

# 15A Protection and support services — attachment

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Data reported in the attachment tables are the most accurate available at the time of data collection. Historical data may have been updated since the last report.

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Table 15A.1 **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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>20 601</b>	<b>1 095</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>1 590</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>741</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>24 664</b>	<b>1 177</b>	<b>4 463</b>	<b>1 353</b>	<b>1 603</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>1 017</b>
Dealt with by other means (e)	no.	8 612	1 709	na	1 246	2 457	292	566	851
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>33 276</b>	<b>2 886</b>	<b>4 463</b>	<b>2 599</b>	<b>4 060</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>1 868</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>61.9</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>35.6</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>39.7</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>54.4</b>
Dealt with by other means	%	25.9	59.2	na	47.9	60.5	65.6	60.5	45.6
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>72 128</b>	<b>9 442</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>2 006</b>	<b>4 141</b>	<b>1 771</b>	<b>2 101</b>	<b>364</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>89 590</b>	<b>10 126</b>	<b>24 117</b>	<b>2 549</b>	<b>4 203</b>	<b>4 424</b>	<b>2 391</b>	<b>491</b>
Dealt with by other means (e)	no.	67 062	25 663	na	2 552	10 171	9 629	5 384	633
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>156 652</b>	<b>35 789</b>	<b>24 117</b>	<b>5 101</b>	<b>14 374</b>	<b>14 053</b>	<b>7 775</b>	<b>1 124</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>32.4</b>
Investigations in process (c)	%	1.7	1.9	na	8.6	0.4	12.4	3.1	6.1

Table 15A.1

Table 15A.1 **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>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (d)	%	9.5	–	na	2.0	–	6.5	0.6	5.2
<b>Total investigations</b>	%	<b>57.2</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>43.7</b>
Dealt with by other means (e)	%	42.8	71.7	na	50.0	70.8	68.5	69.2	56.3
<b>Total notifications</b>	%	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>92 729</b>	<b>10 537</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>2 932</b>	<b>5 731</b>	<b>1 837</b>	<b>2 416</b>	<b>1 105</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>114 254</b>	<b>11 300</b>	<b>28 580</b>	<b>3 902</b>	<b>5 806</b>	<b>4 577</b>	<b>2 760</b>	<b>1 508</b>
Dealt with by other means (e)	no.	75 674	27 375	na	3 798	12 628	9 921	5 950	1 484
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>189 928</b>	<b>38 675</b>	<b>28 580</b>	<b>7 700</b>	<b>18 434</b>	<b>14 498</b>	<b>8 710</b>	<b>2 992</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>48.8</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>36.9</b>
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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>50.4</b>
Dealt with by other means (e)	%	39.8	70.8	na	49.3	68.5	68.4	68.3	49.6
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(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'.

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

Source: Tables 15A.16, 15A.28, 15A.40, 15A.52, 15A.64, 15A.76, 15A.88 and 15A.100; 2008 Report, table 15A.5.

Table 15A.2

Table 15A.2 **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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>191</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>2 582</b>	<b>2 577</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>113</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>3 495</b>	<b>2 934</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>1 362</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>304</b>
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.17, 15A.29, 15A.41, 15A.53, 15A.65, 15A.77, 15A.89 and 15A.101; 2008 Report, table 15A.6.

Table 15A.3

Table 15A.3 **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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 880</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>1 690</b>	<b>1 091</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>300</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>7 759</b>	<b>5 556</b>	<b>4 466</b>	<b>1 538</b>	<b>1 441</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>151</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>10 639</b>	<b>6 179</b>	<b>6 156</b>	<b>2 629</b>	<b>1 881</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>451</b>

(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.18, 15A.30, 15A.42, 15A.54, 15A.66, 15A.78, 15A.90 and 15A.102; 2008 Report, table 15A.7.

Table 15A.4

**Table 15A.4 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>98 662</b>	<b>30 241</b>	<b>24 048</b>	<b>6 916</b>	<b>11 995</b>	<b>7 326</b>	<b>4 567</b>	<b>2 580</b>	<b>186 335</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>46 227</b>	<b>9 939</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>2 917</b>	<b>4 237</b>	<b>1 165</b>	<b>1 455</b>	<b>1 173</b>	<b>67 113</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>13 690</b>	<b>6 588</b>	<b>7 341</b>	<b>1 154</b>	<b>1 753</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>32 423</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>10 639</b>	<b>6 179</b>	<b>6 156</b>	<b>2 629</b>	<b>1 881</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>29 406</b>
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.4 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.14, 15A.15, 15A.19, 15A.31, 15A.43, 15A.55, 15A.67, 15A.79, 15A.91 and 15A.103; 2008 Report, table 15A.8.

Table 15A.5

Table 15A.5 **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
<b>All children</b>	<b>11 843</b>	<b>5 052</b>	<b>6 034</b>	<b>2 371</b>	<b>1 678</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>28 441</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>14 066</b>	<b>7 785</b>	<b>8 080</b>	<b>2 991</b>	<b>2 269</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>37 507</b>
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.14, 15A.15, 15A.20, 15A.32, 15A.44, 15A.56, 15A.68, 15A.80, 15A.92 and 15A.104; 2008 Report, table 15A.14.

Table 15A.6

Table 15A.6 **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	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>3 633</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>1 695</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>214</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	13	2	–	5	4	–	–	1
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	13	4	1	–	27
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>3 689</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>1 724</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>268</b>
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	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>7 888</b>	<b>4 092</b>	<b>4 158</b>	<b>1 266</b>	<b>1 087</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>100</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	46	39	–	12	5	–	4	3
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	12	58	4	1	22
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>8 154</b>	<b>4 426</b>	<b>4 310</b>	<b>1 393</b>	<b>1 273</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>129</b>
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	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>11 521</b>	<b>4 674</b>	<b>5 853</b>	<b>2 143</b>	<b>1 466</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>314</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	59	41	–	17	9	–	4	4
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	25	62	5	1	49
<b>Total children</b>	<b>11 843</b>	<b>5 052</b>	<b>6 034</b>	<b>2 371</b>	<b>1 678</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>397</b>

(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.21, 15A.33, 15A.45, 15A.57, 15A.69, 15A.81, 15A.93 and 15A.105; 2008 Report, table 15A.15.



Table 15A.7

Table 15A.7 **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	..
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>3 689</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>1 724</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>268</b>
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	..
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>8 154</b>	<b>4 426</b>	<b>4 310</b>	<b>1 393</b>	<b>1 273</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>129</b>
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	..
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>11 843</b>	<b>5 052</b>	<b>6 034</b>	<b>2 371</b>	<b>1 678</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>397</b>

(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.22, 15A.34, 15A.46, 15A.58, 15A.70, 15A.82, 15A.94 and 15A.106; 2008 Report, table 15A.16.

Table 15A.8

Table 15A.8 **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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>3 689</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>1 724</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>268</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>8 154</b>	<b>4 426</b>	<b>4 310</b>	<b>1 393</b>	<b>1 273</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>129</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>11 843</b>	<b>5 052</b>	<b>6 034</b>	<b>2 371</b>	<b>1 678</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>397</b>

(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.23, 15A.35, 15A.47, 15A.59, 15A.71, 15A.83, 15A.95 and 15A.107; 2008 Report, table 15A.17.

Table 15A.9

Table 15A.9 **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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>na</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 165</b>	<b>1 739</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>na</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 554</b>	<b>2 092</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>na</b>

(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.24, 15A.36, 15A.48, 15A.60, 15A.72, 15A.84, 15A.96 and 15A.108; 2008 Report, table 15A.18.

Table 15A.10

Table 15A.10 **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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>6 780</b>	<b>1 781</b>	<b>2 005</b>	<b>1 017</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>12 499</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>57.2</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>43.9</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 536</b>	<b>1 616</b>	<b>1 650</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>10 316</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>40.5</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 292</b>	<b>1 335</b>	<b>1 511</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>9 435</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>39.8</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 077</b>	<b>1 345</b>	<b>1 095</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>8 618</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>39.5</b>

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

Source: Tables 15A.25, 15A.37, 15A.49, 15A.61, 15A.73, 15A.85, 15A.97 and 15A.109; 2008 Report, table 15A.19.

Table 15A.11

Table 15A.11 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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 526</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>4 332</b>
Other Indigenous carer	no.	637	103	403	156	136	16	16	61	1 528
Indigenous residential care	no.	12	19	3	21	—	—	2	—	57
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1 585</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>3 175</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>1 055</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>5 917</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>1 875</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	13	62	—	12	8	5	—	—	100
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>3 689</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>1 724</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>7 892</b>
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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>55.6</b>
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
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>20.3</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>86.4</b>	<b>61.9</b>	<b>61.2</b>	<b>79.8</b>	<b>79.6</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>75.9</b>
Not placed with Indigenous relative/kin or other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care										

Table 15A.11

Table 15A.11 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
<b>Total children</b>	%	<b>13.6</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>24.1</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	%	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(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.26, 15A.38, 15A.50, 15A.62, 15A.74, 15A.86, 15A.98 and 15A.110; 2008 Report, table 15A.20.

Table 15A.12

Table 15A.12 **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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>7 936</b>	<b>2 974</b>	<b>4 189</b>	<b>1 609</b>	<b>1 020</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>18 683</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>97.6</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>93.8</b>	<b>91.5</b>	<b>95.2</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>87.7</b>	<b>97.9</b>

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

Source: Tables 15A.27, 15A.39, 15A.51, 15A.63, 15A.75, 15A.87, 15A.99 and 15A.111; 2008 Report, table 15A.21.

Table 15A.13

**Table 15A.13 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>1 115</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>na</b>
2003-04								
Indigenous	54	84	20	97	80	14	17	na
Non-Indigenous	74	1 308	79	199	170	49	99	na
<b>All children</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>1 392</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>na</b>
2004-05								
Indigenous	55	148	20	188	23	15	12	na
Non-Indigenous	96	839	79	258	66	30	116	na
<b>All children</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>1 502</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>na</b>
2005-06								
Indigenous	123	661	195	163	6	2	na	35
Non-Indigenous	106	1 347	93	286	93	50	na	22
<b>All children</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2 008</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>57</b>
2006-07								
Indigenous	165	210	888	175	21	3	82	29
Non-Indigenous	100	1 531	352	323	39	50	336	32
<b>All children</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>1 741</b>	<b>1 240</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>61</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>1 115</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>na</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>1 392</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>na</b>
2004-05								
Male	84	552	57	249	35	29	17	na
Female	67	433	42	197	54	16	15	na
Unknown	–	517	–	–	–	–	96	na
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>1 502</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>na</b>



Table 15A.13

**Table 15A.13 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	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2 008</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>57</b>
2006-07								
Male	131	704	535	245	36	23	227	32
Female	134	610	620	246	24	30	191	29
Unknown	–	427	85	7	–	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>1 741</b>	<b>1 240</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>61</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.25.

Table 15A.14

Table 15A.14 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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>200.3</b>	<b>202.1</b>	<b>203.7</b>	<b>204.8</b>	<b>206.2</b>
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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 321.2</b>	<b>4 326.5</b>	<b>4 329.0</b>	<b>4 335.7</b>	<b>4 426.6</b>
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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 521.5</b>	<b>4 528.6</b>	<b>4 532.7</b>	<b>4 540.5</b>	<b>4 632.8</b>
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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>210.2</b>	<b>212.4</b>	<b>214.4</b>	<b>215.4</b>	<b>217.6</b>

Table 15A.14

Table 15A.14 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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 584.4</b>	<b>4 589.9</b>	<b>4 593.2</b>	<b>4 602.1</b>	<b>4 700.9</b>
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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 794.6</b>	<b>4 802.3</b>	<b>4 807.6</b>	<b>4 817.6</b>	<b>4 918.5</b>

(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; 2008 Report, table 15A.28.

Table 15A.15

Table 15A.15 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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>201.2</b>	<b>202.9</b>	<b>204.5</b>	<b>206.8</b>	<b>206.8</b>
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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 320.9</b>	<b>4 319.6</b>	<b>4 323.6</b>	<b>4 337.6</b>	<b>4 437.8</b>
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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 522.2</b>	<b>4 522.6</b>	<b>4 528.0</b>	<b>4 544.4</b>	<b>4 644.6</b>
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.15

Table 15A.15 **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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>211.3</b>	<b>213.4</b>	<b>215.3</b>	<b>218.0</b>	<b>218.3</b>
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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 589.4</b>	<b>4 583.7</b>	<b>4 587.0</b>	<b>4 605.2</b>	<b>4 714.5</b>
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
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 800.7</b>	<b>4 797.1</b>	<b>4 802.3</b>	<b>4 823.2</b>	<b>4 932.9</b>

(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; 2008 Report, table 15A.29.

# Single jurisdiction data — NSW

Table 15A.16

Table 15A.16 **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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 389</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>7 011</b>	<b>13 978</b>	<b>20 601</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	2 614	na	3 759	1 480	593
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	3 470
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>7 003</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>10 770</b>	<b>15 458</b>	<b>24 664</b>
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	–	–	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>13 589</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>20 330</b>	<b>24 989</b>	<b>33 276</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>61.9</b>
Investigations in process (f)	%	19.2	na	18.5	5.9	1.8
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	10.4
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>61.9</b>	<b>74.1</b>
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	–	–	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>22 074</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>33 973</b>	<b>55 356</b>	<b>72 128</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	16 188	na	13 829	5 166	2 653

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Table 15A.16 **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>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	14 809
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>38 262</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>47 802</b>	<b>60 522</b>	<b>89 590</b>
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	—	—	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>95 909</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>113 306</b>	<b>127 817</b>	<b>156 652</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>46.0</b>
Investigations in process (f)	%	16.9	na	12.2	4.0	1.7
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	9.5
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>47.4</b>	<b>57.2</b>
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	—	—	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>26 463</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>40 984</b>	<b>69 334</b>	<b>92 729</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	18 802	na	17 588	6 646	3 246
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	18 279
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>45 265</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>58 572</b>	<b>75 980</b>	<b>114 254</b>
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	—	—	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>109 498</b>	<b>115 541</b>	<b>133 636</b>	<b>152 806</b>	<b>189 928</b>



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Table 15A.16 **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>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	15.3	na	11.6	19.5	19.5
Carer/family issues	%	0.6	na	na	..	..
Not substantiated	%	8.3	na	19.1	25.9	29.3
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>48.8</b>
Investigations in process (f)	%	17.2	na	13.2	4.3	1.7
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	9.6
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>49.7</b>	<b>60.2</b>
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	–	–	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (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); 2008 Report, table 15A.31.

Table 15A.17

Table 15A.17 **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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>913</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>2 263</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>1 915</b>	<b>2 154</b>	<b>2 582</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>2 989</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>2 537</b>	<b>2 977</b>	<b>3 495</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.32.

Table 15A.18

Table 15A.18 **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	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 265</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>2 113</b>	<b>2 409</b>	<b>2 880</b>
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	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>6 710</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>6 507</b>	<b>6 804</b>	<b>7 759</b>
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	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>8 975</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>8 620</b>	<b>9 213</b>	<b>10 639</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.33.

Table 15A.19

**Table 15A.19 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>65 621</b>	<b>70 571</b>	<b>77 262</b>	<b>84 356</b>	<b>98 662</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>17 811</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>26 909</b>	<b>37 206</b>	<b>46 227</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>11 434</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>9 198</b>	<b>12 627</b>	<b>13 690</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>8 975</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>8 620</b>	<b>9 213</b>	<b>10 639</b>
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.19 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); 2008 Report, table 15A.34.

Table 15A.20

**Table 15A.20 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>8 636</b>	<b>9 145</b>	<b>9 230</b>	<b>9 896</b>	<b>11 843</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>12 312</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>11 664</b>	<b>12 203</b>	<b>14 066</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.38.

Table 15A.21

Table 15A.21 **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
<b>Indigenous</b>					
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>2 256</b>	<b>2 395</b>	<b>2 485</b>	<b>2 837</b>	<b>3 633</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	16	17	9	8	13
Other (incl. unknown)	59	1	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 375</b>	<b>2 459</b>	<b>2 543</b>	<b>2 897</b>	<b>3 689</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>5 641</b>	<b>6 315</b>	<b>6 427</b>	<b>6 758</b>	<b>7 888</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	103	113	41	35	46
Other (incl. unknown)	294	8	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>6 261</b>	<b>6 686</b>	<b>6 687</b>	<b>6 999</b>	<b>8 154</b>
<b>All children</b>					
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>7 897</b>	<b>8 710</b>	<b>8 912</b>	<b>9 595</b>	<b>11 521</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	119	130	50	43	59
Other (incl. unknown)	353	9	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>8 636</b>	<b>9 145</b>	<b>9 230</b>	<b>9 896</b>	<b>11 843</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.39.

Table 15A.22

**Table 15A.22 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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 375</b>	<b>2 459</b>	<b>2 543</b>	<b>2 897</b>	<b>3 689</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>6 261</b>	<b>6 686</b>	<b>6 687</b>	<b>6 999</b>	<b>8 154</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>8 636</b>	<b>9 145</b>	<b>9 230</b>	<b>9 896</b>	<b>11 843</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.40.



Table 15A.23

**Table 15A.23 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	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 375</b>	<b>2 459</b>	<b>2 543</b>	<b>2 897</b>	<b>3 689</b>
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	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>6 261</b>	<b>6 686</b>	<b>6 687</b>	<b>6 999</b>	<b>8 154</b>
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	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>8 636</b>	<b>9 145</b>	<b>9 230</b>	<b>9 896</b>	<b>11 843</b>

**Table 15A.23 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); 2008 Report, table 15A.41.

Table 15A.24

Table 15A.24 **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
<b>Indigenous</b>					
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	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>389</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
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	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 233</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>1 345</b>	<b>1 203</b>	<b>1 165</b>
<b>All children</b>					
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	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 630</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>1 808</b>	<b>1 628</b>	<b>1 554</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.42.

Table 15A.25

Table 15A.25 **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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 929</b>	<b>5 077</b>	<b>5 292</b>	<b>5 536</b>	<b>6 780</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.43.

Table 15A.26

Table 15A.26 **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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 662</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>1 751</b>	<b>1 951</b>	<b>2 526</b>
Other Indigenous carer	no.	371	na	443	512	637
Indigenous residential care	no.	11	na	7	9	12
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>649</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 044</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>2 201</b>	<b>2 472</b>	<b>3 175</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>501</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	17	na	9	8	13
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 375</b>	<b>2 459</b>	<b>2 543</b>	<b>2 897</b>	<b>3 689</b>
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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>68.7</b>
Other Indigenous carer	%	15.7	na	17.5	17.7	17.3
Indigenous residential care	%	0.5	na	0.3	0.3	0.3
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>17.7</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>86.9</b>	<b>85.6</b>	<b>86.4</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>13.6</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.44.

Table 15A.27

Table 15A.27 **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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 785</b>	<b>6 246</b>	<b>6 309</b>	<b>6 765</b>	<b>7 936</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.45.

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Table 15A.28

Table 15A.28 **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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 195</b>	<b>1 232</b>	<b>1 212</b>	<b>1 197</b>	<b>1 095</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	26	31	39	20	82
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 221</b>	<b>1 263</b>	<b>1 251</b>	<b>1 217</b>	<b>1 177</b>
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.	—	—	—	—	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 431</b>	<b>2 422</b>	<b>2 497</b>	<b>2 701</b>	<b>2 886</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>49.2</b>	<b>50.9</b>	<b>48.5</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>37.9</b>
Investigations in process (f)	%	1.1	1.3	1.6	0.7	2.8
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>50.2</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>40.8</b>
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	%	—	—	—	—	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>11 205</b>	<b>10 642</b>	<b>10 274</b>	<b>10 133</b>	<b>9 442</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	343	354	363	544	684



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Table 15A.28 **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.	..	..	..	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>11 548</b>	<b>10 996</b>	<b>10 637</b>	<b>10 678</b>	<b>10 126</b>
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.	—	—	—	—	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>35 204</b>	<b>34 534</b>	<b>35 026</b>	<b>35 286</b>	<b>35 789</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>26.4</b>
Investigations in process (f)	%	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.9
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>28.3</b>
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	%	—	—	—	—	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>12 400</b>	<b>11 874</b>	<b>11 486</b>	<b>11 330</b>	<b>10 537</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	369	385	402	564	763
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>12 769</b>	<b>12 259</b>	<b>11 888</b>	<b>11 894</b>	<b>11 300</b>
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.	—	—	—	—	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>37 635</b>	<b>36 956</b>	<b>37 523</b>	<b>37 987</b>	<b>38 675</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						

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Table 15A.28 **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
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>27.2</b>
Investigations in process (f)	%	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.5	2.0
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	–
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>29.2</b>
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	%	–	–	–	–	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (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.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 15A.48.

Table 15A.29

Table 15A.29 **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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>357</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>2 327</b>	<b>2 459</b>	<b>2 670</b>	<b>2 661</b>	<b>2 577</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>2 605</b>	<b>2 778</b>	<b>3 080</b>	<b>3 058</b>	<b>2 934</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.49.

Table 15A.30

Table 15A.30 **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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>623</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>4 504</b>	<b>4 677</b>	<b>4 976</b>	<b>5 244</b>	<b>5 556</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>5 038</b>	<b>5 251</b>	<b>5 658</b>	<b>5 984</b>	<b>6 179</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.50.

Table 15A.31

**Table 15A.31 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>28 379</b>	<b>27 934</b>	<b>28 506</b>	<b>29 630</b>	<b>30 241</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>11 075</b>	<b>10 760</b>	<b>10 553</b>	<b>10 554</b>	<b>9 939</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>6 844</b>	<b>7 023</b>	<b>7 014</b>	<b>7 287</b>	<b>6 588</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>5 038</b>	<b>5 251</b>	<b>5 658</b>	<b>5 984</b>	<b>6 179</b>
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.31 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
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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) 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 *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection (unpublished); AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 15A.51.

**Table 15A.32 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>4 046</b>	<b>4 309</b>	<b>4 408</b>	<b>4 794</b>	<b>5 052</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>7 231</b>	<b>7 623</b>	<b>7 477</b>	<b>7 795</b>	<b>7 785</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.55.

Table 15A.33

Table 15A.33 **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
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>582</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	1	1	2
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>626</b>
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
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>3 135</b>	<b>3 418</b>	<b>3 531</b>	<b>3 914</b>	<b>4 092</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	37	28	21	29	39
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>3 539</b>	<b>3 778</b>	<b>3 882</b>	<b>4 242</b>	<b>4 426</b>
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
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>3 589</b>	<b>3 901</b>	<b>4 021</b>	<b>4 417</b>	<b>4 674</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	37	28	22	30	41
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>4 046</b>	<b>4 309</b>	<b>4 408</b>	<b>4 794</b>	<b>5 052</b>

(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.33 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
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(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.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 15A.56.

Table 15A.34

Table 15A.34 **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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>626</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>3 504</b>	<b>3 750</b>	<b>3 868</b>	<b>4 242</b>	<b>4 426</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>4 011</b>	<b>4 281</b>	<b>4 394</b>	<b>4 794</b>	<b>5 052</b>

- (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); 2008 Report, table 15A.57.

Table 15A.35

**Table 15A.35 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	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>626</b>
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	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>3 539</b>	<b>3 778</b>	<b>3 882</b>	<b>4 242</b>	<b>4 426</b>
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	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>4 046</b>	<b>4 309</b>	<b>4 408</b>	<b>4 794</b>	<b>5 052</b>

**Table 15A.35 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); 2008 Report, table 15A.58.

Table 15A.36

Table 15A.36 **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
<b>Indigenous</b>					
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>353</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 208</b>	<b>1 256</b>	<b>1 869</b>	<b>1 733</b>	<b>1 739</b>
<b>All children</b>					
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 393</b>	<b>1 460</b>	<b>2 187</b>	<b>2 031</b>	<b>2 092</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.59.

Table 15A.37

Table 15A.37 **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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 216</b>	<b>1 345</b>	<b>1 335</b>	<b>1 616</b>	<b>1 781</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.60.

Table 15A.38

Table 15A.38 **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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>227</b>
Other Indigenous carer	no.	75	117	77	102	103
Indigenous residential care	no.	12	12	11	21	19
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>349</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>215</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	77	32	29	4	62
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>626</b>
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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>40.2</b>
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
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>21.6</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>59.5</b>	<b>61.7</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>61.9</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>38.1</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.61.

**Table 15A.39 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 337</b>	<b>2 477</b>	<b>2 539</b>	<b>2 789</b>	<b>2 974</b>
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.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 15A.62.



# Single jurisdiction data — Qld

Table 15A.40

Table 15A.40 **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
<b>Total finalised (f)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 637</b>	<b>2 234</b>	<b>2 169</b>	<b>2 649</b>	<b>na</b>
Investigations in process (g)	no.	634	653	1 352	1 582	na
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (h)	no.	..	..	..	..	na
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 271</b>	<b>2 887</b>	<b>3 521</b>	<b>4 231</b>	<b>4 463</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 588</b>	<b>3 232</b>	<b>3 936</b>	<b>4 312</b>	<b>4 463</b>
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
<b>Total finalised (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>61.4</b>	<b>na</b>
Investigations in process (g)	%	24.5	20.2	34.3	36.7	na
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (h)	%	..	..	..	..	na
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>87.8</b>	<b>89.3</b>	<b>89.5</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Total finalised (f)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>15 905</b>	<b>21 369</b>	<b>21 232</b>	<b>18 909</b>	<b>na</b>
Investigations in process (g)	no.	8 011	5 059	10 005	9 466	na

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Table 15A.40 **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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>23 916</b>	<b>26 428</b>	<b>31 237</b>	<b>28 375</b>	<b>24 117</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>28 480</b>	<b>31 791</b>	<b>36 893</b>	<b>29 300</b>	<b>24 117</b>
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
<b>Total finalised (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>64.5</b>	<b>na</b>
Investigations in process (g)	%	28.1	15.9	27.1	32.3	na
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (h)	%	..	..	..	..	na
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>84.0</b>	<b>83.1</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>96.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Total finalised (f)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>17 542</b>	<b>23 603</b>	<b>23 401</b>	<b>21 558</b>	<b>na</b>
Investigations in process (g)	no.	8 645	5 712	11 357	11 048	na
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (h)	no.	..	..	..	..	na
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>26 187</b>	<b>29 315</b>	<b>34 758</b>	<b>32 606</b>	<b>28 580</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>31 068</b>	<b>35 023</b>	<b>40 829</b>	<b>33 612</b>	<b>28 580</b>

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Table 15A.40 **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
<b>Total finalised (f)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>64.1</b>	<b>na</b>
Investigations in process (g)	%	27.8	16.3	27.8	32.9	na
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (h)	%	..	..	..	..	na
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>84.3</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>97.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (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.40 **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>
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(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.65.

Table 15A.41

Table 15A.41 **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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>1 089</b>	<b>na</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>1 689</b>	<b>2 360</b>	<b>2 943</b>	<b>2 983</b>	<b>na</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>2 081</b>	<b>2 938</b>	<b>3 705</b>	<b>4 072</b>	<b>na</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.66.

Table 15A.42

Table 15A.42 **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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>1 146</b>	<b>1 342</b>	<b>1 667</b>	<b>1 690</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>3 154</b>	<b>3 804</b>	<b>4 515</b>	<b>4 779</b>	<b>4 466</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>4 107</b>	<b>4 950</b>	<b>5 857</b>	<b>6 446</b>	<b>6 156</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.67.

Table 15A.43

**Table 15A.43 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>21 821</b>	<b>24 804</b>	<b>29 298</b>	<b>25 404</b>	<b>24 048</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>13 091</b>	<b>17 431</b>	<b>17 741</b>	<b>16 792</b>	<b>na</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>8 985</b>	<b>12 673</b>	<b>12 886</b>	<b>10 077</b>	<b>7 341</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>4 107</b>	<b>4 950</b>	<b>5 857</b>	<b>6 446</b>	<b>6 156</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.0</b>



**Table 15A.43 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, 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); 2008 Report, table 15A.68.

Table 15A.44

Table 15A.44 **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
<b>All children</b>	<b>3 787</b>	<b>4 413</b>	<b>5 657</b>	<b>5 876</b>	<b>6 034</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>5 110</b>	<b>5 700</b>	<b>6 732</b>	<b>7 207</b>	<b>8 080</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.72.

Table 15A.45

**Table 15A.45 Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Queensland (number) (a), (b)**

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

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.73.

Table 15A.46

Table 15A.46 **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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>1 275</b>	<b>1 496</b>	<b>1 724</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 974</b>	<b>3 455</b>	<b>4 382</b>	<b>4 380</b>	<b>4 310</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>3 787</b>	<b>4 413</b>	<b>5 657</b>	<b>5 876</b>	<b>6 034</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.74.

Table 15A.47

**Table 15A.47 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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>1 275</b>	<b>1 496</b>	<b>1 724</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>2 974</b>	<b>3 455</b>	<b>4 382</b>	<b>4 380</b>	<b>4 310</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>3 787</b>	<b>4 413</b>	<b>5 657</b>	<b>5 876</b>	<b>6 034</b>

(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.47 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
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(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.75.

Table 15A.48

**Table 15A.48 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
<b>Indigenous</b>					
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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>na</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>1 089</b>	<b>na</b>
<b>All children</b>					
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 119</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>1 208</b>	<b>1 446</b>	<b>na</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.76.

Table 15A.49

Table 15A.49 **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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>1 095</b>	<b>1 511</b>	<b>1 650</b>	<b>2 005</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.77.



Table 15A.50

Table 15A.50 **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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>649</b>
Other Indigenous carer	no.	198	236	366	400	403
Indigenous residential care	no.	6	3	2	9	3
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>406</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>1 055</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>669</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>1 275</b>	<b>1 496</b>	<b>1 724</b>
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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>37.6</b>
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
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>23.5</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>62.2</b>	<b>61.2</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>38.8</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (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); 2008 Report, table 15A.78.

**Table 15A.51 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 600</b>	<b>3 111</b>	<b>3 995</b>	<b>4 084</b>	<b>4 189</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.79.

# Single jurisdiction data — WA

Table 15A.52

Table 15A.52 **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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>926</b>
Investigations in process (e)	no.	175	118	316	353	379
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	..	..	48
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>1 066</b>	<b>1 081</b>	<b>1 353</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>1 087</b>	<b>1 122</b>	<b>2 599</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>80.8</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>64.9</b>	<b>35.6</b>
Investigations in process (e)	%	23.3	15.4	29.1	31.5	14.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	..	..	..	..	1.8
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>96.3</b>	<b>52.1</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 288</b>	<b>1 406</b>	<b>1 641</b>	<b>1 622</b>	<b>2 006</b>
Investigations in process (e)	no.	198	176	455	487	441

Table 15A.52

Table 15A.52 **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
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 486</b>	<b>1 582</b>	<b>2 096</b>	<b>2 109</b>	<b>2 549</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 541</b>	<b>1 652</b>	<b>2 119</b>	<b>2 193</b>	<b>5 101</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>77.4</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>39.3</b>
Investigations in process (e)	%	12.8	10.7	21.5	22.2	8.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	..	..	..	..	2.0
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>96.4</b>	<b>95.8</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>50.0</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 835</b>	<b>2 024</b>	<b>2 391</b>	<b>2 350</b>	<b>2 932</b>
Investigations in process (e)	no.	373	294	771	840	820
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	no.	..	..	..	..	150
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 208</b>	<b>2 318</b>	<b>3 162</b>	<b>3 190</b>	<b>3 902</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 293</b>	<b>2 417</b>	<b>3 206</b>	<b>3 315</b>	<b>7 700</b>

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Table 15A.52 **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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>74.6</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>38.1</b>
Investigations in process (e)	%	16.3	12.2	24.0	25.3	10.6
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (f)	%	..	..	..	..	1.9
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>96.3</b>	<b>95.9</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>50.7</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (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); 2008 Report, table 15A.82.

Table 15A.53

Table 15A.53 **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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>582</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>780</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>1 362</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.83.

Table 15A.54

Table 15A.54 **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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>1 091</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>1 056</b>	<b>1 123</b>	<b>1 248</b>	<b>1 538</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 470</b>	<b>1 639</b>	<b>1 783</b>	<b>2 046</b>	<b>2 629</b>

- (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); 2008 Report, table 15A.84.



Table 15A.55

**Table 15A.55 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>2 138</b>	<b>2 238</b>	<b>2 928</b>	<b>3 049</b>	<b>6 916</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 794</b>	<b>1 906</b>	<b>2 214</b>	<b>2 413</b>	<b>2 917</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>1 035</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>1 154</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 470</b>	<b>1 639</b>	<b>1 783</b>	<b>2 046</b>	<b>2 629</b>
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.55 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); 2008 Report, table 15A.85.

Table 15A.56

**Table 15A.56 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 615</b>	<b>1 681</b>	<b>1 829</b>	<b>1 968</b>	<b>2 371</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>2 284</b>	<b>2 313</b>	<b>2 489</b>	<b>2 544</b>	<b>2 991</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.89.

Table 15A.57

Table 15A.57 **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
<b>Indigenous</b>					
Residential care	49	57	39	38	50
Family group homes	..	..	24	25	33
<b>Home based care</b>					
Foster care	192	204	217	238	304
Relative/kinship care	323	319	400	452	573
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>877</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	2	4	5	4	5
Other (incl. unknown)	4	3	7	9	13
<b>Total indigenous children</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>978</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
Residential care	87	104	85	74	89
Family group homes	..	..	19	17	14
<b>Home based care</b>					
Foster care	644	652	665	728	822
Relative/kinship care	284	304	337	356	444
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>1 002</b>	<b>1 084</b>	<b>1 266</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	27	28	21	17	12
Other (incl. unknown)	3	6	10	10	12
<b>Total non-indigenous children</b>	<b>1 045</b>	<b>1 094</b>	<b>1 137</b>	<b>1 202</b>	<b>1 393</b>
<b>All children</b>					
Residential care	136	161	124	112	139
Family group homes	..	..	43	42	47
<b>Home based care</b>					
Foster care	836	856	882	966	1 126
Relative/kinship care	607	623	737	808	1 017
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>1 443</b>	<b>1 479</b>	<b>1 619</b>	<b>1 774</b>	<b>2 143</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	29	32	26	21	17
Other (incl. unknown)	7	9	17	19	25
<b>Total children</b>	<b>1 615</b>	<b>1 681</b>	<b>1 829</b>	<b>1 968</b>	<b>2 371</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.90.

Table 15A.58

**Table 15A.58 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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>978</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 045</b>	<b>1 094</b>	<b>1 137</b>	<b>1 202</b>	<b>1 393</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 615</b>	<b>1 681</b>	<b>1 829</b>	<b>1 968</b>	<b>2 371</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.91.

Table 15A.59

**Table 15A.59 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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>978</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 045</b>	<b>1 094</b>	<b>1 137</b>	<b>1 202</b>	<b>1 393</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 615</b>	<b>1 681</b>	<b>1 829</b>	<b>1 968</b>	<b>2 371</b>

(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.59 **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); 2008 Report, table 15A.92.

Table 15A.60

Table 15A.60 **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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>107</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>211</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>318</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.93.



Table 15A.61

Table 15A.61 **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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>1 017</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.94.

Table 15A.62

Table 15A.62 **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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>594</b>
Other Indigenous carer	no.	114	127	143	143	156
Indigenous residential care	no.	26	28	25	18	21
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>771</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>195</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	6	7	9	10	12
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>978</b>
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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>61.5</b>
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
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>18.3</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>82.1</b>	<b>81.0</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>81.9</b>	<b>79.8</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>20.2</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.95.

**Table 15A.63 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 030</b>	<b>1 058</b>	<b>1 180</b>	<b>1 314</b>	<b>1 609</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.96.

# Single jurisdiction data — SA

Table 15A.64

Table 15A.64 **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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 116</b>	<b>1 340</b>	<b>1 713</b>	<b>1 139</b>	<b>1 590</b>
Investigations in process (d)	no.	8	10	3	19	13
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	no.	..	..	..	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 124</b>	<b>1 350</b>	<b>1 716</b>	<b>1 158</b>	<b>1 603</b>
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.	—	—	—	—	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 377</b>	<b>2 725</b>	<b>3 580</b>	<b>2 996</b>	<b>4 060</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>49.2</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>39.2</b>
Investigations in process (d)	%	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.3
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	%	..	..	..	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>38.7</b>	<b>39.5</b>
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	%	—	—	—	—	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 012</b>	<b>5 043</b>	<b>4 537</b>	<b>3 640</b>	<b>4 141</b>
Investigations in process (d)	no.	39	52	26	44	62

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Table 15A.64 **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.	..	..	..	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 051</b>	<b>5 095</b>	<b>4 563</b>	<b>3 684</b>	<b>4 203</b>
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.	—	—	—	—	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>11 065</b>	<b>12 192</b>	<b>13 893</b>	<b>12 073</b>	<b>14 374</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>28.8</b>
Investigations in process (d)	%	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	%	..	..	..	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>29.2</b>
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	%	—	—	—	—	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>6 128</b>	<b>6 383</b>	<b>6 250</b>	<b>4 779</b>	<b>5 731</b>
Investigations in process (d)	no.	47	62	29	63	75
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	no.	..	..	..	..	—
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>6 175</b>	<b>6 445</b>	<b>6 279</b>	<b>4 842</b>	<b>5 806</b>
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.	—	—	—	—	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>13 442</b>	<b>14 917</b>	<b>17 473</b>	<b>15 069</b>	<b>18 434</b>

Table 15A.64

Table 15A.64 **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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>31.1</b>
Investigations in process (d)	%	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (e)	%	..	..	..	..	–
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>31.5</b>
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	%	–	–	–	–	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (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); 2008 Report, table 15A.99.

Table 15A.65

Table 15A.65 **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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>225</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>663</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>888</b>
Children discharged from orders	670	751	884	309	286

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 15A.100.



Table 15A.66

**Table 15A.66 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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>440</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>1 117</b>	<b>1 180</b>	<b>1 231</b>	<b>1 293</b>	<b>1 441</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 378</b>	<b>1 455</b>	<b>1 553</b>	<b>1 671</b>	<b>1 881</b>

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

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 15A.101.

Table 15A.67

**Table 15A.67 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>8 911</b>	<b>9 794</b>	<b>11 055</b>	<b>10 151</b>	<b>11 995</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>4 537</b>	<b>4 661</b>	<b>4 280</b>	<b>3 545</b>	<b>4 237</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 896</b>	<b>1 940</b>	<b>1 798</b>	<b>1 461</b>	<b>1 753</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 378</b>	<b>1 455</b>	<b>1 553</b>	<b>1 671</b>	<b>1 881</b>
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.67 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); 2008 Report, table 15A.102.

Table 15A.68

Table 15A.68 **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
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 245</b>	<b>1 204</b>	<b>1 329</b>	<b>1 497</b>	<b>1 678</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>2 060</b>	<b>2 005</b>	<b>1 943</b>	<b>2 014</b>	<b>2 269</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.106.

Table 15A.69

Table 15A.69 **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
<b>Indigenous</b>					
Residential care	3	2	4	4	18
Family group homes	..	–	9	18	–
<b>Home based care</b>					
Foster care	197	182	191	200	199
Relative/kinship care	52	52	82	137	180
Other home based care	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>379</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	4
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	4
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>405</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
Residential care	43	44	36	46	123
Family group homes	..	13	45	57	–
<b>Home based care</b>					
Foster care	821	763	776	810	711
Relative/kinship care	121	142	182	222	373
Other home based care	8	6	4	3	3
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>1 035</b>	<b>1 087</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	5
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	58
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>1 043</b>	<b>1 138</b>	<b>1 273</b>
<b>All children</b>					
Residential care	46	46	40	50	141
Family group homes	..	13	54	75	–
<b>Home based care</b>					
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
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>1 199</b>	<b>1 145</b>	<b>1 235</b>	<b>1 372</b>	<b>1 466</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	–	9
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	62
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 245</b>	<b>1 204</b>	<b>1 329</b>	<b>1 497</b>	<b>1 678</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.107.

Table 15A.70

Table 15A.70 **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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>405</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>1 043</b>	<b>1 138</b>	<b>1 273</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 245</b>	<b>1 204</b>	<b>1 329</b>	<b>1 497</b>	<b>1 678</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.108.

Table 15A.71

**Table 15A.71 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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>405</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>1 043</b>	<b>1 138</b>	<b>1 273</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>1 245</b>	<b>1 204</b>	<b>1 329</b>	<b>1 497</b>	<b>1 678</b>

Table 15A.71 **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); 2008 Report, table 15A.109.



Table 15A.72

Table 15A.72 **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
<b>Indigenous</b>					
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>All children</b>					
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>365</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.110.

Table 15A.73

Table 15A.73 **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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>553</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.111.

Table 15A.74

Table 15A.74 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, South Australia (a)**

	<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.	39	37	70	109	140
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	13	15	12	28	40
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>180</b>
Other Indigenous carer	no.	113	131	136	138	136
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>316</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>81</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	–	–	–	8
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>405</b>
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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>45.3</b>
Other Indigenous carer	%	44.8	55.5	47.6	38.4	34.3
Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>34.3</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>77.5</b>	<b>76.2</b>	<b>76.6</b>	<b>79.6</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>20.4</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.112.

Table 15A.75

Table 15A.75 **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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>1 020</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.113.

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Table 15A.76

Table 15A.76 **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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>66</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	1	6	12	46	61
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	26
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>153</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications (i)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>445</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>92.9</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>14.8</b>
Investigations in process (f)	%	3.6	24.0	5.2	11.4	13.7
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	5.8
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>96.4</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>34.4</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications (i)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>1 271</b>	<b>1 338</b>	<b>1 771</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	92	353	488	2 360	1 742
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	911

Table 15A.76

Table 15A.76 **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>
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>1 270</b>	<b>1 759</b>	<b>3 698</b>	<b>4 424</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications (j)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>7 223</b>	<b>10 558</b>	<b>12 625</b>	<b>14 053</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>12.6</b>
Investigations in process (f)	%	12.9	4.9	4.6	18.7	12.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	6.5
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>86.1</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>31.5</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications (j)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>1 333</b>	<b>1 418</b>	<b>1 837</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	93	359	500	2 406	1 803
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	937
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>1 294</b>	<b>1 833</b>	<b>3 824</b>	<b>4 577</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>7 248</b>	<b>10 788</b>	<b>13 029</b>	<b>14 498</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	28.7	5.9	7.2	6.1	8.6

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Table 15A.76 **Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations by Indigenous status, Tasmania (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	Unit	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	45.2	7.0	5.1	4.8	4.0
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>12.7</b>
Investigations in process (f)	%	12.6	5.0	4.6	18.5	12.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	6.5
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>86.5</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>31.6</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (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'.
- (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); 2008 Report, table 15A.116.



Table 15A.77

Table 15A.77 **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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>108</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>474</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>582</b>
Children discharged from orders	209	270	156	233	296

Source: AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 15A.117.

Table 15A.78

**Table 15A.78 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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>164</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>733</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>897</b>

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 15A.118.

Table 15A.79

**Table 15A.79 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>5 215</b>	<b>5 765</b>	<b>6 585</b>	<b>7 326</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>1 054</b>	<b>1 138</b>	<b>1 165</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>799</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>897</b>
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.79 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); 2008 Report, table 15A.119.

Table 15A.80

Table 15A.80 **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
<b>All children</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>667</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>964</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.123.

Table 15A.81

Table 15A.81 **Children in out-of-home care at 30 June, by Indigenous status and placement type, Tasmania (number) (a), (b)**

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

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.124.

Table 15A.82

Table 15A.82 **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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>113</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>554</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>667</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.125.

Table 15A.83

**Table 15A.83 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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>113</b>
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	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>554</b>
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	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>667</b>



**Table 15A.83 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); 2008 Report, table 15A.126.

Table 15A.84

Table 15A.84 **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
<b>Indigenous</b>					
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	–	–
<b>Total children</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
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	–	–
<b>Total children</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>All children</b>					
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	–	–
<b>Total children</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>189</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.127.

**Table 15A.85 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>155</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.128.

Table 15A.86

Table 15A.86 **Indigenous children in out-of-home care at 30 June by Indigenous status and relationship of caregiver, Tasmania (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.	–	3	8	10	9
Non-Indigenous relative/kin	no.	6	13	11	8	15
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>
Other Indigenous caregiver	no.	1	3	1	13	16
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>40</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>68</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	1	8	4	5	5
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>113</b>
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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>22.2</b>
Other Indigenous carer	%	2.4	6.4	1.4	14.0	14.8
Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>14.8</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>37.0</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>83.3</b>	<b>59.6</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>63.0</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.129.

Table 15A.87

Table 15A.87 **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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>455</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.130.

# Single jurisdiction data — ACT

Table 15A.88

Table 15A.88 **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>
<b>Indigenous children</b>						
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>315</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	32	95	49	103	28
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	26
<b>Total investigations (h)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>369</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>935</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>33.7</b>
Investigations in process (f)	%	19.3	21.4	6.1	12.3	3.0
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	2.8
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>69.9</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>39.5</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous children</b>						
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>1 259</b>	<b>2 241</b>	<b>2 198</b>	<b>2 101</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	420	883	439	692	240
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	50

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Table 15A.88 **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>
<b>Total investigations (h)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 131</b>	<b>2 142</b>	<b>2 680</b>	<b>2 890</b>	<b>2 391</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 958</b>	<b>4 882</b>	<b>6 477</b>	<b>7 229</b>	<b>7 775</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>27.0</b>
Investigations in process (f)	%	21.5	18.1	6.8	9.6	3.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	0.6
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>30.8</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>1 400</b>	<b>2 529</b>	<b>2 497</b>	<b>2 416</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	452	978	488	795	268
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	76
<b>Total investigations (h)</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 247</b>	<b>2 378</b>	<b>3 017</b>	<b>3 292</b>	<b>2 760</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>2 124</b>	<b>5 325</b>	<b>7 275</b>	<b>8 064</b>	<b>8 710</b>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	14.6	11.8	16.7	15.8	9.8



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**Table 15A.88 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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>27.7</b>
Investigations in process (f)	%	21.3	18.4	6.7	9.9	3.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	0.9
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>58.7</b>	<b>44.7</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>31.7</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (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); 2008 Report, table 15A.133.

Table 15A.89

**Table 15A.89 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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>53</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>208</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>261</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.134.

Table 15A.90

**Table 15A.90 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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>113</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>461</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>574</b>

– Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children on care and protection orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 15A.135.

Table 15A.91

**Table 15A.91 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 483</b>	<b>2 716</b>	<b>3 430</b>	<b>4 099</b>	<b>4 567</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>1 652</b>	<b>1 578</b>	<b>1 455</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>558</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>574</b>
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.91 Children in notifications, investigations and substantiations and children on care and protection orders: Number and rate per 1000 children in the target populations by Indigenous status, Australian Capital Territory (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.

Source: AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection (unpublished); AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 15A.136.

**Table 15A.92 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>399</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>672</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.140.

Table 15A.93

Table 15A.93 **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	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>79</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	–	–	1	–
Other (incl. unknown)	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>89</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>271</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	1	1	–	4
Other (incl. unknown)	3	9	2	5	1
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>310</b>
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	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>350</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	–	1	1	1	4
Other (incl. unknown)	3	9	2	5	1
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>399</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.141.

Table 15A.94

Table 15A.94 **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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>89</b>
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>310</b>
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>399</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.142.



Table 15A.95

**Table 15A.95 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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>89</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>310</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>399</b>

**Table 15A.95 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); 2008 Report, table 15A.143.

Table 15A.96

**Table 15A.96 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
<b>Indigenous</b>					
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>All children</b>					
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>108</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.144.

**Table 15A.97 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>150</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.145.

Table 15A.98

Table 15A.98 **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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>
Other Indigenous carer	no.	5	5	14	17	16
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	1	2	1	2
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>61</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	–	–	2	1	–
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>89</b>
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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>48.3</b>
Other Indigenous carer	%	10.4	8.6	24.1	21.0	18.0
Indigenous residential care	%	–	1.7	3.4	1.2	2.2
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>20.2</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>70.4</b>	<b>68.5</b>
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
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>31.5</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.146.

Table 15A.99 **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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>243</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.147.

# Single jurisdiction data — NT

Table 15A.100

Table 15A.100 **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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>741</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	89	38	108	132	181
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	95
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>1 017</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>1 233</b>	<b>1 219</b>	<b>1 754</b>	<b>1 868</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>39.7</b>
Investigations in process (f)	%	10.4	3.1	8.9	7.5	9.7
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	5.1
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>59.4</b>	<b>61.6</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>54.4</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>364</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	56	23	69	52	69



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Table 15A.100 **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>
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	58
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>491</b>
Dealt with by other means (h)		..	..	..	..	633
Notifications dealt with by other means	no.	—	—	—	—	..
No investigation possible/no action	no.	317	412	455	739	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>1 109</b>	<b>1 124</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>32.4</b>
Investigations in process (f)	%	8.0	3.2	7.8	4.7	6.1
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	5.2
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>54.6</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>43.7</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
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
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>1 011</b>	<b>1 003</b>	<b>1 011</b>	<b>1 105</b>
Investigations in process (f)	no.	145	61	177	184	250
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	no.	..	..	..	..	153
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>1 072</b>	<b>1 180</b>	<b>1 195</b>	<b>1 508</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 554</b>	<b>1 957</b>	<b>2 101</b>	<b>2 863</b>	<b>2 992</b>

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Table 15A.100 **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>
Proportion of notification, investigations and substantiations						
Investigations finalised by 31 August						
Substantiated	%	21.0	26.9	22.5	16.8	20.8
Carer/family issues	%	..	..	..	..	..
Not substantiated	%	26.9	24.7	25.2	18.5	16.2
<b>Total finalised</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>47.7</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>36.9</b>
Investigations in process (f)	%	9.3	3.1	8.4	6.4	8.4
Investigation closed - no outcome possible (g)	%	..	..	..	..	5.1
<b>Total investigations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>56.2</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>50.4</b>
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	..
<b>Total notifications</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (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); 2008 Report, table 15A.150.

Table 15A.101

Table 15A.101 **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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>191</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>113</b>
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
<b>Total children admitted</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>304</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.151.

Table 15A.102

Table 15A.102 **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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>300</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>151</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>451</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.152.

**Table 15A.103 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>1 333</b>	<b>1 670</b>	<b>1 777</b>	<b>2 312</b>	<b>2 580</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>1 173</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>540</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>451</b>
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.103 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
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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.

*Source:* AIHW *Child Protection Notifications, Investigations and Substantiations Australia* data collection (unpublished); AIHW *Children on Care and Protection Orders, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 15A.153.

**Table 15A.104 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>397</b>
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
<b>All children</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>680</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.157.

Table 15A.105 **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	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>214</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	–	–	1	1
Other (incl. unknown)	4	4	4	2	27
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>268</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	1	–	1	4	3
Other (incl. unknown)	8	7	7	–	22
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>129</b>
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	–
<b>Total home based</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>314</b>
Independent living (incl. private board)	2	–	1	5	4
Other (incl. unknown)	12	11	11	2	49
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>397</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.158.



**Table 15A.106 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	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>268</b>
Non-Indigenous					
Care and protection order	81	83	106	105	129
Another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total non-Indigenouns children</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>129</b>
All children					
Care and protection order	223	258	324	352	397
Another type of order	..	..	..	..	..
Not on an order	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>397</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.159.

Table 15A.107

**Table 15A.107 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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>268</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>129</b>
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	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>397</b>

**Table 15A.107 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
(a) This indicates the length of time a child has been in out-of-home placement on a continuous basis at 30 June. A return home of less than 7 days is not counted as a break in the continuity of placement.					
(b) The 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.					
<b>na</b> Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.					

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 15A.160.

**Table 15A.108 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
<b>Indigenous</b>					
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
<b>Total Indigenous children</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>na</b>
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>					
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
<b>Total non-Indigenous children</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>na</b>
<b>All children</b>					
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
<b>Total all children</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>na</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.161.

**Table 15A.109 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.162.

Table 15A.110

Table 15A.110 **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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>89</b>
Other Indigenous carer	no.	43	53	71	67	61
Indigenous residential care	no.	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>150</b>
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	–	–	–	–
<b>Total children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>118</b>
Independent living/unknown	no.	1	–	–	3	–
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>268</b>
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
<b>Total placed with relative/kin</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>33.2</b>
Other Indigenous carer	%	30.5	30.3	32.6	27.5	22.8
Indigenous residential care	%	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total placed with other Indigenous carer or Indigenous residential care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>22.8</b>
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>68.8</b>	<b>64.3</b>	<b>56.0</b>
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	–	–	–	–
<b>Total children</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>44.0</b>
<b>Total Indigenous children in care</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (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.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: AIHW *Children in Out-of-Home Care, Australia* data collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 15A.163.

**Table 15A.111 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
<b>All children</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>257</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.164.

# Juvenile Justice data



**Table 15A.112 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); 2008 Report, table 15A.169.

**Table 15A.113 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 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 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); 2008 Report, table 15A.171.

Table 15A.114

Table 15A.114 **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</i> (d)	<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 Kariiong 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); 2008 Report, table 15A.172.

# SAAP data

**Table 15A.115 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; 2008 Report, table 15A.181.

Table 15A.116

Table 15A.116 **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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 100</b>	<b>2 100</b>	<b>5 200</b>	<b>5 100</b>	<b>1 500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>2 300</b>	<b>22 000</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 300</b>	<b>2 200</b>	<b>5 200</b>	<b>5 300</b>	<b>1 500</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>2 400</b>	<b>23 000</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 800</b>	<b>2 500</b>	<b>5 000</b>	<b>5 400</b>	<b>2 400</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>2 700</b>	<b>24 500</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>5 200</b>	<b>2 500</b>	<b>4 100</b>	<b>4 700</b>	<b>2 400</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2 400</b>	<b>22 100</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>

Table 15A.116 **Support periods, by the existence of a support plan, Indigenous clients (a), (b), (c)**

<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
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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); 2008 Report, table 15A.184.

Table 15A.117

Table 15A.117 Support needs of Indigenous clients, met and unmet (a), (b), (c)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>138.0</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>253.3</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>168.5</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>158.9</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>152.6</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.186.



Table 15A.118

**Table 15A.118 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 500</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>5 000</b>
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.118

**Table 15A.118 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
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>1 100</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>3 700</b>

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.118 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
<b>Total</b>	%	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>

(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); 2008 Report, table 15A.194.

Table 15A.119 **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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	–	–	<b>100</b>	<b>1 100</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	–	–	<b>100</b>	<b>1 000</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>

(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.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: SAAP NDCA Client Collection (unpublished); 2008 Report, table 15A.196.

Table 15A.120

Table 15A.120 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 200</b>	<b>1 700</b>	<b>4 500</b>	<b>3 300</b>	<b>1 400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1 700</b>	<b>16 500</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 200</b>	<b>1 500</b>	<b>3 900</b>	<b>3 200</b>	<b>1 500</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1 800</b>	<b>15 900</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 000</b>	<b>1 600</b>	<b>3 700</b>	<b>3 300</b>	<b>1 600</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1 800</b>	<b>15 900</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>4 300</b>	<b>1 900</b>	<b>3 700</b>	<b>3 200</b>	<b>1 900</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1 900</b>	<b>17 100</b>

Table 15A.120

Table 15A.120 **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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
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); 2008 Report, table 15A.198.

Table 15A.121

**Table 15A.121 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	–	–	<b>200</b>	<b>2 300</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	–	–	<b>200</b>	<b>2 100</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>

(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.121 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); 2008 Report, table 15A.201.