are provided, these data are preliminary and will be revised in 2008. Queensland data for 2006-07 have not been provided due to the recent transition to a new information management system.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.68

Table 15A.68 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)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 618	1 933	2 451	2 936	3 502
Non-Indigenous	20 203	22 871	26 847	22 468	20 546
All children	21 821	24 804	29 298	25 404	24 048
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	28.6	33.7	42.3	50.3	59.2
Non-Indigenous	24.2	27.1	31.4	26.0	22.9
All children	24.4	27.5	32.1	27.5	25.2
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations (d)					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 149	1 445	1 499	1 925	na
Non-Indigenous	11 942	15 986	16 242	14 867	na
All children	13 091	17 431	17 741	16 792	na
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	20.3	25.2	25.8	33.0	na
Non-Indigenous	14.3	18.9	19.0	17.2	na
All children	14.7	19.3	19.5	18.2	na
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	881	1 192	1 186	1 340	1 203
Non-Indigenous	8 104	11 481	11 700	8 737	6 138
All children	8 985	12 673	12 886	10 077	7 341
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	15.6	20.8	20.4	23.0	20.3
Non-Indigenous	9.7	13.6	13.7	10.1	6.9
All children	10.1	14.0	14.1	10.9	7.7
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	953	1 146	1 342	1 667	1 690
Non-Indigenous	3 154	3 804	4 515	4 779	4 466
All children	4 107	4 950	5 857	6 446	6 156
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	16.0	18.9	21.9	26.7	27.0
Non-Indigenous	3.6	4.2	5.0	5.2	4.7
All children	4.3	5.2	6.0	6.5	6.0

Table 15A.68 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)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
(a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000.					
(c) Where 2006-07 data for Queensland are provided, these data are preliminary and will be revised in 2008. Queensland data for 2006-07 have not been provided due to the recent transition to a new information management system.					
(d) This figure excludes those children with a finalised investigation with an assessment outcome of 'No Investigation and Assessment Outcome'. In these cases there was insufficient information to enable an assessment outcome of substantiated or not substantiated to be determined. This may occur in circumstances where a family was unable to be identified, located or has moved interstate and the investigation is therefore finalised and closed. In the 2007 Report, these finalised investigations were included in the category 'No investigation possible/no action' at table 15A.61.					

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.69

Table 15A.69 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Queensland (a), (b), (c)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Subject of a substantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	178	237	263	233	na
Proportion of children (d)	%	4.5	4.8	4.9	4.2	na
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	571	792	811	618	na
Proportion of children (d)	%	14.5	16.2	15.1	11.2	na

(a) Data published in earlier Reports for 1999-00 to 2002-03 differ due to revised data.

(b) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

(c) 2006-07 data have not been provided due to the recent transition to a new information management system.

(d) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.70 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Queensland (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	771	889	1 450	1 181	na
Proportion of children (c)	%	10.8	9.6	11.9	9.2	na
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	1 776	2 305	3 235	2 656	na
Proportion of children (c)	%	24.8	24.9	26.5	20.6	na

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed for 2003-04 onwards. Data for 2003-04 are based on a different counting rule to previous years and data for 2004-05 are based on a further change in the counting rule. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

(b) 2006-07 data have not been provided due to the recent transition to a new information management system.

(c) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.71

Table 15A.71 **Resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate, Queensland (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Resubstantiation rate (b)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	10.8	9.6	11.9	9.2	na
Proportion within 12 months	%	24.8	24.9	26.5	20.6	na
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate (b)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	4.5	4.8	4.9	4.2	na
Proportion within 12 months	%	14.5	16.2	15.1	11.2	na

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	69.6	74.0	74.0	61.2	na

(a) 2006-07 data have not been provided due to the recent transition to a new information management system.

(b) The counting rule for resubstantiation rate and substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.72

Table 15A.72 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	813	958	1 275	1 496	1 724
Non-Indigenous	2 974	3 455	4 382	4 380	4 310
All children	3 787	4 413	5 657	5 876	6 034
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	13.6	15.8	20.8	24.0	27.5
Non-Indigenous	3.4	3.9	4.8	4.7	4.5
All children	4.0	4.6	5.8	6.0	5.9
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	1 081	1 217	1 484	1 790	2 244
Non-Indigenous	4 029	4 483	5 248	5 417	5 836
All children	5 110	5 700	6 732	7 207	8 080
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)					
Indigenous	18.3	20.2	24.4	29.2	36.0
Non-Indigenous	4.5	5.0	5.8	5.9	6.1
All children	5.4	6.0	7.0	7.4	8.0

- (a) Where 2006-07 data for Queensland are provided, these data are preliminary and will be revised in 2008.
- (b) 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000.
- (c) 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 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.73

Table 15A.73 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Queensland (number) (a), (b)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Residential care	8	3	7	37	29
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	463	587	810	938	1 046
Relative/kinship care	342	368	458	521	649
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	805	955	1 268	1 459	1 695
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	813	958	1 275	1 496	1 724
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	35	44	54	188	152
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	2 352	2 684	3 275	3 063	2 802
Relative/kinship care	587	727	1 053	1 129	1 356
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	2 939	3 411	4 328	4 192	4 158
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	2 974	3 455	4 382	4 380	4 310
All children					
Residential care	43	47	61	225	181
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	2 815	3 271	4 085	4 001	3 848
Relative/kinship care	929	1 095	1 511	1 650	2 005
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	3 744	4 366	5 596	5 651	5 853
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	3 787	4 413	5 657	5 876	6 034

(a) In 2002-03, the category 'Family group homes' was separated from the category 'Residential care'.

(b) Where 2006-07 data for Queensland are provided, these data are preliminary and will be revised in 2008.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.74

Table 15A.74 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Queensland (number) (a), (b)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	751	892	1 149	1 414	na
Another type of order	–	2	2	–	–
Not on an order	62	64	124	82	na
Total Indigenous children	813	958	1 275	1 496	1 724
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	2 517	3 032	3 869	3 909	na
Another type of order	2	5	–	2	–
Not on an order	455	418	513	469	na
Total non-Indigenous children	2 974	3 455	4 382	4 380	4 310
All children					
Care and protection order	3 268	3 924	5 018	5 323	na
Another type of order	2	7	2	2	–
Not on an order	517	482	637	551	na
Total all children	3 787	4 413	5 657	5 876	6 034

(a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; and those on interim or temporary orders. 'On another type of order' includes offence orders or other orders.

(b) Where 2006-07 data for Queensland are provided, these data are preliminary and will be revised in 2008. Queensland data for 2006-07 have not been provided due to the recent transition to a new information management system.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.75

Table 15A.75 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Queensland (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	85	124	269	325	na
1 to less than 6 months	166	229	297	317	na
6 months to less than 1 year	121	154	171	213	na
1 to less than 2 years	156	155	197	252	na
2 to less than 5 years	163	179	216	257	na
5 years or more	122	117	125	132	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	na
Total non-respite	813	958	1 275	1 496	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	na
Total Indigenous children	813	958	1 275	1 496	1 724
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	335	404	929	847	na
1 to less than 6 months	724	797	889	874	na
6 months to less than 1 year	458	519	616	548	na
1 to less than 2 years	472	618	695	773	na
2 to less than 5 years	564	678	791	853	na
5 years or more	421	439	462	485	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	na
Total non-respite	2 974	3 455	4 382	4 380	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	na
Total non-Indigenous children	2 974	3 455	4 382	4 380	4 310
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	420	528	1 198	1 172	na
1 to less than 6 months	890	1 026	1 186	1 191	na
6 months to less than 1 year	579	673	787	761	na
1 to less than 2 years	628	773	892	1 025	na
2 to less than 5 years	727	857	1 007	1 110	na
5 years or more	543	556	587	617	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	na
Total non-respite	3 787	4 413	5 657	5 876	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	na
Total all children	3 787	4 413	5 657	5 876	6 034

(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.75 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Queensland (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
(b) 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.					
(c) Where 2006-07 data for Queensland are provided, these data are preliminary and will be revised in 2008. Queensland data for 2006-07 have not been provided due to the recent transition to a new information management system.					

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.76

Table 15A.76 **Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Queensland (number) (a), (b)**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	117	56	100	126	na
6 months to less than 1 year	30	23	29	45	na
1 to less than 2 years	29	27	31	84	na
2 to less than 5 years	31	40	44	53	na
5 years or more	20	21	30	49	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	na
Total Indigenous children	227	167	234	357	na
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	438	365	399	361	na
6 months to less than 1 year	145	109	168	178	na
1 to less than 2 years	99	108	174	228	na
2 to less than 5 years	114	92	135	210	na
5 years or more	96	84	98	112	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	na
Total non-Indigenous children	892	758	974	1 089	na
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	555	421	499	487	na
6 months to less than 1 year	175	132	197	223	na
1 to less than 2 years	128	135	205	312	na
2 to less than 5 years	145	132	179	263	na
5 years or more	116	105	128	161	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	na
Total all children	1 119	925	1 208	1 446	na

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

(b) 2006-07 data have not been provided due to the recent transition to a new information management system.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.77

Table 15A.77 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	342	368	458	521	649
Non-Indigenous	no.	587	727	1 053	1 129	1 356
All children	no.	929	1 095	1 511	1 650	2 005
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	42.1	38.4	35.9	34.8	37.6
Non-Indigenous	%	19.7	21.0	24.0	25.8	31.5
All children	%	24.5	24.8	26.7	28.1	33.2

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

(b) Where 2006-07 data for Queensland are provided, these data are preliminary and will be revised in 2008.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.78

Table 15A.78 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Queensland (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	323	326	343	379	463
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	19	42	115	142	186
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	342	368	458	521	649
Other Indigenous carer	no.	198	236	366	400	403
Indigenous residential care	no.	6	3	2	9	3
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	204	239	368	409	406
Total children	no.	546	607	826	930	1 055
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	265	351	444	538	643
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	2	–	5	28	26
Total children	no.	267	351	449	566	669
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	813	958	1 275	1 496	1 724
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	39.7	34.0	26.9	25.3	26.9
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	2.3	4.4	9.0	9.5	10.8
Total placed with relative/kin	%	42.1	38.4	35.9	34.8	37.6
Other Indigenous carer	%	24.4	24.6	28.7	26.7	23.4
Indigenous residential care	%	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.2
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	25.1	24.9	28.9	27.3	23.5
Total children	%	67.2	63.4	64.8	62.2	61.2
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	32.6	36.6	34.8	36.0	37.3
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	0.2	–	0.4	1.9	1.5
Total children	%	32.8	36.6	35.2	37.8	38.8
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 with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care 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) There may be some children in the category residential care/independent living who had Indigenous caregivers in facility-based care.
- (c) Where 2006-07 data for Queensland are provided, these data are preliminary and will be revised in 2008.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.79

Table 15A.79 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Queensland (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	548	685	923	1 105	1 315
Non-Indigenous	no.	2 052	2 426	3 072	2 979	2 874
All children	no.	2 600	3 111	3 995	4 084	4 189
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	99.1	99.9	99.9	99.5	99.8
Non-Indigenous	%	99.5	99.6	99.6	98.6	98.7
All children	%	99.4	99.6	99.7	98.9	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.

(b) Where 2006-07 data for Queensland are provided, these data are preliminary and will be revised in 2008.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.80

Table 15A.80 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 (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	279	179	289	265	na
2 placements	69	81	88	75	na
3 placements	16	26	15	21	na
4-5 placements	5	5	1	5	na
6-10 placements	-	-	-	-	na
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	na
Unknown	-	-	-	-	na
Total children	369	291	393	366	na
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	78	41	105	80	na
2 placement	41	27	44	62	na
3 placement	20	24	19	33	na
4-5 placement	20	11	17	19	na
6-10 placements	1	11	-	1	na
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	na
Unknown	-	-	-	-	na
Total children	160	114	185	195	na
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	46	44	68	83	na
2 placement	38	34	55	78	na
3 placement	20	14	40	68	na
4-5 placement	15	18	27	40	na
6-10 placements	-	18	5	5	na
11 or more placements	-	2	-	-	na
Unknown	-	-	-	-	na
Total children	119	130	195	274	na
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	46	42	57	43	na
2 placement	36	18	31	61	na
3 placement	25	21	33	30	na
4-5 placement	23	22	31	68	na
6-10 placements	8	21	18	35	na
11 or more placements	-	5	-	1	na
Unknown	-	-	-	-	na
Total children	138	129	170	238	na

Table 15A.80

Table 15A.80 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 (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	32	25	35	27	na
2 placement	30	20	33	27	na
3 placement	21	9	19	26	na
4-5 placement	17	21	23	35	na
6-10 placements	12	19	15	36	na
11 or more placements	-	9	1	5	na
Unknown	-	-	-	-	na
Total children	112	103	126	156	na
All children					
1 placement	481	331	554	498	na
2 placements	214	180	251	303	na
3 placements	102	94	126	178	na
4-5 placements	80	77	99	167	na
6-10 placements	21	69	38	77	na
11 or more placements	-	16	1	6	na
Unknown	-	-	-	-	na
Total children	898	767	1 069	1 229	na
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements					
1-2 placements	467	328	526	482	..
3 or more placements	62	77	52	79	..
Total children	529	405	578	561	..
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements					
1-2 placements	228	183	279	319	..
3 or more placements	141	179	212	349	..
Total children	369	362	491	668	..

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

(b) 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.

(c) 2006-07 data have not been provided due to the recent transition to a new information management system.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.81

Table 15A.81 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), (b), (c)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household						
Number of children	no.	221	464	509	281	na
Proportion of children (d)	%	4.3	8.1	7.6	3.9	na
Other children						
Number of children	no.	4 889	5 236	6 223	6 926	na
Proportion of children (d)	%	95.7	91.9	92.4	96.1	na
All children in out-of-home care	no.	5 110	5 700	6 732	7 207	na

- (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 care provider 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.
- (b) 2006-07 data have not been provided due to the recent transition to a new information management system
- (c) Previous year's figures refer to all children substantiated in out-of-home care. From March 2007, Queensland is reporting only on Matters of Concern substantiations where the children were in the custody or guardianship of the chief executive and placed in accordance with Section 82(1) of the *Child Protection Act 1999*.
- (d) Proportion of all children in out-of-home care.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

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Table 15A.82

Table 15A.82 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	296	351	385	332	479
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	251	267	365	396	447
Total finalised	no.	547	618	750	728	926
Investigations in process (e)	no.	175	118	316	353	379
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	..	..	48
Total investigations	no.	722	736	1 066	1 081	1 353
Dealt with by other means (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	1 246
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	—	—	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	30	29	21	41	..
Total notifications	no.	752	765	1 087	1 122	2 599
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	39.4	45.9	35.4	29.6	18.4
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	33.4	34.9	33.6	35.3	17.2
Total finalised	%	72.7	80.8	69.0	64.9	35.6
Investigations in process (e)	%	23.3	15.4	29.1	31.5	14.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	..	..	..	..	1.8
Total investigations	%	96.0	96.2	98.1	96.3	52.1
Dealt with by other means (g)	%	..	..	..	..	47.9
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	—	—	—	—	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	4.0	3.8	1.9	3.7	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	592	617	719	628	754
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	696	789	922	994	1 252
Total finalised	no.	1 288	1 406	1 641	1 622	2 006
Investigations in process (e)	no.	198	176	455	487	441

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Table 15A.82 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	..	..	102
Total investigations	no.	1 486	1 582	2 096	2 109	2 549
Dealt with by other means (g)		..	..	..	..	2 552
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	—	—	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	55	70	23	84	..
Total notifications	no.	1 541	1 652	2 119	2 193	5 101
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	38.4	37.3	33.9	28.6	14.8
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	45.2	47.8	43.5	45.3	24.5
Total finalised	%	83.6	85.1	77.4	74.0	39.3
Investigations in process (e)	%	12.8	10.7	21.5	22.2	8.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	..	..	..	..	2.0
Total investigations	%	96.4	95.8	98.9	96.2	50.0
Dealt with by other means (g)	%	..	..	..	..	50.0
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	—	—	—	—	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	3.6	4.2	1.1	3.8	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	888	968	1 104	960	1 233
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	947	1 056	1 287	1 390	1 699
Total finalised	no.	1 835	2 024	2 391	2 350	2 932
Investigations in process (e)	no.	373	294	771	840	820
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	..	..	150
Total investigations	no.	2 208	2 318	3 162	3 190	3 902
Dealt with by other means (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	3 798
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	—	—	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	85	99	44	125	..
Total notifications	no.	2 293	2 417	3 206	3 315	7 700

Table 15A.82

Table 15A.82 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	Unit	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	38.7	40.0	34.4	29.0	16.0
Carer/family issues	%
Not substantiated	%	41.3	43.7	40.1	41.9	22.1
Total finalised	%	80.0	83.7	74.6	70.9	38.1
Investigations in process (e)	%	16.3	12.2	24.0	25.3	10.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	1.9
Total investigations	%	96.3	95.9	98.6	96.2	50.7
Dealt with by other means (g)	%	49.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	–	–	–	–	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	3.7	4.1	1.4	3.8	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these was counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the 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.
- (c) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (d) The number of notifications increased between 2005-06 and 2006-07 as all Concern for Child Wellbeing reports are now classified as a notification. Previously, only those that were followed by an investigation were counted as a notification.
- (e) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (f) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (g) 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'. In 2006-07, these figures included 20 cases where an investigation was conducted and no suitable caregiver was found.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.83

Table 15A.83 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Western Australia (number) (a)**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	140	167	188	281	502
Had prior admissions to orders	2	3	4	45	80
Total children admitted	142	170	192	326	582
Children discharged from orders	75	63	63	63	157
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	289	262	299	363	661
Had prior admissions to orders	6	9	22	64	119
Total children admitted	295	271	321	427	780
Children discharged from orders	143	156	192	180	265
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	429	429	487	644	1 163
Had prior admissions to orders	8	12	26	109	199
Total children admitted	437	441	513	753	1 362
Children discharged from orders	218	221	255	243	422

(a) Includes children admitted to and discharged from care applications.

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.84

Table 15A.84 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Western Australia (number) (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	459	513	556	659	818
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	1	23
Interim and temporary orders	50	70	104	138	250
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	509	583	660	798	1 091
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	879	922	961	1 032	1 206
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	2	42
Interim and temporary orders	82	134	162	214	290
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	961	1 056	1 123	1 248	1 538
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	1 338	1 435	1 517	1 691	2 024
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	3	65
Interim and temporary orders	132	204	266	352	540
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 470	1 639	1 783	2 046	2 629

(a) Children on care applications are included in the category 'interim and temporary orders'.

(b) Data include for the first time children in care applications adjourned at 30 June where no subsequent court appearance had occurred by the end of August. Data from 2001-02 and 2002-03 do not include these children.

(c) Implementation of the *Children and Community Services Act 2004* in March 2006 required the legal status of children in care to be reviewed and Protection Orders were sought for a number of children already in care but not under care and protection orders, for 2006 onwards.

(d) In 2006-07, the number of children on orders included 24 children who were placed on Enduring Parental Responsibility orders.

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

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

Table 15A.85

Table 15A.85 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)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications (c)					
Number of children					
Indigenous	682	688	968	1 017	2 262
Non-Indigenous	1 456	1 550	1 960	2 032	4 654
All children	2 138	2 238	2 928	3 049	6 916
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	23.9	23.9	33.5	35.0	77.3
Non-Indigenous	3.4	3.6	4.6	4.7	10.5
All children	4.7	4.9	6.4	6.6	14.6
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	530	571	677	760	922
Non-Indigenous	1 264	1 335	1 537	1 653	1 995
All children	1 794	1 906	2 214	2 413	2 917
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	18.6	19.9	23.4	26.1	31.5
Non-Indigenous	3.0	3.1	3.6	3.8	4.5
All children	3.9	4.2	4.8	5.3	6.2
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	275	322	353	316	438
Non-Indigenous	571	599	682	603	716
All children	846	921	1 035	919	1 154
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	9.6	11.2	12.2	10.9	15.0
Non-Indigenous	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.6
All children	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.0	2.4
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders (d)					
Number of children					
Indigenous	509	583	660	798	1 091
Non-Indigenous	961	1 056	1 123	1 248	1 538
All children	1 470	1 639	1 783	2 046	2 629
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	16.9	19.2	21.6	25.8	35.2
Non-Indigenous	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.7	3.2
All children	3.0	3.4	3.7	4.2	5.2

Table 15A.85 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)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
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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 1000. For Indigenous children, 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000.
- (c) The number of notifications increased between 2005-06 and 2006-07 as all Concern for Child Wellbeing reports are now classified as a notification. Previously, only those that were followed by an investigation were counted as a notification.
- (d) Implementation of the *Children and Community Services Act 2004* in March 2006 required the legal status of children in care to be reviewed and Protection Orders were sought for a number of children already in care but not under care and protection orders.

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.86 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Western Australia (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Subject of a substantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	31	22	14	20	34
Proportion of children (b)	%	2.1	2.0	1.2	1.5	2.0
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	98	62	57	79	89
Proportion of children (b)	%	6.8	5.6	4.9	6.0	5.1

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

(b) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.87

Table 15A.87 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Western Australia (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	39	36	19	24	22
Proportion of children (b)	%	3.0	3.6	1.8	2.0	1.7
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	119	84	69	87	79
Proportion of children (b)	%	9.2	8.5	6.4	7.3	6.2

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

(b) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.88

Table 15A.88 Resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate, Western Australia

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Resubstantiation rate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	3.0	3.6	1.8	2.0	1.7
Proportion within 12 months	%	9.2	8.5	6.4	7.3	6.2
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	2.1	2.0	1.2	1.5	2.0
Proportion within 12 months	%	6.8	5.6	4.9	6.0	5.1
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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	48.4	47.8	46.2	40.9	42.1

(a) The counting rule for resubstantiation rate and substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.89

Table 15A.89 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)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	570	587	692	766	978
Non-Indigenous	1 045	1 094	1 137	1 202	1 393
All children	1 615	1 681	1 829	1 968	2 371
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)					
Indigenous	18.9	19.3	22.6	24.8	31.6
Non-Indigenous	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.9
All children	3.3	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.7
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	834	836	925	988	1 226
Non-Indigenous	1 450	1 477	1 564	1 556	1 765
All children	2 284	2 313	2 489	2 544	2 991
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)					
Indigenous	27.8	27.6	30.3	32.2	39.7
Non-Indigenous	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.7
All children	4.7	4.8	5.1	5.2	6.0

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

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

(c) 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000.

(d) 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 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.90

Table 15A.90 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Western Australia (number) (a), (b), (c)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Residential care	49	57	39	38	50
Family group homes	..	..	24	25	33
Home based care					
Foster care	192	204	217	238	304
Relative/kinship care	323	319	400	452	573
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	515	523	617	690	877
Independent living (incl. private board)	2	4	5	4	5
Other (incl. unknown)	4	3	7	9	13
Total indigenous children	570	587	692	766	978
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	87	104	85	74	89
Family group homes	..	..	19	17	14
Home based care					
Foster care	644	652	665	728	822
Relative/kinship care	284	304	337	356	444
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	928	956	1 002	1 084	1 266
Independent living (incl. private board)	27	28	21	17	12
Other (incl. unknown)	3	6	10	10	12
Total non-indigenous children	1 045	1 094	1 137	1 202	1 393
All children					
Residential care	136	161	124	112	139
Family group homes	..	..	43	42	47
Home based care					
Foster care	836	856	882	966	1 126
Relative/kinship care	607	623	737	808	1 017
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	1 443	1 479	1 619	1 774	2 143
Independent living (incl. private board)	29	32	26	21	17
Other (incl. unknown)	7	9	17	19	25
Total children	1 615	1 681	1 829	1 968	2 371

(a) In 2002-03, the category 'Family group homes' was separated from the category 'Residential care'.

(b) Western Australia reported children in Family group homes separately to residential care for the first time in 2005.

(c) A small number of children are placed with externally managed foster carers who are also their relative and have been recorded in the foster care category in 2007.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.91

Table 15A.91 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Western Australia (number) (a)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	491	518	601	713	935
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	79	69	91	53	43
Total Indigenous children	570	587	692	766	978
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	868	917	975	1 105	1 327
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	177	177	162	97	66
Total non-Indigenous children	1 045	1 094	1 137	1 202	1 393
All children					
Care and protection order	1 359	1 435	1 576	1 818	2 262
Another type of order	–	–	–	–	–
Not on an order	256	246	253	150	109
Total all children	1 615	1 681	1 829	1 968	2 371

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

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.92

Table 15A.92 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	8	21	16	9	23
1 to less than 6 months	45	44	82	108	136
6 months to less than 1 year	55	43	77	65	125
1 to less than 2 years	99	89	90	124	154
2 to less than 5 years	185	197	203	220	256
5 years or more	178	193	224	240	284
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	570	587	692	766	978
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	570	587	692	766	978
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	35	29	24	37	33
1 to less than 6 months	103	71	93	100	174
6 months to less than 1 year	101	106	134	112	146
1 to less than 2 years	150	176	142	166	197
2 to less than 5 years	323	328	332	344	374
5 years or more	333	384	412	437	469
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	6	–
Total non-respite	1 045	1 094	1 137	1 202	1 393
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	1 045	1 094	1 137	1 202	1 393
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	43	50	40	46	56
1 to less than 6 months	148	115	175	208	310
6 months to less than 1 year	156	149	211	177	271
1 to less than 2 years	249	265	232	291	351
2 to less than 5 years	508	525	535	572	630
5 years or more	511	577	636	674	753
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 615	1 681	1 829	1 968	2 371
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 615	1 681	1 829	1 968	2 371

(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.92 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Western Australia (number) (a), (b)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
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(b) 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.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.93

Table 15A.93 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Western Australia (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	23	38	27	32	20
6 months to less than 1 year	12	9	16	12	23
1 to less than 2 years	12	11	5	17	9
2 to less than 5 years	25	23	29	20	20
5 years or more	20	20	32	24	35
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	92	101	109	105	107
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	66	67	70	52	39
6 months to less than 1 year	35	32	27	40	31
1 to less than 2 years	32	26	40	37	23
2 to less than 5 years	47	46	71	50	50
5 years or more	48	47	61	67	68
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	228	218	269	246	211
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	89	105	97	84	59
6 months to less than 1 year	47	41	43	52	54
1 to less than 2 years	44	37	45	54	32
2 to less than 5 years	72	69	100	70	70
5 years or more	68	67	93	91	103
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	320	319	378	351	318

(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) 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.

(c) A placement at home for more than 2 months is not considered a break in the length of time spent in care.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.94

Table 15A.94 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	323	319	400	452	573
Non-Indigenous	no.	284	304	337	356	444
All children	no.	607	623	737	808	1 017
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	56.7	54.3	57.8	59.0	58.6
Non-Indigenous	%	27.2	27.8	29.6	29.6	31.9
All children	%	37.6	37.1	40.3	41.1	42.9

(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) A small number of children are placed with externally managed foster carers who are also their relative and have been recorded in the foster care category in 2007.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.95

Table 15A.95 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Western Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	286	282	345	394	512
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	37	33	55	64	82
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	323	315	400	458	594
Other Indigenous carer	no.	114	127	143	143	156
Indigenous residential care	no.	26	28	25	18	21
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	140	155	168	161	177
Total children	no.	463	470	568	619	771
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	78	81	77	92	133
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	23	29	38	45	62
Total children	no.	101	110	115	137	195
Independent living/unknown	no.	6	7	9	10	12
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	570	587	692	766	978
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	50.7	48.6	50.5	52.1	53.0
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	6.6	5.7	8.1	8.5	8.5
Total placed with relative/kin	%	57.3	54.3	58.6	60.6	61.5
Other Indigenous carer	%	20.2	21.9	20.9	18.9	16.1
Indigenous residential care	%	4.6	4.8	3.7	2.4	2.2
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	24.8	26.7	24.6	21.3	18.3
Total children	%	82.1	81.0	83.2	81.9	79.8
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	13.8	14.0	11.3	12.2	13.8
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	4.1	5.0	5.6	6.0	6.4
Total children	%	17.9	19.0	16.8	18.1	20.2
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 with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care 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) Children in residential care with Indigenous caregivers were included in the category 'other Indigenous carer'.

(c) A small number of children are placed with externally managed foster carers who are also their relative and have been recorded in the foster care category.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.96 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Western Australia (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	399	403	480	541	709
Non-Indigenous	no.	631	655	700	773	900
All children	no.	1 030	1 058	1 180	1 314	1 609
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	92.1	89.8	91.8	92.8	92.4
Non-Indigenous	%	94.5	92.4	93.0	94.8	94.9
All children	%	93.6	91.4	92.5	94.0	93.8

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.97

Table 15A.97 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 (number) (a), (b)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	4	5	4	4	24
2 placements	–	9	5	2	8
3 placements	–	1	1	–	3
4–5 placements	–	1	–	1	1
6–10 placements	–	–	–	–	1
11 or more placements	–	–	–	–	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	4	16	10	7	37
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	7	5	6	4	14
2 placement	9	9	6	9	9
3 placement	1	1	1	1	11
4–5 placement	1	–	4	2	2
6–10 placements	–	–	–	–	–
11 or more placements	–	–	–	–	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	18	15	17	16	36
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	14	6	5	8	4
2 placement	3	9	11	9	8
3 placement	3	3	3	6	5
4–5 placement	3	2	2	2	2
6–10 placements	2	3	–	5	1
11 or more placements	–	–	–	–	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	25	23	21	30	20
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	18	15	14	8	11
2 placement	10	8	31	22	17
3 placement	11	6	8	4	12
4–5 placement	3	8	17	8	11
6–10 placements	5	7	6	13	6
11 or more placements	1	1	–	–	2
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	48	45	76	55	59

Table 15A.97

Table 15A.97 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 (number) (a), (b)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	12	8	13	11	8
2 placement	12	7	11	10	23
3 placement	8	5	7	11	18
4-5 placement	9	9	18	16	12
6-10 placements	14	18	18	24	17
11 or more placements	3	10	13	11	16
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	58	57	80	83	94
All children					
1 placement	55	39	42	35	61
2 placements	34	42	64	52	65
3 placements	23	16	20	22	49
4-5 placements	16	20	41	29	28
6-10 placements	21	28	24	42	25
11 or more placements	4	11	13	11	18
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	153	156	204	191	246
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements					
1-2 placements	20	28	21	19	55
3 or more placements	2	3	6	4	18
Total children	22	31	27	23	73
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements					
1-2 placements	69	53	85	68	71
3 or more placements	62	72	92	100	102
Total children	131	125	177	168	173

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

(b) 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.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.98 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>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Children who were the subject of a child protection substantiation and the person believed responsible was in the household						
Number of children	no.	12	15	12	9	13
Proportion of children (b)	%	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4
Other children						
Number of children	no.	2 272	2 298	2 477	2 535	2 978
Proportion of children (b)	%	99.5	99.4	99.5	99.6	99.6
All children in out-of-home care	no.	2 284	2 313	2 489	2 544	2 991

(a) The data include abuse by foster carers or workers in placement services, but not abuse by others living in the household.

(b) Proportion of all children in out-of-home care.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

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Table 15A.99 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	481	633	736	464	625
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	635	707	977	675	965
Total finalised	no.	1 116	1 340	1 713	1 139	1 590
Investigations in process (d)	no.	8	10	3	19	13
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	no.	..	..	..	..	—
Total investigations	no.	1 124	1 350	1 716	1 158	1 603
Dealt with by other means (f)	no.	..	..	..	..	2 457
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	1 253	1 375	1 864	1 838	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	—	—	..
Total notifications	no.	2 377	2 725	3 580	2 996	4 060
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	20.2	23.2	20.6	15.5	15.4
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	26.7	25.9	27.3	22.5	23.8
Total finalised	%	46.9	49.2	47.8	38.0	39.2
Investigations in process (d)	%	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.3
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	%	..	..	..	..	—
Total investigations	%	47.3	49.5	47.9	38.7	39.5
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	..	..	..	..	60.5
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	52.7	50.5	52.1	61.3	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	—	—	—	—	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	1 942	1 857	1 648	1 391	1 617
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	3 070	3 186	2 889	2 249	2 524
Total finalised	no.	5 012	5 043	4 537	3 640	4 141
Investigations in process (d)	no.	39	52	26	44	62

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Table 15A.99 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	no.	..	..	..	..	—
Total investigations	no.	5 051	5 095	4 563	3 684	4 203
Dealt with by other means (f)		..	..	..	..	10 171
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	6 014	7 097	9 330	8 389	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	—	—	—	—	..
Total notifications	no.	11 065	12 192	13 893	12 073	14 374
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	17.6	15.2	11.9	11.5	11.2
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	27.7	26.1	20.8	18.6	17.6
Total finalised	%	45.3	41.4	32.7	30.1	28.8
Investigations in process (d)	%	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	%	..	..	..	..	—
Total investigations	%	45.6	41.8	32.8	30.5	29.2
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	..	..	..	..	70.8
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	54.4	58.2	67.2	69.5	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	—	—	—	—	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	2 423	2 490	2 384	1 855	2 242
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	3 705	3 893	3 866	2 924	3 489
Total finalised	no.	6 128	6 383	6 250	4 779	5 731
Investigations in process (d)	no.	47	62	29	63	75
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	no.	..	..	..	..	—
Total investigations	no.	6 175	6 445	6 279	4 842	5 806
Dealt with by other means (f)	no.	..	..	..	..	12 628
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	7 267	8 472	11 194	10 227	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	—	—	—	—	..
Total notifications	no.	13 442	14 917	17 473	15 069	18 434

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Table 15A.99 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, South Australia (a), (b), (c)**

	Unit	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	18.0	16.7	13.6	12.3	12.2
Carer/family issues	%
Not substantiated	%	27.6	26.1	22.1	19.4	18.9
Total finalised	%	45.6	42.8	35.8	31.7	31.1
Investigations in process (d)	%	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	%	–
Total investigations	%	45.9	43.2	35.9	32.1	31.5
Dealt with by other means (f)	%	68.5
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	54.1	56.8	64.1	67.9	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	–	–	–	–	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these was counted.
- (b) 'Notifier concern reports' are excluded from the count of total notifications because concern reports are not reported.
- (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. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the child where practicable.
- (d) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (e) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (f) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. Prior to 2006-07, some of the cases recorded as 'dealt with by other means' may have been cases where the investigation was closed with no outcome possible. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.

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

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.100

Table 15A.100 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, South Australia (number)**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	78	78	87	88	125
Had prior admissions to orders	37	55	77	111	100
Total children admitted	115	133	164	199	225
Children discharged from orders	127	141	186	58	72
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	340	374	292	244	307
Had prior admissions to orders	117	157	290	347	356
Total children admitted	457	531	582	591	663
Children discharged from orders	543	610	698	251	214
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	418	452	379	332	432
Had prior admissions to orders	154	212	367	458	456
Total children admitted	572	664	746	790	888
Children discharged from orders	670	751	884	309	286

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.101

Table 15A.101 **Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, South Australia (number)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	226	256	296	354	416
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	35	19	26	24	24
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	261	275	322	378	440
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	1 061	1 109	1 150	1 202	1 379
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	56	71	81	91	62
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	1 117	1 180	1 231	1 293	1 441
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	1 287	1 365	1 446	1 556	1 795
Finalised supervisory orders	..	..	..	..	..
Interim and temporary orders	91	90	107	115	86
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 378	1 455	1 553	1 671	1 881

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

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.102

Table 15A.102 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)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	1 404	1 634	1 904	1 814	2 222
Non-Indigenous	7 507	8 160	9 151	8 337	9 773
All children	8 911	9 794	11 055	10 151	11 995
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	127.9	147.7	170.9	162.6	197.6
Non-Indigenous	23.6	25.8	29.1	26.7	30.7
All children	27.0	29.9	34.0	31.3	36.4
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	762	887	980	793	1 036
Non-Indigenous	3 775	3 774	3 300	2 752	3 201
All children	4 537	4 661	4 280	3 545	4 237
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	69.4	80.2	87.9	71.1	92.1
Non-Indigenous	11.8	11.9	10.5	8.8	10.1
All children	13.8	14.2	13.2	10.9	12.9
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	351	441	481	360	439
Non-Indigenous	1 545	1 499	1 317	1 101	1 314
All children	1 896	1 940	1 798	1 461	1 753
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	32.0	39.9	43.2	32.3	39.0
Non-Indigenous	4.8	4.7	4.2	3.5	4.1
All children	5.8	5.9	5.5	4.5	5.3
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	261	275	322	378	440
Non-Indigenous	1 117	1 180	1 231	1 293	1 441
All children	1 378	1 455	1 553	1 671	1 881
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	22.5	23.5	27.3	31.8	36.9
Non-Indigenous	3.3	3.5	3.7	3.9	4.3
All children	3.9	4.2	4.5	4.8	5.4

Table 15A.102 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)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
(a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000.					
(c) SA includes in 'notifications' only those reports which have met the criteria for a reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect.					
(d) 2006-07 figures for all children subject to substantiations only relates to children who were the subject of a substantiation for notifications made during 2006-07.					

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.103 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, South Australia (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06 (b)</i>
Subject of a substantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	176	185	240	123	116
Proportion of children (c)	%	5.9	5.7	7.2	4.0	4.7
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	429	278	504	361	334
Proportion of children (c)	%	14.3	8.6	15.1	11.8	13.6

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years. SA applied the earlier counting rule until 2004-05.

(b) Data only relates to children who were the subject of a substantiation for notifications made during 2006-07

(c) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.104 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, South Australia (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06 (b)</i>
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	249	279	307	116	126
Proportion of children (c)	%	14.0	14.5	15.6	6.4	8.6
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	432	378	509	339	314
Proportion of children (c)	%	24.3	19.7	25.9	18.8	21.5

- (a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years. SA applied the earlier counting rule until 2004-05.
- (b) Data only relates to children who were the subject of a substantiation for notifications made during 2006-07.
- (c) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Table 15A.105 Resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate, South Australia

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Resubstantiation rate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	14.0	14.5	15.6	6.4	8.6
Proportion within 12 months	%	24.3	19.7	25.9	18.8	21.5
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	5.9	5.7	7.2	4.0	4.7
Proportion within 12 months	%	14.3	8.6	15.1	11.8	13.6
	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	39.5	39.0	38.1	38.8	39.1

(a) The counting rule for resubstantiation rate and substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years. SA applied the earlier counting rule until 2004-05.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.106 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June: number and rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years, by Indigenous status, South Australia

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	252	236	286	359	405
Non-Indigenous	993	968	1 043	1 138	1 273
All children	1 245	1 204	1 329	1 497	1 678
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (a)					
Indigenous	21.7	20.2	24.3	30.2	34.0
Non-Indigenous	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.8
All children	3.6	3.5	3.9	4.3	4.8
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	442	433	457	497	600
Non-Indigenous	1 618	1 572	1 486	1 517	1 669
All children	2 060	2 005	1 943	2 014	2 269
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	38.3	37.2	38.9	42.2	50.5
Non-Indigenous	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.9
All children	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.8	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 31 March, multiplied by 1000.
- (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 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.107

Table 15A.107 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, South Australia (number) (a), (b)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Residential care	3	2	4	4	18
Family group homes	..	–	9	18	–
Home based care					
Foster care	197	182	191	200	199
Relative/kinship care	52	52	82	137	180
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	249	234	273	337	379
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	4
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	4
Total Indigenous children	252	236	286	359	405
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	43	44	36	46	123
Family group homes	..	13	45	57	–
Home based care					
Foster care	821	763	776	810	711
Relative/kinship care	121	142	182	222	373
Other home based care	8	6	4	3	3
Total home based	950	911	962	1 035	1 087
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	5
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	58
Total non-Indigenous children	993	968	1 043	1 138	1 273
All children					
Residential care	46	46	40	50	141
Family group homes	..	13	54	75	–
Home based care					
Foster care	1 018	945	967	1 010	910
Relative/kinship care	173	194	264	359	553
Other home based care	8	6	4	3	3
Total home based	1 199	1 145	1 235	1 372	1 466
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	9
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	62
Total all children	1 245	1 204	1 329	1 497	1 678

(a) In 2002-03, the category 'Family group homes' was separated from the category 'Residential care'.

(b) In 2005-06 children who in fact were in residential care had been incorrectly categorised as being in Family Group Homes.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.108 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, South Australia (number) (a)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	198	195	230	292	354
Another type of order	54	41	14	14	15
Not on an order	–	–	42	53	36
Total Indigenous children	252	236	286	359	405
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	807	833	941	994	1 109
Another type of order	186	135	46	66	83
Not on an order	–	–	56	78	81
Total non-Indigenous children	993	968	1 043	1 138	1 273
All children					
Care and protection order	1 005	1 028	1 171	1 286	1 463
Another type of order	240	176	60	80	98
Not on an order	–	–	98	131	117
Total all children	1 245	1 204	1 329	1 497	1 678

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

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.109

Table 15A.109 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, South Australia (number) (a)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Respite	3	1	–	3	1
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	30	11	10	13	24
1 to less than 6 months	49	25	60	72	63
6 months to less than 1 year	22	31	33	40	60
1 to less than 2 years	37	41	45	68	71
2 to less than 5 years	51	65	70	86	103
5 years or more	60	62	68	77	83
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	249	235	286	356	404
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	252	236	286	359	405
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	2	3	1	4	7
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	95	52	44	62	73
1 to less than 6 months	207	185	160	208	224
6 months to less than 1 year	125	120	160	147	192
1 to less than 2 years	141	169	201	208	214
2 to less than 5 years	206	208	248	283	313
5 years or more	217	231	229	226	250
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	991	965	1 042	1 134	1 266
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	993	968	1 043	1 138	1 273
All children					
Respite	5	4	1	7	8
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	125	63	54	75	97
1 to less than 6 months	256	210	220	280	287
6 months to less than 1 year	147	151	193	187	252
1 to less than 2 years	178	210	246	276	285
2 to less than 5 years	257	273	318	369	416
5 years or more	277	293	297	303	333
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	1 240	1 200	1 328	1 490	1 670
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	1 245	1 204	1 329	1 497	1 678

Table 15A.109 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, South Australia (number) (a)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
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(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.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.110 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, South Australia (number) (a)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	49	35	35	23	56
6 months to less than 1 year	7	8	8	5	21
1 to less than 2 years	19	12	11	7	10
2 to less than 5 years	11	7	5	8	16
5 years or more	15	9	9	9	12
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	101	71	68	52	115
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	167	109	56	54	101
6 months to less than 1 year	52	33	29	28	39
1 to less than 2 years	48	44	38	49	36
2 to less than 5 years	42	36	35	41	37
5 years or more	63	53	35	47	37
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	372	275	193	219	250
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	216	144	91	77	157
6 months to less than 1 year	59	41	37	33	60
1 to less than 2 years	67	56	49	56	46
2 to less than 5 years	53	43	40	49	53
5 years or more	78	62	44	56	49
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	473	346	261	271	365

(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.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.111 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, South Australia (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	52	52	82	137	180
Non-Indigenous	no.	121	142	182	222	373
All children	no.	173	194	264	359	553
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	20.6	22.0	28.7	38.2	44.4
Non-Indigenous	%	12.2	14.7	17.4	19.5	29.3
All children	%	13.9	16.1	19.9	24.0	33.0

(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.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.112

Table 15A.112 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, South Australia (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	39	37	70	109	140
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	13	15	12	28	40
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	52	52	82	137	180
Other Indigenous carer	no.	113	131	136	138	136
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	113	131	136	138	136
Total children	no.	165	183	218	275	316
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	84	51	64	62	63
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	3	2	4	22	18
Total children	no.	87	53	68	84	81
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	8
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	252	236	286	359	405
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	15.5	15.7	24.5	30.4	35.3
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	5.2	6.4	4.2	7.8	10.1
Total placed with relative/kin	%	20.6	22.0	28.7	38.2	45.3
Other Indigenous carer	%	44.8	55.5	47.6	38.4	34.3
Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	44.8	55.5	47.6	38.4	34.3
Total children	%	65.5	77.5	76.2	76.6	79.6
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	33.3	21.6	22.4	17.3	15.9
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	1.2	0.8	1.4	6.1	4.5
Total children	%	34.5	22.5	23.8	23.4	20.4
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 with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care 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.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.113 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>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	167	156	189	242	271
Non-Indigenous	no.	562	590	629	708	749
All children	no.	729	746	818	950	1 020
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	99.4	99.4	98.4	96.8	96.4
Non-Indigenous	%	98.4	99.0	97.8	96.2	89.8
All children	%	98.6	99.1	98.0	96.3	91.5

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.114

Table 15A.114 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 (number) (a), (b)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	12	12	10	15	22
2 placements	8	14	3	5	4
3 placements	9	2	3	4	3
4-5 placements	-	3	-	2	4
6-10 placements	-	2	-	1	2
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	29	33	16	27	35
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	7	11	10	10	14
2 placement	7	11	6	3	12
3 placement	5	4	5	6	3
4-5 placement	1	-	2	3	6
6-10 placements	-	1	-	-	2
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	20	27	23	22	37
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	6	10	12	21	15
2 placement	5	12	8	11	4
3 placement	9	7	7	4	7
4-5 placement	7	5	10	7	6
6-10 placements	5	13	7	5	8
11 or more placements	1	1	1	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	33	48	45	48	40
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	3	7	7	9	14
2 placement	2	3	7	12	4
3 placement	1	9	3	6	9
4-5 placement	7	6	7	8	8
6-10 placements	7	15	9	10	12
11 or more placements	8	2	6	1	2
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	28	42	39	46	49

Table 15A.114

Table 15A.114 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 (number) (a), (b)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	26	8	6	11	9
2 placement	6	5	8	6	6
3 placement	4	4	8	5	6
4-5 placement	6	12	4	6	5
6-10 placements	12	13	9	11	13
11 or more placements	16	11	5	11	7
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	70	53	40	50	46
All children					
1 placement	54	48	45	66	74
2 placements	28	45	32	37	30
3 placements	28	26	26	25	28
4-5 placements	21	26	23	26	29
6-10 placements	24	44	25	27	37
11 or more placements	25	14	12	12	9
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	180	203	163	193	207
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements					
1-2 placements	34	48	29	33	52
3 or more placements	15	12	10	16	20
Total children	49	60	39	49	72
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements					
1-2 placements	48	45	48	70	52
3 or more placements	83	98	76	74	83
Total children	131	143	124	144	135

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

(b) 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.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.115 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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</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	8	11	8
Proportion of children (a)	%	na	na	0.4	0.5	0.4
Other children						
Number of children	no.	na	na	1 935	2 003	2 261
Proportion of children (a)	%	na	na	99.6	99.5	99.6
All children in out-of-home care	no.	na	na	1 943	2 014	2 269

(a) Proportion of all children in out-of-home care.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

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Table 15A.116

Table 15A.116 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	20	13	43	45	47
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	6	5	19	35	19
Total finalised	no.	26	18	62	80	66
Investigations in process (f)	no.	1	6	12	46	61
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	26
Total investigations	no.	27	24	74	126	153
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	..	..	292
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	–	1	131	271	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	1	–	25	7	..
Total notifications (i)	no.	28	25	230	404	445
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	71.4	52.0	18.7	11.1	10.6
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	21.4	20.0	8.3	8.7	4.3
Total finalised	%	92.9	72.0	27.0	19.8	14.8
Investigations in process (f)	%	3.6	24.0	5.2	11.4	13.7
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	5.8
Total investigations	%	96.4	96.0	32.2	31.2	34.4
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	..	..	65.6
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	–	4.0	57.0	67.1	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	3.6	–	10.9	1.7	..
Total notifications (i)	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	193	414	739	748	1 205
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	329	503	532	590	566
Total finalised	no.	522	917	1 271	1 338	1 771
Investigations in process (f)	no.	92	353	488	2 360	1 742

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Table 15A.116 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	911
Total investigations	no.	614	1 270	1 759	3 698	4 424
Dealt with by other means (h)		..	..	..	..	9 629
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	24	3 410	6 661	7 863	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	75	2 543	2 138	1 064	..
Total notifications (j)	no.	713	7 223	10 558	12 625	14 053
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	27.1	5.7	7.0	5.9	8.6
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	46.1	7.0	5.0	4.7	4.0
Total finalised	%	73.2	12.7	12.0	10.6	12.6
Investigations in process (f)	%	12.9	4.9	4.6	18.7	12.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	6.5
Total investigations	%	86.1	17.6	16.7	29.3	31.5
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	..	..	68.5
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	3.4	47.2	63.1	62.3	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	10.5	35.2	20.3	8.4	..
Total notifications (j)	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	213	427	782	793	1 252
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	335	508	551	625	585
Total finalised	no.	548	935	1 333	1 418	1 837
Investigations in process (f)	no.	93	359	500	2 406	1 803
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	937
Total investigations	no.	641	1 294	1 833	3 824	4 577
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	..	..	9 921
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	24	3 411	6 792	8 134	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	76	2 543	2 163	1 071	..

Table 15A.116 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Total notifications	no.	741	7 248	10 788	13 029	14 498
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	28.7	5.9	7.2	6.1	8.6
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	45.2	7.0	5.1	4.8	4.0
Total finalised	%	74.0	12.9	12.4	10.9	12.7
Investigations in process (f)	%	12.6	5.0	4.6	18.5	12.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	6.5
Total investigations	%	86.5	17.9	17.0	29.3	31.6
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	..	..	68.4
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	3.2	47.1	63.0	62.4	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	10.3	35.1	20.1	8.2	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) Data on notifications for 2003-04 should not be compared to previous years. This is because of a change in recording practices due to the centralisation of the intake service, known as the Child Protection Advice and Referral Service. Now every call about a child is recorded as a notification, whereas previously, workers made the decision locally about whether the call was in fact a notification based on the risk to the child.
- (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. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the 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) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (f) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (g) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (h) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.

Table 15A.116 Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
(i)	Due to the high number of children with unknown Indigenous status at notification, and the inclusion of these in the non-Indigenous category, these data are likely to be considerably under-reported for 2005-06 and 2006-07.					
(j)	Due to the high number of children with unknown Indigenous status at notification, and the inclusion of these in the non-Indigenous category, these data are considered unreliable for 2005-06 and 2006-07.					
	.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.					

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.117

Table 15A.117 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Tasmania (number)**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	20	28	5	48	33
Had prior admissions to orders	20	27	27	46	75
Total children admitted	40	55	32	94	108
Children discharged from orders	7	23	19	27	28
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	222	178	214	295	266
Had prior admissions to orders	175	297	115	184	208
Total children admitted	397	475	329	479	474
Children discharged from orders	202	247	137	206	268
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	242	206	219	343	299
Had prior admissions to orders	195	324	142	230	283
Total children admitted	437	530	361	573	582
Children discharged from orders	209	270	156	233	296

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.118

Table 15A.118 Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Tasmania (number)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	46	74	82	107	134
Finalised supervisory orders	6	6	–	6	6
Interim and temporary orders	7	3	12	12	24
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	59	83	94	125	164
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	416	472	509	586	620
Finalised supervisory orders	31	20	30	26	26
Interim and temporary orders	94	59	83	96	87
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	541	551	622	708	733
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	462	546	591	693	754
Finalised supervisory orders	37	26	30	32	32
Interim and temporary orders	101	62	95	108	111
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	600	634	716	833	897

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.119

Table 15A.119 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)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	23	15	87	119	146
Non-Indigenous	515	5 200	5 678	6 466	7 180
All children	538	5 215	5 765	6 585	7 326
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	3.0	1.9	11.3	15.4	18.8
Non-Indigenous	5.0	50.3	55.3	63.1	70.0
All children	4.8	47.0	52.2	59.7	66.4
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	19	15	50	52	42
Non-Indigenous	409	668	1 004	1 086	1 123
All children	428	683	1 054	1 138	1 165
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	2.5	1.9	6.5	6.7	5.4
Non-Indigenous	3.9	6.5	9.8	10.6	11.0
All children	3.8	6.2	9.5	10.3	10.6
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	19	12	37	34	31
Non-Indigenous	186	317	599	616	768
All children	205	329	636	650	799
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	2.5	1.6	4.8	4.4	4.0
Non-Indigenous	1.8	3.1	5.8	6.0	7.5
All children	1.8	3.0	5.8	5.9	7.2
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	59	83	94	125	164
Non-Indigenous	541	551	622	708	733
All children	600	634	716	833	897
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	7.3	10.2	11.5	15.2	19.9
Non-Indigenous	4.9	5.0	5.7	6.5	6.7
All children	5.1	5.4	6.1	7.1	7.6

Table 15A.119 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)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
(a)	Data on notifications for 2003-04 should not be compared to previous years. This is because of a change in recording practices due to the centralisation of the intake service, known as the Child Protection Advice and Referral Service. Now every call about a child is recorded as a notification, whereas previously, workers made the decision locally about whether the call was in fact a notification based on the risk to the child.				
(b)	Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.				
(c)	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 31 March, multiplied by 1000.				
(d)	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.120 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Tasmania (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Subject of a substantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	31	15	8	21	45
Proportion of children (b)	%	6.9	3.8	1.9	4.5	6.4
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	58	28	42	61	95
Proportion of children (b)	%	12.9	7.0	9.9	13.0	13.5

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

(b) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.121 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Tasmania (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	43	38	25	46	64
Proportion of children (b)	%	4.6	5.9	4.3	7.9	7.8
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	132	82	83	120	151
Proportion of children (b)	%	14.2	12.8	14.2	20.6	18.3

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

(b) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.122 Resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate, Tasmania

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Resubstantiation rate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	4.6	5.9	4.3	7.9	7.8
Proportion within 12 months	%	14.2	12.8	14.2	20.6	18.3
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	6.9	3.8	1.9	4.5	6.4
Proportion within 12 months	%	12.9	7.0	9.9	13.0	13.5
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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	38.9	45.7	58.7	55.9	68.2

(a) The counting rule for resubstantiation rate and substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.123 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)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	43	55	78	98	113
Non-Indigenous	425	432	498	585	554
All children	468	487	576	683	667
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)					
Indigenous	5.3	6.7	9.5	11.9	13.7
Non-Indigenous	3.9	3.9	4.6	5.4	5.1
All children	4.0	4.1	4.9	5.8	5.7
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	72	78	74	134	158
Non-Indigenous	685	591	587	846	806
All children	757	669	661	980	964
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)					
Indigenous	8.9	9.6	9.1	16.3	19.2
Non-Indigenous	6.2	5.4	5.4	7.8	7.4
All children	6.4	5.7	5.6	8.4	8.2

- (a) The number of children in out-of-home care in Tasmania from 2003 should not be compared with previous years, as a group of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care were excluded from this year's collection. These children are not the subject of a care and protection order and out-of-home care services did not arrange their placement with relatives.
- (b) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.
- (c) 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000.
- (d) 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 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.124

Table 15A.124 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Tasmania (number) (a), (b)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Residential care	17	–	–	7	10
Family group homes	..	13	10	11	4
Home based care					
Foster care	17	10	29	54	69
Relative/kinship care	6	16	19	20	27
Other home based care	1	9	14	1	2
Total home based	24	35	62	75	98
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	3	4	3	–
Other (incl. unknown)	1	4	2	2	1
Total Indigenous children	43	55	78	98	113
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	85	–	–	23	25
Family group homes	..	41	48	30	26
Home based care					
Foster care	233	207	249	305	328
Relative/kinship care	65	97	107	128	128
Other home based care	6	40	56	48	43
Total home based	304	344	412	481	499
Independent living (incl. private board)	22	27	21	35	–
Other (incl. unknown)	14	20	17	16	4
Total non-Indigenous children	425	432	498	585	554
All children					
Residential care	102	–	–	30	35
Family group homes	..	54	58	41	30
Home based care					
Foster care	250	217	278	359	397
Relative/kinship care	71	113	126	148	155
Other home based care	7	49	70	49	45
Total home based	328	379	474	556	597
Independent living (incl. private board)	23	30	25	38	–
Other (incl. unknown)	15	24	19	18	5
Total all children	468	487	576	683	667

(a) In 2002-03, the category 'Family group homes' was separated from the category 'Residential care'.

(b) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.125

Table 15A.125 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Tasmania (number) (a), (b)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	34	54	76	97	111
Another type of order	–	–	1	–	–
Not on an order	9	1	1	1	2
Total Indigenous children	43	55	78	98	113
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	342	432	490	549	547
Another type of order	10	–	–	1	2
Not on an order	73	–	8	35	5
Total non-Indigenous children	425	432	498	585	554
All children					
Care and protection order	376	486	566	646	658
Another type of order	10	–	1	1	2
Not on an order	82	1	9	36	7
Total all children	468	487	576	683	667

(a) 'On a care and protection order' includes children on guardianship or custody orders or arrangements; 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) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.126

Table 15A.126 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Tasmania (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	6	4	13	–	6
1 to less than 6 months	22	26	29	22	13
6 months to less than 1 year	4	11	11	18	14
1 to less than 2 years	3	8	16	16	32
2 to less than 5 years	1	6	6	29	30
5 years or more	7	–	3	13	18
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	43	55	78	98	113
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	43	55	78	98	113
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	71	62	54	30	21
1 to less than 6 months	157	145	183	84	50
6 months to less than 1 year	72	94	101	88	83
1 to less than 2 years	46	53	78	101	104
2 to less than 5 years	65	50	43	158	183
5 years or more	13	26	36	124	113
Not stated/unknown	1	1	3	–	–
Total non-respite	425	431	498	585	554
Not stated/unknown	–	1	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	425	432	498	585	554
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	77	66	67	30	27
1 to less than 6 months	179	171	212	106	63
6 months to less than 1 year	76	105	112	106	97
1 to less than 2 years	49	61	94	117	136
2 to less than 5 years	66	56	49	187	213
5 years or more	20	26	39	137	131
Not stated/unknown	1	1	3	–	–
Total non-respite	468	486	576	683	667
Not stated/unknown	–	1	–	–	–
Total all children	468	487	576	683	667

Table 15A.126 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Tasmania (number)
(a), (b), (c)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
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(a) This indicates the length of time a child has been in out of home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

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

(c) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.127 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Tasmania (number) (a)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	15	12
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	6	10
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	1	5
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	4	4
5 years or more	na	na	na	2	1
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	–	–
Total children	na	na	na	28	32
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	88	79
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	15	25
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	34	24
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	19	17
5 years or more	na	na	na	14	12
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	–	–
Total children	na	na	na	170	157
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	na	na	na	103	91
6 months to less than 1 year	na	na	na	21	35
1 to less than 2 years	na	na	na	35	29
2 to less than 5 years	na	na	na	23	21
5 years or more	na	na	na	16	13
Not stated/unknown	na	na	na	–	–
Total children	na	na	na	198	189

(a) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.128 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	6	16	19	20	27
Non-Indigenous	no.	65	97	107	128	128
All children	no.	71	113	126	148	155
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	14.0	29.1	24.4	20.4	23.9
Non-Indigenous	%	15.3	22.5	21.5	21.9	23.1
All children	%	15.2	23.2	21.9	21.7	23.2

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

(b) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.129

Table 15A.129 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Tasmania (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	–	3	8	10	9
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	6	13	11	8	15
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	6	16	19	18	24
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	1	3	1	13	16
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	1	3	1	13	16
Total children	no.	7	19	20	31	40
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	18	28	54	55	58
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	17	–	–	7	10
Total children	no.	35	28	54	62	68
Independent living/unknown	no.	1	8	4	5	5
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	43	55	78	98	113
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	–	6.4	10.8	10.8	8.3
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	14.3	27.7	14.9	8.6	13.9
Total placed with relative/kin	%	14.3	34.0	25.7	19.4	22.2
Other Indigenous carer	%	2.4	6.4	1.4	14.0	14.8
Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	2.4	6.4	1.4	14.0	14.8
Total children	%	16.7	40.4	27.0	33.3	37.0
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	42.9	59.6	73.0	59.1	53.7
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	40.5	–	–	7.5	9.3
Total children	%	83.3	59.6	73.0	66.7	63.0
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 with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care 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) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.130 **Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	14	21	43	59	79
Non-Indigenous	no.	211	248	296	370	376
All children	no.	225	269	339	429	455
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	51.9	65.6	87.8	85.5	97.5
Non-Indigenous	%	75.4	90.5	90.8	94.1	94.7
All children	%	73.3	87.9	90.4	92.9	95.2

- (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) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.131

Table 15A.131 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 (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	na	na	43	40
2 placements	na	na	na	25	25
3 placements	na	na	na	20	12
4-5 placements	na	na	na	5	12
6-10 placements	na	na	na	1	1
11 or more placements	na	na	na	-	-
Unknown	na	na	na	-	-
Total children	na	na	na	94	90
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	na	na	3	13
2 placement	na	na	na	5	7
3 placement	na	na	na	3	8
4-5 placement	na	na	na	6	6
6-10 placements	na	na	na	2	1
11 or more placements	na	na	na	-	-
Unknown	na	na	na	-	-
Total children	na	na	na	19	35
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	na	na	7	2
2 placement	na	na	na	8	4
3 placement	na	na	na	1	7
4-5 placement	na	na	na	8	10
6-10 placements	na	na	na	8	6
11 or more placements	na	na	na	2	-
Unknown	na	na	na	-	-
Total children	na	na	na	34	29
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	na	na	5	2
2 placement	na	na	na	-	1
3 placement	na	na	na	8	3
4-5 placement	na	na	na	3	8
6-10 placements	na	na	na	6	7
11 or more placements	na	na	na	-	-
Unknown	na	na	na	-	-
Total children	na	na	na	22	21

Table 15A.131 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 (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	na	na	na	2	–
2 placement	na	na	na	1	1
3 placement	na	na	na	1	1
4–5 placement	na	na	na	1	6
6–10 placements	na	na	na	2	3
11 or more placements	na	na	na	8	2
Unknown	na	na	na	–	–
Total children	na	na	na	15	13
All children					
1 placement	na	na	na	60	57
2 placements	na	na	na	39	38
3 placements	na	na	na	33	31
4–5 placements	na	na	na	23	42
6–10 placements	na	na	na	19	18
11 or more placements	na	na	na	10	2
Unknown	na	na	na	–	–
Total children	na	na	na	184	188
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements					
1–2 placements	na	na	na	76	85
3 or more placements	na	na	na	37	40
Total children	na	na	na	113	125
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements					
1–2 placements	na	na	na	23	10
3 or more placements	na	na	na	48	53
Total children	na	na	na	71	63

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

(b) 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.

(c) The number of children in out-of-home care as at 30 June 2007 is not comparable to that reported for previous years for Tasmania because of exclusion of a cohort of children who did not meet the definition of out-of-home care.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

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

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</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	–	11	na	na
Proportion of children (b)	%	0.1	–	1.4	na	na
Other children						
Number of children	no.	756	669	764	na	na
Proportion of children (b)	%	99.9	100.0	98.6	na	na
All children in out-of-home care	no.	757	669	775	na	na

(a) Tasmania is not able to identify children in out-of-home care for who were the subject of a substantiation and the person believed responsible was living in the household for 2005-06 and 2006-07.

(b) Proportion of all children in out-of-home care.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

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Table 15A.133

Table 15A.133 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated (e)	no.	43	61	136	163	151
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	41	80	152	136	164
Total finalised	no.	84	141	288	299	315
Investigations in process (f)	no.	32	95	49	103	28
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	26
Total investigations (h)	no.	116	236	337	402	369
Dealt with by other means (i)	no.	..	..	..	..	566
Notifications dealt with by other means (j)	no.	6	7	33	304	..
No investigation possible / no action (j)	no.	44	200	428	129	..
Total notifications	no.	166	443	798	835	935
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	25.9	13.8	17.0	19.5	16.1
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	24.7	18.1	19.0	16.3	17.5
Total finalised	%	50.6	31.8	36.1	35.8	33.7
Investigations in process (f)	%	19.3	21.4	6.1	12.3	3.0
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	2.8
Total investigations	%	69.9	53.3	42.2	48.1	39.5
Dealt with by other means (i)	%	..	..	..	..	60.5
Notifications dealt with by other means (j)	%	3.6	1.6	4.1	36.4	..
No investigation possible / no action (j)	%	26.5	45.1	53.6	15.4	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated (e)	no.	267	569	1 077	1 114	701
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	444	690	1 164	1 084	1 400
Total finalised	no.	711	1 259	2 241	2 198	2 101
Investigations in process (f)	no.	420	883	439	692	240
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	50

Table 15A.133

Table 15A.133 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Total investigations (h)	no.	1 131	2 142	2 680	2 890	2 391
Dealt with by other means (i)		..	..	..	..	5 384
Notifications dealt with by other means (j)	no.	43	68	170	2 681	..
No investigation possible / no action (j)	no.	784	2 672	3 627	1 658	..
Total notifications	no.	1 958	4 882	6 477	7 229	7 775
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	13.6	11.7	16.6	15.4	9.0
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	22.7	14.1	18.0	15.0	18.0
Total finalised	%	36.3	25.8	34.6	30.4	27.0
Investigations in process (f)	%	21.5	18.1	6.8	9.6	3.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	0.6
Total investigations	%	57.8	43.9	41.4	40.0	30.8
Dealt with by other means (i)	%	..	..	..	..	69.2
Notifications dealt with by other means (j)	%	2.2	1.4	2.6	37.1	..
No investigation possible / no action (j)	%	40.0	54.7	56.0	22.9	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated (e)	no.	310	630	1 213	1 277	852
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	485	770	1 316	1 220	1 564
Total finalised	no.	795	1 400	2 529	2 497	2 416
Investigations in process (f)	no.	452	978	488	795	268
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	76
Total investigations (h)	no.	1 247	2 378	3 017	3 292	2 760
Dealt with by other means (i)	no.	..	..	..	..	5 950
Notifications dealt with by other means (j)	no.	49	75	203	2 985	..
No investigation possible / no action (j)	no.	828	2 872	4 055	1 787	..
Total notifications	no.	2 124	5 325	7 275	8 064	8 710
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	14.6	11.8	16.7	15.8	9.8

Table 15A.133 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	Unit	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Carer/family issues	%
Not substantiated	%	22.8	14.5	18.1	15.1	18.0
Total finalised	%	37.4	26.3	34.8	31.0	27.7
Investigations in process (f)	%	21.3	18.4	6.7	9.9	3.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	0.9
Total investigations	%	58.7	44.7	41.5	40.8	31.7
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	68.3
Notifications dealt with by other means (j)	%	2.3	1.4	2.8	37.0	..
No investigation possible / no action (j)	%	39.0	53.9	55.7	22.2	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these were counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the 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 'non-abuse' notifications relating to serious incompatibility or self damaging behaviour where advice and/or referrals were followed up.
- (c) In 2002-03, the ACT changed the arrangements for recording reports of concerns about children and young people. This and stricter mandatory reporting guidelines has led to an increase in the number of notifications.
- (d) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (e) The decrease in the number of substantiated investigations reflects a requirement of staff to substantiate emotional abuse or neglect only if there was, or is likely to be, significant harm and there was no-one with parental responsibility willing and able to protect the child/young person.
- (f) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (g) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons. Previously these cases were recorded in 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (h) The decrease in investigations reflects the introduction of an assessment phase between the receipt of the notification and the decision to investigate where families may be assisted without investigation
- (i) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'. In 2006-07, this figure reflects the inclusion of an assessment phase.
- (j) Fluctuations in numbers and proportions from 2004-05 to 2005-06 are due to changes in coding to distinguish between notifications not investigated and notifications dealt with by other means.

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

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.134

Table 15A.134 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a), (b)**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	16	16	15	20	23
Had prior admissions to orders	13	3	12	17	30
Total children admitted	29	19	27	37	53
Children discharged from orders	8	12	17	15	24
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	78	107	122	146	98
Had prior admissions to orders	42	55	45	73	110
Total children admitted	120	162	167	219	208
Children discharged from orders	94	113	105	139	129
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	94	123	137	166	121
Had prior admissions to orders	55	58	57	90	140
Total children admitted	149	181	194	256	261
Children discharged from orders	102	125	122	154	153

(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.

(b) Children who had previously been on orders interstate, but not continuously, may be counted from 2005-06 as children on orders for the first time.

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.135

Table 15A.135 Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (number)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	39	47	49	79	98
Finalised supervisory orders	–	–	2	7	6
Interim and temporary orders	9	6	19	14	9
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	48	53	70	100	113
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	182	233	284	330	337
Finalised supervisory orders	13	37	49	60	53
Interim and temporary orders	45	30	61	68	71
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	240	300	394	458	461
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	221	280	333	409	435
Finalised supervisory orders	13	37	51	67	59
Interim and temporary orders	54	36	80	82	80
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	288	353	464	558	574

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.136 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	111	175	273	319	382
Non-Indigenous	1 372	2 541	3 157	3 780	4 185
All children	1 483	2 716	3 430	4 099	4 567
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	65.1	100.8	154.6	183.0	210.4
Non-Indigenous	19.1	35.9	45.2	54.4	59.9
All children	20.2	37.5	47.9	57.6	63.7
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	61	70	166	171	159
Non-Indigenous	601	773	1 486	1 407	1 296
All children	662	843	1 652	1 578	1 455
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	35.8	40.3	94.0	98.1	87.6
Non-Indigenous	8.4	10.9	21.3	20.3	18.5
All children	9.0	11.6	23.1	22.2	20.3
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	33	44	99	99	75
Non-Indigenous	230	441	758	754	483
All children	263	485	857	853	558
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	19.4	25.3	56.1	56.8	41.3
Non-Indigenous	3.2	6.2	10.9	10.9	6.9
All children	3.6	6.7	12.0	12.0	7.8
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	48	53	70	100	113
Non-Indigenous	240	300	394	458	461
All children	288	353	464	558	574
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	26.5	28.7	37.4	53.3	58.9
Non-Indigenous	3.2	4.0	5.3	6.2	6.2
All children	3.7	4.6	6.1	7.4	7.5

Table 15A.136 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (a), (b)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
(a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000.					

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.137 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Australian Capital Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Subject of a substantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	10	24	38	77	95
Proportion of children (b)	%	4.0	5.2	5.7	7.5	10.4
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	4	74	112	185	194
Proportion of children (b)	%	1.6	15.9	16.8	18.0	21.2

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

(b) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.138 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Australian Capital Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	8	22	47	146	132
Proportion of children (b)	%	3.9	7.2	9.3	16.9	14.9
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	23	58	145	263	244
Proportion of children (b)	%	11.3	19.0	28.8	30.5	27.6

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

(b) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.139 Resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate, Australian Capital Territory

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Resubstantiation rate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	3.9	7.2	9.3	16.9	14.9
Proportion within 12 months	%	11.3	19.0	28.8	30.5	27.6
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	4.0	5.2	5.7	7.5	10.4
Proportion within 12 months	%	1.6	15.9	16.8	18.0	21.2
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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	39.0	45.0	48.0	51.1	35.3

(a) The counting rule for resubstantiation rate and substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.140 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)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	48	58	60	82	89
Non-Indigenous	229	240	282	306	310
All children	277	298	342	388	399
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)					
Indigenous	26.5	31.4	32.0	43.7	46.4
Non-Indigenous	3.0	3.2	3.8	4.1	4.1
All children	3.6	3.9	4.5	5.1	5.2
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	66	81	101	115	121
Non-Indigenous	471	520	534	528	551
All children	537	601	635	643	672
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (d)					
Indigenous	36.8	44.3	54.3	62.6	63.4
Non-Indigenous	6.2	6.9	7.2	7.1	7.4
All children	6.9	7.8	8.3	8.5	8.8

- (a) A child is only counted once, regardless of the number of placements during the year.
- (b) SAAP placements were counted as out-of-home care placements where Family Services made a financial payment.
- (c) 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000.
- (d) 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 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.141

Table 15A.141 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a), (b)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Residential care	7	6	10	7	10
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	18	23	29	35	36
Relative/kinship care	22	29	21	39	43
Other home based care	1	–	–	–	–
Total home based	41	52	50	74	79
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	1	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	48	58	60	82	89
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	30	20	46	36	34
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	120	128	141	162	164
Relative/kinship care	76	82	92	103	107
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	196	210	233	265	271
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	1	1	–	4
Other (incl. unknown)	3	9	2	5	1
Total non-Indigenous children	229	240	282	306	310
All children					
Residential care	37	26	56	43	44
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	..
Home based care					
Foster care	138	151	170	197	200
Relative/kinship care	98	111	113	142	150
Other home based care	1	–	–	–	–
Total home based	237	262	283	339	350
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	1	1	1	4
Other (incl. unknown)	3	9	2	5	1
Total all children	277	298	342	388	399

(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) In 2002-03, the category 'Family group homes' was separated from the category 'Residential care'.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.142 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	47	52	60	81	86
Another type of order	1	1	–	–	–
Not on an order	–	5	–	1	3
Total Indigenous children	48	58	60	82	89
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	217	225	279	285	292
Another type of order	2	6	1	–	4
Not on an order	10	9	2	21	14
Total non-Indigenous children	229	240	282	306	310
All children					
Care and protection order	264	277	339	366	378
Another type of order	3	7	1	–	4
Not on an order	10	14	2	22	17
Total all children	277	298	342	388	399

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

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.143 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 (number) (a), (b)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Respite	–	–	–	3	3
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	4	–	–	–	2
1 to less than 6 months	9	6	3	8	6
6 months to less than 1 year	8	7	9	15	12
1 to less than 2 years	7	20	14	14	18
2 to less than 5 years	7	13	21	25	27
5 years or more	13	12	13	17	21
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	48	58	60	79	86
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	48	58	60	82	89
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	3	4	–	14	6
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	22	6	8	3	4
1 to less than 6 months	43	31	35	41	45
6 months to less than 1 year	11	30	32	34	32
1 to less than 2 years	37	43	50	58	45
2 to less than 5 years	48	64	85	86	94
5 years or more	65	62	72	70	84
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	226	236	282	292	304
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	229	240	282	306	310
All children					
Respite	3	4	–	17	9
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	26	6	8	3	6
1 to less than 6 months	52	37	38	49	51
6 months to less than 1 year	19	37	41	49	44
1 to less than 2 years	44	63	64	72	63
2 to less than 5 years	55	77	106	111	121
5 years or more	78	74	85	87	105
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-respite	274	294	342	371	390
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	277	298	342	388	399

Table 15A.143 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 (number) (a), (b)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
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(a) This indicates the length of time a child has been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.

(b) 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.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.144

Table 15A.144 Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Australian Capital Territory (number) (a), (b)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	–	3	9	5	2
6 months to less than 1 year	–	4	–	2	1
1 to less than 2 years	–	2	2	4	3
2 to less than 5 years	–	–	–	–	4
5 years or more	2	2	2	–	1
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	2	11	13	11	11
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	21	70	74	53	35
6 months to less than 1 year	5	22	8	18	6
1 to less than 2 years	4	4	15	25	24
2 to less than 5 years	9	7	19	18	18
5 years or more	–	14	5	8	14
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	39	117	121	122	97
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	21	73	83	58	37
6 months to less than 1 year	5	26	8	20	7
1 to less than 2 years	4	6	17	29	27
2 to less than 5 years	9	7	19	18	22
5 years or more	2	16	7	8	15
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	41	128	134	133	108

(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) 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).

Table 15A.145 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>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	22	29	21	39	43
Non-Indigenous	no.	76	82	92	103	107
All children	no.	98	111	113	142	150
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	45.8	50.0	35.0	47.6	48.3
Non-Indigenous	%	33.2	34.2	32.6	33.7	34.5
All children	%	35.4	37.2	33.0	36.6	37.6

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

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.146

Table 15A.146 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Australian Capital Territory (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	19	26	19	28	29
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	3	3	3	11	14
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	22	29	22	39	43
Other Indigenous carer	no.	5	5	14	17	16
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	1	2	1	2
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	5	6	16	18	18
Total children	no.	27	35	38	57	61
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	14	18	14	18	20
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	7	5	6	6	8
Total children	no.	21	23	20	24	28
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	–	2	1	–
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	48	58	60	82	89
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	39.6	44.8	32.8	34.6	32.6
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	6.3	5.2	5.2	13.6	15.7
Total placed with relative/kin	%	45.8	50.0	37.9	48.1	48.3
Other Indigenous carer	%	10.4	8.6	24.1	21.0	18.0
Indigenous residential care	%	–	1.7	3.4	1.2	2.2
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	10.4	10.3	27.6	22.2	20.2
Total children	%	56.3	60.3	65.5	70.4	68.5
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	29.2	31.0	24.1	22.2	22.5
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	14.6	8.6	10.3	7.4	9.0
Total children	%	43.8	39.7	34.5	29.6	31.5
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 with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care 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.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.147

Table 15A.147 **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>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	28	35	36	49	57
Non-Indigenous	no.	137	154	161	171	186
All children	no.	165	189	197	220	243
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	90.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous	%	93.8	98.7	98.2	96.6	97.4
All children	%	93.2	99.0	98.5	97.3	98.0

(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.148 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 (number) (a), (b)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	7	20	67	33	24
2 placements	2	6	15	14	6
3 placements	6	6	1	6	3
4-5 placements	1	-	-	3	3
6-10 placements	3	-	-	-	1
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	19	32	83	56	37
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	-	6	5	11	5
2 placement	1	3	2	2	-
3 placement	-	2	1	1	1
4-5 placement	-	3	-	4	1
6-10 placements	1	-	-	1	-
11 or more placements	1	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	3	14	8	19	7
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	1	2	5	18	9
2 placement	2	1	7	3	8
3 placement	1	-	3	-	2
4-5 placement	-	1	1	2	5
6-10 placements	-	-	1	4	2
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	4	4	17	27	26
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	3	-	8	7	8
2 placement	3	1	6	2	3
3 placement	1	-	1	2	2
4-5 placement	-	-	2	5	4
6-10 placements	-	1	2	2	3
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	2
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total children	7	2	19	18	22

Table 15A.148 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 (number) (a), (b)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	1	5	1	2	2
2 placement	–	2	3	4	4
3 placement	1	2	2	1	–
4–5 placement	–	1	–	1	5
6–10 placements	–	1	1	–	3
11 or more placements	–	–	–	–	–
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	2	11	7	8	14
All children					
1 placement	12	33	86	71	48
2 placements	8	13	33	25	21
3 placements	9	10	8	10	8
4–5 placements	1	5	3	15	18
6–10 placements	4	2	4	7	9
11 or more placements	1	–	–	–	2
Unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total children	35	63	134	128	106
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements					
1–2 placements	10	35	89	60	35
3 or more placements	12	11	2	15	9
Total children	22	46	91	75	44
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements					
1–2 placements	10	11	30	36	34
3 or more placements	3	6	13	17	28
Total children	13	17	43	53	62

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

(b) 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.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.149 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>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</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	3	11	11	3
Proportion of children (b)	%	0.2	0.5	1.7	1.7	0.4
Other children						
Number of children	no.	536	598	624	632	669
Proportion of children (b)	%	99.8	99.5	98.3	98.3	99.6
All children in out-of-home care	no.	537	601	635	643	672

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

(b) Proportion of all children in out-of-home care.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

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Table 15A.150

Table 15A.150 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	209	405	337	363	454
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	210	317	308	330	287
Total finalised	no.	419	722	645	693	741
Investigations in process (f)	no.	89	38	108	132	181
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	95
Total investigations	no.	508	760	753	825	1 017
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	..	..	851
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	—	—	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	347	473	466	929	..
Total notifications	no.	855	1 233	1 219	1 754	1 868
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	24.4	32.8	27.6	20.7	24.3
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	24.6	25.7	25.3	18.8	15.4
Total finalised	%	49.0	58.6	52.9	39.5	39.7
Investigations in process (f)	%	10.4	3.1	8.9	7.5	9.7
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	5.1
Total investigations	%	59.4	61.6	61.8	47.0	54.4
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	..	..	45.6
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	—	—	—	—	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	40.6	38.4	38.2	53.0	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Non-Indigenous children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	118	122	136	117	167
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	208	167	222	201	197
Total finalised	no.	326	289	358	318	364
Investigations in process (f)	no.	56	23	69	52	69
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	58

Table 15A.150

Table 15A.150 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Total investigations	no.	382	312	427	370	491
Dealt with by other means (h)		..	..	..	..	633
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	–	–	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	317	412	455	739	..
Total notifications	no.	699	724	882	1 109	1 124
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	16.9	16.9	15.4	10.6	14.9
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	29.8	23.1	25.2	18.1	17.5
Total finalised	%	46.6	39.9	40.6	28.7	32.4
Investigations in process (f)	%	8.0	3.2	7.8	4.7	6.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	5.2
Total investigations	%	54.6	43.1	48.4	33.4	43.7
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	..	..	..	..	56.3
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	–	–	–	–	..
No investigation possible/no action	%	45.4	56.9	51.6	66.6	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children						
Number of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	no.	327	527	473	480	621
Carer/family issues	no.	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	no.	418	484	530	531	484
Total finalised	no.	745	1 011	1 003	1 011	1 105
Investigations in process (f)	no.	145	61	177	184	250
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	153
Total investigations	no.	890	1 072	1 180	1 195	1 508
Dealt with by other means (h)	no.	..	..	..	..	1 484
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	–	–	–	–	..
No investigation possible / no action	no.	664	885	921	1 668	..
Total notifications	no.	1 554	1 957	2 101	2 863	2 992
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	21.0	26.9	22.5	16.8	20.8

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Table 15A.150 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	Unit	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Carer/family issues	%
Not substantiated	%	26.9	24.7	25.2	18.5	16.2
Total finalised	%	47.9	51.7	47.7	35.3	36.9
Investigations in process (f)	%	9.3	3.1	8.4	6.4	8.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	5.1
Total investigations	%	57.3	54.8	56.2	41.7	50.4
Dealt with by other means (h)	%	49.6
Notifications dealt with by other means	%	–	–	–	–	..
No investigation possible / no action	%	42.7	45.2	43.8	58.3	..
Total notifications	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

- (a) The NT includes child concern reports in child protection notifications.
- (b) If a child was the subject of more than one notification, investigation or substantiations, then each one of these were counted. The definition of an investigation includes interviewing or sighting of the 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) 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'.
- (e) 'No investigation possible/no action' includes notifications where there were no grounds for an investigation or insufficient information was available to undertake an investigation. It also includes those cases that could not be undertaken, such as the family has relocated. It may also include some cases that were referred on or where advice was given which could not be disaggregated from cases with insufficient reason to investigate.
- (f) Prior to 2006-07, the category 'Investigations in process' was called 'Investigations not finalised'.
- (g) 'Investigation closed - no outcome possible' is a new category introduced in 2006-07. It includes cases where an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated could not be reached, but where the file may be closed for administrative reasons.
- (h) The category 'Dealt with by other means' includes notifications that were responded to by means other than an investigation, such as referral to family services or provision of advice. 'Dealt with by other means' also includes cases that were previously reported as 'No investigation possible/no action'.

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

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.151

Table 15A.151 **Children admitted to and discharged from care and protection orders by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (number) (a)**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (b)
Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	na	na	171	125	147
Had prior admissions to orders	na	na	70	103	44
Total children admitted	197	250	241	228	191
Children discharged from orders	139	169	196	145	172
Non-Indigenous					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	na	na	63	60	76
Had prior admissions to orders	na	na	52	43	37
Total children admitted	104	107	115	103	113
Children discharged from orders	75	104	105	66	88
All children					
Children admitted to orders					
Admitted for the first time	na	na	234	185	223
Had prior admissions to orders	na	na	122	146	81
Total children admitted	301	357	356	331	304
Children discharged from orders	214	234	301	211	260

(a) Includes all children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time since October 1998 (when client information system was commissioned) and excludes those children with a current care and protection order at that time.

(b) Due to a misinterpretation at the NT electronic case management system interface, the figure provided is likely to be an underestimation of the true number of clients admitted to orders in 2006-07, and should be treated with caution.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.152

Table 15A.152 Children on care and protection orders at 30 June by type of order and Indigenous status, Northern Territory (number) (a)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number of Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	155	206	187	276	274
Finalised supervisory orders	4	–	2	1	–
Interim and temporary orders	15	24	92	26	26
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	174	230	281	303	300
Number of non-Indigenous children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	78	110	86	122	134
Finalised supervisory orders	1	–	3	–	–
Interim and temporary orders	21	5	44	12	17
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	100	115	133	134	151
Number of all children on orders					
Finalised guardianship or custody orders/arrangements	233	316	273	398	408
Finalised supervisory orders	5	–	5	1	–
Interim and temporary orders	36	29	136	38	43
Other/not stated	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	274	345	414	437	451

(a) From 2005, Temporary Custody Agreements and Holding Orders are included in the 'Interim and Temporary' category due to the Interim and Temporary nature of the order/agreement. 'Finalised Guardianship or Finalised Custody' orders include finalised arrangements of a more permanent nature.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

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

Table 15A.153

Table 15A.153 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)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Children aged 0–16 years in notifications					
Number of children					
Indigenous	738	1 052	1 032	1 396	1 632
Non-Indigenous	595	618	745	916	948
All children	1 333	1 670	1 777	2 312	2 580
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	32.2	45.5	44.4	59.9	69.6
Non-Indigenous	19.1	18.6	22.5	27.4	27.3
All children	24.6	29.6	31.5	40.7	44.3
Children aged 0–16 years in finalised investigations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	379	656	611	653	782
Non-Indigenous	286	274	341	305	391
All children	665	930	952	958	1 173
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	16.5	28.4	26.3	28.0	33.4
Non-Indigenous	9.2	8.2	10.3	9.1	11.3
All children	12.3	16.5	16.9	16.9	20.2
Children aged 0–16 years in substantiations					
Number of children					
Indigenous	198	375	319	354	395
Non-Indigenous	113	116	128	108	145
All children	311	491	447	462	540
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–16 years					
Indigenous	8.6	16.2	13.7	15.2	16.8
Non-Indigenous	3.6	3.5	3.9	3.2	4.2
All children	5.7	8.7	7.9	8.1	9.3
Children aged 0–17 years on care and protection orders					
Number of children					
Indigenous	174	230	281	303	300
Non-Indigenous	100	115	133	134	151
All children	274	345	414	437	451
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years					
Indigenous	7.2	9.4	11.4	12.2	12.1
Non-Indigenous	2.8	3.3	3.8	3.8	4.1
All children	4.6	5.8	7.0	7.3	7.3

Table 15A.153 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)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
(a) Rates of children in notifications, investigations and substantiations were calculated as the number of children aged 0–16 years in each category (including those whose age was not stated) divided by the estimated population of children aged 0–16 years at 31 December, multiplied by 1000. For Indigenous children, 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 31 March, multiplied by 1000.					
<i>Source:</i> AIHW <i>Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia</i> data collection (unpublished); AIHW <i>Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia</i> data collection (unpublished).					

Table 15A.154 Children who were the subject of a decision not to substantiate during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Northern Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Subject of a substantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	10	14	12	15	9
Proportion of children (b)	%	2.6	3.1	2.4	2.6	1.6
Subject of a substantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	39	48	61	45	33
Proportion of children (b)	%	10.3	10.5	12.2	7.7	5.8

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

(b) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.155 Children who were the subject of a substantiation during the year and who were also the subject of a subsequent substantiation within 3 and/or 12 months, Northern Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Subject of a resubstantiation within three months						
Number of children	no.	9	8	17	11	25
Proportion of children (b)	%	2.7	1.9	2.8	1.9	4.1
Subject of a resubstantiation within 12 months						
Number of children	no.	39	38	53	44	69
Proportion of children (b)	%	11.7	8.9	8.7	7.5	11.3

(a) The counting rule for this indicator has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

(b) As a proportion of all children who were the subject of a substantiation.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.156 Resubstantiation rate, substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate and substantiation rate, Northern Territory

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2001-02</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>
Resubstantiation rate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	2.7	1.9	2.8	1.9	4.1
Proportion within 12 months	%	11.7	8.9	8.7	7.5	11.3
Substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate (a)						
Proportion within 3 months	%	2.6	3.1	2.4	2.6	1.6
Proportion within 12 months	%	10.3	10.5	12.2	7.7	5.8
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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Targeting – substantiation rate	%	43.9	52.1	47.2	47.5	56.2

(a) The counting rule for resubstantiation rate and substantiation rate after a decision not to substantiate has been changed for 2003-04 onwards, which may have resulted in a lowering of the rate for some jurisdictions in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Therefore care should be taken when comparing 2003-04 and 2004-05 with other years.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notification, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.157 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)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Children in out-of-home care at 30 June					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	142	175	218	247	268
Non-Indigenous	81	83	106	105	129
All children	223	258	324	352	397
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (b)					
Indigenous	5.9	7.2	8.9	10.0	10.8
Non-Indigenous	2.3	2.4	3.1	3.0	3.5
All children	3.8	4.3	5.5	5.9	6.4
Children aged 0–17 years in at least one out-of-home care placement during the year					
Number of children in care					
Indigenous	258	338	346	371	452
Non-Indigenous	140	150	175	170	228
All children	398	488	521	541	680
Rate per 1000 children aged 0–17 years in population (c)					
Indigenous	10.7	13.9	14.1	15.1	18.2
Non-Indigenous	4.3	4.3	5.0	4.8	6.2
All children	7.0	8.2	8.8	9.1	11.1

(a) The data does not include children placed with parents or relatives who were not reimbursed.

(b) Rates were calculated as the number of children aged 0–17 years (including those whose age was not stated) in out-of-home care at 30 June, divided by the estimated population aged 0–17 at 31 March, multiplied by 1000.

(c) 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 1000. For Indigenous children, the June projections for two years were averaged to obtain a population figure for December of the relevant year.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.158

Table 15A.158 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Northern Territory (number) (a), (b)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Residential care	8	9	17	23	9
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	17
Home based care					
Foster care	95	118	152	176	169
Relative/kinship care	34	44	45	44	45
Other home based care	–	–	–	1	–
Total home based	129	162	197	221	214
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	–	–	1	1
Other (incl. unknown)	4	4	4	2	27
Total Indigenous children	142	175	218	247	268
Non-Indigenous					
Residential care	4	5	8	9	–
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	4
Home based care					
Foster care	56	55	78	79	87
Relative/kinship care	12	16	12	13	13
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
Total home based	68	71	90	92	100
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	–	1	4	3
Other (incl. unknown)	8	7	7	–	22
Total non-Indigenous children	81	83	106	105	129
All children					
Residential care	12	14	25	32	9
Family group homes	..	..	..	..	21
Home based care					
Foster care	151	173	230	255	256
Relative/kinship care	46	60	57	57	58
Other home based care	–	–	–	1	–
Total home based	197	233	287	313	314
Independent living (incl. private board)	2	–	1	5	4
Other (incl. unknown)	12	11	11	2	49
Total all children	223	258	324	352	397

(a) In 2002-03, the category 'Family group homes' was separated from the category 'Residential care'.

(b) Numbers for 'residential care' and 'family group homes' have been revised for 2003-2004.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.159

Table 15A.159 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and whether on a care and protection order, Northern Territory (number) (a)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Care and protection order	142	175	218	247	268
Another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
Total Indigenous children	142	175	218	247	268
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	81	83	106	105	129
Another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
Total non-Indigenouns children	81	83	106	105	129
All children					
Care and protection order	223	258	324	352	397
Another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
Total all children	223	258	324	352	397

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

.. Not applicable.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.160

Table 15A.160 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Northern Territory (number) (a), (b)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	5	6	20	22	89
1 to less than 6 months	15	28	47	46	30
6 months to less than 1 year	27	22	45	46	34
1 to less than 2 years	21	32	38	53	35
2 to less than 5 years	47	55	57	59	55
5 years or more	25	28	11	21	25
Not stated/unknown	2	4	–	–	–
Total non-respite	142	175	218	247	268
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total Indigenous children	142	175	218	247	268
Non-Indigenous					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	12	–	16	8	59
1 to less than 6 months	5	11	38	42	18
6 months to less than 1 year	16	14	18	16	29
1 to less than 2 years	8	18	14	17	10
2 to less than 5 years	26	22	14	15	7
5 years or more	12	16	6	7	6
Not stated/unknown	2	2	–	–	–
Total non-respite	81	83	106	105	129
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total non-Indigenous children	81	83	106	105	129
All children					
Respite	na	na	na	na	na
Non-respite					
Less than 1 month	17	6	36	30	148
1 to less than 6 months	20	39	85	88	48
6 months to less than 1 year	43	36	63	62	63
1 to less than 2 years	29	50	52	70	45
2 to less than 5 years	73	77	71	74	62
5 years or more	37	44	17	28	31
Not stated/unknown	4	6	–	–	–
Total non-respite	223	258	324	352	397
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	–
Total all children	223	258	324	352	397

(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.160 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and length of time in continuous out-of-home care, Northern Territory (number) (a), (b)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
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(b) 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.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.161

Table 15A.161 **Children who exited care during the year by Indigenous status and length of time spent in care, Northern Territory (number) (a), (b), (c)**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	18	36	14	20	na
6 months to less than 1 year	–	2	5	12	na
1 to less than 2 years	3	4	9	7	na
2 to less than 5 years	8	–	4	2	na
5 years or more	–	2	2	–	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	na
Total Indigenous children	29	44	34	41	na
Non-Indigenous					
1 to less than 6 months	5	8	7	6	na
6 months to less than 1 year	–	2	2	8	na
1 to less than 2 years	2	1	6	4	na
2 to less than 5 years	2	–	5	1	na
5 years or more	2	1	3	–	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	na
Total non-Indigenous children	11	12	23	19	na
All children					
1 to less than 6 months	23	44	21	26	na
6 months to less than 1 year	–	4	7	20	na
1 to less than 2 years	5	5	15	11	na
2 to less than 5 years	10	–	9	3	na
5 years or more	2	3	5	–	na
Not stated/unknown	–	–	–	–	na
Total all children	40	56	57	60	na

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

(b) 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.

(c) 2006-07 data for the Northern Territory was not available at the time of publication.
na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.162 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June placed with relatives/kin, by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of children at 30 June						
Indigenous	no.	34	44	45	44	45
Non-Indigenous	no.	12	16	12	13	13
All children	no.	46	60	57	57	58
As a proportion of all children in out-of-home care by Indigenous status at 30 June						
Indigenous	%	23.9	25.1	20.6	17.8	16.8
Non-Indigenous	%	14.8	19.3	11.3	12.4	10.1
All children	%	20.6	23.3	17.6	16.2	14.6

(a) The percentage of children in out-of-home care placed with relatives or kin was calculated using as the denominator the total number of children in out-of-home care 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.163

Table 15A.163 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of Indigenous children at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	no.	51	67	79	90	89
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	na	na	na	na	na
Total placed with relative/kin	no.	51	67	79	90	89
Other Indigenous carer	no.	43	53	71	67	61
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	no.	43	53	71	67	61
Total children	no.	94	120	150	157	150
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	no.	39	55	68	87	118
In non-Indigenous residential care	no.	8	–	–	–	–
Total children	no.	47	55	68	87	118
Independent living/unknown	no.	1	–	–	3	–
Total Indigenous children in care	no.	142	175	218	247	268
As a proportion of all Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June						
Placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Indigenous relative/kin	%	36.2	38.3	36.2	36.9	33.2
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	%	na	na	na	na	na
Total placed with relative/kin	%	36.2	38.3	36.2	36.9	33.2
Other Indigenous carer	%	30.5	30.3	32.6	27.5	22.8
Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care	%	30.5	30.3	32.6	27.5	22.8
Total children	%	66.7	68.6	68.8	64.3	56.0
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care						
Other non-Indigenous carer	%	27.7	31.4	31.2	35.7	44.0
In non-Indigenous residential care	%	5.7	–	–	–	–
Total children	%	33.3	31.4	31.2	35.7	44.0
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 with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care 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) The definition of 'relative/kin' used in this table is broader than the definition used in other tables because it includes kin relationships based on customary law.
- (c) Data on the relationship of the caregiver to children placed with non-Indigenous carers could not be provided and these children were included in the category 'other non-Indigenous carer'.
- (d) In the NT, children placed with family members have been included in the 'Indigenous relative/kin' category.

Table 15A.163

Table 15A.163 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Northern Territory (a), (b), (c), (d)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
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na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.164 Children aged under 12 years in out-of-home care in a home based placement at 30 June, by Indigenous status, Northern Territory (a)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Number of children						
Indigenous	no.	105	131	160	183	178
Non-Indigenous	no.	45	44	69	67	79
All children	no.	150	175	229	250	257
As a proportion of all children under 12 years in out-of-home care						
Indigenous	%	92.1	92.9	95.2	94.8	89.4
Non-Indigenous	%	86.5	89.8	93.2	97.1	84.0
All children	%	90.4	92.1	94.6	95.4	87.7

(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.165 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 (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1 month to less than 6 months in out-of-home care					
1 placement	14	29	8	2	na
2 placements	7	6	10	14	na
3 placements	2	2	2	4	na
4-5 placements	-	6	1	4	na
6-10 placements	-	1	-	2	na
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	na
Unknown	-	-	-	-	na
Total children	23	44	21	26	na
6 months to less than 1 year in out-of-home care					
1 placement	-	3	5	-	na
2 placement	-	-	1	5	na
3 placement	-	1	-	10	na
4-5 placement	-	-	1	4	na
6-10 placements	-	-	-	1	na
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	na
Unknown	-	-	-	-	na
Total children	-	4	7	20	na
1 year to less than 2 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	1	2	5	-	na
2 placement	-	1	6	7	na
3 placement	4	1	3	3	na
4-5 placement	-	1	-	1	na
6-10 placements	-	-	1	-	na
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	na
Unknown	-	-	-	-	na
Total children	5	5	15	11	na
2 years to less than 5 years in out-of-home care					
1 placement	-	-	2	-	na
2 placement	4	-	1	-	na
3 placement	2	-	-	2	na
4-5 placement	3	-	2	-	na
6-10 placements	1	-	4	1	na
11 or more placements	-	-	-	-	na
Unknown	-	-	-	-	na
Total children	10	-	9	3	na

Table 15A.165 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 (number) (a), (b), (c)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
5 years or more in out-of-home care					
1 placement	–	1	3	–	na
2 placement	–	1	–	–	na
3 placement	–	–	–	–	na
4–5 placement	–	1	2	–	na
6–10 placements	1	–	–	–	na
11 or more placements	1	–	–	–	na
Unknown	–	–	–	–	na
Total children	2	3	5	–	na
All children					
1 placement	15	35	23	2	na
2 placements	11	8	18	26	na
3 placements	8	4	5	19	na
4–5 placements	3	8	6	9	na
6–10 placements	2	1	5	4	na
11 or more placements	1	–	–	–	na
Unknown	–	–	–	–	na
Total children	40	56	57	60	na
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after less than 12 months, by number of different placements					
1–2 placements	21	38	24	21	..
3 or more placements	2	10	4	25	..
Total children	23	48	28	46	..
Children on a care and protection order and exiting care after 12 months or more, by number of different placements					
1–2 placements	5	5	17	7	..
3 or more placements	12	3	12	7	..
Total children	17	8	29	14	..

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

(b) 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.

(c) 2006-07 data for the Northern Territory was not available at the time of publication.

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

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.166 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>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</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 children (b)	%	na	na	na	na	na
Other children						
Number of children	no.	na	na	na	na	na
Proportion of children (b)	%	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 the NT does not record whether the person believed responsible was living in the household at the time of the abuse or neglect.

(b) Proportion of all children in out-of-home care.

na Not available.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished).

Juvenile Justice data

Table 15A.167 Proportion of juvenile justice clients aged 10–17 years who were supervised in the community and in detention centres, at 30 June (a), (b), (c)

	NSW (d)	Vic	Qld (e)	WA (f)	SA	Tas (g)	ACT	NT (h)
2005								
Community	82.1	89.0	92.7	86.1	84.0	91.6	90.5	88.7
Detention	17.9	11.0	7.3	13.9	16.0	8.4	9.5	11.3
2006								
Community	80.4	92.7	91.0	86.4	87.8	89.1	83.2	83.3
Detention	19.6	7.3	9.0	13.6	12.2	10.9	16.8	16.7
2007								
Community	83.9	92.8	89.5	83.3	87.2	92.7	88.0	79.8
Detention	16.1	7.2	10.5	16.7	12.8	7.3	12.0	20.2

- (a) Includes only those young people who were under the supervision or case management of juvenile justice agencies on a pre- or post sentence legal arrangement or order (for example, supervised bail, remand, a community services order, parole and detention).
- (b) Juvenile justice agencies also have additional clients in detention and community supervision who are over 17 years of age. The figure does not include juvenile justice clients over 17 years at 30 June 2005, 30 June 2006 or 30 June 2007.
- (c) Clients may be on multiple orders at any one time. The distribution is therefore not based on order type but on where the client was located at 30 June of each year.
- (d) Kariong Juvenile Correctional Centre is excluded from NSW figures.
- (e) In Queensland, juvenile justice legislation applies to those young people who were aged 10–16 years at the time of the offence. These data, however, include 17 year olds who were still on supervision in the juvenile justice system as at 30 June 2005, 30 June 2006 and 30 June 2007.
- (f) Detention figures exclude individuals subject to Juvenile Justice Team Referrals. Community figures only include individuals on supervision orders.
- (g) Tasmania revised data for 2006 to ensure the exclusion of any community conferencing diversion data. This has produced a variation to data published in the previous Report.
- (h) NT data excludes pre-probation, pre-sentencing reports and other types of assessments. The number of juveniles in detention varies significantly throughout the year and in the Northern Territory on 30 June 2007 it was unusually high. The number of detainees held in the Don Dale Centre on this census night was 37 and is the highest number of detainees recorded for this institution. The daily average number of juveniles in detention during 2006-07 was 28.

Source: AIHW (unpublished) (data supplied by State and Territory governments).

Table 15A.168 Daily average population of people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention (number) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW (c)</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	217	62	89	108	56	27	17	16	590
2002-03	220	64	96	106	65	25	17	24	616
2003-04	209	62	91	122	50	26	18	13	590
2004-05	218	53	89	110	58	33	15	22	596
2005-06	244	53	127	115	39	27	13	17	634

(a) Average based on population of juvenile detention centres on the last day of each quarter of the financial year (30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June).

(b) Due to rounding, the Australian total may differ from the combined total of all jurisdictions.

(c) NSW data from March 2005 include Kariiong Juvenile Correction Centre detainees, sourced from the NSW Department of Corrective Services. Numbers for each quarter in 2005-06 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services. Numbers for the quarters of 31 March and 30 June 2005 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services.

Source: AIC (unpublished).

Table 15A.169 Average rate of detention of people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention, per 100 000 people aged 10–17 years (a), (b), (c)

	<i>NSW (d)</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	30.0	11.9	20.9	47.9	34.1	48.6	47.4	63.0	27.2
2002-03	30.3	12.1	22.3	47.0	40.2	45.1	45.9	94.0	28.1
2003-04	28.7	11.6	20.7	53.5	30.5	47.8	49.8	53.0	26.8
2004-05	29.9	9.9	19.9	48.3	35.7	59.0	41.1	85.2	26.9
2005-06	33.3	9.8	27.8	50.3	24.0	48.2	36.4	67.5	28.4

- (a) Detention rates are based on average population of juvenile detention centres on the last day of each quarter of the financial year (30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June).
- (b) Indigenous rates were calculated using high series population data provided by the ABS. Any variation in derived rates may be due to the assumptions and limitations of the base population data.
- (c) Jurisdictional comparisons need to be treated with caution, especially for states and territories with low Indigenous populations, where small number effects can introduce statistical variations that do not accurately represent trends over time or consistent differences from other jurisdictions.
- (d) NSW data from March 2005 include Kariong Juvenile Correction Centre detainees, sourced from the NSW Department of Corrective Services. Rates for each quarter in 2005-06 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services. Rates for the quarters of 31 March and 30 June 2005 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services.

Source: AIC (unpublished).

Table 15A.170 Males and females as a proportion of the total population aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention (per cent) (a)

	<i>NSW (b)</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>
Males									
2002	92.1	93.0	84.5	89.9	85.1	96.2	80.0	100.0	90.1
2003	92.8	93.4	89.1	90.5	85.9	89.5	87.0	100.0	91.1
2004	93.4	91.9	95.6	86.4	92.2	100.0	93.8	100.0	92.4
2005	94.9	82.5	93.9	85.8	88.1	91.4	80.0	100.0	90.9
2006	95.3	81.6	91.2	91.6	95.1	90.0	76.5	96.0	92.3
Females									
2002	7.9	7.0	15.5	10.1	14.9	3.8	20.0	–	9.9
2003	7.2	6.6	10.9	9.5	14.1	10.5	13.0	–	8.9
2004	6.6	8.1	4.4	13.6	7.8	–	6.3	–	7.6
2005	5.1	17.5	6.1	14.2	11.9	8.6	20.0	–	9.1
2006	4.7	18.4	8.8	8.4	4.9	10.0	23.5	4.0	7.7

(a) Data as at 30 June of each year.

(b) NSW data from 31 March 2005 onwards includes Kariiong Juvenile Correction Centre detainees. Numbers for males at 30 June 2005 and 30 June 2006 include young males in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department for Corrective Services.

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIC (unpublished).

Table 15A.171

Table 15A.171 Daily average population of Indigenous people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention (number) (a)

	<i>NSW (b)</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	92	7	53	71	19	na	5	12	259
2002-03	98	10	54	80	28	na	4	19	295
2003-04	98	14	54	92	18	6	4	12	298
2004-05	111	12	53	87	28	7	6	19	322
2005-06	127	11	73	82	14	6	5	16	334

(a) Average based on population of juvenile detention centres on the last day of each quarter of the financial year (30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June).

(b) NSW data from 31 March 2005 include Kariong Juvenile Correction Centre detainees, sourced from the NSW Department of Corrective Services. Numbers for each quarter in 2005-06 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services. Numbers for NSW for the quarters of 31 March 2005 and 30 June 2005 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services.

Source: AIC (unpublished).

Table 15A.172 Average rates of detention and Indigenous rate ratio, young people aged 10–17 years in juvenile detention, per 100 000 people (a), (b), (c)

	<i>NSW (d)</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>
Indigenous									
2001-02	351.4	135.8	221.1	555.6	388.2	na	624.4	119.9	307.9
2002-03	353.8	173.6	212.0	604.7	538.1	na	458.6	182.6	326.6
2003-04	339.3	231.0	202.6	671.8	333.2	158.7	503.2	108.6	310.1
2004-05	368.5	179.4	189.0	616.3	508.3	181.9	696.8	174.9	322.8
2005-06	405.9	168.0	246.5	570.9	256.1	148.3	594.8	146.3	324.1
Non-Indigenous									
2001-02	17.9	10.7	8.8	17.3	23.0	na	35.7	23.7	15.0
2002-03	17.5	10.3	10.3	12.2	23.8	na	36.9	30.9	14.9
2003-04	15.9	9.1	8.9	13.8	20.3	39.6	39.4	12.2	13.9
2004-05	15.4	7.8	8.6	10.8	19.2	49.8	25.4	17.4	13.0
2005-06	16.7	7.8	12.7	15.4	15.8	40.6	22.0	6.9	14.1
Indigenous rate ratio (e)									
2001-02	19.7	12.8	25.0	32.1	16.9	na	17.5	5.1	20.6
2002-03	20.2	16.8	20.5	49.5	22.6	na	12.4	5.9	22.0
2003-04	21.4	25.4	22.9	48.6	16.5	4.0	12.8	8.9	22.4
2004-05	24.0	23.0	22.0	57.2	26.5	3.7	27.4	10.1	24.9
2005-06	24.3	21.5	19.4	37.1	16.2	3.7	27.1	21.2	23.0

- (a) Detention rates are based on average population of juvenile detention centres on the last day of each quarter of the financial year (30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June).
- (b) Indigenous rates were calculated using high series population data provided by the ABS. Any variation in derived rates may be due to the assumptions and limitations of the base population data.
- (c) Jurisdictional comparisons need to be treated with caution, especially for those states and territories with low Indigenous populations, where small number effects can introduce statistical variations that do not accurately represent trends over time or consistent differences from other jurisdictions.
- (d) NSW data from 31 March 2005 include Kariong Juvenile Correction Centre detainees, sourced from the NSW Department of Corrective Services. Rates of detention for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in each quarter in 2005-06 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services. Rates of detention for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people for the quarters of 31 March 2005 and 30 June 2005 include young people in the care of both the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrective Services.
- (e) The Indigenous rate ratio has been derived by the Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision and is calculated by dividing the average Indigenous rate of detention with the average non-Indigenous rate of detention.

na Not available.

Source: AIC (unpublished).

SAAP data

Table 15A.173

Table 15A.1 Composition of support in SAAP support periods (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>
2002-03										
Housing/accommodation	%	77.8	53.6	79.5	81.7	64.1	60.5	86.3	89.1	70.5
Financial assistance/ employment assistance	%	29.9	40.2	49.3	30.5	32.2	33.7	62.3	43.2	38.0
Counselling	%	36.0	49.3	53.0	47.1	66.7	53.1	72.6	53.0	48.2
General support/advocacy	%	66.5	71.7	70.1	57.6	80.7	64.1	86.7	65.4	69.2
Specialist services	%	26.3	19.3	42.5	28.9	17.0	10.0	47.7	28.7	27.0
Other	%	76.0	38.3	71.1	71.2	47.9	48.8	82.3	84.5	61.2
Total number	'000	47.9	48.8	36.9	14.9	14.1	6.6	2.5	4.5	176.2
2003-04										
Housing/accommodation	%	76.3	40.6	71.0	82.5	61.7	60.4	86.7	89.7	62.0
Financial assistance/ employment assistance	%	25.4	40.2	33.0	33.0	28.2	25.9	58.9	42.2	33.6
Counselling	%	45.9	39.8	44.9	49.3	62.7	51.7	73.5	60.6	46.2
General support/advocacy	%	76.0	66.6	66.9	56.2	81.0	69.5	84.0	69.7	69.9
Specialist services	%	40.3	15.3	27.8	30.2	16.7	8.0	46.1	38.2	25.7
Other	%	75.8	38.1	62.5	73.2	45.6	43.1	78.6	84.4	56.8
Total number	'000	48.6	67.2	28.4	13.8	14.7	6.6	3.0	4.8	187.1
2004-05										
Housing/accommodation	%	73.5	45.9	74.2	75.1	58.4	65.5	85.7	85.4	62.7
Financial assistance/ employment assistance	%	28.4	41.5	35.3	35.6	28.7	28.2	54.5	48.3	35.6
Counselling	%	49.6	45.6	44.9	49.3	70.0	53.8	64.1	63.0	50.0
General support/advocacy	%	74.2	72.0	68.0	57.2	86.3	72.9	73.3	71.1	72.0
Specialist services	%	30.0	16.6	27.2	29.6	20.3	8.9	41.2	30.0	23.2
Other	%	68.1	38.4	64.1	68.8	48.9	43.1	67.9	78.0	54.5
Total number	'000	41.3	62.0	26.3	14.5	15.6	6.4	2.3	4.6	173.0
2005-0 (c)										
Housing/accommodation	%	73.0	40.8	73.5	80.7	57.2	69.7	84.3	81.6	59.6
Financial assistance/ employment assistance	%	32.1	42.2	34.7	36.5	26.9	34.3	46.9	40.5	36.9
Counselling	%	56.5	46.0	49.1	50.6	64.0	54.9	62.1	54.9	51.5
General support/advocacy	%	76.7	73.1	71.1	59.9	81.7	79.0	75.1	67.3	73.5
Specialist services	%	28.8	16.6	23.1	31.6	30.1	10.8	27.1	36.7	22.9
Other	%	65.9	31.8	64.9	72.0	40.1	45.3	62.4	74.3	49.7
Total number	'000	39.0	69.6	24.7	12.4	15.4	6.1	2.7	4.2	174.1
2006-07										
Housing/accommodation	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Financial assistance/ employment assistance	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Counselling	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
General support/advocacy	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Specialist services	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

Table 15A.1 **Composition of support in SAAP support periods (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 number	'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

(a) A client may require and is able to receive more than one type of services 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) Number excluded due to errors and omissions: 5954 (including support periods with no information on service requirements or provision).

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP National Data Collection Agency (NDCA), *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished).

Table 15A.174 **SAAP agencies by primary target group (a), (b)**

<i>Primary target group</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Proportion of SAAP agencies targeting client group</i>				
		<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Young people	%	36.8	36.7	36.4	36.0	na
Women escaping domestic violence	%	22.3	22.2	22.5	22.8	na
Cross target/multiple/general	%	20.6	20.5	20.9	21.4	na
Families	%	9.3	9.5	9.3	9.2	na
Single men only	%	7.4	7.5	7.1	7.0	na
Single women only	%	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.6	na
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	na
Total	no.	1 283	1 293	1 291	1 300	na

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.

(b) At 30 June 2006, 1296 agencies were operating.

na Not available.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data Collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.175 **SAAP agencies by service delivery model (a), (b)**

<i>Primary target group</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Proportion of SAAP agencies targeting client group</i>				
		<i>2002-03</i>	<i>2003-04</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>
Medium/long term accommodation	%	35.9	36.7	36.3	35.8	na
Crisis/short term accommodation	%	35.4	35.2	34.8	35.2	na
Multiple	%	13.3	12.8	13.2	13.5	na
Outreach support	%	5.3	5.3	5.0	4.5	na
Day support	%	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.1	na
Agency support	%	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	na
Telephone information/referral	%	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4	na
Other	%	4.8	5.0	5.6	5.6	na
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	na
Total	no.	1 283	1 293	1 291	1 300	na

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.

(b) At 30 June 2006, 1296 agencies were operating.

na Not available.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data Collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.176

Table 15A.176 **Nominal recurrent SAAP program funding by Australian Government, and State and Territory governments (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>
2002-03										
Funding allocation										
Australian govt	\$m	53.9	35.8	27.7	16.5	15.9	7.1	5.7	4.7	167.4
State/Territory govts	\$m	54.5	23.6	18.3	11.2	9.7	4.8	4.6	2.9	129.5
Total	\$m	108.4	59.4	46.0	27.8	25.5	11.9	10.2	7.6	296.9
Proportion of total funding										
Australian govt	%	49.8	60.3	60.3	59.5	62.2	59.6	55.3	62.1	56.4
State/Territory govts	%	50.2	39.7	39.7	40.5	37.8	40.4	44.7	37.9	43.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2003-04										
Funding allocation										
Australian govt	\$m	55.2	36.7	28.4	16.9	16.2	7.3	5.8	4.8	171.3
State/Territory govts	\$m	55.7	24.1	18.7	11.5	9.9	4.9	4.7	3.1	132.6
Total	\$m	110.9	60.8	47.1	28.4	26.1	12.2	10.5	7.9	303.8
Proportion of total funding										
Australian govt	%	49.8	60.3	60.3	59.5	62.2	59.6	55.3	60.9	56.4
State/Territory govts	%	50.2	39.7	39.7	40.5	37.8	40.4	44.7	39.1	43.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2004-05										
Funding allocation										
Australian govt	\$m	56.3	37.4	29.0	17.2	16.6	7.4	5.9	4.9	174.7
State/Territory govts	\$m	56.8	24.6	19.1	11.7	10.1	5.0	4.8	3.2	135.2
Total	\$m	113.1	62.0	48.0	29.0	26.6	12.4	10.7	8.1	309.9
Proportion of total funding										
Australian govt	%	49.8	60.3	60.3	59.5	62.2	59.6	55.3	60.9	56.4
State/Territory govts	%	50.2	39.7	39.7	40.5	37.8	40.4	44.7	39.1	43.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2005-06										
Funding allocation										
Australian govt	\$m	57.5	38.2	29.6	17.6	16.9	7.6	6.0	5.0	178.5
State/Territory govts	\$m	58.1	25.1	25.3	12.0	10.3	6.2	4.9	3.5	145.4
Total	\$m	115.6	63.4	54.9	29.6	27.2	13.8	10.9	8.6	323.9
Proportion of total funding										
Australian govt	%	49.8	60.3	53.9	59.5	62.2	54.9	55.3	58.8	55.1
State/Territory govts	%	50.2	39.7	46.1	40.5	37.8	45.1	44.7	41.2	44.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 15A.176

Table 15A.176 **Nominal recurrent SAAP program funding by Australian Government, and State and Territory governments (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>
2006-07										
Funding allocation										
Australian govt	\$m	59.4	37.7	30.4	18.2	17.3	7.8	6.0	5.2	182.0
State/Territory govts	\$m	59.3	36.3	33.2	14.4	14.4	6.8	6.0	3.7	174.1
Total	\$m	118.7	74.0	63.6	32.6	31.7	14.6	12.0	8.9	356.1
Proportion of total funding										
Australian govt	%	50.0	50.9	47.8	55.8	54.5	53.3	50.3	58.2	51.1
State/Territory govts	%	50.0	49.1	52.2	44.2	45.5	46.7	49.7	41.8	48.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

(b) Does not include State and Territory only funding to SAAP services to assist with service viability and/or to SAAP like activities over and above the funding provided by the SAAP V agreement.

Source: Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA) (unpublished).

Table 15A.177

Table 15A.177 Total recurrent SAAP program funding (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>
Nominal funding										
2002-03	\$m	108.4	59.4	46.0	27.8	25.5	11.9	10.2	7.6	296.9
2003-04	\$m	110.9	60.8	47.1	28.4	26.1	12.2	10.5	7.9	303.8
2004-05	\$m	113.1	62.0	48.0	29.0	26.6	12.4	10.7	8.1	309.9
2005-06	\$m	115.6	63.4	54.9	29.6	27.2	13.8	10.9	8.6	323.9
2006-07	\$m	118.7	74.0	63.6	32.6	31.7	14.6	12.0	8.9	356.1
Real funding (2006-07 dollars) (c)										
2002-03	\$m	127.8	70.1	54.3	32.7	30.1	14.1	12.1	9.0	350.1
2003-04	\$m	126.6	69.4	53.7	32.4	29.8	13.9	11.9	9.1	346.9
2004-05	\$m	124.1	68.1	52.7	31.8	29.2	13.7	11.7	8.9	340.2
2005-06	\$m	121.2	66.4	57.5	31.0	28.5	14.5	11.4	9.0	339.6
2006-07	\$m	118.7	74.0	63.6	32.6	31.7	14.6	12.0	8.9	356.1

- (a) Includes total SAAP recurrent allocations (including State and Territory allocations for program administration).
- (b) Does not include State and Territory only funding to SAAP services to assist with service viability and/or to SAAP like activities over and above the funding provided by the SAAP V agreement.
- (c) Real recurrent funding calculated using ABS GDP expenditure implicit price deflators (2006-07 = 100).

Source: DFaCSIA (unpublished); Table 15A.176 and Table AA.26

Table 15A.178 Real recurrent SAAP program funding per person in the residential population (2006-07 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d)

	<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>
2002-03	19.22	14.32	14.40	16.90	19.73	29.60	37.24	45.03	17.70
2003-04	18.92	14.01	13.91	16.48	19.40	28.95	36.66	45.13	17.32
2004-05	18.45	13.57	13.33	15.91	18.92	28.16	35.72	43.56	16.79
2005-06	17.84	13.05	14.20	15.23	18.30	29.61	34.43	43.04	16.52
2006-07	17.32	14.32	15.39	15.65	20.11	29.79	35.69	41.75	17.08

- (a) Includes SAAP recurrent allocations (including State and Territory allocations for program administration).
- (b) The total population figure used to derive program funding per person in the total population has changed from previous Reports. The total population figure uses a mid-point estimate for 31 December at the end of each year. In previous Reports, the average for the financial year was used. The total population figure is not indicative of the demand for SAAP services.
- (c) Real recurrent funding calculated using ABS GDP expenditure implicit price deflators (2006-07 = 100).
- (d) Does not include State and Territory only funding to SAAP services to assist with service viability and/or to SAAP like activities over and above the funding provided by the SAAP V agreement.

Source: Tables 15A.177, AA.2 and AA.26.

Table 15A.179

Table 15A.179 Turn-away of adults and unaccompanied children as the proportion of people requiring new SAAP accommodation (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
2002-03 (g)										
Not accommodated	no.	59.9	46.6	54.1	18.9	21.9	9.0	11.4	3.4	225.3
Adults and unaccompanied children making requests for accommodation	no.	132.6	71.4	110.8	47.3	38.2	13.5	16.1	12.3	442.1
Turn-away	%	45.2	65.4	48.8	40.0	57.4	66.7	70.4	27.9	51.0
2003-04 (h)										
Not accommodated	no.	48.0	50.6	46.1	20.1	13.3	12.2	12.1	2.4	204.7
Adults and unaccompanied children making requests for accommodation	no.	110.4	77.5	87.8	42.9	28.7	17.9	16.6	9.6	391.6
Turn-away	%	43.5	65.3	52.5	46.8	46.3	68.1	72.5	25.2	52.3
2004-05 (i)										
Not accommodated	no.	57.9	36.1	42.8	21.6	13.5	9.3	7.4	4.7	193.2
Adults and unaccompanied children making requests for accommodation	no.	104.9	60.7	81.2	43.9	28.6	16.4	10.5	13.3	359.6
Turn-away	%	55.1	59.4	52.7	49.1	47.1	56.5	70.7	35.5	53.7
2005-06 (j)										
Not accommodated	no.	56.9	43.1	46.8	32.6	17.6	14.6	8.1	5.4	225.3
Adults and unaccompanied children making requests for accommodation	no.	128.9	74.1	88.2	52.4	31.9	22.0	11.4	11.1	420.1
Turn-away	%	44.2	58.2	53.0	62.2	55.3	66.6	71.2	48.7	53.6

(a) Only data from agencies that participated in both the Client Collection and the Demand for Accommodation Collection are included. Consequently, the figures understate the level of activity in SAAP agencies. Some cases were excluded due to missing data from the two collections. Adjustments have been made for the missing data in the Demand for Accommodation Collection only.

Table 15A.179

Table 15A.179 Turn-away of adults and unaccompanied children as the proportion of people requiring new SAAP accommodation (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
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(b) For the Client Collection, the accommodation status of a client on a particular day is based on the reported periods of accommodation within a support period. Clients may start and end accommodation on the same date. If a client starts and ends accommodation on the same day, these periods are considered to be a single period. It can reasonably be assumed that a client will not start more than one period of accommodation on the same day. It can also be reasonably be assumed that an accompanying child has been accommodated when their parent/guardian has been accommodated, and that they will not start more than one period of accommodation on the same day. This table excludes accompanied children.

(c) For the Demand for Accommodation Collection, data includes only people with valid unmet requests for immediate accommodation. 'Valid unmet requests' excludes those made at an agency of an inappropriate target group, where the person or group is determined to be inappropriate for the agency, where there is no fee-free accommodation available, or where proffered assistance is refused.

(d) Excludes accompanied children.

(e) A two-week Demand for Accommodation Collection is conducted annually to gather information about homeless people whose requests for accommodation were unable to be met by SAAP agencies. The collection for each financial year is held in December and May.

(f) Comparisons between years should be treated with caution, due to variation in participation rates, differing imputation methods and because the collections were held on different dates each year.

(g) Figures are unweighted. 363 records in the Client Collection are excluded due to errors and omissions.

(h) Figures are unweighted. 324 records in the Client Collection are excluded due to errors and omissions.

(i) Figures are unweighted. 304 records in the Client Collection are excluded due to errors and omissions.

(j) Figures are unweighted. 79 records (daily average) in the Client Collection are excluded due to errors and omissions.

Source: AIHW (2004), *Demand for SAAP Assistance by Homeless People 2003-04: A Report from the SAAP National Data Collection*, Cat. No. HOU 110, Canberra; AIHW (2006), *Demand for SAAP assistance by Homeless People 2003-04: A Report from the SAAP National Data Collection*, SAAP NDCA report Series 9. Cat. no. HOU 143. Canberra; AIHW (2006), *Demand for SAAP assistance by Homeless People 2004-05: A report from the SAAP National Data Collection*, SAAP NDCA report Series 10. Cat. no. HOU 151. Canberra; AIHW (2007), *Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2005-06: A report from the SAAP National Data Collection*. SAAP NDCA report Series 11. Cat. no. HOU 169, Canberra.

Table 15A.180

Table 15A.180 Turn-away of adults and unaccompanied children as the proportion of total demand for SAAP accommodation (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
2002-03 (f)										
Not accommodated	no.	59.9	46.6	54.1	18.9	21.9	9.0	11.4	3.4	225.3
Total accommodated (g)	no.	2 276.5	1 972.4	1 282.0	713.9	777.0	168.8	176.5	142.4	7 509.3
Total demand for accommodation (g)	no.	2 336.4	2 019.0	1 336.1	732.8	798.9	177.8	187.9	145.8	7 734.6
Daily unmet requests as proportion of total demand	%	2.6	2.3	4.1	2.6	2.7	5.1	6.0	2.4	2.9
2003-04 (h)										
Not accommodated	no.	48.0	50.6	46.1	20.1	13.3	12.2	12.1	2.4	204.7
Total accommodated (g)	no.	2 368.7	2 028.0	1 367.8	590.8	709.1	167.2	146.4	125.3	7 503.4
Total demand for accommodation (g)	no.	2 416.7	2 078.6	1 413.9	610.9	722.4	179.4	158.5	127.7	7 708.1
Daily unmet requests as proportion of total demand	%	2.0	2.4	3.3	3.3	1.8	6.8	7.6	1.9	2.7
2004-05 (h)										
Not accommodated	no.	57.9	36.1	42.8	21.6	13.5	9.3	7.4	4.7	193.2
Total accommodated (g)	no.	2 306.4	1 862.3	1 446.3	596.5	684.7	181.0	155.6	175.7	7 408.7
Total demand for accommodation (g)	no.	2 364.3	1 898.4	1 489.1	618.1	698.2	190.3	163.0	180.4	7 601.9
Daily unmet requests as proportion of total demand	%	2.4	1.9	2.9	3.5	1.9	4.9	4.6	2.6	2.5
2005-06 (j)										
Not accommodated	no.	56.9	43.1	46.8	32.6	17.6	14.6	8.1	5.4	225.3
Total accommodated (g)	no.	2 416.6	1 908.3	1 235.6	565.0	698.7	210.3	185.1	148.2	7 367.6
Total demand for accommodation (g)	no.	2 473.5	1 951.4	1 282.4	597.6	716.3	224.9	193.2	153.6	7 592.9
Daily unmet requests as proportion of total demand	%	2.3	2.2	3.6	5.5	2.5	6.5	4.2	3.5	3.0

(a) Only data from agencies that participated in both the Client Collection and the Demand for Accommodation Collection are included. Consequently, the figures understate the level of activity in SAAP agencies. Some cases were excluded due to missing data from the two collections. Adjustments have been made for the missing data.

Table 15A.180 Turn-away of adults and unaccompanied children as the proportion of total demand for SAAP accommodation (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust	
(b)	For the Client Collection, the accommodation status of a client on a particular day is based on the reported periods of accommodation within a support period. Clients may start and end accommodation on the same date. If a client starts and ends accommodation on the same day, these periods are considered to be a single period. It can reasonably be assumed that a client will not start more than one period of accommodation on the same day. It can also be reasonably be assumed that an accompanying child has been accommodated when their parent/guardian has been accommodated, and that they will not start more than one period of accommodation on the same day.										
(c)	For the Demand for Accommodation Collection, data includes only people with valid unmet requests for immediate accommodation. 'Valid unmet requests' excludes those made at an agency of an inappropriate target group, where the person or group is determined to be inappropriate for the agency, where there is no fee-free accommodation available, or where proffered assistance is refused.										
(d)	A two-week Demand for Accommodation Collection is conducted annually to gather information about homeless people whose requests for accommodation were unable to be met by SAAP agencies. The collection for each financial year is held in December and May.										
(e)	Comparisons between years should be treated with caution, due to variation in participation rates, differing imputation methods and because the collections were held on different dates each year.										
(f)	Figures are unweighted. 363 records in the Collection are excluded due to errors and omissions.										
(g)	Includes existing and newly accommodated clients.										
(h)	Figures are unweighted. 324 records in the Collection are excluded due to errors and omissions.										
(i)	Figures are unweighted. 363 records in the Collection are excluded due to errors and omissions.										
(j)	Adjustments have been made for missing data from the Demand for Accommodation Collection.										
Source:	AIHW (2004), <i>Demand for SAAP Assistance by Homeless People 2003-04: A Report from the SAAP National Data Collection</i> , Cat. No. HOU 110, Canberra; AIHW (2006), <i>Demand for SAAP assistance by Homeless People 2003-04: A Report from the SAAP National Data Collection</i> , SAAP NDCA report Series 9. Cat. no. HOU 143, Canberra; AIHW (2006), <i>Demand for SAAP assistance by Homeless People 2004-05: A report from the SAAP National Data Collection</i> , SAAP NDCA report Series 10. Cat. no. HOU 151, Canberra; AIHW (2007), <i>Demand for SAAP accommodation by Homeless People 2005-06: A report from the SAAP National Data Collection</i> . SAAP NDCA report Series 11. Cat. no. HOU 169, Canberra.										

Table 15A.181 Proportion of Indigenous people among all accommodated SAAP clients and among people whose valid requests for accommodation were unmet (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>
Representation among all SAAP clients										
2002-03	%	17.2	5.8	24.9	36.5	15.3	8.8	11.4	55.7	17.7
2003-04	%	17.4	4.5	22.7	38.7	16.4	9.4	12.9	57.3	16.5
2004-05	%	16.2	6.0	23.2	39.9	16.6	11.7	12.1	61.3	20.4
Representation among people unable to be provided with a SAAP service										
2002-03	%	19.5	5.7	18.0	47.7	24.8	2.5	20.2	55.9	17.7
2003-04	%	20.8	7.0	19.2	47.6	21.9	7.4	10.5	57.1	18.7
2004-05	%	20.2	6.8	24.7	44.0	17.5	7.7	4.8	59.1	20.1
Representation among accommodated SAAP clients										
2005-06	%	17.1	7.0	23.5	42.7	18.0	10.9	9.5	64.6	21.4
2006-07	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Representation among people unable to be provided with SAAP accommodation										
2005-06	%	22.1	7.9	26.8	57.7	26.8	8.0	18.8	65.2	25.6
2006-07	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

- (a) Client figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent; figures on number of requests have been rounded by 10 and based on valid requests only.
- (b) Unmet requests exclude requests where the person or group refused an offer of accommodation; where the person or group was inappropriate for the agency; and where the request was not met because there was no fee-free accommodation available. People may make more than one request for accommodation in a day. Data are based on the first valid unmet request for accommodation made.
- (c) Caution should be applied when interpreting numbers of people with valid 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 by estimating the first valid unmet request, this information may not have been available to record. 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. Thirdly, a number of people have their needs met by other means and do not return to a SAAP agency. Finally, there are also 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 and it is not possible to identify a two-week period which is 'typical' for all SAAP agencies.
- (d) 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.
- (e) In earlier Reports, this measure compared the proportion of people from these two groups who could not be accommodated with their representation among all SAAP clients (including accommodated and not accommodated). Data from 2005-06 onwards provide a direct comparison focusing on accommodation, therefore are not comparable to those in the previous years.

na Not available.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client Collection* (unpublished) and *Demand for SAAP accommodation by homeless people 2005-06: A report from the SAAP National Data Collection*. SAAP NDCA report Series 11. Cat. no. HOU 169. Canberra: AIHW.

Table 15A.182 Proportion of people from non-English speaking backgrounds among all accommodated SAAP clients and among people whose valid requests for accommodation were unmet (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>
Representation among all SAAP clients										
2002-03	%	9.3	14.9	4.4	9.1	7.0	3.1	9.9	4.4	9.7
2003-04	%	10.1	14.5	5.9	9.4	7.2	3.3	10.2	4.5	10.4
2004-05	%	10.8	14.9	5.8	8.4	6.8	3.5	9.9	4.2	9.7
Representation among people unable to be provided with a SAAP service										
2002-03	%	6.5	10.4	2.2	5.1	3.9	0.5	9.9	0.7	6.0
2003-04	%	6.4	9.5	2.3	8.3	2.7	–	5.3	–	5.7
2004-05	%	8.6	10.9	1.3	10.7	5.0	3.8	19.0	–	6.8
Representation among accommodated SAAP clients										
2005-06	%	11.6	15.2	6.1	8.0	7.6	3.7	13.8	3.8	9.9
2006-07	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Representation among people unable to be provided with SAAP accommodation										
2005-06	%	10.7	11.5	2.0	4.2	7.3	4.0	12.5	–	6.8
2006-07	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

- (a) Client figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent; figures on number of requests have been rounded by 10 and based on valid requests only.
- (b) Unmet requests exclude requests where the person or group refused an offer of accommodation; where the person or group was inappropriate for the agency; and where the request was not met because there was no fee-free accommodation available. People may make more than one request for accommodation in a day. Data are based on the first valid unmet request for accommodation made.
- (c) Caution should be applied when interpreting numbers of people with valid 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 by estimating the first valid unmet request, this information may not have been available to record. 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. Thirdly, a number of people have their needs met by other means and do not return to a SAAP agency. Finally, there are also 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 and it is not possible to identify a two-week period which is 'typical' for all SAAP agencies.
- (d) 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.
- (e) In earlier Reports, this measure compared the proportion of people from these two groups who could not be accommodated with their representation among all SAAP clients (including accommodated and not accommodated). Data from 2005-06 onwards provide a direct comparison focusing on accommodation, therefore are not comparable to those in the previous years.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client Collection* (unpublished) and *Demand for SAAP accommodation by homeless people 2005-06: A report from the SAAP National Data Collection*. SAAP NDCA report Series 11. Cat. no. HOU 169. Canberra: AIHW.

Table 15A.183

Table 15A.183 **Support periods, by the existence of a support plan, all 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>
2002-03										
Support plan	%	58.3	61.0	65.9	49.3	72.6	69.2	81.6	59.0	61.3
No support plan	%	17.3	13.1	14.5	25.5	9.7	13.5	4.3	15.1	15.3
Support plan not appropriate	%	24.4	25.9	19.6	25.2	17.6	17.2	14.2	25.8	23.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	28 800	40 500	18 100	12 900	8 300	5 400	2 300	3 900	120 200
2003-04 (d)										
Support plan	%	60.3	44.6	58.7	48.0	70.7	67.5	83.0	65.9	53.8
No support plan	%	20.1	38.3	19.4	31.1	10.6	16.0	4.3	12.8	27.6
Support plan not appropriate	%	19.6	17.1	21.9	20.9	18.7	16.5	12.8	21.3	18.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	28 600	60 700	18 000	12 400	8 400	5 800	2 800	4 000	140 700
2004-05 (e)										
Support plan	%	60.2	50.8	52.9	46.7	65.1	69.3	74.7	78.2	55.8
No support plan	%	19.4	29.0	28.1	32.0	11.7	17.4	5.8	10.2	24.3
Support plan not appropriate	%	20.4	20.2	19.0	21.3	23.1	13.3	19.6	11.6	19.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	32 900	57 600	23 500	12 900	12 400	5 600	2 200	4 400	151 500
2005-06 (f), (g)										
Support plan	%	55.5	63.2	51.5	48.5	66.9	63.1	66.0	68.6	59.2
No support plan										
Client did not agree to support plan	%	8.7	10.2	9.2	13.8	6.0	7.8	4.3	5.8	9.3
Support period too short	%	31.8	24.4	37.1	37.1	25.9	27.2	29.5	24.8	29.2
Other	%	4.0	2.2	2.3	0.6	1.2	1.9	0.3	0.8	2.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	30 300	54 100	20 100	10 200	11 300	4 900	2 200	3 800	136 700
2006-07										
Support plan	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
No support plan										
Client did not agree to support plan	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Support period too short	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

Table 15A.183 **Support periods, by the existence of a support plan, all 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>
Total	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

- (a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.
- (b) Data prior to 2004-05 exclude high volume agencies (those accommodating 50 or more clients per night, telephone referral agencies, day centres, and information and referral centres) because these data items were often not collected by these agencies.
- (c) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.
- (d) Data exclude 25 663 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (e) Data exclude 21 656 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (f) Data for 2005-06 includes analysis of closed support periods only. Data for years prior to 2005-06 included all support periods. Some categories have also changed for 2005-06 data.
- (g) Data exclude 21 862 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- na** Not available.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client Collection (unpublished)*.

Table 15A.184

Table 15A.184 **Support periods, by the 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>
2002-03										
Support plan	%	54.7	60.9	68.8	46.8	69.2	68.4	83.1	62.9	59.3
No support plan	%	17.2	14.4	13.1	22.5	11.8	14.8	2.3	21.1	17.0
Support plan not appropriate	%	28.1	24.7	18.1	30.7	19.1	16.8	14.6	16.0	23.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	5 100	2 100	5 200	5 100	1 500	500	300	2 300	22 000
2003-04 (d)										
Support plan	%	59.4	55.4	60.9	42.4	70.3	71.5	82.4	67.7	57.7
No support plan	%	17.4	23.6	20.8	36.1	12.8	11.8	5.3	15.0	22.2
Support plan not appropriate	%	23.2	21.0	18.2	21.5	16.9	16.7	12.3	17.3	20.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	5 300	2 200	5 200	5 300	1 500	600	400	2 400	23 000
2004-05 (e)										
Support plan	%	62.7	57.0	59.5	39.5	65.7	74.7	76.2	76.8	58.6
No support plan	%	16.3	21.5	22.6	38.4	12.2	12.0	5.1	11.7	21.8
Support plan not appropriate	%	21.0	21.4	18.0	22.1	22.1	13.3	18.7	11.5	19.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	5 800	2 500	5 000	5 400	2 400	500	300	2 700	24 500
2005-06 (f), (g)										
Support plan	%	60.7	63.2	53.5	36.6	76.1	65.3	64.2	69.1	57.2
No support plan										
Client did not agree to support plan	%	10.3	10.3	11.2	16.1	5.1	7.9	6.3	5.0	10.5
Support period too short	%	26.9	24.6	33.7	47.1	18.2	26.0	28.1	26.0	31.2
Other	%	2.1	1.8	1.7	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.4	–	1.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	5 200	2 500	4 100	4 700	2 400	500	200	2 400	22 100
2006-07										
Support plan	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
No support plan										
Client did not agree to support plan	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Support period too short	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

Table 15A.184 **Support periods, by the existence of a support plan, Indigenous clients (a), (b), (c)**

Total	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
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- (a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.
- (b) Data prior to 2004-05 exclude high volume agencies (those accommodating 50 or more clients per night, telephone referral agencies, day centres, and information and referral centres) because these data items were often not collected by these agencies.
- (c) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.
- (d) Data exclude 3 499 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (e) Data exclude 3 129 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (f) Data for 2005-06 includes analysis of closed support periods only. Data for years prior to 2005-06 included all support periods. Some categories have also changed for 2005-06 data.
- (g) Data exclude 2 523 support periods (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.185

Table 15A.185 **Support needs of all clients, met and unmet (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>
2002-03										
Provided only	%	85.6	72.9	83.8	90.3	82.9	86.6	75.1	87.8	82.2
Referred only	%	3.7	9.8	2.0	2.6	5.7	5.3	5.0	4.0	4.8
Provided & referred	%	6.3	9.9	2.8	3.9	6.4	3.8	15.1	4.5	6.1
Unmet	%	4.4	7.5	11.4	3.2	5.0	4.3	4.8	3.7	6.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	251.7	220.8	264.2	73.5	74.9	27.8	22.4	29.2	964.5
2003-04										
Provided only	%	86.7	70.7	86.0	90.4	81.1	86.2	69.6	87.1	81.2
Referred only	%	4.1	10.8	4.2	2.6	7.0	5.8	5.0	3.8	6.2
Provided & referred	%	6.5	13.9	5.5	4.7	6.5	4.8	18.4	6.3	8.7
Unmet	%	2.6	4.6	4.4	2.3	5.5	3.3	7.0	2.8	3.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	264.6	265.1	149.3	69.8	76.3	25.3	29.1	35.3	914.7
2004-05										
Provided only	%	85.4	72.3	85.2	88.9	83.1	85.9	67.9	83.1	80.9
Referred only	%	4.9	9.2	4.7	2.6	7.0	5.0	5.6	6.2	6.3
Provided & referred	%	7.0	14.5	6.1	5.5	6.8	6.3	21.3	9.6	9.4
Unmet	%	2.7	4.1	3.9	3.0	3.2	2.8	5.2	1.1	3.4
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	216.8	263.9	142.7	73.5	80.6	25.9	18.6	33.8	855.8
2005-06 (c)										
Provided only	%	84.1	76.0	86.2	89.1	79.9	82.6	71.8	79.8	81.3
Referred only	%	5.7	9.6	4.8	4.6	7.7	6.8	8.6	7.7	7.1
Provided & referred	%	6.5	9.0	4.7	3.1	6.8	6.1	15.5	10.1	7.1
Unmet	%	3.7	5.4	4.3	3.1	5.6	4.5	4.0	2.4	4.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	218.9	287.4	133.2	68.9	77.9	26.7	18.1	27.9	858.9
2006-07										
Provided only	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Referred only	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Provided & referred	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Unmet	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.

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

(c) Data for years prior to 2005-06 included all support periods. Data for 2005-06 includes analysis of closed support periods only. Therefore data for 2005-06 are not comparable with data for previous years.

na Not available.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.186

Table 15A.186 **Support needs of Indigenous clients, met and unmet (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>
2002-03										
Provided only	%	83.9	73.4	82.0	91.3	82.2	87.6	78.6	88.5	83.4
Referred only	%	4.2	10.6	0.8	2.3	5.5	4.5	3.9	3.1	2.4
Provided & referred	%	7.3	9.2	1.2	3.6	6.6	3.6	12.1	5.5	3.5
Unmet	%	4.7	6.8	16.0	2.8	5.6	4.3	5.5	2.9	10.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	39.1	12.5	138.0	28.8	11.4	2.9	2.8	17.8	253.3
2003-04										
Provided only	%	84.3	72.3	84.7	91.7	81.4	84.9	73.6	86.9	84.7
Referred only	%	4.9	10.2	4.4	2.1	6.0	6.2	5.4	3.2	4.6
Provided & referred	%	7.9	12.6	4.8	3.4	7.3	4.2	11.5	8.1	6.8
Unmet	%	2.9	4.9	6.1	2.7	5.3	4.7	9.5	1.8	4.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	45.8	12.7	38.4	28.9	12.5	2.8	3.5	23.9	168.5
2004-05										
Provided only	%	82.2	73.4	86.6	88.5	82.4	85.1	70.4	81.1	83.3
Referred only	%	5.5	8.1	3.8	2.3	7.2	5.3	6.1	6.9	5.1
Provided & referred	%	9.0	13.6	5.3	5.3	7.6	7.6	19.0	11.3	8.3
Unmet	%	3.3	4.9	4.3	3.9	2.9	1.9	4.4	0.8	3.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	40.1	13.3	31.4	30.9	14.1	2.8	2.3	24.1	158.9
2005-06										
Provided only	%	81.8	72.0	86.5	90.2	75.6	82.8	72.8	77.8	82.1
Referred only	%	6.5	9.5	3.8	3.1	8.5	6.2	10.3	8.6	6.2
Provided & referred	%	7.2	11.3	5.9	2.9	9.6	7.5	12.5	11.8	7.5
Unmet	%	4.4	7.2	3.8	3.7	6.3	3.5	4.3	1.8	4.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	39.4	16.7	28.4	29.4	14.0	2.8	1.8	19.9	152.6
2006-07										
Provided only	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Referred only	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Provided & referred	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Unmet	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.

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

(c) Data for years prior to 2005-06 included all support periods. Data for 2005-06 includes analysis of closed support periods only. Therefore data for 2005-06 are not comparable with data for previous years.

na Not available.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.187

Table 15A.187 **Support needs of clients from non-English speaking backgrounds, met and unmet (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>
2002-03										
Provided only	%	80.4	71.7	81.5	84.1	79.5	88.2	72.2	87.1	76.7
Referred only	%	4.2	11.0	4.6	5.9	7.8	4.2	5.4	6.0	7.7
Provided & referred	%	11.0	10.2	9.6	6.4	8.3	4.4	19.1	2.9	10.1
Unmet	%	4.3	7.1	4.3	3.6	4.4	3.2	3.3	3.9	5.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	20.7	35.1	7.1	6.1	4.5	0.9	2.1	1.0	77.4
2003-04										
Provided only	%	79.9	69.6	83.9	85.9	81.3	82.8	63.6	87.2	75.7
Referred only	%	4.8	11.9	5.3	5.1	8.9	5.4	4.7	5.8	8.4
Provided & referred	%	11.8	14.6	8.5	7.2	6.9	8.7	26.2	3.4	12.5
Unmet	%	3.4	3.9	2.3	1.8	2.8	3.1	5.5	3.6	3.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	22.6	39.9	8.8	5.8	5.1	0.9	2.9	1.2	87.2
2004-05										
Provided only	%	78.6	72.6	84.7	89.3	82.3	83.9	58.9	88.7	77.2
Referred only	%	5.6	9.9	4.2	4.0	7.4	6.6	6.5	6.3	7.5
Provided & referred	%	13.1	14.3	8.8	5.4	8.8	7.6	30.5	3.8	12.6
Unmet	%	2.6	3.3	2.3	1.4	1.5	2.0	4.1	1.1	2.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	21.5	40.2	8.3	6.5	5.2	1.1	1.8	1.0	85.7
2005-06										
Provided only	%	78.7	76.1	83.1	87.2	80.3	81.7	61.9	87.1	78.2
Referred only	%	7.3	10.2	8.7	6.5	10.6	6.8	10.0	6.2	9.0
Provided & referred	%	10.8	9.4	5.3	5.0	6.1	6.8	25.9	4.3	9.2
Unmet	%	3.2	4.4	2.9	1.3	2.9	4.7	2.2	2.4	3.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	'000	22.8	42.7	8.8	5.4	5.5	1.1	2.3	0.6	89.2
2006-07										
Provided only	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Referred only	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Provided & referred	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Unmet	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.

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

(c) Data for years prior to 2005-06 included all support periods. Data for 2005-06 includes analysis of closed support periods only. Therefore data for 2005-06 are not comparable with data for previous years.

Table 15A.187 **Support needs of clients from non-English speaking backgrounds, met and unmet (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>
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na Not available.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.188

Table 15A.188 Unmet requests for SAAP accommodation, main reason for support not provided, Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

Main reason support not provided	Unit	Proportion of potential clients				
		Dec 2002 & May 2003	Dec 2003 & May 2004	Dec 2004 & May 2005	Dec 2005 & May 2006	Dec 2006 & May 2007
Insufficient staff	%	2.0	1.8	1.2	1.2	na
No accommodation available	%	66.5	65.6	63.6	59.2	na
Age of male child	%	0.2	0.3	0.3	na	..
No fee-free accommodation available	%	1.2	1.2	1.5	na	..
Referral agency with no vacancies on books	%	20.8	20.4	22.2	21.2	na
Type of accommodation requested is not provided	%	..	..	..	7.5	na
Facilities for special needs not available						
For disability needs	%			..	..	..
For cultural needs	%			..	..	..
For other special needs	%			..	..	..
Total	%	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.2	na
Other	%	8.3	9.7	10.1	9.7	na
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	..
Total	no.	6 687	6 292	5 646	6 960	na

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.

(b) A two-week Demand for Accommodation Collection is conducted annually to gather information about homeless people who are not accepted as clients of SAAP agencies. In 2005-06, the collection was held between 7-13 December 2005 and 17-23 May 2006.

(c) This table excludes requests where the person or group refused an offer of accommodation; where the person or group was inappropriate for the agency; and where the request was not met because there was no fee-free accommodation available.

Table 15A.188 Unmet requests for SAAP accommodation, main reason for support not provided, Australia (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

Main reason support not provided	Unit	Proportion of potential clients				
		Dec 2002 & May 2003	Dec 2003 & May 2004	Dec 2004 & May 2005	Dec 2005 & May 2006	Dec 2006 & May 2007

(d) 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. Secondly, a number of the people may receive the ongoing support or accommodation from a SAAP agency at a later time, quite possibly soon after their initial request. Thirdly, a number of people have their needs met by other means and do not return to a SAAP agency. And finally, there are shortfalls in pro-rating from a two-week collection period to the full year. Many factors influence the capacity of individual SAAP agencies to meet day-to-day demand for their services therefore 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 2005-06 are not weighted.

(e) Comparisons between years should be treated with caution, due to variation in participation rates, differing imputation methods and because the collections were held on different dates each year.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: SAAP NDCA Unmet Demand Collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.189 **Recurrent cost per completed support period (2006-07 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Recurrent allocation										
2002-03	\$m	121.1	80.0	54.0	32.4	28.3	13.4	11.7	8.8	349.9
2003-04	\$m	120.8	90.0	53.6	33.2	30.2	13.3	15.3	8.7	365.1
2004-05	\$m	117.8	82.9	52.3	31.8	28.5	13.7	16.2	8.4	351.5
2005-06	\$m	115.8	82.7	55.3	30.8	27.7	13.8	15.3	8.2	349.5
2006-07	\$m	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Closed support periods										
2002-03	no.	43 000	42 500	34 300	13 200	12 000	5 700	2 100	4 200	157 100
2003-04	no.	43 100	61 200	26 000	12 400	12 600	5 700	2 600	4 600	168 200
2004-05	no.	35 800	55 800	23 800	13 300	13 400	5 600	1 900	4 300	153 900
2005-06	no.	34 600	65 000	22 300	11 500	13 500	5 300	2 300	4 000	158 600
2006-07	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Cost per completed support period										
2002-03	\$	2 820	1 880	1 570	2 460	2 360	2 360	5 560	2 110	2 230
2003-04	\$	2 800	1 470	2 060	2 680	2 390	2 330	5 890	1 880	2 170
2004-05	\$	3 290	1 480	2 200	2 390	2 120	2 440	8 530	1 950	2 280
2005-06	\$	3 350	1 270	2 480	2 680	2 050	2 610	6 630	2 050	2 200
2006-07	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

- (a) Only agency level recurrent allocations were included in the funding data.
- (b) Does not include State and Territory only funding to SAAP services to assist with service viability and/or to SAAP like activities over and above the funding provided by the SAAP V agreement.
- (c) There was a small number of participating SAAP agencies that did not receive recurrent funding. These agencies were included in the data.
- (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 data.
- (e) Figures for closed support periods have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.
- (f) Closed support period numbers have been rounded.
- (g) Recurrent funding calculated using ABS GDP expenditure implicit price deflators (2006-07 = 100).
- na** Not available.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished); table AA.26

Table 15A.190

Table 15A.190 **Recurrent cost per client accessing services (2006-07 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Recurrent allocation										
2002-03	\$m	121.1	80.0	54.0	32.4	28.3	13.4	11.7	8.8	349.9
2003-04	\$m	120.8	90.0	53.6	33.2	30.2	13.3	15.3	8.7	365.1
2004-05	\$m	117.8	82.9	52.3	31.8	28.5	13.7	16.2	8.4	351.5
2005-06	\$m	115.8	82.7	55.3	30.8	27.7	13.8	15.3	8.2	349.5
2006-07	\$m	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Reported number of clients										
2002-03	no.	24 200	29 500	17 800	8 800	8 800	4 000	1 600	2 900	97 600
2003-04	no.	23 800	33 700	17 000	8 000	9 000	4 300	1 400	3 000	100 200
2004-05	no.	23 000	34 900	16 600	8 500	8 900	4 300	1 400	2 800	100 400
2005-06	no.	26 000	37 700	17 400	8 300	10 400	4 400	2 000	3 100	106 500
2006-07	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Estimated cost per client										
2002-03	\$	5 000	2 710	3 030	3 690	3 220	3 360	7 300	3 050	3 580
2003-04	\$	5 080	2 670	3 150	4 150	3 350	3 090	10 940	2 890	3 640
2004-05	\$	5 120	2 370	3 150	3 750	3 200	3 180	11 570	2 990	3 500
2005-06	\$	4 450	2 190	3 180	3 710	2 660	3 140	7 630	2 640	3 280
2006-07	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

- (a) Ongoing clients (not ended by 30 June) were included in the data. SAAP client numbers have been
- (b) Only agency level recurrent allocations were included in funding data.
- (c) Does not include State and Territory only funding to SAAP services to assist with service viability and/or to SAAP like activities over and above the funding provided by the SAAP V agreement.
- (d) There was a small number of participating SAAP agencies that did not receive recurrent funding. These agencies were included in the data.
- (e) There was a small number of SAAP agencies that received recurrent funding but did not send in any client forms. These agencies were included in the data.
- (f) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.
- (g) State client numbers refer to the State in which they were first supported, as some clients were supported in more than one State.
- (h) Recurrent funding calculated using ABS GDP expenditure implicit price deflators (2006-07 = 100).
- na** Not available.

Source: SAAP NDCA Administrative Data and Client Collections (unpublished); table AA.26

Table 15A.191

Table 15A.191 **Real recurrent cost per day of support for homeless clients (2006-07 dollars) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)**

	<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										
2002-03	\$m	121.1	80.0	54.0	32.4	28.3	13.4	11.7	8.8	349.9
2003-04	\$m	120.8	90.0	53.6	33.2	30.2	13.3	15.3	8.7	365.1
2004-05	\$m	117.8	82.9	52.3	31.8	28.5	13.7	16.2	8.4	351.5
2005-06	\$m	115.8	82.7	55.3	30.8	27.7	13.8	15.3	8.2	349.5
2006-07	\$m	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Number of support days										
2002-03	'000	1 705	2 743	1 011	456	729	369	170	114	7 297
2003-04	'000	1 843	2 632	943	385	806	377	204	146	7 337
2004-05	'000	1 898	2 971	1 081	572	845	462	171	135	8 133
2005-06	'000	2 376	2 789	1 091	508	931	365	205	140	8 405
2006-07	'000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Cost per support day										
2002-03	\$	71	29	53	71	39	36	69	78	48
2003-04	\$	66	34	57	86	37	35	75	59	50
2004-05	\$	62	28	48	56	34	30	95	62	43
2005-06	\$	49	30	51	61	30	38	75	58	42
2006-07	\$	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

- (a) Clients whose support period was ongoing on 30 June were included.
- (b) Only agency level recurrent allocations were included in this analysis.
- (c) Does not include State and Territory only funding to SAAP services to assist with service viability and/or to SAAP like activities over and above the funding provided by the SAAP V agreement.
- (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) For 2004-05 and 2005-06 data, supported period excludes any dates outside the reference period. For instance, if a support period started in December 2004 and ended in September 2005, only the support dates between July and September 2005 were included in 2004-05.
- (h) Recurrent funding calculated using ABS GDP expenditure implicit price deflators (2006-07 = 100).
- na** Not available.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Administrative Data and Client Collections* (unpublished); table AA.26

Table 15A.192 **Average accommodation load and caseload per day (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>
Average accommodation load per day									
2002-03	7.3	8.1	8.0	6.4	11.7	5.9	10.2	5.1	7.8
2003-04	7.2	8.0	7.6	6.3	12.0	6.1	6.7	5.5	7.6
2004-05	7.1	8.9	8.6	6.7	11.7	7.7	5.8	6.6	8.1
2005-06	7.4	8.6	8.2	6.9	11.4	8.8	6.7	6.7	8.1
2006-07	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Average caseload per day									
2002-03	12.1	23.4	14.3	12.0	24.7	28.2	15.1	10.0	17.0
2003-04	13.1	20.6	13.3	9.7	29.0	29.6	13.0	12.5	16.5
2004-05	13.9	23.4	15.3	14.7	30.5	37.3	11.4	11.6	18.5
2005-06	14.6	20.2	13.6	11.6	31.3	31.4	13.4	11.8	17.2
2006-07	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

- (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) Figures were unweighted and have not been adjusted for agency non-participation and client non-consent.

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.193

Table 15A.193 Type of tenure (legal right to occupy a dwelling) for clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing (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>
2005-06 (d)										
Type of tenure immediately before support period (e), (f)										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	1.7	3.3	2.3	3.3	6.3	2.0	2.0	1.2	2.9
Private rental	%	28.7	29.5	32.2	24.6	20.3	25.4	17.5	12.0	27.6
Public housing rental	%	6.3	7.5	3.7	13.6	10.4	6.4	13.5	12.6	7.6
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	1.5	1.8	1.8	2.4	2.8	0.7	1.5	13.0	2.0
Rent free accommodation	%	8.0	9.6	9.6	11.0	10.0	8.3	14.1	22.6	9.7
Boarding	%	18.9	22.2	21.9	25.0	22.6	18.2	15.4	18.0	21.0
Non-independent housing										
SAAP/CAP crisis	%	13.6	8.7	10.4	8.5	5.2	20.5	14.5	5.2	10.5
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	2.9	3.9	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.6	4.4	1.8	2.9
Other SAAP/CAP	%	1.5	2.6	2.0	1.7	3.8	1.0	0.9	1.2	2.2
Institutional setting	%	5.0	2.2	2.4	3.4	5.5	3.8	6.6	2.8	3.5
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	8.5	6.7	9.9	4.4	9.6	9.1	7.9	9.5	7.9
Other (no tenure)	%	3.1	2.1	2.2	0.6	2.0	3.2	1.7	–	2.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	8 800	14 300	4 200	1 700	3 100	2 000	1 100	800	36 000
Type of tenure immediately after support period (g), (h)										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	0.9	1.9	1.6	2.4	5.9	1.5	0.9	0.7	1.9
Private rental	%	39.9	35.2	38.0	36.7	30.1	41.6	15.5	16.5	35.5
Public housing rental	%	13.5	18.7	7.2	21.5	20.8	26.3	33.7	24.3	17.7
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	6.7	3.5	8.3	3.9	6.5	1.7	6.9	9.8	5.1
Rent free accommodation	%	4.5	4.8	6.5	4.8	4.2	3.8	7.8	19.8	5.2
Boarding	%	16.0	16.9	22.1	18.3	14.1	11.3	10.3	14.2	16.5
Non-Independent housing										
SAAP/CAP crisis	%	5.6	6.1	5.1	4.7	4.2	5.0	7.2	3.1	5.6
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	5.3	6.8	4.2	4.2	8.7	3.4	11.5	3.4	6.1
Other SAAP/CAP	%	1.6	2.4	2.3	1.7	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.8	1.9
Institutional setting	%	2.5	1.4	1.0	0.9	2.5	1.7	2.3	3.0	1.8

Table 15A.193

Table 15A.193 **Type of tenure (legal right to occupy a dwelling) for clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing (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>
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	1.8	1.5	2.8	0.4	1.7	1.4	2.9	4.4	1.7
Other (no tenure)	%	1.5	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.6	1.5	0.6	–	1.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	6 300	12 700	2 900	1 500	2 200	1 400	900	600	28 600
2006-07										
Type of tenure immediately before support period										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Private rental	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Public housing rental	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Rent free accommodation	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Boarding	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Non-independent housing										
SAAP/CAP crisis	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other SAAP/CAP	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Institutional setting	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other (no tenure)	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Type of tenure immediately after support period										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Private rental	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Public housing rental	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Rent free accommodation	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

Table 15A.193 **Type of tenure (legal right to occupy a dwelling) for clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing (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>
Boarding	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Non-Independent housing										
SAAP/CAP crisis	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other SAAP/CAP	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Institutional setting	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other (no tenure)	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.

(b) Other (no tenure) housing may include non-SAAP emergency accommodation; a car, a tent or squat.

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

(d) For 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Historical data prior to 2005-06 are available in previous Reports.

(e) Data exclude 683 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(f) Data exclude 2488 clients (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.

(g) Data exclude 1223 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(h) Data exclude 9411 clients (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.

na Not available.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client Collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.194

Table 15A.194 Type of tenure (legal right to occupy a dwelling) for Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing (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>
2005-06 (d)										
Type of tenure immediately before support period (e), (f)										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	0.4	1.2	0.3	1.5	1.1	0.7	–	1.0	0.8
Private rental	%	21.0	21.2	23.2	13.9	10.3	16.9	8.5	7.0	17.3
Public housing rental	%	11.1	17.9	8.3	28.3	20.1	9.1	13.2	14.0	14.9
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	1.8	1.3	2.7	4.2	2.2	2.1	1.1	17.2	4.0
Rent free accommodation	%	8.5	5.9	12.8	7.3	8.4	9.2	16.0	26.4	11.0
Boarding	%	30.6	21.4	24.3	32.4	27.8	24.7	13.9	13.5	25.4
Non-independent housing										
SAAP/CAP crisis	%	10.0	10.8	11.3	4.7	3.5	14.5	10.9	3.8	8.4
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	1.4	4.8	2.4	1.8	2.1	2.1	7.0	1.7	2.4
Other SAAP/CAP	%	1.5	2.4	0.7	1.6	3.4	0.7	3.6	0.7	1.7
Institutional setting	%	3.3	2.4	1.9	1.8	6.5	2.2	12.1	3.4	3.3
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	6.5	7.8	9.5	1.8	11.5	12.4	7.2	11.2	8.0
Other (no tenure)	%	4.0	3.0	2.6	0.7	3.0	5.4	6.5	–	2.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	1 500	800	700	500	500	200	100	600	5 000
Type of tenure immediately after support period (g) (h)										
Independent housing										
Purchasing/purchased own home	%	0.3	1.2	0.2	0.7	0.7	–	–	–	0.5
Private rental	%	34.9	20.3	31.4	17.6	15.7	33.8	12.9	10.9	24.6
Public housing rental	%	19.0	30.9	13.1	35.8	32.3	29.6	29.0	26.9	25.0
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	6.1	3.4	10.9	3.9	3.6	1.2	1.3	11.9	6.1
Rent free accommodation	%	4.5	5.2	9.8	3.4	3.4	5.6	10.6	24.2	7.5
Boarding	%	21.0	14.8	18.6	25.7	19.0	13.5	7.5	12.0	18.3
Non-Independent housing										
SAAP/CAP crisis	%	4.4	7.9	5.8	3.8	3.9	5.7	7.5	2.5	5.1
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	2.4	8.1	4.7	5.1	13.9	5.3	21.5	1.9	5.7
Other SAAP/CAP	%	1.7	4.5	1.5	2.6	1.0	2.1	–	1.2	2.2

Table 15A.194

Table 15A.194 Type of tenure (legal right to occupy a dwelling) for Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing (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>
Institutional setting	%	1.5	1.3	0.2	0.9	3.2	1.0	2.7	3.4	1.6
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	1.7	2.3	2.1	–	2.4	1.1	3.5	5.2	2.2
Other (no tenure)	%	2.6	0.2	1.6	0.6	0.8	1.1	3.5	–	1.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	1 100	700	500	400	400	100	100	400	3 700

2006-07

Type of tenure immediately before support period

Independent housing

Purchasing/purchased own home	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Private rental	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Public housing rental	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Rent free accommodation	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Boarding	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

Non-independent housing

SAAP/CAP crisis	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other SAAP/CAP	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Institutional setting	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other (no tenure)	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

Total % **na** **na** **na** **na** **na** **na** **na** **na** **na** **na****Total** **no.** **na** **na** **na** **na** **na** **na** **na** **na** **na**

Type of tenure immediately after support period

Independent housing

Purchasing/purchased own home	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Private rental	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Public housing rental	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Community housing rental (incl. THM transitional)	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Rent free accommodation	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

Table 15A.194 Type of tenure (legal right to occupy a dwelling) for Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain independent housing (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>
Boarding	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Non-Independent housing										
SAAP/CAP crisis	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
SAAP/CAP medium/long term	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other SAAP/CAP	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Institutional setting	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Improvised dwelling/sleeping rough	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other (no tenure)	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

- (a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.
- (b) Other (no tenure) housing may include non-SAAP emergency accommodation; a car, a tent or squat.
- (c) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.
- (d) For 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Historical data prior to 2005-06 are available in previous Reports.
- (e) Data exclude 82 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (f) Data exclude 309 clients (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.
- (g) Data exclude 142 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.
- (h) Data exclude 1525 clients (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client Collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.195 Labour force status of clients who needed employment and training assistance, before and after SAAP support (a), (b)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
2005-06 (c)										
Labour force status of clients before SAAP support (d), (e)										
Employed full time	%	2.2	1.5	2.0	6.4	1.6	2.3	2.6	2.1	2.2
Employed part time	%	6.4	6.0	5.2	7.9	3.7	7.1	10.7	5.1	6.1
Unemployed	%	40.6	42.0	55.1	40.7	40.7	44.4	35.3	46.8	42.9
Not in labour force	%	50.8	50.5	37.7	45.0	54.0	46.2	51.4	45.9	48.8
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	2 400	3 100	1 100	600	700	200	300	100	8 600
Labour force status of clients after SAAP support (f), (g)										
Employed full time	%	7.6	5.5	8.5	14.0	4.3	5.9	7.8	7.4	7.1
Employed part time	%	13.0	11.7	13.0	13.7	7.0	18.4	18.5	16.2	12.4
Unemployed	%	36.6	36.7	44.4	33.2	35.3	33.3	20.2	29.8	36.5
Not in labour force	%	42.8	46.0	34.1	39.2	53.4	42.4	53.5	46.6	44.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	2 200	2 800	900	600	700	200	200	100	7 800
2006-07										
Labour force status of clients before SAAP support										
Employed full time	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Employed part time	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Unemployed	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not in labour force	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Labour force status of clients after SAAP support										
Employed full time	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Employed part time	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Unemployed	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not in labour force	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding.

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

(c) For 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Historical data prior to 2005-06 are available in previous Reports.

(d) Data exclude 86 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(e) Data exclude 134 clients (weighted) due to 'Don't Know' response.

(f) Data exclude 213 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(g) Data exclude 800 clients due to 'Don't know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.

na Not available.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.196 Labour force status of Indigenous clients who needed employment and training assistance, before and 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>
2005-06 (b)										
Before SAAP Support (c), (d)										
Employed full time	%	2.5	–	2.9	8.5	2.6	–	–	–	2.6
Employed part time	%	2.7	2.8	6.5	11.7	1.3	–	22.9	6.9	4.9
Unemployed	%	41.7	31.6	42.2	27.9	45.3	31.3	38.1	42.0	38.5
Not in labour force	%	53.2	65.6	48.4	51.9	50.9	68.7	39.1	51.2	54.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	400	200	200	100	100	–	–	100	1 100
After SAAP Support (e), (f)										
Employed full time	%	5.1	–	5.6	13.4	1.6	–	11.5	6.8	5.3
Employed part time	%	11.6	9.2	8.0	17.0	7.5	6.0	14.0	11.2	10.7
Unemployed	%	39.2	33.0	37.0	14.2	47.3	34.4	20.2	25.2	34.3
Not in labour force	%	44.2	57.9	49.3	55.4	43.6	59.6	54.2	56.8	49.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	400	100	200	100	100	–	–	100	1 000
2006-07										
Before SAAP Support										
Employed full time	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Employed part time	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Unemployed	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not in labour force	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
After SAAP Support										
Employed full time	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Employed part time	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Unemployed	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Not in labour force	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding. A client may have support periods in more than one state or territory, state and territory figures do not sum to the national figure.

(b) For 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Historical data prior to 2005-06 are available in previous Reports.

(c) Data exclude 21 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(d) Data exclude 16 clients (weighted) due to 'Don't know' response.

(e) Data exclude 41 clients (weighted) due to errors and omissions.

(f) Data exclude 154 clients (weighted) due to 'Don't know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.

Table 15A.196 **Labour force status of Indigenous clients who needed employment and training assistance, before and 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>
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na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.197

Table 15A.197 **SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year (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>
2002-03										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	76.9	76.1	76.7	72.5	77.4	76.1	80.7	74.4	74.0
2	%	11.8	13.8	12.1	14.4	13.3	13.9	12.1	15.9	13.6
3	%	4.3	4.9	4.7	6.2	4.7	5.0	4.4	5.6	5.3
4	%	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.8	2.3	2.3	1.7	2.1	2.5
5	%	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.6	1.1	1.4	0.2	1.1	1.4
6+	%	3.6	2.0	3.3	2.6	1.1	1.2	0.9	1.1	3.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	25 400	30 500	18 900	9 300	9 400	4 300	1 800	3 100	97 600
2003-04										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	75.9	69.9	76.6	72.8	75.5	76.7	74.3	75.0	71.6
2	%	12.9	15.2	13.2	14.4	13.9	14.2	5.8	14.7	14.4
3	%	4.3	5.8	5.2	6.6	5.4	5.3	13.4	5.3	5.9
4	%	2.2	3.0	2.0	2.4	2.4	2.0	4.0	2.8	2.8
5	%	1.3	1.8	1.1	1.4	1.4	0.9	1.3	1.0	1.7
6+	%	3.4	4.3	1.9	2.3	1.4	1.0	1.3	1.2	3.6
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	25 000	34 900	17 900	8 400	9 700	4 500	1 700	3 200	100 200
2004-05										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	75.1	72.0	77.9	73.5	70.6	77.5	78.3	75.4	71.9
2	%	14.1	16.4	12.6	14.9	17.0	14.5	13.9	15.9	15.6
3	%	4.6	5.3	4.6	5.8	6.0	4.4	4.4	4.7	5.6
4	%	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.5	2.8	1.7	2.1	2.0	2.7
5	%	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.5	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.5
6+	%	2.7	2.4	1.5	2.0	2.1	0.9	0.7	1.2	2.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	24 100	36 100	17 500	8 900	9 600	4 600	1 600	3 100	100 400
2005-06										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	79.5	71.2	79.6	75.9	74.9	76.4	78.7	79.1	74.9
2	%	11.0	14.7	11.8	14.0	14.4	15.1	13.2	13.9	13.4
3	%	4.6	5.5	4.8	5.8	5.8	5.2	5.0	3.7	5.3
4	%	1.8	3.1	1.9	2.0	2.5	2.0	1.6	2.2	2.5
5	%	1.0	1.3	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.6	1.2
6+	%	2.1	4.2	0.9	1.3	1.3	0.6	1.0	0.4	2.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	26 000	37 700	17 400	8 300	10 400	4 400	2 000	3 100	106 500

Table 15A.197

Table 15A.197 **SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year (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>
2006-07										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
3	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
4	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
5	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
6+	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Proportion of SAAP clients who return to SAAP within 12 months that is, clients having two or more support periods in 12 months										
2002-03	%	23.1	23.9	23.3	27.6	22.5	23.8	19.3	25.8	25.9
2003-04	%	24.1	30.1	23.4	27.1	24.5	23.4	25.8	25.0	28.4
2004-05	%	24.8	28.0	22.1	26.6	29.4	22.4	21.8	24.6	28.1
2005-06	%	20.5	28.8	20.4	24.1	25.1	23.6	21.3	20.9	25.1
2006-07	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding. A client may have support periods in more than one state or territory. Therefore state and territory figures may not sum to the national figure.

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

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.198

Table 15A.198 Indigenous SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year (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>
2002-03										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	77.2	79.8	73.5	68.8	72.4	71.7	80.0	73.4	71.5
2	%	13.2	12.7	11.9	15.9	14.1	16.7	10.6	15.6	14.3
3	%	3.9	4.5	4.0	7.1	6.2	6.1	5.8	6.2	5.8
4	%	2.1	1.1	2.3	3.1	3.7	1.9	1.8	2.2	2.7
5	%	1.0	0.7	0.9	1.9	1.6	1.3	na	1.1	1.4
6+	%	2.7	1.2	7.4	3.2	2.0	2.2	1.8	1.5	4.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 200	1 700	4 500	3 300	1 400	400	200	1 700	16 500
2003-04										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	76.6	74.1	76.3	68.0	68.1	73.2	72.8	74.0	71.4
2	%	12.8	13.8	14.0	15.5	17.7	14.3	9.3	14.5	14.7
3	%	4.2	4.4	5.0	8.5	7.2	7.2	11.2	5.4	6.1
4	%	2.1	2.7	1.8	3.0	3.4	3.1	5.0	3.1	2.9
5	%	1.2	2.0	0.9	1.7	2.2	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.6
6+	%	3.1	3.0	2.0	3.4	1.4	1.1	0.5	1.8	3.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 200	1 500	3 900	3 200	1 500	400	200	1 800	15 900
2004-05										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	74.1	75.7	78.5	67.8	67.6	73.8	81.5	73.7	70.8
2	%	14.4	13.9	13.3	16.5	17.9	16.9	10.2	15.7	15.6
3	%	4.7	4.7	3.7	7.7	6.3	5.8	5.3	5.4	6.2
4	%	2.0	2.7	1.7	3.0	3.6	1.4	1.8	2.4	2.8
5	%	1.7	1.1	1.0	1.9	1.9	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.7
6+	%	3.0	2.0	1.7	3.1	2.7	1.1	–	1.6	2.9
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 000	1 600	3 700	3 300	1 600	400	200	1 800	15 900
2005-06										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	79.8	75.0	80.2	70.2	70.1	70.1	82.5	77.3	75.4
2	%	11.5	13.3	12.0	16.2	16.4	17.2	7.1	14.9	13.7
3	%	4.8	4.1	4.2	7.3	6.5	7.9	5.2	4.3	5.5
4	%	1.4	2.8	1.7	2.6	3.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.3
5	%	1.0	1.2	0.8	1.5	1.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.2
6+	%	1.6	3.6	1.0	2.1	1.8	1.7	1.9	0.4	2.0
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	4 300	1 900	3 700	3 200	1 900	400	200	1 900	17 100

Table 15A.198 Indigenous SAAP clients who exited from the service and who returned to SAAP agencies before the end of that year (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>
2006-07										
Total number of support periods										
1	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
3	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
4	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
5	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
6+	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Proportion of SAAP clients who return to SAAP within 12 months that is, clients having two or more support periods in 12 months										
2002-03	%	22.9	20.2	26.5	31.2	27.6	28.2	20.0	26.6	28.5
2003-04	%	23.4	25.9	23.7	32.1	31.9	26.8	27.1	26.1	28.5
2004-05	%	25.8	24.4	21.4	32.2	32.4	26.3	18.5	26.2	29.2
2005-06	%	20.3	25.0	19.7	29.7	29.9	30.0	17.4	22.8	24.7
2006-07	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

(a) Totals may not add up to 100 per cent as a result of rounding. A client may have support periods in more than one state or territory. Therefore state and territory figures may not sum to the national figure.

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

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished).

Table 15A.199

Table 15A.199 Indicative estimates of clients exiting to independent housing and not returning within six months (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Total clients (h), (i)										
2002-03	no.	24 200	29 500	17 800	8 800	8 800	4 000	1 600	2 900	97 600
2003-04	no.	23 800	33 700	17 000	8 000	9 000	4 300	1 400	3 000	100 200
2004-05	no.	23 000	34 900	16 600	8 500	8 900	4 300	1 400	2 800	100 400
2005-06	no.	26 000	37 700	17 400	8 300	10 400	4 400	2 000	3 100	106 500
2006-07	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Clients who provide information on accommodation on exit from support (j)										
2002-03	no.	10 800	17 500	7 300	5 200	3 500	2 000	1 000	1 800	49 100
2003-04	no.	12 600	24 100	7 700	5 000	3 600	2 300	1 000	1 900	58 200
2004-05	no.	13 100	25 300	9 000	5 200	4 800	2 200	900	1 900	62 500
2005-06	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2006-07	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Clients recorded as exiting to independent accommodation and not returning within six months (h)										
2002-03	no.	4 900	7 700	3 200	2 200	1 500	1 000	400	800	21 700
2003-04	no.	4 500	9 600	3 400	2 600	1 700	1 000	400	900	24 000
2004-05	no.	5 300	12 500	3 700	2 500	1 700	1 200	400	1 100	28 400
2005-06	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2006-07	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Clients who provide information on accommodation on exit from support as a proportion of total clients										
2002-03	%	44.6	59.3	41.0	59.1	39.8	50.0	62.5	62.1	50.3
2003-04	%	52.9	71.5	45.3	62.5	40.0	53.5	71.4	63.3	58.1
2004-05	%	57.0	72.5	54.2	61.2	53.9	51.2	64.3	67.9	62.3
2005-06	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2006-07	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Indicative estimates of clients exiting to independent housing and not returning within six months										
2002-03	%	45.4	44.0	43.8	42.3	42.9	50.0	40.0	44.4	44.2
2003-04	%	35.7	39.8	44.2	52.0	47.2	43.5	40.0	47.4	41.2
2004-05	%	40.5	49.4	41.1	48.1	35.4	54.5	44.4	57.9	45.4
2005-06	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2006-07	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

- (a) Figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation and client non-consent.
- (b) The definition of 'exiting to independent housing' includes 'not returning to SAAP within six months'.
- (c) Data exclude high volume records as not all items are included on high volume forms.
- (d) 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.
- (e) 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.

Table 15A.199 Indicative estimates of clients exiting to independent housing and not returning within six months (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
(f)	SAAP agencies that had no completed support periods leaving to independent housing were included in the analysis.									
(g)	For 2004-05 data, State client numbers refer to the State in which they were first supported, as some clients were supported in more than one State. Ongoing clients at 1 July 2004 are included in the client data.									
(h)	For 2004-05 data, the reference period is 18 months because the six months to 30 June 2005 is not relevant to clients whose first support period ends on or after 1 July 2005. Therefore, in order to analyse a full year's data, calendar year 2004 becomes the reference period in which the client's initial support period ends and 2004-05 becomes the reference period for clients returning to SAAP services.									
(i)	State client numbers refer to the State in which they were first supported, as some clients were supported in more than one state during 2005-06.									
(j)	In 2004-05, clients whose support period ends on or after 1 January 2004 and before 1 January 2005 were included in the analysis; 29 520 records were excluded due to errors and omissions.									

na Not available.

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

Table 15A.200

Table 15A.200 Source of income immediately before and after SAAP support of all clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit (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>
Source of income before SAAP support										
2005-06 (c), (d)										
No income	%	25.4	17.2	17.7	13.4	14.5	15.6	19.5	15.1	18.7
Awaiting benefit	%	4.3	3.2	3.6	2.0	2.2	5.8	4.2	3.6	3.4
Government pension/allowance	%	64.3	71.8	70.5	77.2	76.5	74.8	63.1	75.5	70.6
Other	%	6.0	7.8	8.3	7.4	6.8	3.8	13.2	5.9	7.3
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	3 600	4 200	2 400	1 400	1 600	400	400	300	14 300
Source of income after SAAP support										
2005-06 (e), (f)										
No income	%	7.8	5.1	7.5	5.3	6.0	5.2	8.9	3.6	6.3
Awaiting benefit	%	4.1	2.5	2.9	2.1	1.2	2.3	2.8	5.5	2.9
Government pension/allowance	%	81.6	85.9	83.5	83.8	87.5	88.2	76.8	81.5	84.1
Other	%	6.6	6.5	6.1	8.9	5.3	4.3	11.4	9.3	6.7
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	3 500	4 000	2 000	1 300	1 400	400	300	300	13 200
Source of income before SAAP support										
2006-07										
No income	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Awaiting benefit	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Government pension/allowance	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Source of income after SAAP support										
2006-07										
No income	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Awaiting benefit	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Government pension/allowance	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

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

(b) For 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Historical data prior to 2005-06 are available in previous Reports.

(c) 206 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.

Table 15A.200 **Source of income immediately before and after SAAP support of all clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit (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>
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(d) 146 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' response.

(e) 553 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.

(f) 873 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.

na Not available.

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client Collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.201

Table 15A.201 Source of income immediately before and after SAAP support of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit (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>
Source of income before SAAP support										
2005-06 (c), (d)										
No income	%	22.9	19.8	16.2	6.9	13.6	28.4	3.6	10.4	16.3
Awaiting benefit	%	4.1	4.9	1.4	0.4	0.5	5.4	3.9	3.3	2.6
Government pension/allowance	%	69.4	74.4	76.6	89.3	84.2	63.9	88.7	83.2	77.6
Other	%	3.7	0.9	5.8	3.5	1.6	2.3	3.9	3.1	3.5
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	600	300	500	300	200	–	–	200	2 300
Source of income after SAAP support										
2005-06 (e), (f)										
No income	%	6.4	2.1	9.0	4.5	1.2	15.2	11.8	2.3	5.4
Awaiting benefit	%	4.7	11.3	3.4	–	0.9	–	–	4.0	4.0
Government pension/allowance	%	84.6	85.1	84.3	92.4	97.4	82.3	84.1	88.9	87.4
Other	%	4.3	1.4	3.2	3.1	0.6	2.5	4.0	4.8	3.2
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	600	300	400	300	200	–	–	200	2 100
Source of income before SAAP support										
2006-07										
No income	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Awaiting benefit	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Government pension/allowance	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Source of income after SAAP support										
2006-07										
No income	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Awaiting benefit	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Government pension/allowance	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Other	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

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

(b) For 2005-06, some data categories have changed from previous years. Historical data prior to 2005-06 are available in previous Reports.

Table 15A.201 **Source of income immediately before and after SAAP support of Indigenous clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit (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>
(c)	28 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.									
(d)	21 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' response.									
(e)	108 cases (weighted) were excluded due to errors and omissions.									
(f)	156 cases (weighted) were excluded due to 'Don't know' and 'Client left without providing any information' response.									

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

Source: SAAP NDCA *Client Collection* (unpublished).

Table 15A.202

Table 15A.202 **The extent that clients case management goals have been achieved**
(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>
2005-06 (b)										
Not at all	%	7.7	5.7	11.6	13.1	5.8	7.9	10.1	3.4	7.5
Some	%	35.8	24.8	43.0	45.0	39.8	40.3	37.0	33.2	33.3
Most	%	27.2	18.9	22.9	21.8	19.7	21.4	26.2	33.5	22.1
All	%	29.4	50.6	22.5	20.1	34.6	30.3	26.7	29.8	37.1
Total	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	no.	16 500	31 900	10 100	4 900	7 400	3 100	1 400	2 600	77 900
2006-07										
Not at all	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Some	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Most	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
All	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	%	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total	no.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

(a) Support period figures have been weighted to adjust for agency non-participation.

(b) Number excluded due to errors and omissions (weighted): 2961.

na Not available.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished).